

William Franklin Saunders
of
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His Diaries
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Grandfather of Elizabeth, Virginia
and Priscilla Saunders

**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1872

January, 1872

- 1 11.37 I have been carting home seaweed – have cartied 5 loads. Been to singing school this evening rode in the carriage. The teacher is here tonight- may I forget the past and live a different life through this year. Lord, grant me a happy year.
- 2 9. I have been at work round the house. Have been over to John Crandall's to see _____. Mrs. L has been to been to Westerly with a load of hay. I have been over to Mr. Collins after _____.
- 3 8:10 I have been to the beach and drove up a stear. We have killed him, etc. It is looking like a storm. I have been studying notes this eve. Zada nitting(?) Lydia.
- 4 8.10 I have been round the house all day. Killed a stear etc. Will Potter & Sula & their mother have been here. Burt & Solivan have been down & got a load of drift grass.
- 5 8.5 I went to the beach this morning came back & pulled up the gate post in the west road, hung the south gate. Put in the cart tung. The cart bed fell. I took me on the head. Zada away.
- 6 9:25 I have been to Church. Mrs. Clark, Suzie, and Irma Blivers here to dinner & went to church this evening. The boys went home with them. Will Potter came home with Zada.
- 7 8.20 I went to the beach this morning. Mr. L. & the boys went to the wood lot. He came back at noon. I went back & got a load of wood. It is quite cold again.
- 8 11.30 I went to the wood lot on foot. Dan went with me came back on foot. Went to singing school. House was full.
- 9 7 I have helped Burt load a load of salt hay and have cartied in 5 loads of ice. Mr. L. has been to Westerly all day. I had the oxen sharpened. Jene has helped me. I have had to talk with Zada this evening (trouble).
- 10 10 I have been to the wood lot and cut & brought home a load of wood. Have been up to Mr. Rathburns & to Fathers this evening & told them about the sheds.
11. 10 I have cartied home 2 loads of wood from Charlestown. Have been up to Berts this eve with Leute & Zada & Dora. Had some apples & popcorn. Came home with Z.
- 12 8.30 I have been to the wood lot and got 2 load home. Mr. L. has been this afternoon. Mrs. L & Leute has been over to Russets.
- 13 8.30 I have been to Church. The Rev. Mr. Axtel spoke today. Have been up this evening. Zada went over to Mrs. Blivens and stade till it was out. I came home with her.
- 14 8.30 I have been carting sea weed with the horses. I drewed out forward wheals and fell from the seat and hurt my right knee. Bert & Leisy have been here.

- 15 10 I went to the beach this morning. Have been sawing up wood this PM. Saut(?) Noys has been helping us cut up wood. Have been to singing school.
- 16 8.40 I have been sawing up wood at the door. Lant has been helping. I went over to Mr. C's this eve to get some milk. Been cutting apples & churning since
- 17 8 I have been around all day. It has been snowing. Miss Clark and Thankfull, Janet have come here to start for Providence in the morning at the Institute.
- 18 8.20 I have been sawing up wood at the door. Mr. L. carried Miss Clark. Thankfull & Zada to the train this morning. It has been a pleasant day.
- 19 9.30 I have been to the wood lot and cut and brought home __ loads. Lant went with me. Mr. L. has been up to the train after Miss Clark & the girls.
- 20 9.30 I went up to Church. Elder was not there. Gilbert came down and brought me home. Bert & Leisy have been here. Mr. & Mrs. L. have been over to Mr. Collinzes this evening. Z at home.
- 21 9.15 I went to Westerly this morning and got a load of lumber for the church sheads. We have killed an ox this PM. Have been over to Mr. C. after milk.
- 22 11.15 I have been at work on the sheads. Have been to singing school. Mr. L. has come down here.
- 23 8.30 I have been at work on the shead. Oto Burdick is here. Lant & Parks stopped here tonight.
- 24 8:45 I have been at work on the sheds. We had a little snow last night. Have agreed to work for Mr. L. a year.
- 25 8:45 I helped kill an ox this morning then I went to work on the shed. Have been to Westerly this evening. Carried the ox up to Quarry Hill etc.
- 26 9 I have been to the wood lot and got 1 load of wood with the oxen. Benedick Crandall has been here this afternoon and got a load of hay.
- 27 9 I went up home this morning. Found Mother sick, grandfather quite feeble. Been up to Mr. Blivens this evening & to church.
- 28 8 I have been at work round the house, sheling corn on this AM, been to the beach this PM over to Mr. Caftie after milk, put med__ at shelf for my clock etc.
- 29 12:40 I have been choreing around all day. It has been a very rough stormy day. Been to singing school this evening. With the team carried Zada. Teacher here.
- 30 6.3 I have been sawing and splitting wook at the door. Been down to the fair to the Charlestown Church a foot. L. Noys carried Zada.
- 31 7 I have been to the woods and got 2 loads of wood. Z says that the old folks are mad about our sitting up.

February, 1872

- 1 11 I have been to the woods and got 2 loads of wood. Zada and I have been over to Mr. Crandall's this evening.
- 2 8.45 I have got 2 loads of wood with the oxen & hors pen has been souring up at the door.
- 3 9 Have been round the house all day. It has been quite stormy. Zada has finished her Tidy this evening. Jene has been shumaking.
- 4 9 Have been making bar(?) posts & splitting wood, watering the cattle etc. been over to Mr. C's this eve with Mr. L. It is very icy. Jene is off tonight.
- 5 11 Have been splitting up wood at the door. Jene has been sewing. Been to singing school the eve. L carried Zada _____.
- 6 9 Have been sawing wood all day. Jene has gone off somewhere. I have been after milk and brought Zada home. It looks like rain, quite warm
- 7 9.45 Have been to the woods & got load of wood. We have killed a cow this afternoon. Jene has just come. Zada says that I am as bad as any of the Dos(?) boys.
- 8 10.15 I went to the wood lot & got 1 load of wood and we have got & we have got in 1 load of hay. This ___ and ___ spent the evening here.
- 9 9 1/2 Went to the wood lot & got 1 load of wood. Got in 1 load of hay. Been over to Russell g this eve. Miss Clark here.
- 10 9.15 Went up to Andrews this morning, ate dinner then went over to Berts and ate supper etc. It is very windy. Ian has been here this evening.
- 11 12 Went up home this morning with Andrew. Lydia have been up to the hall this evening to meeting. The hall & the church were both full.
- 12 10.30 Have been to the woods & got 2 loads of wood. Been to singing school this evening. Benj Crandall & folks was down.
- 13 9.10 Been carting seaweed, cartied 3 loads. Daniel Crandall want Mr. L to let him of[f]? to work some where else. A Book agent here.
- 14 9.40 Been sawing wood. Carried Zada to school this morning.
- 15 10.30 Been to the woods and got 2 loads of wood. Been over to Mr. Collinzes and spent the eve with Zada & brought her home in the milk wagon.
- 16 8.25 Have been carting seaweed been up to Andrews after my pants that Mrs. B. Bliven has been making. I hope ___ some how.
- 17 9 Been to church today & this evening went up home. Found the folks about as usual. Mother had a sick time this spell(?) 5:30 o'clock. Was better when I came.

- 18 9 Have been to the wood lot. We have got 2 loads of brush, been after milk. Mr. L. carried his wife up to Watch Hill and left her. He bought Benj oxen. I drove them home.
- 19 11 Been carting seaweed all day. Been to singing this evening. Benj & _____ are here.
- 20 11:30 Been to the wood lot after brush. Zada came out of ___ and gave me her dinner. ___ she went up to Mr. Gavets. I have been up & come home with her.
- 21 10.20 Went to the _____. Came back drove the young cattle over in to the ox lot then went to cutting up brush. Been up to carry Burt & Leisy home this eve
- 22 9 Been to Westerly with a load of hay for Elder Hubford. It is quite cool. Zada has gone to Sid Gavets & to a dance this evening.
- 23 10:30 Been to the beach and got a load of weed. Have been cutting up brush the rest of the day. Been over to John E. Crandalls to meeting this evening.
- 24 10 Been to church & home. Came back helped do the chores. Have been to church this evening. We had more than a usual interest & may it be the beginning of better days.
- 25 9 Been to the woods after brush. It came up & rained & we got wet some. Mr. L. has been over to call on Gavets this PM. He went over after her.
- 26 10 Went to the beach this morning. Killed a cow this PM. Been to singing school this evening. It is quite cold.
- 27 10 Been cutting up brush. It has been very windy. Mr & Mrs. L. have been up to Mr. Duns. A meating (?) just came.
- 28 10 Been cutting up brush. Mrs. L has been up to R__? His boy is sick. Mr L. has been off after some cart oxen this PM.
- 29 11 Been cutting up brush. Been up to Andrews this evening with Zada. Mr.__? Had some popcorn and came back. Mary is here now.

March, 1872

- 1 10.20 Cut up brush this fore noon. Carried a load of hay to A. Brown this P.M. Been over to the Crandalls to meeting this eve.
- 2 9 Went home this noon. Came back in snow storm. I found the folks about as usual.
- 3 9:45 Been splitting up wood & shelling corn over after milk. This evening Zada and I have been forcing(?) apples.
- 4 9:30 Have been sawing up wood, loading a load of hay, etc. No singing school tonight. Benj and the rest of his folks are here.
- 5 9.30 Been round the house all day. It has been very cold. Benj and folks have been here all day. We have been to singing school. The teacher did not come. Will Potter came home with Amy Crandall.

- 6 8:15 Have been round the house all day. Benj Crandall went home this morning. Mrs. Leven with the milk, etc.
- 7 8.30 Been sawing wood and so forth. Been picking over cranberries this evening. It is not as cold as it has been.
- 8 8 Been cutting up brush and been to the woods and got a load of pea & har__? Brush. Mr & Mrs. L have been going over to Russells at meeting. L__(?) is here.
- 9 9 Went home this morning. Fell in with Wm Webster. He went down with me. I found the folks Mother sits up a little.
- 10 Have been at work around the house. It has been a rainy day. Zada says that I must put a long mark in my diary.
- 11 11 Been cutting brush and loading a load of hay. Been to singing school this eve. Benj Crandall and ____(?) came down and carried Dora and Zada home with them.
- 12 9 Have been shelling corn, cutting turnips, hay and so forth. Over to Mr. C's this eve after milk and just been cutting apples. Been a snowey day.
- 13 9.15 Been choreing, sawing up wood, etc. Been to Westerly with a load of hay for bidding. Got ___ sit on old Charley. Left my watch at Stillmans. Jene has come back.
- 14 8.30 Been to Smithfield twice with hay. Brought down his cart from Burts. Jene has gone to Mr. Chapmans to commence his work.
- 15 8 Been at work round the house, etc. Made a horrow bush. Has been very windy. It is quite cool. I slipped down the stairs this morning and hurt my right arm a little.
- 16 5:30 Been to Church. Not many out. Gilbert sed that Grandfather was very low. I am a going up home.
- 17 7.40 I went home last night. Watched with Grandfather all night, came back this morning. Been at work all day. I am some sleepy tonight.
- 18 11 Been cutting wood, etc. Been at singing school this eve. Benj came down brought Zada home, carried Mrs. L. home with them.
- 19 8.30 Been carting seaweed. Miss Clark & Susie Gavet have been here. They have gone over to Deacon Porses __ candy __. Zada has gone with them. I went out with them. Mr. L. been after the ___.
- 20 9.20 Been carting out manure, mending cart, got cutting up hay. It has been a very windy day.
- 21 8.30 Been shelling corn, fixing the stable floor etc. Been very windy day. Mr. L. been boiling out feet of the beef cattle. Been very windy.
- 22 8.30 Been to the beach and cutting up hay etc. Daniel is here. It is quite pleasant.

- 23 8.30 Been up home found the folks about as usual except Grandfather he appears to be a failer. It is snowing quite fast. The girls have ran off somewhere. Mr. L. says they must live and learn.
- 24 9 Been helping Mr. Burdick about the cart axes. Has been quite windy. Mrs. L. went up at Burts after the girls. Z out of sorts.
- 25 11 Been at work on the carts etc. Tom Burdick been here. He carried me up to singing school. Mrs. L. has come home. Mr. L went back after the girls. Says he can drive his own team.
- 26 9 Been choreing all day. Been to Mr. B. Blivens & Uncle Russells this evening & to Andrews & Mr. Dunns(?).
- 27 9 Been choreing, carting out manure, etc. San has carried Mrs. Clark to the city to singing school.
- 28 9 Been carting out manure. Mr. L. been off after a gentleman's cow. Mr. Gates, the peddler, is here tonight. Zada & Mrs. Clark & the Gavet girls been to Westerly to have their picture.
- 29 8 I went up to John Varses this morning with Sam E. to get a bull for Mr. L. Paid \$__ for him. Brot him home. John came round by Fathers, says that the folks are about the same.
- 30 10.30 Been to Church today & this evening also. 1 of the old poor oxen got into the swamp. Drove him out with the oxen and covered him up in hay.
- 31 8 Been cutting turnips, oiling the cheese forms etc. Thomas Burdock has come tonight to go to work. Has brought his horse with him.

April, 1872

- 1 11 Been beating manure. Charles Sisson come this morning. Miss Clark Rhode, Zada and I have been up to Mrs. Blivens this evening.
- 2 8.25 Been carting out manure with the horses. Mrs. L. & Mrs. Clark has gone somewhere. J & E__ (?) here etc.
- 3 7.40 Been cutting stone. Mr. L. drove Tom's hors on the milk wagon. Tom helped Burt load a load of hay twice. Old Cate.
- 4 10 Been to work on the wall over twords Mr. Collins this forenoon. Carting off stones this PM. Been up to Burts with the girls & Tom this evening making candy.
- 5 8 Been carting off stone. Been over to Rowlands with L(?) this eve. Charley gone to meeting.
- 6 9.30 Been up home found the folks about the same. Grandfather no better. Gilbert brought me down as far as Mr. Duns. Been to Church this eve. The girls kept house.
- 7 8 Been carting stone and skinning the old ox, cutting turnips, etc. Burt been after the carriage and we have put his buggy on the wood pile.
- 8 9 Been making a milk stool, cutting potatoes, beating manure etc
- 9 8 Been mending and oiling the team harnesses. Mr. L. and the boys been beating manure etc.

- 10 8 Been sick or uneven so that I have not worked. Been to Westerly this PM with Tom's team. Had his horse shod.
- 11 8.40 Zada's birthday. Have commenced plowing. Tom & Charles have plowed this PM. Mr. L. has had the oxen shod. Thom has been after Mrs. L.
- 12 8 Been plowing with Tom's mare & Charley been to Church with me this PM. Tom & Charles have gone to Church over to a h... & am going out.
- 13 9 Been round the house all day. It has been rainey. Zada has been up to Mr. Mitchel's with Mr & Mrs Collins. Tom went to Westerly this evening.
- 14 9 Been blowing. John E. Been carting out manure with 2 teams. Tom has been to carry Zada up to Benj this eve.
- 15 8 Been plowing. Mr. L got me a bottle of vinegar. Bitter today. Nate Blevens down here to get a team(?).
- 16 8.20 Been plowing my oats etc. Have finished the night lot and commenced horrowing. It has been snowing & raining.
- 17 8 Been blowing in the Wilcox lot. N. Chase has commenced plowing down there.
- 18 8.20 Been plowing in the Wilcox lot & bushing in right lot. Tom went to Westerly with cream this morning.
- 19 8.20 I went to Westerly this AM to get a tooth pulled. Came back and carried up a load of hay for bedding. Mr. & Mrs.L.O. Rhode & Tom have gone to meeting.
- 20 I went up home this morning found the folks no better. Mother has had a poor turn. L has been after the doctor. Am a going to watch with Grandfather.
- 21 Mother was a little more comfortable this morning. I went to J.P. Wilcox for mail(?) and back to Mr. L's. Been at work this PM. John C(?) has gone up to watch.
- 22 8 Been carting manure on the potatoe ground. Made 2 crates for the milk wagon & Tom has been to Westerly to have his wagon fixed.
- 23 6.40 Been plowing & spreading manure in the Wilcox lot.
- 24 7.20 Been at work in the barnyard & plowing in the Wilcox lot. Girls mad.
- 25 7.30 Been plowing in the Wilcox lot. R. Gavet been helping put up wall. Have been putting up wall this P.M.
- 26 I went to Westerly & had a tooth filled. Brought down a load of oats. Been harrowing this PM. Am going up home to watch with Grandfather.
- 27 8 Came down from Cathy's this morning. Left Grandfather about the same. Went to bed, had a nap, got up, had a talk with Zada while the rest of the folks was going to Church.

- 28 8 Been bushing in oats in the Wilcox lot and furrowing for potatoes. Tom has been off with Burt.
- 29 8.15 Been planting potatoes in the Wilcox lot. There was a team(?) hitch to the road gate last night.
- 30 7.40 Been planting potatoes in the Wilcox lot. They have cleaned our room out.

May, 1872

- 1 8 Been planting potatoes in the Wilcox lot. We are going over to Finnis Gavets to hang a May Basket.
- 2 8 Been planting potatoes. Been to Westerly, had the hoarse shod, got my bo[o]ts, etc.
- 3 11 Been beating manure and plowing. Went up to Mr. Duns to meeting. Tom & I went to Mr. Gavets.
- 4 9 Been up home, found the folks about the same. Mr. & Mrs. L have gone to Church. Tom & Hadie & Zada are here.
- 5 8 Been carting manure out of the hog pen. Been up to Burts this eve with Tom.
- 6 8 Been drawing out manure. Plowed the garden and commenced plowing sod. Tom has been to Watch Hill.
- 7 8 Been plowing in the old field. Bill & his wife & Mrs. Peckham has been here.
- 8 8.30 Been carting manure in the old field. It has been very hot. Burt & Leisy down this eve.
- 9 9 Been up to the Greening lot putting up wall etc. Been plowing this P.M. Benj & Leit has been down this evening to bring Dora.
- 10 8.30 Been plowing in the old field. It has been very warm.
- 11 1.30 Went up home this morning. Found the folks about the same. Grandfather no better. Been to Ashaway this P.M. with ___ & Zada.
- 12 8 Been plowing in the old field and furrowing, etc.
- 13 9.00 Been planting potatoes in the old field. School has commenced today. We have been cutting apples this evening.
- 14 8.30 Been planting potatoes in the old field. Mr. & Mrs. L. been to Westerly.
- 15 8.15 Finished planting potatoes in the old field and carting manure on the corn ground. We are going up to Burts to hang a May basket.
- 16 8 Been planting in the garden all day.
- 17 7.30 Been putting up wall, furrowing corn ground. I am going up home.

- 18 9 Came from home this morning, left the folks about the same. Went to Church. Mr. L. has been over to Mr. Collins after Mrs. L. I have been in the park.
- 19 8 Been cleaning out the cellar, shelling corn, putting up gat[e] out by the crib
- 20 9.25 Been planting corn. There is a scko(?) sunk off her. Tom & I have been to Westerly this eve.
- 21 8.20 Finished planting corn, beeting manure. Got some drift grass.
- 22 8.10 Been cleaning up stock yard, etc. Went up to Mrs. B. to come home with the girles and they fooled us by coming another way.
- 23 8.15 Been shelling corn & getting drift grass. Been up to the greening lot with the cattle.
- 24 8.30 Been raking beets, cleaning up the meadows, etc. Tom has gone to Watch Hill.
- 25 9 Been round the house all day with the girles. They went over to Russells this A.M. and we went and met them.
- 26 9.30 Been putting up wall, planting carrots & a been to Westerly with Tom this evening.
- 27 8 Been churning, planting pole beans, cutting stone etc. Mr. Harrard was here this morning after some pigs.
- 28 8.30 Been halling stone & cutting in dirt. Miss Clark & Lid's(?) girles have been here this eve
- 29 8 Been getting in dirt. Zada gave away her picture.
- 30 5 Been carting in dirt. Went to Westerly with Tom this P.M. Mr. L. has been to Ashaway with his wife and left her.
- 31 8.45 Been getting in dirt and been to Westerly with a load of hay. Tom and the girles have gone out. It raines quite hard.

June, 1872

- 1 9.00 Been to Watch Hill with Tom. Came back. Stade all day with Zada. Been up to Burts this eve. Will Patton been here.
- 2 9 Been at work on the road. Sant Noys has commenced work here today. Tom & I have been up to the greening lot after a cow & calf.
- 3 8.30 Been at work on the road. Charles has come back.
- 4 7.45 Been at work on the road with the horses. It came up & rained and drove us home about 4 o'clock.
- 5 8.15 Been at work on the road all day. It is very cool and looks like a storm. Tom & __ have been to the store.
- 6 8.30 Been at work on the road. Tom as gone off. Winzalo York has just come here.

- 7 8.45 Been cultervating & howing potatoes. Mr. L. has been after his wife up to Benj & Tom a going out.
- 8 8.30 Been up home this P.M. It has been a wet day. We are having quite a time—just tonight Tom has come back.
- 9 8.45 Been at work on the road. It has been quite warm this P.M.
- 10 12 Been howing potatoes. It has been wet part of the day. Been to Westerly this evening with Rhoda & Zada to have their fortune told.
- 11 8.30 Been at work on the road over by John Crandalls. Has been quite pleasant & I have been quite sleepy.
- 12 Been howing potatoes in the Wilcox lot. A __ dies & __ been quite __.
- 13 8.25 Drove the old sow over to John E. Crandalls this morning then went to howing. We have finished the potatoes in the Wilcox lot.
- 14 8 Been at work on the road. I have broak a rock up by Andrews.
- 15 8.40 I went up home this morning, found Mother & Grandfather rather better. Went over to Mr. Saunders and got his spy glass. The girles have been __, looking out with it & talking about Bill Wye.
- 16 8.15 Been cultervating all day. Mr. L. & Z went off this morning with the Dunning oxen.
- 17 8.20 Been howing potatoes in the old field. Lant(?) goes over home.
- 18 8.15 Been howing & cultervating in the old field. Mr.L. & wife been to Westerly.
- 19 8.30 Been howing corn & been to Westerly with a load of bedding. Wight(?) Sant has gone to hi-sociaty.
- 20 8.25 Been to Quarry Hill, twice with hay. Went down in the meadow with the girles & strawberrying.
- 21 8.15 Been over to Russells to carry 50 rales. Got __ & tackles. Cultervated some, finished howing.
- 22 Went up to Church. Came back, went up to Burts & got his team. Took Miss Clark & Zada. Went to Miss Tick(?) and back by Stonington.
- 23 8 Been plowing & planting corn and cucumbers.
- 24 7 Been cultervating & howing in the Wilcox lot. Mr. Parmer has just left. I drove of[f] stock here, Miss Clark has come here to __.
- 25 8 Howed in the Wilcox lot until the rain drove us off about 2 o'clock.

- 26 8.45 Been at work in the garden & howing in the Wilcox lot. I went & carried Miss Clark & Zada to school this morning.
- 27 9.15 Finished howing in the Wilcox lot and commenced in the old field. I have just been up to Burts to help him for his teams.
- 28 7.20 Been cultervating in the old field. Rod & Zada have gone over east somewhere.
- 29 9 Been up to Church then up home & O. Gilbert brought me back. The girls have gone to Mr. Gavits to carry Miss Clark.
- 30 9.30 Been mowing the orchard & fixing the pump & been up to the Church. Been down to the beach with the girls this evening. It has been a very hot day.

July, 1872

- 1 8 Been howing in the garden, making hay in the orchard, fixing the mowing machine & hold out some ground for turnips.
- 2 8.20 Been planting turnips & been to Westerly and got a Shraque mowing machine & __ that west __.
- 3 8.20 Been howing & cultervating corn.
- 4 8 I went to Westerly this morning and carried some cream. Stade till 4 o'clock and came home. There wa a big crowd there.
- 5 8.15 Been howing corn in the old field. We finished tonight. Had quite a tempest last night.
- 6 9 Been to Church. Came back at dinner. Had a talk with Zada ____. Mr. L went to Westerly & went round to the front door. Rhode sed ____ 1 year from tonight.
- 7 8.15 Have commenced mowing in the Wilcox lot. Burt has been mowing for Sid. Zada been up to Burts.
- 8 8 Been howing sweet corn and cucumbers, making & getting in hay. Cart up 4 loads.
- 9 Been mowing and getting in hay. Been up to Burts and got __ for Mr. L.
- 10 8 Been mowing all day in the old lot.
- 11 9 Been mowing & rakeing all day. It has been very warm. 94 in the shade.
- 12 9 Been mowing & raking all day. Charles & I have been in a swimming this evening.
- 13 10 Went up to Church with Benj. Elder Stillman & Anson was here to visit. Been up to meeting this eve to see about forming(?) the __. Renf Chomptin was there.
- 14 8.40 Been mowing, finished the ox lot and commenced the pond meadow. Geo Langworthy came down & brought his Uncle Lewis & __. George and the boys was here to supper.
- 15 8.30 Been mowing in the pond meadow. Charles Sims been helping.

