

04/01/08 Wednesday

725 miles more. Fair and cold. Strong west wind. Miserable traveling. Born to Eddie and Gertrude Marriner another girl. That makes five and one boy all built and launched in seven years. That's going some. Emery and I went up to Griffins tonight after hen clams. Got two. Had a letter from Sammy this afternoon.

04/02/08 Thursday

700 miles more. Snow hard all day. Nasty warm snow. Slush. But tonight it is cold. Freezing hard. Died this morning John Thomas' baby Maxwell age one year. Went clambing tonight and got Goos Gree[n]s.

04/03/08 Friday

675 miles more. Fair and cold. Ground froze hard last night. Awfull rough today. Father went out to Goodwins this morning and got Tim shod. Had his legs clipped. Cold tonight but tomorrow shall see Sammy I reckon.

04/04/08 Saturday

650 miles more. Bitter cold. It was two degrees below zero out in East Seasmont this morning. I think this is the coldest fourth of April on record. Went up and got Sammy tonight. She went over home with me.

04/05/08 Sunday

Fair and some warmer. Just put in the day loafing around home and plaging Sammy. Old Joe Wiggin came over this evening and entertained us with a chois collection of lies.

04/06/08 Monday

685 miles more. Snow some last night but today it has been fair and warm. Awfull muddy. Carried Sammy home this morning. We started at 4 o'clock. Paid Mrs. French \$10 in full to date. Just terriable s[I]eepy. Good night.

04/07/08 Tuesday

600 miles more. Fair and warm fine day. Paid Gushee \$11.70. Paid Mills \$16.41 in full and I be damned if yours truly runs any more grain bills. For between the two SOBs they did me out of about eight bones.

04/08/08 Wednesday

575 miles more. Raw and cold. Overcast all day. Comenced to snow about noon, rain hard tonight. Went out to Goodwins got Dandy shod. Paid Goodwin in full \$5. Paid RJ Hurd in full for hay \$40. Bag of oats paid \$1.75. Got me a new combination stamp and cash box.

04/09/08 Thursday

550 miles. Cold as the devil and so rough that half of my teeth are loose. Got a letter from Sammy today. Poor little boy. She is just sick and has got the meanest old cold. Percy Cross over home today, took dinner.

04/10/08 Friday

525 miles more. Fair and warm. Frost coming out again. Rain hard tonight. See a yellow hammer today first one this season.

04/11/08 Saturday

500 miles more. Warm. Awfull hard traveling. Went over to Sammy's tonight. Growing cold. Emery went trouting today in Metcalf Brook and got 18 fine trout. Heavy hale storm this afternoon.

04/12/08 Sunday

Clear and cold. Blowing the hardest I ever see it. Father hauled my boat down to the McKinney Meadow. Smike, Joe and I went duck shooting and got the experience.

04/18/08 Monday

475 miles. Fair. Ground frose hard last night. I walked home from Sammy's this morning. Got a letter from Hans he writes me there is a plot on foot to bunco Richards and son out of their granite quarry.

04/14/08 Tuesday

450 miles. Fair and quite cold. Ground frose hard last night. Went fishing tonight in Metcalf Brook. Got 14 fine trout. TROUT God how I like to fish. I wonder where I will be next year at this time. Ice went out Andrews Pond.

04/15/08 Wednesday

425 miles. Married Annie Miller and John Watson. Fair and warmer but this afternoon we had a shower. Roads were drying up a little. Ralph Heal in East Searsmont is tearing down the old Wyman house. It is built of granite and most have stood before the Flood. Wrote to Hans to day. Also to Sammy.

04/16/08 Thursday

400 miles. Cold raw day. High wind. Ground frose hard last night. Myra Dean's house caught fire this morning. But our heroic town fire company quickly put out the fire. John Thomas caught 9 trout in the Wadsworth stream.

04/17/08 Friday

375 miles. Fair and quite cold. Old Mills sent me a bill of \$10.45 today for grain which I never had and insists on my paying him. Went trouting got 14.

04/18/08 Saturday

350 miles more. Quite warm. Rain tonight. Went over to Sammy's this morning walked. Carried my runabout wheels out to Goodwin's tonight. Percy Cross rode out home with me.

04/19/08 Easter Sunday

Rain some this morning but rest of the day fair. Herb McK went with me in my boat down to the Camden pond. H shot a big black duck.

04/20/08 Monday

325 miles more. Cold ground frose hard last night. Awfull cold today and rough. Don't

mention it. Father carried a barrel to Camden for Will's folks. Came up this way and got a load of grain for me of Gushee. Two bags oats, two corn.

04/21/08 Tuesday

300 miles. Cold damned cold. Ground froze hard last night. Snow squalls today. This morning Llewllen Lincon of Searsmont committed suicide by drowning in the river at Searsmont Village. No known reason. Age about 70. Civil War veteran. Ice left Lev-ensellers and Laury ponds today.

04/22/08 Wednesday

275 miles more. Warmer. Fine day. Busted wheel on my punt wagon. Comenced painting my runabout. Wrote to Sammy. One feamail pusson by name Addie Gould came this morning to Mrs. Wade's for the summer.

04/23/08 Thursday

250 miles. Fair and warm. First decent day we have had this month. Roads drying up a little. Rain a bit tonight. Got a letter from Sammy. Finished painting the geer on my wagon.

04/24/08 Friday

225 miles. Fair and warm. Fine day. Father went to Belfast to hear the trial Richards via Gerry. Lou Pendleton came home from the West Indies been in a big schooner for the last seven months.

04/25/08 Saturday

200 miles more. Partly overcast. Rain and fogg tonight. Went out to Goodwin's after my wheels. Not done. Hans Rankin came home today. Went over to Sammy's tonight.

04/26/08 Sunday

Warm. Fogg this morning. Got up early took my boat and went down the meadow back of Will Calderwood's after the frisky trout. Got 12. They weighed 8 pounds. Finest catch I ever got.

04/27/08 Monday

175 miles more. Very warm 85 degrees in the shade. Put on leather shoes this morning and shook my fur coat. First time I have drove without it for over six months.

04/28/08 Tuesday

150 miles. Rain hard all day. God but didn't it rain. And the cussedest traveling a man ever see. Born to Bessie Drinkwater another boy, that makes seven. Keep up the good work.

04/29/08 Wednesday

125 more. Frank Wellman moved his family to Gardner, Massachusetts. Mary Coleman moved to the Ctr Chester Cross coming on her farm. Fair and warm went up the brook trouting tonight got one. See Mabel Gushee Richards this afternoon first time since she was married. Got a letter from Sammy. Allso got a bum headache. Bag corn bag oats-Gushee.

04/30/08 Thursday

100 miles more. Fair and warm. And this was a day for surprises for me. When I got up at the old Harvell place, what did I find but a small Injon in the shape of Sammy hiding behind the tree waiting for me. Yah a real live Injin.