

John B. Chase Orford, N.H. 1892 Diary

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[Much of this is as John wrote it, with his spelling [as Mark Twain said, it was a poor scholar who couldn't think of more than one way to spell a word], and with some paraphrasing and leaving out of connecting words. Most info is here, with a bit left out when redundant and/or couldn't be read. Notes, questions and places mentioned are listed at the end of the diary entries]

- 1\1 shaving shingles, got oats for milling from Scott Johnson
1\2 sawed wood, Cousin John Savage funeral [72]
1\7 threshed beans most of day
1\8 went to Wentworth bought rubbers, nails, oysters \$1.92
1\10 Warren went to the new Church [on Atwell Hill]
1\13 mended harness for the old hoss, John & Warren to meeting on Atwell Hill [probably prayer meeting at the church as this is Wednesday]
1\14 asked Tom Savage to dig grave
1\15 to school house for Hiram Gray's funeral
1\18 to Wentworth spent \$2.30
1\22 Dan Simpson went to Orford
1\23 Temperance Meeting at school
1\25 worked on Charley Gail's [Gale] horse sled
1\26 mended sleigh
1\27 went to hill
1\28 went to Orford got horse shod, sugar, chez, oil[for lamp?] \$3.54
1\30 John and Warren went to Temperance Meeting on Atwell Hill in evening
1\31 John and Warren done chores at John Ladd's
- 2\1 cleaned and oiled my clock
2\6 to Wentworth got 3 pairs of overalls, door handle \$2.30
2\7 [Sunday] Dan Chase and boys to Atwell Hill to meeting, Mr. F.H. Bickford, nice meeting at the school house
2\8 went to Charley Gail's got 92 cents worth of potatoes paid in sled work
2\9 to John Ladd's and nailed up his window. Some on nocked it in
2\10 Scott Johnson's, Dan Simpson's, L.P. Sherburn's folks all sick w\grip
2\11 Annie went up to Mr. Sherburn's
2\12 Mr. Sanderson dangerous sick
2\14 [Sunday] John to Sunday School, Warren to see Alfred Currier, Annie to see Mrs. Sherburn - she and Mr. sick
2\15 shoveled snow to the Spring, broke road to Mill barn, Annie to Sherburn
2\16 Annie to Sherburn's, better, bin sick a week
2\17 paid my taxes to Samuel Morrison \$21.09
2\18 sold 51 gal of cider to John Ladd, to go to Haverhill for 10 cents a gal \$5.15, to be paid in meal
2\19 T. Savage paid Warren and Johnie
2\20 went over to the Street and settled w\Town of Orford for the year 1891
In back of diary: 4 days work on highway repairing road 5.00
for Running Water at Tub 1.50
1892 1.00
Paid by the Town Feb. 20 \$7.50
- 2\21 boys to Atwell Hill to Sabbath School, I've been sick for 10 days lame, stomach
2\22 filed wood saw for Fred Rolins .25 sick all day Annie worked @ Sherburn's
2\23 filed wood saw for John Sargent .25 sick all day
2\24 pain in my legs and neck
2\25 filed saw sledding soft and bad
2\26 sick all day Warren to Wentworth w\Barrel of cider for John Ladd
very poor sledding
2\28 John Ramsey go drunk and hurt