- 16 9 Been mowing. Have finished the pond meadow. It has been raining some. Had quite a storm this morning.
- 17 9.20 Been mowing, raking and getting in hay. Been talking with the girls. I raked till about 8.
- 18 8.15 It has been cloudy and dull. We cocked up our hay this morning for a storm and got in some of it this P.M. Been having chat with Zada.
- 19 9 Been making and getting in hay. The girls has been in a swimming. I have been out frocking with them.
- 20 9.30 I cut John's hair and shaved him. Went to Church, went home with Gilbert. He brought me back. I have just been to the beach with the girls. We had a nice time.
- 21 9 Been mowing and rakeing all day. Mr. L. Sant(?) has bound up rye. Mrs. L, Zada, Lib & Lewis been up to Burts.
- 22 9.15 Been tinkering, cleaning out the spring, mowing oats, mowing grass, etc. Bad news that I want to back Mr. Langworthy down and take the lead.
- 23 8.20 Been mowing and rakeing all day in the upper field. Charles Sims been helping us.
- 24 8.25 Mowed oates this forenoon and grass in the old field this P.M.
- 25 9 Been mowing in the old field and getting up __ and oats. Have finished the English this side of the pond.
- 26 8.45 We went down to mowing oats and it commenced raining. We came up & made some milking stools. The boys went to shelling corn.
- 27 9 Been to Church. Went over to Burts with Zada & Lilt(?). Mr. L been carrying Mrs. L., his brother, Lewis up & __ up to Benj. Winny is here. I am a going out.
- 28 8 Been mowing and getting up oats, sending and stalking(?) rye.
- 29 9 Been mowing & rakeing oats. I heard that H__tman is sick.
- 30 9 Been to Westerly with a load of hay for __. Brought down a bedsted and matrass for Burt. Been raking.
- 31 9 Been stacking oats & mowed oats this P.M. in the d__ing room this eve.

August, 1872

- 1 8.30 Been plowing and planting turnips in the garden and stacking oats. Have got up all of the night lot. The girls have been in a swimming.
- 2 8.40 We put up an oat stack that fell down last night. Turned, raked up & stacked the oats in the Wilcox plot. Been to the spring after water with the ____.

- 3 9 Been up to Church. Benj & Leute came down and brought Mrs. L. home. Zada, Leute & I been to the beach this P.M. Sant gone to the peac(?).
- 4 10.30 Hitch off 2 loads of oates, cut the seed hay, put up the L machiene, cut the little island(?). Tom Burdock been here. Zada, L & I been up to Andrews to meeting to hear Mr. Hancock.
- 5 9 Been mowing on the little island and raking and getting in tidy. Been to the spring with old Charley and the girls.
- 6 8 Been mowing on the big island and building a stock yard. Mr. L. been up to the greening lot after a cow and calf. Mr. Lewis and the girls up to Burts.
- 7 8.30 Been mowing bog & raking the big island etc. The girles up to Burts. Mary been talking about Burt(?).
- 8 9 Been getting up hay off of the big island and out of the bog etc. I went to the beach and got Andrew's skift to carry the girls but they backed out.
- 9 8.15 Been pitching off hay in the barn and stacking. I went to Church meeting this afternoon. The girles got 4 loads of hay off of the big island.
- 10 8 Went up to Church, heard that Alice Geer's husband is dead & came back, set out to go to Watch Hill but skiped up on it on account of the horse & Mrs. L.
- 11 9.30 Been mowing marsh. Burt went to __ meeting with Benj's carriage. Left his buggy(?) here.
- 12 8.30 Been mowing & raking marsh by hand. Been to the spring with the girles. Dora came down this A.M. Mr. L. going over to Mr. Collins.
- 13 8.20 Been mowing marsh, pick[ing] cucumbers, beans. Mr. L. been off all day with Mr. Collins.
- 14 8.15 Been mowing and rakeing marsh. Been to the spring. Zada & Dora went with me. Zada got mad.
- 15 9 Been picking cucumbers, stacking marsh. Mrs. Potter & Lula been here. I have been out in the carriage. Zada came out there twice.
- 16 8 Been rakeing and stacking marsh. Miss Clark here. Charles came back. I been to the spring.
- 17 9 I went home this morning, found Grandfather about the same. The rest of the folks about the same. It rained very hard & the girles been out to ride __.
- 18 11.20 Been mowing marsh. Broke down the new machine. Been to the beach with Zada. Lant & Miss Clark came back about 10. Been in the cheese room.
- 19 8.15 Been howing turnips, taking arsh & betting up pigs etc. Been to the spring with Zada & Dora.
- 20 8.30 Been picking cumbers, howing turnips, stacking marsh. Lant gone to picknick. Zada been to Westerly with her father to have the oxen shod.

- 21 8.45 Been on the marsh and got 1 load of marsh hay. Mr. L. been off all day. Been to the spring with Zada.
- 22 8 Been at work on the marsh. Charles is back at work. 2 loads of peaches. Stopped here through the shower. The girls and I been to carry Fran Gavet home.
- 23 11 Been picking cucumbers & at work on the marsh. Benj been after Mr. L. Leite had company this A.M. Lant & I been round to the front door.
- 24 10.40 Went up to Church. Home. Gilbert brought me back. Stopped to [see?] Mr. Rathburn ___ Webster. Sant & I been out with Miss Clark & Zada went round the ___.
- 25 8 Been mowing marsh. Benj just came down and brought Mrs. L. home. We are talking about going on the excursion [excursion?] tomorrow.
- 26 9.10 Been on excursion to ___ on steamer Narragansett. Went with Zada. Sant went with Richard. Had a nice time. Just got back. Zada put this twig in my shirt at Stonington.
- 27 9 Been mowing, rakeing, carting etc. Been to the spring with the girls this evening.
- 28 9 Been mowing, rakeing and carting off marsh & getting in potatoes. Mary got out of fix with me this evening.
- 29 8 Been mowing marsh and stacking & getting in potatoes. Benj brought Mrs. L. home. There has been an excursion on a steamboat and they have just gone back.
- 30 9 Been picking up apples, getting in potatoes etc.. It blew and rained very hard last night. They say that a steamer was lost off here with 104 on board.
- 31 8.30 I went to the beach this morning at 4.00 with the horses. Mr. & Mrs. L & Mary has been to Ashaway to Church. Left John. R. had Zada & I to keep house. Have had a good time.

September, 1872

- 1 9 Been digging potatoes in the old field. Mr. L. been up to the lot after his cattle.
- 2 9 Been carting weed on the west beach all day. Burt has had the dump cart. School has broke up today.
- 3 8.30 Been carting weed all day. Mr. L. & Zada been to the beach with the Tomayuag (?) folks.
- 4 8 Been banking weed all day etc. Burt here to dinner. Benj been down after Zada. She went home with him.
- 5 8 Been picking cucumbers, stacking hay, carting in potatoesc, carting weed etc.
- 6 8.30 Been carting weed, rakeing & carting marsh. Cmal. Co. been here this P.M. Miss Clark is here tonight.
- 7 8.20 Been up home, found the folks about the same. As usual went over to Mr. Websters. Charley at home. I called on Mr. Haggard(?).

- 8 9.15 Been mowing marsh & carting week.
- 9 8.40 Been carting weed and getting toads out of the well.
- 10 8.30 Been rakeing & stacking marsh. Burt broke his wagon pole. I have been down to help him get it. Mr. L. gone to Westerly with Mr. Collins.
- 11 8.20 Been carting and stacking marsh hay, picking cucumbers, building stock yards, etc. Mr. Collins here.
- 12 8 Been cutting up corn all day. Mr. L been over to John E. Crandalls and got his oxen. Sant goes to see Z. Gavet.
- 13 7 Been cutting up corn. It has been rainy this P.M. We went in the old barn. I went to sleep.
- 14 8.30 Been to church. Benj been down & brought Zada home. Been cutting apples this eve.
- 15 7 Been making cart boards, carting weed, picking cucumbers, etc. It has been a rainy day and raining now.
- 16 7.45 Been picking up apples, mowing weeds etc. It has been rainey. John is sick. Zada not well.
- 17 8 Been cutting weeds in the potatoes and cutting up corn. John fainted away this noon in the wagon house. Sant & I carried him into the __ room.
- 18 7.30 Been cutting up corn. Have finished that. I went to the beach just at night with the horses. Saw the canal painting a view of the beach & ocean.
- 19 7.40 Been digging potatoes. It has been wet and showery. Sant and [I] went to the spring this eve.
- 20 8.30 Been digging potatoes all day. Zada & Rhode have gone up to Westerly with old __ to stay all night.
- 21 9 I went up home, carried mother over to C.P. Saunders. I went a grapeing with father. Came back, found the girls here. Mr. & Mrs. L. gone up to Benj. He left her with __.
- 22 8 Been cutting weed. Noys Clark been here and got a pair of steers for __. Miss York here this eve.
- 23 9 Been picking up apples, putting up fence bars, carting weed etc. Cutting apples this evening.
- 24 9 Been carting weed, digging potatoes, etc. John C been making pades(?).
- 25 11.30 Been digging potatoes. Will Pattie(?) was __ this A.M. after the carriage. I am trying to make an apple __.
- 26 8 Been digging potatoes. Been a wet day.
- 27 8 Been a rainy day. We been washing potatoes, picking up apples, cutting hay. I am going up in the __ with Zada.
- 28 8.45 Went up to Church and over to Burts then up to Andrews. Came back, found Mr. L. gone after Mrs. L. Zada sick when York here.

- 29 9 Been digging potatoes. Have finished the old field. Paring(?) apples & talking with Zada this
A.M.
30 8.30 Been growing weeds in the Wilcox lot. Mrs. L. going up to Benj.

October, 1872

- 1 8.45 Been cutting weeds. Mr. L. been to Westerly with 2 loads of potatoes. He & Mr. Collins
going up to the Church with B & C. I went overt to Deacon __ after Mr. Collins.
- 2 8.30 Been digging potatoes in the Wilcox lot, cutting apples the A.M. Sant going to
Charlestown.
- 3 8.30 Been getting off apples, digging potatoes etc. Zada been up to Benj. He is some better. Lant
going up to Sidney's to a __.
- 4 1.00 Lant & I killed a cow and loaded a load of weeds. Mr. L. gone to Benj __, got away from
me. Zada & I rest(?) up in the kitchen.
- 5 8.20 Been up to Church with the girles. Mr. & Mrs. L. came home about night. The girles been
up to Berts.
- 6 7 Been stacking weeds and carting in oats. Mr. L. pareing apples.
- 7 8 Been carting in oats. C. Lamphere been here after some rye. I have been peeling apples this
evening. Have pared 1 bushel.
- 8 8.30 Been carting in oat, packing up apples, digging potatoes etc. Mr. L been to Westerly. He &
wife cutting apples.
- 9 9 Been digging potatoes. I pared 1 bushel of apples this eve. Benj been down, carried Zada
home with them.
- 10 8.45 Been digging potatoes. Lant did not come. C. Lamphere helped us. Will Clark been here.
- 11 8 Been digging potatoes. Mr. L been to Church meeting. Rhode going home with her father.
- 12 8 Went up to Church, from there home with Gilbert. Came back a foot, found Mr. L making
Mrs. Peckham [a] bench(?) here this eve.
- 13 7 Been pickeing apples, driving the cows out of the corn, picking over potatoes and so forth.
- 14 8 Been digging potatoes, churning, etc. Mr. L. been us assessing town tax. Mary gave me a
hankerchief for a birthday present. Rhode tried to give me a __.
- 15 8.10 Been digging potatoes, building a cow yard etc. Benj been down, brought Zada home. Lant
& I been up to the meeting house to fill the lamps.
- 16 8.40 Got up at 3 o'clock, dun up the hoes(?), moved at the stove, dug potatoes, etc. Been shelling
beans, drawing cider __ with Zada.
- 17 7.10 Been digging potatoes. Mr. L. and wife been up to Benj. He been to __all(?) Babcock.

- 18 7.50 Been digging potatoes. Mr. L. been assessing. Rainey tonight.
- 19 10 Been up sweep[ing] out the meeting house. Went to Church up to hear how Col. Cole Reed. This eve came back with Zada. Wm down. Rhoda mad with me.
- 20 7 Been picking apples all day. Mrs. L. is sick.
- 21 8 Been carting in pumpkins. Mrs. L is no better. Had the doctor this eve.
- 22 8 Been digging potatoes. Mr. L. been to Westerly with a load of potatoes. I been to carry ___ Gavet home. Mrs.L. no better.
- 23 8 Been digging potatoes. C. Lamphere been helping us. Mr. L. been assessing tax. He is putting up potatoes now.
- 24 7 Been threshing oats. Have set the machine at the rye stacks. They are here. Mr. L. been assessing.
- 25 8 Been threshig rye. Got 56 bushels. They have left. I been in John's room this eve. Mr. L. said that was a broad hint to go to bed.
- 26 8 Been round the house all day. Been rainey. Zada been up in my room part of the day. Rode been in John's room.
- 27 7.30 Been digging potatoes. ___ Crandall helping us. Zada downhearted. I am most down. May God forgive the rongs in both of us.
- 28 Been digging potatoes. We finished them. Mr. Lamphere helped us.
- 29 7.35 Been carting in corn, husking etc. Mr. L. been to Westerly twice.
- 30 7.20 Been husking and getting corn in the old barn. Mr. L. been to Westerly with 2 loads. I been in & set up Morries stove. Zada came up there.
- 31 8 Been husking. Mr. L. been to Westerly with 2 loads. I been up to Mr. Duns with the girls.

November, 1872

- 1 Been at work on the road.
- 2 9.10 Been up to Church. Benj & Leute been down. Zada & I been over to Russells this eve. Gilbert sed that Grandfather was just alived this morning.
- 3 7.10 Been husking. Mr. L. & Lant went up to the meeting house & cleaned out the stuff. Mr. L. back here. Lant and I been down to the beach.
- 4 8 Been helping John thrash. They have left the machine here and gone home to go to town meeting.
- 5 8.30 Went to town meeting. Came back with Mr. L. Went back with a yoak of oxen for beef. Grandfather is dead. Will be buried tomorrow.

- 6 8.20 I went up home, carried Gilbert, Adda & Eliza up to funeral. Elder Maine preached. Text 107 Psalm 30vs. Came back to Fathers. Stade there till night. Came back home to Mr. Langworthy.
- 7 9.40 Been rainey. We been husking in the old barn. Been over to Mr. Collines this eve with Zada, Lant & Rhoda. Zada mad.
- 8 8.15 Been husking. Have finished and got in our corn. Dan been over here this evening. Zada mad with me.
- 9 9 Been round here all day with the exception of going up to the meeting house. Zada & Rhoda been to Mr. Browns. Daniel been over here this eve.
- 10 8 Been getting in the carrots and stuff out of the garden. Lant been to the beach. Rhoda, Zada & I been up to the meeting house. Zada got mad with me.
- 11 10 Been churning, killing a chicking, putting turnips etc. Been up to Andrews this evening. Addy wants me to go to Newport with her next week.
- 12 7 Been at work on the road over west. G. H. Noys been helping us.
- 13 7.10 Been pulling & getting in turnips.
- 14 5.40 Been pulling & taking turnips, picking over potatoes, building stock yards, etc. Went and brought L. E. Larking acrost the breach in a boat. Been wet all day.
- 15 10.30 Been building stock yard, carting in chaff, trimming turnips etc. Hoxy Noy's wife & child, Mr. Collins & wife here. Been up home this evening. Found the folks about as usual.
- 16 6.30 Been round the house all day. The girls and I had an invite to spend the eve over to Mr. Potters. Did not go. Been up in ___'s room with Zada.
- 17 6 Been banking up round the house, getting in the apples, pumpkins, etc. Gilbert has come after me to go to Newport with Addy tomorrow.
- 18 7 Father carried Adda and I up to there. We went to Newport, found Grandfather away. Went up to Mrs. Sweets, took dinner. I went down to Robberts, found them all well. Back to Grandfathers.
- 19 9.30 After breakfast went with Tomy Suede(?) down to the depot and up to the head of Broad Street, back to Grandfathers. After dinner went to Collon Iggy(?)'s and Rea __ (?) Been to folks with Addy.
- 20 7.20 Took the 7.20 train to Bristol ferry then the boat to Bristol. Found Uncle Walter's(?) folks all well. Went out to walk with the girls. Addy & Hatt(?) up to the rubber works.
- 21 9.20 Went down to the tellagraph office, up to dinner over to Lucy Brightmans in the eve. Back and up stairs to see George's wife.
- 22 8.30 Took the boat at 9 for Providence. Went and saw Mr. Holloway then to Sarah Olneys. Went down street and back in the rain about night.

- 23 Took the 8 o'clock train this morning to Dorville then walked down to Fathers. Took dinner then walked down to Mr. L's, found Benj & Leute there. The folks as well as usual.
- 24 9 Been killing pigs, killed 4. Built 1 stock yard in the Wilcox lot. Burt and Tom Burdnick been here this eve.
- 25 7.40 Been choring and carting weed. Tom Burdnick been here. I went over to John E's this eve to get some woodchuck p__(?).
- 26 7 Been threshing corn, banking weed etc. Went over on the west side and got 1 load. Been over to Mr. Horney's(?) to get the meat cutter. Brought Zada home from school. The cutter(?) was to Mr. C.
- 27 8.15 Been to the beach, banked 6 loads of weed, churned and dun the chores. Benj been down and brought Mr. L. home and Dora came with her.
- 28 10 Been over to Mr. Collins and got the sausage cutter. Cut the meat. Went to the beach, got 2 loads. Burt, Leisy & Edward been here this eve. We filled the ____.
- 29 7 Been churning, choreing. Been rainey, hailing & snowing. I went and ____ the sausage cutter home. ____ Potter was here this P.M.
- 30 9 Been up home. Stopped to Mr. Haggards and to Mr. Gavets. Found the folks all as well as cold & blustering and squally.

December, 1872

- 1 6 Been carting weed, mazing the load, etc. The girls have come home. Been a very windy day.
- 2 7.30 Been banking up the ____, getting some manure on the rhubarb, carting off stone and so forth. Zada & Dora been to school.
- 3 7.15 Been carting stone in the pond. The wind has been a blowing a gale. I have been putting my hides in soak.
- 4 8 Been carting stone. I went and got a load of sand this morning for the meeting house. There is a party to Watch Hill this evening.
- 5 9 Been to Westerly with a load of straw. Had an ox shoe set & brought back a load of coal. Zada been playing this eve.
- 6 7.20 Been to the beach. Cartied 1 load of stone, 1 load of weed, 1 load of eel grass. Been up to Andrews this P.M. to get a cow.
- 7 8 Been up home. Found the folks about as usual. Got back about 4, found Mr. L. milking. Benj been down after Dora. I been helping Zada rip up a coat.
- 8 8 Been killing hogs. Killed 5. Noys Clark & wife been here & spent the day. Mr. Clark here. It is raining.

- 9 8.30 Went to Westerly with 2 fat cattle for Noys Clark. Got me prof(?) boots, rubber coat & hat. Rode back with Mr. L.
- 10 8.30 Been choring round all day. Been quite cold. I plastered up a hole over the stove, set up a stove in John's room etc. Mr. L. been to Westerly.
- 11 9 I went to the beach this morning, got 1 load of weed, came back & fodowed then went over & got the mowing machine. Brought it home. Been doing the chores this P.M.
- 12 9 I went to Westerly this morning with a load of straw. Came back, put up the cattle, went over and got the sausage cutter and Zada cut & made sausage.
- 13 8.40 I went to the beach this morning after foddering then I went down and cleaned out the springs. Have been over and carried Mr. H__ (?) sausage.
- 14 10 After doing the chores I went up in Marie's room & saw Zada. A little while looked over her letters. We have spent the eve over to R. Gavets with Emma & ____.
- 15 9.30 Mr. L. & I been carting stone. Eben came to see about cutting wood. Russell Gavet & wife been here and spent the eve.
- 16 9.30 I went to the beach this morning. Cartied off 1 load of stone. Crandall was down here tonight.
- 17 7.15 Been killing turkeys. Dan Crandall been helping us. Mr. W. L. Gavet been at work on a rock out here in the road.
- 18 8 I went to the beach, came back and helped Mr. Gavet blow a rock. There is a deaf & dumb man here. John E. __ is here. Mr. L. & Zada has gone to Benj. Caught in a snow s[torm].
- 19 8.45 Been choreing & been to the beach and got 1 load. Mr. L. been away with his poultry. Mr. Joseph Barnes died this morning up to Westerly.
- 20 Been a rainy day. I been choreing, picking over apples etc. I am a going to watch to Mr. Barnes with Daniel Crandall.
- 21 8 I came back this morning about 6, helped do the chores. Mr. L. & wife went to funeral. I been here with Zada all day.
- 22 9 Been clipping Jimmy. Been quite cold. Been cutting out a glove this ev
- 23 10 Been to Westerly to hear Grandfather's will read and to do some errents. Been making a glove this eve.
- 24 10 Dun the chores. Went to the beach, helped Burt __dd(?) the shanty roof & 3 loads of weed. Went in John's room. Been making a glove. Zada been helping me.
- 25 10 Been cleaning out the ice house and cutting ice. Been in John's room, found Zada crying about what her mother had sed about me.

- 26 6 Been at work on the hams. It has been a very stormy day. Snows very hard now, the wind blows almost a gale. We have not had the cows out today.
- 27 9 I went up as far a[s] Berts with Mr. L. this morning to brake the path. Came back & watered the cattle and been choreing all day.
- 28 7 Been doing chores and shoveling all day. Mr. L. been shoveling snow. Been quite cold. Dan is here. Mr. L. wanted to see him before he goes. I am going to sit up with Zada.
- 29 8.10 Mr. L. & I been getting in ice. The ice is about 10 or 12 inches thick. Every thing is lovely.
- 30 8.45 Been carting in ice all alone. Mr. Clark here. Dan just went along. He sed that he was coming over in the morning.
- 31 9.30 Been carting in ice. Dan been helping me. Mr. L. complaining with his face. Zada & I been in John's room to see Mary build a fore(?). Been a very wet day. Mr. Clark here etc. etc.

MEMORANDA

I commenced work for Mr. Langworthy Dec. 24, 1871 for one year for \$275.00.

Jan 25	Ten dollars	\$10.00
26	Pant cloth	6.87
Feb 11	Fifty dollars	50.00
—	Did not work.	
21	Yarn	.45
April	Five dollars	5.00
	Have not worked.	
15	Bottles of V. Betty	.80
	Boots	.25
21	Lost ½ day	
19	“ ½ day	
25	Fifteen dollars	15.00
May 11	Two dollars	2.00
20	Five dollars	5.00
29	Watch	.25
June 10	Five dollars	5.00
July 2	Three dollars	3.00
4	Ten dollars	10.00
21	Fa Cloth	1.98
Aug 23	boots	5.00
24	Ten dollars	10.00
26	Did not work	
Nov 30	Yarn	.55
Oct 4	Ten dollars	10.00
Nov 6	Did not work	
12	For the Church	10.00
17	Ten Dollars	10.00
23	Lost 5 days	
Dec. 9	Five dollars	5.00
15	Fifteen dollars	15.00
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		181.95
Jan 17, 1877		92.83
		254.88

**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1876

January, 1876

- 1 Been to Church. Eld Stillman & Barbee, Bert & Benj & folks here to dinner. It has been very pleasant. Been to Church this evening. Stephen Saunders was married this morning.
- 2 Been to Westerly after brick & flooring. Been making this ink this evening.
- 3 Been to Westerly after brick & ____.
- 4 Been at work around the house. Helped Clark.
- 5 Been helping Clark.
- 6 Been helping Clark. Will draw out stone.
- 7 Been to Westerley after a load of lime & picked up a load of stull round the wood house then went to the Beach. Got a load of sand.
- 8 Been to Church.
- 9 Been at work round the house & carting sand.
- 10 Been carting sand, cutting up wood, etc.
- 11 Been cutting wood, diging cistern etc.
- 12 Been diging cistern.
- 13 Been at work in the cistern. Cutting wood. To Westerley, carried corn, potatoes & got a load of lumber.
- 14 Been to Westerly & got a load of lumber. Helped George get in some ice.
- 15 Been to Church.
- 16 Been to Westerley after lumber.
- 17 Been at work round home all day.
- 18 Been to Westerly with them team. Then I went this PM with one horse after some mules.
- 19 Got 2 loads of sand. Rainy.
- 20 Been at work round the house grading.

- 21 Got 1 load of sand. Then went to Westerly after cement, flour, salt, etc.
- 22 Been at Church
- 23 Been at work round the house cutting wood.
- 24 Been carting in hay, carting sand.
- 25 Got 2 loades of sand then helped the Maisons.
- 26 Been to Westerley after lumber. Filed 2 saws.
- 27 Been fileing saws. Sawing.
- 28 Been getting wood into the wood house & cutting all day.
- 29 Been to Church.
- 30 Been up & got Mrs. Peckham. Filed a saw. Sawed some. Been to Westerly this PM.
- 31 Been at work round the house.

February, 1876

- 1 Been to auction.
- 2 Been sawing wood.
- 3 Been to Charlestown got a load of wood.
- 4 Been filing saws. Went to Westerly carried home the carpenters tools. Got a load of coal.
- 5 Went up to Church there was not any meeting.
- 6 Been iceing all day.
- 7 Been work round this house.
- 8 Been to the woods after wood. Helped George load 2 stone over to Clarkes.
- 9 Been to Charlestown after wood. Got in hay this P.M.
- 10 Mr. L. sick. I been at work round the house. Been after the Doctor this evening. Zada went up to Hendrys(?) & stayed till I came back.
- 11 Been filing, finishing the wood box etc. Bert(?) been with the ____.
- 12 Been to Church. Zada & I went in the carriage. Mr. Z about the same.
- 13 Been to Chalestown got 2 loads of wood. Mr. L better. Mr. Oliver Langworthy came down this P.M.

