

05/01/08 Friday

75 miles more. Rain awfull hard all last night and blew like old Sam hill. But cleared away this forenoon and has been a fine clear day. Dance at the Ctr tonight but the traveling is so bad did not go. See barn swallows today.

05/02/08 Saturday

50 miles more. Fair and warm. Sammy came over home with me tonight. Went down to the stream for a little while but water so high could get no trout. Hired wagon of Freeman.

05/03/08 Sunday

Rain last night but nice and pleasant today. Sammy and I went on a long walk. Played we were kids and throwed sticks in the brook called them our vessels.

05/04/08 Monday

25 miles more. Fair and warm. Carried Sammy home this morning. Finished striping my wagon body. Bush. Oats Gushee 75 cents.

05/05/08 Tuesday

Finis of mud time let us hope. Fair but cold brisk west wind. My black hourse laid up with a shoe boil. Father brought my wheels down from Goodwins and carried back a load of grain five bushel of oats, 4 bushels of corn.

05/06/08 Wednesday

Fair and quite cold. Varnished my wagon body today and painted the rims to the wheels. Wrote to Sammy. Ernest Heal got a fine catch of trout. He fished from the old Gould Mill to the Wadsworth bridge. Got 10.

05/07/08 Thursday

Nice fair day. Drove Moxie on my route. Tim laid up with a bum leg. Bought of Hollis Dean ton of hay \$13 and a load of 800 lbs of Lawry Rankin for \$5.66. Jack Richards and Vern Gray came up for a day or two.

05/08/08 Friday

Rain hard last night and this morning. Been a bum old day anyway. Had a letter from Sammy she wants me to come over to her house tomorrow night.

05/09/08 Saturday

Fair quite a mild day I came down to the office with Moxie. Went and got my Sammy she came over home with me.

05/10/08 Sunday

Thick fog this morning. Got up early and went trouting got 15. Fished in the Studson [STETSON?] and McCobb streams. 15 trout.

05/11/08 Monday

Fair nice day. Painted on my wagon wheels am awfull tired and discouraged. What is the use anyway? Paid Mrs. French in full to date \$12.50. Paid Gushee my April bill \$12.60.

05/12/08 Tuesday

Showers, warm, wrote to little Sam this morning. Now all I owe is H.A. Dean \$13, E. Goodwin \$10, Freeman \$1.50, Rankin \$85, Knights \$50 = \$159.50 Paid Gushee in full for this month \$17.40.

5 months 13 days 1940 lb of hay went

05/13/08 Wednesday

Fair fine day. Finished my wagon. Thank God Walter Blake of suicide fame was up here today drunk. Yea and DRUNK as a damned fool..

05/14/08 Thursday

Overcast this morning. Fair rest of day. Dance Ctr tonight but I did not go am getting too old. Paid Freeman for wagon \$1. St. Sylvester visiting up home.

05/15/08 Friday

Fair nice day. Got two letters from small Sammy, she's pretty well. Emery and I went trouting took his team and drove out to the four corners. Got five little trout.

05/16/08 Saturday

Fair and warm stopped out at Slab City this afternoon, went fishing in Black Brook. Sammy and I went on a row in my pretty new boat. Down in the d_____old Medder. 1 trout.

05/17/08 Sunday

Overcast. Showers. Fair tonight. This morning I got up early, three o'clock, and hiked in for the McCobb Stream. Fished it down to its junction with the main stream and fished that up. Got home before Sammy was up. 20 trout. Went up to Smike's this afternoon.

05/18/08 Monday

Very warm fine day. Put my wagon together this afternoon. I tell you she looks some Sammy has gone to work up at that hell house P_____. They are getting ready for Mrs. Nichols to die.

05/19/08 Tuesday

Fair and very warm. Drove today in my runabout the first time since painting it. \$340 [very large writing]

05/20/08 Wednesday

Fair fine summer day. Got a letter from Sammy. Called her up this morning and talked with her. The Pendleton brothers finished setting an engine in their dory. They put in a two horse Losier.

05/21/08 Thursday

Fair and warm. House warming out to Chester Cross tonight. Sammy and I invited. We intended to go but found out late this afternoon that each guest must bring a present. So we (Sammy and I) went up to Smike's. 15 trout.

05/22/08 Friday

Fair and hot. Got my uniform suite from Sears Roebuck last night and wore it today first time. [UNIFORM RALPH IS WEARING IN PHOTO IN INTRODUCTION?]She is a bird. Cost \$8.95. Shall see my Sammy tomorrow anyway. Lost one of my new gloves.

05/23/08 Saturday

Showers. Bum day. Sammy will finish work at the P_____ hell house today. Just hope she won't work herself sick. I see the small girl today. Had to drive up to the house with a register for old Arch.

05/24/08 Sunday

Hot. Sammy and I went up to Smike's and Sarah's, today is their wedding anniversary. Been married five years. They gave us a great feed. Parker Young and wife were there also Sammy's paddy and mother. 4 trout. Died Bertha Pason.

05/25/08 Monday

It has been hotter than love in haying time today. Got a letter from my small Sammy her throat is better. That's good. Roy commenced driving today in his new wagon that he bought of Gushee. The new Grange hall was burned tonight. Incendiary.

05/26/08 Tuesday

Fair and warm. Heavy thundershowers this afternoon and evening. Dance and musical performance at the Ctr tonight. We that's Sammy and I, went, we had a slick time. Keyes Music. The authorities had bloodhounds on the track of the SOBs that burned the new hall. And they would have got them but for the heavy rain tonight.

05/27/08 Wednesday

Very warm today. And tonight we are having an old switcher of a shower. Rain hard. Hired team of Emery last night. Dollar and a quarter. Don't care if Sammy had a good time. God ain't I tired and sleepy. Good night. Bag oats \$1.75.

05/28/08 Thursday

Overcast, fog. Father went to Camden after Belle Taylor. Some relation to old Zack judging by her temper. When I got home today, what did I see hanging up but Sammy's coat and hat. Gee wasn't I surprised. She came over last night to paper a room.

05/29/08 Friday

Fair this morning overcast and showers tonight. Mrs. Belle Taylor and daughter Doris came this morning. Came up home tonight. Sammy could not come over with me so I went down to her house to stop tonight.

05/30/08 Saturday

Memorial Day. Don't have to drive. Overcast this morning but cleared away and has

been a fine day. Sammy and I went to the Memorial Address given by Wilder Irish and Elder Frohock both of Camden. They spoke pooty good. We had dinner at the Grange.
[THIS MUST HAVE BEEN IN CAMDEN]

05/31/08 Sunday

Fair today. Powerful thunderstorm last night. Herb Thomas and yours truly put my canoe in the stream. Went in swimming. Sammy and I went up to Smike's tonight. Old Hump Leadbetter while leading a bull got yanked by same into a pump and had his mouth to be cut open on him. He don't mind the cut but it hurts him to chew tobacco.