

## Ledger of Daniel Sears, Sandisfield, Beginning 1793

Inside the front cover appears his name in large letters along with this inked notation along the outside edge: "Turn the regulator with the sun to go faster & from the sun to go slower".

P. 1, 1793

April – Your oxen 3 days plowing at 1/4 [one shilling fourpence. Figure the shilling at .33¢ and there were 12 pennies in a shilling. Penny is written "d"].

	4/0
May – Sowing grass seed	2/6
Boards and clapboards [ <i>sic.</i> ] 400 feet.....	16/
Making lining for pr. shoes and finding lining .....	4/
Making pr. cloth shoes and found heels .....	4/3

### Benjamin Pierce

1793

May – Sleigh whip .....	4/6
Barril [ <i>sic.</i> ] .....	3/6
Chsel [ <i>sic.</i> ] .....	1/3
½ bu. salt .....	3/
July Making pair shoes & found upper leather .....	3/
3 Aug. Mowing ½ day .....	1/6
Going to New Hartford on business. ....	1/3
Tapping pair shoes for Loveland .....	1/
16 Nov. Goin [ <i>sic.</i> ] to Jonathan Arnolds .....	1/
Tapping and healing [ <i>sic.</i> ] pr. of shoes .....	2/
Mending pr. of shoes .....	1/
Tapping and welting pr. shoes .....	1/4
Making & lining pr. shoes for Roberts .....	4/

1794

Mar. Pair handirons [ <i>sic.</i> ] (andirons) .....	14/2
Apr. Laying crobar [ <i>sic.</i> ] and mending drag tooth .....	1/4
Sharpening pair of plow irons .....	10d
May Fixing gunlock .....	5d
Jun. By hors [I think he means a breeder's fee] .....	4/
Jul. Fixing scythe ring and wedge .....	4d
Webster shoeing my hors [ <i>sic.</i> ] .....	2/
Pair plowirons, wt. 21 lbs. @ 10d per lb. ....	17/6
Putting ring in dogwedge and fixing hook .....	6d
Fixing pistol .....	4d
Dung fork, wt. 4 pounds .....	4/6
Wm. Bond, making a plow .....	6/
Chain – weight 12¼ @ 1 shilling per pound .....	12/3
Barn door hing [ <i>sic.</i> ] bords [ <i>sic.</i> ] and nails .....	2/2
Buy crobar [ <i>sic.</i> ] .....	10/2

**Fraderick [sic] Bozworth (dr.)**

1793	Six pounds flax .....	6/
1794	To work making fence .....	
	Plowing 2 days with your oxen .....	9/
May	My horse going to two mares in season .....	16/
	Settled all accounts with Jabez Bozworth, administrator to the estate of Frederick Bozworth, late of Sandisfield, deceased, and found due to Daniel and Joseph Sears fourteen dollars and seventy-seven cents to balance all book accounts.	
1795	One peck of beans .....	1/3
1796	Crushing oats .....	
Aug.	Buy a bridle .....	6/6

**Mathew Smith**

1795	Cradling oats part of a day .....	3/
	Lead inkstand .....	2/
	Heat, tapping, capping and underlaying pair of shoes .....	9d
	Tapping and patching and heating pr. of shoes .....	1/8
1797		
Nov.	12 gallons of watercider .....	1/6
1798		
May	Helping me make a drag .....	1/9

**Amos Smith**

1845  
 Jul. 4 Mr. Aron Couch was to have one dollar a day if he worked from sunrise to sundown. Came late good many days. Boy to have thirty cents for day. [Sunrise was at 5:13AM, sunset at 8:25 – 15 hrs., 12 min.]

**Richard Chappel**

1794		
Jun.	5½ lbs. tallow .....	3/8
Sep.	one pair ox bows .....	1/6
1795		
Jan.	½ bushel beens [sic] .....	2/6
May	To Joseph making 6 pair shoes at your house .....	10/
Nov.	1 bushel turnips .....	1/2
	Buy 3 siderberrills [sic] at 3/6 per berrill .....	10/6
1796		
Jun.	Making pr. calfskin shoes and lined them .....	4/6

	My hors [sic] going to your mare .....	6/
	½ bushel of oates [sic] .....	9d
1797	Jan. Fixing sleigh harness .....	9d
	Jan. Making pr. velvet shoes for Wm. Smith .....	3/6
	Soapgrease @ /12d per lb.	
	Sep. 2 rools of blackball .....	8d
	Nov. Making 2 pairs small shoes .....	4/6

### Moses Horton

1792	Oct. To pair thick shoes for your foot .....	8/
	Pair of shoes for Luther .....	7/
	Pair of small shoes .....	4/6
	Pair of shoes for Luman .....	6/
1794	Mar. 100 lbs. hay at 3/ per .....	3/
	Apr. 1 bu. potatoes .....	1/6
	[Potatoes are a primary indicator of economic value. Over the centuries, they have averaged 50¢ per bushel; one shilling sixpence equals 49.5¢.]	
	Plowing your garden .....	1/6
	To Mr. Warren's oxen half a day login [sic] (logging) ...	4/
	Jun. By Benjamin girdling part a day .....	1/

### Orra Beach

1801	Feb. By work and your plow to pay for potatoes .....	
1803	To part of a drag .....	6/
	Sep. To my plow two days and half .....	2/
	To my cart two days getting out dung & to Hinsdales ...	2/
1807	Jan. 20 loads of wood at sixpence per load .....	10/
	To a quantity of wood standing .....	9/
	Two small swine agreed to be .....	£1/7/0
	[This equals \$6.89. Orra Beach signs his name "Orry"].	
	Mar. To fetching load of hay from T. Turner's .....	3/
	Nov. To fetching load of corn from Wm. Chapel's .....	2/6

### David Dicks

1794	Mar. To greatcoat .....	£1/10/0
	Dec. Making ax helve [A helve is another name for a handle.]	/9d
1795		

Aug.	One quart and ½ pint of rum .....	2/2
Sep.	2 boal [ <i>sic</i> ] of rum sling .....	1/2
	1 glass of bitters .....	3d
	1 quart of rum .....	2/2

**Samuel Adams**

1794		
Feb.	One pair shobuckels [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	7/
Jun.	To tapping and capping a pair of shoes .....	1/2
	One pound indigo .....	12/
1796		
Jan.	3 1/3 yards of cashmere at 12/ per yard .....	
	Pair of stockings .....	8/
	2 dozen of small buttons at 1/2 .....	2/4
	3 large buttons .....	