- 14 Been at work round the wood house. Mr. O. Langworthy been home after Rebecker.
- 15 Rainy. Mr. L about the same. Dr. Lewis sent me after the lickier.
- 16 Been in the house all day with Mr. L. He is very low. Mr. O.L. been home and got Aunt(?) Brigs to sit up with Mr. L. Drs L__ (?) & Griffing been here this evening. Saw that there is not any chance.
- 17 Got up about 4. Mr.L no better, grown worse. Dide 10 ½ AM.
- 18 Been round the house most of the day. Been to Westerly this PM to get some notion.
- 19 Been round the house all day there has been quite a good many people here today. Been very pleasant.
- 20 Pleasant. Funeral commenced a little after 10. The house was full etc. We went to Ashaway Cemetary. Returned home about 3.
- 21 Been carving up the ice. Got in 2 load of oates.
- 22 Been getting some oates into the new barn and put the horses in the new barn. Put up all of the cows.
- 23 Been choreing, picking over apples etc.
- 24 Very cold. George did not come over this morning. I have done the chores all alone.
- 25 I went up to Niantic to carry Mrs. Cook. Came back by Fathers. Aunt Fanny was sick.
- 26 Been to Church. Elder Ch__? & wife here. Benj & L & Sara here today. Bert came down here this PM.
- 27 Been to Charlestown. Got a load of wood. Henry Niles dide this morning.
- 28 Been cutting, splitting wood, filing saws etc.
- 29 Been splitting wood, filing, etc. Mr. Mr. Langworthy, Benj Crandall & Albert been here. A__? has hired the form bought the stock fodder etc.

March, 1876

- 1 Been choreing etc. all day.
- 2 Been round the house all day. Went up and got Mrs. Peckham this morning. Been to Quarry Hill this morning. Carried a load of wood. Helped George load. Went up to Berts with him to get his hens(?).
- 4 Been to Church. Carried Zada.
- 5 Been helping George loade manure.
- 6 Been over to Salimon Vill. Carried Mrs. Edwards to Will Gawood's funeral. Stopped to the town farm to see John.

- 7 Been mowing & raking all day.
- 8 Been round the house all day. Been to the pond.
- 9 Been mowing & raking all day.
- 10 Been mowing. Finished the old field and mowed the old orchard.
- 11 Been mowing in the Wilcox lot.
- 12 Been mowing in the A.M.
- 13 Been mowing & raking. Did not come up to dinner.
- 14 Finished mowing the W lot.
- 15 Been round the house all day.
- 16 Been mowing oates all day.
- 17 Been mowing & raking oates. Finished cutting the ____.
- 18 Been rakeing oates. Vomited up my dinner.
- 19 Been rakeing, driving oxen.
- 20 Been getting off oates, putting up the fence next to Elias.
- 21 Been mowing and getting the little ____.
- 22 Been round the house. Mrs. L & Zada gone home with Benj.
- 23 Been rainy the most of the day. Been carting manure on to the turned ground.
- 24 Been plowing, harrowing & planting turnips & home saved corn.
- 25 Been on the Big island mowing. Went round by Larkings Island.
- 26 Been carting off the island & mowing.
- 27 Been mowing. Brought off a load of drift grass.
- 28 Been mowing. Brought off a load of hay.
- 29 Been in a swimming. Round the house all day.
- 30 Been on the marsh. Caught in the rain. Brought off a load of marsh hay.
- 31 Been rainy. Been shelling corn, sawing wood.

April, 1876

- 1 Been to Church.
- 2 Been banking seaweed.
- 3 Been carting seaweed & kicking over potatoes.
- 4 Been stormy all day. I have been mending & oiling the team handsaw.
- 5 Been to town meeting. Went up with Bert this morning. Been up to Summers this evening to get a bull.
- 6 Been carting seaweed all day. Bert went to Westerly to get the seed oates this AM.
- 7 Cartied seaweed this P.M. Been to Church meeting this afternoon.
- 8 Been to Church.
- 9 Been carting wood & seaweed & been plowing the rest of the day. **Commenced plowing.** (
- 10 Been over to Clarks after stone etc. this A.M. Plowing this P.M.
- 11 Been plowing.
- 12 Been plowing.
- 13 Been plowing. Finished the old field.
- 14 Been helping Clark on the privy etc. George been down to South Kingstown.
- 15 Zada & I been up home this P.M.
- 16 Been harrowing oates all day. John Harvy dide this morning.
- 17 Been cutting seaweed, planting potatoes. Fred Learkin(?) been here to work.
- 18 Been to John D. Harvey's funeral. Been sowing oates this P.M. I carried Zada from Leutes(?) to funeral.
- 19 Been sowing hay. ___ and bushing down oat ground.
- 20 Been at work round the house all day. Helping Clark set the rest of the steps.
- 21 Been plowing & getting in oates for Clark Rathbun.
- 22 Been to Church. Bert gone to Ashawaug. Benj down etc.
- 23 Been putting up wall all day.
- 24 Been carting seaweed for the potatoes all day.

- 25 Been cutting & planting potatoes all day. Helped Bert load up a load of potatoes this morning.
- 26 Been furrowing and planting potatoes. Fred back again.
- 27 Been furrowing for potatoes. Carting manure on to the garden _____. Fred gone.
- 28 Been building fence & putting up wall all day. Westerly, R.I.
- 29 Been to Church etc. Benj & folks down.
- 30 Been oiling or mending harnesses and tinkering all day.

May, 1876

- 1 Been cartting out manure and making a fence across the garden. Got a sore eye.
- 2 Been cartting out manure.
- 3 Been cartting out manure all day.
- 4 Been fixing the old barn, carried up 1 load of hay. Been picking up stone this P.M.
- 5 Been picking up stone & been to Westerly to carry Zada to see Milo(?) Clark.
- 6 Stormy. Been round all day.
- 7 Been picking up stone all day. Quite warm.
- 8 Been picking up stone.
- 9 Been sprouting potatoes all day. Rainy.
- 10 Been sprouting potatoes & spreading manure & plowing.
- 11 Been up to the letters(?) after oysters for Charley this A.M. Plowing this P.M.
- 12 Been plowing, carting seaweed & harrowing.
- 13 Been at Church. Benj & folks down.
- 14 Been furrowing, carting rails, etc.
- 15 Been carting out manure.
- 16 Been carting out manure.
- 17 Been striking out the corn gr__bs(?). Cartting out manure & carting in dirt.
- 18 Been carting manure & dirt. Rainy. Been up to A. Chapmans to drive the cows. Been up to Benj this eve.

- 19 We have been spreading manure all day. Finished.
- 20 Been to Church.
- 21 Been plowing all day.
- 22 Been plowing all day.
- 23 Been harrowing and bushing all day.
- 24 Been planting corn and churning all day.
- 25 Been planting all day. Got through planting corn.
- 26 Been carting shore grass, planting in the garden.
- 27 Been to Church then went up home.
- 28 Been up to the greening lot to drive the cattle. Put up the fence.
- 29 Been at work on the road all day.
- 30 Been at work on the road.
- 31 Been on the road.

June, 1876

- 1 Been at work on the road. Been very warm
- 2 Been on the road. Been hot. 94 in the sun.
- 3 Been to Church.
- 4 Been cultervating. Choreing.
- 5 Been rainy. Shelled corn, picked over potatoes. Worked on the road this P.M.
- 6 Been to town meeting. Carried up Mrs. L. & Zada.
- 7 Been howing potatoes.
- 8 Been sprouting potatoes in the cellar, planting in the garden.
- 9 Been howing potatoes. Went to Church meeting.
- 10 Been a bed part of the day.
- 11 Been howing potatoes. Finished this afternoon then we all went a clamming.
- 12 Went on the road, rained. Been cutting wood, etc.

- 13 Been at work on the road.
- 14 Been at work on the road. George been helping Dan.
- 15 Been at work on the road.
- 16 Been cultervating corn all day.
- 17 Been lying round reading. Been down to the beach this P.M. with Zada. Rowed her out in Matt's boat. Benj been down, carried home Mrs. L & Mary with him. Bert & folks off this P.M.
- 18 Been cultervating & planting over corn.
- 19 Been howing all day. Zada gone off.
- 20 Been howing all day.
- 21 Been howing. George been howing for Dan.
- 22 Been cultervating & carting in dirt.
- 23 Been fishing. Went up home this morning, took Olly. Went to the river.
- 24 Been to Church.
- 25 Been howing & cultervating.
- 26 Been howing, rainy, hot.
- 27 Been painting the dunn cart, starting the mowing machine.
- 28 Been mowing all day.
- 29 Been mowing all day. Hot.
- 30 Been to Westerly with a load of __. Got the old horse shoes set. Mowed about an hour this morning. Helped get in a load of hay this P.M.

July, 1876

- 1 Been to Church.
- 2 Been mowing all day.
- 3 Been mowing, bakeing & helping put horses(?) green on the potatoes.
- 4 Been out sea fishing. It was quite rough. Came back & went sawing.
- 5 Been mowing all day.
- 6 Been mowing & raking all day.

- 7 **Been helping move Bert.**
- 8 – 10 **No entries**
- 11 **Been to Church.**
- 12 **Been moving George Holland. Been up to Berts after a load of wood.**
- 13 **Been to drive the bull up to the slaughter house for Mr. Champlain.**
- 14 **Been at work in Cully & mending harnesses.**
- 15 **Been up to Frank Wilcox's after burches & withes(?).**
- 16 **Been round the head of the pond down to the Big island with Bert. 2 teams after hay.**
- 17 **Been killing a cow & carting a loage(?) of wood for Charley's __.**
- 18 **Been up to Amos Chapman's & carried Sim(?) and his Father & Mathew to his Wive's funeral.
Been gone all day.**
- 19 **Been at work round the wood house all day. Sawing wood, etc.**
- 20 **Been carting in building. Been over to Clark Rathburn's after stone.**
- 21 **Been helping Burt oil the milk harness.**
- 22 **Been shelling corn & choreing. Mr. O. Langworthy been here.**
- 23 **Been making a barrow bush. Cutting up pea brush, etc.**
- 24 **Been banking seaweed all day. There is a lot of it on the west beach.**
- 25 **Been stormy. I have been round the house all day.**
- 26 **Been beating manure all day.**
- 27 **Been beating manure.**
- 28 **Been putting up wall & carting seaweed.**
- 29 **Been beating manure all day.**
- 30 **Been carting up hay from the old barn. Cartied up 4 loads.**
- 31 **Been carting railes & bedding seaweed.**

August, 1876

- 1 Been carting off drift grass and mowing.
- 2 Been mowing & carting off hay.
- 3 Been mowing & carting off hay.
- 4 Been carting hay. Got 1 load out of the old barn, got 1 out of the marsh, put in the old barn.
- 5 Been to church. Been sailing this P.M.
- 6 Been on the marsh, got 2 loades of hay.
- 7 Been on the marsh after hay.
- 8 Been on the marsh after the machine. Rake the drift grass.
- 9 Been on the Big island after the stack of old hay.
- 10 Been to Westerly to carry Zada & to get a tooth filled. Mowing bog this P.M.
- 11 Been clamming, swimming & mowing & raking.
- 12 Been in a swimming & to Church. Benj & Leute just came.
- 13 Been mowing & carting in hay.
- 14 Been to Rocky Point on the Stmr R.I(?).
- 15 Been carting in hay to the beach.
- 16 Been clamming with G.N. Langworthy, howing turnips, carting in hay.
- 17 Been to Westerly with Bert to peddle milk. Rainy.
- 18 Been looking up turkeys, howing corn etc.
- 19 Been to Church.
- 20 Been diging potatoes.
- 21 Been diging potatoes.
- 22 Been diging potatoes.
- 23 Been diging potatoes.
- 24 Been diging potatoes.
- 25 Finished diging the early potatoes. I been cutting weeds in the corn field.

- 26 Been to Church. Mr. Frankling Clark [and?] wife here to dinner.
- 27 Been cutting weeds.
- 28 Been cutting weeds, getting off apples, picking cranberries.
- 29 Been howing in the garden, mowing marsh.
- 30 Been mowing marsh.
- 31 Been mowing & carting off marsh.

September, 1876

- 1 Been mowing & carting off marsh.
- 2 Been to Church. Went up home this P.M. Stopped to Capt Garrots this eve as I came back.
- 3 Been diging potatoes & getting in marsh hay.
- 4 Been diging potatoes.
- 5 Been diging potatoes.
- 6 Been diging potatoes, finished them & commenced cutting up corn.
- 7 Been carting hay off of the marsh for Stephen Gustings. Brought home a load. Been cutting corn.
- 8 Commenced cutting corn, the rain drove us off. Been cutting wood, picking up apples, etc. Got through working for Bert.
- 9 Been to the pond, got some clams. Been up to Andrews with Zada this P.M. Settled with Bert this eve.
- 10 Been to Quonocontaug. Got about 3 pecks of beach plums.
- 11 Been up to Andrews and to the saw mill.
- 12 Went up to Andrews and he went to Niantic with me then we came to Kingston to the fair. Stayed in the barn on the fair ground tonight.
- 13 On the fair ground today. A big crowd. Staying in the barn again.
- 14 On the fair ground. Zada came down this morning. Big crowd. Came to Westerly with Zada, left her at Lizzyes & rode down to Andrews with Bert.
- 15 Came down to Mrs. L's this morning, went over to Charley's & the Barnzes. Came back, went up to Andrews then home the went to graping(?) & came back to Zadas(?) this evening.
- 16 Been to Church.

- 17 Been rainy. I went down to Matts then to Oliver Suanders then to Andrews, then back home.
- 18 Been helping Andrew dig potatoes.
- 19 Been over to Matt Barters with Andrew after fishing traps. Been driving stakes this P.M.
- 20 Been at work on the fikes(?) up to Andrews.
- 21 Been to Westerly this A.M. and at work on the fikes.
- 22 Been at work on the fikes.
- 23 Been to Church.
- 24 Been sharpening stakes, been up to Andrews. Lydia is sick. Then went to Captain Sidney's & to Clark Rathburns to get his skiff.
- 25 Been up to Andrews. Took his team, brought down the fikes(?), went over to the whalehouse cove after the skiff.
- 26 Been setting fikes. Peckham been helping me.
- 27 Been painting my boate etc. Hauled the fikes this morning.
- 28 Hauled the fikes this morning. Been fixing a fike. Andrew came down & we set it this P.M.
- 29 Been to Westerly this A.M. Went up with Bert. Came down with Andrew. Been painting my boate and hauling & fixing the fikes this P.M.
- 30 Been to Church.

October, 1876

- 1 Been to the pond, hawled my fikes & rigging netting.
- 2 Been setting fikes.
- 3 Been up the pond driving stakes up in the head of the pond.
- 4 Hawled our fikes this morning, skinned the eels and sent them. Started for the Centenial. Stopped to Elder Stillmans then went to Stonington, took the boat to New York.
- 5 Went across the ferry, took the P.R.R. train to Philadelphia. Found a boarding place on guard bare(?). Then went to the main building. Spent the rest of the day.
- 6 Been in the Machinery hall all day. Saw so much that I cannot remember ½ of it.
- 7 Stopped in the art gallery. Then took the 10:50 train for N.Y., arrived there between 2 and 3, took the R.I. to Stonington.
- 8 Came to Westerly this morning then home. Been at work on the fikes.

- 9 Been at work on our fikes.
- 10 Been round the house most of the time today. Been making a fike(?).
- 11 Set 1 fike, hauled the fike. Stirred the fish.
- 12 Set 3 fikes.
- 13 Hauled the fikes, took up one of them. Been to Church meeting this P.M.
- 14 Been to Church. Been up to fathers this P.M. Edwin Webster & Alice was there.
- 15 Been to the pond, hauled in fike in the snow. Been snowing about all day. Freezing this evening.
- 16 Been up the pond. Hauled the fikes. Shipped the fish. Had 1 Bbl.
- 17 Been rigging fike runners all day.
- 18 Hauled the fikes then took up one of them.
- 19 Set one fish [net?], took up one, fixed it and set it again.
- 20 Hauled our fikes then I went up [to] the pond. Got 2 bushels of oysters. Got home after dark.
- 21 Been to Church. Went to Andrews this morning
- 22 Been to the pond, then I went to fixing some fikes in the barn.
- 23 Been to the pond, hauled & shipped the fish, ___ the oysters.
- 24 Hauled then I fixed the fike.
- 25 Been down and hauled then went to the beach after crane(?).
- 26 Been at work on the fikes. Set 1 this P.M.
- 27 Hauled the fikes, put up the fish. Went up home, came back, went to the pond got some eels.
- 28 Been to Church.
- 29 Been at work on the road.
- 30 Been out cod fishing. Got 35.
- 31 Been up to Ron Chases(?). Cant get some boweys(?). Hauled the fikes.

November, 1876

- 1 Been to Westerly. Got a gun. Been out quailing. Killed 2. 1 owl.
- 2 Been quailing this A.M. Been skinning eels this P.M.

- 3 Hauled [and] shipped the fish. Been to Westerly with Andrew.
- 4 Been to Church. Mrs. L came home today. Zada went home with Benj. I have been up to Andrews.
- 5 Been out cod fishing. ___ went out with me. Caught 7 cod & hakie.
- 6 Hauled the fikes then went to the beach then up to the head of the pond to see Edwin Champlin.
- 7 Been rainy. I went down & hauled some of the ___ then went to town meeting with Bert.
- 8 We hauled the fike this morning. I commenced to nit a fike.
- 9 Hauled & shipped the fish. I dug a mess of clams then went to work on my fike.
- 10 Been at work on my fike. Went down and set 2 fikes that had been drying then went over to Isaiah Vards. Got his gun.
- 11 Been to Church.
- 12 Been to Andrews. Got some fike hooks. Been over to Mr. Collinses this P.M. with Bert.
- 13 Hauled the fikes etc. Benj & Lieto been here. He went up & carried Zada to Fathers. I been up the pond and hit a fike.
- 14 Been out cod fishing. Stayed all day.
- 15 Been helping Bert on the barn. Been frameing stantions.
- 16 Been at work on the stable. Uncle Oliver was over today.
- 17 Been at work on the barn.
- 18 Been to Church.
- 19 Been at work on the barn. Stormy.
- 20 Picked over some apples. Stormy.
- 21 Been helping Bert kill a cow. Been to the beach. Hauled the fikes.
- 22 Been up [to] the pond. Took up the fine fikes.
- 23 Been to the pond, hauled & shipped then went to Westerly with Mrs. L., Zada & Malisy to pass the deads.
- 24 Been up home. Stopped to Andrews.
- 25 Been to Church. Mr. Willets spoke.

- 26 Been helping Bert kill turkeys. Been down to the pond & hauled some of the fikes & took up some runners.
- 27 Been to Westerly with Zada.
- 28 Been over and killed a pig for Charles Simms etc. Uncle Oliver, Benj & Leute been down here to settle up some of the business.
- 29 Killed a cow for Bert then went up to Andrews & went a gunning. Been taring my skiff this P.M. Father has brought me down a pig to salt.
- 30 Hauled the fikes, shipped the fish. Cut up the pig, salted the meat. Been a gunning. Been up to Andrews this eve & come home with Zada.

December, 1876

- 1 Been helping George get the apples down cellar. Been down to the pond to haul the skiff up then went to Westerly a foot.
- 2 Been round the house all day.
- 3 Been up to the Church to master the stone pipe. Came back went down to the pond to help Nate haul out his Sail Bate. Came up to the barn. Roy got hurt with a stick of timber on his back.
- 4 Been round the house. Ground up some apples. Let out the ____.
- 5 Been tinkering round the house.
- 6 Been at work with the cider mill.
- 7 Been to the pond. Shipped a Bbl of fish.
- 8 Been to Westerly to get the stove for the Church.
- 9 Been stormy & cold. I went down to the pond tonight & turned my boat over. It is quite cold.
- 10 Been up to Mr. Parmers. Went to Benj & took dinner. Mr. P. was selling hogs.
- 11 Been helping Bert get in ice.
- 12 Been getting in ice again today.
- 13 Been over to Mr. Brightmans to get an ax handle. Huned(?) my ax, painted my stoolers. Made some cider. Beento the pond, took up one of the fikes.
- 14 Been helping Bert kill hogs. Been down to the pond this P.M. I took out 2 fikes.
- 15 Been down to the pond to see to the fish. Took up 1 fike. Came up & help but up the port then came up to Benj Crandall this evening.

- 16 Up to Benj. The wind blows a gale, grows cold.
- 17 Came down to Mr. Palmers, went up in the woods etc. then came home, went up to Andrews then came back, changed my close. Came back to Benj.
- 18 Been helping Benj kill turkeys. Been rainy & snowing.
- 19 Went down with Mr. Palmer, helped him kill his ducks then went to Westerly with Benj to carry the turkeys then come home a foot.
- 20 Been to John Pallers to Ursular's wedding.
- 21 Been to Westerly with Bert to get the horses shod.
- 22 Been to Quarry Hill to carry a load of bedding for Bert.
- 23 Rode up to the meeting house & back. Bert & Mother L. gone up to Benj. I have been up to Andrew this evening.
- 24 Been up to Westerly, got a book case etc. ___ carried the book case up to Mr. Palmers.
- 25 Been to the pond.
- 26 Been tinkering on a ladder for our ice house etc. Been to the pond.
- 27 Been to the pond, then up to Mr. Patmas and put the ladder in the ice.
- 28 Been up to the Levants to help her chop.
- 29 Been to Westerly with Zada. It has been ___ & storm.
- 30 At home all day. Cold & windy.
- 31 Came up to Mr. Palmers, went up in the woods, cut down wood, came down to Mr. Parmas, then up to Benj Crandalls etc.

CASH ACCOUNT

Date		Paid
Jan 2	Trade on Watch Chain	3.00
	1 tin Can	.75
13	Perfumery	2.36

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**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1877

January, 1877

- 1 To Benj Crandalls. After breakfast we went down in the meadow to look for ice then went to Mr. P's. Cleaned out the ice house then went back to Ben's, took dinner on turkey. Benidick & Ruby was there.
- 2 Snowing. Been round here with Benj all day.
- 3 Came down home. Stopped at Mr. P's and at Mr. Brightmon's. Found Zada. Just getting through washing.
- 4 Been to Westerly with Bert. Gone all day. Quite cold.
- 5 No entry.
- 6 Been round home all day.
- 7 Been to the pond.
- 8 Been to Westerly with Bert.
- 9 Been a clamming this A.M. Loaded a load of hay to go to Westerly.
- 10 Been to Westerly with 2 loades of hay.
- 11 Got up early, went up to Benj. Helped him fill his ice house.
- 12 Been filling my ice house. Got though at 4, came home a foot.
- 13 Been up to Andrews then Bert brought Zada & I up to Fathers with his sleigh.
- 14 Been round home all day. Been making a sled for Olly.
- 15 Been cutting out & putting in a door to go in the barn.
- 16 Been round home all [day].
- 17 Been making a bread nife & reading. Olly brought us home this evening.
- 18 Been at Westerly. Went up with Bert. Came back with him then went up [and] carried a load of bedding.
- 19 Been over to Mr. Collinzes to see his sow then to Oliver Clarks to buy his G__(?). Rode back with him up to his Grandfathers.

- 20 Been round home the most of the day. Went over to Charley's dinner this P.M.
- 21 Came up to Benj today.
- 22 Been snowing today. I went up in the woods with Mr. Potter Lamphere & Benj & Mr. Palmer.
- 23 Been down to Oliver Clarks after the girls. Zada came up with us. Mr. Collinzes came up & brought the sow.
- 24 Been to Westerly with Benj. Went to Stillman's wagon shop & to L. Berries to order a pare of harnesses.
- 25 Been round the house all day. Went over to Mr. Clark's to see his sled.
- 26 Been round the house all day.
- 27 Been down home & went to Church with Benj. Albert went with us. We have been over to Mr. Clarkes & spent the evening.
- 28 Been up in the woods after (crossed out) to cut some wood. Mr. Palmer and Benj helped me chop. Been over to Mr. Palmers & spent the evening.
- 29 Been to Westerly, took the car. Went to the switch. Leute & Zada had some teeth pulled.
- 30 Been helping Ben cart in a stack of hay.
- 31 Helped Ben loade a load of bedding to carry to Westerly then I went up in the woods, cut some wood, came back to dinner then Ben came & brought us home.

February, 1877

- 1 Been to the switch to buy a wagon. Walked up to Niantic & back.
- 2 Been down to Stan Greens to see a cart(?). Stopped to the Champlin farm when I came back.
- 3 Been to Church today. Zada & I went over to Kendalls & spent the evening.
- 4 Came up to Mr. Palmers this morning. Been cutting wood in the woods. He and Munt helped me. Came up to Benj this evening to stay all night.
- 5 Been in the woods. Munt helped me today. Back to Benj tonight.
- 6 Been in the woods. Mr. P. & Munt been helping me today. Came home tonight, found Zada & Mrs. H. over to Russells.
- 7 Been over to Westerly with Bert this A.M. Went up [to] the pond. Took on a fike this P.M.
- 8 Been a claming today. Zada & I been over to Clark Rathbans this evening.
- 9 Been a clamming this A.M. with Clark Rathbun. Been to Church meeting this P.M.

