

The Diary
of
Deacon Elihu Woodworth
1835-1836

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OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GRAND PRE
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This Presbyterian congregation was first recruited in 1766-67 among pastorless Congregationalist "Planters" by Rev. James Murdoch, a Donegal man and an Anti-Burgher Presbyterian. He himself appears as a Planter in the *Horton Partition Book* (about 1766) with a full 500-acre grant of dikeland, upland and woodland. He built the first church on a slice of his own Planter allotment near what is now the tiny "old cemetery," north of the old Grand Pre-Hortonville road. The second church, here shown, was built in 1804-11 by their second minister, Rev.

George Gilmore (Church of Scotland), a U.E. Loyalist refugee and pensioner. From 1811 to 1833, this charge was an out-station of the Cornwallis Presbyterian Church under Rev. William Forsyth and Rev. George Struthers (both Church of Scotland). The last resident minister, from 1833 to 1840, was Rev. William Sommerville, a militant "Covenanter," self-imported to Nova Scotia from Ulster. The one unwritten condition on which all these former Congregationalists had from 1766 to 1833 consented to be Presbyterians was that they should be permitted to sing the Congregationalist hymns of Rev. Isaac Watts; but Mr. Sommerville soon put an end to all such nonsense. The empty building has been inherited by the United Church of Canada.



ELIHU WOODWORTH (1771-1853)
The Deacon (chief administrative officer),
Grand Pré Presbyterian Church
From the painting in the
Wolfville Historical Museum

DIARY ¹ OF DEACON ELIHU WOODWORTH

January 1835

- Jan. 1 This day cold with snow squalls. Took Mrs. Merrick a cheese WI/22 l. Carried Mrs. Merrick in my sleigh to Capt. Avery's.² drank a glass of wine. Dined at Rev. Mr. Sommerville's.³ Returned home⁴ and read Mr. Elder's⁵ reason for relinquishing the principles of Adult Baptism, and embracing those of Infant Baptism.
- Jan. 2 This day cold with snow squalls. Employed in domestic concerns. Sam⁶ got home this morning from Halifax. Spent the evening in reading Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible.⁷
- Jan. 3 This day very cold. Employed in domestic concerns, preparing for the Sabbath. Sam went to the mountain⁸ for wood. Read this evening volume of the National Preachers.
- Jan. 4 Lord's Day. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville's text — Psalm 48:3. Evening lecture — Acts 2:48 to the end. There was a collection this evening to defray the expense of the stove, amount of collection 11/8. Crossed the dike⁹ half after nine o'clock.
- Jan. 5 At 4 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Gould was delivered of a daughter. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, attended at Capt. Avery's with Rev. Mr. Sommerville on a ministerial visit as a Christian; a very solemn and interesting meeting took place, when James Avery and his sister, Hannah, decided to be Church members.
- Jan. 6 It was so cold that day that I was prevented from accompanying Rev. Mr. Sommerville on a ministerial visit to Major Caldwell's.
- Jan. 7 The extreme cold this day prevented me from complying with an invitation of spending the evening at Mrs. Merrick's.
- Jan. 8 The cold continues very severe so that it is with some difficulty that I can cut wood at the door. James Collins was married this day to Miss Hughes. I called at James Palmeter's¹⁰ and was treated to a glass of wine.
- Jan. 9 The cold has somewhat abated so that Samuel has taken a load of hay to Joseph Woodworth. Miss Rice has been at my home since Sunday last.
- Jan. 10 Very fine weather. Butchered 7 large hogs, cut up same this evening.
- Jan. 11 Sunday very fine weather. Rev. Mr. Sommerville is in Cornwallis. Sarah came home this evening. Miss Rice still at my house.

- Jan. 12 Exceedingly fine weather. Sam went to the mountain for wood. Sarah and Miss Rice made me a waistcoat, the cloth being a present from Miss Sarah Woodworth. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch and Mr. and Mrs. Rand spent the evening at my home. A beautiful evening.
- Jan. 13 The fine weather continues. Sam went to the mountain for wood. Lent James Palmetoer my sleigh to go to Falmouth.
- Jan. 14 The fine weather still continues. Sam to the mountain for wood. The Rev. Wm. Sommerville preached at my house¹¹ this evening from Gal. 1:4. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville and Miss Avery with us after meeting.
- Jan. 15 Fine weather. Went to Cornwallis with the Rev. Mr. Sommerville. Left Mrs. Woodworth's watch at Mr. Bishop's to have it repaired. Dined at Benjamin Woodworth's. Called at Dr. Walton's, who is very ill. Drank tea at Mr. Forsyth's. Returned to Mr. Sommerville's about 10 o'clock in the evening and got home about 12 o'clock, found the family in bed, walked home across the dike.
- Jan. 16 Friday morning. Looks very much like a storm. Sam to the mountain for wood. I got the windows in the Presbyterian Meeting House repaired. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Began to rain about noon. This evening at Mrs. R. Gilmore's. Mr. Sommerville's horse and sleigh at my house to stay till Sunday.
- Jan. 17 Soft weather. Employed in domestic concerns. Read several newspapers reporting the transactions of the House of Assembly. Got a new shoe put on Mr. Sommerville's horse.
- Jan. 18 Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Rom. 1:7. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Went with him about 7 o'clock in the evening to Oliver Fuller's mill, found him grinding wheat for Mr. W. Borden to take to Halifax on Monday morning. After I had given Mr. Fuller a very severe exhortation on the impropriety of thus breaking a divine command, Mr. Fuller solemnly promised he would never again grind on the Sabbath. Young Mr. Borden coming for his flour while Mr. Sommerville was at the mill received also a gentle but truly rebuke for his conduct. Mr. Sommerville concluded his exhortation with a divine prayer in the mill¹². Returned to Mr. Sommerville's house after 8 o'clock. Got home about 10 o'clock.
- Jan. 19 The boys butchered a cow which they had fattened for John W. Employed myself in domestic concerns. Spent the evening in reading.
- Jan. 20 Spent this day in domestic employments. Called toward evening at Miss Leard's. Leard was very unwell. Called at Mrs. S. Brown's who has been very ill for sometime, found her rather better. Attended with the Rev. Sommerville this evening at Mr. Thomas Coldwell's upon a conference meeting, a considerable number of people were present. The exercises were important and interesting. Drank tea at Mr. Coldwell's after the meeting and got home after 12 o'clock.

- Jan. 21 Spent the day mostly at home. Called in the afternoon at Mrs. Merrick's. Left with Miss Avery my Bible Society report and anniversary. Called at John Leard's who is very unwell. Called at the Rev. Mr. Sommerville's and went with him to Capt. Brown's on a ministerial conference meeting. Returned with Mr. Sommerville to his own home and spent the rest of the evening in arranging the affairs of the Church. Stayed with him until 12 o'clock on Thursday when he and Mrs. Sommerville went to Cornwallis.
- Jan. 22 Called this day on my way home from Mr. Sommerville's at Sam Avery's and settled with him and took his note for £5.50. Called at Mr. Dodge's. Called at Miss Leard's¹³ and spent some hours in considering church affairs and returned home about 9 o'clock and found all well.
- Jan. 23 Spent this day at home attending to domestic concerns and preparing to go to Cornwallis on Saturday. Mrs. G. Gilmore¹⁴ Miss Terry and the young Gilmores spent the evening at my house. Mrs. Gilmore stopped all night. Paid Mrs. Gilmore 11/8¹⁵ in part payment for finding wood for the stove in the Presbyterian Meeting House.
- Jan. 24 Severe cold weather. Started for Cornwallis about 11 o'clock. Left Mrs. Gilmore with Mrs. Woodworth at my house, dined at J. S. Woodworth's. Reached Benjamin Woodworth's about 6 o'clock, stayed with him all night. Delivered the Bible to Solomon Woodworth and the Testament to Benjamin Woodworth to be forwarded according to directions given.
- Jan. 25 Sunday -- Fine weather. Heard the Rev. Wm. Sommerville preach from Malachi 3:7, sang Psalm 12 from the beginning to the end and Psalm 89 from the 14-18 verses. Returned home after meeting and found young Mr. Ward at my home.
- Jan. 26 Very rainy this morning. Cleaned my onion seeds, made a flax cum¹⁶ employed in the evening reading Calmet and Scott. James Palmetter at my house this evening.
- Jan. 27 Soft weather -- the rain having taken most of the snow away. Employed in domestic concerns this day. Spent the evening reading Calmet's Dictionary.
- Jan. 28 Moderate weather. Employed this day at home about domestic affairs. Spent the evening in reading.
- Jan. 29 Weather cold and frosty. Crossed the dike this morning with my sleigh. Called at the Rev. W. Sommerville's for appointments and went with him to Mrs. R. Gillmore's for a visit and found her busy with company which obstructed the intended conversation. Dined with Mrs. Gillmore and then called at the Misses Dennison's. Mr. Sommerville had some private conference with Mrs. W. Fuller after which he prayed with the family and we proceeded to Sam Brown's. Found Mrs. Brown indisposed and rather out of sorts. Returned to the Rev. Sommerville's rather dejected in spirits.

Stopped all night with Mr. Sommerville. Mrs. Sommerville was in Cornwallis.

Jan. 30 Cold this morning. Left Mr. Sommerville's before he arose. Employed this day in domestic concerns. Looks like a snow storm. Snow storm commencing this evening. This I spent in writing on the subject of truth and error for Miss Avery.

Jan. 31 This morning soft and rainy. At 2 p.m. high wind and very heavy rain. At 8 p.m. so warm that I had to let the fire nearly out and to take off my coat while reading at the table — wind S. W.

February 1835

Feb. 1 Sunday. Pleasant morning. Heard Rev. Wm. Sommerville preach from Psalm 84:10. Dined with Rev. Wm. Sommerville and attended the evening lecture from the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Collection this evening amount about 9/, left in the hands of C. H. Brown. Elias Woodworth came to the meeting this evening to inform me that James Woodworth's wife died this morning. He came home and stayed all night. Mr. Sommerville to preach the funeral service Wednesday next at 10 o'clock.

Feb. 2 Fine weather this morning and throughout the day. Attended this evening a confirmation meeting at the Presbyterian Meeting House for the confirmation of those who have desired to come forward to the Lord's Supper. Crossed the dike at 9 o'clock. A severe snow storm or snow squalls.

Feb. 3 This morning cold with snow squalls. Cold throughout the day. Miss Rice came to my house today. Spent the evening in reading the speeches of the House of Assembly. Mr. Young observed that he could say nothing respecting the Bishop as we do not have to provide for him. So long as John Bull, the fool, chooses to tax himself for his support we need not complain.

Feb. 4 Severe cold weather. Employed this day in keeping the fires agoing to warm the house. Read Calmet this evening.

Feb. 5 Very cold. Employed in keeping good fires the most of this day. In the evening glanced over Mr. Elder's pamphlet again, found one new idea brought forward respecting circumcision at 44 page that the 8th day was the earliest possible time the infant could be admitted to circumcision on account of ceremonial defilement.

Feb. 6 A small fall of snow in the course of last night. This morning the weather a little moderated. Miss Louise Rice left my house for home on Brice Island. Benjamin forwarded her on her way to or near Aylesford. I gave her 5/ to drink my health on her way homewards. Spent some part of the evening doctoring my finger which has the appearance of a felon. A considerable fall of snow in the course of the night.