**Morris Bosworth**

1797		
Jan.	To Constant Bozworth [ <i>sic</i> ] fixing chzels [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	1/6

**Henry Smith**

1794		
May	To iron burner [?] .....	3/
	Buy one bushel of ric [rice] .....	3/6

**Abner Webster**

1795		
	Nail hammer .....	3/
	By upsetting an ax [?] .....	1/
	Shewing [ <i>sic</i> ] pair of oxen .....	9/
Mar.	To footing a pair of boots and found sole leather .....	9/6
1796		
Feb.	Axe – weight 4 lbs. ---- said ax returned .....	0
	Axe – weight 5 lbs.....	7/6
	By laying 1 ax .....	10/
1798		
Dec.	Going to Sallsbury [ <i>sic</i> ] for cart timber .....	6/
1799		
Jan.	Pair of turkeys .....	7/6
1804		
Mar.	To boot between guns [?] .....	18/

**Daniel Chalker**

1793		
Dec.	To tapping one shoe and found leather for Samuel .....	1/
	To pair of shoes for Samuel to cut and split 300 rails .....	9/

1794		
May	Mending one pair small shoes .....	2/
Jul.	one pound salt .....	2d
	Part of day haying .....	1/9
	Reaping 2 days .....	3/
	Reaping oats 2 days .....	3/
Aug.	15 lbs. cheese @ 4d per lb. ....	5/
Sep.	Splitting 90 rails .....	2/
Oct.	136 lbs. beef @ 2d per lb. ....	£1/2/8
	Meat barrill [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	5/
Nov.	Pair of bath rings [?] to pay cash .....	3/4
	Corn basket .....	2/
1795		
Feb.	Coat partly worn .....	5/
	Cloth for a jacket .....	3/
	Rail timber on Joseph Smith's land .....	15/
Apr.	Appletrease [ <i>sic</i> ] agreed to be .....	1/10
May	One day planting .....	2/6
Jun.	Ax and helve .....	8/
	Grinstone [ <i>sic</i> ] and crank .....	12/
	Set of drag teeth .....	10/
Jul.	cutting and splitting 225 rails .....	7/8
	One days work haying .....	3/
Aug.	Your oxen ½ day drawing oats .....	8d
Sep.	1 ox yoake [ <i>sic</i> ] and staple and ring and one bow .....	8/
	Sandisfield, 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 1794. This day settled book accounts with Daniel Chalker of Colebrook and found due to me 12/4.	
Oct.	Your oxen part a day drawing stone .....	1/
	Your oxen one day drawing timber .....	1/6
Nov.	Your oxen 2 days drawing bords [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	3/
Dec.	Days work setting posts .....	2/
	3 posts at /4 per post .....	1/
	11,000 Acres, 13 February 1796	

#### Joseph Smith

1794		
Aug.	A plow and irons .....	£1/0/0

#### Alfred Smith

1799		
May	Keeping your horse 4 weeks and 2 days .....	14/4

#### James Servants

1796

Jun. ¼ lb. snuff ..... 18/7 (\$6.20)  
 [There is a note that Servants' wife made a pair of trowsers for 4/, did  
 work "twist and cape lining" 18/, by 2 days work 1½ knot of thread,  
 one pair hook & eyes 6/7. Jan. 1799, cutting 2 pair trowsers for 1/.]

**Lyman Clinton**

1818

Nov. 5 sheep, agreed to be \$11.55 [\$2.31 each] ..... £3/9/4  
 3 dollars put into a note. .... 18/

**Edson Thompson**

1838 1 pickle barrel ..... .75¢  
 1839 2 bu. turnips @ .20¢ per bu. .... .40¢  
 To a table, price agreed ..... .50¢  
 1841 1 bu. potatoes ..... .25¢  
 1843 Use of bull for 45 cows ..... \$7.50  
 1844 Pork was .08¢ per lb.  
 Rye, per bushel ..... .67¢  
 One feather bed ..... \$1.00

**Constant Bosworth Jr.**

1795 (Debit side)

May 60 lbs. hay ..... 1/  
 Oct. 6½ dozen pumpkins at 1/ per dozen ..... 6/6  
 Days work with team ..... 3/6  
 Keeping your horse 4 weeks ..... 5/  
 Dec. 1 bu. white beans ..... 5/

1796

Jan. 1 bu. corn ..... 3/9  
 Feb. Keeping a colt 4 weeks and 5 days ..... 8/6  
 Whip lash ..... 1/8

1795 (Credit side)

Jan. By 3 hooks and 4 staples for barn door ..... 1/  
 By barn door hooks and staples ..... 1/4  
 1 lb. nails ..... 4½d  
 Mar. By putting blade to knife ..... 8d  
 By baling kittle [*sic*] ..... 1/9  
 By baling pot ..... 1/3  
 By 50 nails ..... 4½d  
 May By putting shank to auger /9d, by nails /3d ..... 1/  
 By 2 scythes ..... 12/  
 Nov. 2 sets door hinges ..... 2/  
 1 pair of hinges ..... 2/  
 15 large spikes .....  
 6 large brads .....  
 Dec. By shoeing and corking horse all around ..... 6/

