

The Diary of Sally Brown (born 1807) 1832 – 1838 Plymouth Notch, Vermont	The Diary of Pamela Brown (born 1816) 1832 – 1838 Plymouth Notch, Vermont
<p>June 1833</p> <p>4. Tues. Worked about. A.M. Asa came down to attend the training*, brought Lephia and is to stay and help Father shear sheep. In the evening finished knitting George's stockings.</p> <p>5. Wed. Worked about house. Tonight three men have come to shear the sheep Father is keeping for Squire Walker.</p> <p>6. Thurs. Worked about house. Susan found some ripe strawberries. The men finished shearing sheep.</p> <p>7. Fri. Washed and did some other housework...Mother finished my gown.</p> <p>8, Sat. Ironed and other housework. Marcia and I went to the old place for some green currents.</p> <p>10, Mon. Helped milk morning and night. Did some chores and picked tag locks*. Father had given lots of wool to me. Father has finished planting tiny potatoes.</p> <p>11, Tues. Worked the same as yesterday.</p> <p>12, Wed. Two Tin Peddlers stayed here tonight.</p> <p>13, Thurs. Worked about house. Picked locks as I could get time. Mr. Pratt and Mr. Henry came and bought Father's wool. Two hundred and thirteen pounds. They gave fifty-three cents a pound. He is to carry it to Woodstock Saturday or Monday. They were here to dinner...</p> <p>14, Fri. Did some chores about house and finished picking tag locks except the dirtiest which I washed. Last night was a heavy thunder shower. Today is some cloudy...</p>	<p>September 1836</p> <p>Thur. Sept. 1st. Spun five skeins.</p> <p>Fri. 2nd. Spun some and went to the funeral. It was at Joseph Moore's House. Mr. Davis preached.</p> <p>Sat. 3rd. After Mr. and Mrs. Jennison had gone I spun five skeins and worked on Marcia's veil.</p> <p>Mon. 5th. Spun six skeins and began me a pair of stockings.</p> <p>Wed. 7th. Spun six skeins.</p> <p>Thurs. 8th. Spun two skeins and worked on my veil. Marcia and I went to the post office for a letter but found none.</p> <p>Friday. 9th. Spun six skeins. Silas and Rebecca Brown and Mrs. Leland a girl Silas brought from Grafton took tea with us.</p> <p>Sun. 11th. I am twenty today. A rainy day.</p> <p>Mon. 12th. We had a housefull all day but they are all gone.</p> <p>Tues. 13th. Spun some stocking yarn to send to Michigan.</p> <p>Wed. 28th. The ground was white with snow this morning. Spun my days work and made Hannah's' work bag. I think it very handsome.</p>

Glossary

*picked tag locks - remove or pick out foreign materials, such as twigs, straw, and any other debris from the

*skein of yarn – a length of yarn that has been wound into a loose, long coil (the amount varies by weight—perhaps 120 yards in a skein of homespun)

“tag locks,” the coarse and dirty wool of the poorest quality from the rump of the sheep

*training - day of practice and drill for the militia. Muster or training days were often treated as holidays as people went to observe the training.

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