Feb. 7 Unable to do anything today owing to sore finger. Moderate

- weather. Sam gone to Gasperetou for a load of hay from Wm. Duncanson. Rained considerable this evening.
- Feb. 8 Lord's Day. Cold this morning. The Rev. Wm. Sommerville preached in Cornwallis today. My finger still terribly sore. At 11 a.m. high wind turned very cold in the morning. James Palmeter spent the evening in my house.
- Feb. 9 Cold and blustery this morning. Sam gone to the mountain for wood. My finger came to a separation. Benjamin got home at 11 a.m. Brought Mrs. Woodworth's watch from Bishop's. Price for cleaning 3 , paid by Benjamin. Trefry paid me £3 for hay received last year.
- Feb. 10 Very moderate weather. Sam gone to mountain for wood. Benjamin killed a fat cow. Mr. Palmeter spent the day at my house, sold Mr. Scott 1 ton hay for 40/10 to be taken away tomorrow.
- Feb. 11 Fine moderate weather. A considerable fall of snow in the course of last night. Sam and John to the mountain for wood. Sold Benjamin Trefry 2¼ tons of hay 35/ per ton £4.7.6. The Rev. Sommerville preached at my house this evening from Gal. 6:15, a most excellent discourse. Miss Webster stopp'd all night.
- Feb. 12 Fine weather. Employed in domestic concerns. Sold Mr. Holmes a load of hay. Called at Mr. Sommerville's this evening. Welcomed Mrs. Sommerville to her own habitation after several weeks absence to Cornwallis. Said that I hoped the super excellence of Cornwallis had not thrown a gloom on Kirk Hill to disturb her future tranquility. Left with Mrs. Sommerville 17 lbs of beef. Attended a conference meeting at the P. M. House. Gave the right hand of fellowship to Mr. and Mrs. Rankin as members of the Church soon to be arranged.
- Feb. 13 Fine weather. Sam to the mountain for wood. Sold 2 tons of hay to Capt. Beckwith 35/. Benjamin took Sarah home after making a visit of 5 weeks. Hanging up to dry 16 hams, 8 shoulders, 16 pieces of beef.
- Feb. 14 A considerable fall of rain in the course of last night. This morning Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. Employed in domestic affairs. Heard that M. Direr's daughter had sworn a child upon Peron Clark. The evening cold. spent in reading.
- Feb. 15 Lord's Day. This morning cold but pleasant. Heard the Rev. Sommerville preach from Heb. 10:3; evening lecture Acts 5:1-12, — two excellent discourses. Returned home from meeting with R and Mary E about nine.
- Feb. 16 Fine weather. Sold Mr. Sam Beckwith 1 ton hay. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville and a Mr. Davidson from Rawdon came to my house about 12 o'clock. dined and spent the rest of the day and evening. Mr. Sommerville's visit at this time was principally to have some conversation with members of my family respecting coming forward to the Lord's Supper which is shortly to be commemorated

- but the conversation of the evening a dispute took place between Mr. Sommerville and Sam respecting King Charles and the Covenanters, which provided much of the conversation which would have been more suitable at another time.
- Feb. 17 Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. John E. W. at school. Moderate weather. John Eye to be married to Miss Moony at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. Mr. Sommerville. Employed in domestic business. I am told that D of R is in love with R of C — it does not meet my approbation.
- Feb. 18 Moderate rain. Sam for wood. Sold 2 tons hay at 35/ per ton. Employed in weighing hay.
- Feb. 19 Uncommon morning. Trees bent down with ice. Sam for wood, Benjamin thrashing, J. W. E. to school, myself employed in D. C.
- Feb. 20 Pleasant winter weather. Sam took John to the mountain for wood, Benjamin thrashing, myself employed in D.C. Sold 2 tons to James Rathburn 35/ £3 10.0 to be paid to Mother.
- Feb. 21 A very pleasant morning. Sold Benjamin Curry 33 hundred of hay. Sam took J. E. Woodworth 1 ton hay, Benjamin came back. Afternoon began to storm. Thomas Davidson and his wife gave us a call on their way home from their brother Stephen Gould.
- Feb. 22 Lord's Day, a spring-like day. Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached text I Cor. 10:4. Mrs. Woodworth, Samuel, Eunice and John attended meeting. Benjamin confined with a lame back.
- Feb. 23 Very moderate weather. Crossed the dike with Sam going for wood. Called at Mr. Fitch's, was informed that there was some opposition to a Bible Society Meeting. Gave Mr. Fitch my opinion respecting the same. Dined with the Rev. Mr. Sommerville. On my return, met at Mr. Fitch's door, James R. DeWolf, Andrew and Elisha DeWolf and Mr. Fitch, where a conversation respecting the Bible Society took place, more plain that pleasing I have reason to believe. Benjamin gone to hear Mr. Harding preach. Called on Capt. Avery, found Miss Hannah very unwell. Called at Mrs. Merrick's, Miss Matilda gone to Kentville with her brother, Doctor Avery.
- Feb. 24 Fine morning. Called at Mr. Palmetter's to see Mr. Harding to inform him that the appointment of the Bible Society meeting would interfere with a previous arrangement of the Presbyterian Society respecting the celebration of the Lord's Supper but if they would put off till the Monday following I would attend. Mr. Hardin¹⁴ received of Mr. Palmetter 3 bushels of wheat and took it home in his sleigh. I think a Minister of the Gospel cannot be placed in more degrading circumstance than to go through his congregation begging alms.
- Feb. 25 Sam to the woods. Harris Calkins came to my home this day

to engage Benjamin to go Master of his vessel for the coming season. Stopped all night.

Feb 26 This day was appointed for a fast previous to the Sacrament — divine Service was well attended. A very excellent sermon delivered by Mr. Sommerville from I Cor. 5:7. Went home with Rev. Mr. Sommerville. Stopped toward evening at Mr. Fitch's and had some conversation respecting the Bible Society. Attended the Temperance Society in the evening. Was warmly solicited to join the Society — but I observed to them that the general disposition of mankind was to ascend in office rather than descend and as I had been President of a Temperance Society upwards of 20 years it would be rather degrading to become a private in my old age. Mr. Pryn¹⁷ said he did not know that there was a Temperance Society in existence 20 years ago. I told him that if he had resided in my family he would have known this was the case. Mr. A. DeWolf¹⁸ said if I would allow my name to be put on the temperance records I then would be appointed President. I said that would be -----

Feb. 27 Weather cloudy and dark. Crossed the dike in my sleigh, called at Mr. Sommerville's. Began to snow. Employed in preparing the necessary articles for the Sacrament. Rode up to the farm for the crops. Stopped to dine at Mr. Curry's. Called at Mr. Bishop's and got Miss Woodworth's watch regulated. A very severe snow storm. Called at J. Woodworth's, called at D. DeWolf's and got a gallon of wine. Reached Mr. Sommerville's, about dark, was very glad of a harbour, stayed all night.

Feb. 28 A very cold morning. Stayed at Mr. Sommerville's till the public service commenced in the afternoon when the Rev. Mr. Sommerville delivered a very effective sermon from I Cor. 5:8. Lodged the articles for the Sacrament in the Meeting House and returned home with much difficulty.

March 1835

Mar. 1 Lord's Day. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 25 communicants. Text John 14:24. This discourse has opened up a new era in the Presbyterian cause, may be the beginning of days and of years to many in a more persevering progress in their Christian walk and conversation. Returned after the meeting to the Rev. Mr. Sommerville's with Mrs. Woodworth. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's with Mr. Hardy, Dr. Primrose and Mr. Tupper. Stopped all night at Mr. Sommerville's.

Mar. 2 Attended meeting, heard Rev. Mr. Murdock preach from Psalm 119:19 — "I am a stranger on the earth" — a most excellent discourse. Returned home immediately after the meeting. Mr. Sommerville and Murdock attended the Bible Society meeting at 2 o'clock.

Mar. 3 Cold weather. Attending to domestic affairs.

- Mar. 4 Cold winter weather. Sam and Benjamin to mountain for wood. Mr. Hill called to buy my oxen. Mr. Curry called upon me to arbitrate between his Father and Mr. Crain. Went with Mr. Curry to Mr. Crain's and from Mr. Crain's to John Leard's. Commenced on the arbitration but one of the parties found some time after the Bond was signed that it might operate contrary to his intention — snatched the Bond from the table and put it in his pocket which put an end to the arbitration. Stayed all night at Mr. Crain's to see Mr. Hill next morning.
- Mar. 5 Fine Morning. Mr. Hill came to Mr. Crain's and bought of him 15 oxen. Mr. Hill would not give me my price for my oxen. Mr. Crain brought me home and bought a stack of hay and dined at my house with Mrs. McKewin and others. Heard from Miss Sarah Woodworth.
- Mar. 6 Very fine weather. Sam and John for wood. Sold Sam Beckwith 1 ton hay. Spent part of the evening at Mr. Palmetter's. Mr. Killop at Mr. Palmetter's this evening.
- Mar. 7 Fine weather. Sam and John for wood. Sold and weighed 5 tons of hay to different people. Spent part of this evening with Mr. Sommerville at Cornwallis.
- Mar. 8 Lord's Day. Attended at the Meeting House but owing to the inclemency of the weather, few attended. The Rev. Sommerville preached in Cornwallis this day. Took Mrs. Sommerville home. Mrs. Woodworth and I dined with her and returned home.
- Mar. 9 Sam and Benjamin for wood. Mr. Dodge called and dined. Not very well myself.
- Mar. 10 Sam and Benjamin for wood. Sold 1 ton hay to Robert Coalfect. Turned away 5 teams that came for hay, having no more to spare at present. Cloudy weather, good sledding. Looks like a snow storm. George Cummings married this evening to Margaret Coldwell.
- Mar. 11 Blustering winter weather. Too bad to go for wood. Lent James Palmetter £10.0.0. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at my house this evening — text I Cor. 2:10, a most interesting discourse.
- Mar. 12 Fine weather. Benjamin and Rebecca gone to Wolfville. The wife of their older brother, Joseph Woodworth, had given birth to a son on Sunday last (March 8), name Lewis.
- Mar. 13 Sam and Benjamin for wood. Looks very much this morning like a southernly storm. We expect Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville for dinner. Storm commences which prevents their company.
- Mar. 14 Pleasant but high wind. Employed in domestic business. Boys commence cutting poles. Sam and Mary sleigh-riding in the afternoon.
- Mar. 15 Lord's Day. Fine weather. Mrs. Woodworth, Samuel, Benjamin and Rebecca gone to meeting, myself at home. At the Presbyterian Meeting House Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached the

- funeral sermon from Samuel 12:2¹, last clause "I shall go to him but he shall not return to me". Benjamin, Eunice, Rebecca, Mary and John to evening meeting. Collection this evening.
- Mar. 16 Fine weather. Sam and Benjamin for wood, John to School, myself home. Received of Mr. Daniel Rathborne £2.16.3. Heard that Mr. Samuel Borden died this evening. Road Calmet F-- Masters.
- Mar. 17 Soft weather and looks like Spring. Intend to bring my pigs to prevent them turning up the meadowland. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville dined at my house, returned home before tea. Snow squalls this evening. Mr. Sommerville informed me that the collection Sunday evening amounted to 17/.
- Mar. 18 Pleasant weather but very cold, too high winds. Sam and Benjamin cutting poles, doing very little myself. I was to go over the dike today but the cold and a lame back prevent me.
- Mar. 19 Went to Wolfville with Mrs. Woodworth and little John. Dined at Joseph Woodworth's. A snow storm commences before we reached home.
- Mar. 20 Cold high winds. Sam and Benjamin cutting poles. Employed myself in repairing things about the house. Lodged three men and stabled eleven horses from Windsor, the men by name, R. O'Brien, Killup and Curry to supper. Miss Webster stayed with us all night.
- Mar. 21 Benjamin and Mary started this morning for Solomon Woodworth's. Severe snow storm. The Windsor men breakfasted and returned home about eleven o'clock. Sent by Benjamin 22/ to John Whidden being the balance due from me to Rev. George Struthers as agreement with Mr. Whidden.
- Mar. 22 Lord's Day. The Rev. Wm. Sommerville in the western district of Cornwallis. Second snow storm.
- Mar. 23 The trees loaded with ice but early this morning the wind came to the southward and in a few moments the trees were unloaded and the snow began to melt. In the afternoon, it turned very cold, froze hard, high winds from the west.
- Mar. 24 Cold winter weather. Sam and William cutting poles, little John at school, Benjamin and Mary not yet returned from Cornwallis. Asa Knowls dined at my house today, says hay is very scarce in Newport and £3 for ton. Henry from Ardice¹⁹ Hill and York from Falmouth called to buy hay. None to spare them. Mr. Knowls said it was very sickly in Newport, many children died. Benjamin and Mary got home about 5 o'clock. Received this evening 3 letters from Halifax to be delivered to sundry persons in possession of land claimed by Lady Rodney.
- Mar. 25 The severest snow storm that we had this winter. Searching my papers all day for an old letter. The snow storm clears up this evening. The school master came this evening to board.
- Mar. 26 Sam took a load of hay to Joseph. Several people called for hay. Hay very scarce said to be 50/ton, scarce any to be bought.

- Mar. 27 Soft and maybe rain. Took Mrs. Woodworth to Mr. Randall's. Took John Simpson's measures to Capt. Avery. Looks as though we might have some of the same. Mrs. ----- came to my house today.
- Mar. 28 Rainy weather. William Davidson came to my house today. Went this afternoon with Mrs. Woodworth to see Mrs. Lemon who has been unwell. A very stormy uncomfortable afternoon. I received a package of 26 letters from Halifax and noticed that one side of the package had been torn open and took the letters out to see to whom they were directed because I had no proof of it at that time, but I can say that when a magistrate can take up a double-wrapped package and tear out the whole side of it and take out the letters and inspect them, it shows what a deplorable situation we are in, when such examples are set by the guardians of our rights and privileges.
- Mar. 29 Winter weather, cloudy and snow squalls. William Davidson still at my house. Mr. Sommerville at Aylesford.
- Mar. 30 Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. John to school. Dull, rainy weather. Elisha DeWol²⁰ called to buy hay and borrow money but I remembered that a little time since that he retained in the Post Office a letter directed to me nearly 2 weeks for fear he should not get the postage. I, therefore, let him go as he came moneyless and hayless.
- Mar. 31 Cloudy, rainy weather. The school master left boarding here this morning, his time nearly out. Benjamin and William Davidson gone to the mountain. The Packe²¹ came to Horton Landing this afternoon.