- 10 Been to Church today. Took Bert's team and came up to B.P. Langworthy's this eve with Zada. Benj & Sara gone to concert. Aunt Mary about sick with a cold.
- 11 Been talking with Benj this P.M. Been to the city with him. This P.M. to Church meeting.
- 12 Came down to Uncle Olivers & staid all night.
- 13 Came over to Uncle Clarkes here this evening. Stayed all night.
- 14 Came over to Georges, went down to the bank then down to the lines end got some lines then came down & called on Lizzy Stillmans then to Westerly then home.
- 15 Came up to Mr. Palmers. Been carting down wood. He cartied while I cut etc. Came over to Benj. Stayed all night.
- 16 Been in the woods. Mr. P. been carting. Came down home.
- 17 Been to Church. Benj, Leute & __ been down. I went up to Andrews and over to Mr. Duns this evening.
- 18 Been up to Andrews, came back then helped Benj & Bert ___ the railes & shingles. Came home with Benj.
- 19 Came down to Andrews with Benj. Got my turkey. Helped him loade a loade of rails. Stopped to Mr. Chapmans. Benj got a turkey. Tom helped Mr. Palmer fix the pump.
- 20 Been carting wood all day.
- 21 Been cutting wood all day. __, Leute & Zada been to Westerly. Benj got me a cross cut saw.
- 22 Been sawing wood all day.
- 23 Been sawing wood all day.
- 24 Been round the house all day. Stormy.
- 25 Stormy. Been splitting wood all day.
- 26 Been cutting. Finished what I had down to the shed. Benj brought me down home to get some cloathes then we all went to the exabision.
- 27 Been cutting wood. Helped Benj saw some. Filed my saw.
- 28 Been carting down some wood. Helped Mr. P. loade some straw then came home.

March, 1877

- 1 Came down to Newport today. Came by Wickford found Grandfather a bed. Gilbert & Addy are well.
- 2 Been stormy. I have been round the house all day.

- 3 Been down to Robberts shop and to the long wharf then back to the house.
- 4 Stormy. Came down to Robberts this eve & went to Church with them.
- 5 Been out to walk down to the 40 Steps then to the beach then to Fossey's(?) & back to Robberts. Been to the shop with him. Fireworks this eve.
- 6 Came up to Uncle Walters this morning. Found them all well.
- 7 At Uncle Walters.
- 8 Been to the ship yard & telegraph office.
- 9 Been stormy all day. I went down to the office.
- 10 Been round the house all day.
- 11 Been to Church to the trinity this A.M. and to the Methodist this P.M.
- 12 Came up to Providence this morning. Came up to C. Olney.
- 13 Stormy. Been round the house all day.
- 14 Went out to walk this morning with Mr. Olney. Went to State prizen then up on the lookout then back to Olney's. Took the train at 3 for Boston, got there at 5. Went to the tabernacle. Started at 11 to come back get to P. at 1 A.M.
- 15 Been round the house all day.
- 16 Came over to Maggies this noon then took the cars(?), come to the deapot to the express train. Came to Westerly, got a team at ___, found the folks at home.
- 17 Stormy. Been up to Andrews then up home. Found the folks all well then came back. Went down to the beach this morning to see the Schr that came ashore last night.
- 18 Went up to Mr. Palmers this P.M. Back home. Snowy.
- 19 Been up to Westerly then to Ashaway then back to Westerly. Mr. Vose carried me home.
- 20 Been up to L Crandalls then to Ashaway then to Westerly.
- 21 Been up to Benj then home.
- 22 Been to Ashaway, got a pare of horses, led them down to the farm. Came/went up to Benj tonight.
- 23 Took Benj wagon & harnesses. Went down to the switch, got my wagon. Mr. Palmer moved today. I am at Benj tonight.
- 24 Went down home this morning then to Church. Went to Andrews after meeting then came back at Benj this eve.

- 25 Been mowing today. Benj helped me. We brought up 4 loades. Sow pigged this eve.
- 26 Stormy. Been sawing wood. Uncle Oliver came down. Gone home with Benj.
- 27 Been round home al day. Uncle Oliver, Benj & Bert been here to sell me the stuff on the farm.
- 28 Been round home. Mr. Palmer been down. I rode over to Benj with him.
- 29 Been to Westerly to get some grinding the hoarse shod.
- 30 Been to Ashaway. Happington(?) Cutty got my wagon & a pr of oxen. Then went to Westerly after Benj.
- 31 Been Church. Stopped to see Bert. Took dinner, roade down to the reck(?) then home.

April, 1877

- 1 Been down to Berts. Got a loade of shingles. Mr. Palmer been down after a loade of stuff(?).
- 2 Been down in the meadow putting up wall. Mr. P. been down after a loade. I bought his hay of him.
- 3 Been down to Berts. Got 2 loades of railes.
- 4 Been to Westerly to town meeting. Brought home a load of carpeting.
- 5 Been to Westerly. Got some hay seed, been sowing it. Been snowing.
- 6 Been cutting up wood with the saw in the orchard then went to beeting mannure
- 7 Been down to Church.
- 8 Been carting railes. Went down to the beach, got some ware for with(?).
- 9 Been plowing all day.
- 10 Finished plowing the oate ground.
- 11 Been to Westerly to get the seed oats. Been sowing the oats this P.M.
- 12 Been harrowing oates garden. Opened a gap in the barn yard wall.
- 13 Been to ___ berryes to father & D. Rathburn then to Church meeting.
- 14 Been to Church.
- 15 Been carting off stone.
- 16 Been carting off stone. Went to town meeting this P.M.
- 17 Been to get harrow bush & a loade of roiles. Fixed the bush then went harrowing. Elder Clark here grafting.

- 18 Been bushing my oats. The Elder got through and gone home.
- 19 Been rainy. Wet. I have been round home all day.
- 20 Been over to Benj then helped way out a load of hay for Mr.Chapman.
- 21 Been round home all day. Watching the turkeys.
- 22 Been harrowing & planting in the garden.
- 23 Been to mill this A.M. Went up to Mr. ___ then back to Sumner Chapmans bought 2 cows.
- 24 Been building fence & putting up wall. Struck out the potato ground.
- 25 Zada sick. Ron down home to get Emma. Then went to plowing.
- 26 Been plowing all day.
- 27 Been at work round the house. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 28 Been round home all day. Another(?) L. had to ___.
- 29 Been over to Benj then cartied out mannure.
- 30 Been to Westerly.

May, 1877

- 1 No entry.
- 2 Been furrowing the potato ground & mixing mannure. Waides out some hay for Billy Barnes.
- 3 Been planting potatoes.
- 4 Been planting potatoes. Finished them then I went down to Berts got some fike, stubs 7 a lot of stuff.
- 5 Been to Church.
- 6 Been carting in some weeds & beets(?) this P.M. then went to putting up wall next to Mr. Chapman.
- 7 Been spreading mannure, carting in dirt.
- 8 Been carting in dirt, spreading mannure etc. The man came with my trees this P.M. We have been setting them this P.M.
- 9 Been plowing.
- 10 Been plowing. Waying (?) hay.

- 11 Been plowing. Mr. Benidick with home this P.M.
- 12 Been to Church.
- 13 Been harrowing.
- 14 Been harrowing. Went to Westerly this P.M.
- 15 Been harrowing. Went down to the neck with Benj then I went up to Mr. Hazzards and got my bull.
- 16 Been chaining(?) out corn ground & planting corn. Been using the corn planter.
- 17 Been planting all day.
- 18 Finished planting. Been trimming trees this P.M.
- 19 Been round home all day.
- 20 Been putting sein(?) round the garden. Got a load of eel grass then went down to carry Mrs. Willard home then came by fathers. Zada went with me.
- 21 Been to Westerly. Up to Noy & Jon Clarks.
- 22 Been at work on the cow yard wall.
- 23 Been planting carrots & beets.
- 24 Been cutting up wood. Rainy.
- 25 Been to Westerly.
- 26 Went to Church & Sabbath School.
- 27 Been down to the point looking for some oysters. Ground mooring my boat.
- 28 Been over to the lottery to get some oysters to plant & put this in the pond then washed the sheep.
- 29 Been to Westerly. Mother L. went up with us. Had her pictures.
- 30 Been plowing the ground for cabbage & getting in stone for a wall west of the barn yard.
- 31 Been after the sheep then went to building wall. A__ Crandall came here. We have been a clamming.

June, 1877

- 1 Been at work on the wall this A.M. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 2 Been to Church.

- 3 Been planting cabbage, getting drift grass.
- 4 Been shearing sheep.
- 5 Been to town meeting.
- 6 Been working out the potatoes. Had a shower this P.M. Raining heavy.
- 7 Been sawing wood. Rainy.
- 8 Been getting drift grass. Been down to Church meeting then went up to Fathers & Grandfather Crandalls.
- 9 Been down to Church. Benj came over this P.M. I rode down the road with him.
- 10 Been planting cabbage and cutting drift grass.
- 11 Been at work in the corn & potatoes. Father came down and drove me a cow.
- 12 Been to Westerly. Came back went to cultervating.
- 13 Been at work on the corn. Loaded a load of hay.
- 14 Been carry a load of hay to the Smith granite works went down to Westerly. Stopped to the Crandells(?). Got some ____.
- 15 Been to Watch Hill to see Govenor Cathin(?). Came back, went to cultervating. Benj. Down to the Hill to carry Mrs. C. some butter.
- 16 Been down to Berts to see the baby.
- 17 Been cultervating corn.
- 18 Been cultervating corn.
- 19 Been to Westerly with butter.
- 20 Been to carry a load of hay to the Smith quarry.
- 21 Been to Watch Hill to carry Mr. Cathy's butter then went to Westerly, got the hoarse shod then went over to Mr. Breedes then to Mr. Palmers then home.
- 22 Been over in Stonington to get 2 cows then up to Lan Crandalls then home.
- 23 Been to Church. Stopped to Berts.
- 24 Been howing this A.M. Been to Ashaway this P.M.
- 25 Been cultervating, howing etc. Planted some sweet corn.
- 26 Been to Westerly.

- 27 Been to Westerly to carry a calf then went to Watch Hill with a load of hay.
- 28 Been to Watch Hill with butter then went down to Berts. Got a load of posts.
- 29 Been setting posts under the cow barn. Went to Westerly this P.M.
- 30 Been down to Russell Gavets with Zada in the boat. Andrew, Lydia & M__ been here.

July, 1877

- 1 Been having a tempest. Been over in the road. Got a stone to put to the barn door. Loaded up a load of hay.
- 2 Been to Westerly with a load of hay. Got my mowing machine.
- 3 Been to Westerly with the butter p__. Came home. Been planting turnips, sprinkling potatoes, etc. Father & Mother been down here. Emma went home.
- 4 Been to Quonochontaug. Zada & M__ went with me. Emma came back.
- 5 Been to Watch Hill to carry the butter. Came home & went to sprinkling potatoes. Been all over them now.
- 6 Been to Westerly & Ashaway. Hopkins to city. Got a buggy wagon.
- 7 Been to Church.
- 8 Been mowing & raking all day.
- 9 Been mowing & raking.
- 10 Been to Westerly.
- 11 Been mowing.
- 12 Been to Watch Hill. Came back, went to mowing.
- 13 Been mowing & getting up hay.
- 14 Been over to Benj. Went up to Naugatuck this evening. Got back 11:15.
- 15 Been mowing all day.
- 16 Been mowing all day.
- 17 Been to Westerly. Foggy.
- 18 Been mowing, __, getting up hay.
- 19 Been to Watch Hill. Dull weather. Put in some fence in the __ house.

- 20 Been sprouting the apple trees. Shingled the privy, got a load of grass.
- 21 Been at home all day.
- 22 Been opening & getting in hay.
- 23 Been mowing.
- 24 Been to Westerly. Got back. Went to mowing and getting in hay.
- 25 Been mowing.
- 26 Been to Watch Hill then ____.
- 27 Been at work on hay. Cloudy.
- 28 Been down to Berts this P.M. Benj & Mr. Clark's folks been here this eve.
- 29 Been mowing.
- 30 Been to Westerly.
- 31 Been to Westerly. Got up hay this P.M.

August, 1877

- 1 Been mowing oates. Been to Westerly this P.M. Zada went with me.
- 2 Been getting up oates & hay.
- 3 Been stacking oats all day.
- 4 Been to Curch. Been over to Benj this eve.
- 5 Been mowing. Had a shower this P.M.
- 6 Been mowing & raking.
- 7 Been to Westerly. Been carting hay & getting eel grass.
- 8 Been mowing bog and getting in hay.
- 9 Been to Watch Hill. Came back went to mowing. Been cutting a scutto(?) in the barn flore.
- 10 Been choring this A.M. Tree man been here. Been to Church meeting then to Westerly. Drove my sheep home from Ezeryes.
- 11 Been over to Benj. George Hollon & folks here this P.M.
- 12 Been loading hay. Carried a load of wood down to Russells.

- 13 Been mowing. Shower this A.M.
- 14 Been to Westerly.
- 15 Been tinkering on my boat.
- 16 Been to Watch Hill & to Westerly then went to work on my boat.
- 17 Been making sweet corn & working on my boat.
- 18 Been round home all day, went over to Benj this eve.
- 19 Been digging potatoes. Been up home this P.M.
- 20 Been over to Benj then went to stacking hay. Been quite warm.
- 21 Been to Westerly then went to Quonochontaug. Carried Zada & Dora.
- 22 Been at work on my boat all day.
- 23 Been at work on the boat. Been a hot day.
- 24 Been painting the boat. Hanging the blinds on the house, then went clamming.
- 25 Been down to Berts to carry Mr. Langworthy. Stopped to ___ to see the baby.
- 26 Been picking up apples.
- 27 Been to Westerly. Had the horse shod.
- 28 Been mowing marsh.
- 29 Been to Westerly. Been saving & loading marsh.
- 30 Been to Watch Hill then digging potatoes.
- 31 Been to Westerly then to Plainville to carry wool.

September, 1877

- 1 Been over to Benj. Down to Berts this P.M. after Mother L. & Aunt Eliz.
- 2 Been over to Benj. Got a potato hook. Been digging potatoes. Got a load of hay.
- 3 Been up to Westerly. Got a load of corn then went with Noys Clark to see an ox.
- 4 Been digging potatoes.
- 5 Went to Westerly with potatoes then came back. I went over to Hammonds & got an ox.
- 6 Been to Watch Hill then put up the potatoes. Been picking cranberries this P.M.

- 7 Been at work round the house all day. Been rainy.
- 8 Been round home. Went down [to] the pond, up to Benj, etc.
- 9 Been picking cranberries.
- 10 Been to Westerly loading apples.
- 11 Been making cider. Mad with Mr. Clark.
- 12 Been to Westerly then down [to] to the beach. Got a load of fish for Benj.
- 13 Been sailing on the Charlestown. With the lottery with Sunday School.
- 14 Been to Westerly.
- 15 Been round home all day.
- 16 Been to the beach & binding corn.
- 17 Been to the beach. Got a load of seaweed.
- 18 Been to the beach. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 19 Been to the fair at the ____.
- 20 Been to the fair.
- 21 Been to the beach and on the ____ the rest of the [day].
- 22 Been round home all day.
- 23 Been round home all day. Andrew & folks, Clark Rathburn & wife been here.
- 24 Been to beach plumming this A.M. then been fiking a fike.
- 25 Been setting a fike, picking apples. Been to Ashway this P.M. to carry Aunt Eliza & Hattie Wells home.
- 26 Been to Westerly. Been digging potatoes this P.M.
- 27 Been digging potatoes. Finished all [of] them.
- 28 Been over to Benj, got a ladder then been picking apples.
- 29 Been round home all day. Went to Church.
- 30 Andrew & folks, Clark Rathburn & wife been here.

October, 1877

- 1 Been to Westerly with potatoes then carried a load up to George Gavet.
- 2 Been threshing for Benj.
- 3 Been threshing. Finished Benj then commenced on my oats.
- 4 Been threshing. Finished my oats. The threshers here tonight. I went to Westerly to meet George Stanton but he did not come.
- 5 Windy, to[o] mild. Had heavy rain this morning.
- 6 Been to Church. Stopped to Berts.
- 7 Been carting sea weed, carting in corn, loading apples for cider. Father came down & brought Addy.
- 8 Been making cider. Made about 7 barrells. Found George Stanton here this evening.
- 9 Been stormy. Blew a gale.
- 10 Been to Watch Hill with George then I carried him & Addy & Zada up to Fathers then carried George to the train then back to Berts then over to Mr. Collinzes then home.
- 11 Been stormy. Husked then tore the North stable out of the cow barn.
- 12 Been to Westerly with Zada then carried Mother L. down to Church meeting.
- 13 Been to Church.
- 14 Been carting in corn.
- 15 Been husking.
- 16 Been husking. Went down to Russell Gavets to an oyster supper.
- 17 Been husking. Been over to Mr. Sumner ___ went to a husking this evening.
- 18 Been carting in corn, ___ the geese, picking beans etc. The old dow(?) died today.
- 19 Been shelling beans, husking.
- 20 Been stormy. I went over to Benj.
- 21 Been husking in the barn. Stormy.
- 22 Been storm. Been husking in the barn.
- 23 Been husking.

- 24 Been to Westerly. Carried Mother L. up with me. Been carting corn this P.M.
- 25 Been carting in corn & husking.
- 26 Been husking in the barn. Stormy.
- 27 Been over to Benj. Got Read to go to Church. When Father came with Mr. C__ (?) Olney & wife.
- 28 Been husking.
- 29 Been husking.
- 30 Been husking.
- 31 Been husking, carting in load [of] beets.

November, 1877

- 1 Been to Westerly. Carried a load of grists, got some stuff for the Stancons(?). Been down to Berts this P.M.
- 2 Been stormy.
- 3 Been round home all day, over to Benj a little while.
- 4 Been caring in corn, pumpkins, beets.
- 5 Been to mill.
- 6 Been at work in the barn. Maized up the last of the corn. Had 740 bushels of __ers. 370--- Shell corn.
- 7 Been at work in the barn on the cow stable putting up stantions.
- 8 Been at work in the barn today.
- 9 Been at work in the barn.
- 10 Been over to Benj.
- 11 Been at work in the barn.
- 12 Been to Westerly, carried Mother & Zada.
- 13 Been over to Mr. Lanphears to get a hog. Benidick came & got the hog.
- 14 Been up to Westerly. Got the hog from Tom Burdnick(?). Been getting in turnips.
- 15 Been carting in marsh hay for bedding. Carting eel grass.
- 16 Been carting in dirt. Sow went to Bor.

- 17 Carried Frank(?) down home then went to Church. Walked out with the girls.
- 18 Been carting in dirt, building a hog pen, digging for a hen house etc. Commenced putting up the cows tonight.
- 19 Killed a pig then dug for the hen house. Been quite windy.
- 20 Been carting stone.
- 21 Been carting stone & tarring down the Lorton cellar.
- 22 Been over to Benj. Mr. Burdick did not work. Had a sore hand. Been at work in the cellar.
- 23 Been carting stone.
- 24 Round home.
- 25 Been carting stone.
- 26 Been graveting round the house. Been commencing the hen house wall. Mr. Rathburn came up.
- 27 Been carting stone. Went to Westerly this P.M.
- 28 Been carting stone. Mr. Burdick gone to Providence.
- 29 Been stormy. Been carting seaweed.
- 30 Been carting seaweed. Helping Mr. Rathburn on the wall.

December, 1877

- 1 Been to Church. Carried Mother.
- 2 Been Choreing round. Cut my thumb with a saw. Got some stone.
- 3 Been at work on the hen house.
- 4 Been at Westerly. Helped Mr. Rathburn this P.M.
- 5 Been stormy. Been tinkering.
- 6 Been fixing the well curb. Been to Westerly to ship a box of fish.
- 7 Been at work on the hen house cellar. Been down to Church meeting this P.M.
- 8 Been to Church.
- 9 Been digging in the hen house.
- 10 Been laying up wall with Clark.

- 11 Been drawing stone. Been up to get the drills sharpened to mill.
- 12 Been drawing stone
- 13 Been to Westerly.
- 14 Been brakeing stone.
- 15 Been round the house. Been up to Mr. Burdicks this A.M.
- 16 Been killing pigs. Killed 4.
- 17 Been drawing stone. Been to Westerly this evening.
- 18 Been killing poultry.
- 19 Been to Westerly with the poultry, got the horses shod.
- 20 Been salting pork, making sausage.
- 21 Been to Ashway. Carried Mother & Dora, left them to Uncle Clarkes. Zada went to Westerly. Mr. Rathburn went home.
- 22 Been round all day.
- 23 Been carting eel grass. Took up my fike runs.
- 24 Been at work round the hen house.
- 25 Been at work with the hen house. Gilbert came down here this P.M.
- 26 Been at work round the hen house, carting in stone.
- 27 Been to Westerly, got a load of roof plank.
- 28 Been to Westerly to Watch Hill.
- 29 Been to Church.
- 30 Been carting stone from the cow barn. Loaded a load of hay.
- 31 Been to westerly with a load of hay. Brought back a load of lumber. Had a big fire up to Westerly last night.\

Cash account -

January	Paid
23 4 Geese	10.00
1 Sow	25.00
1 Turkey	3.25

Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island

January, 1879

- 1 Cloudy. Been to Westerly, carried back a corn sheller, got an other one. Prent drove up the oxen, got them shod. I went to White rock to see Frank Chapman then to Quarry Hill to see Mr. Smith at home. Been eeling. We put up potatoes this evening.
- 2 Been down to Andrews. Came back, cleaned out the Hen House. Russell had the oxen to carry a load of hay. Been over to Benj this evening to carry the paper.
- 3 Been shelling corn. Doing chores etc. Been cold & windy. Picked over apples.
- 4 Went up to Andrews then up to fathers found Him in a bad shape. Came back to Andrews then home. Thank and Mort go over to Benj.
- 5 Went to the pond this morning, killed a bird. Came up to Breakfast then went over to Benj. Helped them load some ice. Got Benj to help me dress a cow. I have picked the birds & cleaned the tripe.
- 6 Loadied a load of hay this morning then loadied the beef shins. Sent Mun with the hay. I went to Westerly with the Beef then over to my farmers. Got a Cheese etc.
- 7 Went to the Beach this morning then went to Westerly up to the Voses then down by Mr. Sumner Chapmons home. Salted the Beef this evening, _____ a stack of hay etc. Saw E.H. Devren.
- 8 Been to the Pond and carried a load of hay to Capt Crandall etc.
- 9 Loaded a load of Hay. Been rainy. The ground is covered with water & ice.
- 10 Been to Watch Hill with a load of hay then went down to Mr. Brightons etc.
- 11 Been Round Home. Benedick & family come down on the Sledge & I went over to Benj a little while etc.
- 12 Went after an eagle, killed a crow 15 links(?) H. Vose came here. I went over to Mr. Chapmons.
- 13 Been Carting wood to Capt. ___ Crandall etc. Quite warm.
- 14 Been killing Turkeys & chickings. Benj been helping me. John Patter came here after Turkeys. I let him have 2 hens.
- 15 Been to Westerly with the Poultry. Had the Horses sharpened then went over to Leatheren(?) Miners got a Tom Turkey.
- 16 Been snowing. I went up to fathers to see how they was. Both of them sick. Came back in the Snow.
- 17 Been to the Lotery to carry fish. Clark Sloop, Potatoes. Carried a jar of Butter to Capt Jerrad. Stopped to Benj got dinner. Zada went over there with me.

- 18 Been round the House. Went over to Benj this evening.
- 19 Killed a cow. Then went up Home found the folks on the gain.
- 20 Been to Westerly with the Beef. Snowy. Got a Barrell of flour.
- 21 Sick in the House.
- 22-24 In the House
- 25 Been out doors to day.
- 26 Been to the Beach and out round the House etc.
- 27 Been to Westerly to mill etc. Frank went with me. I settled with G.P. Chapmon. Sent for my Bertch loader.
- 28 Been Clamming. Went up Home this PM. Mrs. Dion Dide this PM.
- 29 Been to Westerly. Carried a load of turnips. Sent for A Revolver.
- 30 Been to Mrs. Dion's funeral. There was quite a crowd there.
- 31 Been carting wood to Jerod Crandall then went up in the woods with Mr. Burdick.

February, 1879

- 1 Been up Home found father about the same. Mother has gave up. The rest are about.
- 2 Been Helping Benj dress a cow then he & me went over to Mrs. Frank Burdicks. Bought a Cow of her to be delivered to Westerly tomorrow.
- 3 Been to Westerly then up to Al Stillmons. Aunt Rebecker came Home with me.
- 4 Been down to Mr. S. T. Collinzes with Zada & the Baby. Saw John D. Kenyon there.
- 5 Sent _____ to Quarry Hill with a load of Hay for Biding. I went to Westerly then over to James Palmer then back Home in a snow storm.
- 6 Been laying floor in the House. Stalls drawing off vinegar etc. Been over to Benj, got his vinegar keg filled it with vinegar.
- 7 Been to Westerly. Carried Benj over his vinegar. Brought Nealine Lamphere down with me.
 - 1 bag of corn
 - 1 bag of meal for Mr. Burdick
 Been over to Josh Clarkes with a load of wood. Simon Champlin here tonight.
- 8 Been up to fathers. Zada and the baby went with me. Found Him about the same.