- 2\29 went to Mr. Gilman's and Mr. Follansbee's and got hair cut Henry at home [may be the Henry Chase who wrote many of the letters in collection]
- 3\1 went to Wentworth got some Danes Sasaprilla Warren went with me to get tooth out did not have it pulled
- 3\2 got 1\4 cord of short wood from Brown's Mill
- 3\4 filed saw for Scott Johnson
- 3\5 go out manure 26 loads Mrs. Sherburn sick fight at Brown's Camp warm and thawing good sap day
- 3\8 went to Town Meeting Selectmen Lues [Lewis] Franklin, George French, T.T. Savage
- 3\9 to Wentworth got a check for H.D. Morey of sixteen dollars warm and thawing good sap day
- 3\10 to Wentworth I got the check of sixteen dollars to Chase P. Chase at Dartmouth College
- 3\11 John worked for John H. Ladd yesterday and today in sugarplace
- 3\12 went to Brown's Mills got 8 bbls of sawdust. The old woman out of her head. Went up to Samuel Morrison's frozen water 2 inches thick on spring
- 3\13-14 [something to do with potatoes - can't make out what]
- 3\15 Over to School Meeting at Orfordville They want to build a new School House. Got a bottle of Danes Sasaprilla
- 3\18 Rosey Randall born a boy
- 3\20 [Sunday] went to J.H. Ladd's, W. Gilman's, E. Gilman's, and Dan Simpson's good sleighing
- 3\21 brought water to wash in [to do clothes washing?] good sledding filed saw for Moses Bean
- 3\22 filed saw for Moses Bean .25 soled hay to John Folansbee for 8 Dollars per ton to be paid in July
- 3\23 John Ladd's little Boye has got the mesels bad
- 3\24 John Folansbee brought me up 2 baskets of potatoes at 30 cents pre bushel \$.60
- 3\25 helped John Folansbee get the rest of my hay out of my barn 2 1\2 tons \$20
- 3\26 went over to the Charles Savage Farm and got a stove I bid off @ auction
- 3\28 filed wood saw for Mr. L.P. Sherburn .25 one for myself
- 3\29 went to work on shop shingels the east side John W. Chase went to work for Will E. Downing [John worked for him for the next week or two]
- 3\30 worked on shop shaved 330 shingels to finish out the roof
- 3\31 put up staging and shinged
- 4\1 layed 2 corses of shingles on shop, then harnessed up and went to Wentworth got barrel of Peuritan Flower \$6.50
- 4\2 Warren and I shingled
- 4\3 borrowed Dan Simpson's saw
- 4\4 finished shingeling shop filed wood saw for W.E. Downing .25
- 4\5 took down staging Will Downing took down his forward wagon wheels to be [refinished?]
- 4\6 Annie and I went to Wentworth paid Mr. Blodgett for flower
- 4\7 hewed sleepers for shop flower [floor]
- 4\8 helped Warren mend his wagon wheels and got his ___ under his cart body that he got from Fred Rollins got timbers and sleepers into shop Rosey Simpson died in her sleep
- 4\9 put sleepers in shop Annie went down to Dan's and helped them half day Will E. Simpson came from Heniker to his sister's funeral
- 4\10 Annie went down to Dan Simpson's and helped them sad day for Dan
- 4\11 put timber in shop brought water to wash
- 4\12 went to Dan Simpson's to funeral Rosie Randall buried [must mean Rosie Simpson]
- 4\13 got out spokes for wagon wheel, went to C.M. Pease's, Mary Johnson came down sap just started, then froze again
- 4\14 brought water
- 4\15 worked all day for Brown's irons for 22 river poles good sap day
- 4\16 worked for Brown's in forenoon ironing cant dogs
- 4\17 Annie went to Chase Pease's to make up Juley's bed [??]
- 4\18 work for Brown's Mills on cant dogs 1.70 drilled 12 holes in broken pulley made straps to hold it together
- 4\19 work in Brown's blacksmith shop making hooks and ox chains mending broken pulley 1.70

- 4\21 went up to C.M. Pease's to sea about coalt Caled to Mr. Gail's to see Edner Gail I think they will let her lay and die
- 4\23 worked on wagon wheel for Will Downing \$2.74 John Ladd and Laura went to Haverhill
- 4\24 milked, watered, and fed John Ladd's cow went in and see Mrs. Randall and litel motherles boy [Rosey Randall had a son 3\18, Rosie Simpson died 4\8, but with mention of motherless boy, are they the same person?]
- 4\25 trimmed 10 apple trees
- 4\26 painted wagon wheels
- 4\27 mended old fence on line between L.P. Sherburn and me all day on the hill
- 4\28 got lumber and boards into the shop mended harness
- 4\29 went to C.M. Pease's to see about hoss I was goin to buy, S.F. Sanders brought his wheel up here
- 4\30 grafted 13 plumb trees by C.M. Pease's put in 19 scions C.M. Pease and I exchanged cow and calf for a coalt 18 months old I paid him 10 dollars Annie & Warren went to Wentworth
- 5\1 [Sunday] boys went to Meeting Mr. Charles Nelson preached at Schoolhouse
- 5\2 built over wagon when for Sylvester Sanders
- 5\3 set wagon tier [tire] for Sylvester Sanders and bolted it - paid for the whole wheel .75 Annie went to Warren John and Warren don the first plowing with horse
- 5\4 split cart spokes out of oak Edner Gail dangerous sick
- 5\5 dug fence post holes on the hill John Ladd's cousin came from Salem, Mass
- 5\6 set 14 fence posts on line between me and L.P. Sherburn in forenoon, afternoon to Brown's Mills tempered 3 drills and got a screw took care of John Ladd's cow
- 5\7 done my chores and John Ladd's Burt Lock drunk at Danny Simpson's Annie went to Wentworth and got Aunt Lucey
- 5\9 built fence between L.P. Sherburn and me on the old Colege Lot
- 5\10 built fence between L.P. Sherburn and me on the old Colege Lot John put in the staples and I stretched the wire
- 5\11 helped B.G. Lock pack his goods for Hollis, N.H. Burt staid with us tonight
- 5\12 went down to Burt G. Lock's with him and helped to get his goods. Then to Brown's Mills with Mr. E. Gilman worked from 10am to 6pm on chains and cant dogs
- 5\13 worked for Brown's in blacksmith shop on broken mill work mended three cant dogs
- 5\14 took Burt Lock's goods to Wentworth 15 pieces all safe to go to Nashua, N.H. got 147 lbs. of barbed wire @ 3 3\4 cents per pound 5.52 to be charged to the Browns
- 5\15 Annie went to Mrs. Joseph Kimball's all night Mrs. Kimball died
- 5\16 filed 2 wood saws built 12 _____ of barbed wire fence Sent postcard to B.G. Lock Took Sam [?] off to pasture
- 5\17 took my colt to C.M. Pease's to pasture wnet to Mrs. Kimball's funeral Annie staid with Edner Gail
- 5\18 John and I worked all day on the hill mending fence Meteors at night
- 5\19 blacksmith shop at Brown's cant hooocks, chains, pieces to the mill \$1.50
- 5\20 blacksmith shop at Brown's spline keys [?], cart chains
- 5\21 blacksmith shop at Brown's chain hooocks, cart irons, boltes for mill
- 5\22 went up to the Sylvester Blood place and found my black ster dead [Sam from 5\16?]
- 5\23 blacksmith shop
- 5\24 worked on the Old Place cut posts maid a gait to pasture Annie to Wentworth [Aunt] Lucey came home with her
- 5\25 worked on hill finished gait to pasture, trimmed apple tree Warren and I buried black steer at Blood's place
- 5\26 trimmed apple trees on hill, at Joseph Kimball's auction go tub, 5 augers, lots of old iron. Got piece of wood for sap yoke @ Brown's Mills Got bushel of potatoes of John Folansbee
- 5\27 worked all day on the hill building fence Lucy Chase was with us
- 5\28 worked all day building fence Annie and boys gone over to Warren to the Memorial
- 5\29 [Sunday] built fence on the hill all day
- 5\30 built fence on the hill all day
- 5\31 built fence on the hill all forenoon - got soken wet
- 6\1 John and I helped C.M. Pease plant potatoes all day \$2.50 Warren got 227 lbs. potatoes for me from T.T. Savage
- 6\2 Planted peas, plowed and planted potato ground Got out manuer for squash