April 1835

- Apr. 1 Cloudy, disagreeable weather. Employed in cutting wood and splitting the same.
- Apr. 2 Cloudy dull weather. William Wallace says his cattle are starving for hay. Hay rose to £ per ton. Benjamin got home this afternoon after three days delivering letters for Mr. Sutherland of Halifax. The letter on Harley Bank is outrageous, threaten expense to any person who shall offer to survey the land of Lady Rodney.
- Apr. 3 Dull weather. One of my cows calved last night. Got Isaac Woodman to take care of her and I think if the cow lives we must owe it to the skill and care Woodman gave the cow. Let Wallace have ½ ton of hay. Robert B----- stayed at my house all night. He is going to the United States. Paid the school master 5/2.
- Apr. 4 Sam hauling poles, Benjamin chopping wood. Snow storm this afternoon. Mr. Joseph Allen spent the evening and stayed all night with us. Wrote to lawyer Sutherland.
- Apr. 5 Lord's Day. Samuel and Benjamin to Mr. Sommerville's meeting. All the rest of us at home owing to bad roads. James Palmetter at my home this evening.

- Apr. 6 Sam peeling poles, Benjamin cutting wood, myself making candles. Disagreeable weather, snow deep, said to be 4 feet in the woods.
- Apr. 7 Cloudy, disagreeable weather. Sam peeling poles, Benjamin and William cutting wood.
- Apr. 8 Sam peeling poles, Benjamin and William cutting wood. Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at my home this evening from Romans 9:16.
- Apr. 9 Sam took a load of hay to Mr. Sommerville. The most spring-like day we have had. Wrote to Mr. Benjamin Woodworth respecting the proposed marriage of his sister, Rebecca, to William Davison. John shot a fine wild goose flying over the house.
- Apr. 10 Sam commenced breaking flax, Benjamin and John cutting wood, myself mending shoes. Solomon Woodworth to my house from Rodney this evening and informed me that Rebecca's proposed marriage with William Davison is abrogated. Heard this evening that Mr. Edward Dughard ²² is dead and buried. He owed me £5.0.0 and left no property to discharge the same except as his son pleases into whose hands the property has been previously conveyed.
- Apr. 11 Fine spring-like weather. Crossed the dike this afternoon with Solomon Woodworth who has returned home. Called at Mr. Fuller's and Mr. Sommerville's and then returned home. Found Mr. P. Witter on the dike who had killed two wild geese. His horse was so frightened at the same that I exchanged horses with him. Mr. N. Davison and Mr. I. Allen stayed with us all night.
- Apr. 12 Lord's Day. Rev. Mr. Sommerville at Cornwallis. Mr. Davison returned home this afternoon. Universal sickness prevailing among children throughout the Province.
- Apr. 13 Sam, Benjamin and John repairing my new dike. Wrote Mr. J. S. Allen's will. Fine weather. Repairing dike.
- Apr. 14 Rainy morning, fair afternoon. Sam and Benjamin sharpening stakes, myself shelling corn. Received a letter from Mr. A. DeWolf about painting the Meeting House. Miss Webster with us all night.
- Apr. 15 Wrote to Andrew DeWolf respecting the painting of the Meeting House. Crossed the dike and called on Mr. Brown, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Sam Avery and Mr. I. Coldwell. Severe cold weather and high wind. Returned home before dark.
- Apr. 16 The weather more moderate. Commenced dressing flax.
- Apr. 17 Disagreeable weather. Attended preparatory meeting. Stayed all night at the Rev. Mr. Sommerville's.
- Apr. 18 Severe snow storm. A very cold morning, moderate at 12 o'clock. Snow ceases. Attended a dike meeting at David Harris'. Mr. Fitch closed his bargain with Mr. Beck, amount £ 00 for purchase of Farm

- Apr. 19 Lord's Day. Myself, Sam and Benjamin attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting — lecture. Acts 6th chapter, sermon, 6th chapter last verse.
- Apr. 20 Dull, rainy weather. Dressed flax, Sam, Benjamin and John at the point pasture.
- Apr. 21 Piled wood and dressed flax. Sam and Benjamin to the point pasture, John to the Mill. Rev. Mr. Sommerville called this afternoon and drank tea. Miss Webster called this evening and stayed all night.
- Apr. 22 Joseph Coldwell and James Fuller attended at my house to make up a fence and road rate on the Grand Patee. Nathan Davison exchanged 10 bushels of wheat for seed, stayed with us all night.
- Apr. 23 Mr. N. Davison returned home with his wheat. Sold to Mr. Davison one peck of onions for 2/. Snowed most part of the day. Old snow drifts along the road. Piled wood and curried leather. Sam and Benjamin to work at the point pasture.
- Apr. 24 Fine drying day. Employed in piling wood, etc. Sam and Benjamin making fence. Cold this evening, looks like good weather. I understand that Mr. Best does not contend that Miss Woodworth shall have the school house he lately purchased of Mr. Fitch, which Fitch promised to Miss Woodworth last Fall. But it is to be remembered that the school house stands on Presbyterian ground.
- Apr. 25 Fine weather. Wright and Sarah came home today. Sowed 2 bushels of wheat this afternoon. Miss Webster came here this evening and stayed all night.
- Apr. 26 Sunday. The Rev Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis. Attended the Methodist Meeting⁷³ Heard the Rev. Mr. Temple preach from Philipians 3:10.
- Apr. 27 Fine day. Commenced working my garden. Sam and Benjamin sowing wheat this afternoon.
- Apr. 28 Cold piercing wind. Sam and Benjamin sowing wheat. Working in my garden, piling wood.
- Apr. 29 Cold and disagreeable weather. Attended Mr. Sommerville's lecture this afternoon. The Presbyterians chose two Elders, namely, Joseph Coldwell and C. H. Brown. Received a letter from Mr. William Sutherland respecting Gray land in Mrs. Gilmore's possession.
- Apr. 30 Sam gone to the mountain to move Mr. Davison's furniture to Long Island.

May 1835

- May 1 Paid Miss Lear: £. 9.0. Called at Mr. Sommerville's. Mr. Best moved to the Fitch house.
- May 2 Very cold. Sam and Benjamin plowing. William making

- fence, myself to work in the garden. Wright Davison making a dike gate. Sold 5 bushels of wheat and 14 bushels of oats to John Earl.
- May 3 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Was informed that the Rev. Mr. Clark had arrived Saturday evening. Was introduced to him and he sat with me during the forenoon service. In the afternoon Mr. Clark preached from I John 5: first clause of verse 10.
- May 4 The Rev's Mr. Sommerville and Mr. Clark dined at my home. Sam and Benjamin at home.
- May 5 Attended Presbytery held at Horton. Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Clark from John 15:14. After the business of the Presbytery was concluded I dined with Mr. Sommerville and Mr. Clark. After dinner Mr. Clark returned home. I obtained from the following persons $23\frac{1}{4}$ for Mr. Clark, namely E. W. $5\frac{1}{2}$, C. H. B. $2\frac{1}{6}$, C. Brown $5\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Leard $5\frac{1}{2}$, I. Coldwell $1\frac{1}{10}$, I Avery $2\frac{1}{6}$, Sam Gillmore $\frac{1}{3}$. Solomon Woodworth presented a call to the Presbytery for some part of the labors of Rev. Mr. Sommerville, granted $\frac{1}{4}$ part of his labor for the present. Solomon Woodworth came home with me and stayed all night. He is to breakfast with Mr. Sommerville tomorrow morning.
- May 6 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at my house this evening. Mr. Sommerville returned home after the meeting. Rainy.
- May 7 Cloudy dull weather and cold for this season of the year. Called this afternoon at Mr. Coldwell's and Mr. Fuller's to have the cattle turned off the Grand Pre (dike), called at the Parrsboro Packet and borrowed Mr. Wise's wagon to take Miss Woodworth and baggage to Mr. Crain's. Spent the evening at Mr. Sommerville's with Doctor Brown and Miss Woodworth. Returned home about 10 o'clock.
- May 8 Went for Miss Woodworth to Capt. Avery's. Came about 4 o'clock.
- May 9 Worked most of the day in the garden. Fine weather. Miss Woodworth at my house.
- May 10 Lord's Day. Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis. Attended a congregational meeting, few assembled. Read an admonition text. Dined with Mrs. Sommerville and returned home.
- May 11 Worked in my garden. Benjamin went to Windsor, returned before night and Sam took his chest to Capt. Scofield's where a boat was ready to take Benjamin to Windsor.
- May 12 Took -----across the dike to go to Economy. Employed in my garden. Finished planting onions. Sam plowing on my brier lot, John making fence.
- May 13 Employed this morning in my garden. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville and Miss Durkee dined at my house and drank tea in the afternoon. The two Miss Nearys and two of Joseph Woodworth's

- children came to my home and stayed all night. Some rain this evening.
- May 14 Employed about domestic business. The Miss Nearys returned home after dinner.
- May 15 Employed in my garden and other domestic affairs.
- May 16 Cut briars on the Grand Praire. Took Miss Woodworth to Capt. Avery's.
- May 17 Lord's Day. Heard Rev. Mr. Sommerville lecture from Acts 8th chapter, afternoon discussion, text I Cor. 6:19-20. Sam Woodworth to Miss Williams'. MY BIRTHDAY, (64). Dined at Mr. Sommerville's.
- May 18 Sowed beets and onions. Sam and Will and John on the brier lot. Attended Sunday School committee at Mr. Sommerville's. Stayed all night. Heard William Chipman had left Cornwallis.
- May 19 Came from Mr. Sommerville's about 12 o'clock. Dined at Augustus Brown's and then returned home.
- May 20 Fine growing weather. Worked in my garden. Planted potatoes, peas and beans. Sold Joseph Crane 10 bushels of oats.
- May 21 The weather turned cold. Planted potatoes in my garden.
- May 22 Employed in domestic affairs.
- May 23 Planted corn.
- May 24 Lord's Day. Attended Sunday School as a visitor. Read a sermon after Sunday School. Dined with Mrs. Sommerville. Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis.
- May 25 Made fence. Sister Davison came to my house.
- May 26 Made fence.
- May 27 Dressed flax. Very dry weather.
- May 28 Dressed flax and went to mill.
- May 29 Made fence. Sam and John plowing. Some small showers of rain. Sarah put to bed of a daughter.
- May 30 Made fence and worked in garden. Sam plowing. John washing sheep.
- May 31 Lord's Day. Attended Society Meeting. Read a sermon and returned immediately home.

June 1835

- June 1 Sheared sheep and mended -----, Fine showers of rain.
- June 2 Made a ----- after breakfast and did a number of other things.
- June 3 The committee of the Presbyterians to meet at my house at 3 o'clock. Met at 3, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Sommerville who waited and drank tea and returned home. A little before sunset Mr. J. L. Coldwell arrived at my house.

- June 4 Sam married to Miss Williams; none of the family at the wedding.
- June 5 Rainy day. Cut potatoes, etc.
- June 6 Ditching. Sam returned with his wife.
- June 7 Lord's Day. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville lectured from Acts 8:14, Sermon, Romans 2:20.
- June 8 Planted potatoes. Fine weather.
- June 9 Planted potatoes. Fine weather.
- June 10 Planted potatoes forenoon. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville and Miss Woodworth dined at my house. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at 6 o'clock from Timothy 1:9.
- June 11 Planting potatoes. Fine weather but cold.
- June 12 Planting potatoes, and finished.
- June 13 Rainy day. Mending fence and ditching.
- June 14 Lord's Day. Attended at the Meeting House. Read a sermon, text Zachariah 13:1.
- June 15 Worked some in my garden. Several men called at my house who were engaged in viewing the dike adjoining the old Grand Prarie for the purpose of taxing the old Grand Prarie in proportion to the benefit needed from the adjoining dikes.
- June 16 Dressed flax. Pruned my willow trees.
- June 17 Finished my ditch on the highway. Took 2 lbs. butter to Mrs. Sommerville. Drank tea at Miss Leard's.
- June 18 Worked in my garden.
- June 19 Went to Boot Island with Mr. Sommerville.
- June 20 Sowed turnips and set cabbage plants.
- June 21 Lord's Day. Heard Mr. Sommerville lecture from Acts 8:20
- June 22 Attended to domestic concerns.
- June 23 Met Mr. Sutherland at Mr. Fowler's and made arrangements with him respecting viewing Lady Rodney's lands in Horton.
- June 24 Work with Mr. Sutherland on the Rodney land at the lower part of Horton. Returned to my home in the evening.
- June 25 Went with Mr. Sutherland to Nathan Davison's and the other settlers in that direction on Harley lands. Dined at Nathan Davison's and stopped with him all night.
- June 26 Finished viewing the Harley lands and reached Kentville about 4 o'clock. Dined at the hotel, drank wine with lawyers Whidden, Hall, and Sutherland and Mr. Lockyer from Halifax, and returned home in the evening.
- June 27 Worked in my garden.
- June 28 Sunday. Prevented from attending meeting by the heavy rain and thunder.

- June 29 Mended shoes. Very heavy rain.
June 30 Worked on the dike roads.

