

Sugaring in Pease Family Diaries

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Information available ranges from just a total number of gallons of syrup made in some years to detailed records of getting ready, tapping, gathering, boiling and “buttoning up” at the end of the season. This first page is a summary of statistics from the records that follow.

Tapping

Earliest First Tapping	March 6, 1954 and 1965
Earliest Final Tapping	March 11, 1954 and 1965
Latest First Tapping	April 6, 1940 and 1956
Latest Final Tapping	April 12, 1956

Most Buckets Put Out in One Day	1,300 on March 9, 1974
	1,200 on March 25, 1967
	1,100 on March 6, 1965

Gathering

Most Sap Gathered in One Day	10 Tanks, April 7, 1963
	10 Tanks, April 12, 1974
	10 Tanks, April 12, 1975

Most Sap Gathered on Consecutive Days	42 Tanks in 8 Days, April 2 to 9, 1966
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Boiling

Earliest First Boiling	March 16, 1973
Earliest Final Boiling	April 10, 1976
Latest First Boiling	April 4, 1965 and 1971
Latest Final Boiling	April 29, 1965

Shortest Season First to Final Boiling	15 Days, March 27 to April 10, 1976
Longest Season First to Final Boiling	36 Days, March 23 to April 27, 1962

Most Gallons Made in One Day	32 Gallons, April 3, 1966
	31 Gallons, March 28, 1977

Most Gallons Made in Consecutive Days	167 Gallons in 8 Days, April 2 to 9, 1966
	150 Gallons in 8 Days, April 7 to 14, 1960

Most Consecutive Days of Boiling	9 Days, April 11 to 19, 1974, made 142 Gallons
	9 Days, April 14 to 22, 1965, made 114 Gallons

Most Gallons Made in One Year	276 Gallons in 1966
Least Gallons Made in One Year	75 Gallons in 1953
Average Gallons Made 1950-1979	179 Gallons per Year

Most Buckets Washed in One Day	1,400 on April 29, 196
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Summary of Syrup Made

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
1950	200
1951	140
1952	105
1953	75
1954	198
1955	110
1956	156
1957	245
1958	137
1959	107
1960	210
1961	185
1962	180
1963	190
1964	176
1965	245
1966	276
1967	198
1968	181
1969	167
1970	235
1971	117
1972	145
1973	174
1974	219
1975	206
1976	121
1977	270
1978	178
1979	<u>215</u>
Total	5,361

Summary of Tapping Dates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tapping Dates:</u>
1937	April 3, 4 and 5
1938	March 24 and 25
1939	April 1, 3 and 4
1940	April 6 and 7
1941	March 28 and 29 and April 1 and 8
1942	March 13, 14 and 15
1943	March 22 and 23
1944	March 18 and 19
1945	March 17, 19 and 22
1946	March 8, 9, 11, 12 and 16
1947	March 15, 16, 17, 26 and 28 and April 7
1948	March 18, 19, 20, 23 and 25
1949	March 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16
1950	March 20, 21, 24, 25 and 30
1951	March 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17
1952	March 25, 26, 28 and 31 and April 5 and 7
1953	March 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23
1954	March 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11
1955	March 12, 14 and 15
1956	April 6, 7, 9 and 12
1957	March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19
1958	March 24, 25 and 26 and April 4 and 5
1959	March 20, 21, 24 and 25
1960	March 19, 21, 26 and 28
1961	March 8, 13, 16 and 18
1962	March 19, 20, 21, 23 and 26
1963	March 25, 26 and 28
1964	March 11, 12 and 14
1965	March 6, 7, 8, 11
1966	March 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22
1967	March 25, 26 and 27
1968	March 16, 19, 23, 24 and 26
1969	March 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30 and 31
1970	March 14, 15 and 22
1971	March 28 and 29
1972	March 18, 20 and 25
1973	March 10, 11, 13 and 22
1974	March 9 and 16
1975	March 18, 19 and 22
1976	March 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 29 and 31
1977	March 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17
1978	March 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25
1979	March 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19

The diary entries below are from Grampa Francis Pease or Dad's diaries, except where labeled [T] from Ma's. Several photos are included, mostly to show changes over the years

1902 [Francis R.]

- 3\12 warm shoveled out the snow drift in the yard got out one load of manure it is to soft taped 75 trees after noon sap runs well
- 3\13 in the sugar place in forenoon went to the funeral afternoon sap runs well
- 3\14 in the sap place all day gathering and boiling Father has sold his pasture on the hill to Walt Brown they have gone out to Henry's to do the writing
- 3\15 sugaring good sap day
- 3\16 gathering and boiling all day uncle Moses and aunt Esther were here today
- 3\17 gathering and boiling got cleaned up today Mose and Clarence came out and got fathers stove today
- 3\18 cold went to the Village got some grain went up to uncle Henrys in the evening
- 3\19 cold and stormy it snows not doing anything today
- 3\21 pleasant sugaring
- 3\22 pleasant sugaring boiled all night last night
- 3\23 [Sunday] sugaring all day
- 3\24 pleasant sugaring
- 3\25 pleasant went up on the hill and got some birch tops for wood in the forenoon sugaring afternoon
- 3\26 pleasant sugaring
- 3\27 pleasant went to the Village went up over the hill got dinner at uncle Francis [Randall]
- 3\28 pleasant sugaring got cleaned up Ed and Edith were here today
- 3\29 raining like the devil sugared off
- 4\3 boiling sap
- 4\4 pleasant taped some new trees sap runs well went over the hill to Horaces afternoon
- 4\5 gathering and boiling sap got a pail full of syrup
- 4\7 boiling sap picked up my buckets and kettles and got them home
- 4\8 Wash the buckets and fix the road back of the barn forenoon

1903 [Francis R.]

- 3\13 work on the road with the horses plowing out drifts through the Tom Savage sugarplace in the forenoon
- 3\14 taped 75 trees in the forenoon went to the Village afternoon got some grain
- 3\15 [Sunday] went over and shoveled out the boiling place
- 3\16 took the kettles over to the sugar place and boiled sap gathered 18 pails finished taping *[This and an entry in 1902 makes it clear that Grampa took his big kettles over to the sugarplace and boiled there, perhaps on the site of the later sugarhouse. He must have carried all the sap in with yokes and gathering pails.]*
- 3\17 gathering and boiling
- 3\18 sawing wood in the forenoon chopping in the sugarplace afternoon
- 3\20 Went up and worked for Charlie Gale helped Harry finish taping
- 3\21 boiling sap Clarence and Mose come out today Clarence stayed all night
- 3\22 [Sunday] Went out to Sam Morrisons and settled up with him finished boiling sap in the forenoon
- 3\24 emptied the buckets and cut a little wood
- 3\26 boiling sap uncle Moses and aunt Esther come out today

- 3\27 boiling sap part of the day dug a few stone
- 4\6 boiling sap
- 4\8 Warm went over to the sugarplace and taped some new trees
- 4\9 Warm boiling sap
- 4\10 boiling sap in the forenoon
- 4\12 [Sunday] at home all day Mabel and I went over to the sugarplace
- 4\14 boiling sap in the forenoon
- 4\15 cutting wood in the sugarplace afternoon

1907 [Francis R.]

- 3\21 worked part of the day they got done sawing today and began to take down the mill
- 3\23 got done for Greenly come home today *[Grampa was driving a team of horses in the woods this winter, for Sam Geenly. He stayed at the logging camp, likely in the Orfordville area, during the week.]*
- 3\26 shoveling road to the Sugar place
- 4\1 Charles and I went over to the Sugar place and cut some wood afternoon
- 4\11 taped some trees today sap runs like the devil
- 4\12 boiling sap
- 4\13 boiling sap
- 4\14 [Sunday] boiling sap
- 4\15 drew wood in the forenoon boiling afternoon
- 4\16 boiling in the forenoon went to the Village and got Harold Sherburn
- 4\17 sugaring
- 4\18 sugaring
- 4\19 sugaring
- 4\20 sugaring
- 4\22 sugaring
- 4\23 it rained part of the day boiling sap in the afternoon
- 4\24 it rained part of the day boiling sap in the afternoon

1915 [Francis R.]

- 3\24 Tapped 72 trees today [D: Why didn't you tap more?]
- 3\26 Boiled sap had about 3 gal [D: Wish I had some now.]
[There are no entries from here to May. The D is where Aunt Dorice, 13 years old, wrote in her father's diary.]

1920 [Glenn from here on, unless entries noted as Ma's [T]]

- 3\28 [S] Walter Mack came over. Tapped 8 trees.
- 4\1 Pa tapped 75 trees
- 4\3 Tom and I took sap holder over to Sugar place in p.m.
- 4\4 Went up to Jim's sugar place today.
- 4\10 Went to Guy's in the forenoon & Fred Mack's sugar place in the p.m.
- 4\11 [S] Worked in sugar place. Gathered 85 pails, Pa and I. Had about 6 gal. syrup.
- 4\12 Was dismissed about 2:30 to help Pa. Had 5 1\2 gal. syrup. Sugared off in eve.
- 4\17 Boiling sap

1932

- 3\13 [S]Went to the sugar place and down to Warren's

- 3\31 Went over to the sugar place
- 4\3 [S] Went over to the sugar place and taped 300
- 4\4 Sawed Charles' wood and a little down to Oscar's. Finished taping.
- 4\5 Went with the cream. Sawed the rest of Oscar's wood. Charles and Oscar helped gather the rest of the sap. 75 pails
- 4\6 Got up at 3:30 and boiled sap, 17 gallons. Theda, Leslie and I went to the dance
- 4\7 Boiling sap - twelve gallons
- 4\12 Crated up some syrup
- 4\13 Went over and emptied buckets. *[I wonder if he has covers - he does, at least for some - see 4\25.]* Put my sleds up.
- 4\14 Went over to the sugar place, got 90 pails of sap
- 4\15 Went over and boiled this afternoon until midnight 15 gals.
- 4\16 Went over and gathered 150 pails of sap. Harry was over this afternoon 10 gals
- 4\17 Stormy Boiled all day 15 gals. Clarence and Addie and the kids were up this afternoon. Edna, Ruth and Hue came up today.
- 4\18 Nice today boiled 10 gals. Gathered 120 pails by hand. Robert came out today boiled till midnight.
- 4\19 Went over to the sugar place with the car, got 50 gals. Made nine pails of sugar.
- 4\24 Made 3 pails of sugar. Mrs. Baer and Charles's folks came up and had some sugar. Harold's folks stopped tonight. He had a gal. of syrup.
- 4\25 Went over and took the covers in. Picked up my buckets this afternoon.
- 4\28 Washed buckets and split wood
- 4\29 Finished sugaring and split wood.

In 1913, Great-Uncle Lorenzo [Ren], Grampa's brother, made these sap pails for Dad. Gerald is holding them next to his sugarhouse off the East Cemetery Road. Harry Pease has them now.



I have the contract from January, 1929, from Soule in Rutland, where Dad bought the 30x8 King evaporator and arch to go in this sugarhouse. This was likely the site where Grampa and later Dad boiled in kettles until this building was erected in 1929.



#2 Glenn Pease New Sugarhouse (1929)

Roger McIntire [Aunt Edna's son] on gathering sled in 1929 - Note that is was just a wooden tub on logs attached to a bobsled.



1933

3\31 Went over and tapped 370, didn't run much
4\1 Went over and inspected buckets
4\11 Gathered 40 pails sap.
4\12 Boiled 6 gal. of syrup.
4\13 Most 2 feet of snow this morning. Tapped 52 more.
4\14 Gathered 105 pails.
4\15 Gathered all over, had 40 pails. Brought home 10 gal.
4\16 [S] Went over and cleaned up sap, brought home 16 gal.
4\20 Went over and emptied buckets.
4\21 Over to sugar place, made 9 gal.
4\22 Gathered 22 pails sap, boiled 7 gal. Went over and got syrup with car
4\24 Got 57 pails sap, made 9 gal.
4\25 Gathered up 15 pails, cleaned up
4\28 Sugared off, made some dry sugar.
4\29 Went over and gathered what sap there was, made 2 gal.
5\1 Washed buckets.
5\4 Spencer took 17 gal. syr., 2 sugar

1934

4\4 Began tapping today
4\5 Went out to see Cushman about some buckets, then went to Fairlee, got some grain.
Went over and tapped rest of them

4\6 Went home and gathered sap, 100 pails
 4\7 Boiled today
 4\8 [S] Went over and cleaned up sap, had 20 gals
 4\10 Went over and gathered sap about 100 pails
 4\11 Went over and boiled sap this afternoon, Les boiled this morning.
 4\13 Went over and finished up sap, about 16 gals.
 4\16 Gathered up 50 pails sap, boiled this afternoon.
 4\17 Finished boiling and cutting wood. 9 gals
 4\20 Canned up some syrup and sugared off.
 4\21 Sent some syrup and sugar to Bertha today.
 4\24 Picked up buckets this afternoon
 5\1 Washed buckets,
 5\2 Took the buckets over to sugar place

1935

3\19 Cut a little wood, tapped one tree *[to see if it was running]*
 3\20 Tapped 125 this afternoon
 3\22 Tapped out the rest of my buckets this afternoon
 3\23 Went down to Blodgett's and up to Bill Chase's to see about buckets, set up sugar rigging. Gathered 75 pails
 3\24 [S] Boiled about 11 gals. Les and Hazel were out today. Ernest and his wife and Lily Goodwin were up this afternoon.
 3\53 Went down to Wentworth to see Mussey *[Muzzey]* this morn, got 53 buckets. Gathered about 65 pails
 3\26 Boiled about 14 gals.
 3\27 Canned some syrup, 18 gallons.
 3\30 Gathered about 75 pails
 3\31 [S] Boiled 7 gals. Edna, Ruth, Mikey, Vernie, Marjorie, Betty, Hazel, Harold, Vina, Elinor, Junior, Uncle Orin, Tom, Gladys, Bus Page and wife, Fred Cole, Aunt Winnie, Ernest and wife, Elsie and Bus, Walter and Lillian Goodwin were here today
 4\1 Gathered 86 pails
 4\2 Boiled all day and until 12 o'clock, made 23 gals. Charles and Richard gathered 40 pails.
 4\5 Gathered 70 pails
 4\6 Boiling and sawing wood over to camp
 4\7 [S] Cleaned up sap, brought home 2 cans full, made 8 pails sugar.
 4\8 Gathered about 80 pails
 4\9 Boiling about 15 gals. Charles gathered about 30 pails sap.
 4\10 Cleaned up sap, put in a little wood. Boxed up some syrup for Bertha
 4\11 Put in some wood over to camp
 4\12 Put in some wood over to camp.
 4\15 Emptied buckets. *[It rained two days before. If he doesn't have covers, he would empty the buckets. Could also have been warm so that sap had spoiled].* Put in wood this afternoon over to camp
 4\16 Went over in sugar place with steers.
 4\17 Got 120 lbs. sugar today
 4\18 Gathered 88 pails sap, boiled this afternoon.
 4\19 Gathered 47 pails sap by hand

4\20 Finished up sap, had 19 gals. Put in a little wood.
4\21 [S] Sugared off this afternoon.
4\26 Picked up bucket this afternoon
4\29 Washed buckets this morn.