6\3 planted potatoes, corn, squash, cucumbers, punkin seeds and beans Went up to Blood's pasture to see colt.
 6\4 Got my tub and old iron at Kimball's
 6\5 [Sunday maid garden John to Sunday School on Atwell Hill Warren gone all day
 6\6 Got out maneur and plowed on the hill John Folansbee helped me with his horses and plow 1.25 for half day
 6\7 rigid [fixed it up?] pig pen went to Danny Simpson's got pig finished planting garden
 6\8 finished planting garden went to Charley Gail's to see Edner
 6\9 worked on hill plowing and harrowing John Folansbee \$2.50
 6\10 worked at Brown's Mill 1.75
 6\11 finished wheel for Danny Simpson welded tier put band on hub Scott Johnson [paid?]
 6\12 [Sunday] Annie to Wentworth to Lucy Chase's
 6\13 worked on hill planted potatoes Spot droped her first calf she was two years old
 6\14 John and I hauled manure and planted potatoes on the hill
 6\15 planted potatoes on the hill
 6\16 finished planting potatoes and corn on the hill
 6\17 worked in shop sharpening tools Worked on Will French's wheel To Danny Simpson's and ground tools
 6\18 maid 12 new spokes cow and calf ____ got saucy and had to be [reasoned?] with
 6\19 [Sunday] Meeting at School house Scarlet fever and canker rash is in the place
 6\20 planted corn for cows hauled 3 loads of maneur up on the hill with Old Bob Warren helped T.T. Savage half day .21 sat 2 horse shoes on John H. Ladd's horse
 6\21 3 loads of maneur to the hill Lesley Grey staid with John and helped plan fodder corn
 6\22 planted beans on hill L.G., John and I got the little calf from the Mill barn
 6\23 John and I planted beans on the hill all day the little Grey boy was with us part of the day Annie and Mrs. Curier went to Orford
 6\24 John and I planted beans on the hill all day the little Grey boy was with us part of the day Annie went to Clark's place strawberrying with John Ladd's wife
 6\25 worked on hill put up Scar Crowes
 6\26 [Sunday] went on the hill got wet and cold Crows picked up corn 30 hundred hills Got a letter that had been opened by 2 persons
 6\27 John and I went to Wentworth got an order from E. Gilman on Milton Blodgett for 100 hundred of meal 1.25 Took dinner with Lucy
 6\28 worked all day for E. Gilman for Brown's Lumber Company in blacksmith shop mending chains and fixing cant hoocks 1.62 + .25
 6\29 hoed corn and garden
 6\30 All the boys and I went on the hill and cut shingle timber 12 thousand John shot his first fox Jason Flanders came over and staid all night