July 1835

- July 1 Attended to domestic concerns.
July 2 Worked in my garden. Ann Johnson in my home.
July 3 Attending to my leather.
July 4 Mrs. Dickie from Cumberland, Mrs. George Gilmore and Miss Woodworth spent today at my house. Fine weather after a long spell of rainy weather.
July 5 Sunday. Attended Society meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis. Dined and drank tea at Miss Laird's.
July 6 Very warm weather. Mrs. Woodworth commenced making cheese, not very able to work. Called at Mrs. Sommerville's. Mrs. Dickie and Mrs. E. Borden there. Mrs. Sommerville started this evening for Cumberland.
July 7 Warm weather and foggy, ground very wet. Difficult to do anything in the garden.
July 8 Cloudy morning. Looks like rain. Heavy rain in the afternoon accompanied with thunder.
July 9 Fine weather. Made rake bows and weeding onions.
July 10 Hoed potatoes. Beamed²⁴ cow-hides.
July 11 Made a pair of shoes.
July 12 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville in Cumberland.
July 13 Made hayfork handles. Rainy.
July 14 Rainy morning. Since the last Friday in last month until the present scarce one day without rain. Mr. Simon Fitch dined at my house. Crossed the dike with Mr. Fitch. Drank tea at Mr. Sommerville's with Mr. Fitch and others. Called at Mr. Crane's and Capt. Avery's. Heard the old Mr. Taylor died yesterday and that a woman was drowned today near Horton Landing.
July 15 Foggy morning. Bids fair for a fine day, rains before night. Sam exchanged potatoes for cod fish.
July 16 Very rainy day. Engaged with my leather.
July 17 Fine day. Engaged with my leather. Called at Capt. Avery's.
July 18 Went to Cornwallis. Dined at Mr. Forsyth's with Rev. Mr. Martin. Called at Benjamin Woodworth's and stopped all night. Charlotte Ells very ill.
July 19 Lord's Day. Heard Mr. Martin preach John 17:17, Col. 1:18. Dined with Mr. Hardy and returned home.
July 20 Surveyed for Mr. Charles Brown and others dike land on the east end of the Grand Prairie. Fine weather.

- July 21 Fine weather. Hoed potatoes in the forenoon. Rev. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house with Capt. Avery and wife.
- July 22 Fine morning. Pleasant throughout the day. Hoeing potatoes.
- July 23 Fine weather. Hoeing potatoes.
- July 24 Fine weather. Hoeing potatoes. Sold 20 bushels potatoes (last year's).
- July 25 Commenced mowing this afternoon. Miss Woodworth and T. Brown called at my house. Fine weather. Benjamin came home this evening and returned, bound for New York.
- July 26 Lord's Day. Rainy morning. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville at Cumberland.
- July 27 Sam mowing. John plowing among potatoes.
- July 28 Sam mowing. John plowing.
- July 29 Sam mowing, myself and John racking. Took Rev. Mr. Sommerville one quarter of veal, 20 lbs.
- July 30 Sam and John mowing, myself to work with my leather. Dull weather for haying, rainy.
- July 31 Foggy morning, partly fair and rainy.

August 1835

- Aug. 1 Dull hay weather. Turning hay. Rain in evening.
- Aug. 2 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Lecture Acts 9:32 to the conclusion of the chapter, Text Heb. 3:8.
- Aug. 3 Fine weather. Hired James Leard for £4 and George York for £3 per month.
- Aug. 4 Rainy day. Shelled corn and picked over potatoes.
- Aug. 5 Rain squalls. Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at my house — Text I Cor. 1:14.
- Aug. 6 Fine weather. Casting hay.
- Aug. 7 Fine weather. Casting hay.
- Aug. 8 Fine weather. Casting hay.
- Aug. 9 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting.
- Aug. 10 Turning hay. The Rev. Mr. Forsyth came to my house.
- Aug. 11 Started for Halifax with oxen.
- Aug. 12 On Halifax road. Reverend Mr. Struthers arrived in Halifax.
- Aug. 13 Arrived in Halifax with my oxen. Dined at Mr. Sutherland's.
- Aug. 14 Left Halifax.
- Aug. 15 Arrived at Horton. Dined at Miss Leard's.
- Aug. 16 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting — Lecture, Acts 10; Sermon II Timothy 3:1.
- Aug. 17 Rainy weather, quite universal.
- Aug. 18 Fine hay weather. Nothing uncommon.

- Aug. 19 Squally with rain.
 Aug. 20 Fine hay weather.
 Aug. 21 Fine weather. Turning hay. 5 acre lot heavy. Rain this evening.
 Aug. 22 Fine weather. Finished 5 acre lot, 14 loads.
 Aug. 23 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, Lecture Acts 11 preached the afternoon at Kentville.
 Aug. 24 Fine weather. Cutting and securing hay.
 Aug. 25 Fine weather. Cutting hay. Sent Mr. Sommerville $\frac{1}{4}$ of veal and 4 lbs tea.
 Aug. 26 Heavy rain. 5 loads of hay in cock and swath.
 Aug. 27 Rainy weather, morning, etc.
 Aug. 28 Cloudy morning, fine afternoon. Mowing.
 Aug. 29 Very rainy morning, clears before noon.
 Aug. 30 Lord's Day. Mr. Sommerville — lecture from Acts 11 chapter from 19th verse to end. At 2 o'clock Mr. Sommerville preached Miss York's funeral sermon at Gaspereaux meeting house.
 Aug. 31 Fine Weather. Drying my hay, much wet.

September 1835

- Sept. 1 Cloudy dull weather. Paid Elisha DeWolf £80.0.0. Miss Margaret Fitch married this afternoon to Mr. Crane of St. John.
 Sept. 2 Dull cloudy morning, threatens rain. Received £10 of James Palmeter. Drank tea at Miss Leard's.
 Sept. 3 A fine day after a very rainy night.
 Sept. 4 A very fine day. Cutting hay, etc.
 Sept. 5 Fine harvest weather. Reaping and taking up grain.
 Sept. 6 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Read sermon on the Moral Law.
 Sept. 7 Paid Mr. Elisha DeWolf £38. Called at Mr. Fitch's and was treated to a glass of wine and a piece of bride's cake. Called at Mr. I. N. Crane's and took his note for £16.3.3.
 Sept. 8. Repaired Mr. Fitch's dike fence.
 Sept. 9 Reaping, etc. Looks very much like rain.
 Sept. 10 Repairing my wagon. Mr. Wise stopped at my house, stayed all night. Heard that Mr. Merrick was very ill.
 Sept. 11 Fine weather. Mowing a little salt grass.
 Sept. 12 Fine weather. Casting²⁵ wheat. John, Mary and Amelia W. gone to Cornwallis.
 Sept. 13 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Read a sermon on the ceremonial law. Very heavy rain.
 Sept. 14 This evening Mr. Merrick died.

- Sept. 15 Fine weather. Samuel went to Halifax.
- Sept. 16 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house. Drank tea at Mr. Sommerville's. Attended prospectors' meeting.
- Sept. 17 Attended Mr. Merrick's funeral. Drank tea at Mr. Sommerville's.
- Sept. 18 Casted wheat and oats. Charles Dimock and Mr. Harvey dined at my house. Amelia Woodworth returned to St. John, N.B.
- Sept. 19 Viewed the dike fence. Samuel returned from Halifax. Brought home a little girl out of the poor house, also one of Mr. Charles Williams' daughters who is going to Cornwallis to Benjamin Woodworth.
- Sept. 20 Lord's Day. Attended Sabbath School this morning. Heard the Rev. Mr. Sommerville preach Mr. Merrick's funeral sermon from Romans 8:23, afternoon service from the same text. Next Sabbath the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be administered in Horton.
- Sept. 21 Repaired my wagon. Cattle turned on the Grand Praire. John and Rebecca gone this afternoon to their Uncle Asa Davison's^{2A}
- Sept. 22 Fine weather. Occupied in domestic concerns. Read answers by the Rev. Robert I. Kindell to the Libel exhibited against him by the Associate Presbytery of Perth, May 21, 1811.
- Sept. 23 Cutting wood. Anna Mary very sick. Got something in my eye which is very painful. John and Eunice Rebecca returned from Cornwallis.
- Sept. 24 My eye no better, prevents me from attending meeting. Mary rather better. Doctor Brown and Miss Woodworth drank tea at my house this afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Clark did not reach Horton as was expected.
- Sept. 25 My eye no better. Mary Ann unwell. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville called to see me and dined. Mr. and Mrs. Randal and Miss Rice from Brier Island and her cousin Rice from Bridgetown, spent the afternoon and drank tea with us.
- Sept. 26 Attended meeting. The Rev. Mr. Clark from Cumberland preached from Psalm 24:3.
- Sept. 27 Lord's Day. Communion Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached from Luke 22:33, and they crucified him; about 30 partook of the Lord's Supper. Mrs. J. S. Hamilton came forward to the Table of the Lord without applying for admission as necessary a token and was requested by me not to partake which custom she adhered to.
- Sept. 28 Very rainy day. Attended the Thanksgiving meeting; heard the Rev. Mr. Clark preach from Luke 21:34; the collection made on the Sabbath 36 3 — 30 was paid to the Rev. Mr. Clark. Dined at Mr.

Sommerville's. Received from Mr. Coldwell 10/ on account of I. Cummings.

Sept. 29 Solomon and Rebecca Woodworth went home. They came here only Saturday last.

Sept. 30 Very rainy morning. Preparing to start from St. John. Sent to Mr. Sommerville £3.15.0 the amount of what he paid for painting the Meeting House, as I promised I would do before I went to St. John.

October 1835

Oct. 1 Left Horton for St. John this morning and about 7 o'clock in the evening arrived at Bridgetown.

Oct. 2 Left Bridgetown Friday morning and spent most of the day in Granville at Elias Woodworth's.

Oct. 3 Spent this day in Granville. In the evening went on board the steamboat⁷⁷ and at 3 o'clock Sunday morning was in St. John.

Oct. 4) Breakfasted with Mr. Owens. Attended meeting in the Kirk, being Communion Sabbath. Heard the Rev. Mr. Nelson preach from Revelations 2:4. Heard the missionary of the Glasgow Society (Mr. Lyons) preach in the evening from Revelations 2:10.

Oct. 5 Rode out with Mr. Owens. Called on Mr. McKenrie and several others.

Oct. 6 Called this day on Mrs. Sally McKenrie with Mrs. Owens. Dined and drank tea with them. Called at Mr. Owens'.

Oct. 7 Rainy morning. Attended at the Kirk as the ordination of Mr. Lyon had been announced to take place at 12 o'clock, but as the ministers from St. Andrews and Fredericton did not arrive the ordination was postponed.

Oct. 8 This day rode into the country with Mr. Owens. Made a number of calls in the evening.

Oct. 9 Left St. John this morning and arrived at Annapolis at 5 o'clock.

Oct. 10 Left Lower Granville about noon and arrived home about 10 in the evening. Found that Benjamin had got home the same evening.

Oct. 11 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting — Lecture, Acts 12th chapter from the beginning, afternoon sermon parable of the Prodigal Son.

Oct. 12 Crossed the Prarie with Benjamin. Wrote to St. John by Captain Rathborn. Rev. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house.

Oct. 13 Digging potatoes.

Oct. 14 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville with wife and children dined at my house.

Oct. 15 Fine weather. Digging potatoes.

- Oct. 16 Fine weather. Taking care of leather, etc.
- Oct. 17 Very foggy. Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 18 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting — Lecture, Acts 12:13 to 13:14, sermon Matt. 3:17.
- Oct. 19 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville and Mr. Barry Dickie called at my house. The fog cleared mostly away.
- Oct. 20 Fine weather. Digging potatoes. Miss S. Woodworth, Mrs. A. B. Brown and her sister, Whidden, Mr. Thad Dodge and his cousin, Miss Dodge, spent the afternoon at my house.
- Oct. 21 Still fine weather. Attended Mr. Jonathan Borden's funeral, aged 64 years. Drank tea at Miss Leard's. Sermon preached by Mr Temple — text Psa. 89:48.
- Oct. 22 Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 23 Fine weather. Digging potatoes. Lent Mr. Woodman 10/.
- Oct. 24 Warm dark weather. Hired a man for a month 25/. John Clark brought Miss S. Woodworth to my house, stayed till evening.
- Oct. 25 Lord's Day. Miss S. Woodworth at my house; John C. took her home this evening. Broke my wagon.
- Oct. 26 The hogs got out of the pen and one ran against a pole and killed himself. Some snow squalls. Digging potatoes with 5 hands.
- Oct. 27 Fine weather. Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 28 Fine weather. Digging potatoes with 6 hands.
- Oct. 29 Fine weather. Digging potatoes with 6 hands.
- Oct. 30 Fine weather. Digging potatoes with 6 hands.
- Oct. 31 Wet morning. Finished digging potatoes.

- Nov. 1 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, text Eph 5:7. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's.
- Nov. 2 Attended Town Meeting.²⁸ Raised £300 for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Nov. 3 Moderate weather. Went to see old Mrs. Miner at her daughter's, Borden. She is desirous of going back to her old place. I have engaged to bring her back. Spent the evening at Capt. Avery's.
- Nov. 4 Brought old Mrs. Miner back to Mrs. Brown. She stood the journey very well. Let Mrs. Sommerville have 4 lbs. of tea.
- Nov. 5 Drove 4 yoke oxen to plow the piece of land near Mr. Sommerville's. Walked from home after breakfast to Mr. Sommerville's. Drove 4 yoke till dark without eating or drinking or sitting down till I got home about 7 o'clock.²⁹
- Nov. 6 Mending John W's boots. Sam and John plowing.
- Nov. 7 The Rev. Mr. Forsyth and Miss S. Woodworth came to my house this evening and stayed all night.