1937

4\3 Tapped 225 this afternoon run good
[T] Glenn + Mr. G. tapped 225 trees in P.M.
4\4 [S] Finished tapping 245 mended some buckets
4\5 Set up sugar rig and gathering 70 pails Took Charles home *[If he had a gathering tank on the scoot, it seems as if he would talk about 'tanks' of sap, not pails; unless, he is used to saying 'pails' and is keeping track of how many pails in a full tank. He could put out 500 or so buckets near enough to the camp to gather with a yoke and pails. There were two or three adult-sized yokes in the sugarhouse when I was a kid. On 4\26, he writes that he gathered 12 pails of sap 'by hand', the only time he says this, so more evidence that he is using a gathering tank.]*
4\6 Rainy Boiled this afternoon about 6 gals
4\7 Boiled cleaned up 7 gals
[T] Glenn is boiling G. made 13 gals
4\9 Gathered 65 pails this P.M. Thed helped
[T] Washed Helped gather sap
4\10 Boiled today 9 gals. Uncle Orin came over this P.M.
[T] Washed floor
4\11 [S] Caned up some syrup and sugared off
[T] Helped Glenn can ___ gallons of syrup He sugared off after dinner Marm + I made about 5 lbs of cakes Sold 1 lb Harold Moses left cans
4\12 Went up to Phil Beans and got 62 buckets tapped them out and gathered 100 pails
[T] He and Gilbert tapped them out and then gathered
4\13 Boiling about 13 gals
4\14 Joel helped me gather this P.M. 50 pails
4\15 Boiling about 16 gals
4\16 Cleaned up pan and took syrup home
4\18 [S] Sugared off Gathered 40 pails sap today Joel helped me
4\19 Boiled this P.M. about 4 gals
4\21 Cleaned up pan had about 4 gals
4\25 [S] Walter helped gathered 65 pails
4\26 Boiling Made about 3 gals Gathered 12 pails of sap by hand
4\27 Gathered 8 pails Got it all in the pan
4\28 Finished boiling and cleaned up pan Picked up some covers
4\29 Picked up some buckets
4\30 Finished picking up my buckets
5\1 Washed buckets Ruth Ladd helped Thed wash them
5\3 Fred and I took our syrup over to Mrs Henery
[Apparently Dad and Fred Mack sold surplus syrup to Mrs Henery [Henry?] On 3\3 they went to see her but she was in Boston. Ma writes that they went to Lincoln, so I bet they sold syrup to the J.R. Henry logging outfit in Lincoln. Ray Lagasse writes: 'Henry owned the mill, the town and the company store in Lincoln! It's highly probable that your dad sold the store the syrup. As the only viable place to buy groceries in many

miles, I'm sure they would have carried maple syrup. They sold groceries, meat, hardware, clothing and many other things. ']

1938 *[No 1938 diary for Dad but there are a few entries about sugaring in Grammy's.]*

- 3\27 [S] Glenn made 20 gal syrup
3\29 Glenn boiled most all night + 30 gal.
4\7 we made some sugar cakes
4\13 Mirtie, Vina, Harold and Junior were up in the P.M. and Mrs. Ladd we had sugar on snow
4\16 Don went and got Charlie + Dorice Tom and Glad came down for the evening we made sugarcakes
4\21 Glenn and Walter took syrup to Lincoln
4\27 They washed buckets today, Ruth helped

1939

- 4\1\39 Tapped 379 today. Plates came today
4\2\39 [S] Went over and put covers on buckets Took Earnest down home
4\3\39 Went over and tapped 112 this p.m. Went out to school tonight
4\4\39 Went over and broke road, tapped 72 more. Got a load of wood for Mrs. Smith
4\5\39 Went over and set up rig and tubs, gathered 65 pails this p.m. Got a load of wood
4\6\39 Gathered 25 pails, boiled 9 gals. Charles and Oscar helped
4\7\39 Gathered 70 pails, made 8 gals.
4\8\39 Went to Fairlee. Moved 2 load hay. Boiled p.m. 4 gals. Cut wood. Bill had a gal. syrup. Earnest went home
4\9\39 [S] Walt was over a.m. Went to church this p.m. Harry called, got a gal. of syrup.
4\10\39 Moved 2 load hay, cut wood. Cleaned up the rig over to the camp
4\11\39 Cut off horns for Burt, painted Ma's room, put up syrup
4\15\39 Cutting wood. Gathered today. Jay, Della and Mabel came tonight
4\16\39 [S] Boiled all day. Jay took Thed over on the hill
4\18\39 Earnest painted Ma's room again. Gathered 60 pails sap. Got Tony a cord of wood
4\19\39 Boiled today. Earnest cut up wood down to Smith's.
4\20\39 Finished boiling this p.m. and cut wood
4\22\39 Charles came up and papered Ma's room today. Gathered 25 pails
4\23\39 [S] Thed got home about 9:30. Boiled a little while. Tom, Gladys, Mad and Earle Sanborn were down today.
4\27\39 Went over and cleaned up sugar rig. Took down pipe and washed it out
4\28\39 Went over and picked up 425 buckets. Francis B. came tonight
4\29\39 Went out to Fairlee. Finished picking up buckets. Washed 294
4\30\39 [S] Took Thed and kids over on the hill. Took Della and Mabel down to Dorice's. Went over and put in buckets. Cut kid's hair.
5\3\39 Harold had 10 gals. Syrup. Took 10 gals. Syrup out to DeGoosh. Earnest came back tonight.
5\4\39 Finished washing buckets and put things up. *[I bet Earnest was sorry he came back last night. Gerald says that after washing the buckets after sugaring one year, Earnest told Dad that next year when it was time to wash buckets, he'd be so far away that it would take \$2 to send a penny postcard.]*
5\13\39 Getting out pine. Made some dry sugar tonight.

1940

- 4\6 Tapped 460 p.m. Charles and Oscar helped.
- 4\7 [S] Tapped 100 more today Put covers on
- 4\8 Gathered 120 pails p.m. Charles and Oscar helped
- 4\9 Boiled today 15 gals. Richard Moses began work for me today.
- 4\10 Gathered 50 pails today
- 4\11 Boiled 10 gals.
- 4\12 Went over and cleaned up rig. Made 22 gals.
- 4\13 Sugared off made 35 lbs. put up 10 gals.
- 4\15 Out to Office all day. Charles helped Richard gather 40 pails. Went over and
boiled till 1:30 at night 6 gal.
- 4\16 Maurice helped gather a.m. boiled p.m. Out to Office. Went over and
till 2:30 tonight made 16 gals. boiled
- 4\19 Richard gathered about 100 pails sap
- 4\20 Out to Office. Boiled most all night till 4:30 o'clock. Sugared off tonight
50 lbs.
- 4\22 Out to Office. Cleaned up rig over to Camp yesterday.
- 4\23 Cut a little wood a.m. Gathered sap p.m. Boiled p.m. until 2 o'clock.
- 4\28 Clarence's folks called Had a gal. of syrup. Sugared off p.m.
- 4\29 Burnt brush a.m. Gathered sap p.m.
- 4\30 Boiled all day 10 gals. Richard picked up buckets
- 5\1 Finished boiling 5 gals. Washed buckets
- 5\2 Sugared off all black stuff 108 lbs. Washed milk cans and sugar pan.
- 5\4 Went over and put the tubs in the camp
- 5\7 Drawed up some wood over to sugar camp.
- 9\14 Over to Mack's auction all day. Got some buckets and covers.

Mabel Donnelly @ holding tank on the hill west of the camp. The sap went by pipe from here to the sugarhouse, just out of the picture. We later had a much larger holding tank in the same spot.



1941

- 3\28\41 Went over in sugarplace, got things out, tapped 179.
 3\29\41 Tapped 479.
 3\31\41 Went over and put covers on buckets.
 4\3\41 Out appraising. Boiled all night last night, 10 gals.
 4\5\41 Boiled all day. They gathered 125 pails.
 4\7\41 Boiled all day
 4\8\41 Cleaned up rig over to Camp. Shod scoot.
 4\9\41 Bert Mason came out and shod my horses. Gathered 110 pails.
 4\10\41 Boiled all day till 10:30 at night, 14 gals.
 4\11\41 Gathered 30 pails. Boiled all day. Bob got a load of wood.
 4\12\41 Cleaned up rig over to Camp. Got 2 load of wood.
 4\14\41 Gathered 70 pails sap, boiled a little p.m.
 4\15\41 Finished boiling, about 11 gals.
 4\16\41 Went down and got 3 cans milk. Vernie came home with me. Sugared off tonight.
 4\22\41 Bob picked up covers.
 4\23\41 Bob picked up buckets.
 4\29\41 Washed 524 buckets and tubs. Put in wood over to Camp.
 4\30\41 Finished washing buckets.

1942

- 3\10\42 Out to Town Meeting all day. Got some sugar pails and little cans.
 3\13\42 Went over and tapped 400
 3\14\42 Put covers on buckets and tapped 186 more
 3\15\42 [S] Went over and tapped 137, finished them up, 723 in all
 3\16\42 Went over and set up rig and gathered 150 pails of sap. Began boiling about 3 o'clock
 3\17\42 Gathered 50 pails, boiled until 3 o'clock this morn.
 3\18\42 Boiling. Gathered 90 pails sap. Went down to Addie's, got my milk can

- 3\19\42 Tom went down and got Dorice, Charles and Dale. Boiling, got it all in the pan tonight. Sugared off last night, 4 pails.
- 3\20\42 Put up some syrup
- 3\22\42 [S] Sugared off a.m., gathered p.m.
- 3\23\42 Bob came over and gathered 2 tubs of sap.
- 3\24\42 Boiled until 3:30 this morn. Went back over and boiled all day
- 3\26\42 Went over and cleaned up rig. Bob and Oscar gathered 200 pails sap
- 3\27\42 Boiled all night and all day. Bob gathered 55 pails
- 3\28\42 Vernie's folks came up this morn. Boiled all day. Gathered 90 pails p.m.
- 3\29\42 [S] Boiled all day. Sugared off last night. Took Vernie's folks home today
- 3\30\42 Went to Fairlee, got 50 more syrup cans. Gathered 95 pails sap p.m.
- 3\31\42 Boiled all day, got it all in the pan at 8 o'clock
- 4\1\42 Out appraising all day. Rufus and Bob gathered and boiled, about 90 pails
- 4\2\42 Out appraising all day. Rufus boiled, cleaned up rig. 155 gals. now.
- 4\3\42 Out appraising all day. Made up little pails and big pail of sugar tonight
- 4\4\42 Appraising a.m. Made dry sugar, 34 lbs., p.m. George and Guy Finney came and got 7 gals. syrup, 15 lb. sugar and 1 lb. cakes
- 4\8\42 Went over and emptied buckets a.m.
- 4\9\42 Sugared off some old syrup last night, 40 lbs.
- 4\10\42 Got a load of boards from Clarence's for sugar camp. Made 50 lbs. sugar last night. Gathered 90 pails sap p.m.
- 4\11\42 Boiled all day. Jay, Della and Mabel came up tonight, got here about 5 o'clock
- 4\12\42 [S] Jay went out and got Les and Hazel. Jay's folks went home about 12:30. Kids and I gathered 60 pails sap p.m. Bertha and Harry were here this p.m. Bob took Les and Hazel home. Dorice went home with Jay and Della.
- 4\13\42 Boiled all day. Rufus boiled until 11 o'clock tonight. Bob gathered 125 pails sap today
- 4\14\42 Boiled all day. Bob gathered 40 pails sap. Boiled until 12 o'clock tonight
- 4\19\42 [S] Got 7 gals. syrup ready to take out to Bob Carr. Went over and cleaned up rig and tanks p.m.
- 4\22\42 Picked up buckets and washed 400
- 4\23\42 Finished washing buckets.
- 4\25\42 Helped Thed make sugar cakes

1943

- 3\18\43 Went over and tapped out 600 buckets Charlie, kids and I. Gerald drew buckets around with calfs.
- 3\19\43 Rufus began work today. Tapped 124 more. Cut a road over on College lot. Set up the rig over to the Camp and gathered 65 pails.
- 3\20\43 Rufus boiled today.
- 3\21\43 [S] Went over and cleaned up pan, made about 12 gals. syrup.
- 3\25\43 Gathered 90 pails sap and fixed evaporator this a.m. Charles and I got 2 load pulp. Rup boiled p.m.
- 3\26\43 Charles and I got 2 load pulp a.m. Went to Woodsville p.m. to Tax Commission meeting. Charles gathered 75 pails sap. Rup boiled all day.
- 3\27\43 Went to Fairlee, got some grain and 100 syrup cans. Gathered 40 pails p.m. Rup boiled
- 3\28\43 [S] Went over and boiled in what sap I had and cleaned up rig.
- 4\6\43 Rup boiled today, about 11 gals. Charlie and I cut wood.

- 4\10\43 Worked on wood a.m. Gathered 50 pails sap p.m.
 4\11\43 [S] Boiled today, about 12 gals.
 4\12\43 Worked on wood a.m. Gathered 50 pails sap p.m.
 4\13\43 Canned up some syrup and made 50 lbs. sugar. Gathered 75 pails sap.
 4\14\43 Put up some syrup. Rufus boiled today. Ma and I went to Fairlee this p.m., sent some syrup.
 4\17\43 Out to Office. Gathered 100 pails sap p.m.
 4\18\43 [S] Boiled today. Rup boiled a.m.
 4\19\43 Bill's folks went home a.m. Got some syrup ready for them. Gathered 125 pails sap today.
 4\20\43 Went to Fairlee p.m., took out some syrup. Rup boiled all day.
 4\21\43 Gathered 25 pails sap. Rup and Charlie worked on wood at sugar camp, I boiled.
 4\24\43 Worked on wood a.m., part of p.m. Gathered 50 pails sap. Charlie got through tonight.
 4\25\43 [S] Boiled today, about 6 gals.
 4\26\43 Went down to Plymouth and had 7 teeth out. Rup cleaned up rig, piled up some wood.
 4\28\43 Picked up potatoes. Made 6 pails sugar, put up some syrup. Cut up some old stuff out back of garage.
 4\29\43 Bert came out and shod my horses a.m. Rup cut up old stuff and took a load over to Camp.
 5\3\43 Rainy all day, not doing much. Sugared off, about 50 lbs.
 5\4\43 Cleaned up some old stuff around barn. Gathered 50 pails sap p.m. Took 3 load of old stuff over to Camp
 5\5\43 Rup boiled today, about 8 gals.
 5\6\43 Took some timbers over to sugarplace and picked up some buckets a.m.
 5\7\43 Rup picked up rest of buckets and cut up wood over to Camp
 5\14\43 Rup and I washed buckets and put stuff in the Camp today

1944

- 3\21\44 Dressed my hog a.m., 316 lbs. Went over and tapped 170 p.m.
 3\22\44 Went to Fairlee a.m., had flat tire on truck. Tapped 300 more today.
 3\23\44 Went over in sugarplace with calves but snow was too deep for them.
 3\24\44 Tapped 156 more.
 3\25\44 Washed some buckets I got of Rup and tapped 353 more. Broke some roads in sugarplace p.m.
 3\26\44 [S]. Went over and broke some more roads and shoveled for tub on hill.
 3\27\44 Got a load of wood up to Varney's camp this morn. Set up rig and tubs at Camp. Gathered 75 pails p.m.
 3\28\44 Took a load of wood over to sugar Camp and gathered 25 pails sap. Rup boiled today, about 7 1\2 gals.
 3\29\44 Took over another load of wood and tapped out a few more. Rup boiled about 5 1\2 gals. Got a load of sawdust for bedding and gathered about 60 pails sap.
 3\30\44 Went over to Camp this morn. Went up to Harry Gould's *[store just off the 4 corners in Piermont]* p.m., got 50 sugar pails, \$.20 each. Rup boiled all day, about 12 gals. *[At this time, Dad is still making a lot of his syrup into damp sugar, not keeping it as syrup.]*
 3\31\44 Walter came out today. Went down and got 45 bags sawdust. Gathered 110

- pails sap p.m. Frank helped. Rup boiled about 3 gals
- 4\1\44 Our appraising all day. Rup boiled 12 gals. Frank and boys cut some wood.
- 4\2\44 [S] Boys and I gathered 60 pails sap. Rup boiled about 10 gals.
- 4\3\44 Our appraising all day. Rup cleaned up rig, made about 10 gals.
- 4\4\44 Out appraising. Rup and Frank got 4 load of hard wood pulp. Cut wood p.m.
- 4\5\44 Out appraising. Rup and Frank went up on Varney's and got 35 little poles.
Gathered 30 pails p.m.
- 4\6\44 Out appraising. Rup and Frank boiled and cut up some wood
- 4\7\44 Gathered about 70 pails sap. Rup boiled p.m.
- 4\8\44 Cut up some wood over to Camp. Cleaned up rig, brought home about 22 gals.
- 4\9\44 [S] Took Thed and kids over on the Hill. Helped Thed make 15 lbs. sugar cakes
- 4\11\44 Gathered about 120 pails sap.
- 4\12\44 Rup boiled
- 4\13\44 Gathered about 90 pails sap. Rup boiled. Brought home 20 gals. syrup
- 4\14\44 Hitched in some wood over to Camp. Sugared off about 65 lbs., made sugar cakes. Rup
boiled
- 4\15\44 Out to Office. Rup cleaned up rig and cut wood. Brought home 15 gals.,
sugared off 40 lbs. sugar
- 4\16\44 [S] Gathered 120 pails sap. Took 19 gals. syrup and some sugar up to Gladys
p.m. [*Perhaps Aunt Gladys is selling some syrup to her friends for Dad. This is
much more than she and Uncle Tom would use.*] Amon, Vernie, Betty, Hazel,
Richard, Dot and kids were up p.m.
- 4\17\44 Out to Office all day. Rup boiled and gathered 20 pails
- 4\18\44 Gathered 50 pails sap.
- 4\20\44 Gathered about 50 pails sap. Canned up syrup and made sugar cakes
- 4\21\44 Hitched in some wood over to sugar Camp. Took 24 gals. syrup out to Fairlee
- 4\22\44 Went down to Bertha's last night. Got there at 7:15 this morn. Took down 24
gals. syrup, 5 pails sugar.
- 4\25\44 Gathered 50 pails sap a.m. Made 34 lbs. dry sugar
- 4\28\44 Picked up covers and 738 buckets p.m.
- 4\29\44 Washed 650 buckets a.m. Rup and boys picked up rest of buckets and filled up
woodshed over to Camp.
- 4\30\44 [S]Went over and washed 200 buckets.
- 5\3\44 Finished washing buckets and put things in Camp.