 7\1 planted beans where the crows had puled up corn
 7\2 Warren went to Wentworth and got Aunt Lucey. I went on hill and got load of wood
 7\3 [Sunday] A. Lucey and Annie went strawberrying There was six baptized on Atwell Hill
 7\4 Filed wood saw and fixed ___ for Pillsbury of Piermont Went onto the hill mowed road in orchard
 7\5 worked on new road to the spring till 3 in afternoon Went on hill with Mr. Folansbee and got 2 saw logs
 7\6 John and I worked on road to ould spring all day Annie went up to Mary Johnson's
 7\7 hoed potatoes laid out hayrack for Chase M. Pease and paid him 5 dollars for the rest in full for the colt the days work goes to pay him
 7\8 John and I hoed potatoes and garden Annie carried Aunt Lucey to Wentworth
 7\9 made spokes for hayrack wheel and set them John cut the fellows
 7\10 Sylvester Sanders and Frank spent Sabbath with us
 7\11 finished wagon wheel for John H. Ladd 11 spokes, 6 fellows, set tier and painted it 2.85
 7\12 finished hoeing beans and potatoes at home Put flower into shop and boarded
 7\13 took hard wood plank into shop in forenoon John and I went to Brown's Mill in afternoon shaped and tempered tool
 7\14 fited sythe and ground five, hung grindstone for Will Gilman, ground 2 axes, 2 ____, s knives, 2 chisels
 Went to Mill and mowed Took wheel down to John Ladd's for Will Gilman's hayrack
 7\15 mowed in millyard went to Wentworth and got a letter from L.M. Ram[sey?]
 7\16 mowed down by the water tub and repaired the same Annie went to Wentworth

7\17 [Sunday] Meeting at the Schoolhouse
 7\18 worked on hayrack all day
 7\19 went to C.J. S[anders] and got mowing machine Warren and I went on hill and mowed
 7\20 Edner Gail died Henry Palmer called and paid him his bill on C.J. Savage's bill 8.22 finished hayrack
 7\21 mowed on hill with mowing machine Warren drove got in 3 loads
 7\22 worked all alone on hill haying got in 2 loads of hay and 1 load of wood
 7\23 mowed hay on the old wheat ground got in 1 load
 7\24 went on hill and brot in 9 sheep and lambs L.P. Sherburn's pasture belong to J.B. Randall raked a
 littel hay went to Gilman's got tug and sythe and oil 1 pint
 7\25 raked hay and got in 1 load in forenoon afternoon went to Wentworth got gallon of molasses of John
 Davis not paid for 50 cents
 7\26 went to Will Gilman's ground sythe got 1 bushel of potatoes of J.B. Randall .25 Went onto the old
 place and mowed afternoon
 7\27 mowed on hill all day and poisned potato bugs
 7\28 went to Wentworth and got order of H.D. Morey on Mr. Blodgett for one bag of meal helped W.W.
 Brown 4 hours on house
 7\29 hayed on hill all day Annie went to Wentworth w\Charly Gail's waggan and got Mr. Morse and wife
 had out 12 heaps of hay [big shower at 6 PM]
 7\30 went fishing in forenoon with Mr. Morse of Boston and my two boys Afternoon all hands went up to
 see the coult in the Pease pasture then got in 1 load of hay
 7\31 cleaned shears and ground 3 pairs for Mrs. Morse They went to Wentworth to see Jason Flanders
 they got back at six all wet

8\1 Annie took her sister to Wentworth to Mr. Morse to take the cars to Lancaster
 8\2 mowed on Cross place
 8\3 mowed over Cross place w\mower machine filed wood saw for E.W. Downing .2
 8\4 went to the hill to spread hay in forenoon afternoon took Mrs. H.P. Chase to Wentworth Went to the
 Morey's got order from the Brown's for a bbl of flower from Mr. Blodgett 6.25
 8\5 mended hayrack axle that was brock of at both ends in forenoon went to the Cross place and mowed
 2 loads of hay and got in 1 load
 8\6 went on the hill with the boys and mowed and raked all day until the rain
 8\7 Fred Rollin's old mair smelt bad on the Cross place [I think the mare had died - see below]
 8\8 mended my mower in forenoon afternoon went on the Cross place and finished mowing and took
 down a load of hay Annie called on T.T. Savage
 8\9 went to the Cross place got 1 load of hay raked up 3 loads
 8\10 went to the Cross place got last load of hay cut the grass around the ould buildings
 8\11 Notified Selectmen [about what?] mended ___ to my mowing machine went on to the hill
 and got hay
 8\12 sawed wood in forenoon Sherburn came down and we looked where Fred Rollins ___ his old mair I
 went to Brown's and stuck up boards
 8\13 went over to see Thomas Savage to see him about buring the hoss that was left on the ground not
 buried. mowed a little in afternoon on hill
 8\14 [Sunday] Staid home went on the hill and bated cows and horse [I think he put out some grain for the
 cows and horse so they would get used to coming when called, so they could be caught when it was
 time to take them home in the fall.] John sick
 8\15 went to George French's and got him to come out and buried Fred Rollin's old mair went on hill got
 one load of hay John sick
 8\16 went on hill got 2 loads hay John sick
 8\17 mowed on hill all day got in 2 loads of hay John sick
 8\18 Will Gilman and I mowed on hill all day got in 2 loads of hay Warren came back from Wentworth with
 1 bag of meal John sick]
 8\19 Will Gilman and I cut 3 loads of hay got in 2 1 got wet
 8\20 went to the ould place and poisned potato bugs cocked up 12 cocks of hay rained I came home and
 worked on gun[?] for Emerson
 8\21 [Sunday] Fred Rollins and wife and Danny Chase went to the ould place 3 times and drove out the
 cattel Sanders cows and Staggs and put up bars
 8\22 Will Gilman and his father and Warren helped me all hay day Will had 2 loads of hay John sick
 8\23 Will Gilman and I hayed all day Will has 1 load 3 loads in all almost 3.3 hundred of hay John and
 Warren helped finished haying