- 9 Dressed a Hog. Went over to Mr. Clarks, came back etc.
- 10 Sent Mont to Westerly with a load of Beding for Horrace Voss.
- 11 Sent Mont with a load of beding to the Dixon House. Loaded a load of straw for the White Rock Co. then went to Westerly with a load of potatoes etc.
- 12 Been sawing wood, picking over potatoes. Hanging out the hams etc.
- 13 Sent Mont to Westerly with a load of Hay for H. Vose.
- 14 Been up in the woods got a load of wood. Put the black Sow in the Barn then went to Westerly with load of potatoes.
- 15 Been up to Fathers found them Better. Stopped to Andrews & Burts.
- 16 Been Carting wood to Mrs. Burdicks. Carried Him a Cord. Benj & folkes here this evening.
- 17 Been at Home. Snowing. Cartied load of wood.
- 18 Been at Home. Snowing.
- 19 Went to Westerly came Home went down to Berts. Traided a cow with Him for a load of Sea weed.
- 20 Been Snowing. I have been over to Benjs part of the day.
- 21 Been at Home. Been Blowing Snow all day.
- 22 Been down to Andrews. Started to go to Father's but the snow was in the way and I came back.
- 23 Bert came up and got the old cow. I went over to Benj with Him. Helped Ben. get in Hay. Cartied in 4 loads.
- 24 Been Carting Sea weed from Roy Cheever. Benj Helped us. We got up 8 loads.
- 25 Been carting seawood untill the snow drove us off. Got up 6 loads.
- 26 Been to Westerly. Got my new gun etc. Ordered a Pallas Range at Mr. Willards.
- 27 Went to Berry Hill. Carried Aunt Becky Home. Got some leather of Charley's. Binj came back to Westerly. Done some ___ then Home.
- 28 Been tinkering round home on the dump cart & the skiff. Benj & Frank Mass been here. I went & carried Zada down to Berts. Stopped to Horrace Bright turned to load shells with OC.

March, 1879

- 1 Carried Munt & Thank down to Church then went up to Fathers. Came back to Bert. Found Zada there then Home. Left her there.
- 2 Been Clamming etc. Been after Zada this PM. Found her to Russells.
- 3 Been to Westerly carting seaweed etc.
- 4 Been round Home. Helped load 2 loads of straw, carting wood, etc.
- 5 Been to Westerly, carried us some stove casting. Got some grists. A Stone Barrell of molasses etc.
- 6 Been to Auction etc. to the auction of Horrace Bliven.
- 7 Been to Westerly. Munt went up with me. Been painting Buddy Sissons boat(?) this afternoon.
- 8 Been to Church. Carried Frank. Stopped to Berts to dinner. Bert came up with His folks. Ben and folks over here his PM. Black sow had 8 pigs today.
- 9 Been cutting wood, carting in wood. Amos Burdick drove here this PM. Ed Basno here to see my new gun. Frank & Zada been over to Mr. Chapmans.
- 10 Been gunning. Got 3 Sheldrakes. Been sawing wood this PM with Albert(?). He has left tonight.
- 11 Went to the pond then to Westerly. Zada went over to the Burdicks with me. Been down to Russells this evening. Started to go to Mr. Brightmans they had gone so we went on and found them there.
- 12 Been painting Mr. Sisson's skiff, sawing wood, etc. Went to the Beach this PM. Got 2 B Ducks. Munt has carried off His things this evening.
- 13 Been carting wood all day. The boys chopping.
- 14 Been to the Pond, got 1 Sheldrakes, 1 duck, 1 whistler. Been to Westerly this PM. Picked my Birds since I came back.
- 15 Been up to fathers. Carried Horrace Lamphear with me. Found father about the same. Horrace and Lula came here last evening. We stopped to Andrews & Rossella Ganetts.
- 16 Been round Home this AM. Went down to Elias Browns thia PM. Carried Lula over to Sumner Chapmons. Stopped there when we came back. Found there children sick with the Hooping coff.
- 17 Been Stormy. Been round Home all day.
- 18 Been to Westerly to carry Horrace & wife to the train. Stopped to Benedicks to the _____. Went to mill.
- 19 Been round Home cutting wood.
- 20 Been cutting wood.

21 Been Raining. I went to the Beach then Zada sent Limar(?) after me to come Home to carry Frank down to Rissello Gavettes to cary Hank(?) their Baby is Dead.

22 Went down to Russells this morning carried Him to Westerly to get a coffin for the Baby. Came back then Home. After dinner I went down then carried the Baby to the Cimetary. George Hollon went with me. I carried him back to Russells then Home in the rain.

23 Been at work on the Harnesses. Washed 3 or them and oiled them once. Amos C. Budy Here this PM.

24 Been oiling Harnesses.

25 Been oiling Harnesses. Went to Westerly & to White Rock this PM.

26 Been carting wood for Amos Burdick. Gilbert came down here & brought Lucy.

27 Went a gunning this morning. Been rainy all day.

28 Been oiling a Harness. Racking up, reading, putting up wall. Carting wood & finished carting what was cut.

29 Been up to Fathers. Stopped to Mr. Callermas when I came back. Carried Lucy Home and Frank down to Russells.

30 Been plowing the garden getting out the stone. Mrs. Lucy Carpenter here to dinner. G.N. Langworthy, wife and ___ called here this PM.

31 Went to the pond this morning. Got Shaldrake. Built some fence. Having a snow storm.

April, 1879

1 Been over to see to the road for Mr. Clark. Stuffing a Sheldrake, making a stool for. The snow drifts are as high as the walls.

2 Been to Westerly to Town Meeting. Had quite a time. Put Gilbert Swins in place of little Britches.

3 Been making a Hat. And been over to the Beach. Been Showery.

4 Been Snow Squally all day. I went to Captain J.S. Crandall's funeral. Benj went with me. Munt here tonight.

5 Been up to Fathers, found him sitting up. He is troubled with the Rheumatism. Stopped to Berts, then Russell Gavitts.

6 Been to carry a load of fishing traps over to the lottry for Russell Gavitt.

7 Went to the Pond shooting. Came Home went to Westerly.

8 Been carting out manure. Have carted out 50 loads.

- 9 Been carting out manure all day. Pleasant.
- 10 Carted out manure until the rain drove us off.
- 11 Went to Westerly, came home. Been to Church Meeting this P.M. Stopped to Horrace Brightmans where I went down and to Burts when I came Back.
- 12 Been the Church communion today. Russell & Munt Gavitt here tonight. Been to Scool meeting this evening.
- 13 Sold my Boat to Russell. Carried Her over to the lottery. Came back, went to plowing.
- 14 Been plowing all day.
- 15 Been to Westerly, carried potatoes. Zada went with me. Went to see Dr. Crandall. Came Home, sowed my oats. Harrowed until the rain drove me off.
- 16 Been plowing potato ground & harrowing oates.
- 17 Been plowing. Been to Westerly this P.M. Rainy.
- 18 Been Rainy. Finished cutting up wood. Wind N E
- 19 Been up to Fathers. He's wors with the Rheumatism.
- 20 Been sowing hay seed, harrowing, plowing etc. Pleasant.
- 21 Been to carry a load of wood to Frank Champlin on the beach.
- 22 Been to Andrew Lampheres with a load of wood. Holled some stakes for Him. Carried a load of wood to Owings this P.M.
- 23 Been at work round Home.
- 24 Been to Watch Hill with a load of hay to Mrs. Crandall. Coon came over and got 3 calves.
- 25 Been to Westerly.
- 26 Been up to Fathers. He's not so well. Is in a good deal of pain.
- 27 Spread seaweed on the potato ground. Burnt brush this P.M.
- 28 Been Spreading Seaweed, furrowed out the potato ground.
- 29 Been to Westerly to the Town farm, to Niantick got some potatoes of Charles Saunders. Stopped to see Father.
- 30 Been carting out Turkey & Hen manure. Planting potatoes & onions. Carried the seed planter.

May, 1879

- 1 Been dropping potatoes etc. Went to Watch Hill with Bert & Seisy & Zada to auction. Stopped to Mr. Wm D. Potters to Dinner.
- 2 Finished planing potatoes. Racked up horne butts.
- 3 Been up Home to see Father. Zada went with me. He was more comfortable.
- 4 Been planting beets. Carting bales into the hay pens.
- 5 Been to Westerly.
- 6 Been sowing Hay seed. Frank Clark came over here & got some seed corn. Been to carry Uncle Rose some wood this PM. Cort Chapman shearing sheep.
- 7 Been plowing this PM. Been to Westerly this AM. Carried Mrs. Amos Burdick to take the train.
- 8 Been plowing all day. Sheldon digging pot holes for the Hen yard.
- 9 Finished plowing this morning then went down to Alberts. Got a load of logs for posts. Been setting posts this PM.
- 10 Been up Home to see Father. Found him about the same. Went and came by the red Brook.
- 11 Been setting posts; digging holes.
- 12 Been to Westerly, carried a load of gristy(?) Got a wagon tire set got some posts for the hay yard. Been down to Berts, got a load of logs for posts.
- 13 Been at work on the Hen yard.
- 14 Been to Westerly, got some iron posts for the Hen yard.
- 15 Been at work on the Hen yard. Been over to James Palmer's this P.M. Sheldon went with me, we got a calf. Stopped to Westerly to see the Masons out in Parade.
- 16 Been at work round the Hen yard.
- 17 Been up Home to see father, found him about the same.
- 18 Been chaining on corn ground. Sheldon been planting corn. I carried a pig down to Clark Rothbunk. Zada went with me. I went a Troutng, caught 8.
- 19 Been rainy & foggy. Been round Home all day. Went to Wathch Hill this morning.
- 20 Set hill to planting corn. Took Simon. He went to James Palmers got a pair of Steers. Drove them home then put up the wall till night.

- 21 Been round Home. Put up wall, drew stone. Mr. Clark's on the road. Simon(?) helping draw stone off of the road. Been taking up my time.
- 22 Been planting Beans, digging post holes etc. Went down to the Beach, got 400 scups(?).
- 23 Been salting Scups. Setting gate post, building up side of the Rode.
- 24 Been Round home all day.
- 25 Been driving the steers(?) Got my _____. Putting up wall. Been over to Mr. Chapman's to see if I can wash Sheep in his pond. Then went to the pond to put up the water(?) fence.
- 26 Been To Westerly, got a load of pickets. Been putting them onto the Hen yard from this P.M.
- 27 Been making a Sheep yard to yard the sheep in to wash. Then worked on the wall by the Rod the rest of the day.
- 28 Been working on the Hen yard. Washing sheep etc.
- 29 Been to Westerly. Carried Wanton Hoper a load of hay. Very warm. Sheldon went with me to help put it in the barn. Then I went to Westerly, got some planks & some pickets. Came home and put them on the fence.
- 30 Been picketing some board fence making a gate etc. The boys went to Westerly this P.M. Zada & Eddy went to No Bottom pond fishing.
- 31 Been up to Fathers. Zada & the baby went with me. Found father comfortable for Him.

June, 1879

- 1 Been putting Beding on the ice. Drawing stone, Shearing the dog.
- 2 Been Shearing sheep. Bible agan here.
- 3 Been to town meeting. Been rainy. Came home in the rain.
- 4 Been rainy. Carried Mr. Catlin some butter. Went to Masachaug fishing. Shell went with me.
- 5 Been to Westerly, got 2 loads of pickets.
- 6 Been at work on the Hen yard. Got a bad cold.
- 7 Been round the House all day. About sick with a cold.
- 8 Been round the House. Worked on the hen yard this P.M.
- 9 Been to Watch Hill with butter for Mr. Catlin. Stopped to the auction. Then went to Amos Burdocks. Mr. York rode up with me. Brought Mr. Burdock home with me. Been over to Bert to get the turkey Tom this evening.

- 10 Been Howing potatoes. Painting the smoke house. Been clamming etc.
- 11 Been to Westerly. Zada went with me. Been at work on the wall this P.M.
- 12 Been to Plain Vill with the wool then went to Capt Crandalls got a hog. Stayed there through the shower then came home.
- 13 Been working on the wall this A.M. Been to Church Meeting, there was not a quorum then went up Home. Bert Le went with me. Aunt Ann Langworthy was there.
- 14 Been round Home all day. Benedick & folks been here & Benj & folks.
- 15 Been to work on the wall etc.
- 16 Been to Watch Hill with butter
- 17 Been at work on the wall.
- 18 Been to Westerly. Left Zada up to Benedicks. Carried my express wagon up to Al Stillmans to be varnished. Came back to Benidicks took Zada etc then Home.
- 19 Been at work on the wall.
- 20 Been at work on the wall-- Brakeing & Drawing Stone. Carried 2 pigs up to Capt. Babcock.
- 21 Been round Home all day.
- 22 Been at work on the wall.
- 23 Been to Watch Hill etc. then over to Mr. Chapmons, got his oxen. Been drawing Stone this P.M
- 24 Been clamming, howing etc. Been warm.
- 25 Been to Westerly. Zada went with me got my wagon.
- 26 Been howing. Went to the Beach etc.
- 27 Been to Westerly then to James Palmers. Then went to Stonington then went on the Frances to the Boto race to New London.
- 28 Been up to Fathers. Zada & Frank went with me. Found him better.
- 29 Howing etc.
- 30 Been to Watch Hill this A.M. Been to Westerly this P.M.

July, 1879

- 1 Commenced mowing. Been mowing round the Lorton House.
- 2 Been to Westerly. Put in hay this P.M.
- 3 Been to Westerly to carry cream. Carried my Buggy up to be painted.
- 4 Been up to Westerly to get Emma Garlitt. Round home the rest of the day. Amos Burdick and wife Bess here this P.M.
- 5 Been to Church. Emma & Frank went with me.
- 6 Been Barrowing the turnip ground and planting turnips. Been over to Mr. Chapmans to get the planter and to carry it back.
- 7 Been to Watch Hill then up to Westerly to carry Emma. Then went to mowing. Been mowing all the rest of the day.
- 8 Been rainy part of the day. I mowed a little this P.M.
- 9 Been to Westerly this A.M. Been raking & mowing this P.M.
- 10 Been mowing. The Baby was sick and I went after the doctor then went to loding hay & ____ Bert(?) is [at] Peters to night. Very warm.
- 11 Moved till moon. Then got a load of hay then to Raking, cocking up Hay. We got 4 loads. Warm.
- 12 Been round Home all day. Mother & Gilbert been here. They said Father had been outdoors. Birty is Sick.
- 13 Been mowing, carting in hay & raking.
- 14 Been Mowing, carting hogs, raking. Been to Watch Hill this evening with Better. Commenced caring Butter to Dr. H__.
- 15 Been mowing in the Big meadow and getting up hay in Lorton meadow.
- 16 Been to Westerly, got in hay this P.M. Finished getting in hay just as the rain and wind came.
- 17 Been mowing in the Big meadow.
- 18 Finished mowing the Big meadow.
- 19 Been up to Fathers found Him up. He went out doors [a] while I was there. We stopped at Andrews and Berts on our way Home.
- 20 Been mowing, raking, carting in hay.
- 21 Been mowing, raking, putting hay in the little barn.

- 22 Been mowing, finished the Pond meadow, got it in cock. Finished getting up the Barn meadow.
- 23 Been to Watch Hill, Westerly etc. Been cloudy all day. I went to the marsh this P.M.
- 24 Been to the Beach got a load of eel grass then opened the hay in the Pond Meadow and got it in the Barn. I went down and mowed a little in the Beach meadow this evening.
- 25 Finished mowing the Beach meadow. Got it in cock. Looks like rain.
- 26 Been round home all day.
- 27 Been getting at hay.
- 28 Been at Watch Hill. Cut my oats and got in the last load of good hay.
- 29 Been round Home all day, turned the oats and so forth.
- 30 Been to Westerly, the boys hauling turnips. Been to the marsh this P.M.
- 31 Been getting up the oats. Ben & Frank Allen helped us.

August, 1879

- 1 Been very hot all day. I've been in the shade most of the time. Put load of oats on the SI__ (?). About sick to night took a ____.
- 2 Have not sit up but a little today. Do not feel well.
- 3 Up round the House. The boys are helping Benj today.
- 4 Been to Watch Hill and to Stonington today.
- 5 Been round the House the most of the day. Went to the marsh in the cart this P.M. with Shell. He came Home sick.
- 6 Been to Westerly. Got some medicine of Dr. Crandall. Been to the Beach this P.M.
- 7 Been round Home all day. Dressed a lamb.
- 8 Been rainy this A.M. I went to Westerly this P.M. Been toping(?) wall.
- 9 Been round Home all day. Benidick Crandall and family been here.
- 10 Been toping wall putting up bars. Noys Clark been here then went to howing turnips the rest of the day.
- 11 Been to Watch Hill. Zada went with me. Came home and went to howing turnips the heat of the day.
- 12 Been mowing Bog. Charlie Sisson commenced work to day. Uncle Clark Langworthy & wife & Bert & wife came here this P.M.

- 13 Been to Westerly. Uncle Clark went with me for a ride. Got in 2 loads of Hay this P.M.
- 14 Been mowing bogs, raking etc. Coon been here & got a calf & 2 sheep.
- 15 Been carting eel grass and hay. Looks like a storm.
- 16 Been round home.
- 17 Cloudy. Dug a few potatoes.
- 18 Been to Watch Hill.
- 19 Been cleaning out the privy etc. Kitting(?) lamb. Been up home. Eliza came home with me.
- 20 Been to Westerly. Thank has gone to see Bert.
- 21 Been digging potatoes. Dug 78 bushels.
- 22 Been howing, buting(?) up weeds.
- 23 Been round home. Rode out this P.M. went to Catsby Hill(?)
- 24 Been making sweet corn, carting eel grass etc.
- 25 Been to Watch Hill. Dressed a Sow(?) and carried it up to Halberts etc.
- 26 Been up to Charles Crandalls got a load of stakes and cartied up mash hay.
- 27 Been to Westerly.
- 28 Been carting up. Beding.
- 29 Been driving fike stakes, stacking marsh. Been up to carry Alice Webster home.
- 30 Been round home. Been out to ride this P.M.
- 31 Been around Home this A.M. Been down to Mr. Collinzes this P.M. Stopped to Horace Brightmans.

September 1, 1879

- 1 Been to Watch Hill.
- 2 Been round home.
- 3 Been to Westerly, saw Albert Crandall. Talked about Jerod's Lein.
- 4 Been stormy the most of the day.
- 5 Been to Watch Hill. Bought a lamb of Albert Crandall. Brought her home.

- 6 Been round home.
- 7 Been seting a fire.
- 8 Been to the Pond got a mess of fish then to Watch Hill.
- 9 Been round home, carting marsh etc.
- 10 Been to Westerly. Father & Mother came down here this P.M.
- 11 Been round Home all day.etc.
- 12 Been carting marsh hay etc. Went down to Watch Hill to Mr. Howards. Father went with me. Drove down on the pint.
- 13 Been up to Carry Father & Mother home then drove down to Watch Hill in company with A. Stillman & wife.
- 14 Been at work round home carting off marsh. Al Stillman & wife went home.
- 15 Been Watch Hill went down to the Station. The crew have gone in etc. This P.M. cartied up some marsh hay & been up in the woods. Got 2 loads of wood.
- 16 Been round home all day. Showery. Carried a load of wood to Stanton Pendleton.
- 17 Been to Westerly then to the fair. Zada went with me.
- 18 Been to the fair again today. Took Eddy with me the Boy went today.
- 19 Been carting up grass at the Beach. Mother came home. Aunt Ruby brought her down.
- 20 Been at home. Uncle George Crandall, Uncle Benedick & family, Benj Crandall & Bert & family been here today to see Mother.
- 21 Been making sweet corn, stacking bedings etc. Uncle George been over to Benj.
- 22 Been stormy today. I went to Watch Hill carried Uncle George with me and went to the Life Saving Station.
- 23 Been a Graping(?) with Benj & Uncle George. We went up to Grandfather Crandalls then went to the swamp. We got about 3 bushels. I went down to Fathers then back then home.
- 24 Been to Westerly then to James Palmer's then back to Westerly then Home. Clark Rathburn came here today to go to work on wall.
- 25 Been at work on some oats & helping on the wall. Mr. Rathbun gone home tonight.
- 26 Walling.

27 Been round home all day.

28 Been at work on the wall and cutting down those ___ over by the Lorton cellar. Simon(?) gone a clamming.

29 Been to Watch Hill, setted with Mr. Cotting, carried Uncle George to Mrs. Harveys. Came Home. Mr. Collins & Mr. Brown came here to see the road over towards Mr. Chapmans.

30 Been threshing oats. Oat 138 bushels.

October, 1879

1 Been to Westerly. Came home. Carried my Sein on to the Beach. Mr. Rathbun and I have been mending Her.

2 Been at work on the wall. Been to the Beach this evening. Drawed the Sein 3 times. Caught Bass and about 200 shad.

3 Been to Westerly to carry the fish. Very warm.

4 Been to Church. Stopped to Berts to dinner and etc.

5 Been carting in corn, diging potatoes, etc. Been to the Beach a fishing this evening.

6 Been to Westerly & the Couselles.

7 Been to Westerly. Came home then went back to Mr. H. Chapman's funeral. Zada went up to Sarah Buzzee Littlemans.

8 Been to Westerly. Came home this evening.

9 Been Blowing Rocks etc., finished this evening.

10 Been to Westerly. Came home then went to Church meeting then came up to Al Stillmans. Zada & Birty are well.

11 Came Home, found the folks all right

12 Been husking, carting in corn etc. Been over to Mr. Chapmans then down to Mr. Collins. Zada & Thank went down to ___ with me.

13 Been to Westerly, came down the post rode when I came back to see if Hannah Chase would come home with me to work. Been awalling. Benj been helping us draw stone. Mother, Zada & Uncle George went up with me this morning to take the train to go to Aund Sarah Cooks. I carried Frank down to Charleys this evening and went after Hannah Chase.

14 Been in corn and husking all day.

15 Been to Westerly. Been a hot day. Aunt Eliza Langworthy came home with me. Been husking.

16 Been husking all day. Uncle ___ Langworthy been here. It has been a hot day up to 90 degrees.

17 Been husking. Have finished today and worked on the wall a little.
[Log out of sequence for several days]

19 Been round the house tinkering. Stubing(?) out the road and commenced blowing rocks and etc.
Been fishing this evening caught a bass that weighed 50 lbs.

20 Been to Westerly to carry the bass then came home and went to work on the road.

18 Been to Church, stopped to Berts etc.

21 Been at work on the road, banking(?) rocks.

22 Been to Westerly. Been killing a pair of steers this P.M. Mr. M. Clark dressed them.

23 Been to Westerly with the steers, got the horses shod etc. Been working on the road this P.M.

24 Been at work on the road getting in pumpkins etc. Shell hit Charles in the back with one.

25 Been up to Father's today found them well as usual.

26 Been working on the wall on the road. Been fishing this evening.

27 Been to E. M. Burns(?) auction. ___ went with me.

28 Been working on the road.

29 Been working on the wall.

30 Been working on the wall the most of the day.

31 Been working on the road

November, 1879

1 - 13 [No entry]

14 Been gunning killed 12 Sheldrakes. Got home 8 ½ o'clock. Went over to Mr. Chapmans got some apples. Then went on the road to work. ^

15 Been up to father's, found him about.

16 Been up to Beverleys with some hay. Got a load of trees, came home, we helped set them out.

17 Been finishing the trees. Beverley came down and helped us.

18 - 21 [No entry]

22 Been round Home all day.

23 Been manuring the apple trees.

24 Been gunning.

25-26 Been to Westerly.

27 Been putting up a ___ in the barn for butchering.

28 Been gunning. Been digging Stone. Capt. Jelmer(?) Hall been here to get some beets.

29 Been round home all day. Stormy.

30 Been at work round the house all day picking up. Went up in the woods, sawed down wood. Benedick painting here.

December, 1879

1 Went to Westerly. Over to Benj this P.M.

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**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1881

January, 1881

- 1 Been up to Fathers. Carried Lydia home. Andrew went up and back with me. Zada went down to Berts. Came back with us.
- 2 Been carting in straw. Got a load of sand. Brought my boate up to the house. Andrew been eeling.
- 3 Been eeling. Went down to Stedmans, put my hoarse in the barn then went on the pond. We caught 52 dozen.
- 4 Been eeling. Put the hoarse in Oliver Macumber's barn. Caught 10 or 12 dozen. Came home and dressed 148 lbs. Snowing this evening.
- 5 Been to Westerly. Shipped a box of eels. Sold a cow. Cloudy. Charley Simes' wife dide this morning.
- 6 Been rainy. I have been putting up a bench in the wash house. Took the one out of the back room.
- 7 Went down to Charly Simes. Carried him and Linnon, Hank(?) & Gracy to Westerly to his wive's funeral then to the cemetry then home and back home. Been eeling.
- 8 Been over to Mr. Clarkes and to Benj this P.M.
- 9 Been dressing a cow. Been down to Charley Simes this P.M. to get a sled.
- 10 Been round the house all day. Been rainy. The snow had to go.
- 11 Been to Westerly, to mill, carried a beef.
- 12 Been to the lighthouse with a load of hay then went up in the woods with the oxen and got a load of wood.
- 13 Been to the lottery with a load of wood then went to Westerly to mill. Zada went with me.
- 14 Been to Westerly with a load of turnips, went up to cart Mrs. Carpenter to Benidicks. I brought a bbl ____.
- 15 Been up to Fathers. Zada went down to Charley Simes. Hank came home with me.
- 16 Been loading a load of hay for Mrs. Crandall. Got a load of wood.