1945

- 3\17\45 Went over and tapped about 450 p.m.
- 3\19\45 Went over and tapped 400 more
- 3\22\45 Tapped out the rest of buckets, 180 up by the big pine on college lot. Gathered about 60
pails p.m.
- 3\23\45 Went to Fairlee a.m. Got 20 pails sap. Rup boiled all day, about 10 gals.
- 3\24\45 Gathered 160 pails sap
- 3\25\45 [S] Boiled from 9:30 until 6 o'clock, got it all in pan. Rufus boiled until 4
o'clock this morn.
- 3\26\45 Gathered 150 pails, Rup and Charlie boiled today, just p.m.
- 3\27\45 Charlie and I tinkered around a.m. Over in sugarplace p.m. Boiled until 1
o'clock last night. Got about 20 pails today.
- 3\28\45 Just tinkered around. Rup boiled and cleaned up rig.
- 3\30\45 Gathered about 60 pails sap a.m.

- 3\31\45 Set over some shoes on horses. Put up some syrup, ground some axes.
 4\1\45 [S] Vernie and Betty were up today. Went over on the Hill to Church. Sugared off p.m. Everett and Helen stopped and had some sugar.
 4\3\45 Out listing all day. Made some more sugar last night.
 4\7\45 Gathered about 40 pails sap and cut up some sugar wood.
 4\8\45 [S] Made about 16 pounds sugar cakes, sugared off once
 4\10\45 Finished boiling and washing buckets. About 92 gals. in all. Got everything put back in the camp.
 4\11\45 Took syrup out to Fairlee to ship, 35 gals.
 4\12\45 Went over and got syrup and scoot.
 4\13\45 Made 80 lbs. sugar.
 4\17\45 Sugared off all of the last run of syrup.

1946

- 3\4\46 Getting out logs, got 300 ft. Jess began tapping today. *[Must be Jess Currier, probably mentioned because this is very early in the year for those times]*
 3\8\46 Rup and Howard tapped 275 p.m.
 3\9\46 Rup and boys tapped out p.m.
 3\10\46 [S] Went over and took some buckets up on the hill.
 3\11\46 Tapped about 340 more today. They finished drawing my logs today.
 3\12\46 Rup tapped 75 more a.m., didn't work p.m.
 3\13\46 Rup split wood a.m., gathered about 75 pails sap p.m.
 3\14\46 Rup boiled about 8 gals. Gathered 75 pails sap.
 3\15\46 Rup boiled about 12 gals. Gathered 75 pails sap.
 3\16\46 Froze a little last night. Gathered 75 pails sap. Tapped out about 110 more. Rup made about 10 gals.
 3\17\46 [S] Gathered about 90 pails sap, Rup made about 5 gals.
 3\18\46 Went up to see the Dr. p.m. Went over and gathered 50 pails p.m.
 3\19\46 Gathered about 90 pails, Rup boiled all day.
 3\20\46 Gathered 75 pails, put up some syrup.
 3\21\46 Gathered 75 pails.
 3\22\46 Went down to Wentworth, got my grates for arch *[for sugaring rig.]*
 3\23\46 Put up some syrup. Cleaned out hen pen and hoghouse, sawed a little wood. Gathered 15 pails sap. *[Maybe I have figured out the 'pails' business. I know he has a gathering tank and it likely holds 15 pails, as he often writes in terms of multiples of 15. We always said 'tanks' of sap.]*
 3\24\46 [S] Went over and cleaned up rig over to Camp, sugared off twice.
 3\25\46 Gathered 5 tanks sap, 125 pails *[Damn it, now he tells me! So, a tankful must be 25 pails.]* Rup boiled p.m.
 3\26\46 Gathered about 65 pails sap. Boiled until 12 o'clock last night. Rup boiled all day.
 3\27\46 Rup finished up boiling and cleaned up rig.
 3\31\46 [S] Jay and Della came up last night and back today. Made 21 lbs. sugar cakes for Mabel, sugared off p.m. *[Mabel had a sweet tooth, a long gift list or perhaps she sold some back home.]*
 4\5\46 Out to Office all day. Rup and Howard tapped over some and gathered 60 pails.
 4\6\46 Rup boiled. Boys picked up buckets on College lot.
 4\7\46 [S] Put up some syrup and tagged it. Bills folks went home, took 22 gals. syrup, 1 10-lb., 4 5-lb. pails

- 4\8\46 Cut a big maple a.m. Sawed off 14 cuts for sugar wood. Drawed in some buckets and gathered 100 pails sap p.m.
- 4\9\46 Rup boiled all day.
- 4\10\46 Cut some sugar wood p.m. and boys hitched it in over to the Camp.
- 4\11\46 Cut up wood over to Camp all day.
- 4\13\46 Cut some more sugar wood p.m., shed most full.
- 4\14\46 [S] Went over and got rest of buckets on hill. Boys picked up rest of them p.m.
- 4\17\46 Cutting wood. Washed 365 buckets a.m.
- 4\18\46 Washed 410 buckets a.m.
- 4\23\46 Finished washing buckets
- 4\26\46 Filed some saws, ground some axes. Canned up some syrup. Washed milk cans, sugar pans.

Fixing Sugarhouse and Setting New Arch

- 10\7\46 Went over and cut some logs for sills for sugarhouse. Took off end of Camp and got sills laid p.m. Took over a load of boards.
- 10\8\46 Worked on sugar camp all day. They brought my new sugar rig p.m. \$297.35
[Dad paid \$148 in 1929 for 30'x8' King evaporator and arch. I have a copy of the note Grammy signed with him.]
- 10\9\46 Worked on Camp all day.
- 10\10\46 Put roofing on sugar camp
- 10\11\46 Got holes ready for cement for arch. Pug helped this p.m. Rup got a fox p.m. Went out to Fairlee p.m., got some cement and grain.
- 10\12\46 Rup and boys got some gravel and stone over to sugar camp
- 10\14\46 Went over and put cement in for arch a.m. Made a place to unload sap p.m.
- 10\24\46 Went over to sugar camp p.m.
- 10\25\46 Went down and got a little sand. Took new arch over to Camp p.m.
- 10\26\46 Over to sugar Camp a.m.
- 10\31\46 Went over and finished boarding sugar camp and put in window.
- 11\9\46 Went out to Henry's, got a bag of lime. Rup helped me today, bricked up arch.
- 11\11\46 Took the pans over and put them on the arch, put in 2 windows that Rup gave me. Made a place to set tubs.

1947

- 3\13\47 Finished logging, brought shanty home. Broke road over to sugar place.
- 3\15\47 Rup, Charlie and boys and I got about 600 tapped out.
- 3\16\47 [S] Tapped about 100 more today.
- 3\17\47 Finished tapping today. Got things ready to sugar, cut a hole for smokestack.
- 3\20\47 Went out after my tank but didn't get it. Gathered one tank of sap.
- 3\21\47 Took Warren over to Warren and got a load of slabs. Went out and got my tank. Went over and set up tanks, broke a road out in Jess' and gathered a tank of sap.
[Perhaps he means the Tibbett's lot, which he bought from Jess.]
- 3\22\47 Got syrup cans. Rup boiled 10 gals. today. Gathered 2 tanks sap.
- 3\23\47 [S] Went down to Wentworth and got 520 sap buckets of Fay Russell, \$150.00
[This would bring his total to 1200-1300] Went over and boiled about 5 gals., boys gathered 35 pails sap.
- 3\24\47 Charlie and Rup gathered a little, about 12 pails. Boiled about 10 gals., fixed up some buckets.
- 3\26\47 Tapped 215 more p.m., put them down on Prettyman's and Jess'.

- 3\28\47 Tapped 204 more on College Lot a.m.
 4\2\47 Howard and Gerald stayed home and helped gather sap, about 90 pails.
 4\3\47 Went over and boiled in rest of sap.
 4\4\47 Boys stayed home and helped gather about 75 pails.
 4\5\47 Boys gathered about 50 pails sap. Rup boiled all day.
 4\6\47 [S] Broke a road up on the College lot and got a little sap.
 Canned up some syrup and made some sugarcakes p.m.
 4\7\47 They gathered sap all over, 60 pails. Tapped 36 more.
 4\8\47 Gathered 2 tanks sap p.m.
 4\9\47 Rup went over and boiled what we had. Sap run good today.
 4\10\47 Howard and Gerald stayed home today, gathered 8 tanks of sap.
 4\11\47 Felt mean all day. Charlie and Rup gathered 2 tanks sap. I boiled a little. Rup had the fire going at 6 this morn.
 4\12\47 Rup finished up over to Camp and washed pan. Put up some syrup p.m.
 4\15\47 Gathered 5 tanks sap. I boiled most of the day.
 4\16\47 Went over and put a shoe on the scoot a.m. Made 55 lbs. sugar p.m. Rup boiled and cleaned up rig.
 4\17\47 Went over and got syrup. Just tinkered around. Crated a little syrup and sugar.
 4\18\47 Put up some syrup, helped Thed make some sugarcakes. Gathered 3 tanks sap p.m.
 4\19\47 Gathered most 4 tanks sap.
 4\21\47 Boys picked up covers today. Rup boiled a.m.
 4\22\47 Howard and Gerald went to Boston this morn. at 5 o'clock. Rup, Francis and I gathered 3 tanks sap p.m. Rup boiled a while p.m.
 4\23\47 Francis and I gathered most 3 tanks sap today. Rup boiled all day.
 4\24\47 Gathered about 35 pails sap, picked up some buckets. Rup boiled all day
 4\25\47 Went to Lebanon to road meeting all day. Rup finished boiling, 180 gals., finished picking up buckets, cut up a little wood over to Camp.
 4\26\47 Washed buckets, Jay helped. Got them all done, 1500. *[Uncle Jay arrived too soon!]*
 4\27\47 [S] Sugared off twice, about 100 lbs. About 30 people here besides us today. *[They could smell the syrup!]* Tom, Edna, Charles, Dorice, Dale, Hazel, Les, Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley and 2 kids, David, Gladys, Ruth, Wilfred and kid, Ray, Alice, Ruth Ladd, Bill McKee here today.
 4\28\47 Francis went home with Jay a.m. Jay took 10 gal. syrup home, 13 gals. to Bertha, 5 little sugar.
 5\2\47 Made most 50 lbs. sugar last night.
 5\3\47 Rup and boys put stuff in over to Camp. Got up some wood over there.
 5\6\47 Went to Plymouth p.m. Sent 20 gal. syrup to Sherer[?].

1948

- 3\16\48 Just tinkered around. Went over to sugarplace with horses p.m.
 3\17\48 Went down and got sled. Broke more roads in sugarplace p.m. Rup began to work today.
 3\18\48 Harry *[Daisy]* began work today. Tapped some today.
 3\19\48 Rup and Harry tapped some more today.
 3\20\48 Tapped today. Got out 1400 buckets now.
 3\22\48 Set up sugar rig and gathered about 100 pails. Florence Ladd died today.
 3\23\48 Rup boiled, about 12 gals. Harry tapped some more a.m. Tapped out some more

- on College lot p.m.
- 3\24\48 Went over and gathered one tank of sap.
- 3\25\48 Went up and got 167 buckets and 66 covers of Stanley a.m. Had to wash some of them. Rup and Harry put them out.
- 3\26\48 Gathered 100 pails p.m. Earl and Lillie called today, got 2 gals. syrup.
- 3\27\48 Put 2 shoes on Dolly. Harry and boys got a load of wood. Gathered 150 pails sap today. Raymond Downing called and paid for his last year's syrup and got another gal. Made 17 gals. today.
- 3\28\48 [S] Made 10 gals. syrup. Maud Pease came and got 3 gals. syrup.
- 3\29\48 Rup boiled, about 10 gals. Harry and I got 3 load wood, gathered 1 tank sap.
- 3\30\48 Harry and boys got 2 load wood a.m. Gathered 8 tanks sap p.m.
- 3\31\48 Canned up some syrup. Harry and I gathered 5 tanks sap.
- 4\1\48 Howard stayed home today. Rup boiled all day.
- 4\2\48 Out appraising. They gathered 3 tanks sap p.m.
- 4\3\48 Out appraising. They gathered 3\4 1\2 tanks sap, emptied buckets, got a load of wood.
- 4\4\48 [S] Howard went down and got Dorice and Charles. Tom and Edna were down. Went over and boiled p.m. Had sugar on snow p.m.
- 4\5\48 Sawed a little wood a.m. Gathered 5 tanks sap p.m.
- 4\6\48 Howard and Gerald stayed home and helped gather sap, 7 tanks. Out appraising all day.
- 4\8\48 Sawed some wood and made about 40 lb. sugar p.m.
- 4\11\48 [S] Vernie was up today. Marjorie and Jim called today. Had some sugar on now.
- 4\12\48 Gathered 1 tank sap, cleaned up rig. Picked up some buckets. Richard and Dot upp.m., to supper. Had some sugar on snow.
- 4\14\48 Went out to Fairlee, got some sugar pails.
- 4\17\48 Out to Office all day. Howard, Francis, and Rup finished wood down to the skidway. Finished picking up buckets.
- 4\18\48 [S] Made a few sugarcakes a.m. Made 45 lbs. damp sugar p.m
- 4\19\48 Went over and drew in rest of buckets.
- 4\22\48 Washed 1700 buckets today. Harry, Rup, Howard and I washed and Francis and Gerald rinsed and put out.
- 4\23\48 Fixed road over through pasture. Put in buckets and tanks. Rup and Harry cut down two big maple in pasture p.m. Gerald, Francis and I took logs down to Dewey's, got a load of slabs, took over to Camp.
- 5\3\48 Took a load of old stuff over to Camp and wheelharrowed a little.
- 5\45\48 Took a load of stuff over to sugar Camp.
- 6\19\48 Went over and drew in some wood at sugar Camp.
- 10\21\48 Howard and Francis got a load of slabs for sugar camp.
- 11\13\48 Put in some kindling and cut up some wood over to sugar camp.
- 11\15\48 Over to sugar place p.m.
- 11\16\48 Over to sugar place a.m., finished up wood.

1949

- 3\10\49 Got out wood a.m. Over in sugarplace p.m. Tapped 250 p.m.
- 3\11\49 Snow all day. Went down and got sled and dray. Tapped a few p.m.
- 3\12\49 Tapped 470.