8\24 Annie went to Wentworth John W. went to Warren I got in wood for the rest of the week
 8\25 went on the hill 5 times to drive out Sherburn's sheep
 8\26 went on the hill drove Sherburn's sheep into his pasture worked on gun[?] in afternoon
 8\27 worked on guns[?] for Emerson and finished them John came home from Em Flanders Big rain for the season
 8\28 went on hill and poisoned potato bugs Annie and Warren went to Warren to Em Flanders
 8\29 went on the ould place got in the last hay and picked up haying tools
 8\30 went over on the hill got 2 loads of wood bated cows in field John Curier cut out the swail runs on the hill
 8\31 finished getting hay in the John Simpson orchard let Emerson have guns[?] he was to pay me today \$2.25

 9\1 Cleaned up the rest of the hay on the ould place on the hill worked on the hill road all day building hwy.
 9\2 built fence on the hill half day and got home a load of wood Warren worked for Scot Johnson Curier haled his last load of hay
 9\3 mowed bushes up in the field Annie and Juley Pease went over on Ellsworth Hill to quarterly meeting Warren worked for Scot Johnson
 9\4 [Sunday] went over on Ellsworth Hill to quarterly meeting alone
 9\5 worked on hill Annie got mad again and run away with her Spiritual adviser Danny Simpson She got John W. Chase to try and shoot me with gun
 9\6 dug potatoes and picked apples Annie down to Wentworth to Mrs. H.P. Chase's on one of her bad fites Mr. D.Y. Simpson goes with her
 9\7 Boys gone to Wentworth have bin gone 3 days I cutt bushes and picked beans in garden Warren com back and got horse and went to Wentworth
 9\8 worked on hill and mended fence put in culvert
 9\9 cutt bushes around ould place
 9\10 cutt bushes around the farm Picknic out in the grove the children had a nice time Lucey with me now Warren worked for Scot Johnson
 9\11 [Sunday] went on hill with my cows and hoss to pasture and cleaned up barn afternoon went over to Higen's to farm meeting _____ to Dan Emerson for fixin gun 2.50
 9\12 worked on hill all day cutting bushes and picked beans
 9\13 worked for W.W. Brown on the Silow putting in the bottom stave?
 9\14 worked at W.W. Brown's put in bottom sement
 9\15 worked at W.W. Brown's worked on silow digging out and staving the bottom 1.50
 9\16 worked at W.W. Brown's cementing the bottom made 3 iron rods one 17' long, two 20'2" long. 1st one 28 lbs., other 2 was 37 1.50
 9\17 W.W. Brown's cutting timber and boring howls 1.50
 9\18 built fence on the line to keep out Sander's coves
 9\19 worked for W.W. Brown on silow and ould horse power corn cutter 1.50
 9\20 worked for W.W. Brown bording up doors and putting in ___ and timber 1.50
 9\21 dug potatoes and cutt beans and bushes in field watched cattel at night
 9\22 dug potatoes and cutt beans and bushes
 9\23 worked for W.W. Brown on timbers and _____ 1.50
 9\24 worked for W.W. Brown on timbers and _____ 1.50
 9\25 [Sunday] went to the ould place on the Cross place with Franck Cross and showed him the place where he was born and his farther and mother used to live J.W. Chase ____ about guns
 9\26 filed 3 saws 2 for myself and 1 for Bernard Randall 25 cents worked for E. Gilman in afternoon at 4 o'clock went to W.W. Brown's to work
 9\27 worked all day for W.W. Brown roadway to celler Will ____ baby died Funeral at the School house
 9\28 worked all day for W.W. Brown on bulkhead made 2 ____ doors 1.50
 9\29 worked all day for W.W. Brown 1.50
 9\30 worked all day for W.W. Brown on roadway to celler 1.50

 10\1 worked all day for W.W. Brown 1.50 Tom Simpson cam along I engraved? a set of glass vase for him
 10\2 [Sunday] staid all day with W.W. Brown he went to Orford with George French
 10\3 worked all day for W.W. Brown doing chors and raked hay got in 3 loads hay and 1 load of corn 1.50
 10\4 worked all day for W.W. Brown fitting doors and on celler wall painted the ____ on the barn floor 1.50
 10\5 went up to Haverhill paid John W. and Warren 2 dollars apiece that I owed them

