

Leap Year

1864

1<sup>st</sup> Island 1<sup>st</sup> of January  
1<sup>st</sup> Year's Day Fine & Wind sun shining Randolph  
and I crossed to Hamiltons took dinner Randolph  
sent to help them to Thresh tomorrow I put out  
a few bushes water rising on the marsh Fired a few  
shots this morning put in the bottom of the slack John H.  
and Leander 2<sup>nd</sup> Randolph at Hamiltons SW wind snowing  
Drifting Blowing hard frosty 3<sup>rd</sup> Allen's Birth Day 1853  
cold frosty W Wind Blowing hard Blistering Blizzardy  
cut a Waterhole for the cattle 4<sup>th</sup> cold Windy Gordon and  
Randolph came from Hamiltons Sent a bottle  
of wine with Gordon to Mrs Hamilton took  
a letter to me from Dan it came on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
with 2 dollars on it for his Aunt Gordon to my  
Bladed knife 5<sup>th</sup> cold Windy cutting stone wood  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Cham Fine Cold 7<sup>th</sup> The water is Raising near  
shore drew the 2 Boats and canoe up as the water  
near them 8<sup>th</sup> Hiram Ann's Birth Day 1866  
Randolph and I to Summerstown Bought of  
Dan Summers 2 Tickets paid for 1.50 the other  
on credit 50 cents Bought needles 5 Thread 5 oil 60  
Bought of P Rinckle 1 lb of Tea 25 paid  
half for needles and Thread E W turned stormy  
drifting Blowing snowing a awful night  
Slept at Hamiltons John Went to  
Concord to mill did not come back  
tonight Heard (Bella Wright departed  
or Mrs Anna) 9<sup>th</sup> Came home Hugh E W  
Brought 2 Balls of yarn for Gordon's Sox  
10<sup>th</sup> Began to draw hay from the upper field  
11<sup>th</sup> Drew the Rest of the slack cleaned the pipes  
E W snowing went for a load of Wood  
12<sup>th</sup> Fine E W & frosty Drew some wood  
13<sup>th</sup> Fine E W Snowed hard & frosty