- 3\14\49 Lewis came and got the calf. Tapped about 250 more.
- 3\15\49 Tapped some more, about 400. Went to Fairlee p.m. Harry helped p.m.
- 3\16\49 Finished tapping, 1520 in all. Cut up wood over in 4 acre field p.m.
- 3\18\49 Fixed some check chains on wooden scoot and sled. Took some slabs over to Camp and drew in some more wood.
- 3\19\49 Went to Woodsville to Tax Commission meeting. Henry, Walt, Wallace went with me. Rup and boys cut wood over in sugarplace.
- 3\22\49 Drewed some wood down to Camp a.m. Set up rig and gathered 2 1\2 tanks sap p.m.
- 3\23\49 Rup boiled
- 3\24\49 Gerald stayed home and helped me gather.
- 3\25\49 Jim and Marjorie and kids up today. Rup boiled all day.
- 3\26\49 Gathered 7 tanks sap. Eddie helped p.m.
- 3\27\49 [S] Gerald went down and got Dorice and Dale. Boiled all day. George Finney came and got 10 gals. syrup.
- 3\28\49 Went over and leveled up rig and cut up rest of wood in 4 acre field.
- 3\31\49 Put up 40 gal. syrup in qt. cans. Rup went down and had some scoot shoes sawed out and got Gilbert. He cut up pig. Gathered 4 tanks sap p.m.
- 4\1\49 Went to Charles Chase funeral p.m. Boys and Harry gathered 6 tanks.
- 4\2\49 Out listing. Boys and Harry gathered 5 tanks sap. Tom and Edna down p.m.
- 4\3\49 [S]Rup boiled a.m., I boiled p.m. Boys gathered 1 tank sap. Vernie, Amon, Richard, Dot and kids up tonight.
- 4\4\49 Out listing. Rup cleaned up rig..
- 4\5\49 Drewed some wood down to sugar camp. Gathered 1 tank sap p.m.
- 4\6\49 Boys gathered 4 tanks sap. Wind blowed like hell.
- 4\7\49 Put up some syrup a.m. Went out to Fairlee p.m. Finished listing today. Rup cleaned up rig again.
- 4\8\49 Put up some more syrup and fixed some horseradish. Drewed some wood down o Camp.
- 4\9\49 Filled up wood shed over to Camp. Put new shoes on wooden-shod sled.
- 4\10\49 [S] Put up some syrup. Wrote in Dairy and Account book.
- 4\11\49 Boys stayed home, helped gather sap, 60 pails. Picked up covers.
- 4\12\49 Gathered 50 pails sap. Thed, Art and I went to Bradford p.m., got some grain. Rup boiled p.m.
- 4\13\49 Rup cleaned up rig and washed some buckets. Drewed in 2 tanks water and picked up some buckets.
- 4\14\49 Finished picking up buckets on Jess' and Prettyman's and washed some p.m.
- 4\15\49 Out to Office all day. Rup put buckets in
- 4\16\49 Rup and boys picked up rest of buckets a.m.
- 4\17\49 [S] Put up rest of syrup. Washed milk cans and syrup things.
- 4\21\49 Washed buckets a.m., sawed wood p.m.
- 4\22\49 Finished buckets a.m., sawed wood p.m.
- 6\11\49 Camp Aloha came and got 75 gal. syrup p.m.
- 6\23\49 Got a new woodshed started over to Camp.
- 6\24\49 Rained a little a.m., fixed up some old nails and spikes. Finished up woodshed over to Camp and got it most full of wood.
- 6\25\49 Cul. all the corn and beans on Joe's. Finished filling shed over to Camp

1950

- 3\16 Broke out some roads over in sugar place p.m.

- 3\17 Broke out some more roads over in sugar place Took over some wood
3\20 Took over some wood and taped 302 Harry helped p.m. [*perhaps Daisey*]
3\21 Took over a load of wood taped 425
3\24 Howard and Harry taped 155 p.m.
3\25 Taped 575 today put up stack rinsed out pans
3\26 [S] Gathered 95 pails p.m.
3\27 Boiled 10 gals. today Harry and Howard gathered 28 pails a.m.
3\29 Harry and Howard gathered 5 1\2 tanks sap boiled 15 gals.
3\30 Taped out 76 more made 10 gals. sawed up a little wood over to Camp
canned up some syrup
3\31 Canned up some syrup Took some out to Fairlee and Street Harry and
Howard sawed wood over to Camp.
4\1 Out listing all day Boys split wood over to Camp a.m. gathered 120 pails
p.m.
4\2 [S] made 22 gals. syrup today
4\3 Out listing Boys got a tank of sap after school
4\4 Gathered 4 tanks sap made 17 gals.
4\5 Went over and got rest of sap in pan this morn.
4\6 Went to Ply. got 50 syrup cans
4\8 Put up 32 gal. syrup. Gathered 4 tanks sap made 11 gals.
4\9 [S] Boys got 2 1\2 tanks sap made 23 gals.
4\10 Got one tank sap. Howard went to Bradford got some syrup cans 50
4\11 Canned up some syrup a.m. Howard and Harry gathered p.m. and I boiled.
4\12 Gathered 6 tanks boiled all day
4\13 Gathered a little a.m. boiled all day
4\14 Harry gathered a little by hand a.m. They got 4 tanks p.m. boiled p.m.
4\15 Howard went to Bradford got some more syrup cans. Gathered 5 tanks
drewed in some wood
4\16 [S] Boiled and cleaned up rig
4\22 They picked up buckets
4\23 Don took 5 gal. 4 qts. 1\2 qt. can syrup
4\24 Drewed in buckets and washed about 600 . . Jay and Della went home
today He took 5 gal. syrup
4\25 Finished buckets and got everything put in camp.
4\26 Put up some syrup and made some damp sugar

1951

- 3\13 Glenn went to Town Meeting about 9. Howard and Gerald worked over to
sugar place this a.m. Francis went over and helped the boys. They got 186 buckets out
and sap run good.
3\14 Glenn, H & G went over and tapped some before dinner.
3\15 It snowed hard all forenoon but a lot melted so they didn't go over to sugar place till
afternoon. [*Ma didn't write again until May 8th, so this is all there is for sugaring notes
this year.*]

Good photo of horses, gathering tank and Francis gathering, c1975. I have the contract for a 4-barrel gathering tank that Dad bought in May, 1938, from Soule in Rutland. I think this is that tank, so was used from the 1939 season on. The pipe on the back would swing either way, so we could approach the holding tank from either direction, depending on where we were gathering.



Sledge or scot carrying the metal sap tank. Note the pipe on the center back of the tank for emptying it into the storage tank when they reach the sugarhouse.

1952

- 3\22\52 Gerald, Francis & Arthur went over to sugar place with horses this p.m. Snow up around their sides most of the way
- 3\23\52 Ralph [Dennis], Mona & baby Arthur brot out syrup bottles. *[I bet they had their own bottle which Dad put syrup in for them.]*
- 3\24\52 We had some sugar on snow this p.m.

- 3\25\52 Beautiful day, good sap day. Glenn, Gerald and Arthur have gone over to sugar place to tap. Put the clothes outdoors. They put out 200 this forenoon and it run like time. They took the horses this afternoon and put out 200 more buckets.
- 3\27\52 Got up at 7. They set up sap rig, gathered 180 pails, made a little syrup.
- 3\28\52 Finished boiling, about 9 gals. Gerald tapped 88 more.
- 3\29\52 Irene, Doris and Ruth went over to the sugarplace this afternoon. They gathered 4 1\2 tanks sap in p.m. Glenn boiled.
- 3\30\52 Had sugar on snow.
- 3\31\52 Glenn went over to boil about 9. Gerald tapped ___ more this forenoon, run pretty good. Glenn and Gerald saw a goose up on the field. Mr. Cassidy got 2 gal. syrup.
- 4\1\52 Gerald canned 25 gal. of syrup this forenoon.
- 4\2\52 Gathered 75 pails, made 12 gals.
- 4\3\52 Gerald crated syrup.
- 4\4\52 Gerald canned ___ gals. of syrup
- 4\6\52 We had sugar on snow before they went home about 5.
- 4\7\52 Got up about 7. Tapped 312 more.
- 4\8\52 Tapped 130 more, 1500 in all.
- 4\9\52 Got sawdust and scoot shoes. Shod scoot.
- 4\10\52 Francis stayed home, got 150 pails, made 14 gals.
- 4\11\52 Glenn is over to the sugar place. Finished boiling, made 10 gal. D., M. and I made sugar cakes
- 4\12\52 Got up about 5:45. Got the syrup most done before breakfast. Della & I made sugar cakes.
- 4\15\52 Glenn is out to Office and Gerald and Francis are gathering sap. Got 3 tanks this forenoon and 4 this afternoon.
- 4\16\52 Put up Glenn's dinner. He is going to boil sap. Glenn made 14 gal. syrup today.
- 4\17\52 Gathered 3 tanks sap and made 3 or 4 gal. syrup.
- 4\19\52 Joe and Mrs. H. had sugar on snow. Cleaned up rig, washed 70 buckets. Boys picked up buckets.
- 4\21\52 Glenn and the boys are washing buckets. Irene went over to help wash buckets.
- 4\22\52 Glenn and the boys are finishing washing buckets this forenoon.

1958

- 3\3 [T] Cooked 2 gals. of syrup so it would lay on snow to take to Grange at Wentworth tonight, made 48 doughnuts, took 2 doz. to Pomona Grange. There were about 25 there.
- 3\4 Gerald went up to Camp and shoveled off roof and sugar camp roof a.m.
- 3\17 Bud Rowe began working for me today. Gerald and Bud went over to sugarplace, broke out a few roads.
- 3\19 Gerald went over to sugarplace with sled p.m.
- 3\23 Went up to Mel's sugar camp a little while.
- 3\24 Had Mel's tapping machine, tapped 640. It quit after dinner. Stanley helped today. It run a little.
- 3\25 Covered buckets we put out yesterday and put out 310 more. Stanley helped
- 3\26 Tapped about 375 more, broke out some more roads. Set up rig and tanks. Stanley is helping;
- 3\27 We gathered 4 tanks of sap p.m.
- 3\28 Began boiling, made 16 gals. Bud and Gerald gathered 5 tanks today.
- 3\29 Froze good last night, sap run good today. Made 20 gals. They gathered 65 pails sap.
- 3\30 They gathered 75 pails sap p.m. Made 11 gals. p.m.

- 3\31 They gathered 65 pails, made 18 gals.
 4\1 Out listing all day. They put up some syrup. *[As a Selectman, Dad and the two others had to go to all commercial folks in town and value their goods for the 'stock and trade' tax. This included farm animals and perhaps equipment. This was always done the first few days of April, so if there was sap to boil, Dad had a neighbor do it. Gerald could boil but he needed to gather.]*
 4\3 They put up some syrup.
 4\4 They tapped 100 more p.m. Finished listing today.
 4\5 They tapped 150 more p.m. They gathered 4 tanks p.m.
 4\7 Went over and boiled today, 17 gals. They gathered 75 pails.
 4\8 They gathered 65 pails, made 9 gals. p.m.
 4\9 Got sap all in pan.
 4\11 They gathered 4 tanks sap p.m.
 4\12 Made about 17 gals. today. They gathered 2 tanks a.m.
 4\13 They gathered about 3 1\2 tanks a.m. Made about 12 gals.
 4\14 Got rest of sap in pan, made about 3 gals.
 4\18 Had to put a new pole in little trailer a.m. *[This is likely the trailer that Dad hitched behind Fergie and went back and forth to the sugarplace with. Took 40 qt. milk cans of water over and brought syrup back.]* Put up some syrup.
 4\19 Went over and drew some water up on hill at sugar camp, to use to was pans
 4\21 Put up some more syrup. Crated 3 gal. for Mabel a.m. I went to Bradford p.m. Took some syrup out to Evelyn. Sent 3 gals. to Mabel.
 4\22 Canned rest of syrup. Got milk cans all washed *[the ones he had brought syrup home in]*,
 4\24 Picked up covers and most of buckets. Cooked rest of syrup, about 5 gals. Brought 2 load of buckets over for Doris to wash.
 4\25 Picked up rest of buckets.
 5\2 Washed rest of buckets a.m. Doris washed 1221. Put stuff in Camp, got 2 load of wood.
 5\16 Took care of rest of syrup, made a little sugar.

1959

- 3\3 [T] We opened 6 pts. of syrup to take to Grange tonight. The Deputy was there, gave us instructions. There were 11 there, had coffee, donuts and hot syrup.
 3\13 We got sled most shod p.m.
 3\14 Put wooden shod sled back together a.m.
 3\16 Went over and broke another road, shoveled out in front of sugar house doors.
 3\20 Got ready to tap, got Mel's machine a.m. Os, Pug, Gus and Ted helped Gerald tap p.m., about 400.
 3\21 Pug took my car and went down to Short's and got tapping machine, rented it. Pug, Os, Gus, Ted, Tony, Duck *[Roy Daisey]*, Art and Gerald tapped some more, about 800.
 3\24 Went over and tapped 250 more p.m., Ted helped.
 3\25 Went over and put out about 40 more buckets, makes all of them *[1490, if I added right.]*
 Gerald took Mel's and Aaron's tapping machines home p.m.,
 3\26 Went over p.m. and shoveled out for tank up on hill, put up smoke stack, put back pan on.
 3\29 [S] Went down to see if Pug would boil for me if I need him this week. *[Dad will be out listing with Selectmen for three or four days the first of April.]*
 4\1 Gerald and Gus gathered about 150 pails, got all over it. Pug made about 10 gals.
 4\2 Pug finished up sap, about 15 gals. Today Gerald went over and got it.
 4\3 [T] Glenn is listing. Gerald canned 18 gal., 2 qts. of syrup this forenoon.
 4\5 Went over to sugarplace, no sap

- 4\8 Don and Gerald gathered it all over, got 7 tanks. I made about 19 gals.
 4\9 Boiled in rest of sap, about 11 gal. Not very light colored. Gerald canned syrup and came over with tractor and got syrup p.m.
 4\10 Took donuts up to Mel, went down to Downing place, watched him boil a while.
 4\13 Don helped gather a.m., 4 hrs. Gerald went over rest of it p.m., about 90 pails. Made about 15 gals.
 4\14 I canned syrup, then went over and cleaned up pan and tanks p.m. Brought home what syrup was over there. Sap ran good today.
 4\15 Out to Office all day. Don helped Gerald gather 3 tanks, then he began to boil about 11 o'clock. He made about 8 gals. Gerald gathered 4 more tanks sap.
 4\16 Gerald came over and gathered another tank of sap p.m., then fixed up fence around orchard. I made about 23 gals. today, from 9:15 to 5:45. It is dark. Got it all in pan.
 4\18 Gerald and Arthur picked up covers a.m.
 4\20 [T] Glenn, Gerald and Arthur are canning and tagging syrup, put it on shelf down cellar.
 4\21 Went over and got sap into front pan a.m. Picked up 130 buckets. Gerald and Arthur got most of the buckets today. Thed washed 130 buckets p.m. I washed tank and cleaned up pan. About 107 gals. in all *[A poor year.]*
 4\22 Washed other tank and pan, put buckets in a.m. Doris washed 725 buckets today.
 4\23 Took down smokestack, nailed up holes, picked up rest of buckets a.m. Took over some buckets *[must have taken the buckets to the house to wash]* and cut some sugar wood p.m. Took 5 gal., 27.50; 6 2 at. Cans, 18.00; 8 1 qt. cans, 12.00; 12 1 pt. cans, 10.80, \$68.30, over to Richard last night. *[Dad's nephew, Richard Burnham [Aunt Vernie's son], sold some of Dad's syrup at his store on the main street in Warren.]*
 4\24 Took over rest of buckets. Cut sugar wood all day.