10\6 worked in house all day on jacknief for myself I had a lame back and could hardly move
 10\7 cut bushes Frank Cross cam Annie got mad and run away the boys went first
 10\8 dug potatoes picked apples cut wood went to Wentworth in evening to the Bickford meeting
 10\9 [Sunday] staid at home all day Jason and wife com over and littel Fanny the dog come E. ___ and wife and littel girl com over and Pug com 2
 10\10 worked at home all day and gathered some appels Wallis Brown com hear after me I sent him galloping
 10\11 worked all day for W.W. Brown on ironwork to cartes 1.50
 10\12 worked all day for W.W. Brown on one horse waggan 1.50
 10\13 worked all day for W.W. Brown finished dray 1.50
 10\14 put up ___ in forenoon afternoon worked on new dray 1.50 had 10 lbs. of beef of W.W. Brown
 10\15 worked half day for W.W. Brown on wood dray, then went home Mr. Gilman got home
 10\16 [Sunday] staid home all day Annie and the boys went up to the school house to meeting Howard Gilman sick
 10\17 gathered appels and ground axes brought water to wash with cleaned up dooryard
 10\18 got in lumber to the pond for shingels worked alone all day John and Warren gone
 10\19 went into the woods and cutt shingle stuff all day some rotten worked all alone
 10\20 worked at home all day cut pine tree in the dooryard filed wood saw paid for Litton Journal 2.00
 10\21 sawed shingle loges Annie went to Warren to get some shoes and shirtes and got one hundred of meal paid 1.25
 10\22 cut and sawed wood next to the Pond for shingels Lecture at school house Frank Sanders in troubel
 10\23 [Sunday] staid at home all day Annie sick abed Mary cam down Laurey Ladd cam up
 10\24 staid in house all day Annie sick all day Warren went to Wentworth got his Aunt Lucey
 10\25 went down to Mill with load of shingels got one 8th cord of wod hemlock
 10\26 cutt pine for shingels sawed wood in afternoon Gilman's folks all sick
 10\27 forenoon stain home and toock care of Annie sick with tonsil fever went to hill and picked appels in afternoon
 10\28 toock care of Annie sick with diptheria John carried Lucey Chase back to Wentworth I got a dollar and 80 cents worth of meat of Frank Stetson the butcher and had it charged to W.W. Brown Doctor cam bild 1.80
 10\29 staid home and toock care of Annie and done housework filed wood saw for Bernard Randall .25 snow for the first time
 10\30 filed wood saw for Bernard Randall Doctor cam Mary Gail called Mary Johnson cam down and got supper
 10\31 staid home all day and worked in house Mrs. Pease cam down and helped An wash [probably clothes, as it was Monday]
 11\1 Mrs. Pease cam and finished washing I went to the Mill and got boards and shingels
 11\2 worked in house half day cooking Annie sick Went to Mill and got shingels and sawdust. Saw Will Ladd at John Ladd's
 11\3 worked in house picked over winter appels and done my cooking Charley Gail called to see the sick Annie sick 2 weeks with tonsil in the throat Warren worked down to T.Savage
 11\4 worked in house cooking in forenoon Went to Frank Stetson's cart [butcher] and got of him 45 cents worth of beef and 23 cents worth of cheas
 11\5 John W. saw strange light on Carr Mountain Picked over appels and potatoes 7 barrels Got harness tug for Will Ladd from G.E. Learned
 11\6 [Sunday] Staid home until 4 o'clock then went to Will Gilman's to see the sick all betr Annie sick and the doctor came
 11\7 Staid in the house Annie sick with sour [sore] tonsil in the throat Went to Mill in afternoon and got 500 ft of boards
 11\8 Went over to the Town House and voted for Cleavland John and Will Ladd did not go dug potatoes Very high wind
 11\9 Cleaned up shed went over to the side hill and sawd shingels and got them down the mountain Warren helped C.M. Pease
 11\10 Got wood and cut it Picked over appels to put down cellar Worked on waggan wheel for Will Ladd
 11\11 Picked over appels and potatoes and got them into house John W. went over to Warren
 11\12 sawed shingle boalts and carried a load down to Brown's Mill Schoolteacher called Temperance Meeting at the church

11\13 [Sunday] Staid home until 5 o'clock then went down to Will Gilman's to see the sick how they did get along John Ladd did not have his milk
 11\14 soaled [sold] steer Sawed wood for shingels and pine for shingel boalts and went down to the Mill in afternoon with a load of them
 11\15 sawed shingel logs in forenoon haled to Brown's Mill in afternoon Had of Gail Hiet 1 pair of gloves 1.00 cap .50 peppr .10
 11\16 haled down a load of shingel boalts to the Mill got bat [?] at Folansbee's
 11\17 worked on side hill getting down shingel logs John helped a little Thunder and lighting big for the season
 11\18 went down to Will Gilmans and waited for Frank Stetson [butcher] gpt some beef .20 cents worth of cheas charged to Wallis Brown had bill this fall was 4.23
 11\19 mended Sylvester Sanders plow beam 4 boalts and new tenet .50 hoped [put hoops on?] wash tub for Scot Johnson afternoon rolled logs down the mountain
 11\20 [Sunday] Staid home till night then Jason and Emery cam over glad to see them littel Fanny was real smart Warren went to Scot Johnsons and got 2 bushels of inde wheat [likely 'Indian' of 'Injy' wheat] 1 bushel of oats
 11\21 went over back of the pond and built ____ for shingel logs Lucy went to Nashua, then Lowell, from there to Salem
 11\22 done chores in forenoon Went down to back of pond socked [soaked?] logs killed 4 hens for Thanksgiving
 11\23 went down to back of pond and got shingel logs killed pig for myself
 11\24 staid home all day had a good suppr boys was at home all day
 11\25 worked on horse stalls in shed George E. Lenard brought home rench [wrench?]
 11\26 sawed shingel logs then went down to Browns' Mill with 9 cutts got 3 barrels of sawdust of Wallis Brown
 11\27 staid home all day and cut up my pig and salted it
 11\28 made horse stall all day Went up to C.M. Pease's got my coalt
 11\29 worked all day on horse stalls for my horse Warren cut wood on hill John had ax of John Ladd
 11\30 Pilsby com over with saws in afternoon I went to Wentworth and got 85 cents worth of goods of J.B. Brown 1 barrel of flower of Milton Blodgett for six dollars W.W. Brown was to pay