- Nov. 8 Lord's Day. Mr. Forsyth preached in Horton — Lecture 23 Psalm, text Jud. 20:21.
- Nov. 9 Fine weather. Banking my house.
- Nov. 10 Fine weather. Mending the dike road. Oliver Fuller's grist mill burned about 7 o'clock in the evening. I had about 8 bushels of wheat and barley.
- Nov. 11 Morning looks like snow — which commenced about 4 o'clock. very bad storm, turned to rain.
- Nov. 12 Invited to drink tea this evening at Mr. P. Borden's.³⁰
- Nov. 13 Plowing, etc.
- Nov. 14 Banking house, etc.
- Nov. 15 Lord's Day. Attended Society Meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis.
- Nov. 16 Writing most of the day.
- Nov. 17 Attending to domestic concerns, etc.
- Nov. 18 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at my house from I Peter 1:15-16. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville stayed at my house all night.
- Nov. 19 Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville returned home. Fine day.
- Nov. 20 Cloudy and some rain. The wind blew very hard in the night, untopped my hay stacks.
- Nov. 21 Very windy morning. Closed up my letter for St. John last evening.
- Nov. 22 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Heard that the schooner of which Benjamin Woodworth was master, was found off Grand Manan dismasted and no hands aboard, the hands supposed to be lost. How uncertain is the state of man. In the midst of life we are in death, but God is holy, just and good, although as to us clouds and darkness may be about God.³¹ Very high wind and very cold.
- Nov. 23 Heard that all the hands belonging to the schooner Bee were saved and that Benjamin Woodworth was at Quebec.
- Nov. 24 Went to the Rev. Mr. Sommerville to let him and Miss Woodworth know that I had heard from Benjamin. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville came home with me and stayed all night.
- Nov. 25 Quiet winter weather. The snow that fell Monday night continues on the ground.
- Nov. 26 General Thanksgiving. Attended Rev. Mr. Sommerville's meeting, text Psalm 103:8. Benjamin Woodworth and his son from Cornwallis attended meeting, came home with me and dined. Attended evening meeting, lecture 13th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Benjamin Woodworth and his son returned home after the meeting.
- Nov. 27 Cold winter weather. Resolved in future not to say anything

against any of our great men but let them fulfill their own course as iniquity is certain. John W. took Joseph Woodworth about 15 hundred hay and 12 bushels of wheat to the mill for ourselves.

Nov. 28 Cold winter weather. Crossed the dike to Mr. Sommerville's. Carried Mr. Sommerville 3 bushels of oats and Mrs. Sommerville a cheese and returned home. Crossed the dike in the evening and drank tea at Mr. Nathaniel Randal's. Heard that Capt. Holmes had had his operation.

Nov. 29 Lord's Day. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached this day at Kentville. Spent the day at home. Soft weather.

Nov. 30 Stormy day, cold winter weather.

December 1835

Dec. 1 Brought Miss Woodworth home to my house. Very bad road across the dike. Benjamin got home this evening.

Dec. 2 Very cold winter weather. Sam to the woods for sled runners, got home late in the evening.

Dec. 3 Cold winter weather. John to mill. Sam to Falmouth for Benjamin's bed and clothes.

Dec. 4 Moderate weather. Butchered hogs. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville and Charles D. Randall dined at my house. Paid Charles Randall 5/for B ----- up to this date.

Dec. 5 Moderate weather. Cut up my pork for winter. Sent Joseph Woodworth a load of hay.

Dec. 6 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting: text Eph. 5:15-17. Evening lecture Acts of the Apostles 14. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Very cold evening.

Dec. 7 Very cold weather. Went to Gaspereau. Called at Mr. Sommerville's. Called at old Mrs. Miner's.

Dec. 8 Exceeding cold weather. Sam preparing to go to Halifax. Miss Sarah Woodworth at my house.

Dec. 9 Fine winter weather. Sam went this morning to Halifax. His load was pork, mutton, geese, fowls, cheese, butter, muskrat skins.

Dec. 10 Good winter weather. Chopping wood at the door.

Dec. 11 Cold winter weather. Mending shoes.

Dec. 12 Moderate weather. Making out Miss Woodworth's school account.

Dec. 13 Sunday. Attended Society Meeting. Moderate weather. Read a lecture from the 14th Chapter of John.

Dec. 14 Moderate weather.

Dec. 15 Severe weather. Sam got home from Halifax this evening.

Dec. 16 Very blustery and cold. Mr. Sommerville could not get over the dike.

Dec. 17 Very cold and blustery weather.

- Dec. 18 Cold but more pleasant. Laid down a new carpet.
- Dec. 19 Pleasant but cold. Curried³² calf skin.
- Dec. 20 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting -- text I Timothy 3:15; evening lecture, Acts of the Apostles 16 chapter from verse 21.
- Dec. 21 Rain. Carrying calf skin. Miss Sarah Woodworth left in my hand £6.
- Dec. 22 Fine pleasant weather. Benjamin goes this morning to Windsor. Took Miss Woodworth over the dike.
- Dec. 23 Fine winter weather. Employed in domestic concerns.
- Dec. 24 Fine winter weather. Mrs. Sommerville came to my house.
- Dec. 25 Soft weather. Cut up 510 lbs. beef. Mrs. Sommerville at my house.
- Dec. 26 Mrs. Sommerville at my house. Mr. Woodman paid me 10/ for the Rev. Mr. Sommerville and I paid it to Mrs. Sommerville this day.
- Dec. 27 Lord's Day. Prevented by the rain from attending Society Meeting. Mrs. Sommerville still at my house. Mr. Sommerville at Cornwallis.
- Dec. 28 Very cold. Mrs. Sommerville at my house. Attended the auction of the Allison goods.
- Dec. 29 Cold. Paid Mr. Sommerville 25/ which I received from N. Davison toward painting the Meeting House. Took Mrs. Sommerville home this day. Received from Ick Leard 18/9.
- Dec. 30 Took Mr. Sommerville beef to his house 131 lbs. Went to Gaspereau for my cloth, 29 yard, paid for preparing 7/3½.
- Dec. 31 Cold blustering weather. Cutting wood. Sam bought a yoke of oxen of Elisha Dufey, gave £10.10.0. This ends the year 1835 and I ought to adore and praise a kind and gracious Providence that I am in the land of the living.

January 1836.

- Jan. 1 Cold blustering weather. Attending domestic concerns. Mary at her brother, Joseph's, the rest of the family all at home. Miss Woodworth at Capt. Avery's.
- Jan. 2 Broke the road. Went to Mr. Sommerville's. Benjamin Woodworth from Cornwallis came to my house and stayed all night.
- Jan. 3 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, text, I Philip 5:24. Mr. Benjamin Woodworth and Miss Sarah Woodworth came to my house this evening and stayed all night.
- Jan. 4 Fine weather. Miss Woodworth went to Cornwallis with her brother, Benjamin. Benjamin (son of Elihu) went to the mountain, Sam and John at home.

- Jan. 5 Rather blustering weather. My sister came to my house this evening from N. Davison's with Benjamin.
- Jan. 6 Chopping wood, etc.
- Jan. 7 Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Spent the evening at Capt. Brown's. Mrs. Brown, Miss B. and Miss Abie Brown, spent the evening at Mr. Sommerville's.
- Jan. 8 Very fine weather. Chopping and piling wood.
- Jan. 9 Raw, cold wind. Sam took a load of hay to Joseph. I attended a meeting of the inhabitants of Horton to receive a report of a committee appointed to explore a post road from the contemplated post road, from the contemplated new Bridge at Windsor, To Wolfville.
- Jan. 10 Lord's Day. Prevented from attending Society Meeting by the rain.
- Jan. 11 Rainy weather.
- Jan. 12 Rainy weather. Mr. Sommerville to preach at my house this evening but did not attend, reason unknown. Sam and John made cider this day 1½ barrels.
- Jan. 13 Rainy. Mended Sam's shoes. The snow nearly gone.
- Jan. 14 Commenced sewing but without having attended to my leather. Heard this evening that the Rev. Mr. Sommerville's Mother was dead.
- Jan. 15 Carried some cabbage to Mr. Sommerville. He had not returned from Cornwallis. Called at Capt. Avery's. Paid C. H. Brown store account.
- Jan. 16 Quite cold. John E. W. sick.
- Jan. 17 Lord's Day. Extreme cold weather. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, text, Eph. 5:23, evening lecture Acts 15:36 onward to 16:16.
- Jan. 18 Snow storm. Benjamin took Sister Davison home. John to the mill. John returned about sundown in heavy snow storm.
- Jan. 19 Pleasant morning, rather chilly toward evening.
- Jan. 20 Moderate weather. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house. Ann Johnson came to my house.
- Jan. 21 Snow, cold weather. N. H. Calkin came to my house and stayed all night.
- Jan. 22 Rainy morning, high southerly wind. Mr. Calkin breakfasted at my house. Rain throughout the day.
- Jan. 23 Crossed the Grand Prairie. Called at Capt. Avery who is very ill. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's, drank tea at Mr. Fitch's, met C. Brown and J. L. Coldwell at Mr. Sommerville's. Returned home about 11 o'clock in the evening and found all in bed but Mrs. Woodworth.
- Jan. 24 Lord's Day. Heard Mr. Sommerville preach from Peter 2:9.

evening lecture, Acts of the Apostles 16th chapter from verse 16 onward.

- Jan. 25 Heavy snow storm, turned to rain in the afternoon and froze as it fell, trees completely loaded.
- Jan. 26 Moderate, all my ornamental trees completely spoiled with the sleet. Sam and Benjamin killed the third fat cow this day.
- Jan. 27 Mr. Sommerville prevented from preaching at my house this evening, according to appointment, on account of the storm and bad roads.
- Jan. 28 Snow storm and bad roads prevents me from attending at Mr. Fitch's this evening. Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. Lost one colt and one calf this winter, both died of some violent disease, being in good order, but also a number of sheep.
- Jan. 29 Chopping wood at the back door. Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. Heard that Capt. Avery was very ill and that Thad Coldwell had broken his leg at Half-Way River.
- Jan. 30 John caught a silver gray fox. Elisha DeWolf bought two stacks of hay. Sam and Benjamin to the woods, myself chopping wood at the door. Weather moderate. John W. E. taking care of his cough.
- Jan. 31 Lord's Day. Prevented from attending Society Meeting by the rain. Mr. Sommerville to Wilmot mountain, to be gone two Sabbaths, to preach in Horton the second Sunday in February.

February 1836

- Feb. 1 Soft and raining. Heard that Capt. Avery died on Saturday evening last about 11 o'clock.
- Feb. 2 Took Mr. Sommerville a quarter of beef. Called at Mrs. Avery's. Capt. Avery's remains to be interred tomorrow.
- Feb. 3 Attended Capt. Avery's funeral as one of the mourners. Returned to the house and drank tea. Stopped all night and breakfast with Mr. Sommerville.
- Feb. 4 Returned to Mrs. Avery's and dined with Doctor Avery and other members of the family. Read Capt. Avery's will and returned home, found all well. Anne Johnson still at my house.
- Feb. 5 A very severe snow storm. Wrote an address to Presbyterian Society.
- Feb. 6 More moderate. John sold his fox skin for 35/ to
- Feb. 7 Lord's Day. Attended Society Meeting, but very few attended.
- Feb. 8 Good winter weather. Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. J. W. E. taking care of the cattle. Caleb chopping wood.
- Feb. 9 A very violent storm of wind and rain commenced last night but abated this morning. Sheep house blew down and killed several sheep. Afternoon, fine weather, commenced freezing, snow nearly gone.