1960

- 2\17 Went down to see Shortt about tapping machine
 2\23 Bought a tapping machine of Aaron Shortt \$89.00
 [T] Put up a little lunch for Glenn & Arthur as they are going after sawdust.
 3\12 Got sap sled out and rack on it
 3\16 Broke road over in sugar place and unloaded wood p.m.
 3\19 Went over and loaded up a load of buckets taped about 700 p.m. Os, Floyd, Duck [Roy], John, Art, Gerald and I
 3\21 Os helped us we taped about 400 today broke a few more roads 4 hrs.
 3\22 Set up evaporator, put up smoke stack, leveled up arch. Taping machine quit Taped 40 out some buckets and covers
 3\24 Sent for some shipping cartons for syrup
 3\26 Roy and Floyd and Arthur helped put out about 300 more buckets p.m.
 Broke road down next to brook and over on College lot
 3\28 Went over and taped out rest of buckets about 100 1540 altogether a.m. . .
 Went over and rinsed out pans and tubs fixed brook hole
 3\29 Bud Rowe helped they gathered 75 pails sap p.m. . . Went over and made about 4 gals. p.m. Gerald broke pole in sap sled
 3\30 Gerald put new pole in sled . . Went over and boiled in rest of sap about 5 gals.
 4\1 Bud and Gerald gathered about 60 pails sap a.m. made about 11 gals. today

- 4\2 Out listing today . . Gerald and Arthur gathered 110 pails sap. *[It is interesting that he still writes of gathering 'pails' of sap, rather than tanks. By the mid-40s, we were using the gathering tank full time, except for a few trees near the sugarhouse. I don't remember him using this term in conversation.]*
- 4\3 [S] Made 14 gal. syrup today put up 18 gal. this morn.
[T] Lewis & George Colburn came & got 9 gal. of syrup.
- 4\4 Went over and got rest of sap in pan. Got syrup and put up 16 1\2 gals.
- 4\6 Harry and Bertha over a little while p.m. He took a gal. of syrup. Gerald went over to look at sap said it was running good.
- 4\7 Gerald went down and got Bud they gathered 6 tanks sap. Made 13 gals. after 12:30
- 4\8 Gerald went down and got Bud and they got 6 tanks p.m. Made 19 gal. sap run good
- 4\9 Gerald put up some syrup and he and Arthur got 2 tanks sap a.m. Roy helped p.m. they got 5 tanks Made 21 gals. sap run good
- 4\10 [S] They got 4 tanks sap p.m. Made 23 gals. today
[T] I made sugar cakes in p.m. first time & had some sugar on snow.
- 4\11 Boiled all day sap run good . . Gerald went down to Dewey's and got shoes and shod sled a.m.
[T] I did up sugar cakes to send to Frank's friend, Mr. Hannum & to Gratz this forenoon. . . Made some sugar cakes in p.m.
- 4\12 Boiled all day sap run good Bud helped gather p.m. Gerald helped can syrup and got 2 tanks sap a.m.
[T] I sent sugar cakes to Della, Les & Gardner Hayes. Made more sugar cakes this p.m.
- 4\13 Bud helped gather p.m. Boiled all day 21 gals.
[T] Glenn got home from sugar place about 7
- 4\14 Got rest of sap all in pan made 16 gals. Bud helped gather 3 tanks and they cut up wood and put in shed
[T] I canned __ gal. & 2 qts. of syrup this morning
- 4\17 [S][T] Had sugar on snow in p.m. *[Howard's and Gerald's folks here.]*
- 4\19 Put up rest of syrup helped Thed make sugar cakes and made most 2 small pails sugar p.m.
[T] Glenn & I made the tins full twice of sugar cakes & made Jane 7 1\2 lbs. of sugar & most a pail full more. Glenn canned gals., 1\2 gals. & qts. . . I wrapped a box of sugar cakes for Les, Ken & Ruth, & Frank.
- 4\20 Made about 15 gals. They gathered 125 pails and picked up covers and a few buckets. Floyd, Ernie and John helped.
[T] Gerald, Arthur, John, Ernie, Floyd, Harry & Gene went over to gather. Jane came after her bread & sugar. They got 5 tanks in all not very good. I got some snow & made some sugar cakes & enough sugar to fill the pail we got most full yesterday. . . Glenn made 15 gals. of black syrup today.
- 4\21 Gerald picked up buckets p.m. Floyd, John, Ernie, Arthur helped. Cleaned up pan 10 gal. Took water over from here in milk cans water over there was dirty *[We got water from the brook, just a little ways south of the camp. Must have been low so that we couldn't get clean water.]*
[T] All done 185 gal good & 25 dark

- 4\22 Picked up rest of buckets put pans and tubs in Camp. Gerald went down and got Bud p.m. cut up rest of old timbers and cut 2 birch out at end of Camp.
- 4\25 Caned up 13 gals. syrup made 15 lbs. sugar
- 4\29 Gerald went down and got Bud p.m. and they cut wood for sugar place
- 4\30 Cut wood up on College lot for sugar place Bud helped Doris washed buckets
- 5\1 [S] Made some cream sugar and damp sugar p.m.
- 5\2 Gerald took a load of buckets and a load of wood over to Camp.
[Sometimes we washed buckets at the Camp and sometimes at home, in the back yard.]
- 5\3 Made 35 lbs. damp sugar, 5 lbs. cream and 2 lbs. sugar cakes last night
- 5\5 Made rest of syrup into sugar tonight
- 5\8 [S] Took cream sugar over to Richard's last night. *[To Richard Burnham in Warren, for him to sell in his store.]*

This is how the sugarhouse looked in my memory. There was also a woodshed on the back side. The evaporator was to the right in this photo, with the smokestack at the southern end of the arch. The Ferguson tractor [Fergie] which was Dad used to go back and forth to the sugarhouse when the snow was down enough. He could put 2 or 3 40qt. milk cans in the rack on the back, to bring water to the sugarhouse and syrup home.



This shows the holding tank on the hill west of the sugarhouse, with the pipe coming from it to the sugarhouse just east of the photo. The horses and gathering tank are at the holding tank.



1961

- 3\8 Fair, 20 above. We went over and put out most 600 buckets today. John helped 6 1\2 hrs.
- 3\13 Fair. Tapped about 500 p.m. 1068 buckets out now. John helped.
- 3\15 Fair. went up to Richard's and got some syrup, 3 gals. and 2 2-qt. cans [*Must be some that Richard hadn't sold at his store; waiting for new season.*]
- 3\16 Snow a.m., 15 above. We tapped 275 more p.m.
- 3\18 Fair, 15 below. Set up rig over to Camp p.m. and tapped out rest of buckets, 1515 in all.
- 3\19 [S] Cloudy, 20 above. Howard's folks up today, had sugar on snow p.m.
- 3\22 Fair, zero. Pat came over and got 2 gal. syrup this morn.
- 3\23 Fair. Gerald & John gathered 100 pails sap p.m.
- 3\24 Fair. Went over and started to boil a.m. Charles boiled for me p.m., 15 gals. Went to Woodsville to Tax Comm. meeting p.m. They gathered about 85 pails sap today.
- 3\25 Storm a little a.m. Made 22 gals. today. They gathered about 60 pails sap.
- 3\26 [S] Fair, 16 above. George Colburn came and got 10 gal. syrup p.m. Carroll Mathews got 7 gal. p.m. Took a gal. over for Bud Foss last night. Went over and got syrup and canned it up.
- 3\27 Fair, 20 above. Gerald and John gathered 4 tanks sap p.m., made about 8 gals.
- 3\28 Cloudy. Gerald and John gathered rest of sap, about 90 pails, made 22 gals.
- 3\29 Rain some last night. Went over and cut an ash to have sawed out to fix truck body p.m. Got syrup.
- 3\30 Fair, windy. I put up syrup, picked over a few beans and cleaned up some more. Took 6 gal., 6 2-qt., 12 qt. and 12 pts over to Richard.
- 4\1 Stormy, rain and snow p.m. Out listing. Gerald gathered 175 pails. Pug boiled p.m., about 9 gal.
- 4\2 Fair, 3 or 4 inches snow this morning. Went over and got sap in pan, made 15 or 16 gal.
- 4\3 Fair, cold. Vern [*McIntire*] here today about 8:30. Gerald and Vern went over and got syrup,
- 4\4 Fair. I put up syrup a.m. They gathered 5 tanks sap p.m. Made 8 gal.
- 4\5 Fair. They gathered 7 tanks sap and went over and loaded up a load of wood for Don. Made 20 gal.

- 4\6 Cloudy, rain a little p.m. Gerald and John got 2 tanks sap p.m., made 19 gal, got it all in pan.
- 4\7 Cloudy and windy, rain a little. We canned syrup a.m
- 4\9 [S] Fair, 18 above. Went over and washed out tanks at sugar camp p.m.
- 4\10 Snow all day, about 6 inches. John and Gerald gathered most 6 tanks sap. Made about 18 gal. Tractor wouldn't start tonight, left it over to camp [*Likely Fergie.*]
- 4\11 Snow most all day, about 8 inches. Gerald and John got most 2 tanks sap this morn. Got it all in pan and cleaned up tanks. Gerald went out and got some stuff to spray on tractor. He cleaned up distributor and it started.
- 4\13 Stormy. Firemen here last night. Had coffee, syrup and plain donuts.
- 4\18 Cloudy, rain a little p.m. Washed out milk and syrup cans. Went over and cleaned up pan p.m., made about 4 gal. Gerald and John got covers most picked up.
- 4\20 Fair. Went over and dumped buckets and picked up some more covers a.m.
- 4\22 Fair. Gerald, Art and John gathered about 60 pails sap and picked up some buckets. Ernie helped today. Got sap all in pan, made about 5 gal. Gerald drew 2 tanks of water up from the brook.
- 4\24 Cloudy. Finished picking up buckets. Cut some wood. Floyd helped all day, Roy p.m. Got one shed full of wood.
- 4\25 Rain a little a.m. Floyd and Roy helped a.m. Cut some more sugar wood, guess got enough.
- 4\26 Rainy.. Put up sap sled.
- 4\27 Fair. Took a load of old stuff over to Camp a.m. and got bench set up to wash buckets on.
- 4\28 Fair. Washed buckets. Floyd and John helped. Gerald, Floyd, John and I washed, Arthur rinsed, Harry, Gene and Ricky carried them all out. Home about 3:30. Sam here p.m. He took his bull and 2 of his cows, one of his left. He took 5 gals. and 2 qts. syrup.
- 4\29 Rain a little. Went over and put stuff back in Camp. Gerald put new roof on cupulo, filled up shed with wood.

1962

- 3\3 Gerald went down to Shortt's a.m., got a plug put in tapping machine.
- 3\16 Went over to sugarplace p.m., broke road up to further corner.
- 3\17 Gerald broke more roads p.m.
- 3\19 Fair. Went over and tapped about 550. Roy and John helped. Some of them ran pretty good.
- 3\20 Fair, about zero. Gerald went up and got Dave's dozer last night and he broke road a.m. We tapped about 380 p.m.
- 3\21 Fair. Put out about 370 more buckets. Put up smokestack, got tanks out. Sap run pretty good. Broke road down next to fence and brook.
- 3\22 Fair, warmer. Charles went over and soldered 2 holes in back pan a.m. Put pans on, got pipe up a.m. Gerald, John and Roy gathered 2 tanks p.m.
- 3\23 Made 15 gal. today. Gerald, John and Roy gathered 65 pails p.m. and tapped out 60 more.
- 3\24 I put up some syrup. They gathered 75 pails, p.m., made 8 gals. p.m.
- 3\25 [S] Put up a little syrup. Went over and cleaned up sap, made 9 gals. George Colburn came and got 10 gals. Gerald took over a can of water and brought home a can of syrup.
- 3\26 Harold Young and his wife here a dinnertime. He took 2 gals. syrup. Broke road on College Lot p.m. John helped tap p.m. Went over and put out rest of buckets, about 150, makes a little more than 1500 in all. Put up syrup a.m.
- 3\27 Thed made some donuts for Mel p.m. [*To have at sugarhouse.*]
- 3\30 I helped Gerald and John gather 2 tanks sap a.m., then I made 12 gals. p.m. They got 3 more tanks p.m.
- 3\31 They got 3 tanks sap today, I made 19 gals.
- 4\1 [S] Canned 2 cans of syrup

- 4\3 Gerald went over and had shoes sawed out, took over some syrup, Ken bought 5 gals. Gerald shod sap sled p.m. Canned syrup.
- 4\5 Sap run good yesterday p.m. and today. They gathered 9 tank, 225 pails. Made 19 gals.
- 4\6 They gathered 7 tanks, 175 pails. *[Apparently a tank held 25 pails. Sometimes he just writes 'pails' but mostly just 'tanks.']* Made 29 gals. today.
- 4\7 They gathered 6 tanks, made 25 gals. Gerald and Art canned 4 milk cans syrup today.
- 4\8 [S] They finished gathering, 2 1\2 tanks, made 16 gals.
- 4\9 Took 6 gals. and 4 2-qt. cans syrup over to Richard.
- 4\10 Canned syrup a.m. Took 10 gal. syrup out to Harvey.
- 4\11 Gerald and John cut some logs and wood. I cleaned up can, made 6 gal. Cut up some old stuff and got a pile of wood in shed.
- 4\13 Firemen out here last night, 20 of us. Doris helped Thed. Had donuts, syrup, coffee, pickles. Les out with them. Gerald went over to sugarplace but no sap.
- 4\14 They picked up covers p.m.
- 4\19 Went over and gathered 5 tanks sap, made about 8 gals. Some buckets full, a lot of them nothing in.
- 4\20 Gerald and Roy gathered about 40 pails, then they worked on wood and logs. Made 9 1\2 gals., worked up a little wood.
- 4\21 Out listing all day. Gerald, Art and Roy picked up buckets and got some water up on hill, put in some wood.
- 4\22 Made some sugarcakes at night.
- 4\24 Had 28 of us here for Grange last night, had donuts, syrup, coffee, pickles and sugar on snow. Canned up some syrup a.m.
- 4\25 Gerald and Art put in wood over to Camp and got out logs p.m.
- 4\27 Tom helped us wash buckets, got about 1000 done today. Harry and Gene carried them out.
- 4\28 They finished buckets and got stuff back in Camp. Cut up some old stuff and piled it up.
- 4\30 Made some sugar.
- 5\2 Made some sugar, about 60 lbs. Took me most all day
- 5\3 Put scoot up and sap sled.

1963

- 3\2 Gerald took horses and got over the road that goes down through Jess' p.m.
- 3\4 Gerald helped Don until 2:30, then he went over and broke some more roads in sugarplace *.[Depending on the snow depth, would just use the team or an empty sled if not as much snow.]*
- 3\5 Then he took horses and went up old road and down to sugar house.
- 3\7 Bought a pair of snowshoes of Robert Hall up to Bradford, \$7.50.
- 3\8 He went over to sugarplace with horses p.m.
- 3\9 Gerald put sled together and went over to sugarplace again, shoveled out in front of doors and where tank sets.
- 3\11 Gerald went over to sugarplace again.
- 3\15 Went up to Barre and bought 2 pair snowshoes, one good pair, \$10.00, one pair women's about right for Harry, \$5.00.
- 3\16 Gerald fixed a harness, put in another britchen. He schellaced snowshoes and put harnesses back on them.
- 3\18 Gerald went down to Shortt's p.m. and got tapping machine started, points were stuck.
- 3\21 We went over to see Charlie Cutting p.m. He is going to plow roads for us Sat.
- 3\23 20 above, fair. Charlie Cutting came over and bulldozed out most of the roads in sugarplace, about 4 hrs, \$40.00. *[Had a lot of snow and even though Gerald had spent 10-15 hours breaking the road with horses, still would have been very hard to get around. I think this is also*

the year we gathered a lot on snowshoes – what a pain in the ass! Hard to get down over snowbank to tank, then hard to balance on edge of sled while dumping sap into tank. And, if the horses were ever going to start a little, it was just as one was trying that balancing act. Lots of spilled sap – mostly on whoever was trying to empty his gathering pail! ;-0]

[From Harry, 2\23\20: When I first read this I was going to ask if you saw anything in the diary about Charlie Cutting plowing out the roads in the sugar, but I see in a later email that you did. I didn't know for sure it was 1963, but suspected it might be. I remember that year of sugaring pretty well. Dad said when he went over to break out the roads with the horses they couldn't go because the snow was so deep. If I remember right, there was 5 feet or more in the woods. Dad tried just driving the horses with no sled, but he said the only way they could go was to jump. I suspect Charlie was using his bulldozer with Dad and Don logging for the same reason, the horses couldn't go. Anyway, Charlie came over and plowed out the sugar roads. The problem was it left such high snow banks on the sides it was hard getting to and from the sled, especially with snow shoes on. But you couldn't get around without snow shoes because you'd sink in to your crotch. I remember we wore snow shoes, but I don't remember those pairs specifically, and don't know what ever became of them. I also remember when it was time pick up the buckets after sugaring season when most of the snow was gone us kids could barely reach the bottoms of the buckets! I always loved sugaring, but it wasn't much fun that year!