1796			
Apr.	Set of drag teeth, wt. 29 lbs. @ 7/ per lb. ....	17/	
	Sharpening plowirons .....	/9d	
	Mending shovel .....	6d	
June	Plowing between potatoes part a day [hilling?] .....	3/6	
	1 ton of hay agreed to be .....	£1/0/0	
	Carting bords [ <i>sic</i> ] from Morton's Mill 1 day .....	3/6	
	My oxen one day drawing cole [charcoal] .....	1/	
Jul.	100 cut nails .....	8d	
	Making hook for pale [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	8d	
	Nosing and sharpening pair of plowirons .....	1/9	
	Making bolts for stone sled .....	/10d	
1798			
Aug.	Lambskin with the wool .....	1/6	

**Mr. George Stillman**

1795	By rubstone .....	1/	
	2 quarts flax seed .....	1/6	

**Asa Bigelow**

1806			
Jul.	5 gals. Rum @ 5/6 per gallon (\$1.83) .....	£1/7/6	(\$9.15)
	4 gals. Molasses @ 3/6 per gal. ....	/14	(4.66)
	(Paid by cash and corks.)		

**James Beach**

1795			
Jun.	Work part a day bording [ <i>sic</i> ] your shop .....	1/6	
	Making pair of small shoes for Sarah .....	2/8	
	2 oz. indigo .....	1/6	
Sep.	Welding sword blade .....	1/6	
	By work getting rowing [rowans, second hay cutting.] .....	1/3	
	By making snibills [?] and nails .....	/8d	
	2 sets of door taklin [?] .....	4/	
	Pair of hinges .....	2/6	
1796			
Mar.	½ bu. French turnips .....	1/	
	By making an adz .....	8/	
	By great wheel [ <i>sic</i> ] (A large spinning wheel.) .....	16/	
	Ox yoke and bows, staple and rings .....	8/	

**Silas Smith**

1796	Brush hook .....	6/	
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**Thomas Holman Jr.**

1795

Aug.	By mending saidles (saddles) .....	8/
<b>Daniel Chalker (con't.)</b>		
1796	Carting lime from Capt. Jabez Bozworth's .....	6/
1797	Dec. ½ day work, planting potatoes [In December?] .....	1/3
<b>Ira Andrus, Colebrook</b>		
1818	One quart of rum .....	1/11
	6 lbs., 10 oz. rice meal .....	1/7
	Pair of calfskin shoes, lined and bound .....	10/
<b>Constant Bozworth, (con't.)</b>		
1796		
Oct.	To a tub .....	2/
1797		
Jan.	Days work with team giting [ <i>sic</i> ] wood .....	5/6
Dec.	Making halter and getting leather .....	4/
1798		
Jan.	Sleigh bridle .....	6/
	1½ lbs. steel and pay at weight – Robbins .....	3/
Feb.	Paid by Nabby Deming .....	1/6
May	To boots between sheep and hogs [?] .....	1/
	To part of a day chaining land .....	2/
Aug.	Pay to James Roberts .....	1/10
<b>Samuel Woolenth Jr.</b>		
1796		
Nov.	Laying pair of plowirons .....	6/
	By fixing chisels [ <i>sic</i> ] for Norriss .....	1/2
1797		
Mar.	100 brads .....	/10d
	Small kettle .....	3/6
Apr.	By Sap bit .....	1/6
	Mending saddle Aria .....	1/6
	Staple for yoak .....	1/6
	Plow plates .....	1/2
May	Putting handle into spade .....	/4d
	½ bu. oats .....	1/
	2 horses sold at Granville .....	8/8
	Bolt to polk .....	/8d
	By heaving fetter chain and 2 buckles .....	/9d
Jul.	By scythe made of old stuff .....	7/6
Aug.	By mending stump iron [device for removing stumps.] .....	/4d
Dec.	Shewing [ <i>sic</i> ] my mare .....	3/6
	Shewing [shoeing] pair of oxen .....	9/

	By turning neck yoke and whipple trees .....	9/
1798		
Jan.	By making an iron wedge .....	1/6
Feb.	By making grinstone [grindstone] crank .....	2/6
	By making a buff for sleigh rod .....	/6d
	Drawing knife .....	3/
May	Sharpening and noseing plow irons .....	2/
Jun.	Oats, bushel .....	2/6
Nov.	Making door tacking .....	7/

**Smith & Cook In Co.**

1797		
May	To keeping cattle one night .....	1/2
Dec.	To making pair of short boots .....	8/

**Joseph Wolcott**

1798		
Apr.	To making pair of boots found binding .....	16/6

**Ira Andrus, Colebrook**

1818		
Oct.	To shingle timber .....	18/
1819		
Apr.	To 10 lbs. pork .....	10/
	11½ lbs. rice flower [flour] .....	2/
	20 lbs. beef .....	10/
	½ bu. potatoes .....	1/
May	To order on Dr. Phelps [probably Lancelot Phelps] .....	6/
	10 lbs. pork .....	10/
	9 lbs. beef .....	4/6
	30 lbs. and 13 oz. beef .....	15/4
	3 qts. seed corn .....	/9d
1819		
Jun.	21 lbs. rice meal .....	3/7
	To 5 lbs. of poor pork and 8 of good .....	6/
	2 qts. of rum .....	3/9
1797	[This seems out of place, but here it is.]	
May	1 quire [24 sheets] paper .....	1/4
	Pair of brick bits .....	1/3
	Cooking ware .....	-
	Hat for boy .....	4/
	½ bu. salt .....	5/
1819		
	By cider and pay to Thomas Bowman .....	16/6
Jul.	By making eight thousand of shingles .....	-
Aug.	6 ½ lbs. codfish .....	3/2

Sep. Hog's lard at ..... 1/

**Dr. Amos Smith**

1797

Sep. By setting six hoops on a barrel  
By 2 cider barrels and hoping 3 barrels [These 3 came to] ..... 8/6  
By bail to a pail  
Oct. By Elias to work six months ..... £6/0/0