 12\1 went to Brown's Mill and sawed shingels Run onto a chain link and duled saw John sawed his big boards for flower boards
 12\2 got wood in forenoon after went to Brown's Mill and got my shingels Pond froze over
 12\3 went down to the Pond and took out the boat Brought home the roapes, ax, hammer and cant hooek Left 2 pikes iron
 12\4 [Sunday] staid home all day
 12\5 cleaned up around the door and horse stable
 12\6 went down to Brown's Mill and helped them pick up ther tinges in blacksmith shop and help sel them I bid of som tallow and some iron .50 c
 12\7 went on to the hill and got a load of wood
 12\8 cleaned out hoss stable put things to rigths [likely 'put things to right', an old expression for arranging or cleaning up] Mr. E. Gilman cam and brought up my tallow from the mill
 12\9 filed cross cut saw for Wm Pilsbury Jointed and set it and mended the handle .50 wood .25 went down to Brown's Mill and picked up the rest of my shingel boalts and sawed them
 12\10 chopped wood cleaned up dooryard and toock car of my stock
 12\11 [Sunday] Jason cam over Don my chores as usual staid home untill dark then went to Will Gilman's to sea the sick Meeting at the School House big crowd
 12\12 School commenced today Don my chores wartered the hosses toock car of cows and stears then went on to the hill cut road and 3 loads of wood snow for sledding
 12\13 worked in shed on hoss stable and done my chores Auctin at the Brad Sargent place
 12\14 went up to Pilsby carried up rimmer [not sure what part this is] to stove brought back olde one to be mended Went over to Will Cock____ to by a steer go with waggon
 12\15 worked on sleigh for Will Ladd Gail Hoyet staid all night
 12\16 went on to the hill and got a load of wood changed bodeys on sleds Annie went to C.M. Pease's they was all sick with canker rash baby boy born to S. Johnson
 12\17 sawed wood in forenoon afternoon went to Brown's Mill and got my pine shngels that I had sawed
 12\18 [Sunday] staid home all day and done my chores
 12\19 helped wash done my chores worked on sleigh for Will Ladd now sledding

12\20 built over hand sled and put on top for manuer bitter cold last night froze 4 inches in cattel tub
 12\21 don my chores went over to the hill and got a load of wood repaired horse sled set back the boddey
 12\22 helped Barnard dig up his water to the barn and start the water to the house
 12\23 went to the hill and got 2 loads of wood
 12\24 went down to Barnard Randall's to help him on water works to coaled to hav Christmas
 12\25 [Sunday] staid at home until night then went to Bernard Randall's to sea if the water run
 12\26 went to Wentworth to see about selling some bobbing [bobbin] timber sold 4 cords to Milton Blodgett
 at six dollars per cord
 12\27 went on to the hill and got a load of wood then commenced to cut road to bobing timber
 12\28 went to Wentworth got one dollar and 26 centes worth of molasses and sugar of John Davis got 1 bag
 of meal of M. Blodgett
 12\29 John Folansbee com up and helped me about half day chop bobbing wood bargan was to be 2.00 per
 cord for milling
 12\30 John Folansbee come up haled out six sticks of bobing logges 20. 16, 15,15,15,11 l length went to
 Wentworth
 12\31 cut birch for bobbin logs Folansbee helped me a while and I pointed, set, and filed his saw for what he
 done

People Mentioned Word did not find any entries for your table of contents.:

John B.Chase, wife Annie, sons John W., Warren [Rufus' father]
 Milton Blodgett
 Wallis Brown [W.W. - owner &lor operator of Brown's Mill
 Chase P. Chase
 Henry Chase
 Mrs. H.P. Chase [likely Henry's wife]
 Aunt Lucey [Chase]
 Frank Cross
 Alfred Currier
 John Curier [Currier]
 Mrs. Curier [Currier]
 John Davis [storekeeper in Wentworth]
 Will E. Downing
 Emerson
 Em Flanders
 Jason Flanders
 John Folansbee [Follansbee?]
 Lewis Franklin
 George French
 Will French
 Charley Gail [Gale]
 Edner [Edna?] Gail [Gale]
 E. Gilman
 Will Gilman
 Lesley Grey
 Higen
 Gail Toyet [Hoyt?]
 Mary Johnson [Scott's wife, perhaps Maria?]
 Scott Johnson
 John H. Ladd
 Laura Ladd [John's wife; spelled 'Laurey' once]
 G.E. Learned, Lenard [Dad pronounced 'Learned' as 'Leonard', probably same person]
 B.G. Lock [Burt]
 H.D. Morey
 Samuel Morrison
 Charles Nelson