- 3\25 28 above, fair. Went over and put out 500 buckets today. Roy helped. Sap run good.
- 3\26 34 above, fair. Tapped 540 more today. Roy helped, he broke a snowshoe. Snow went like the devil today.
- 3\27 40 above, fair, rain. Went over and set up rig and rinsed out pans and tanks. Covered a few we didn't get to yesterday. Gerald fixed snowshoes. Roy helped p.m. Mel's folks were boiling today. They have made 8 gal. out to school.
- 3\28 34 above, fair, cold wind. Went over and tapped 288 more today. Broke road over across brook p.m. Roy helped all day.
- 3\29 20 above, fair. Went over and got 2 tanks before dinner, they got 5 tanks in p.m. Wayne and Dave helped them p.m. I started fire at 10 min. of 12 and made 15 gals.
- 3\30 16 above, fair, rain a little this morn. Made 22 gal. today after 10:20. They got 6 tanks sap, 24 buckets.
- 3\31 [S] 22 above, fair. Canned up 25 gal. syrup this morn. George Colburn came and got 12 gal. Bob Young got a gal. Helen was up p.m., she took 5 qts., Elaine 1 qt. Put up 23 more gal. tonight. They gathered about 60 pails today. Made 19 gal., got in all in pan about 4:30 p.m.
- 4\1 Fair, hot. Gerald and Roy tapped 75 more this morn. They took syrup over to Ken Whitcher and Mertie Atwood and Richard. Got some scoot shoes sawed out and shod sap sled p.m.
- 4\2 Fair, cloudy. They gathered 6 tanks sap today. made 19 gal. today
- 4\3 Rain a.m., fair p.m. Shod old mare a.m. Went over and made 11 gal. p.m. They went over rest of it, got about 40 pails.
- 4\6 20 above, fair. Canned up syrup p.m. Gerald and Roy went over and got syrup, said sap was running.
- 4\7 [S] 20 above, nice day. They gathered 10 tanks of sap today, Gerald, Roy, Art and kids. Howard helped p.m. Made 23 gal
- 4\8 24 above, fair, nice day. They got 3 tanks sap p.m., made 23 gal. today. Gerald got Fergie down to Camp p.m. Got check from Harold Young today *[for syrup.]*
- 4\9 Fair. They canned syrup a.m. They got 6 tanks sap p.m. I made 10 gal. after quarter of 3.
- 4\10 Fair. Roy got 2 tanks sap p.m. I made 19 gal.
- 4\11 Snow all a.m., fair p.m. Canned syrup this morn, then went over to boil. Made 16 gal. They got 2 tanks a.m.

- 4\12 Fair, nice day. Made 7 gal. p.m. Les, Hazel and Lloyd out to supper last night. 17 Firemen here last night, had donuts, syrup and coffee. Marion and Hazel helped Thed.
- 4\13 26 above, fair, windy. Went over and washed out tanks at camp. Fergie wouldn't start over there. Gerald came back and got Farmall and started it. Canned up syrup p.m.
- 4\14 [S] 28 above, fair, windy. Went over in sugarplace p.m., a little sap.
- 4\15 26 above, fair, windy. Gerald cut a few logs to have for sills for sugar house.
- 4\16 30, fair. They gathered it all over, got about 75 pails. Roy helped him. Made about 6 gal. dark stuff. They took roof off of back wood shed. Ken Witcher send money over by Don for his syrup.
- 4\17 Fair. Gerald and Roy got out logs that he cut Mon, used horses a.m. Went over beyond 4-acre field with truck p.m. Cleaned up pan p.m., 6 gal. David and Gladys over p.m. He came over to sugarplace.
- 4\18 Fair, rain a little this morn. Gerald took logs over to Ken's, had some 6x8, a few 2x4 and boards, 641 ft. He and Roy moved wood and stuff around camp. They picked up most of the covers.
- 4\19 Rain a little. Went over and picked up rest of covers, a few buckets a.m. He started over with truck [*must mean Lucy*] got just across lane, had to hitch onto him, then pull him back up into pasture. Stuck up lumber. He and Roy picked up buckets p.m.
- 4\20 Rain some, windy. Sent gal. of syrup to Henry Jennison [*Harvey's uncle or brother-in-law*] for Harvey Washburn today.
- 4\22 Fair a.m., storm a little p.m. They went over and picked up rest of buckets.
- 4\25 Snow and hail some, fair some. Made 2 messes of [*damp*] sugar. Les and Hazel went down to see Della today. Sent 1 gal., 1 2-qt., 1 qt., 5 lb. sugar, 2 lb. sugarcakes down to Mabel.
- 4\26 Snow and hail some, fair some. I split some wood, made some sugar. Roger and Helen here to dinner, they took 2 qts. syrup.
- 4\27 Fair most all day, sprinkled a little. Washed buckets. Doris and kids helped, Ernie helped p.m. Got them all washed. Left them out that we washed in p.m. Took pans off and got them rinsed out.
- 4\28 [S] Fair, nice day. Made a batch of bean sugar [*from the darkest syrup, for Ma to use in sweetening baked beans.*]
- 4\29 Fair, best day this spring. Went over to sugarplace a.m., got buckets down off of roof and all covered up. Picked up boards, got seats and shelves out inside camp. Gerald went over p.m. and got sills ready to splice. I went to town, got 4 jacks of Walt. We loaded up a load of flat stone on trailer a.m.
- 4\30 Rain all day. Pomona Grange here last night, 18 with Thed and I. Marion helped Thed, had donuts and syrup, pickles and coffee.
- 5\2 Went over to Camp p.m. jacked it up a little it started for the pond so left it [*This is the kind of thing Dad would say but almost never wrote like this.*]
- 5\3 Don and Os helped us put new sills under sugar camp jacked lower corner up most 2 ft. and front about 1 ft. got stoned up under front side.
- 5\6 went out and got a load of sand and took some over to sugar camp with tractor and Lucy a.m. took rest of sand over and some boards p.m. boarded up this side of camp . .
- 5\10 Over to sugar camp a.m. . .
- 5\13 Over to sugar camp p.m. . . Gerald made new doors for front of camp I made 2 seats [*one on wall, on each side of arch*] to put covers on and a shelf to put [*gathering*] pails on. Took down smoke stack, put pans up, put tanks in.
- 11\4 Gerald smoothed up at end of Camp and back side with dozer

1964

- 3\5 Got a chestnut horse to try out [*from Carl Streeter – see below.*] Went over to sugarplace. They [*must be paired with Dolly*] went good.
- 3\6 Gerald went over to sugarplace again
- 3\7 We went over to sugarplace with both tractors p.m. Pete came down and got out tapping machine p.m.
- 3\9 We went over to sugarplace and made a place to set tub in Camp [*new tub or just a new place to set it\repair?*]
- 3\11 Snow a little, then fair. We went over and put out 105 buckets p.m., run a little.
- 3\12 Fair. Dave Weeks and Ernie helped a.m., put out 300. Gerald, Ernie and I got 395 p.m.
- 3\13 Fair, warm, windy. Pete and Bill Pierson helped Gerald get some sawdust a.m. He helped them tap p.m. Thed and I went to Woodsville, got 500 more sap pills [*these were to put in each sap hole before the spile, to retard bacteria growth. This is the first mention of Dad using them.*]
- 3\14 Fair, cloudy. Dave and Ernie helped today, put 683 out. Got all done, put over 200 on College Lot. Done all the tapping with one bit this year. Used 1500 pills and then didn't have enough.
- 3\17 12 above, windy, snow a little. Ernie was going to help gather today but sap was froze. Ernie went out to school with car about 10:30. [*Looks as if Ernie skipped school and helped sugar a few days this spring.*] Set up pans and tub, put up smokestack. We went over and cut sugar wood p.m
- 3\20 Fair, warm 20. Gerald gathered about 30 pails sap p.m.
- 3\21 Fair, cold. Gerald and Ernie gathered about 60 pails sap p.m. I went over and filled up pan with sap. Gathered in some ice out of buckets.
- 3\22 [S] Fair, colder. Began boiling at 10 a.m., got done at 4:30, made 20 gals.
- 3\23 Fair, 20 above. Filled 19 gal. cans. They got 2 tanks sap a.m., 4 tanks p.m., made 21 gal. George Colburn came and got 10 gal., then he came over to sugar camp [*George bought 10 gallons for years and always from the first runs.*] Ken, George and Charles over to Camp p.m.
- 3\24 Fair. Put up some syrup. Gerald got about 40 pails sap p.m. I made 10 gals.
- 3\25 Rain some. Went over and cleaned up sap, made 3 gal. Gerald cut some birch for scoot shoes. Sent 6 gals. for Idella's sister today.
- 3\26 Snow, rain, windy. Gerald and Ernie gathered 8 tanks sap today, 200 pails. Made 14 gal.
- 3\27 Snow, windy. Cleaned up sap, 11 gal. Gerald went over and got syrup and put up some. He took 6 gal., 8 2-qt., 16 1-qt., 16 pts. over to Richard, 2 gal. to Myrtie Atwood, 6 gal. to Ken Whitcher, got scoot shoes sawed. He started to make a platform on Fergie [*This must be the one on the back, which would hold 2 or 3 40-qt milk cans, for taking water to Camp and bringing home syrup.*]
- 3\28 20 above, cloudy. Gerald worked on rig for Fergie.
- 3\29 [S] Fair. I put up syrup. They made sugarcakes.
- 3\30 Gerald and Ernie went over to gather but was froze up, so they cut wood a.m.
- 4\5 Went over to Camp, sap running some.
- 4\6 He gathered 50 pails sap p.m. Made about 7 gals. after 2:45.
- 4\7 Rain a little. Gerald and Ernie gathered 110 pails. Made 25 gal. 18 Firemen out here last night for donuts, syrup and coffee. Larry put in Chief.
- 4\8 Rain a little. Helped Gerald gather 2 tanks sap then he got 2 1\2 more, made about 12 gals. Sent a gal syrup to Floyd Horton out to Calif. And one to Idella, 1 qt. to Mabel.
- 4\9 About 30 this morn.. Made 5 gal. p.m. Canned syrup a.m. Gerald shod sled p.m.
- 4\10 Fair, 28 above. I took Edna home p.m., went up to Lisbon and got 8 gal. and 8 1\2 gal cans.
- 4\11 Fair, 30 above. Gerald and kids gathered 125 pails sap. I helped them get 2 tanks, began boiling at 11, made 15 gals. Dick had a lame front leg today.

- 4\12 [S] 20 above. Sap ran pretty good. Went over and got rest of sap in pan p.m.
- 4\13 Fair. Ernie helped today, they got 175 pails. I made 19 gal.
- 4\14 Rain most all day. Gerald got about 20 pails sap this morn. I cleaned it all up, 11 gals.
- 4\15 Gerald put up syrup
- 4\16 Fair. Gerald got some gas and cut up some old stuff down to Ken's for sugar wood.
- 4\17 Fair, thunder shower p.m. Went over and cut up old stuff a.m.
- 4\18 Fair. Drawed in 2 tanks water over to Camp. Picked up buckets rest of day.
- 4\20 Picked up rest of buckets, boiled a little while.
- 4\24 Fair a.m., rain some p.m. Went over and cleaned up syrup, 3 gal. Washed big tank, got ready to wash buckets. He took sap tank back over to Camp and he and Harry got 2 load wood and put in shed. He went out to St. p.m. and got a load of old stuff for sugar wood.
- 4\25 Fair. Sawed up a little old stuff over to Camp and drawed in some wood.
- 4\27 Fair. Washed bucket a.m., Doris helped. Worked on wood p.m. over there.
- 4\28 Fair. Washed rest of buckets and got stuff all in today. Doris helped a.m.
- 4\29 Fair. Worked on wood all day over to Camp, got one shed full.
- 4\30 Fair. Went over and put rest of steel roofing on back side of Camp, split rest of wood a.m. Gerald and Frank took over a load of long stuff from Ken's and got a load of wood on the hill, finished filling up shed and piled some in front of shed.
- 5\1 They took load of wood from Ken's and cleaned up rest of wood over to sugarplace.
- 5\3 [S] Fair. Washed other 2 syrup cans. Made a little sugar. Howard's folks up p.m., Sal and Vernie with them. They had some sugar.
- 5\5 Minister sold 4 gal., 9 1\2 gal. and 5 qts. syrup.

[I have no 1965 diaries.]

1966

[Roy Daisey helped through the early part of sugaring, then I was home from UNH for the second week of April, when the sap ran like hell.]

- 2\7 I sent for syrup cans today, 150 gal., 50 1\2 gal., 100 pts., \$86.75
- 2\23 8 below, fair. Gerald and Calvin [Cesan] unloaded his wood. They put box on back of Fergie and went over on Jess' to the middle road a.m. *[Checking the sugarplace to see how much snow there was.]*
- 2\25 Kids home early and stayed here. Thed had sugar on snow.
- 2\28 Roy up about 8 a.m., home at 3:30. We went over in sugarplace to cut some wood, saw give out just before dinner
- 3\1 Rain some. Went over and got a yellow birch to have a roll *[see 3\4\66]* for sled sawed out of and a birch for sled shoes. *[I wonder why the different species for each use? The roll would be on the front of the sled, between the two runners, to hook the pole into..]* Gerald took them to Warren and got them sawed out, then worked on roll. *[Would need to bore a hole lengthwise through it or screw a lag bolt into each end, with a threaded end to go through the side and be bolted together. He would use a draw knife to round off the edges. See the photo of the horses with load of buckets and covers]* Hall came and got Harry's calf tonight, \$10.00 Went down to Danny Sanborn's last night and got saw, \$14.95.
[Wikipedia: The go-devil is a product of the camp blacksmith shop. It is a rough sled having two unshod hardwood runners, which are preferably of yellow birch, selected from timbers having a natural crook. The usual type of runner is from 6 to 7.5 feet long, 6 inches wide, and from 3 to 5 inches thick. A 6-inch by 6-inch by 4-foot or 5-foot bunk is fastened to each runner by a bolt. The bunk is placed from 2 to 2.5 feet from the rear end of the runners. A ring is

attached to the center of this bunk and the logs are bound on the latter by a chain passing around the logs and bunk and through the ring. The curved, forward ends of the runners are connected by a roller which has a short chain at each end that passes through a hole in the forward end of the runner and is fastened several inches back on it.

Since the go-devil has no tongue it can be turned around in a small space. The draft rigging consists of chains fastened to either side of the bunk or to the runners. The chains are brought forward and joined directly in front of the roller by a ring to which the hook on the double-tree is attached.]

- 3\2 Over in sugarplace and cut wood p.m. Roy helped p.m.
- 3\3 Fair, nice day. Roy helped today. Went over to cut wood but starter broke on saw. I went down to Shortt's and got it fixed, \$8.20. Gerald and Roy put shoes on sap sled a.m.
- 3\4 Rain p.m. about 2, boys came home from sugarplace.
- 3\8 Gerald put pole in roll after he got home.
- 3\11 Fair, 11 above. Gerald and Roy finished up sled and put it together
- 3\15 Gerald took his logs over and got a bundle of slabs [*for sugar wood.*] They drew wood and got most of a load of bolt wood.
- 3\16 Boys got rest of bolt wood and most of wood a.m.
- 3\17 5 below, fair. Took load of wood over to sugar camp and brought home the last load of wood. Tapped about 75 p.m.
- 3\18 Warm, fair. Tapped a little over 600.
- 3\19 Rain some. I went down to Townsend's and got syrup cans a.m. Set up rig and Gerald and Roy made new platform to set big tub on. Tapped 200 more.
- 3\20 [S] Fair, warm. Howard's folks up to Gerald's today. Roy helped, gathered 4 tanks, 100 pails. Began boiling about 11 a.m., made 11 gals.
- 3\21 About 20 above. Sent over and tapped about 100 and rig quit. Took it out to Fairlee and got it fixed, \$1.75. Got out 528 buckets in all today. All done but College lot, 1400.
- 3\22 Fair. Went over and put out about 300 buckets, about 1700 in all. Sawed some slabs. Put up 10 gal. and 1 pt. syrup. Had 20 here for Pomona last night, had flapjacks and syrup.
- 3\23 Cloudy, rain a few minutes. Boys gathered 8 tanks sap, made 19 gals. Thed made 8 doz. donuts for Mel today. Charles over to Camp p.m., began boiling at 10:30, done at 5 p.m.
- 3\24 Cloudy, windy, rain a little p.m. Boys cut a new road over on College lot and gathered rest of sap, about 30 pails.
- 3\25 I put up 28 gal., 8 2-qts., and 4 qts. syrup. Mrs. Morrison came and got a gal. syrup p.m.
- 3\27 Don and Hazel West here p.m. and a Mrs. Davis. They took 13 qts. and a 2-qt. can syrup
- 3\29 Took 6 gal., 5 1\2 gal., and 4 qt. syrup over to Richard p.m. and 2 doz. donuts. Took gal. syrup to Mertie Atwood.
- 3\31 Cool, fair. Went over to sugarplace but sap not running. Brought strainers home and washed them. Went over to sugarplace again, sap had run a little. Roy all done tonight.
- 4\1 Fair. Gerald filled up woodshed over to Camp and cut a little wood.
- 4\2 Storm some. Art came home last night for a week. Boys gathered 8 tanks sap. I made 20 gal.
- 4\3 [S] Fair, cool, snow a little. Boys gathered 3 tanks sap a.m. I made 32 gal. today. Ralph Dennis folks over to Camp p.m.
- 4\4 Fair, nice day. I put up 35 gal. syrup. Boys gathered 6 tanks sap and got a load of silage. [*Still getting silage from Whitehill's in Lyme, I think. See 3\25\66.*] Made 19 gal. Richard Kinder over to sugarplace 1\2 p.m.
- 4\5 Fair, good sap day. Boys gathered 7 tanks sap, made 20 gal.
- 4\6 Fair, good sap day. Boys gathered 6 1\2 tanks sap, made 24 gal. Boys brought over a load of slabs after dinner.