- Feb. 10 Moderate with squalls of snow. Piling wood.
- Feb. 11 Cold raw weather. Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. Caleb cutting poles, J. W. E. taking care of cattle. Myself employed about domestic concerns.
- Feb. 12 Very fine morning. Sam and Benjamin to the mountain for wood. Hired man, Caleb, cutting poles, myself employed in domestic affairs.
- Feb. 13 Moderate. Sam and Benjamin for wood, hired man cutting poles, J. W. E. taking care of cattle, myself employed in domestic affairs. Anne Johnson at my house with her twins.
- Feb. 14 Lord's Day. Stormy weather. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text, I Tim. 3:15. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Evening lecture, Acts of the Apostles, 16th Chapter from verse 25 to the end.
- Feb. 15 Very severe blustery day. J. W. E. caught a fox.
- Feb. 16 More moderate. Sam took Joseph a load of hay. I called this morning to Mrs. Avery's, to Augustus Brown's and dined at Mr. Sommerville's. Paid Mr. Sommerville £2.10.0 for the money he advanced for painting, with the 25/- paid Mrs. Sommerville, makes the amount he (Mr. Sommerville) advanced for painting the Meeting House, and makes me to have paid £6.5.0.
- Feb. 17 Sam and Benjamin to the woods. John caught a fox.
- Feb. 18 Fast day. Text, Matt. 22:12. A very severe blustering and cold day.
- Feb. 19 Surveyed for James Craine. Came home in the evening.
- Feb. 20 Attended meeting — Text I Cor. 11:25. Prepared the elements for the Lord's Supper at this time and the two preceding Sacraments without any charge to the Society. Cost of the wine for the three sacraments — 18 shillings.
- Feb. 21 Lord's Day. This morning presented a gloomy aspect respecting the weather as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was to be administered in the Presbyterian Church in Horton, but through the intervention of Divine Providence the storm abated and the day was very favorable. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville's text this morning was from I Cor. 11:28. Mr. Elias Woodworth and Miss Sarah Woodworth came home with me and stayed all night.
- Feb. 22 Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text, 102nd Psalm, 13th verse. Miss Sarah Woodworth returned to Cornwallis, received 13/9 from William M. Gorman collection on the Sabbath 23/6 in Mr. I. Coldwell's hands.
- Feb. 23 Very soft weather. J. S. Woodworth and his wife came to my house and stayed all night. Benjamin took Sarah to the mountain.
- Feb. 24 Went to New Canaan and Kentville. Got Mr. Frederick Fitch's lien for Lady Rodney executed.
- Feb. 25 Soft weather. Drank tea at Miss Leard's.
- Feb. 26 Cold, piercing weather. Sam shredding poles, Benjamin

- giving evidence respecting the schooner "Bee", myself reading.
- Feb. 27 Raw, cold weather. Confined to the house; writing.
- Feb. 28 Lord's Day. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Forsyth preached. Text, I Peter 2:24. Spent the evening at Miss Leard's with Mr. Forsyth.
- Feb. 29 Spent the day at Nathaniel Randal's. Called at Mrs. Avery's in the morning. Drank a glass of wine with Mrs. Avery. Spent the evening at Mr. Fitch's with the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville, Mr. N. Randall and others. Returned home about 11 o'clock.

March 1836

- Mar. 1 -----windy day. At home.
- Mar. 2 Very cold, blustering weather. The Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached this evening at my house from Heb. 11:8, stayed all night, also the two Miss Websters.
- Mar. 3 Dry, cold, blustering weather. Read history. The two Miss Websters spent the day at my house and stayed all night.
- Mar. 4 Cold. Miss Websters at my house.
- Mar. 5 Rainy. Stopped at Mrs. R. Gilmer's. Heard Mr. Sommerville was sick, called at his house and spent the evening with Doctor Brown.
- Mar. 6 Mr. Sommerville unable to preach — I read a sermon.
- Mar. 7 Fine weather. Went with Capt. Brown to survey land in Cornwallis. Stopped all night at Mr. Condon's.
- Mar. 8 Surveyed about 500 acres of land for Mr. Brown, returned as far as Mr. David Davison's and stayed all night.
- Mar. 9 Returned home.
- Mar. 10 Made plans of Mr. Brown's land.
- Mar. 11 Very warm weather for the season and rain.
- Mar. 12 Went to Cornwallis to prove Capt. Avery's acres.
- Mar. 13 Lord's Day. Mr. Sommerville preached from I Cor. 14:19
- Mar. 14 Reading, etc. A small fall of snow.
- Mar. 15 Winterlike weather. Shoemaking, etc.
- Mar. 16 Pleasant weather. Shoemaking, etc.
- Mar. 17 Pleasant in the morning, stormy in the afternoon. Dr. Primrose to be married to Miss Chipman, daughter of Sam Chipman.
- Mar. 18 Blustery weather. Piling wood.
- Mar. 19 Cold and pleasant. Piling wood. E. Rebecca came home.
- March 20 Lord's Day. Heard Mr. Sommerville preach. Text, Pro. 1:24, 25, 26. Evening discourse Acts 7:38, two most excellent discourses.

- Mar. 21 Very fine weather, some clouds. Received a letter from Boston respecting newspapers.
- March 22 Cold raw weather. Clipped some flax. Wrote to Mr. Elisha DeWolf. Benjamin went to Cornwallis this afternoon.
- Mar. 23 A cold, severe snowstorm. Benjamin at Cornwallis.
- Mar. 24 Fine winter weather. Made a plan for I. Woodman.
- Mar. 25 This morning snowing. The ground well covered with snow and seems as much like winter as any time since winter commenced.
- Mar. 26 Attended proprietors' meeting. Drank tea at Mrs. Avery's. Spent part of the evening at Mr. Simon Fitch's and walked home about 10 o'clock.
- Mar. 27 Lord's Day. Rev. Mr. Sommerville at Cornwallis. Myself not very well. Mrs. Woodworth and John attended Society Meeting.
- Mar. 28 Unwell with a cold. Heard that Rev. Mr. Harding preached at Sandford Palmeto's from Paul's Epistle to the Eph. 2:4, 5, a very good exhortation. A clear and fine evening, looks like good weather.
- Mar. 29 Unwell with a bad cold. Made up the fence and road rate, called at Mrs. Avery's, received a present from Miss Avery to remember her Father by — hat and gloves of Capt. Avery.
- Mar. 30 Unwell, fine weather. Sam, Benjamin and John preparing to sow wheat.
- Mar. 31 Unwell. Spent the evening at Mrs. Avery's on the business of the Estate of the late Capt. Avery.

April 1836

- Apr. 1 Unwell. Sam, Benjamin and John commenced sowing wheat, sowed 2¼ bus. Mr. S. Fitch dined at my house.
- Apr. 2 Very fine summerlike day. Worked in my garden and Benjamin and John sowing wheat and oats, sowed 5 bus. wheat and one bus. oats. Received a letter from the Secretary of the Bible Society, Mr. A. S. DeWolf, respecting a Bible Society meeting.
- Apr. 3 Lord's Day. Heard the Rev. Mr. Sommerville lecture from the 17th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, afternoon text Acts 7:38. Miss Neary came to my house this evening.
- Apr. 4 Fine weather. Sam, Benjamin and John sowed 5 bus. of wheat. Wrote to Mr. A. S. DeWolf. Worked in my garden.
- Apr. 5 Very cold, piercing wind. Sam and John harrowing. Benjamin sowing wheat, myself working in my garden.
- Apr. 6 Sam and John harrowing, Benjamin sowing wheat. Rev. Mr. Sommerville crossed over to Parrsboro this afternoon. Fine weather.
- Apr. 7 Pleasant cold weather. Sam and John harrowing, Benjamin sowing wheat and cross draining. Miss Neary at my house.

- Apr. 8 Dressing flax. Sam, Benjamin and John sowing and harrowing wheat.
- Apr. 9 Was at the raising of Mr. Fuller's mill, to see the property on Lady Rodney's land.
- Apr. 10 Lord's Day. The Rev. Mr. Forsyth preached in Horton. He came home with me.
- Apr. 11 Attended the Rev. Mr. Forsyth to Mrs. Avery's. Wrote to Mr. Sutherland respecting Lady Rodney's land.
- Apr. 12 Attended at Mrs. Avery's respecting the affairs of the estate. Stayed all night. Very cold weather. Capt. Lockhart sailed for Boston, 38 passengers.
- Apr. 13 Cold, raw weather. Came home from Mrs. Avery's. Got 6 young pigs. Wrote several hymns for Miss Harriet Avery ³¹
- Apr. 14 Cold snowstorm. Looks like winter.
- Apr. 15 Winter weather, good sleighing. John and Mary went to Wolfville. Rev. Mr. Sommerville returned from Cumberland.
- Apr. 16 Fine springlike weather. Snow melting fast.
- Apr. 17 Lord's Day. Heard Rev. Mr. Sommerville lecture from the Acts of the Apostles, 17th chapter from verse 16 to end of the chapter. Afternoon text, Rev. 22:17.
- Apr. 18 Pleasant weather, wind southerly, looks like rain.
- Apr. 19 Tuesday morning, severe rain, clears up in the afternoon. Mr. John Dicky came to my house, brought a letter from St. John giving an account of the death of Mr. McKenrie. Mr. Dicky stayed all night. Wrote a deed for James Palmeter.
- Apr. 20 Fine weather. Dressing flax, etc.
- Apr. 21 Fine weather. High wind from the south. Dressing flax. Sam and John making fence, etc.
- Apr. 22 Got Sam Avery's loan extended, called at Mr. Sommerville's. Mrs. George Gilmore came to my house and stayed all night. I have proposed to go to Halifax on her business with Mr. Sutherland.
- Apr. 23 Very cold, froze hard last night.
- Apr. 24 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting, read the 7th chapter of the Book of Joshua, read a lesson text Gen. 49:10.
- Apr. 25 Started for Halifax about 6 o'clock a.m. for Mrs. Gilmore. Went to John Hamilton's and stayed all night.
- Apr. 26 Went into Halifax, did my business and returned to Mrs. Pineo's. Snowed most of the day. Stayed all night at Mrs. Pineo's.
- Apr. 27 Got back to Horton about 4 o'clock.
- Apr. 28 Employed about domestic concerns.
- Apr. 29 Employed in surveying land to Sam Beckwith and William Scott.
- Apr. 30 Employed in making plans and writing to Halifax.

May 1836

- May 1 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Lecture, Acts 18 to 21st verse, Text Mark 10:14.
- May 2 Employed in domestic concerns.
- May 3 Weighing hay.
- May 4 Attended committee meeting.
- May 5 Very cold. Attending to domestic business.
- May 6 Sold and delivered three loads of hay.
- May 7 Sold and delivered 1 ton of hay to Thos. Fanning.
- May 8 Lord's Day. Heard the Rev. Mr. Sommerville preach. Text Rom. 3:2, afternoon Text 2 Tim. 3:16.
- May 9 To work in my garden. Mr. and Mrs. Randall came to my house.
- May 10 To work in my garden. Sam Avery bought a load of hay.
- May 11 Fine springlike weather. Working in my garden, sold wheat and hay. Attended Society meeting. Stayed all night at Mrs. Avery's.
- May 12 Fine morning. Crossed the Grand Prarie. Sowed grass seed, etc.
- May 13 In the afternoon a severe snowstorm, froze hard.
- May 14 Clear weather but cold this morning and throughout the day. The snow in some places 2 feet deep.³¹
- May 15 Lord's Day. Heard the Rev. Mr. Sommerville preach, text Psalm 82:5 discourse in the afternoon respecting conference meetings, dined at Mrs. Avery's, attended class meeting in the evening, drank tea at Mr. Sommerville's and returned home.
- May 16 Fine weather. A number of people called upon me for hay and seed wheat.
- May 17 Fine warm weather. Worked in my garden. Sixty-five years of age this day. Sold hay to several people.
- May 18 Rev. Mr. Sommerville at my house with many others.
- May 19 Attended to appraise the estate of the late Capt. Avery.
- May 20 Attended committee meeting. Very dry.
- May 21 Rainy. Employed in writing, etc.
- May 22 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, Text 1 Cor. 4:1.
- May 23 Rainy weather.
- May 24 Cold wet weather. Attended conference meeting.
- May 25 At home. Attended to Mrs. Avery's business. Crossed the dike.
- May 26 Attended to Mrs. Avery's business.
- May 27 Sowed grass seed.
- May 28 Attended to domestic concerns.

- May 29 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, Text 2 Peter 2:1-2.
 May 30 Cold weather.
 May 31 Fine warm, growing weather.

June 1838

- June 1 Fine weather. Working in my garden, planting trees at Mr. S. Fuller's.
 June 2 Fine weather. Working in my garden.
 June 3 Fine weather. Working in my garden. J. Woodworth's wife at my house.
 June 4 Still fine weather. Cleaning my wagon and harness. Benjamin came home from Eastport.
 June 5 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting, Text 2 Sam. 7:25.
 June 6 Planted Indian corn. Fine summer weather.
 June 7 Fine growing weather. Had my sheep washed.
 June 8 Showery, fine for the grass. Warned to attend court as a special juror in Peter Pineo and Joseph Nesbit case on Thursday next at 9 o'clock.
 June 9 Attended court. Dined with the Sheriff.
 June 10 Sick.
 June 11 Shearing sheep.
 June 12 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting.
 June 13 Commenced planting potatoes.
 June 14 Planting potatoes.
 June 15 Planting potatoes.
 June 16 Surveying Lady Rodney's land for lawyer Sutherland.
 June 17 Planting potatoes.
 June 18 Finished planting. Looks like rain.
 June 19 Lord's Day. Heard the Rev. Mr. Sommerville preach from 2 Peter 2:2.
 June 20 Started with Mr. Sutherland and others to survey Lady Rodney's land at Cape Dore (d'Or), got as far as Parrsboro.
 June 21 Arrived at Cape Dore settlement and commenced surveying Lady Rodney's land adjoining the Parrsboro Grant.
 June 22 Surveying Lady Rodney's land.
 June 23 Surveying Lady Rodney's land.
 June 24 Surveying the shore of the land and left Fisherman's Cove about 2 o'clock for Horton.
 June 25 Arrived at Horton Landing about 7 o'clock in the morning.
 June 26 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Gal. 2:20, afternoon sermon, Text Gal. 3:10.
 June 27 Working on the highways.

- June 28 Working on the roads.
- June 29 Working on the roads.
- June 30 Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Fast Day, Text 2 Cor. 6:17.

