

Attractive Pollinator



Eastern Calligrapher Fly (*Toxomerus germinatus*) is a species of hoverfly found from eastern Canada south to Texas. Hoverflies are important pollinators of flowering plants worldwide and are harmless to humans. This one was enjoying a garden marigold in Petersburg. Marigolds bring beneficial insects to gardens. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Life Of George Holcomb

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

George Consults The Lawyers On Ross Case

Saturday, September 7, 1850: This forenoon I took my one horse wagon and brother F. Jay Wylie with me and we went to Lenox to Sq. Bishop's and Squ Bishop agreed if the Ross case was carried up to the Supreme Judges he would tend to it or defend it. We then returned to Pittsfield. I then called on Squ Gold, he had that immediately returned from a journey. I then coun-ciled him concerning a settlement with Ross. We talked about a compromise of one thousand dollars. My wife paid into Buel's daguerreotype office twenty cents to have her likeness taken over for the one he had taken was not correct. We started for home at two o'clock. We came three miles and it was rainy and we stopped to Mr. Butler's two hours and then came home. I called to Nichols post office and paid five cents for letter for Charlotte from her cousin Lewis. Today Geo P. returned home from Ver-mont with four yoke of young oxen. Wednesday: I took my one horse wagon and carried my wife to Camp Meeting on Gale Hill. When we returned we took tea to Joshua Hart's and Geo P. carried his two sisters to camp meeting in com-pany with Mr. Bushnell. We came off the Camp ground when the sermon was out at the middle of the day, for it was cold and chilly weather.

Friday: Today brother S. Beers came and bought a yoke Geo P. young oxen at 50 dollars and paid down 20 dollars and gave a note for 30 dollars.

Monday: Today H. P. Wylie had a bee, I this forenoon mowed rowing for said Wylie and this afternoon Geo P. and others cut up his corn and shocked it up. Today Edwin remains to home, he does not come to work for me.

Tuesday: I took my one horse wagon and carried one of my old wagon wheels up to Wetherbee to new fellow but he could not repair it and I returned to Palmer Barnes and left to be new-fellowed and some spokes. This afternoon I cut up corn. Today Edwin did not return to work but returned this evening.

Thursday: I and Edwin drew in two loads of corn and at night we husked. Today Mr. Lord from Canaan came and took the sheep that he bargained on the 4th and he paid me up for them at nine shillings and sixpence per head, one hundred of them. Some rainy tonight.

Saturday: I mended fence where the water had carried the rails down stream in the meadow, and I sold 49 cents worth turkey feathers at three cents per and six pounds wool taggins at 20 cts per to a tin peddler and got a tin glass lantern at 70 cents and four six quart milk pans at 22 cents each.

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