- 4\7 Fair, good sap day. Boys got 5 tanks sap, made 22 gal. Boys put up 24 gal. syrup. They brought over rest of slabs a.m.
- 4\8 Snow and rain. Boys got a load of silage a.m. Made 10 gals. today, cleaned up rig and tank what I could. Boys got 2 tanks sap p.m. I came home about 2:30, put up syrup.
- 4\9 Snow and rain some. Boys gathered 4 tanks sap, got it all. I made 20 gals, makes 213 gal. Boys got some birch for scoot shoes. Took 5 1\2 gal, 12 qt, and 24 pints syrup over to Richard tonight.
- 4\10 [S] Fair some, snow some, rain some. Over to Warren to dance last night, over 120 there. Got some cartons ready to put syrup in. *[The cardboard cartons for shipping syrup came flat and had to be assembled.]*
- 4\11 Snow some and fair. Out listing all day. Gerald had Mel's truck to take some pieces over to Whitcher's to get sawed for sled shoes a.m.
- 4\12 Sent 7 gals. syrup for Olive Rowley.
- 4\14 Fair. Cut wood over in sugarplace for sugar wood. Washed out tank in Camp.
- 4\15 Fair. Gerald tinkered a.m. He and Walt Franklin gathered 5 1\2 tanks sap p.m.
- 4\16 Fair. Gerald and boys got 4 tanks sap p.m., made 22 gal. Bill Pierson over to Camp today.
- 4\17 [S] Fair, nice day. Gerald and boys got 4 tanks sap. He brought Tullar's folks over to Camp p.m. Made 17 gal. Howard's folks up today.
- 4\18 Fair, nice day. Gerald got 4 1\2 tanks sap today, made 18 gal. sap, got it all in pan. Gathered last time today.
- 4\19 Fair, nice day. Gerald drew in 2 tanks water and washed out tank. Got sap all in front pan a.m. *[Looks like 270 or a little more gallons of syrup – must be the most we ever made in a year or damn close.]*
- 4\21 Cloudy, sprinkle a little. Picked up all the covers and about 325 buckets
- 4\22 Gerald picked up a load of pine wood down to Dick's *[From Harry, 4\7\20: "Yes, that was about the time Dick Brown cleared the lot where Dad eventually built his last house. Dick and Ruth were going to build there, but never did. It was almost all pine. Dad, Gene and I logged the pine out of there to build the ranch house. Dick burned most of the small stuff when he cleared it, but Dad probably got some for sugar wood."]* and took over to sugar Camp and put in a load and loaded up another load of pine a.m. We took wood over p.m. and picked up all buckets beyond fence and top of hill.
- 4\25 Foggy this morn, then clear. Finished picking up buckets and put in 4 load of wood. Got long pile all done in big shed *[woodshed on the back, I think]* at Camp
- 4\26 I canned up 32 2-qt. cans syrup and made most 50 lbs. sugar.
- 4\27 I put in 5 load of wood at Camp, washed pans an let in some clean water. Florence and Niva here and got some pork and a little can of sugar.
- 4\28 Went over and put in 4 load of wood and piled up what I threwed in yesterday.
- 4\30 Fair, nice day, cloudy and rain at night. Gerald and I washed buckets 1 1\2 hrs. a.m., about 350. Thed helped us p.m. We washed 3 hrs. about 1200 in all. Boys lugged all buckets in and out. Had to leave a lot of them out. Went over after supper but it began to sprinkle. Butch Pease up p.m, and got 2 gal. syrup.
- 5\1 [S] Cloudy some, fair. Didn't get up till 8:15 this morn. *[could be a little sore from all that washing!]* Went over to put buckets in but most of them had water on the bottom.
- 5\2 Gerald put in rest of buckets and he cut some ash for stakes on College lot.
- 5\4 Took 35 gal. syrup up to St. Johnsbury today, got 111.64. *[Would be to Maple Grove Candy; about 30 cents a pound or \$3.20 a gallon, when we were selling a gallon for around \$6 retail.. This is the first mention I have seen of selling syrup in bulk but we made over 270 gallons, much more than usual, so had extra that Dad figured he wouldn't sell at the farm.]*

- 5\7 Fair, cold. Washed rest of buckets and got all done over there except smokestack and covering up pans. George Finney here tonight and got 3 gal. syrup.
- 5\11 Ernie [*Daisey*] helped us take down smokestack over to Camp and set up pans and cover them up.
- 5\22 Took a gal. syrup out to Whitehill for using electricity [to run conveyor while getting silage] and bought a drawbar for Fergie, \$10.00.
- 5\28 Gardner and George up last night, George took 4 qts. and 2 1\2 gal. syrup.
- 11\7 Gerald went over and got woodshed roof at end of Camp ready to paper. I went out and got some metal drip and we put 2 rolls paper on woodshed.

1967

- 3\8 Roy Daisey came up with Gerald after breakfast, wants to work
- 3\10 They cut wood pm. I broke some roads and got 2 load of wood. Thed and I went to Monroe to sugar meeting last night, not a very big crowd.
- 3\17 Broke another road.
- 3\21 Gerald went over and cut some more logs and shoveled out where tank goes and in front of Camp.
- 3\22 Went over and got out some logs and cut up sugar wood.
- 3\24 Went over and broke some more roads pm.
- 3\25 Fair, 20 above. Began tapping about 10 am. Vern, Bev and Helen up today, Vern over to sugarplace about 11:30. Allen Daisey helped pm and Harry, Gene, Carol and Janet all day. Got out most 1200. Sap run good. Vern's folks went home about 8:30. He brought me over 2 pints of oysters. [*Good planning on Dad's part – both Vern and I there to help! ;-)*]
- 3\26 [S] Fair, 20 above. We put out 205 more buckets pm. about 1400 now. Got all done except for College Lot. Brought big tank home. The connection on bottom came out last spring.
- 3\27 32 this morn. Freeman Wright came over and fixed big tank and 12 sap buckets am. Boys moved 2 load of hay for young cattle. I helped Freeman a little and split some wood. We went over and put 300 more buckets on College Lot, about 1700 in all.
- 3\28 Fair, warm, rain a little. Got scoot out and out together [*why not when we were tapping – usually used it to carry buckets and covers in?*]
- 3\29 Went over am and got sugar rig all set up. Boys gathered a little over 4 tanks pm. I made about 4 gals.
- 3\30 Fair, warm. Boys got most 3 tanks sap. Made about 14 gals.
- 3\31 Soldered some buckets.
- 4\1 Fair, hot, 70 or more. Out listing all day. Boys cut wood am. Gathered 3 tanks sap pm. Gerald boiled 6 or 7 gals.

1968

- 1/4 Gerald over to sugarplace with Ferg.
- 1\18 Tried to go over to sugarplace with Ferg., got out just beyond end of lane. Took Gerald out pm and they got tire fixed, had to have a new tube.
- 2/22 [T] Bob Moulton and Kenneth Torsey came in evening and got 12 gal. & 6 qts. of syrup to sell at dog races in Laconia on Sat. & Sun.
- 2/23 Bob Moulton and Kenneth Torsey from New Hampton up last night and got 12 gal. and 6 qts. syrup for the Association to have at Laconia Sat. & Sun.
- 3/4 [T] Glenn and Gerald drew wood over to sugarplace.
- 3/5 We put in rest of wood over to sugar camp, shed almost full.

- [T] . Mixed up donuts and then made half a rule of plain donuts, came out good. We had some with syrup for dinner. Fried the others after dinner, 4 1\2 doz.
- 3/9 Moulton brought my sap pills last night. . [For a few years, folks put pills in the sap holes to help keep bacteria from growing.]
- 3/10 Mel tapped some yesterday and today.
- 3/15 Went over in sugarplace and cut wood pm.
- 3/16 Went over and tapped most 200 am. Went over pm and starter spring busted, went down to Shortt's and got new spring put in, \$4.45. Edna went down to Vernie's a few minutes. Went over and put out buckets, about 408 in all today. Broke some roads. Got tanks out and shoveled out for tank on hill.
- [T] Arthur went to Hanover this forenoon for Mel. Glenn, Gerald and the kids tapped some this forenoon. Arthur helped in pm.
- 3/19 Went over and tapped some today. We got out a little over 400.
- 3/22 Thed made 5 doz. donuts for Mel today.
- [T] . Made big mess of bread. Made 5 doz donuts for Mel and 10 for us and 3 small bread.
[These must have been raised donuts, to dip in syrup, as they were made from bread dough.]
- 3/23 Gerald, Art and kids tapping. They got about 600 tapped today until it rained and drove them home. I finished up chores.
- 3/24 We went over and put up smokestack and set back pan down on arch. Tapped about 200 more.
- 3/25 Took tapper out to Saladino but he didn't get it fixed
- 3/26 Went out and got tapper and a belt for water pup down cellar. Went over pm and out out about 80 more buckets. Tapper quit again.
- 3/27 Helped Gerald gather 3 tanks am. He got 4 more pm. I made 9 gals pm.
- 3/28 Gerald gathered 7 tanks sap today. I made 22 gals.
- [T] Put up Glenn's dinner before breakfast. Put bread in tins after dinner and made 12 twisted donuts *[the way she made her raised donuts, rolling them out in a 'rope' and laying one end over the other before frying. Don't remember ever hearing her call them 'twisted donuts.']*
- 3/29 Peterson over to sugarplace pm. *[I think this is the secretary of the NHMPA.]* Louie and Jean *[Gratz]* over to camp pm. Made 19 gals.
- [T] Put up Glenn's dinner before breakfast, canned 7 gal. syrup. Rudolph Peterson went over to sugarplace and visited a while. Louie, Jean and "Becky" went over to sugarplace. Glenn made 19 gal., at home about 7.
- 3/30 They gathered all over it today, got 9 tanks. Made 21 gals. Art canned syrup am. Some women came and got a gal. of syrup today. George Coburn came and got 6 gals. syrup pm.
- [T] Arthur helped do chores, kids helped gather sap. Glenn took his dinner. Arthur canned syrup. A woman got 1 gal. Arthur helped gather sap in pm. They got 9 tanks today. George Colburn got 6 gals. syrup tonight. Had 3 1\2 bread. Glenn made 21 gal.
- 3/31 I went over and began boiling at 10:30, done at 5:30, 19 gals. Thed and Jean Gratz over pm.
- [T] Put up Glenn's dinner to go to sugarplace. Walked over to sugarplace with Jean & "Becky" about 3. She took pictures outside and inside the sugarhouse. Glenn got home about 5:30.

1972

[In the spring of 1972, Gerald was no longer working for Dad, so he wasn't going to sugar but Dave Miller and John Kelly offered to help, so Dad decided to try it. On weekdays, we left school as soon as we could and beat it up here and then came up several Saturdays and/or Sundays. Gerald and the boys helped on weekends, as did Howard and Rick some times.]

From David Miller, Dave & Marsha's son, 2/9/2022: "1972, what a special time. I remember it very well. Thanks Dad for those great times, experiences that once common are non-existent now,

Memories. Most of the steps as outlined in getting ready to tap. I remember being stuck up to my arm pits in a snow drift as my buckets rolled away, the horror. Someone; John, Art or maybe one of Art's brothers pulled me out, they had snowshoes on. I could carry three buckets and covers at a time and still see where I was going. The horses were Bill and Tom I think, one farted noisily and a lot, The dairy barn was fun. At the sugar house I remember unloading the sap from the sled. Mr Pease chewing his tobacco quids and letting us have cups of hot syrup while we warmed up and you guys collected the sap. I remember being wet and mud covered most of the time. He showed us/me how to dip (bacon fat, lard, tallow?) to bring down the foam so he could test the consistency with a ladle, he didn't need a hydrometer. He might have used it when he drew off (vaguely recall that). He drew off through a wool funnel into the large milk jugs. Sugar on snow. The anticipation of going to the sugar house for the next couple of years. Which led to my own operation and then John's. One time we stopped in to visit Mel Thompson at his sugar house. Being an old school conservative, No syrup or even Ice Cream like MP MacAuley.

Since Tarnya is mentioned prominently in 1972, I wonder what she remembers?"]

3\11 [Sa] Arthur, John Kelly and Dave Miller, Glenn and Miller's boy here about 10:30. We put sled together. Mona's dog scat young cattle they went over fence by water box and went up in woods in back of spring. Boys went and got them. Went over to sugar place p.m. and shoveled out door and set up big tank. Miller's wife and little girl here about 1 p.m. Judy up a little later.

3\13 Went over to Camp with horses p.m.

[T] Snow up to their bellies in places

3\14 Went over to sugar place went up road next to College lot and down the one this side then went the opposite way a.m.

3\16 Went over p.m. went down old road out into Jess, out middle road, down below Camp, up by brook, back to old road, out from barway, through upper road and back

3\17 Walter brought his dozer out p.m. but it rained so he went home

3\18 [Sa] Art, John, Dave and Dennis Allard here about 9:30 Howard, Barb and Ricky here about 10. Wesley and Calvin came up and got tank that I got at Mack's auction. Got over to Camp and had forgotten think to tighten chuck on tapper. We got out about 200 a.m. Went over p.m. Taped about 150, tapper wouldn't start, got stuck in brook up in pasture, horses wouldn't do anything for a while, shoveled them out. Walt Franklin plowed road 3 1\2 hrs.

[T] Arthur fell in brook with tapper so it wouldn't go, so all came home soaked about 3. Put out 350 buckets today

3\19 Dumped gas out of taper and can, mixed up more gas. Took snowshoes down to have Pug fix them.

3\20 Took tapper down to Aron's and he got started water on points and plug. Rickey and his girl friend [Ma writes 'Janet'] up right after dinner They went over to sugar place. Boys up about 4:30. They taped a little over 200

3\21 Fixed Dan's collar, put a leather pad a top of collar, fixed Dan's bridle and throat latch for Tom's bridle

3\22 Cut manes and foretop off horses a.m. . . Fixed Tom's halter

- 3\23 Went over and broke some more roads p.m.
- 3\24 Went over and broke another road a.m. Tom lame one front leg he bumped in on neckyoke. Went down to Townsend's p.m. and got 50 1\2 gal. cans and 50 1\2 gal. plastic jugs. 25 gal. cartons, 25 1\2 gal., and 25 1\2 gal. for plastic and 25 qt. cartons. \$52.63
- 3\25 Gerald, Art, Harry, John, Dave and 3 boys [from LHS?] taped a little over 500 a.m. went over p.m. and set up pans and tank in Camp. Put 2X4 around gathering tank.
- 3\27 Took up Tom's neckyoke strap
- 3\29 Went over to sugar place some of them running. . . Art and Boys and Gene over gathering tonight
[T] Arthur, Dave, John & Gene went over to gather at 4:45. Got three tanks before dark
- 3\30 Went over to sugar place got fire built about 11 a.m. Made about 7 gal. Done at 4 p.m. all in pan.
- 3\31 Went over to sugar place p.m. changed strainers brought home syrup
[T] Some trees are running quite good
- 4\1 [Sa] Sap run good. Howard and Ricky came up a.m. We got one tank of sap and most another down old road a.m. Art, Dave and John up p.m. Gene helped they got 9 tanks all together. I made 12 gals. after 1:15
- 4\2 [S] Sap don't run much today. Dave, Art and Gene and David Belt went over most all of it and got 2 tanks I made about 16 gals.
[T] Some people from Hanover came and went over to sugar place
- 4\3 Went over and cooked in rest of sap made 12 or 13
[T] Glenn thinks he heard geese
- 4\4 Canned syrup a.m. Went over to sugar place p.m. some running fair, some buckets 1\2 full
- 4\5 Fixed a side strap on Dan's harness . . Art, John and Gene got 5 tanks sap after 4:15 p.m.
- 4\6 Went over and got fire started at 11 a.m. made 12 gals. Elmer visited an hour a.m.
- 4\7 Went over about 10 a.m. A minister, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and 2 kids that are staying over to Gratz went with me and stayed a little while made 8 gals.
- 4\8 Art and John up about 9:30 Helped do chores, got some snow, filled woodbox. A bunch of boys [30] from England and some boys and girls from Leb. and Enfield, 50 in all, here about noon. They had sugar on snow and pickles Dave with them. Art and John took about all of them over to sugar place with horses, 4 or 5 trips. They left about 2:30. Sap all froze up. Thed and I made about 9 lbs. sugarcakes
[T] The Lebanon school bus came at 11:30 with 52 kids, over 30 from England.
- 4\9 [S] Went over to sugarplace sap running some Caned up 18 gal. syrup p.m. Made about 15 lbs. maple cream
[T] Cooked two dishes of syrup for cream before dinner. Glenn canned syrup 10 gal., 12 1\2 gal., 8 qts. after dinner. Made about 15 lbs cream before supper
- 4\10 Cut out some cardboard to go in syrup cartons. Boys up and got 3 tanks sap tonight.