- 17 Been to Watch Hill with a load of hay then went to Charley's home. Been to the lodge this evening to the annual [meeting?].
- 18 Been cutting up wood. ___ teames been here after straw. The 4 horse team ran away or tried to. Petter rained them into Mr. Clark's shed.
- 19 Been carting wood to the lighthouse. Been with 2 loads. Benj Crandall here to dinner.
- 20 Carried 2 loads of wood to the lighthouse. Dressed a cow. Pleasant.
- 21 Been to Westerly. Carried up a beef. Went up to my vill(?). Got some meat but, went to mill then home in a storm. Been trying out fat this P.M.
- 22 Been round home all day. Pleasant.
- 23 Been boiling out feet, oiling harnesses.
- 24 Went out to Fathers this morning. Horace Legg came after me. Gilbert was dead when we got there. I went to Warwick then to Westerly & Ashaway, back to Westerly then home. Got a ride down with Otis Chapman.
- 25 Went up to Fathers then we went to Ashaway cemetery. Back then home.
- 26 Been to Westerly, got Charley shod.
- 27 Been up to Fathers. Lydia is way sick.
- 28 Went to Westerly this morning. Got the horse shod. Went down to Edwin Peckhams. Carried Mrs. Peckham up to Fathers. Found the folks about the same.
- 29 Been up to Father's, down to Wm Green, Boris Briggs, Oliver Clark, Mrs. Websters. Brought Mrs. Peckham back to her home.
- 30 Been round home all day.
- 31 Cartied in a load of hay then went to Westerly then down to Fathers then home Lydia about the same.

February, 1881

- 1 Been carting in hay.
- 2 Been to mill. Went up to the train to meet Dr. Cross. He did not come
- 3 Went over to Bens this morning then Zada and I went up home. Found Lydia better. Commenced cutting down the Buttonwood.

- 4 Been up to Fathers. Helped Olly cut the Buttonwood tree down then went to Westerly then home. ___ got the oxen shod today.
- 5 Went down to Church. House not open. Came back to Berts then home. Been over to Benj this evening.
- 6 Been up to Fathers. Charley and Emma was there. Been sawing on the Buttonwood.
- 7 Been to Westerly. Carried Winson up to the deapot then I went to Ashaway then back to Westerly then home.
- 8 Been carting wood to Charley Simes then went to Brts Swamp, got a load of pales(?). Carried Zada down to Mr. Brightmans. Carried him up to the lodge with me.
- 9 Been dressing a cow. Andrew helped me. Shell sick. Been over to Berts to carry the papers.
- 10 Carried up the beef. Came ___ and went back with turnips & potatoes.
- 11 Been up to Fathers sawing on the old Buttonwood. Came from there down to the Church then Berts then home.
- 12 Been at home all day.
- 13 Been up to Fathers. Finished sawing up the tree.
- 14 Went up to Westerly this morning. Rumors on a coroners' inquest. Stayed until evening, took tea at Wm Greens.
- 15 Been down to Elias Browns' auction. Big crowd out. Cartied in 2 loads of hay.
- 16 Rainy. At home all day. Been up in the woods with Frank Allen. Charles Chapman been here. I been to Westerly this evening.
- 17 Cartied in a load of hay.
- 18 Been carting wood for Frank Allen and George Gavett. Shell been carting with the oxen.
- 19 Been round home all day. Irvin came after Shell this P.M. His little brother is dead.
- 20 Been doing the chores today. Andrew come here tonight.
- 21 Been snowing. I went up to Mr. Hosies. Carried Shell, Hat & Bell to the cematerie to the burial of their little brother then I went over Benedick.

- 22 J.S. Palmer came over this morning with the wife. I carried him home & carried Zada to Westerly.
- 23 Been round home all day.
- 24 Been shelling corn, husking corn. Cold.
- 25 Been round home all day.
- 26 Been round home. Went to singing school this eve. Zada went over to Benj.
- 27 Been down to Clark Rathbuns then back to Burts then down to the pond where Andrew was claming then we came home.
- 28 Been to Westerly to mill. Shipped a Bbl of cranberries.

March, 1881

- 1 Been to Westerly to mill and saw Geroge Hollon up there. Said he was going to work for Bert again.
- 2 Been fixing a partision in the wood house. Been to Westerly this P.M. Got some bords for a skiff and some flooring for a partisian in the wood house.
- 3 Been putting up the partisian and at work on my skiff.
- 4 Been stormy. I have been at work on my skiff.
- 5 Been over to Benj with Zada & Gerty. Benj & Leute came home today.
- 6 Put the thoughts in my skiff. Clark Rathbun, George Gavett, Frank Allen, Otis Brown, Frank Clark and others been here today.
- 7 Been to James Palmers. Changed booles with him and got a heifer of his. Cartied 2 loads of wood for Mr.__(?).
- 8 Been dressing a hog. Trying to sell Benj Crandall a bull etc. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 9 Been stormy. I worked on my skiff.
- 10 Been a gunning and working on my skiff.
- 11 Been a gunning and painting my skiff.
- 12 Been round home. Went down to Berts and to Georges after Alice.
- 13 Been getting my fike runner out of the pond and driving stakes.

- 14 Been to Mr. Lampheres and to Mr. Potters after the __ stove. Came home and went to beating manure. Peater Culver been here.
- 15 Been to Westerly. Mr. Rathbun came up to go to work on the stone(?).
- 16 Been at work on stone.
- 17 Been at work on the cellar.
- 18 Been at work on the cellar.
- 19 Been down to Church and up home.
- 20 Been at work on the cellar.
- 21 Been at work round home and out with a artisian.
- 22 Been to Westerly.
- 23 Been at work on the cellar. Mr. Randolph been here. I have lent him the __ to build a house.
- 24 Been carting lumber. Got 3 loads. Carried up some wood to home Thompson then went to Westerly.
- 25 Been carting lumber and potatoes.
- 26 Been round home all day.
- 27 Been gining and turning over a stone and driving posts for a fence.
- 28 Been carting lumber. Got 2 loades. The wind blew a gale.
- 29 Been carting lumber. Got 1 loade. Been up to the Army Hall this evening to a medicall lecture.
- 30 Been stormy. I been tinkering all day.
- 31 Been carting lumber. Got 1 load.

April, 1881

- 1 Been carting lumber. Got 2 loads with the horses. Shell got 1 with the oxen. I carried up some grists and got the grind.
- 2 Been round home all day. Andrew been up to Fathers. Mr. Clark been here this evening.
- 3 Been drawing stone and seting under pinning.

- 4 Been up to Fathers with Andrew to get some beds(?). Been to Westerly this P.M. after the tool chests.
- 5 Been to Westerly after the carpenter. Shell & I have been up with ___ teams this P.M. Cold. Froze all day.
- 6 Been to town meeting. Shell been up with the oxen after lumber. Been putting stone in the ditch.
- 7 Been to Westerly after lumber. Been drawing stone this P.M.
- 8 Been to Westerly this A.M. Been to Church meeting this P.M.
- 9 Been to Church. Went up to Mr. Greenman's funeral with Bert and to School meeting this eve.
- 10 Been carting out manure all day. Commenced plowing.
- 11 Been to Westerly.
- 12 Been stormy. I have been to Westerly this evening to carry the carpenter and went to the lodge.
- 13 Been to Westerly to carry the tool chests. Brought back some lime.
- 14 Been plowing in the ___ this A.M. Been to Award Petter's funeral this P.M. Went to the cemetry with them.
- 15 Been snowing. I been flooring over the wood house.
- 16 Been to Church. Carried Mother & Zada. Been to School meeting this evening.
- 17 Been carting sand stone & seaweed etc. Plowed the garden, went up to Saunders Gavetts and to Charles H. Crandalls.
- 18 Been plowing a ditch. Harrowing the orchard and been to mill this P.M. Pleasant.
- 19 Been planting onions, carting manure etc. Been to Westerly this evening.
- 20 Been carting manure. Been to Westerly this evening after onion seed.
- 21 Been plowing and planting onions. Warm & pleasant.
- 22 Been plowing, carting in beding.
- 23 Been round home all day. Pleasant.
- 24 Carried load of wood down to James Tompson's shanty.

- 25 Been to Westerly and harrowing in oats & carting sand.
- 26 Been gunning. Got 10 Shadracks then went up to Fathers after some seed potatoes. Been to the Lodge this evening.
- 27 Been harrowing & ___ oates. Been over to Berts(?) after his Best(?).
- 28 Been planting potatoes all day.
- 29 Finished planting potatoes and planted some sweet corn. Plowed the pair garden. Andrew gone to Westerly. Maty sick.
- 30 Been round home all day.

May, 1881

- 1 Been putting up wall. Beating manure etc.
- 2 Been to Westerly, got the mare shod. Been to mill. Rainy.
- 3 Been to Watch Hill and carting manure. Been to the Lodge this evening.
- 4 Been cart[ing] manure all day.
- 5 Been carting manure all day. Been to Watch Hill to deliver the old mair this evening.
- 6 Been rainy. Marked bags etc. this A.M. Carting manure this P.M.
- 7 Been to Church. Stopped to Berts, came home went back this evening. Mr. Clark spoke.
- 8 Been carting manure, stone and dirt. John Pater & wife been here to tea.
- 9 Carted out manure, picked up corn. B__(?) on the oates.
- 10 Been washing sheep. Been to Westerly this P.M. Went to the Lodge. Zada went up with me.
- 11 Been carting manure.
- 12 Been carting manure. Very warm. Been over to Benj after his drag.
- 13 Been drawing stone all day.
- 14 Been round the house. Been up to Denis Burdicks. Zada went with me.
- 15 Been wet & foggy. Led the red bull over to Benj. Worked in the cellar. Been spredding manure this P.M.

- 16 Wet & foggy.
- 17 Been wet. Worked in potatoes then showers.
- 18 Been to work on the wall.
- 19 Been at work on the corn ground between the showers. The Rev. Mr. Hoafman & Bert have called here this P.M.
- 20 Been to Westerly to mill. Saw Bert up to __ Forks S__. Been down to Church this evening. Carried Mother [and] L. down. Left her to Berts.
- 21 Been to Church. Gilbert's funeral was preached by Elder Hoafman.
- 22 Been plowing, carting dirt.
- 23 Been plowing. Been down to Church this evening.
- 24 Been plowing. Went up to the lodge this evening. Shell went up home with me.
- 25 Been harrowing this A.M. Sheering sheep this P.M. Bert & Mr. Hoafman been here. M to Clark been here. Dressed 2 calves.
- 26 Been sheering sheep. Went up to the quarry this evening. Andrew, Lydia, Zada & Herv went to Church this evening.
- 27 Been harrowing. Been to Church this evening.
- 28 Been to Church. Zada fell out of the carriage as she went to get out at the door when we came home. Been to Church this evening.
- 29 B[een] harrowing & bushing all day. Been to Church this evening.
- 30 Been chaming(?) out the corn ground and planting. Andrew went after the Dr. for Zada.
- 31 Been planting corn. Finished planting it and put up the wire fence.

June, 1881

- 1 Been toping wall with wire, takeing up my fike, etc. Been to Church this evening.
- 2 Been to Westerly. Came home, planted corn, beanes, squashes. Howed some onions.
- 3 Been rainy. Been tinkering. Zada sit up ____.
- 4 Been to Church.

- 5 Been howing onions. Bert & Mr. Hoafman been here this P.M.
- 6 No entry
- 7 Been to town meeting.
- 8-9 No entry.
- 10 Been stormy this A.M. Been down to Church meeting this P.M.
- 11 Been to Church & to the baptisms.
- 12 Been howing onions, cut the lambs.
- 13 Been at work round the house. Been down to Berts after a load of posts and been up in the woods and loaded a cord of wood.
- 14 Carried a load of wood up to Capt. Charles Hall. Went to Westerly loaded Shell with fencing then went down to Bert's swamp. Got a load of poles.
- 15 Been down to Oliver Maccumbers to drive a bull. Back and went to work round the house. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 16 Been at work round the house. Carried a load of stakes to Br. Halsey Burdick to the lottery.
- 17 Been wet. Been round the house. Been grading this _____. Carried Mr. Rathbun home this evening.
- 18 Been to Church. Went up to Fathers, back to evening meeting.
- 19 Been at work on the fence round Andrew's garden & house & howing in the garden.
- 20 Been at work on the fence. Looking for the sheep. Been to Watch Hill.
- 21 Been howing onions. Been to the lodge this evening to work the 3d.
- 22 Been to Watch Hill to carry butter etc. Howing, puling charlick(?).
- 23 Been planting(?), claming.
- 24 Ben carting dirt, grass. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 25 Been to Church. Zada went forward in baptism and Wm. Barney and [?] joined the Church. Been over to Berts to tea.

- 26 Been working over butter, fixing a cultervation, sitting up with Amos A__.
W__ York & family been by today.
- 27 Been at work round Andrew's house. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 28 Been at work round the house and at work on a privy for Andrew.
- 29 Been to Watch Hill and to Westerly after the Doctor for Andrew. He has got the
diphtheria. Worked on the privy this P.M.
- 30 Been at work on the privy this A.M. Howing potatoes this P.M.

July, 1881

- 1 Been cultervating. Went to Westerly this P.M. 4 o'clock had a thunder squall.
- 2 Been to Church this P.M. Stopped to Berts.
- 3 Been planting turnips, howing in the garden, howing corn, picking peas.
- 4 Commenced carrying milk to Watch Hill. Zada & I been to Quonocontaug.
- 5 Been howing etc. went to the Lodge this evening.
- 6 Commenced mowing.
- 7 Been mowing at work on the hay.
- 8 Been cleaning out the cistern & well. Been claming.
- 9 Been to Church this P.M.
- 10 Been choreing round. Racked up some hay this P.M.
- 11 Been howing onions. Been to mill this P.M. Had a shower.
- 12 Carried a load of wood to Stant Pendleton. Opened and got in the clover. 5 loads.
- 13 Mowed the Timathy(?). Racked it up and went to mowing in the grave lot. Carried a load
of wood to Mr. Brightman.
- 14 Finished mowing in the grove lot and got it in.
- 15 Been mowing in the west Lawton meadow.
- 16 Been round home all day after I came back from the Hill.

- 17 Been mowing in the Lawton meadows.
- 18 Been mowing, raking, getting in hay.
- 19 Been mowing, getting in hay, raking etc. Been to James Browns with the wool.
- 20 Been mowing in the well lot and getting in hay. I am bothered with a Bil.
- 21 Been mowing and getting in hay. Had a thunder shower.
- 22 Been haying. Got 2 loads of marsh.
- 23 Been round home all day. Benj and family been here.
- 24 Been round the house. The boys been cultervating.
- 25 Been mowing all day.
- 26 Been at work round the house between the showers. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 27 Been mowing in the 15 acre lot all day.
- 28 Been mowing in the 10 acre or little barn lot and getting up hay & raking.
- 29 Mowed a little, pitched off hay, raked and put some in the little barn.
- 30 Been round home all day. Benj & family, Benidick & wife been here.
- 31 Been wet. Mowed a little. Bert and family been here.

August, 1881

- 1 Been mowing this A.M. then went to Watch Hill & Westerly.
- 2 Been mowing & clearing. Bad thunder shower this noon.
- 3 Been mowing, raking, getting in hay and mowing this evening.
- 4 Been mowing.
- 5 Been mowing & getting in hay.
- 6 Been to Church.
- 7 Been carting eel grass.
- 8 Been mowing. Finished mowing English.

- 9 Been mowing oats and getting in hay. Carried load of wood to Mr. Brightman. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 10 Cartied eel grass and matted(?) off hay. Turned the oates.
- 11 Been stacking oates. Got them all up. Very pleasant.
- 12 Been mowing bog. Been to Church meeting.
- 13 Been to Church.
- 14 Been mowing bog, got in load. Pleasant.
- 15 Been howing onions, getting up bog, etc. Been to Watch Hill.
- 16 Been cutting weeds in the corn field. Been to Watch Hill this evening.
- 17 Been to the Hill with the milk then with a load of potatoes.
- 18 Been to the marsh. Came to B. P. Langworthy's this evening in the rain to bring Mother. Zada & ___ came with me.
- 19 Came to Ashaway this P.M. Mr. ___ staying to Uncle Clark's this evening.
- 20 Came over to George Nicks(?) this noon. Came home this evening.
- 21 Been to the marsh and up to the river.
- 22 Been to Westerly. Had the horses shod.
- 23 Been to Noyses Beach. The Tomaquages was there.
- 24 Been to Block Island. Zada & Herb went.
- 25 Carried 2 loads of wood to Walelarking & carted off 2 loads of hay from the marsh.
- 26 Been carting in potatoes. Have finished diging. Al Stillman & family here tonight.
- 27 Been round home all day.
- 28 Been carting eel grass. Went up to see Frank Sison. Zada went with me. We stopped to Uncle Benidick's then went up to see the swallows.
- 29 Been at work round the house. Went up to see Father this P.M. Carried Lydia up. She stayed there. Found him in bad shape with Aabses.
- 30-31 No entry

September, 1881

- 1 Been up to Fathers. Carried Zada & Bert with me. Found him improving.
- 2 Been to Watch Hill twice and to Westerly.
- 3 Been round home all day.
- 4 Been up to the River to see Frank Sison.
- 5 Been to Watch Hill to carry chickens. Came back then went over to Wilcoxes after netting.
- 6 Been to Watch Hill this morning. Carried Zada down to watch with Eliza. Found her about the same.
- 7 Been round home all day, went after Zada this evening. Eliza about the same. Been very hot.
- 8 Carried a load of wood to Mr. Sison. Been to Watch Hill this P.M. after a net. We halled this evening. Caught sea weed.
- 9 Been to the Hill. Helped Andrew some and racked up weeds.
- 10 Been round home all day.
- 11 Been up to the River and to Ashaway after Mrs. L.
- 12 Been helping Andrew make some fikes.
- 13 Been to mill and to the fair.
- 14 Been carting wood. The boys gone to the fair.
- 15 Been to the fair.
- 16 Been to Watch Hill. Carried a load of wood to James Sison. Hold my sein and took the net out of the riging.
- 17 Been to Church then went to Quonocontaug.
- 18 Been getting off pairs. Carried over bush to Bert then went a beach plumming. About am sick.
- 19 Been round the house all. Not well. President Garfield died this evening.
- 20 Been at work on a fike part of the time.

- 21 Been to Westerly to see the Doctor. Got a postal from Geoge Stanton and waited for them and brought them home with me.
- 22 Been down to Brightmans to carry some milk. George went with me. We all went to the Hill this P.M. ___ a fike.
- 23 Took a walk down to the beach this A.M. with the folks. Threshed my oats this P.M.
- 24 Been up to the cemetry and to the telegraph office with George this A.M.
- 25 Been claming, diging mud, etc. Benj helped this A.M. Been up to Fathers this P.M.
- 26 Been over to Mr. Lampheres after some t___. Carried George and family to the train then went to the tent to hear the eulogy on the President.
- 27 Been getting in ___, carting stone etc. The boys helped Benj thresh this P.M.
- 28 Been to Westerly. Zada & Dora went with me.
- 29-30 No entry.

October, 1881

- 1-6 No entry.
- 7 Been to Westerly. Stopped to James Thompson and got a pound.
- 8 Been to Church. Stoped to Berts and took tea.
- 9 Been driving stakes in the pond for a pound. Nick Mitchell & wife been here.
- 10 Been to Westerly. Got some plank for the stable floor.
- 11 Been getting in onions, etc. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 12 Been at work in the cow barn laying stable floor. Been to Mr. Clark's this evening.
- 13 Went to Watch Hill this morning. Got 12 posts for fence. Been seting my fike this P.M.
- 14 Went to the beach this morning. Killed 29 birds. Came home and went to work on the fence. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 15 Been at home all day.
- 16 Been at work on fence & fixing a fike. Went to the beach tonight.
- 17 Been husking. Andrew been to Westerly to ship fish.

- 18 Been sailing(?) a pound in the pond. James Thompson hit it.
- 19 Been to Westerly. Got a piece of neting of James—to fix the fike. Came home and fixed the fike.
- 20 Been husking and cribbing corn. Have cribbed the corn that grew on an acre that I entered for a premium.
- 21 Been a gunning after gulls. Got 7 gulls and 1 old S___.
- 22 Been down to Berts and to Church.
- 23 Been mowing bog and rakeing.
- 24 Been stacking, beding.
- 25 Been putting up onions and carried a load to Westerly to John Krubs and brought back meal.
- 26 Been carting in corn. The wind has blown a gale. We carted in all of the corn & all of the pumpkins.
- 27 Been helping Andrew hold the pound & put up the eels. Got a barrel. Husked till noon, put up a load of onion and carried them to George Timsbery in Stillman vill.
- 28 Got the boor and a pig then went to husking
- 29 Been round home all day. Stormy.
- 30 Been gunning this morning. Been down to Berts & Mr. Collinzes to can(?) the winnings folks Mother L., Aunt Mary, L. & Mrs. Clark.
- 31 Helped Andrew H__ put up the fish etc. then went to husking.

November, 1881

- 1 Been rainy. Round home all day.
- 2 Went to the pond this morning. Killed a bald eagle. Measured 7 ft. Then went to husking.
- 3 Been husking, finished husking and carried a load of wood to Benj Sison.
- 4 Been to Westerly this P.M. Carried a load of wood to Pete Culver. Brought home a load of grain.

- 5 Zada & I went up Ashaway to Mary Langworthy's funeral. Took dinner to Dr. Kenyons. Came round by Berts and brought Mother L. home.
- 6 Been tinkering round, stacking butter(?). Andrew been up to Fathers. Brought Eliza home with him.
- 7 Been round home this A.M. Carried Zada to the train this P.M. to go to New London. Mother L. went up to Westerly with us.
- 8 Been a gunning. We all went a gunning(?) this P.M.
- 9 Been to Westerly then went to Kingston to the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society.
- 10 Been putting up stairs in the wood house.
- 11 Been at work round home this A.M. Been to Westerly this P.M. Got some cealing fo[r] a stair door.
- 12 Been up to Charley Tisk__ to carry Eliza. Came back in the rain.
- 13 Been making a door for the stairs in the wood house. Shell came back this noon. Been to Watch Hill this P.M. with hay for Mrs. Crandall.
- 14 Been down to Watch Hill to get some things for Frank Champlin. Been pullin stone this P.M.
- 15 Helped Andrew haul this morning then went up to Mrs. Websters and Mr. R__ Clark Rathbun's. Capt S. Gavett up this fore noon. Carting gravell this P.M.
- 16 Been carting gravell this P.M.
- 17 Been to help Andrew haul & gunning then carting gravell.
- 18 Been guning and carting gravell. Shell has had the oxen shod.
- 19 Been round home all day. Stormy.
- 20 Been helping Mr. Clark on the road.
- 21 Worked on the road this A.M. Been to Westerly this P.M. Been down this evening to carry Alice and to get some yarn.
- 22 Been to Westerly went to caught.[?] Carried Benj Sison a load of wood.
- 23 Been at work round the house. Got a load of eel grass this P.M. Shell been to Westerly and got my ox cart.

- 24 Been takeing up my fike. Been a gunning this P.M.
- 25 Been takeing up my pound today.
- 26 Been round home all day. Went over to Mr. Lampheres this evening after my scalding cask(?).
- 27 Been scalding hogs this morning and carting gravell this P.M.
- 28 Been to Westerly after a load of chops. Loaded a load of beding & been cutting up por
- 29 Been up to the quarry with a load of beding. Loaded a load for Shell to go with and then satied(?) my pork.
- 30 Been at work round home.

December, 1881

- 1 Been at work round the house. Been moveing the thing out of my shop.
- 2 Been to Westerly this P.M. Carried Hatty Crandall home. I have got a boil.
- 3 Been a bed the most of the day. Horace Gavett come here today.
- 4 Been a bed all day. Allmost crazy this evening.
- 5 Boil broke and is easier.
- 6 Been out round all day. Been to the lodge this evening. Father & Mother come here today.
- 7 Been at work up in the wood shed this A.M. Been dressing a cow ths P.M.
- 8 Been to Westerly this A.M. Been up to Samuel Peckhams this P.M. after a drag.
- 9 Carried a load of wood to Benj Sison, went to Westerly, got a load of chops(?). Came home got my pound in then Father & I went to Church meeting.
- 10 Been down to Church.
- 11 Been to Westerly to Wm Evans' funeral. He was berried under the Masonick order. Zada & Mother went up to Al Stillmans.
- 12 Been mowing marsh.
- 13 Been mowing marsh. Carried Zada & Berty over to Benj this noon. Been over there and to Mr. Clark's this evening.

- 14 Been mowing marsh this A.M. Been to Westerly this P.M.
- 15 Been at work on the marsh this A.M. Been digging stone this P.M. Been over to Benj to pick some poultry(?) this evening.
- 16 No entry.
- 17 Been to Church. Russell Gavett's wife & Bertha came here just in time to go with us. We stopped by Bert's to see Aunt Sarah Cook.
- 18 Been at work round the house. Helped the boys load a load of hay on the marsh. Herb S came here today.
- 19 Been picking poultry today. Noys Clark came after a calf.
- 20 Been up to Westerly with my poultry. Been to the lodge this evening.
- 21 Been down to the pond with Herb Saunders eeling. The boys have gone to New London.
- 22 Been to the marsh after a load of bedding. Rainy this P.M. Been round the buildings.
- 23 Been carting gravell. Very warm. Been to Westerly this P.M. Snowing this eve.
- 24 Been to Church. There was not any services. Stopped to Berts. Been to the beach this evening.
- 25 Been over to Benj. Spent the day with Bert & family.
- 26 Been digging post holes & setting posts all day.
- 27 Been up to Hopkington City to Aunt Mary Langworthy's funeral. Carried Mother L & Mary out in the rain. Stopped to Uncle Clark Langworthy's to dinner.
- 28 Dressed a cow and carried the meat up to Halbert then went to caught(?). Shell carried a load of hay to Otis P. Chapman.
- 29 Been up to caught all day. Came home in the rain.
- 30 Been to Westerly. Brought Mother L. down from Benidicks.
- 31 Been up to Niantic to Uncle Samuel Saunders' funeral which took place at the Church at 1 ½ o'clock P.M. Dide at home Thursday morning. Very sudden.