1798

May 1 gal. cider ..... 1/  
Clover seed, one quart ..... 1/6  
Jun. 2 hoes made of old stuff ..... 12/  
Jul. Making a bucket ...  
Pail for L. Smith .... [These 2 came to] ..... 2/6  
Making a pitchfork and fixing one ..... 3/3  
Sep. 2 pair cloth shoes ..... 8/

1799

Feb. By putting staple in sled beam ..... /5d  
Apr. Sharpening plowshear ..... /9d  
By making irons to put on the roof of my house ..... /9d  
Jul. By gun barrel ..... 1/6

1801

Sep. 5 lights of glass ..... 1/3  
By bailing kittle ..... 9/  
Nov. My cart 3 days ..... 2/

1802

Apr. By Elias one day driving plow ..... 2/  
By mending hook to chain ..... /6d  
May 4 bu. potatoes ..... 6/  
Cider barrel partly worn ..... 3/  
Hooping and bailing a pail

**James Beach (con't.)**

1798

Jan. To goin to Rockwell's Mill with sleigh ..... 2/6  
Apr. Made pr. shoes for Sal ..... 3/  
Made pr. shoes for Phebe ..... 3/6  
May 1 peck flax seed ..... 4/

1799

Feb. By putting staple in sled beam ..... /5d  
Apr. Sharpening plowshear ..... /9d  
Mar. To sledding hay from Moses Baxter's ..... 4/6  
Apr. To bundle of hay ..... /6d

1800

Mar. To making pocketbook ..... /9d

1801  
 Jan. To cash paid the Post for newspapers ..... 6/3

**Richard Chappel**

1797  
 Nov. Making pair of small shoes for Lynday North ..... 2/4

1798  
 June Boarding Lydia Morrison 2 weeks ..... 8/  
 3 points [*sic*] of rum ..... 4/6

Oct. To sashes for 12 lights of glass ..... 4/

1799  
 May To boot between a bull and stear [*steer*] ..... 11/6  
 By a corn broom ..... 2/

1802  
 May My mare to ride to Lenox ..... 5/  
 By having the stags [*neutered bulls*] before I was to – [?] ..... 4/

**Orra Beach (con't.)**

1809  
 May Hay was [\$6.48] per ton ..... 14/4  
 By an ax ..... 10/

1810  
 May To riting [*writing*] a deed ..... 1/6  
 8 gals. cider brandy ..... £1/8/0

Nov. To my boy goin to drive your cow ..... /9d

**James Robberts**

1797  
 Dec. 8 bu. of ashes ..... 5/4

1798  
 Feb. Making a set of harness ..... £2/14/0  
 Thread to make your harness and cloth for pads ..... 2/

May Pair of pistols ..... £1/16/0  
 One grinstone [*grindstone*] ..... 12/

**Wm. Philips**

1797  
 Aug. By 2 glasses & cake of chocolate ..... 5/7

Oct. By whip ..... 16/8

Dec. Small hat ..... 5/3  
 Codfish, 1 pound ..... /4d  
 Rum, 1 quart ..... 3/  
 Ginger, ½ pound ..... /10d  
 Shogar [*sugar*], ½ loaf ..... 1/  
 Maple shogar, 2 lbs. .... 1/4  
 By cake of chocolate ..... 1/1

	By pair of bootlegs .....	1/
1805		
Jan.	7 lbs., 15 oz. iron @ /4d per pound .....	2/8
	Your sleigh to Hartford .....	6/
	[At this price, perhaps he meant <u>New</u> Hartford.]	
	4 lbs., 8 oz. Rockwell's steel .....	2/8
	By 28 lbs. of iron for drag teeth .....	9/

**Daniel Sears**

1798		
May	To cash at election .....	1/
Jun.	To cash at ordination .....	2/7
	To pair of pistols .....	£1/16/0

**John Broster**

1802		
Jun.	A silk jacket .....	18/
	5 yards tow cloth .....	10/
	Making 2 shirts .....	2/
	Making pair of trowsers [trowsers] .....	1/
	Pair of stockings .....	10/6
Aug.	2 scanes [skeins] of thread .....	/4d

**John Hoskins**

1812		
July	One barrel of cider .....	12/
	½ barrel of cider for vinegar .....	5/
	1 qt. brandy .....	1/6
Sep.	one days work making log fence .....	4/

**Joseph Sears**

1798		
Jun.	2 ¼ lbs. butter .....	1/3
1802		
Mar.	3 bu. wheat .....	18/
May	100 lbs. of hay .....	2/
	One turkey .....	4/
	¼ lb. powder .....	1/
	Shoe knife .....	/9d
1804		
Feb.	Sam Beach 1 day thrashing .....	2/6
	Making pair of boots for Samuel Beach .....	12/
	Making pair of shoes for Marcus .....	3/
	Making pair of shoes for Sally .....	3/
	Making pair of boots for Albert .....	7/
Jun.	1 bu. oats .....	2/6
	Day's work with team carting timber .....	7/

	Day's work with team carting stone .....	9/
Aug.	Carting sand ½ day .....	4/6
	Making mortar [mortar] half a day .....	2/
Nov.	To drawing 4 drafts of wood .....	2/

