

## September 1866

I love to wander through the woodlands hoary,  
In the soft gloom of an Autumnal day,  
When Summer gathers up the robes of glory,  
And like a dream of beauty glides away.

1 Saturday: a lovely morning; Father has gone to Freedom this morning; we are building wall & fencing.

2 Sunday: went to church, sermon by E. Knowlton a very good sermon, much practical common sense in it. a small sabbath school. came home and went to get some blackberries, then it was night, once more.

3 Pleasant, finished fencing the field and yarded the cattle in it the first night; a Mr. Clark of Lincolnville stayed here this night, he was sort of peddling. Father went to the Centre to get his wheels ironed. I was tired with work.

4 Cloudy: built wall in A.M. were choring in P.M. Augusta Vose come over to see us and George in particular Eva & Ida Whitten were here in A.M. I got a ½ bu. cucumbers off the vines. George went apiece with Augusta and did not get back until after dark. had a race after the mare & colt, went to Carrs.

5 Cloudy. Father went to Husseys. Jackson here in A.M. we mowed grains oats & barley. I had a fine sing in evening.

6 Thursday: some misty in morning; then the wind blew up freshly from the west quickly clearing away the clouds. Went to the Union Republican caucus in P.M. Chose Nathan French Chairman, O. Murray Secy.

First ballot, Benj Bean 61 Sr. Bachelder 60 N. Pierce 47

Second “ “ Bean 74 “ Bachelder 72 N. Pierce 19

Third “ “ Bean 89 “ Bachelder 80

Pierce withdrew at the conclusion of the second ballot. The Hon. Nathan took the occasion to say some hard things about Bean, which was replied to by Elisha Carter and they had a smart tilt at words, N. Bryant thought the discussion ought to cease, Ward Mason poured

oil on the troubled waters, likewise Henry Erskine, a town com. Was chosen with O. Murray as chairman. Party feeling run high, some declaring they would not support the nominee. I voted for Bean from the first believing him to be a good man. quite cool and windy.

7 Pleasant: finished mowing grain in morn. got in three loads in P.M. a cloud arose in the west foreboding foul weather. worked late and was quite tired.

8 A hard rain in morn. cloudy till night when a very hard shower come up just before sunset, it rained with great violence. George went to the P.O. in A.M. I hauled manure in P.M. a peddler was along at night.

9 Sunday: sung with the children at 9 o'clock; had very good singing with the children and also in the choir, Marcena come home with us; Lewis here in P.M. some rain fell at night, so ends another sabbath.

10 State election in Maine: went to the polls in P.M. voted the Union Republican ticket entire. quite a lively meeting but no quarrelling as I heard, very peaceably disposed.

11 Pleasant in morning, came up cloudy in P.M. finished getting grain just in season to escape the wet weather. Mary went to Alfred's visiting, I went to tea, sprinkled some coming home, Heard that Mr. Bean is elected as representative to legislature. A peddler staid here, Knowlton.

12 Very rainy in morning; peddler went away in A.M. in P.M. S.B. Rollins was up, made a pen for the pigs out of doors.

13 Thursday: went ot Belfast. carried wool & butter. wool 50cts. butter 38. my load come to some over \$40. took dinner with Capt. Beans family; got home some after dark; was some tired.

14 Went to Bachelers got the oxen shod; paid my bill there which was almost \$4.00. got home at 1 o'clock. rainy in P.M. so I did not do anything but the chores.

15 went to Weeds in Knox, a terrible wind blowing. got the leather, bill on it 2.40. bot. sole leather of Geo. Ronlet 10 ½ lbs. 42 cts. per lb. 4.41 and that's the way the money goes. Geo. went to Dexters in P.M. done chores & it was night.

16 Sunday: a fine day, clouds arose towards night. was at home all day. Marcena & Ira were here in P.M. C.S.Bean. Lewis dropped in too in P.M. I was reading a good part of the day; "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." I have been thinking much of these words today, and "learn of me," and "learn of me." now it is bedtime again so I will close my book for tonight.

17 A very hard wind, from the ocean; Lewis went to Belfast; I was hauling manure all day; went to singing school in evening; organized by choosing S.B. Rollins, leader; we sang some, had no rules as it was late.

18 Rainy; so wet we could not work out; sold the lambs to a drover in P.M. 16 for 2.50 per head. Lewis was here, a dark dismal day indeed.

19 Still continues rainy: Geo. & I went to T. Thomsons in morning to get boots made, Geo. called to Sams coming home to get his locks trimmed. Lewis was here hewing some sled runners

20 Rainy & wet as usual; Messrs Elliot & Whittaker got the lambs paid 2.50 apiece, came to \$40. Had a hard time to get them away; set in dark& rainy at night.

21 Wet & disagreeable, was plowing some

22 Cleared off in morning; I paid J. Bean \$30 on what I owe him (a note of 40) plowed all day A. Bennett was here. had a sing in eve. a good many out. had a good one.

23 Sunday: a beautiful day; Mary is sick today so I stay at home to tend the baby etc. it is a very quiet day, so still it seems as tho. every thing was at rest. Wolf has been absent three weeks today, I suppose he is dead, we miss him very much indeed.

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Wolf; our old tried and faithful dog, born A.D. 1859; died A.D. 1866 aged 7 years.

We ne'er shall forget they honest face,

Kind Wolf, the last of a noble race;

Happy on earth thy days were passed,

Time earthly toils are o'er at last.

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24 Monday: I went down the road in morning. to see if I could get any one to help me build wall; did not succeed in getting any one; George & Hattie Clark come up in A.M. In P.M. Geo, & I went to Freedom had a nice ride, come home by Knox corner. went to circle in eve. at Amos's; a plain affair.

25 Misty: George went out with me and gave me a lesson in wall building in A.M. In P.M. they went home in the mist & mud. a dark night. rainy & gloomy

26 Wednesday: cleared off quite well in morning, but rained again before night. We were to work on the wall at the foot of the Cobbassee lot; it is rather wet work; Geo. went to Thompsons to get our boots but they were not done' so we must go with wet feet a few days longer.

27 Cleared off in morning: A heavy rain fell last night. I plowed in A.M. must go to hauling rocks in P.M. it is a fine day once more, for which we should be thankful. Jackson was here to dinner, has been to the Centre.

28 Friday: worked on the wall, a singing school in the eve. I went over the road just before night.

29 Pleasant. dug potatoes in A.M. in P.M. we raked grain for Mr. Young. I went to Lewis's and stayed till he got home with the mail. It was so late I did not go to singing school. George went, Marcena come home with him, stayed all night. I got a letter from Lucy, she is well.

30 Sunday: We went to Lewis's visiting had a fine visit. George had company, Augustine Vose, Cena, Ira, Alonzo and I don't know who all; they had a racing time I guess. Geo. went home with Gus at night, pretty smart for children I thought.

So ends September 1866. a rainy month.