- 4\11 [T] Arthur, Dave & John gathered 3 tanks of sap tonight
Got fire going at 10:20 made 13 gal. lugged in 19 pails sap p.m. Boys got 4 tanks sap tonight. Thed made 8 doz. donuts for Mel today.
- [T] Started fires at 6:15. Mixed up raised donuts for Mel after breakfast. Glenn took his dinner & went to sugar place about 10:30. Took over an hour to cut out donuts in p.m. Had 10 doz. Arthur, Dave, & John came about 4:45 to gather, got 4 tanks by dark, came in & had donuts & syrup. Didn't go to barn tonight, was frying donuts
- 4\12 Made 17 gals. today. Gathered 6 more pails sap a.m. Had most a tank full in Camp left tonight.
- [T] Glenn made 17 gals. today, makes 98
- 4\13 Went over a.m. and made 5 gal. Got sap all in pan home at noon. . . Took gal. syrup out for Ruth Hadley and 2 1\2 gal. for Dennis.
- 4\14 Went over and looked at sap, cleaned flues, changed floats, got fire ready to light. Canned syrup p.m.
- 4\15 [Sa] Out to Office all day. Art, John, Dave and another boy gathered 6 1\2 tanks sap. Howard and Kathy up today Howard helped them gather. They filled woodboxes and Howard split some wood. Gerald boiled p.m. 9 gal.
- 4\16 [S] Built fire at 10:30 Got it all in pan about 5 made 13 gal. Hugh Spencer, Albert Godfrey and boy and 2 of Bill Fish's boys over to Camp a.m. Gerald Davis, Ackerman and Boy Scouts over p.m. . . Gerald was up to Mel's p.m. Said he had made about 200 gals.
- 4\18 Out to Pomona grange last night . . I took out some syrup and Dot and Irene made donuts Harry said he had made 129 3\4 gal.
- 4\19 Took Mike and little Mike [*Orbzut, but I'm not sure just which two of them ;-)*] over to Camp a.m. They left about 1 p.m. . . Got 3 roll roofing for sugarhouse
- 4\20 Went over to Camp a.m. no sap. George Colburn came and got his syrup p.m.
- 4\21 Froze a little last night sap run a little but not quite cold enough
- 4\22 [Sa] Art, John and Dave got 4 tanks sap I made 10 gal. Gerald put roofing on front side of sugarhouse today
- 4\23 Went over and made 4 gal. syrup got sap all in pan
- 4\24 Emma up and got her syrup a.m.
- 4\25 Took a tank of water over to sugar camp with horses a.m.
- 4\26 Filled up 3 cans with water to take over to Camp a.m. Split some wood to take back here. Went over p.m. and cleaned up syrup a good 6 gal. 145 in all. Gene and Carol picked up some buckets today.
- [T] Edna & I ironed & made about 4 lbs. sugar cakes
- 4\27 Gene and Carol picked up buckets today I went over p.m. and got buckets together some got all of them up old road and beyond sugarhouse. Put covers and spiles in Camp brought home last of syrup.
- 4\28 [Fr] Canned 35 gal. syrup today Went over in p.m. with H and trailer picked up buckets, covers and spiles. Put covers in Camp. Brought home 400 buckets and put on porch.
- 4\29 Carol and Janet washed about 670 buckets today. Harry and Gene helped today. Took over 3 load of wood and put in shed split most of it old pulp I had out here. We got rest of buckets home 1047 in all. Cleaned up pans and tanks and got pans back in Camp and covered up. Smoke stack down.

- 4\30 [S] Girls finished washing buckets a.m. I loaded up a trailer load to take back to Camp. Howard, Barb and Kathy up to dinner We had some sugar on snow and made some nubbins. Made 2 messes of cream.
- 5\1 Took a load of buckets over to Camp and loaded up rest of them a.m. . . Took rest of buckets over to Camp brought home plank, ladder and sap pails. Sam here about 4 p.m. He took 10 gal. syrup.
- 5\3 [T] We had a letter from Edwin Pease he got sugar cakes O.K. [*Forest's son, not great-uncle Ed. He was in the Army at this time.*]
- 5\6 Went down to Gerald's p.m. and got a load and a half of pine, balsam and poplar and took over to Camp. Finished up last load with pulp p.m.
- 5\8 Richard Downing up p.m. and we went over to Camp and got a cup for him to test some syrup in. Split rest of pulp here and took it over to Camp had a good big load. Sawed up a little old stuff over there with buck saw
- 5\13 Harry and Gene helped put big tank in Camp and some wood in shed. Gene stepped on a spike. Harry took him to Hanover. They cleaned it out and said it would be all right. Harry took my car.
- 6\15 Went down to Gerald's and got a load of wood a.m. Took wood over to Camp and got a good big load up in 4 acre field. Shed most full found hammer Harry and I lost when fencing.
- 6\24 Cooked syrup that was in back room Made about 16 lbs. sugar Canned up a gal. and 14 qts. B
- 6\26 Took some wood over to Camp a.m. and split some more over in 4 acre field and took down to Camp shed full now
- 11\1 Took load of old plank over to sugar Camp a.m. [*Dad and Francis had put new plank in most of cow stable a few days earlier.*]



End-of-the-season chore: washing up the sap buckets. Carol and Janet Pease, 1972.

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- 3\8 Put sap sled together a.m. Went over to sugar place with horses not much more than a foot of snow. Got big tank out and shoveled off platform.
[T] Called Gerald & Arthur tonight to see if they could help tap Sat., both busy
- 3\9 Went over to sugar place again
- 3\10 Harry up about 10 a.m. We got out 500 buckets Bruce and Steve [Hook] helped an hour p.m. \$4.00 Home at 4 p.m.
[T] Irene hung some buckets. Sheryl helped in p.m., not Irene.
- 3\11 [S] Went over p.m. and set up platform Taped 300 more Steve \$5.00 and Harry helped \$16.00
[T] Irene & Sheryl helped some.
- 3\12 Went over a.m. and plowed snow some and shoveled some in 4 acre field got out part way to road
- 3\13 Went over and shoveled snow some in 4 acre field. Got most down to tub. Harry, Tim Chase and ___ up and helped tap p.m. Put out 408 more. Boys here to supper \$18.00
[T] Harry & two boys from school came up & helped tap.
- 3\14 Got down to Camp with tractor a.m. [*He plowed snow in the 4 acre field so that he could get through with Fergie. Apparently that was the only place he had to plow to get through.*]
[T] Glenn & I went to Lebanon & got syrup cans.
- 3\15 Went over and set up pan and tanks a.m. . . Harry and Tim Chase helped Francis gather 4 tanks of sap. [*Francis has retired from the Air Force and is working on the farm.*] Clap of thunder scart horses and they came home out through Jess' lost tank off down in pasture.
- 3\18 Francis, Harry and Art gathered 2 tanks sap in p.m. Got it all in pan about 5 p.m. Most 8 gals.
- 3\19 Berkley Ray wants 3 1\2 gal + 3 qts. syrup Walt Horton out and got 1\2 gal. syrup p.m.
- 3\20 Harry, Tim and Francis got 4 tanks sap p.m. some buckets bull made 7 gal.
- 3\21 Went over p.m. and made 8 gal. got it all in pan.
- 3\22 Went over a.m. and got 2 beech for sled shoes. Harry up p.m. and we tapped 232. Taper quit after we got 30 done got hand bits and taped rest of them. Art, John and Dave here about 3:30 sap run good [*We must have left a leeeetle early! ;-)*]
- 3\23 Had Leighton saw sled shoes Took us most all day to shoe sled. Went over to Camp at night some running good.
[T] Glenn canned 10 gal., 14 half-gal. & 8 qts. of syrup tonight
- 3\24 [Sa] John, Dave and Marcia + kids and high school girl and a Tutor here and helped Francis gather sap. They got 10 tanks from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I made 18 gals. Glenn had croup in night so Art didn't come. Cliff and Julia and another couple over to Camp today canned some syrup last night.
[T] They took little Glenn to the hospital this morning.
- 3\29\73 Orford Granite State Gazette
•Mr. and Mrs. David Miller and two children from Enfield and John Kelly, from Lebanon, were at Glenn Pease's Saturday to help with sugaring.

- 3\25 [S] Dave, John, Marcia and Art up at one got 6 tanks. Broke a tug made 22 gals. Gerald and kids over p.m. Clara Isely and husband and kids and another couple over p.m.
- 3\26 Dave, Art and John up at 2:30 [*Left even earlier today!*] helped Francis get 5 tanks of sap. Made 17 gals. home at 5 p.m.
[T] Dave, Arthur & John helped do chores before supper
- 3\27 Francis took Thed, Edna and Evelyn to Bradford a.m. Wanted a rod to pull arch together but nobody there. . . Made 19 gal. today. Harold Sherburn over to Camp p.m. Francis fixed tug p.m.
- 3\28 Canned syrup from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Francis went to Bradford and go 2 1\2 inch rods 40 inches long to put in arch to pull it together. We went over and put in one of them p.m. Some buckets full, some none. Mona Dennis stopped and got 2 gal. 3 1\2 gal. and 15 lbs. beans tonight.
- 3\29 Out to Office last night stoped at Mel's on way home They have made 235 gals. . . Went over and got a beech for sled shoes. Harry and Tim Chase helped p.m. Art, Dave and John here about 3 p.m. They got nine tanks sap p.m. Made 8 gals.
[T] Arthur had a new car, a "Pinto." Arthur & John helped do chores.
- 3\30 Harry and Tim helped Francis gather over rest of it 2 hrs. Got most 3 tanks. Made 19 gal.
- 3\31 [Sa] Art, John and Francis got most 3 tanks of sap p.m. 2 hrs. Made 16 gal.
- 4\1 [S] Jess, Tony, John Frances and girl over to Camp p.m. Went over and got rest of sap in pan p.m. Francis, Evelyn and Thed went up to Mel's a.m. He has made over 300 gal. Herman Titus made 224 gal.
- 4\4 Francis put up syrup sign and beans and potatoes
- 4\5 Francis went over to sugar place no sap
- 4\6 Francis made pins for sled shoes He got a bushel of bark to smoke hams with no sap
- 4\7 Canned most all of syrup made some maple cream
- 4\8 [S] Harry Goodwin got a lb. of cakes
- 4\9 Went over p.m. and Francis got 12 cans water from brook and 9 cans sap 18 pails We carried in 10 pails Made 5 gals. in p.m.
- 4\10 Took 1 qt. of syrup out to Menta , 2 jars maple cream for Hazel and taters.
- 4\12 Put new shoes on sled today. . . Let Larry Taylor have 10 1\2 gal. syrup jugs today
- 4\14 Francis got 10 milk cans of sap p.m. [*I think there isn't much snow, so they can gather some with Fergie, with crate rigged on back.*]
- 4\15 Went over and cooked in sap no syrup today.
- 4\16 Went over about 10:30 Francis got 8 cans sap. I got covers up to road in pasture a.m. Francis got 23 more cans sap p.m. I got rest of covers on top of hill Made 9 gals.
[T] Francis gathered sap, last for this year.
- 4\17 Francis got rest of covers this side of Camp p.m. Cleaned up pan made 7 gal. 174 gal. in all. Don Tatham brought over some pine limbs p.m.
- 4\18 Francis took over a load of pine limbs a.m. Cleaned up rig a little more a.m. Took over more wood p.m. and a can of hot water rinsed out pan. Francis nailed up doors and we got smoke stack down. Picked up more covers and buckets p.m.

- 4\20 Put sap sled our under shed. Washed 5 milk cans. Went over p.m. and picked up rest of covers and some buckets.
- 4\21 [Sa] Carol and Janet washed about 500 buckets p.m. I helped them some Francis and kids picked up more buckets p.m.
- 4\22 Stacked up buckets
- 4\23 Girls washed what buckets we had here a.m. I helped them some. . . Sent 2 gals. syrup to Washington for Phyllis Lawrence today. Took buckets over p.m. turned pans over and covered up Picked up rest of buckets.
- 4\24 Girls washed rest of buckets done at 11 a.m. \$7.50 apiece. Francis took over a load of buckets a.m. . . picked up some buckets here, not all dry.
- 4\25 Picked up more buckets on porch some not dry. [*They need to be dry when put away so they will not rust.*] Took pine wood from here and finished up load over in pasture. . . Took over rest of buckets and put big tank and draw tank in Camp p.m.
- 4\26 Went over and split load of pulp in pasture and took down to Camp. . . Made 3 messes of cream First one not hard enough Put it in peanut butter pail gave to Gerald. Made about 22 pounds pail sugar Hastie came and got syrup p.m.
- 4\27 Sam [*Chickering*] here at suppertime got his syrup \$95.00
- 4\28 Sugared off more of last run about 28 lbs. Canned syrup 3 gal., 5 qts. and filled up gallon can for Francis.
- 4\29 Don Elder here and got 3 gal. syrup
- 5\3 Got one load of good wood down to Camp and rest of it cut up and split and it rained.
- 5\4 Took load of wood over to Camp and cut up another load up this side of Camp on hill. Went over p.m. and cut some dead birches and hitched them down to Camp. Went out in Jess and got tree. Francis picked up load in trailer.
- 5\6 [S] Art, Judy and kids here a while. He took 3 gal. for Dave, a half and 7 qts. for John, 2 gal. and a 1\2 for him. Made 8 or 9 lbs. of sugar cakes p.m. Francis, Sheryl, Thed and Edna had some on snow. Foss got his syrup.
- 5\7 Took a lb. of sugar cakes out for Thelma McClellan
- 5\12 Forest, Belvah, Elizabeth and boyfriend here to dinner He took 2 gal. and a pint of syrup
- 5\22 Canned 3 qts. syrup made rest of syrup into sugar Had about 30 lbs. sugar

2\13\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Glenn Pease and his son, Francis, were business visitors in Rutland, Vt., Monday. [*Must have gone to get some sugaring equipment from Grimm.*]

3\13\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Arthur Pease and son, Glenn, Larry McGovern and John Kelly, all from Lebanon, were at Glenn Pease's Saturday to help him get started for sugaring. Sap hasn't started there yet.

3\20\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Carol, Janet and Sheryl Pease were dinner guests Sunday of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pease in observance of Carol's birthday. Glenn Pease and his son, Francis, were in Rutland, Vt., Friday on business.

3\27\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Jeffrey Crosby of West Rumney is helping Glenn Pease during sugaring.

•Arthur Pease and John Kelly from Lebanon and David Miller from Enfield helped Glenn Pease with the tapping of maples on Saturday.

players.

4\3\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Glenn Pease, who usually has a late-starting sugar season, has already made 46 gallons of maple syrup.

4\17\75 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•The Glenn Pease sugar place was busy Sunday. Those who visited were: Mr. and Mrs. David Tatham and son from Meredith; Mrs. Ruth Tatham and daughter from Wentworth; Mr. and Mrs. Irv Whalen, Polly Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bischoff, all from Orford.

3\25\76 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pease of Laconia and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pease and sons of Lebanon visited Howard's and Arthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pease and helped their father tap his sugarplace.