### Sargent Constant Bosworth, Jr.

1798		
	For fetching one bushel salt from Farmington .....	2/
1799		
Mar.	To fetching gunbarrels one day .....	2/6
Apr.	To goin to Rockwells with team after iron .....	3/6
May	Shoeing colt .....	2/4
Jun.	By scythe .....	7/6
Aug.	Making door to stove .....	/8d
Sep.	Load of pumpkings [ <i>sic</i> ] .....	6/
	½ day mending fence .....	1/
	Keeping cow one week and feeding with pumpkin .....	1/
	Scythe snath .....	1/
1800		
Mar.	By a howel and mistake [?] .....	2/8
Oct.	Paid Samuel Wolcott, Jr. ....	7/
1801		
Apr.	By one new shoe and setting a pair .....	1/4
	Carting dung one day .....	6/
	8 lbs. veal .....	1/8
Jun.	By setting pair of shoes .....	1/2
Sep.	By laying hand iron [andiron] .....	/9d
Oct.	100 foot of pine bords .....	6/
	One turkey .....	3/
	One rubstone [whetstone] .....	1/

### Dick and Janus

1800		
Jan.	Pair of woman's shoes .....	[\$2.00] ..... 6/
Apr.	Pair of calfskin shoes lined and bonded ....	[\$3.35] ..... 10/
	To last .....	[\$1.40] ..... 4/2
May	Leather for pr. of shoes .....	[\$1.50] ..... 4/6
	To last .....	[\$.50¢] ..... 1/6
	By dressing flax .....	[\$2.50] ..... 7/6
Jun.	By one days work .....	[\$.82¢] ..... 2/6
Oct.	To two hens .....	[\$.33.5¢] ..... 1/
	To three turkeys .....	[\$3.02] ..... 9/
Nov.	To footing pair of boots .....	[\$2.00] ..... 6/
	To making pair of shoes and finding upper leather	[\$1.50] ..... 4/6
1802		
May	To sole leather for pair of shoes .....	[\$1.00] ..... 3/

**Joseph Foster**

1825		
Apr.	To making the acknowledgement of a deed .....	1/
Jun.	For steel to put on plow irons .....	/7d
Jul.	4 lbs. butter .....	3/
Sep.	A swine, weight 68 ½ lbs. @ 3 ½ cents per lb. ....	14/5
Nov.	To 9 lbs. fresh pork @ .05¢ per lb. ....	2/8
	4 lbs. butter @ .15¢ per lb. ....	3/7
1826		
Feb.	To 27 lbs., 4 oz. of beef @ .04¢ per lb. ....	6/6
	To 5 old scythes @ .12¢ .....	3/7
1827		
Nov.	16 lbs. rice flour .....	2/5
Dec.	3 ½ cords of chestnut wood cut .....	12/
	6 old scythes .....	4/6
1828		
	1 old scythe .....	/9d

**Constant Bosworth (con't.)**

1801		
May	Putting iron on my drag .....	1/
	Putting iron on my cartwheels [cartwheels] .....	1/6
Dec.	By an almanack .....	/4d
1802		
Jan.	One days work digging stones .....	2/6
Sep.	My cart one day drawing stones .....	1/6
Oct.	To carting sand one day .....	7/
	To carting dirt one day .....	2/6
	To rasor [razor] .....	1/6
1803		
Jan.	Shoeing 1 pr. new shoes and setting one pair .....	5/
Mar.	Carting coal one day, myself and team .....	7/6
Apr.	Mending pair of flats .....	1/
	Pair of plow irons – wt. 20 lbs. @ 1/1 .....	£1/1/8
	By peaning two chains .....	4/6
	By plating a plow .....	6/
Aug.	Loom irons .....	7/
	Sharpening shears .....	/10d
1804		
Jul.	Mending cartwheels .....	3/6

**James Beach**

1802		
Jun.	My cart to go to Winchester two days .....	1/6
	My cart to go to New Marlborough for coal .....	1/6

	Goin to New Haven .....	12/
Dec.	Setting four hoops on a tub .....	/8d
1803		
Mar.	Sap bit .....	2/
	By making sap tub .....	2/
	Chain – 14 lbs. ....	15/2
Apr.	By making a plow .....	-
	By four bu. rice @ 4/ .....	16/
Jun.	10 posts .....	3/4
Jul.	A broad chisel .....	2/6
Nov.	My cart one day carting colewood .....	1/6
	By setting hoops .....	4/
	By setting hoops on vinegar cask .....	1/
Dec.	My cart carting bords .....	1/6
1804		
Mar.	By setting 2 hoops on a pale [pail] .....	/4d
Jul.	Pitchfork .....	2/6
Dec.	To riting deed .....	1/
1805		
Jan.	Making staple and mending ring .....	2/
	Mending grindstone .....	1/6
Apr.	Money paid the Post for n.paper .....	6/8
Jun.	Nail hammer .....	4/
Aug.	Hooks and hinges .....	3/6
	By grindiron .....	9/
Oct.	Cider brandy per gallon .....	3/9
1806		
Jan.	Making 7 drag teeth .....	4/6
<b>Mr. Richard Chapel</b>		
1803		
Feb.	To recording bill of sail [ <i>sic</i> ] and births .....	1/6
Dec.	To part of two fox skins .....	3/7
1804		
Mar.	My cart one day carting dung .....	1/
1805		
Jan.	To shoe hammer delivered to Daniel .....	2/3
Apr.	To work on road \$1.82 cents .....	11/
1806		
Apr.	One gallon of tar .....	-
	Peck of pease [peas] .....	-
	½ bu. salt .....	4/
1808		
May	2 bu. turnips .....	2/
	12 qts. Seed corn .....	2/3

