

Spring Blue



Early or Northern Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum giganteum*) is a perennial that is native to the northeastern U.S. and adjacent Canadian provinces, and found in moist forests. The wildflower's half-inch blooms open before the leaves unfurl. In early America, a root tea from this flower was used to treat a variety of human illnesses. If you find Blue Cohosh during a deep forest hike, let it be. It is considered vulnerable in a couple of neighboring states. Photo taken in the rich woods of Petersburg by Trix Niernberger.

Hikers Beware



Hobblebush (*Viburnum lantanoides*) is a perennial shrub growing up to 12 feet in moist forests, swamps and streambanks in the eastern U.S. and adjacent provinces of Canada. The large white flowers can be seen now. Red edible berries develop in late summer. The bush has branches that take root when touching the ground, which can trip or "hobble" hikers stumbling upon it. Photo taken in the rich woods of Petersburg by Trix Niernberger.

The Life Of George Holcomb

by George Holcomb • Transcribed by Betty McClave • Edited by Alex Brooks

George's Wife Lucinda Injures Her Head

Saturday, June 1, 1850: Today I took my one horse wagon and carried my wife and daughter Charlotte to the Christian Chapel to conference meeting. On the way home I called to Mr. Leonard's the tailor by trade and bargained with him to hire his boy by the name of Edwin to work for me four months at six dollars per month. This evening or nearly night, my wife hit her head against a door catch and hurt it bad, it struck her nerves and went through her whole system and was chilled with ague and bad pain in the head. Tonight after we were all abed and asleep Rensselaer Sheldon came and got his trunk. He quit work for Geo P. on Friday morning the 24th of May. Nelson Perkins came with said Sheldon after the trunk.

Friday, June 7: I sowed the oats and the grass seed in the young orchard on the hill. Today in the middle of the day we washed our sheep near the Douglass bridge on side the road on Daniel Gardner's land. I put them in the water, my two sons and Edwin Leonard washed them. I killed one sending it in the water.

Monday: This forenoon or part of the forenoon my two sons and Edwin Leonard worked on the highway and it was rainy. We had the ox team to work on said highway. Geo P. was overseer

on highway.

Tuesday: I this forenoon took the one horse wagon and went to the west part of Lebanon to Smith's mill and paid two dollars and 25 cents for six hundred pounds of plaster. On the way home through Lebanon I called to Squ Wheeler's the gate tender and paid him ten cents which pays up my commute to September a reckoning in the apple trees Geo P. let said Wheeler have this spring towards commute, which was 40 cents. I called to F. Everett's store and paid six cents for one pound roll brimstone to burn to keep the crows from the corn field. This afternoon I and my hired boy Edwin planted over potatoes where the crows had pulled up the corn and my two sons worked on the highway with the team and Edwin this forenoon worked on the highway.

Wednesday: This forenoon I and Edwin plastered corn. Today Geo P. worked on the highway with the team. The most part of the work on the highway this year has been building up the road along against my orchard. Today John F. and Charlotte E went to Troy with one horse wagon and carried boosums and collars to Bennett's and Vanvalkenburgh for ourselves and others. Tonight at sunset Mr. Gustus Rollo had a son die, a little boy.

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