

# Local Violets



Canada Violet



Long-spurred Violet (*Viola rostrata*) is also blooming now, as well as native to eastern North America forests. 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

### Cousin H.P. Wylie Is Extremely Ill

Saturday, August 3, 1850: I went to Pittsfield and carried nine bushels new potatoes that average 65 cents per. I trusted one and a half bushels potatoes to Dr. Cluff at 60 cts per. I sold half a bushel of rare ripe onions to Wells store for 25 cents. I paid 45 cents to Doctor Reed's Agricultural Store for one hundred pounds plaster. Towards night John F. and his sister Sarah and their cousin Caroline Holcomb rode to Lebanon and went on Pool Hill. Today while in Pittsfield I had an invitation to meet Colonel Ross to try to settle the twelve hundred dollars judgement that Charlotte E. holds against his son Marcellus but I did not, except for said Ross passed my house two days ago and only called to my son to have me take the trouble to come to Pittsfield.

Monday: This forenoon Mr. Gardner and Mr. Rider from Chatham came and got the 40 lambs that were before bargained at one dollar and fifty cents per head and paid the remainder fifty dollars for they had paid ten dollars in advance. I let John F. have half of the money which was thirty dollars.

Wednesday, Aug 14: I cradled wheat part of the day and I was lame with the rheumatism. Geo P. cradled some and broke the cradle, and towards night I rode over to Simeon Wylie's and left said cradle to be mended. Sarah went with me and we went to Aaron Merrills' and got cucumbers.

Thursday: This morning I rode over to Mr. Wylie's and got my cradle that he had mended and I paid him for mending it 31 cents and I handed him two dollars to pay his son Simeon for helping me hay two days, and I cradled a spell. Towards night we worked at haying some.

Wednesday: Today John F. and his two sisters went to Williamstown to commencement, and I handed John F. two dollars to pay their expenses. This morning at two o'clock my family was called to Henry P. Wylie's for he was taken a bleeding or puking blood and Geo P. went for Doc Right.

Thursday: I cradled oats and my two sons and Edwin hayed. Tonight John F. and Erastus Rowley went to West Sand Lake after Doctor Thomas for Henry P. Wylie for he continues bleeding to the lungs.

Friday: This forenoon I took my one horse wagon and drew in oats into my Rodgers barn and I paid Aaron Merrills 44 cents for binding up said oats. John F went to Lebanon after the grists and to Tilden's store after medicine for H. P. Wylie. Today Mr. Leonard the father of Edwin that works for me, he called and I paid him twenty dollars for the boy's services and took a receipt.

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