### William Wolcott

1802	By putting an axletree to cart .....	2/6
	To appraising cattle .....	1/6
1803		
Mar.	By a cradle .....	7/6
1809		
Aug.	18¼ lbs. Spanish brown [This is house paint.] .....	6/9
1810		
	To 1½ pound of nails (3lb., boy says) .....	1/3
	To an order on E. Rockwell .....	£2/0/0
1811		
Apr.	By part of an order on E. Rockwell .....	6/
1812		
Jan.	To boot between coat and cloth .....	5/
	To two lbs. of nails more than was received .....	1/6
1812		
Jun.	By kitchen table – large one .....	-
	By carding wool .....	-
1816	Horse and plow .....	8/
1817	2 lbs., 12 ozs. Of Spanish brown .....	1/
1819	To a fat cow, wt. 532 pounds .....[\$48.12] .....	£7/3/8
1820	To one day taking depositions at S. Sage's .....	6/
	To two summonses .....	1/3
	To taking Simon's deposition .....	3/
	To taking Abner Webster's deposition and travel .....	6/7
Jan.	To taking B. Sheldon Esq's. deposition & travel .....	6/
	To taking W. Twinning's & Bert's deposition .....	6/
	To copying depositions .....	3/
Nov.	4½ bu. turnips .....	6/9
	To fat cow, weight 429 lbs.....	£5/9/5
1823		
May	To a fat hog, weight 230 lbs. ....	£4/13/1
Jun.	To a deed .....	2/6
	To writing a deed .....	1/6

### Elizur Spencer

1803		
Oct.	By a basket .....	2/6
Dec.	By helping me make a sled .....	12/
	By wagon for a child .....	2/
1804		
Apr.	Brass wire and boys goin to Mr. Goodrich .....	2/
	2½ bu. potatoes to pay for [?] and chair .....	5/
	By putting handle to dung fork and spade .....	1/

	By fixing head to wheel .....	1/
	By real and small chair .....	5/
	By making small chest .....	3/
	By putting handle to a knife .....	/4d
May	Cider faucet .....	/9d
	Quill wheel [?] .....	10/
Dec.	To 31 drafts of wood [a draft is a load] .....	£2/10/0
1805		
Jan.	By putting staple into yoke .....	/6d
Mar.	By fixing sap bit .....	1/
	By hilding sword .....	-
	By 2 quart bottle .....	-
	By two hoe handles .....	1/
	By book desk .....	3/
	By bench for said desk .....	3/
Nov.	To apples in the lot agreed to be .....	3/
1806		
May	To one ash tree delivered at your house .....	3/
1807		
Jun.	Inkstand .....	2/6
	To maple tree and carting extra .....	18/
	To carting bords from Bissell's – 340 feet .....	3/6

**Joseph Sears (con't.)**

1805		
Mar	By tapping Albert's boots .....	1/
	By tapping Sally's shoes .....	1/
Apr.	To about one day hoeing .....	2/
	To leather for pair of shoes .....	2/6
May	To dragging in oats .....	1/6
Jun.	To 4 gallons vinegar .....	4/
Aug.	To part of 3 days work with team and boy .....	15/
Oct.	To my oxen cart and boy carting corn .....	2/
1806		
Oct.	Digging potatoes .....	2/
1807		
Mar.	Drawing wood and oxen one day .....	5/
	13 loads of wood .....	5/
	To my mare to ride to Salisbury .....	4/
Nov.	Carting sand from Wilcox's .....	5/
1808		
Sep.	My drag to drag in your grain .....	1/6
1809		
Apr.	To 500 lbs. of hay @ \$8.00 per ton .....	12/

**John Phillips**

1805		
Feb.	Keeping span of horses 1 day and 2 nights .....	2/
Mar.	Bringing cupboard from Wm. Wolcott's .....	1/6
Dec.	500 lbs. of hay @ 2/6 per hundred .....	12/6
	Keeping a cow 25 weeks @ 1/ per week .....	£1/5/0
	Keeping a horse 12 weeks .....	18/
	My cart to Winchester .....	2/

**Amariah Smith**

1809		
May	200 lbs of hay .....	4/10
	18¼ lbs. of veal @ 2½ d per lb. ....	3/10
	Making bucket .....	2/5
Jun.	3 days work laying wall at 5/ per day .....	15/
Jul.	2 days work pulling down the shop .....	8/
1811		
Apr.	4½ hundred of hay at 3/ per hundred to pay next fall money .....	13/6

**Elihue Persons**

1807		
Jun.	8 cords of bark on the trees .....	8/
Nov.	2 barrels of cider .....	12/
1808		
Nov.	Calfskin .....	4/
	Skin – weight 10½ lbs. ....	5/3
	1 skin – weight 12¼ lbs. ....	6/2
1809		
Sep.	Cutting cornstalks .....	4/6
Nov.	Lath boards .....	9/

**Abner Webster**

1907		
May	1 ax .....	9/
	By upsetting an ax .....	1/
1809		
May	½ bushel of flax seed .....	3/6
1812		
Jan.	1 quart of brandy .....	1/4
Aug.	2 opld scythes and one hoe .....	1/6

**Jonathan Church**

1807		
May	Blacksmith hammer .....	1/
	Blacksmith swidge [?] .....	/9d
Jun.	My cart after coles [charcoal] .....	1/6

Aug. My cart after coles ..... 1/6

**Solomon Sacket**

[All entries made after 1840 are made by Henry M. Sears.]

1844 434 lbs. sugar @ .08¢ per lb. (debit side) ..... \$34.78  
 904 feet of boards for shingles @ \$4.00 per thousand (credit side) 3.61  
 By 1087 feet of boards @ \$4.00 per thousand ..... 4.34  
 By boards for lining ..... -  
 By sawing slit work ..... -  
 1847 13 trees for cheese boxes ..... 4.73

**Richard Chapel**

1809 Jul. 1 gallon of tar ..... 2/6  
 1810  
 Jun. Set of blinders ..... 3/  
 1 peck herdsgrass seed ..... 3/

**Joseph Sears**

1810  
 May Making pair of morocka [morocco] shoes ..... 8/  
 1811  
 Apr. 30 lbs. of flax ..... £1/5/0  
 May Making 2 pair of woman's shoes ..... 8/  
 Calfskin for said shoes or half a skin ..... 3/  
 15¾ lbs. sole leather ..... £1/3/6  
 Jul. 3 woodchuck skins ..... 3/6  
 To 1 barrel cider drawn off ..... 10/6  
 1812  
 Jan. Carrying butter to Colebrook ..... 2/