C.M. Pease [Chase Pease]
Mrs. Pease [wife of Chase?]
Pilsby [probably Pillsbury]
John Ramsey
L.M. Ramsey[?]
Bernard Randall [may be the same as J.B. or B.J.]
J.B. Randall [there is a B.J. Randall on 1892 map, on Ellsworth Hill]
Rosey Randall
Fred Rolins [Rollins]
S.F. Sanders [Sylvester]
Charles Savage
T.T. Savage [Thomas]
L.P. Sherburn
Dan[ny] Simpson
John Simpson
Rosey Simpson [Dan's wife, died 4\8]
Tom Simpson
Will E. Simpson
Frank Stetson [butcher, had a cart he sold from]

Places Mentioned :

Blood's pasture
Boston
Brown's Mill [at the outlet of Lower Baker Pond; a Brown bought mill in 1860s]
Carr Mountain
church on Atwell Hill
Cross place
Haverhill
Hollis
Lowell [probably Massachusetts]
'on the hill' [perhaps on the south side of Brackett Brook, bordering Sherburn farm]
ould place
Nashua
Orford
Orfordville
Pond [Upper or Lower Baker Pond]
Salem [probably Massachusetts]
school house [opposite East Cemetery Rd in 1892]
Town House [Orfordville]
Warren
Wentworth

Notes\Questions :

•Many of the people and places mentioned herein can be located on the 1892 maps of Orford and Wentworth. John lived in a house in the hill between what are now the Pond Road and East Cemetery Road. I knew it as Almy[?] Chase's house, and I think she was the widow of Warren Chase, son of John B. and father of Rufus. This house was later owned by the McGoverns, who gave this diary and othe letters to the Historical Society. If one drew a circle, two miles in diameter, centered on John's house, it would encompass the great majority of the people and places mentioned here. John himself went as far as Orford Street [once] and Wentworth, with the ten miles to the Street being his longest trip.

- On 3\9 & 3\10, mention of \$16 to Dartmouth perhaps to pay tuition for Henry, who seemed in the letters to be relatively well off, living in NYC - perhaps a doctor, attorney, businessman
 - 3\15 Must have taken a while to decide to build a new school. See Francis Pease' 1903 Diary 8\5 went to Warren and got a load of boards for the School house had 1200 ft got \$3.00 a thousand for drawing
 - On 3\21 & 4\11, 'brought water to wash'. Since they were Mondays, I think they didn't have enough running water to wash clothes in, so had to get some [from brook?]
 - Beginning on 4\15, many mentions of working for Brown's Mills, mostly in blacksmith shop. Made iron ends for cant dogs and 'river poles' [long poles to use on river drives?] Based on this and his saw filing, seems to be a blacksmith\iron worker at times.
 - Annie Chase seems to be a neighborhood 'healer', with several instances of her staying with sick folks, helping when people died.
 - 5\1 I think Ma [Theda Pease] has mentioned 'Elder Nelson' as a minister on Atwell Hill.
 - Seems as if we called the lot @ the southeast corner of our land [L.P. Sherburn place] the 'College Lot' - would be the right area for the 'College Lot' John Chase is writing about. Did Dartmouth already own it?
 - 5\16, 5\17, 5\22, 6\3 = did C.M. Pease own the pasture at the Blood place?
 - Both John W. and Warren worked for neighbors for a few days at a time, at various times of the year.
 - Apparently all was not domestic bliss: on 9\5 & 9\6 "Annie got mad again and run away with her Spiritual adviser Danny Simpson She got John W. Chase to try and shoot me with gun' & 'Annie down to Wentworth to Mrs. H.P. Chase's on one of her bad fites Mr. D.Y. Simpson goes with her'. Then on 10\7, 'Annie got mad and run away the boys went first'. In both cases, within a few days, she is back, although he makes no specific notice of her return.
 - He doesn't seem to have stored wood for heating, as he is often going 'to the hill' and returning with a load or loads of wood, with no mention of specific use.
 - 11\20 '2 bushels of inde wheat' Likely a variety of hard or Durum wheat. Dad spoke of growing 'Injy' wheat when he was a young man.
 - 12\6 some sort of sale at Brown's Mills, sounds like an auction but he doesn't use the word, as he does on other occasions.
 - 12\24 'to coald to hav Christmas'. Ma [Theda Pease] said that they never had a Christmas tree or celebration at home when she was a girl but they had a celebration at Atwell Hill Church. I think this is what John is referring to.]
- Number of time someone in the family went to: Atwell Hill - 6; Haverhill - 2; Orford - 4; Orfordville - 3; Warren - 5
Wentworth - 35;