July 1836

- July 1 Working on the road.
- July 2 Attended meeting. Mr. Clark preached, Text Matt. 22:5.
- July 3 Lord's Day. Sacrament in Mr. Sommerville's church. Rev. Mr. Clark preached from Text Titus 2:14.
- July 4 Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached. Miss Woodworth taken sick Friday, July 1st, with an inflammation in the chest, dangerously ill.
- July 5 Surveying for lawyer Sutherland and Mr. Holmes.
- July 6 Called at Mrs. Avery's to see Miss Woodworth who is dangerously ill. The subscription on Lord's Day amounted to 27/6, paid Rev. Mr. Clark 30/.
- July 7 A small shower of rain last evening. Sent John Clark to Mrs. Avery's to see how Miss Woodworth was, received information that she was better than she had been. Rev. Mr. Sommerville had his confirmation meeting at my house. Informed that Miss Woodworth was some better it was thought.
- July 8 Warm dry weather. Miss Woodworth remains dangerously ill. Stopped some time with her this day.
- July 9 Sent John Clark to Mrs. Avery's to inquire after Miss Woodworth. Received word that she was better this morning and that she rested well last night.
- July 10 Lord's Day. Attended the Rev. Mr. Sommerville's meeting, Text 2 Cor. 6:17, afternoon service Text Mark 10:29.
- July 11 Visited Miss Woodworth who seemed rather better. Visited the Rev. Mr. Sommerville. Received a S. C. respecting H. D. etc. Called upon Mr. Fitch. Received from him P. Fanning's debt.
- July 12 Sprouting potatoes. Fine pleasant weather.
- July 13 Attended committee meeting.
- July 14 Attending domestic concerns.
- July 15 Working in my garden. Visited Miss Woodworth.
- July 16 Employed in domestic business.
- July 17 Lord's Day. Attended Rev. Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text James 1:12, afternoon session, Text Rev. 21:2.
- July 18 Visited Rev. Mr. Sommerville, Mrs. Avery, Miss Woodworth. Wright Davison sick. Sam gone to Halifax this evening with cheese 400 lbs.
- July 19 Worked on the dike road. Wright Davison sick, sent for the doctor.

- July 20 Mended rakes. Wright Davison no better. Some rain.
- July 21 Mowing weeds. Wright Davison no better. Clear weather, very warm. Miss Woodworth getting better.
- July 22 Sprouting potatoes. Sam got home from Halifax.
- July 23 Took Solomon Woodworth's wagon to Mrs. Avery's. Rebecca returned home.
- July 24 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Read two discourses.
- July 25 Hired Amos Simson for one month for £4.
- July 26 Black Nat came to mow. Fine weather
- July 27 Rakes hay. Very dry weather.
- July 28 Attended old Mrs. Coldwell's funeral. Little Benjamin taken sick with the scarlet fever. Got 7 loads of hay in the barn.
- July 29 Got 19 loads of hay in the barn.
- July 30 Raining. Turned one load of hay, 18 loads of hay in the barn.
- July 31 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville in Cumberland.

August 1836

- Aug. 1 Making hay.
- Aug. 2 Started for Halifax with fat cattle.
- Aug. 3 Started from Mrs. Burns', reached Halifax.
- Aug. 4 Returned home from Halifax.
- Aug. 5 Went to Wolfville with Mr. Owens.
- Aug. 6 Raking hay.
- Aug. 7 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text 1 Eph. 2-6.
- Aug. 8 The Rev. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house. Attended Mr. Joseph Coldwell's child's funeral in the afternoon.
- Aug. 9 Attending to domestic concerns.
- Aug. 10 Raking hay, etc.
- Aug. 11 Raking hay, etc.
- Aug. 12 Raining weather.
- Aug. 13 Raining weather.
- Aug. 14 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting.
- Aug. 15 Dark wet weather.
- Aug. 16 Mr. Crane brought Miss Woodworth to my house.
- Aug. 17 Making hay.
- Aug. 18 Raking. Mr. and Mrs. Owens returned from Halifax.
- Aug. 19 Raking hay. Sold 2 tons hay. Mr. and Mrs. Owens returned to St. John.
- Aug. 20 Some rain. John Woodworth and the girls gone to Cornwallis.

- Aug. 21 Lord's Day. Attended Society meeting. Rev. Mr. Sommerville in Cornwallis.
- Aug. 22 Raking hay.
- Aug. 23 Raking and stacking hay.
- Aug. 24 Commenced reaping wheat.
- Aug. 25 Settled with Elisha DeWolf, Int (erest).
- Aug. 26 Went to Asa Davison's, Cornwallis.
- Aug. 27 Went to Asa Davison's, Falmouth.
- Aug. 28 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting.
- Aug. 29 Reaping - James Collins - Cyrus P. Johnson.
- Aug. 30 Reaping. Fine weather. Miss Woodworth at my house.
- Aug. 31 Reaping. Some rain in the afternoon.

September 1836

- Sept. 1 Seven hands reaping, two hands cradling, etc. Treated Miss Woodworth to dinner. Surveyed for Captain Coffil.
- Sept. 2 Reaping with same number of hands.
- Sept. 3 Cradling wheat. Took Miss Woodworth to Mrs. Avery's.
- Sept. 4 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Matt. 5:16, afternoon Text Prov. 27:17, Iron sharpeneth iron. Preached at Gaspereau, Text I Cor. 1:30.
- Sept. 5 Raking hay and casting hay, etc.
- Sept. 6 Casting wheat.
- Sept. 7 Casting wheat. Mr. and Mrs. Read from Saint John came to my house.
- Sept. 8 Raking hay and stacking wheat.
- Sept. 9 Mowing and raking, etc.
- Sept. 10 Finished casting wheat.
- Sept. 11 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting, Text Prov. 22:6.
- Sept. 12 Casting and stacking hay for Mr. Foster, hay 8 tons. Mr. and Mrs. Read left my house for Saint John, N.B.
- Sept. 13 Raking hay.
- Sept. 14 Casting oats, etc.
- Sept. 15 Attended preparation meeting.
- Sept. 16 Taking up oats. Sam drove Mr. Palmeter's cattle to pound.
- Sept. 17 Taking up oats.
- Sept. 18 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Phil. 2:11.
- Sept. 19 Turned the cattle on the Grand Prarie. Brought Miss Sarah Woodworth to my house.

- Sept. 20 Working in the garden. Rev. Mr. Sommerville meeting at my house.
- Sept. 21 Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached at Cornwallis at the home of Mr. Jonathan Newcomb. I attended him on this visit.
- Sept. 22 Left Solomon Woodworth's. Dined at Mr. Pineo's. Drank tea at Mr. Hugh Dakin's. Stayed all night at Benjamin Woodworth's.
- Sept. 23 Returned to Horton. Dined at Rev. Mr. Sommerville's.
- Sept. 24 Got my wagon. Moved Miss Woodworth at my house.
- Sept. 25 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text I P. 5:7.
- Sept. 26 Very cold. Currying leather.
- Sept. 27 Engaged in domestic concerns.
- Sept. 28 Took Miss Woodworth to Mrs. Avery's.
- Sept. 29 Fast in the Presbyterian Church.
- Sept. 30 Paid Elisha DeWolf — £ 50 —

October 1836

- Oct. 1 Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Psalm 43:3. Attended George Duncanson's funeral. Rev. Mr. Sommerville preached the funeral discourse, Text Hosea 13:14.
- Oct. 2 Lord's Day. Attended the Communion of the Lord's Supper. Text Psalm 43:3. 32 communicants beside the minister, collection 27/5¹/₂. Mr. and Mrs. John Dickie and Solomon and Rebekah Woodworth came home with us and stayed all night.
- Oct. 3 Attended meeting. The Rev. Mr. Murdock preached. Text I John 5:21. Dined at Mr. Sommerville's. D. Davison and wife came to my house.
- Oct. 4 David Davison, wife and son at my house. Timothy Fuller's wife buried.
- Oct. 5 Mr. Davison returned home. Cloudy and cold.
- Oct. 6 Securing all day. Mr. Elkin's funeral.
- Oct. 7 Repairing Rev. Mr. Sommerville's cellar.
- Oct. 8 Securing salt hay.
- Oct. 9 Lord's Day. Attended Society Meeting.
- Oct. 10 Employed about domestic concerns.
- Oct. 11 Sam set out for Halifax with 489 lbs. cheese and 20 lbs. butter.
- Oct. 12 Cocked up my sedge and finished salt hay stack. Rained.
- Oct. 13 Employed in domestic concerns.
- Oct. 14 Digging potatoes. Very fine day.
- Oct. 15 Very rainy day. Sam in Halifax, returned home this evening.
- Oct. 16 Lord's Day. Mr. Sommerville to westward. Attended Society meeting. Fine day.
- Oct. 17 Digging potatoes.

- Oct. 18 Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 19 Digging potatoes. Capt. Lockhart returned from Boston.
- Oct. 20 Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 21 Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 22 Digging potatoes. Paid Ira Woodman for digging potatoes 8/6.
- Oct. 23 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Phil. 1:23.
- Oct. 24 Digging potatoes, very small crop. Very fine day.
- Oct. 25 Snowstorm, very cold. Three acres of potatoes to dig.
- Oct. 26 Snow storm still continues. Benjamin got home.
- Oct. 27 Moderate. Snow melting off the ground. Took Mrs. Sommerville a small firkin butter 12 lbs. Miss Woodworth came home with me.
- Oct. 28 Fine day. Miss Woodworth's birthday. Miss Woodworth gave me a silk hkf. I have 6/ of Miss Woodworth's money in my hand to be paid when called for. Rev. Mr. Sommerville dined at my house.
- Oct. 29 Some rain. Digging potatoes.
- Oct. 30 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Rom. 14:7, 8. Solomon Woodworth came home with me.
- Oct. 31 Miss Woodworth crossed the dike with her brother, Solomon. Wright Davison killed his heifer for beef, received 15/ of Thad Davison for the Rev. Mr. Sommerville. Received a small quarter of beef of Wright Davison, weight 52 lb.

November 1836

- Nov. 1 Very fine weather. Digging potatoes. Rev. Mr. Sommerville to Cumberland.
- Nov. 2 Fine weather. The creek³⁵ in front of my house has been frozen over for ten days past. Benjamin went to his vessel today.
- Nov. 3 Looks like rain. One acre of potatoes to dig. Commenced to rain about 11 o'clock, very heavy rain storm.
- Nov. 4 Finished digging potatoes today, about 1200 bushels.
- Nov. 5 Fine soft day. Killed hogs or rather 4 pigs.
- Nov. 6 Lord's Day. Attended Society Meeting. Read the concordance of ----- . Very severe snow storm. Miss Woodworth at my house.
- Nov. 7 This day is soft, snow melting away. Sam took a load of hay to Joseph Woodworth. Town Meeting day, also quarterly meeting for the Presbyterian Society.
- Nov. 8 Attending to domestic concerns.
- Nov. 9 Attended to the banking of Mr. Sommerville's house.
- Nov. 10 Attending to Mrs. Burns to make me an assessor.
- Nov. 11 Fine weather. Finished my own drive. Mrs. Burns 13/6.

- Nov. 12 Fine weather. Took care of my flax, etc. Rain in the night.
- Nov. 13 Lord's Day. Attended Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text I Thes. 5:3.
- Nov. 14 Attending to domestic concerns. Fine weather.
- Nov. 15 Making John Woodworth a pair of shoes. Very rainy day.
- Nov. 16 Making shoes. Attended committee meeting.
- Nov. 17 Storm of snow. Attended to hear Rev. Mr. Sommerville's election sermon.
- Nov. 18 Spent most of the day at Mr. Sommerville's.
- Nov. 19 Attending domestic concerns.
- Nov. 20 Lord's Day. Attended Rev. Mr. Sommerville's meeting. Text Gal. 5:7.
- Nov. 21 Fine soft weather, looks like a storm ----- Borden canvassing for Crane, Simon Fitch for Johnson, Banks for Crane and our Benjamin for himself. All called this day at my house ----- being the 3rd day of the election.
- Nov. 22 Johnson canvassing this morning is very desirous that I should stay at home and not go to the election. Benjamin stated that he heard that Johnson had 28 votes. Johnson says -----.
- Nov. 23 Fine weather. Benjamin got his election by 18 votes.
- Nov. 24 Fine day. Plowing. Caleb commenced thrashing.

E X P L A N A T O R Y N O T E S

(By Watson Kirkconnell)

¹The diary of Elihu Woodworth, 1835-36, is written in ink in a strong, angular hand in a thin scribbler-type volume, now preserved in the archivist's vault in the Acadia University Library. The present edition is based on a transcription made in 1962 by his great-great-grandson, Frederick Irving Woodworth, of Wolfville and West Palm Beach. The transcriber had found 50 phrases that were illegible, but a scrupulous double-check of the original manuscript has now reduced the obscurities to 17. Financial assistance from the Museums Branch of the N. S. Department of Education is gratefully acknowledged by the Wolfville Historical Society.

²Captain Samuel Avery, aged 93 at the time, whose home property at Grand Pre contained the old willows, the old well and the site of the former Acadian church of St. Charles — in other words, the present Grand Pre Park.