**Elizar Spencer**

1801 Part a day laying a road under Hanging Mountain ..... 3/  
 1809  
 Sep. For carding 22 lbs., 12 ozs. of wool @ .06¢ per lb. .... \$1.36  
 1810  
 Mar. 5½ lbs. of Spanish brown [paint] @ /4½ d ..... 2/1  
 An ax helve ..... 1/6  
 Apr. 3 qts. of Red Top seed [grass for cows] @ /6d ..... 1/6  
 Jul. Iron to put into chimney ..... 3/  
 Chimney board ..... 3/  
 Sep. Bedstead in part ..... 5/  
 Fixing gate irons ..... /8d  
 1811  
 Jun. Putting a handle to a knife ..... /4d  
 1812  
 Oct. Sharpening plowirons and mending chain ..... 2/

	Sharpening dragteeth .....	/7d
	4 wagon chains and washers and dogs for wagon .....	4/
Dec.	To price of a gun barrel besides putting handle to a knife .....	/6d
1813		
Oct.	My horse to sawmill .....	1/6
	My wagon and harness to Lee – 20 miles .....	5/
	One oak tree .....	7/
Dec.	1 days work with 2 pairs of oxen drawing timber .....	8/
	Cash for codfish .....	4/2
	To scrap iron delivered 22 jan. 1810 .....	1/
	To cash paid on account of book desk .....	3/6
1814		
Mar.	One pair oxbows .....	2/
Sep.	To Marines one day tending Masson [?] .....	6/
1815		
Jun.	Money to pay for book .....	9/
Aug.	To Alberts laying wall under your shop .....	10/6
	Southfield, 5 <sup>th</sup> of March 1814 – This day compared and settled all book accounts of former dates with Mr. Elizar Spencer except for damage done to me by said Spencer's sheep and hogs and found due to said Spencer one dollar and ninety cents.	
	Elizar Spencer	
	Daniel Sears	

#### Elihue Persons

1810	3 days work done by my boys .....	10/6
	To writing a bond and copy .....	2/
May	1 calfskin .....	15/
Jun.	7 lbs. sole leather .....	10/6
Sep.	To Marlow 2 days training .....	6/
Dec.	8 cords of bark at your works @ \$2.00 per cord .....	£4/16/0
1812		
Jan.	1 hide, weight 60 lbs. @ 5½¢ .....	19/10

#### Lt. Samuel Austin

[In 1822 he was a Capt.]

1813		
Apr.	15 bu. potatoes and 1 of carrots .....	£2/0/6

#### James French of Colebrook

1822		
Mar.	3 bu. potatoes .....[\$1.00] .....	6/
Jun.	6 bu. potatoes @ .20¢ cash .....	7/2
Aug.	1 sheep and two lambs to pay 3 days work and 13½ lbs. of flax .....	19/3
Dec.	An ash tree agreed for 2½ days work planting or hoeing .....	7/6
1823		
Apr.	100 lbs. hay .....	3/
May	7 quarts of flax seed .....	¼
Jul.	7 bu. potatoes at your house carried .....	10/6

Aug.	1 quart of brandy .....	/9d
Dec.	1 sheep to kill .....	9/
	1 sheep lame to pay 4 days work getting wood .....	12/
1824		
Feb.	25 bundles of oat straw .....	3/
	1 days work cleaning oats .....	3/
Mar.	500 lbs. hay and 25 bundles of straw .....	16/2
May	1 peck of flax seed .....	1/6
	100 and a half of hay .....	4/
	4 cords of hemlock bark on the trees .....	£1/4/0
	7 lbs. of veal .....	1/6
Jun.	3½ bu. potatoes .....	7/
Dec.	To 5 lbs. of pork overpaid for butchering .....	1/6
	A man's saddle – price agreed .....	15/
1826		
Jun.	30 lbs. veal @ /2½d per lb. ....	6/3
1827		
Jan.	1 sheep, price agreed .....	8/
Sep.	Two pieces of grass standing [means fields] .....	18/
	1 pocket knife, price agreed .....	3/
1828		
Jul.	2 rakes, price agreed .....	3/
	[After 1830, all prices are given as dollars and cents.]	
1830		
Feb.	400 lbs. of hay .....	\$1.67
1831		
Mar.	400 lbs of hay .....	1.60
Jun.	17½ lbs. of veal to give one days work hoeing .....	.53
Oct.	7 lbs. of pork .....	.70
1832		
Jul.	2 trees to pay 3 days work .....	1.50
	Your mare lying in my oats 3 days .....	.25
	6 cords hardwood @ 1 shilling per cord [16.66¢] .....	1.00
	12 cords of chesnut [chestnut] wood @ .25 ¢ per cord .....	3.00
1834		
Jun.	1 dung hook, price agreed .....	.75
Dec.	A horse sled to pay six days work next spring .....	3.00
	To showing sled .....	.33
1835		
May	18¾ lbs. of veal .....	.56
	4 bu. potatoes @ 2 and 6 pence .....	1.66
	1 gallon gin at Bosworth's store .....	1.33
	4 sticks of timber for your barn .....	1.33
	4 gallons of cider .....	.33
Jun.	Carting boards two days from Couche's mill .....	3.00
Jul.	4 gallons of cider .....	.33

	4 days work on your barn - myself .....	3.33
	6 days work on your barn – Henry .....	5.00
	Dressing stone for underpinning .....	.25
	2½ days work on your barn – Henry .....	2.00
Aug.	1 gallon of cider .....	.08
	1 gallon of vinegar .....	.12
	1 gallon of cider .....	.08
	1¼ days work on your barn .....	1.08
	1¼ days work on your barn .....	1.08
	2 days work laying floor, etc. ....	1.90
	1 days work on your barn .....	.92
	7 yards cotton shirting @ .14¢ .....	.98
	Pitcher full of rum .....	.25
	Cash to buy flour .....	2.00
	1 bridle .....	.25
	Keeping 2 cows 16 weeks @ .25¢ per week .....	8.00
	Keeping 2 sheep 17 weeks @ .02¢ per head .....	.68