**Datebook /diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1885 - 1887

[Date book used sometimes as a notebook. The pages hold WFS notes which do not necessarily coincide with the date of the notebook.]

April 17, 1885 -

218 W. 20th St. Arthur Edwards 35 Barclay St, 40 Park Place
Frank Coy - 8 bags
[Hand drawn sketch.]

Sat, April 18 - 19, 1885

[Grocery list]:

Sugar 1.00
Nut Megs
Caster oil .15
Peppermint .25
Flour 5.00
Sugar 2.00
Ham
Pork
Tea 1.00
Silk
Gault House x apactic
Ch__?
Matches .15
Cough candy
Peppers
Mustard .15
Steel watch chain
Paint brush
Oil

April 20, 1885 Randolph Bindly & Co

3350 Gross

1310 Fair

2040 Net

[Hand drawn sketch]111

Twine

Door - 6f-3 +2.5"

Wed April 24, 6 PM

Left A. Edwards 7.15

Jersey City 8.20

___ 25 got up at 7, snowing

at Hornersvill 8.20

20__ for Breakfast

Chicago 9.10

Left "	11.30
Millwaky	2.30
Left	2.45
Edgerton	6.00

April 22, 1885

Stove Shelf thing that the pipe goes on.

April 24, 1885

B.F.C.	
JB	\$2.00
EB	2.00
CC	2
B Beas	2
HC	1
CB	1
CS	1
AC	1
BC	1
AC	1
BFC	1

April 25, 1885

Collars
Sick
Star Union line
Care C M St. Paul

April 26 - 28, 1885

O.P. Saunders wants some rock turnip seed

George Babcock wants some early sweet corn.

Pot ash	2.61
C Tartar	1.00
Cinnamon	.50
Cloves	.50
1 ½ dress lining	
Trakees(?)	.20
Starch	.40
Plaster Paris	.24
Ganzy	
Tea	1.00
Casteel Soap	.45
Socks	1.00

Wm Saunders

Pork Cask	
Salt	50
Pins	
Broom	25
Corsetts	25
Tack nailer	

April 29, 1885

Jun 10, 1887

Left Edgertown	1:45 AM
Arrived in Milwaukee	4:30 PM
Left	4:32
Arrived in Chicago	7:40
Left	8:23
Aliance	12 M
Lawrence	1:50
20 minutes dinner	
Rochester	3:00 PM-4
Alagamy (?)	
PitsBurg	4 - 5

April 11, 1885

Left PitsBurg	8:06
Arrived in Phildelphia	6.25
Ferry	
New York	9.15 - 12

Arthur Edwards 10 A.M. the 12th

13 - Went down to Aunt Magie's this morning, took dinner, left for the ___ at 4. The boat left [at] 4:50.

(From May 1 to Nov 20 is composed of random notes.)

November, 1885

21 Have been riding all day looking for a man to stay here while I go west.

22 Went to Westerly this morning. Carried Mother, ___. Stopped to Benedicks, went back home, packed our trunk and took the steamboat train for Stonington and took the Boat (Massachusetts).

23 Arrived in N.Y. at 6 A.M. Raining. Took a hack and rode up to Arthur Edwards. I went down to Chamber St. at 3 PM and got our Trunks checked for Edgerton.

24 I went down to 23rd St. Ferry then up to 23rd at B Way and got our Sleeper tickets then we went down to the Bridge, walked over and rode back, took the Elevated up to 72nd St. then went into the Park, walked until we got tired, went back to Arthurs. Took tea. Went to the 23rd St. Ferry at 7:45. Went to Jersey City and then took the train. Left Jersey City at 8:20.

25 Elmira in the morning. Snowing all day.

26 In Indiana this morning. Clear and pleasant. Arrived in Edgerton 6 P.M. Aunt Ann got a team and we rode up to her house, found them all well.

27 Cloudy. Leroy and I went to the Lake this morning with Leroy and ate dinner with Him.

28 Snowing all day. The Capt and Boys striping tobacco.

29 Clear and cold. I went out in the woods gunning. Saw 1 Ch___? but did not shoot at it.

30 I went down to Leroy's this morning but it was so hot that I could not stay in his stripping room. So I took the gun and went out in the woods. Got 1 rabbit and 2 squirrels. Lost my watch chain and chain in the woods. Went back on my back track and found them.

December, 1885

1 Been cold all day. I hung around the stripping room all day. Party here this evening. Dancing down in the Room. Ther 10 below.

2 Been down in the stripping room all day.

3 Stripped tobacco untill noon. Run to Edgerton this PM with the Capt.

4 Walked down to the lake with the Capt. this morning. Albert brought us over to George Babcocks this PM. Found them at home and we are with them tonight.

5 Been over to Mrs. Kenyons, got a gun and went in the woods. I got 1 partridge. Saw lots of rabbits and lots of Chickings(?)

6 George Babcock brought us over to Hatty Palmeters this morning and left us here. We found them all well.

7 Albert Palmeter brought us over to Wm Crandalls this morning. Found them at home. Like his wife very much. Went out hunting with the boys this PM.

8 I went with William C. down to Edgerton this morning then to catfish and back home this PM. We went up on Wheler Praiery and back home with him.

9 I carried Zada over to Captain Wm Saunders this morning. Came back to Wm's then he and I went up on Liberty Praiery. Took dinner to John Ames then came down to Albion and to Capt. Wm and are here tonight.

Dec 9 Spent the day with Capt Wm's folks. Herbert brought us over to Uncle Perrys this evening. He stayed all night. Foggy.

10 Rainy. Been round the house all day. Zada & Jenny have been over to Albion this PM after the mail.

11 Been helping Captain Perry and Leroy take down tobacco and then went down on the lake where Egbert was fishing. Staying with Leroy tonight.

12 Been helping Leroy strip tobacco today. Am with him tonight.

13 Been helping Leroy strip today. Came over to Ida R___ tonight.

14 Came over to Uncle Perry's this morning. Been helping him strip. Came back to Ida's tonight.

15 Came over to Uncle Perry's this morning. Been helping him. Zada came back from Ida's.

16 Been snowing. I went down to Edgerton this morning in a snow storm after the Doctor for Albert Crandall. Been stripping this PM.

17 Pleasant. Capt Perry, Leroy and wife, Elias, Zada and I have been up to Steves on a sleigh ride and it was rough. We are down to Leroy's tonight.

18 Been helping Leroy strip today. We are to Uncle Perry's tonight.

19 I went to Edgerton this morning with the mules to carry a load of sheep. Uncle Perry sent down 3 loads. I went down to Leroy's this PM.

20 Been helping Uncle Perry strip tobacco today. He has got the last of it in the stripping room tonight. Steve has been down here today. Zada has gone over to Elery Crandall's this PM. She went to the Center this morning to carry Miss Barnhart.

21 Capt. Perry brought us up to Henry Humphreys on the bobs. Found Henry & Susan at Home. Pleasant.

22 Henry & wife carried us over to Uncle George Crandall's. We found them as usual in a pitiful condition. Edger and wife was there when we got there. It has been a pleasant day. We got back to Henry's about dark.

23 I went to Edgerton with Henry. Went to Uncle Perry's when we came back and got the mail. It has been snowing some by spells all day. Pleasant this evening. I went to Babcocks and got a cap, a pair of __ (?) shoes \$1.25.

24 Snowing like guns. Steve, wife & Bery are here today. Been down to Band Meeting this evening with Henry & Steves. Got back to Steves this evening at 9. It is snowing now.

25 Snowing. Been round the house all day.

26 Pleasant. Henry & Susie went to Cambridge. Zada & I went with them. Run against a rock and smashed the sleigh on our way home. Henry went up and got carpenters rabs and carried us home on them.

27 - Been up to Leet Carpenters and spent the day and evening with Henry and Susan. Pleasant and cold.

28 Snowing. Henry carried us up to Stevens. I went down in the Striping Room and stayed with Steve until noon.

29 Steve and I went over to Utica today. Stopped to Herman Babcocks to see his pets.

30 Steven went to see a sick horse in the night. I done the chores this morning. Atha Bingham brought Steve back and brought Zada and I down to Edger Crandall to eat turkey.

January, 1887

1 14 - 6 below. Cold and pleasant. I have been sitting round the house all the time today. Been over to Mr. Bingham's this evening. Thermometer 20 B. Clear, wind.

2 20 to 10B Edger brought us up to Uncle Perrys. Have been round the stove all day. Henry and Susan been here today. Wm Crandall came over here with some beef.

3 Been to Edgerton with Uncle Perry. Went to the cigar factory. It has been cold. Pleasant, wind.

4 Been round the house all day. The boys have been to Edgerton with the hogs. I shot a Prery Chicking. Wind S.W. snowing.

5 Been helping Aunt Ann much this AM. Been to Albion on this PM. Went to Barton Edwards and Sam Burdicks. Carried Zada to Capt Wm to stay while I made the calls. Pleasant, wind, ther 10 B.

6 Been helping saw wood. I drove the team. The boys sawed about 10 cords. Pleasant, wind N.W., ther 8 to 4B.

7 Been sitting round the stove all day. Very cold. Pleasant. Wind N.W. to N.E. Ther 9 to 4B.

8 Been round the house all day. Zada and the Capt have been over to Wm Crandalls. Herbert Saunders here this evening. Snowing this AM. Pleasant this PM. Ther 8 to 8B.

9 Went down to Leroy's this morning with Uncle Perry. Came back with Steve. Leroy carried me up to Capt Barbois this eve to make a call. Snowing this morning. Wind N. Pleasant the rest of the day. Ther 18 to 8B.

10 Left Uncle Perrys this morning at 9:45. Leroy brough me and the trunks down to Edgerton. Zada rode down with Uncle Perry. Left Egerton at 1:45. Am sitting in the cars in the Chicago depot now. 8:15. Pleasant. Wind from W to SW. Thermometer 18 below.

Was in S.Dakota during this writing.

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**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1888

January, 1888

- 1 Weather - rained all day. I have been doing the chores today as Osmus did not come back.
- 2 Ther 30, weather - pleasant. I have been doing the chores and went to the Beach and picked up 2 or 3 Bushels of cod. Came up to dinner and Leander Barber, agent for the U.S. Net and Twine Co, came here and then John Brewer came to settle the Sloops account and then Lime Hall come. Osmus come back this eve.
- 3 Weather - pleasant. Carried a load of marsh hay up to the quarry this morning. Went to the Beach this PM and got my express wagon full of coal. Been up to Lodge meeting. We worked the 3rd Degree on Macsharron Bratey and legate. I got home at 11:30. We had a good crowd this eve.
- 4 Ther 28, weather - C & Damp. I slaughtered my bull Palmer Doughles and a cow for Andrew this morning and loadied a load of marsh hay and carried it to the quarry this PM. Got home 5:45, found the Rev. Mr. Witter here, took tea and then went to Church. Zada went with me.
- 5 Ther 16, weather P. I carried 1 qr of beef to the Barnes boyes for Andrew and one to Wm D. Saunders for myself then I went to Westerly, got a molasses Bbl and some Battins for the Church shed. Got my Meet saw filed etc. Came home and this evening I carried some beef up to Wm Champlin. He was not at home and I left it with his wife.
- 6 Ther 14, weather P&C & S. I went down on the marsh and got some drift grass and carried it up to the Church and battined part of the shed and banked it up etc. Stopped to Berts, found Howard better. Stopped to Peckhams, found Melisia, Zada & Lydia there.
- 7 Ther 30, weather- stormy and icy. I went to Church, carried Zada down to stay with Leaner while I went to Church. Been over to Benj this evening. Dark and muddy. Mr. Clark's folks was all over to Benj etc.
- 8 Weather - rainy. Been doing the chores and trying out meet(?) feet. Albert Clark come here and I sold him some wood standing and George Hallon come and I sold him some and sold him 53 lbs of beef. Andrew & Lydia have been here this evening.
- 9 Ther 14, weather - pleasant. I went to Mr. Patter's this morning then to Watch Hill. Saw C.P. Chapmon and then went to the Station and stayed untill noon then drove down the Beach and home. After dinner I went to Westerly went by the quarry. Carried 1 qtr of beef to Edwin A. Lewis and went and found Wm D. Saunders and got my money of him and then went up and saw A. L. Cheter(?) and then home.
- 10 Ther 18, weather - snow. Been knitting, sitting, fixing a coal bin, etc. Went up to a Lodge meeting this evening. Zada is sick with the rheumatism and Dr. Lewis has been to see her.
- 11 Ther 14, weather - gale N.W. I have been tairing out. Andrew at stable and knitting some. Osmos & I went down to Church this evening. There was 33 there. Zada about the same.

12 Ther 2, weather - cold N.W. I have been knitting some and at work on Andrew's stable. Benidick and Aunt Ruby here tonight. Benj and wife over. Zada about the same.

13 Ther 24, weather - snow & rain. Been a stormy day. Uncle Ben and Ruby went home in the rain and then the Dr. come in his sleigh and he went from here to see Leaner Peckham and then I went up and fixed Andrews ox stable and then knit some.

14 Been to Church.

15 Weather - rainy. Been knitting. Went up to the ice pond to see the ice and came back and went to knitting.

16 Been to Westerly and got John shod.

17 Ther 30, weather - snowing. Went up to town meeting. Got some lumber and come home in a snow storm. Ate my dinner and went back this evening to Election in Franklin. We had a nice time. The M.W.G.M. was present and Mr. Groton. I have the honor of being elected in the South.

18 Ther 4, weather- wind N.W. blustering. I have been working on some horse stalls for Andrew. Went down to Church this evening. There was about 50 there and only 4 of our own Church.

19 Ther 10, weather - pleasant. Wind N.W. gale. We have been getting in ice. Got in about 20 tons. Osmus, Berty and I went to Westerly this evening to hear Corporal Tanner. He is smart.

20 Ther 4, weather - pleasant. Wind W Gale. Osmus and I went over to nobottom to see Trustum get in ice. I came back by. Benj and stopped there a few minutes.

21 Ther 2, weather - W.N.W.G. Been to Church. Carried Mother, & Osmus and Birty. I had to do the chores and I have knit some this eve.

22 Ther 9 below, weather - P.W.N.W. I have been choreing and knitting. Carried Zada over to Benj and then I went down to Watch Hill to the Lattery and to Nobottom Pond and then home. Capt. Trustum has finished filling his new house today. Zada and Carry is over to Benj tonight.

23 Ther 6 below, weather - pleasant. Been carting in ice for Benj. F. Crandall got his house about full.

24 Ther 7 below, weather - P.W.N.W. I carried Osmus over to Benj and then I went up to Capt. Trustums and sees them get in ice. Came back to Benj. Brought Zada and Carry home. Got out some grits and went to Westerley and stayed up Town Meeting. Got home 10:30.

25 Ther 8 below, weather - pleasant. I went up to Capt Trustum Babcock and went to carting ice to Watch Hill. I carried 3 loads. The ice is splendid. The wind is S.E. and looks like a storm.

26 Ther 32 to -4, weather P and icy. I went over to Capt Tristams. The road was full of ice and watter. I went to Westerly and got the horses. Sharp came back and cartied 1 load of ice to the Hill and loadied a load and left it over to the corner.

27 Ther 3 to -15, weather - windy, W. Blowing a gale. I have carried 3 loads of ice to the Hill. It is about a foot thick. The wind has blown a gale all day. I ate dinner with Capt Tristam.

28 Weather- pleasant. I went to Church. Came home and have been choreing this eve.

29 Ther -10, weather - pleasant. I have been over to the lottery to Church with Mr. Witter. He was here to dinner.

30 Weather - P. Have been carting ice to Watch Hill for Capt. Trustum. Have cartied 5 loads.

31 Weather - P. Been carting ice for Capt. T. Carried 4 loads.

February, 1888

1 Weather - P. Been carting ice home from Nobottom Pond. We got home 11 loads.

2 Weather - P. Andrew got 1 load of ice this morning. We put that in and then I went to Westerly.

3 Weather - P. I worked in the cow barn on Andrew's horse stalls this AM and carried a load of straw to Mr. Fyffe for Oscar Vos.

4 Weather - snow. Went to Church. Olly came home with us.

5 Weather - foggy. Zada, Olly and I went to the lottery, to Church and then we went to Watch Hill. Left Zada to Win Yorks and we went to the Station and took dinner. They had wild goose.

6 Weather - P. I went to Wm Yorks' funeral. Carried Olly home and Mother. Z down to Berts.

7 Weather - P & cloudy. I have been working on Andrew's stalls. Been to [Lodge] this evening. Came home in the rain.

8 Weather - rainy. Cartied in some bedding and then came in the house and knit up the rest of the twine. It is raining this eve.

9 Weather - P. Cartied down wood this AM and then went to Westerly. Carried up some grists and had to leave them.

10 Weather - C & snowing. Been at work in the wood house and went in the woods with Ed Barnes and went to Westerly this PM. Got the grists.

11 Weather - sleet. I went down to Church and there was no meeting and then came down to Berts and stayed 2 hours and then came home. The ice is about an inch thick.

12 Weather - pleasant. I have been doing chores and then I went to Watch Hill to the Station.

13 Weather - pleasant. I went to Westerly and to Niantick with a petition for the L.S.S. I got 85 names. Stopped to Benedicks and then home.

14 Weather - pleasant. Carried a load of hay to Wm Segar. It weighed 1900 then home.

15 Weather - pleasant. I got Andrew and the oxen and drewed three stones out of the barn yard this PM. I have been down the road with the petition and took tea at Berts and then went to Church and then home.

16 Ther -7, weather - pleasant. Osmus and I went down to the Station and left the petition. Stayed 2 or 3 hours and came home and sawed off and set a chopping block.

17 Ther 20, weather - pleasant. I went to Westerly to Br.J.R. Govitts funeral. There was a fire in Westerly this morning, the Willes and Seger Blocks and the Niantic Bank.

18 Weather - cloudy & clear. I went to Church and then home. After dinner I went over to Benj then Hub Barber came after me. I came home with him and then Bert and Leisy came to see Mother. Z, Dora and Ramon [with] her this evening.

21 Weather - P.C. I went to Westerly and then to Ashaway and got some twine and went to Uncle Clarks and then back to Westerly (and then home), after staying to [Lodge] meeting this evening.

22 Weather- P. Zada and I went to Mrs. Laisons' funeral and then to Westerly and then home and to Church this evening.

23 - no entry.

24 Weather - P. I went to Westerly. Stopped to Tom Pattuo and then sawed out some skein needles and then went up street and then home.

25 Weather - rainy. Went to Westerly after the Doctor for Mary and then went to Church and then came home in the rain.

26 Weather - P. Been making skein needles and knitting all day.

27 Weather - P. Been carting wood down to the house. Osmus brought me up to Westerly this evening. We worked the R.A. and then I came home with Charley Willard and am going to stay all night.

28 Ther 8, weather - blustery. I took the train this morning for Norwitch, went up to Mr. Gardner's market and then went down thames mill to see one Calvin Misser and then back to the city and waited about 2 hours for the train then came down to Mont Mill and went up to Wm Websters and are here with him tonight.

29 Ther 4, weather - pleasant. Went down to the Mill where Wm was at work after breakfast. Stayed there untill 9 AM and then came down to Hooker's Mill. Stopped and made Charley Man a call and then came down to Uncus Villi and stayed there untill 8 o'clock and took the train for home. Stayed in N.S. 1 hour then came to Westerly, walked down to Benedicks made a call and then home.

March, 1888

1 Weather - pleasant. I have carried 3 loads of wood to Benidick and brought 2 loads down to the house.

2 Weather - pleasant. I went to Westerly to [the] Mill and then I carried Mr. Belamy down to see Capt. George Bleven. Found him suffering from dropsy etc. then home. Over to Andrews this evening.

3 Weather - pleasant. Been round home all day. Zada and the children went to Church and I stayed at home and kept house with Aunt Mary.

4 Weather - pleasant. John Nash came here at noon and I carried him to Point Judy. We got down here about 5 o'clock. There was a Brig came on shore here last evening and the crew are here at the Station.

5 Weather - cloudy. We left Point Judy this morning and got home about noon. Had a cold ride and was almost chilled when we got home.

6 - 9 - No entry

10 Weather - pleasant. Been to Church.

11 Weather - cloudy. Been sawing logs into cord wood and cutting down trees.

12 Been knitting skein. It is raining and blowing like fury.

13 Weather - snowing. A complete blizzard. I have been knitting.

14 Weather - stormy. Been shoveling snow and knitting. Barnes got the headache.

15 Weather - pleasant. Been knitting this AM and then went down to Mr. Brightmans and got an ax handle. Came back and took Zada and went over to Benj and then I went up to Capt. T.D. Babcocks and then to Benj and stayed until 11. I got Andrew and the oxen and got one of my big boaters home this morning.

16 - No entry

17 Weather - pleasant. Been to Church.

18 Weather - cloudy. Been working round home. Put the sow in the barn.

19 Been round home. Went up in the woods and sold Benj a piece of wood and ___ a walnut bit home.

20 Weather - cloudy. Been clamming. The sow had 14 pigs. Has got 12 of them tonight.

21 Weather - rainy. Knitting and tinkering round home.

22 Weather - pleasant. Been to Matthew Barber's funeral. Went up to Capt. T.D. Babcock's this evening.

23 - No entry

24 Weather - pleasant. Been to Church and went to the lotery ___ (entertainment this evening). Seaner Peckham came up with us today and went to the lotery with us.

25 Weather - pleasant. Brought down a load of ___ from the cow barn. Capt. T.D. Babcock here. I tore the cealing out of one [of] the ___ boates and trimmed the orchard.

26 Weather - stormy. Mr. Carlton Babcock and I went to New London to see if we could get a Str(?).

27 Weather - stormy. Been to the [Lodge] this evening and came home in a rain storm. Sardines.

28 Weather - stormy.

29 Weather - cloudy. Been working on the boates.

30 Weather - pleasant. Been painting boates all day. Have painted five.

31 Weather - pleasant. Been to Church. We stopped to Berts. My man come to night and I have been up to Westerley after his trunk this evening.

April, 1888

1 Weather- pleasant. Been working round home painting boates etc.

2 Weather - pleasant. Been at work around home this mming. Went to Westerly the PM.

3 Weather - pleasant. I went over to Capt. T.D. Babcocks this morning, came back and painted my ___ boat and then went down to the pond and put the ceating in one of my big boates etc. Osmus been carting for Andrew. Bert been beating manure and bunching up drift grass.

4 Been to town meeting then went to Mistick with Capt. T.D. Babcock. Rode down with him.

5 Weather - cloudy and rain. I went over to Mr. Chapmons this morning. Came back went to Westerley, took the train to Noank then back to Mystic and from there to Westerly. Came down to Benidicks and I am here tonight. Thunder.

6 No entry.

7 Weather - clear. Been to Church. There was a baptizing of 4 then came home and went to a School meeting this evening. Benj Crandall and family here this evening.

8 Carried a load of wood to Harvey's shanty.

9 Been to New London.

10 Carried a load of things to the shanty. Been to Westerley this evening we worked the third degree on 3. It rained and I went to the Winsor house and stayed all night.

11 Came home this PM, went down to the pond and put the mall in one of the little boates and Horace Peckham to it to the beach.

12 Been to Westerley. Came home and rode down to the beach with Bert.

13 We have been putting the driver on the boates and walked home tonight.

14 Been to Church. Came home and went to Church meeting this eve and then went to the beach.

15 Stayed round the shanty.

16 Put on some stakes and then we went up and helped Harvey gang drive.

17 Wind NW blowing a gale.

18 Weather - calm in the morning and we went to driving and drove 10 stakes and the wind blew up and we come in.

19 Been making stakes and one thing and another. Came home and went to Westerly. Zada & Carry have gone to Newport.

20 Weather - cloudy and rainy. I went to Westerly this morning and got 3 stakes and carried them to the beach and then home.

21 Weather - pleasant. Been to Westerly to Church then home. Came down to the beach this evening.

22 Weather - pleasant and windy. Been round the shanty all day.

23 Been driving stakes. We drove 15. The wind is fresh from the South.

24 Weather - pleasant and a rough sea. I came up home and got a load of riging and brought down to the beach and then carried a load of wood up to Harvey's shanty and sent Bert home with the team. I have been to [] [Lodge] this evening. Rode up with Horace Peckham.

25 Weather - pleasant. Been driving stakes. We drove 14 this AM and finished.

26 Weather - pleasant. Been running anchors.

27 Weather - pleasant, some sea. I came up home and cartied down my netting and then home with the team.

28 Weather - C & pleasant. Been to Church. Drove to Watch Hill this PM and called on Tristun Babcock and then home. There was a scup picked up on the beach this morning.

29 Carried a load of wood to Harvey's shanty. Sent Bert home with the team and went to the shanty and went to work on the netting.

30 Been mending netting all day after I came back from seeing Edgar Haul.

May, 1888

1 Went off on Bark Nafre Cord. Then went to the pound and see them haul and then back to the shanty and went to mending and then came up home and went to New London. Got some chain and then home.

2 Went down to the beach this morning took Ed Worester and went over and drilled a hole in a rock where our rinner comes ashore and the mended on the ground untill I almost chilled.

