

Another Spring Beauty



Painted Trillium (*Trillium undulatum*) is a native wildflower growing in the forests of eastern North America. If pollinated, a small red berry will develop. This one was found across the Massachusetts border in the rocky woods of Williamstown. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Life Of George Holcomb

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

Sister Eleanor Has Lame Foot

Tuesday, August 27, 1850: We four of us hayed, I and my two sons and Edwin, and Nelson Rhodes helped, to pay house rent that was due last winter. Towards night I took my one horse wagon and carried my wife to brother Samuel Beers and stayed tonight. Sister Eleanor is quite unwell and lame with a swelled foot.

Wednesday: Today we all worked at haying, four of us and I paid an Irishman 75 cents to help us hay, his name I did not learn, which makes five of us.

Friday: I worked at hay and Edwin help me this afternoon. This foenoon Geo P. and Edwin went to the north part of the town picking blackberries.

Saturday: Today I took the one horse wagon and rode to Pittsfield to try to collect money for Geo P. but did not collect any. I called to see Sq. Gold but he was not home. I took dinner to Brother F. Jay Wylie's.

Monday, September 2: I only tended to chores this afternoon, quite heavy rains and high water and rainy through the night. This morning Geo P. started for Vermont to look for cattle and sheep to buy. He went with one horse and wagon, and Aaron Merrils with him to help drive, if bought any. Today John F. went to Pittsfield with one horse wagon and carried and sold the apples he bought in Berlin the other day. He sold them at 50 and sixty two cents per bushel, and he went to Doctor Cluss and had three teeth dug out and one set in and paid three dollars. Today I sold the horse I bought of John Coevey, I sold the horse to not be a sound horse and took Mr. Clark Vary's and John Whiten's note and they do agree to pay the note in ninety days.

Tuesday: Today I took my one horse wagon and carried my daughter Sarah to sister Eleanor Beers for she is quite unwell and lame foot. I returned home tonight and Sarah with me, one Miss Eddy was there to help sister Eleanor. On the way there the water high near glass factory and bridge away.

Wednesday: Today Mr. Lord from Canaan called to my house and bargained for all my sheep that was in my swamp pasture, the number I did not know, but not to vary more than ten or fifteen from one hundred. He agreed to take them in the course of week after next and pay nine shillings and sixpence per head and he paid me eight dollars in advance.

Friday: Towards night I took Geo P.'s top wagon and carried my wife over to Pittsfield on a visit and stayed to brother F. Jay Wylie's

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