¹Rev. William Sommerville, M.A. (Glasgow), minister 1833-40 of the Presbyterian congregation at Grand Pre. Previous Presbyterian ministers here had been the Ulsterman, Rev. James Murdoch (1766-91), who "gathered" the congregation and built the first church in 1767 on the old east-west road; the Ulster-born U. E. Loyalist, Rev. George Gilmore (1791-1811), who built the church on the hill, beginning in 1804; and Rev. William Forsyth (1799-1833, as a charge subordinate to Cornwallis, assisted in 1827-30 by Rev. George Struthers). The congregation built up by these men consisted almost entirely of former Congregationalists whose families had come to the area as Connecticut Planters in the 1760's. They were neither Scots nor the descendants of Scots. Prominent names were Avery, Calkin, Curry, Davison, Denison, DeWolf, Dickson, Frame, Fuller, Godfrey, Martin, Peck, Reid, Whitney and Woodworth. They cherished a tradition of congregational self-rule and the singing of the hymns of the Congregationalist minister, Isaac Watts (1674-1748). None of the first four preachers was a Covenanter, and in 1835-36 Deacon Elihu Woodworth keeps referring to their building only as "the Presbyterian Meeting House." The only "Covenanter," lay or clerical, that this church ever knew was young William Sommerville (1800-78), a magnificent preacher, a gifted private teacher and a merciless sectarian in matters of faith and order. His primitive little group in Scotland and Ireland cannot have amounted to more than one or two per cent of the Presbyterians, but its fervour was in inverse proportion to its numerical importance. His first achievement after installation at Grand Pre was the suppression of all congregational singing except that of the Psalms of David in a patriarchal version (see also Note 33). In a pamphlet of the time, quoted by A. W. H. Eaton, he denounced the Kings County Presbyterians because they "refused to know any distinction among Presbyterians." Deacon Elihu did not share in his new minister's views. On Sunday, April 26, 1835, while Mr. Sommerville was away, he attended a meeting of Horton Methodists; in October 1835, he went alone (without his stubborn pastor) to a Church of Scotland Conference in Saint John; and on April 13, 1836, he copied out some of the forbidden hymns for Miss Harriet Avery, evidently a bootleg operation. Mr. Sommerville, who removed from the community to West Cornwallis in 1840, was the church's last resident minister. It is an irony of history that the Meeting House on Kirk Hill, Grand Pre, built by a Church of Scotland minister and his non-Covenanter congregation, should now be universally known as "the Covenanter Church," after the solitary alien who destroyed its New World traditions. The term is apparently a very recent tourist gimmick, unknown during the lifetime of the church itself.

⁴Deacon Woodworth's home was on a farm allotted in 1760 to his Planter father, Joseph Woodworth, on Lot 10, South Tier, Long Island, the long, low stretch of land bounding the "Big Meadow" (the Grand Pre or "Grand Parée" or "Grand Prairie") along its northern side. He

had additional farm lands near Grand Pre village (I, 4,9) and along the west bank of Harding Brook.

¹William Elder (1784-1848) had published a pamphlet, *Letters on Infant Baptism. A reply by Edmund Albern Crawley*, later president of Acadia, was published in Halifax in 1835, and interest was running high.

⁴Deacon Woodworth had four sons, all frequently mentioned in the Diary: (a) Joseph, already married and living since 1825 in Wolfville in a house-cum-store at the corner of Main Street and Willow Avenue, (b) Benjamin, who spent most of 1835 as master of the schooner "Bee," operating between Windsor, N. S., and New York, (c) Samuel, working at home, whose unpopular marriage is briefly mentioned on June 4, 1835, and (d) "Little John," going to school (to Mr. Sommerville) in winter but active in farming, in shooting wild fowl and in trapping foxes. There were also five daughters: Amelia, Eunice, Mary, Rebecca and Sarah.

⁷Augustin Calmet's *Dictionary of the Holy Bible* (Boston and New York, 1835) was hot from the press but was already being read by an alert Deacon Elihu.

⁸According to the *Horton Partition Book* (Nova Scotia Archives, unique copy), Joseph Woodworth, the Deacon's father, received 300 acres of forest land on the South Mountain, being Wood Lots 10, 11 and 12, just north of Half-Way River, near Bishopville, a good 8 miles from the home farm on Long Island. Out of the first 90 days of 1835, Sam spends 28 days with axe and ox-team cutting wood "on the mountain" and hauling it home. The father looks after sawing it up and splitting it in the dooryard.

⁹This means the Grand Pre dike-land, nearly two miles across between the village and the Woodworth home. The Planters also developed the Wickwire Dike (east of the Wolfville harbour) and the Beckwith Dike (west of the harbour).

¹⁰A near neighbour on Long Island. In the 1760 partition, his father, Elnathan Palmeter, had received Lot 8 in the North Tier.

¹¹The mid-week congregational service, held in the Deacon's home.

¹²The young man thus rebuked and prayed over by Mr. Sommerville was Mr. William Borden (1811-45), an elder brother of Andrew Borden, father of Sir Robert Laird Borden, later prime minister of Canada. Sir Robert's mother, Eunice Laird (or Leard) belonged to another family frequently mentioned in the Diary.

¹³Miss Mary Leard (or Laird), born 1776, an elder sister of Sir Robert's maternal grandfather, John Leard, seems to have been a sort of church clerk and was frequently consulted by Deacon Elihu on matters of congregational business.

¹⁴Rachel Gillmore, widow of George Gillmore Jr. (1774-1831).

¹⁵A coarse sieve, for use in treating linseed.

¹⁶Rev. Theodore Seth Harding, aged 62, pastor of the Wolfville

Baptist Church, 1795-1855. His financial straits are not mentioned by Baptist historians.

¹⁷ Rev. John Pryor, M.A. (King's), aged 30, principal of Horton Academy (founded 1828) and later of Acadia College (founded 1838).

¹⁸ Thomas Andrew Strange DeWolf, a Wolfville merchant and an ardent Methodist. M.L.A. for Kings County in 1837-48.

¹⁹ Ardoise (Fr. "slate"), a long hill several miles south of Windsor. When Rev. George Gilmore and his family fled into Canada from Revolutionary mobs in 1783, he made his way to Nova Scotia, where the Government gave him a U.E.L. farm on this hill, consisting of 500 acres of rock and scrub spruce. After living there "on potatoes and milk" for the first winter, he tried in vain to mortgage the place for a barrel of flour. After 1787, an annual U.E.L. pension of 40 pounds sterling kept him and his family alive.

²⁰ Elisha DeWolf Jr., the Wolfville postmaster, at whose behest the postal name of the hamlet had been changed five years earlier from "Upper Horton" to "Wolfville" (i.e., DeWolf-ville). Before the introduction of postage stamps in 1851, the addressee always paid in cash for the postal charges on his mail.

²¹ "The Parrsboro Packet," a vessel giving occasional service across the Minas Basin (cf. May 7, 1835).

²² A variant of the Irish name Dogherty (Doherty). Apparently the son of Hugh Daugherty, a Loyalist in Shelburne Township (1784).

²³ The first Methodist meeting house (1786) was on the east-west road, near the site of Mr. Murdoch's original Presbyterian church. Among names on its early rolls are Armstrong, Black, Brown, Crane, Curry, Dennison, Faulkner, Fuller, Harris, Parker, Patterson, Rathburn, Simson and Trenholm.

²⁴ Removed fat and flesh from a raw hide stretched over a fletcher's beam.

²⁵ Winnowing.

²⁶ The brother of their mother, Sabra Davison DeWolf. His house still stands on Long Island, facing the road from Grand Pre.

²⁷ A steamboat was already in use on the Granville-Saint John run.

²⁸ A meeting of the rate-payers of Horton Township.

²⁹ Continuous walking and plowing behind eight oxen without eating or drinking during nearly 12 hours, is a remarkable feat for a man of 64, and even for the oxen. It should be emphasized, of course, that it was the Minister's land that he was plowing. Next day (after all this exertion on his part), he could only cobble some shoes; and it was the two youngest Woodworth boys, Sam and John, who were plowing on the Woodworth farm.

³⁰ Mr. Perry Borden Jr., grandfather of Sir Robert, had moved from Cornwallis to a house at the Grand Pre corner in 1810. His son Andrew, later the Grand Pre stationmaster, bought the so-called McLatchy House on Kirk Hill in 1844, and it was there that Sir Robert was born in

1854, his mother being Andrew's second wife, Eunice Laird (Leard). This seems to have been the original home of the Loyalist, Nathaniel Brown, who moved here from Charlestown, Mass., in 1781.

¹¹A Job-like comment, in the privacy of his diary, on the reported death of his son at sea.

¹²Soaking, scouring and smoothing a tanned hide.

¹³Some light is cast on this performance by two books in the Acadia University Library, both written by Rev. William Sommerville: (a) *The Psalms of David, designed for standing use in the church* (Halifax, 1834, 76 pp.), and (b) *The exclusive claims of David's Psalms* (Saint John, 1855, 189pp.) The first of these, written during his first year at Grand Pre, begins sanctimoniously with a Preface addressed "To the Presbyterians of Horton": "The following pages, which in all probability never would have been written, but for your sakes, are addressed to you, in testimony of an anxious desire to promote your spiritual interests and the purity of worship in your public meetings. . ."

In the preface to the second volume mentioned above, he glows with self-congratulation on his "Divinely appointed" assault on the spiritual happiness of the transplanted New Englanders of Horton: "The original publication had special reference to the practice of the Presbyterians of King's County, in the Province of Nova Scotia, among whom the author came to reside the previous year, and who formerly used Watts' Imitations of the Psalms of David, in conjunction with the Paraphrases appended to the Songs of Zion also, under the auspices of the Established Church of Scotland. The writer considers it one of the happiest circumstances of his life, that he was honoured by the Head of the Church to be instrumental in leading Presbyterians, within the sphere of his labours, to exclude the Songs of Watts and introduce those of the Sweet Singer of Israel . . ." This intense young man, arriving fresh from the narrow councils of the Old Country Covenanters, was utterly without historical awareness of the gentle and wholesome New England traditions on which he was proceeding to trample. Among the hymns that he suppressed in Horton were "O God, our help in ages past," "When I survey the wondrous cross" and "Alas, and did my Saviour bleed?" No wonder Deacon Elihu was copying some of them out for the spiritual refreshment of others in the Sommervillian Wasteland. Their great-great-grandfathers had fled from England to New England on the "Mayflower" in order to escape from the sealed oven of episcopal tyranny; and now, after two centuries of freedom in the New World, they found themselves suddenly locked in a Scottish refrigerator by an iron-willed young Covenanter.

¹⁴Snow 2 feet deep in mid-May is a possibility for local residents to remember.

¹⁵Ransom Creek flows west across the Big Meadow near Long Island.

APPENDIX A
The Author of the Diary
(By Fred I. Woodworth)

Deacon Elihu Woodworth, born in Horton, Nova Scotia, May 17, 1771, was the son of Joseph Woodworth, a "Planter" who moved from Lebanon, Conn., U.S.A., in 1760, and who had a brother who settled in Cornwallis.

Elihu Woodworth was known as Deacon Elihu because of his close association with the Presbyterian-Covenanter Church, the building of which was started in 1804 and completed in 1811. In 1804 Elihu Woodworth would have been 33 years old, and would have taken an active part in the building of this church.

Elihu Woodworth attended regularly the Sunday services as the Deacon of the Church, and in the year 1836 when the Rev. Mr. Sommerville was preaching in some other church, Elihu Woodworth conducted the services. The mid-week services of Rev. Mr. Sommerville were conducted in the home of Elihu Woodworth.

Rev. Mr. Sommerville and Elihu also had frequent meetings together during the week, pertaining to Church matters, visiting members of the church, etc., and they frequently dined at each other's homes.

In addition, Elihu Woodworth was a man of importance in the community, who was consulted upon municipal affairs, a member of different committees, a surveyor of lands; he wrote deeds and assessed property.

In the History of Kings County, by Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, it is recorded that Joseph Woodworth, the father of Elihu, was given a grant of 6,250 acres of land on October 31, 1765. The cellars of two Woodworth homes may be seen on Long Island to the east of the road from Grand Pre to Evangeline Beach (according to Fred Palmeter, a man in his 90's, who is a descendant of the Palmeters mentioned in the Diary). The house at the end of this road was the home of Sabra Davison, the wife of Elihu Woodworth.

The aerial map made by Professor Cameron of Acadia University, shows a diagonal road across the dike which (according to Fred Palmeter) was known as the Woodworth Road.

Elihu Woodworth lived on Long Island. In his Diary he frequently speaks of crossing the Dike. He had a farm in Grand Pre as recorded in his Diary, where he speaks of going up to his farm to get produce. He also had land on the South Mountain where his sons went in the winter to get wood.

Rev. Robert McG. Sommerville, the son of Rev. William Sommerville, later built a home and a church on the south side of Prospect Street, Wolfville. The house is still standing on Prospect Street and was known as "the Crawley house." The church was moved to Main Street where it stood for a number of years until it was burned in 1912 because of a forgotten candle left burning inside the pipe organ