3 Set our Pound and Heart and then the wind blew up and we did not set any more. Cut up some chain and put on some of it.

4 Set the rest of our netting and got the gear. Fishing today.

5 Went up to Church. Took dinner with Bert then went back to the beach.

6 Been round the shanty at work on a brill net. Rough today.

7 Come up home this morning. Edwin Webster came up with me and sowed the oates. I went to Westerly, got some grindings. Saw Bruer and then home after supper. I went to the beach. Bert brought me down to Berts and then I walked.

8 We went off and let up the top lines this morning this morning. Hauled this PM, caught about 2 bbls in all.

9 Hauled this morning in the rain. Got 50 scup and some shack fish. Bert come down this evening with a dispatch saying that grandfather was dead and funeral tomorrow and I come up home with him.

10 I went to Newport this morning with Lydia. Mrs. York met us at Westerly. We arrived in Newport at 10 and found father waiting for us. We rode up to the house then I went down to the Deapot and met Zada, Aunt Hannah and Hatty then rode back to the house. Then the procession formed and went to the Chapel where the services were performed by a Friend then we all went to Adie's to dinner then I rode over to the house with Father, got my things and then took the 5:15 train for Bristol. Arrived there 7 1/4.

11 After breakfast I went down to the office and saw Mr. Manchester then went over on the dock and saw a diver at work on the old empire state. They are blowing her up. After dinner we took the 12:40 train for Providence arrived there in the rain. Took the 3:35 train for Westerly, got a team and come home.

12 Weather - foggy. Zada & I went to Niantic to Church the PM. Came round by offices and took tea then home.

13 I went to the beach this noon found it rough. I went over to Waites cottage to watch the gear then back to the shanty. Rough tonight.

14 I have been round the shanty untill noon when I went over to the Waite cottage to get some strips of Everet Morgan and then went to work on some lockers and a shelf in the shanty. The boys went off to the Pound, found her tore badly. Then we took the Big Boat and went off and got her and brought her ashore. Got in about dark. Rough.

15 Weather - rainy. We went to work on the Pound this morning in the rain and mended her and set her tonight and got in about dark. We have worked all day.

16 Weather - foggy. Hauled today.

17 Weather - wind NW, gale. We hauled this morning, got 1/2 barrell.

18 Weather - cloudy, wind S mild. We hauled this morning, got 4 barrells, shipped them by the Sloop. Worked on the runner untill noon then went to dinner. Came out after dinner, set up the anchor roades and the top line then looked in the Pound and saw bass. Went to work and hauled. Set Byron ashore and got another boat and the ___ and Hark and I pursed over the floor and got them in the pocket and we got them and got ashore about 6:20 tonight then I went up to Harrisons and sent Horrace Peckham after ice.

19 Weather - rainy. I got up at 4:30 this morning and went to work on the Bass. We put up 14 barrells and sent them off and ate our breakfast about 9 and then went to bed. I came home this PM.

20 Weather - pleasant. I went back to the beach this morning. We hauled and got about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ of a barrell of fish and sold them to Phill. I rode up to Berts with him and carried Bert up a mess of fish. Went back to the shanty.

21 Weather - pleasant. I went up to Berts this morning and after breakfast rode up to Westerly with him and had my hair cut then went to Providence to Grand Lodge annual communication. Came back to the shanty tonight. Had a nice time. The boyes say they caught about 7 barrels of bass and bitterfish.

22 Weather - pleasant. We got 1 sugar barrell full of bitterfish and flukes.

23 Weather - pleasant. We hauled this PM and got about 7 barrells of fish of barrells were scup. Rough tonight.

24 Weather - wind E. Weather looks bad. I come up home and carried a load of hay to G.M. Dodge then home and painted the kitchen and am at home tonight.

25 I come to the beach this morning in the rain. Went up to Harvey's shanty where they was mending netting. The wind is E and fresh.

26 Walked down to Andrew Lamphears took dinner with hime then back home. It is quite smooth tonight.

27 Went off to the Pound this morning. Think she is all right.

28 Hauled the Pound this morning and found her burst off the lead bin and tore $\frac{1}{2}$ way up the wall. We mended her and got ashore about noon.

29 Hauled the Pound this morning and found a hole in her. Got about a bushel of fish and let Phill have them. Went off this PM, the tide was running so that we could not mend any and so we went down and saw Capt Wilcox haul and came up with him.

30 Hauled this morning and got 2 barrells and put them on board the Stella and went to mending on the runner work untill 1:30 PM.

31 We hauled this morning got 3 barrells. Got Bert to carry them up. I went to Mary Clarks funeral then to Westerly and to Noank then back and home.

June, 1888

1 Hauled this morning, got 3 barrells. Put them on the sloop. After dinner I come home.

2 - 9 No entry.

10 We went off and pulled some stakes this morning but it was so choppy that we had to leave off and come ashore.

11 Round the shanty. Been getting things ready to pull stakes in the morning.

12 Finished pulling stakes this morning and come up the pond with the Roules. I have been and carried the Madisons and Websters home.

13 Been carting home netting.

14 Been mending netting.

15 - 22 No entry.

23 Been to Church. Berty sick had the doctor.

24 Weather - P & hot. Went down to Horrace Chapmans this morning. Got a bag of salt that I had then came back. Stopped to Berts. Got me some back teeth and then home. Found Thier Crandall here. Been to Westerly to Church. This evening the Masons went to hear Mr. Groton speak on John the Baptist.

25 Weather - P. Went to Westerly this morning. Came home and carried some straw to Watch Hill this PM.

26 Weather - C & B. Loaded a load of hay this morning and then planted beanes till noon then went to Westerly with the hay, got there in the rain, drove in under the arch in at Dixon House and stayed untill the shower was over then drove up to Wm Segars and put off the hay and went up to Segar got a Bbl of flour then went up to Willard House and got Andrew's mowing machine and then home.

27 - 28 No entry

29 Weather - pleasant. Been to Watch Hill to see Horace Burdick, came back and found him on his way to Mr. Clarks.

30 Weather - pleasant. Been to Church.

July, 1888

1 I went up to the Church this morning with Horace Burdick.

2 - 5 No entry

6 Weather - pleasant. Been to Westerly and got some stageing for the Church.

7 - No entry

8 Weather - P. Been up to the Church and put up some stageing. Came home and went to mowing. Hub Barber is here and a going to help me.

9 Weather - rainy

10 Weather - pleasant. Been howing this AM and then raked up the grove lot and I went to Westerly this evening.

July 11 - September 16 - No entry

September, 1888

17 Weather - rainy. I went to Westerly and went over to New London to see how the sloop was getting along etc. Come back to Westerly went to see the red cross. Worked this evening and then went home with Willard to sleep tonight so as to be handy to take the train tomorrow.

18 Weather - rainy. I went to Kingston today and on duty as Police come to Westerly tonight to a [] [Lodge] meeting and stay to Willards.

19 Weather - pleasant. Medium crowd today. I am sleeping on the Fair grounds tonight.

20 Weather - P & C. Had a very big crowd today. On duty tonight.

21 Weather - rainy & pleasant. Been on duty all day. Came home tonight. Had a poor day. A big shower about PM.

22 Weather - pleasant & C. I went to the Reverend Mr. Craft's funeral. He was buried with Masonick honors by Franklin Square.

23 - 30 - No entry

October, 1888

1 - 5 - No entry

6 Weather - cloudy. Been to Church and Sabbath School. Rained this PM.

7 Weather - rainy and C. I went to the beach this PM then dug potatoes and got them in.

8 Weather - windy NW gale. I threshed today and helped Andrew thresh. I had 108 bushels of oates.

9 Weather - P.W.N.W. gale. Helped Benj thresh this morning. Been to Westerly this PM. Carried Dora up to Benidicks.

10 Weather - Windy NW. I picked some apples, topped up straw stock and then went a hawking. I got 5. Been to Westerly this eve. They worked the mark master on Will Nichols and one Seegate.

11 Weather - P & C. Staked up a straw stack this morning then I loaded a load of hay and carried it to Wm Segar then sent Dr. Lewis down to see Zada. I got home about night.

12 Ther 50, weather - rainy. I got up this morning and got breakfast. Worked over and baked some bread. This PM I have been at work in the horse barn. I walked down to the beach tword night. Zada has not sit up any today. Lydia came over this PM and stayed a little while.

13 - 27 - No entry

28 Foggy and wet. I went up to Olleys today. Took the puppy and found a flock of quails.

29 Weather - pleasant. Carried Zada to Westerly this morning. She has gone to ____.

30 Went after Sarah Crandall this morning then husking. Carried her home this PM.

31 Weather - pleasant. Shipped 1 bbl fish. Stayed to Westerly until this PM then come home, ate my dinner then St my Pound.

November, 1888

1 Weather - pleasant. Hauled my Pound this morning then went after Sarah Crandall, then husking and cribing corn and puling beans.

2 - 9 No entry

10 Been round home all day

11-12 - No entry

13 Weather - pleasant. Been round home. Went up to Westerly this evening to [] and to see the Parade.

14-15 No entry

16 Weather - pleasant. I carried Mother down to Berts this morning, come over to Sarahs and got the clothes, come home and after dinner carried Bert and his trunk up to Westerly. Mary Edwards come home from Newport today.

17 Weather - pleasant. Been round home all day.

18 Weather - pleasant. I went to the beach after breakfast found the beach clean and went over on the marsh and got a load of drift grass. Came home with it then went and carried Herb Barber a load of wood then went up to Randolph & Bentleys and got some plank for stable floor & home. Hauled my pound and dun the chores.

19 Weather - rainy. I have been to the Grand Lodge today. Zada went to Providence with me. We rode down from Westerly in the rain. Zada got a cloak.

20 Weather - pleasant. Been round home all day choreing and tinkering. Been to [] this evening. Zada and her mother have been to Providence today. Zada gone to the grange this evening. Ma(?) got a cloak.

21 - 23 No entry

24 Gone to Church.

25 Been at work in the horse barn. It has been snowing.

26 Weather - stormy. I helped Andrew pick some turkeys and have been to the pond 2 or 3 times. The tide has been very high and a tremendous Sed(?) on the shore.

27 Weather - rainy. I winnowed and carded the cranberries and carried Benj to ___ and have been to [] this evening.

28 Weather- pleasant. I got Dan Crandall and Horrace Peckham to help me hull and got in my turnips, cabbages and celery. Hauled my Pound and went to Westerly and shipped my fish.

29 Weather - cloudy. I went a gunning this morning. Got 2 Sheldrakes. Come up to breakfast then went to the beach, come back and got ready for dinner. There was 25 ate dinner here today.

30 Weather - pleasant. I carried Hatty down to school this morning then Zada and I went up to the Peninsular House. Come back to Watch Hill. Zada went to Rhodies and I went to the Station then home. I went up to Ollies and carried him 2 pigs this PM.

December, 1888

1 Weather- snow squalls. I kept house for the rest to go to Church.

2 Ther 14, weather - pleasant. I hauled the Pound this morning. Sent Berty over to Benj and got Raymond to help me load a load of hay for J. H. Cross. Carried it up to him, came home and loaded a load to go to the quarry.

3 Carried a load of marsh hay to Quarry Hill. Came home and got Hasey Chapmon to help me load a load and done my chores.

4 Carried 2 loads of hay to the quarry.

5 - 13 No entry.

14 Ther 4, weather - pleasant. Went down and get the clothes and been round house the rest of the day.

15 Ther 9, weather - pleasant. Been to Church went to Charlestown to [get] turkey [for] supper this evening. Got home at 12 o'clock.

16 Weather - pleasant. I carried Mary down to Wm Yorks. Went to the L.S.S. and then to the Lottery. Stopped to Church. Come home and did my chores and thn went over to Capt. Trustuno after Capt. Wilcox.

17 - 20 No entry.

21 About sick with a cold. Got Herman to milk tonight.

22 Weather - pleasant. Been in the house all day about sick with a cold. Mother Z went to Church with Lydia.

23 Weather - pleasant. Been in the house all day. Opened some oysters.

24 Weather - pleasant. I have been in the house all day. Opened some oysters. Had 25 here tonight to our Christmas tree. A very nice time.

25 I went up and saw Mrs. Crandall and hired a tenement in her flat. It has been a pleasant day.

26 Weather - pleasant. Zada & I have been to Mr. Witters today.

27 Weather - rainy. I have been round home all day.

28 Weather - pleasant. Been to Westerly. Collecting money and paying my tax and having my teeth fixed.

29 Been to Church and to Sabbath School. We elected officers and put Deacon Collins in [as] superintendent.

30 Weather - pleasant. Went down to the Meeting House with Zada to put down some carpet and zinc(?). Come back to Berts and took dinner then I went down to the beach. Charles Henry and gang was at work on his shanty.

31 Weather - windy. Been takeing up my Pound and spreading the netting. Horace Peckham helped me.

END

**Diary of William F. Saunders
Westerly, Rhode Island**

1892

January, 1892

- 1 Been round the Station all day. Nate & Tommy are some better.
- 2 Our scrub day. Ed Champlin taken(?) with the grip this evening.
- 3 Weather - pleasant. Found myself sick when I woke up this morning. The Dr. thought I had better come home and so I did get home about noon. Had the Dr. this PM. Temperature 103.
- 4 - 7 (*No entry other a shorthand marking.*)
- 8 Some better. Sit up about 15 minutes.
- 9 Sit up about 40 minutes.
- 10 Sit up about 1 hour.
- 11 Weather - damp. Sit up a little while.
- 12 Weather - cloudy. Sit up and lounged around about ½ of the day. Am feeling some better.
- 13 Weather - rainy. Up and on the lounge part of the day.
- 14 Weather - fog. Sit up part of the day, ate a little, etc. Charles Tucker , John Kenyon & Raymond Barber here.
- 15 Weather - raining. I sit up part of the day and lounged it the rest of the time. About crazy with neurology in my right eye.
- 16 Weather - pleasant. I went down to the barber shop and called into Albert Spicers then back home about wild this PM with the pain in my eye.
I received the appointment as Keeper of the new Life Saving Station at Quonochontaug this PM.
- 17 Weather - pleasant. I am about the same. Eye not quite so painful as it has been.
- 18 Weather - cloudy and rainy. T.T. Saunders called here this noon and I had a very pleasant chat with him. Capt. H.M. Knowles come here on his return from Watch Hill and will stay all night. Raining hard this evening.
- 19 Weather - rainy. Been grunting with the new ___ in my right eye.
- 20 Weather- pleasant. Been trying to keep my eye quiet but is ___. Been 2 applicants here today.
- 21 Been up and down all day. Head pleagueing me considerable.
- 22 Weather - pleasant. Been up the most of the day. Had lots of callers, mostly on business. Am very tired tonight.

22 Weather - pleasant. Been up the most of the day. Had lots of callers, mostly on business. Am very tired tonight.

23 Weather - pleasant. Been up round the house all day. Feeling some better.

24 Weather - pleasant. Went out about 10:30 and walked down St and made 3 or 4 calls then called in to see Dr. Champlin. Am feeling no wors for it. Bert has got a swollen face.

25 Weather - pleasant. I went down St got shaved etc. Albert home with the tooth ache.

26 Weather - gale. Been down St twice today.

27 Weather - pleasant. I went down to Captain Knowles.

28 Round home. Feel rather lame(?).

29 Weather - cloudy. I went to Watch Hill and got my bed and clothes. Was about plaid out when I got home.

30 Weather - cloudy. Been in the house all day.

31 Weather - pleasant. I went down to Randolph K. Bentley then up to Wm Lathams and run round until noon. Got the measure for my uniform suite.

February, 1892

1 Weather - cloudy. I went to Stonington and qualified as Keeper in the L.S.S. and arrived at the Station at 3 P.M. Sent my team up to Deacon Congdons and am here alone tonight.

2 Weather - cloudy and snow and rain. I have been at work on the Book and papers etc. Went up to the Quonochontaug Post Office this noon. William Barnes here tonight.

3 Weather - Cloudy and snowing. Had 2 callers and put the day in at the Station alone tonight.

4 Weather - P & C. I went up to Albert Pendletons and got my breakfast. Got back about 9 AM.

5 Weather - fair. Took my meals to Mr. Pendletons and been round the Station the rest of the day.

6 Ther 5, weather - pleasant. Took my meals to Mr. Pendletons and went to the P.O. Rode up to the P.Road with Lewis Pendleton. Herbert Wilcox come here today and wanted a job in this Station. Had on a Gurnsey frock(?) with the letters on it. Did not want to come in unless he could come in when the crew come on etc.

7 Weather - P & C. I went over to my breakfast and took a walk down as far as the Devils Breach to see if I could find the break in the wire. Did not and then come back. Storming tonight.

8 Weather - wet and mud. Took breakfast and then went to the Post Office. Got back to the Station about 12 noon.

9 Weather - pleasant. Round the Station all day except when I went to my meals.

10 Weather - pleasant. I have been to Westerly to see if any of the appliance had got along. Found the oars and a box of blocks. Stopped at my home, ate my dinner and went round by Andrews and got my decoys.

11 Weather - stormy. Been to the Post Office and to B. Macumbers(?).

12 Weather - pleasant. Been at work round at the Station all day.

13 Weather - pleasant. Took my breakfast then went to the P.O. and back to the Station. Mr. John Wilcox called here this P.M.

14 Weather - pleasant. Took my meals to Mr. Pendletons. Round the Station all day. Had 8 callers. Uncle B. & Kathy, Will Gavitt & _____, Charles Gavitt and a chum, etc. etc.

15 Weather - pleasant. Took my breakfast and then went to the P.O. Come back and went to work. Father come here tonight. Is here now.

16 Ther 10, weather - pleasant. Father and I went over to breakfast then back to the Station. I have been at work sawing wood and at work on the receipt and expenditure book.

17 Weather - pleasant. At the Station all day except when I went to my meals. Father here.

18 Weather - pleasant. Been round the Station all day. Father not feeling well tonight. Did not go up to supper. A load of stuff come today for the Station.

19 Weather - pleasant. Father went home. I went as far as the brook by Uncle Horace Wilcoxes with him then went to the P.O. and back to the Station.

20 Weather - cloudy & R. I went to the P.O. Back to the Station at 11:45.

21 Weather - clear. Round the Station all day.

22 Weather - cloudy. I went up to the P.O. to meet Capt. Knowles. Come back with him and helped take the stoves accross the Breach and put them in the Station. Then I went up to the P.O. again with him and took dinner there. Come back to Pendletons and ate supper and back to the Station found the ground covered with stuff that come from Westerly. I went to work and got it in and worked untill about midnight then sit [by] a stove and made a fire.

23 Weather - clear. Walked up to Dea. Congdons, got my team ad went home. Am going to stay over night. Found my folks all well. I got Horace E. Peckham to stay at the Station.

24 Weather - pleasant. I went down St and finished up my traiding. Ate my dinner and then started for the Station. Arrived here about 4 PM, found Horace here all right. He is staying here tonight.

25 Weather - Cloudy. Been at work on the appliance that arrived here.

26 I went to the P.O. after I come back. Hager & his wife come here and brought Trixy for me. Berty come here tonight to see me and the Station.

27 Weather - windy. I went to the P.O. and to Hilard Burdicks to tell him that his Smack(?) had gone ashore. He come over here and telephoned to Watch Hill and got the boys to go and find out about her.

28 Weather - cloudy. Berty and I been at work on the books of the Station all day.

29 Weather - cloudy. Went up to the P.O. with Berty and he went home on the mail.

March, 1892

1 Weather - cloudy. Been round the Station the most of the day.

2 Weather - N.E. gale. Been scrubbing floors, washing dishes, etc.

3 Weather - snowing. Been putting up a stove in Keeper's room. The telephone line is out of order to the E. I went over the E side of the neck but did not find the break.

4 Weather - pleasant. I went down the beach to Green Hill and found the break in the wire and fixed it and come back the road. Got to the Station about 2 P.M. Put out the Collors(?) for the first time.

5 - 31 No entry.

April, 1892

1 - 16 No entry.

17 Went up to Noyses. The boys drove 12 stakes this morning then I went up to Andrew Chases and back to the Station. Horace Peckham brought me back.

18 Round the Station etc.

19 Went off and see Andrew set his pound. Then went off to the Lexter(?) and got a Life Boat then up to the P.O.

20 Been to Stonington and Westerly. Found Zada sick a bed with grip. Back to the Station tonight. Andrew got 3 scup today.

21 Round the Station went off and saw A.L. haul his pound. Got 11 scup.

22 Weather - Fog and R. Been up to the P.O. Round the Station the rest of the day.

23 Round the Station. Been several callers here today. Andrew caught about a bushel of paugies(?).

24 Weather - pleasant. I went up to the beach this morning. Come back and entertained callers this PM. Andrew st his out shore pound this PM.

25 Weather - pleasant. Been to the P.O. and round the Station the rest of the day. My gand set my Pound today.

26 Weather - pleasant. Been to the P.O. and at work in and around the Station the rest of the day. Samuel Haley called here today. I got Lamphers' gang to haul the Life Boat out of the Breach this morning.

27 Weather - pleasant. Been round the Station and up to the P.O. It was reported that Will Beverly died on his boat today. Andrew Lamphere went home.

28 Weather - cloudy. I helped the boys haul Andrew's Pound. Got 9 sugar lbs of scup.

29 Weather - raining. Surf heavy. I helped Andrew's boys haul their Pounds. Got bbls of scup.

30 Weather - pleasant. Been round the Station and to the P.O.

May, 1892

1 Weather - pleasant and rainy. T.T. Saunders called here this morning.

2 Weather - cloudy. I left the Station [at] 12:30 went to Westerly and will stay at home tonight. Went to Chapter meeting this evening.

3 Weather - cloudy. Compared the invaloues(?) then went down St and after dinner I come back to the Station. Arrived here about 4 P.M.

4 Weather - cloudy. Been to the P.O. and at work round the Station all day.

5 Weather - pleasant. Wrote some letters then went to the P.O. Got Lamphers men and put the Life boat in the boat room this PM. John Taylor and Horace Peckham was down here this PM. Said they caught 18 bbls of fish today.

6 Went off to the Pound with Andrew. He got lots of scup. Been cooking scup for supper.

7 Weather - pleasant. Been to the P.O. and up to Babcock's shanty etc.

8 Weather - pleasant. Been round the Station all day, A number of callers etc.

9 Weather - pleasant. Left here at 1 PM to go to Stonington and then to Westerly and am going to stay all night. Lots of scup.

10 Weather - pleasant. Been to Boston today. Come back on the boat train.

11 Weather - rain. I went over to Stonington today. The boys had about 50 bbls of scup etc.

12 Weather - cloudy. I went to Stonington and back to Niantic and then to the Station.

13 Weather - cloudy. Been to the Post Office and round the Station all the rest of the day. Albert Barnes here this evening.

14 Been round the Station and the P.O. Aunt Ruby & Hatty called this PM.

15 Weather - rainy. Been round the S. all day. John Taylor and Albert Barnes called today. Albert has just gone 11 PM.

16 Weather - pleasant. Round the Station this AM. Been to Westerly this PM. Did not see Zada.

17 Been round the Station all day.

18 Weather - pleasant. I went up to Andrews and got my step ladder. Called on Emmer and got my spy glass. Called to Berts and to Leon Crandalls.

19 Been round the Station all day put up some hooks for oars.

20 Weather - rainy. Been round the Station all day.

21 Weather - Rainy. Been round the Station all day had a nap this PM.

22 Weather - cloudy. Sea very heavy this PM. I went over in Lavises woods and cut 2 stakes this PM and towed them over.

23 - 31 No entry

June, 1892

1 - 30 - No entry

July, 1892

1 Weather - rainy. Zada and the children arrived at the Station this evening.

2 Around the Station

3 The same.

4 Around the Station and entertained, visiting all day.

5 Been to Westerly this PM.

6 No entry.

7 Been round the Station all day.

8 Weather - pleasant and showery. Been at work on some lobster pots and carried them off in the rain.

9 Weather - pleasant. Been scrubbing floor[s] and round the Station all day.

10 Weather - pleasant. Went out and hauled my pets this AM. Been at work round the Station all the rest of the day.

11 Weather - pleasant. Been mowing brush. Putting a thivart(?) in my boat and making a window screen.

12 - 31 No entry.

August - September, 1892 - No entry

October 1 - 25 - No entry

26 Weather - pleasant. Been round the Station until 2 P.M. Practiced the beach apparatus. Time 4 ³/₄ minutes. Come to Westerly tonight the first night away from the Station since the crew come.

27 Weather - fair. Left Westerly at 2 PM. Arrived at the Station at 7:45 PM. Found everything all right.

28 - 31 No entry.

November - No entry.

December 1 - 16 - No entry.

17 Weather - pleasant. Writing etc.

18 - 31 No entry.

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Memoranda

[Name]	Weight	Age
T.T. Saunders	192	2
Wm S. Gavitt		
John E. Taylor		
Stephen Saunders		
Charles Wilson		
Horrace E. Peckham		
Alonzo Church	180	22
James B. Sisson	148	
Edwad A. Brown		
Sisson		
Lorenzo Sisson		
Kawl		
E. S. Pendleton		
Joseph Ennis		
Edwin G. Barnes		
Lot Collins		
Joseph E. Champlin		
Fred B. Tucker		
Wenton B. Carpenter		
Arthur Le Bliven		
Henry W. Hoxey		
Amos E. Brewer		
Herbert Wilcox		
Walter Rathbun		
Ben Eaton		
George Collins		
Vars		
Amos Champlin		
Harris P. Chapman		

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