**Elihu Persons (Dr.)**

1813

May	¼ veal, weight 10½ lbs. @ /2½d .....	2/3
	1 skin – weight 7½ pounds @ /9d .....	5/3
	1 skin – weight 10 pounds .....	7/6
	¼ veal – weight 17 pounds @ /3d .....	4/3
Jul.	To Marcus four days peeling bark .....	18/
Nov.	4 bu. apples .....	4/
	1 hide – weight 60 lbs. ....	19/10

1814

Jan.	Chestnut bark, ½ cord and a little more .....	12/
	¾ of a cord of himlock [ <i>sic</i> ] bark .....	9/

[On the same page, under the 1814 date, is the following from 1851, signed for by Torrel Persons.]

1851

May	1 forequarter of veal – 19 lbs. @ .04¢ per lb. ....	.76
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1852

Jul.	10 lbs., 2 oz. wool @ 37½¢ .....	3.80
Dec.	3 lbs., 8 oz. lard @ 12½¢ .....	.43

1853

Feb.	1 slaughtered veal – weight 56 lbs. ....	2.80
Aug.	1 forequarter veal 23 lbs. @ .05¢ .....	1.15

**Eliada Beach**

1816

Apr.	1 great coat agreed to be .....	\$14.00
May	1 load of wood .....	.41
Jul.	1 days work haying .....	.75

	3 days work haying .....	2.25
Sep.	16 days work haying at 5/ per day .....	13.33
Aug.	1 lamb, agreed to be .....	1.34
Sep.	½ bu. potatoes .....	.25
Nov.	42½ lbs pork @ .10¢ per pound .....	4.25
1817		
Jan.	buy leather of Persons .....	4.25
	Tapping pair of boots .....	.20
	Tapping pair of shoes .....	.20
	By planting potatoes [Surely not on January 7 <sup>th</sup> !] .....	.20
Apr.	23 lbs. pork .....	3.32
	5 lbs., 4 oz. butter @ .20¢ ... [This is an incorrect price.] .....	.85
	1 point [ <i>sic</i> ] of rum .....	.17
	1 pound of butter .....	.20
	1 quart of rum .....	.29

### John B. Smith

1847		
Dec.	2½ days work by Albert with team, cart & tools, shoveling dung.	2.50
	By spreading manure about – one day .....	.66
1848		
Nov.	1 barrel of vinegar .....	3.34
1849		
Nov.	1 days work, Albert & team, cart, etc. ....	1.25
	½ bu. apples .....	.17

### Luman Bidwell of Colebrook

1832		
May	1½ bu. potatoes .....	.50
Sep.	12 lbs. of pork @ /6d .....	1.00
Nov.	5 bu. potatoes @ .25¢ per bu. ....	1.25
1834		
Jul.	Use of bull for 2 cows .....	.33
1836		
Jun.	1 bu. potatoes .....	.33
1837		
Mar.	1 hen .....	.25
Apr.	4 chestnut logs and 1 birch tree .....	5.00
	2 chestnut logs .....	2.00
Oct.	½ bu. turnips .....	.10
	8 bu. of turnips to be paid in sap tubs .....	-
1842		
	½ an oak log .....	1.00
1845		
	To a saw to be paid in making bucket .....	.50
	To the use of sap trees .....	.50
1846		
	To pasturing yearling heifer and use of bull .....	.17

**Elizar Spencer**

1817		
Jan.	Turning wheel rims one day .....	4/4
Jun.	One maple tree agreed to be .....	1/6
	Horse to Salisbury .....	6/
Aug.	4 lbs. white lead, 3 lbs. of Spanish brown, 2 yellow .....	6/2
	To Marcus one and a half day tending mason .....	9/
1819		
nov.	Window frame and sash .....	3/
1820		
Jun.	Cash for iron .....	12/9
Dec.	One days work papering .....	4/6
1821		
Nov.	Keeping 32 sheep most of the season .....	£1/10/0
1822		
Apr.	To James Simons making a trunk on my account .....	3/
	One quart of brandy for fixing a door .....	/9d
Sep.	My horse to New Marlborough after grave stones, 3 miles .....	3/3
1823		
May	My horse and harness to New Hartford, 23 miles .....	6/
	Taking the acknowledgement of a deed .....	/9d
Jul.	One pitchfork .....	1/
1824		
Aug.	One days work making mortar – Jason .....	4/
1825		
Mar.	One corn broom .....	1/
Nov.	Four maple studdles, price agreed [Probably for a loom.] .....	3/6
1826		
Feb.	16 lbs. lard for making bedstead agreed .....	12/
	21 lbs. cheese and 14¼ of butter for wheel heads .....	18/2

**John B. Smith (con't)**

1851		
Jul.	One barrel of cider .....	\$2.00
Oct.	21 feet maple boards .....	.21
Dec.	36 lbs. beef @ .05¢ .....	1.80
1852		
Mar.	6 lbs., 10 oz. lard @ 12½ ¢ .....	.82
Jun.	Use of team 4½ days .....	2.25
Oct.	4 bu. apples .....	.60

**At the end of the ledger Daniel Sears kept a sort of diary  
from May 8 1803 thru Nov. 13 1820. It reads in its entirety as follows:**

8<sup>th</sup> of May 1803 The snow fell six inches deep and froze in two inches thick. The apple trees budded – the stems half an inch long and a good crop of apples this year.

1<sup>st</sup> of March 1804 The snow five foot deep. Stormed and blew so I could not water my cattle for three days.

10 October 1804 The snow fell ten inches deep and lay four days.

20<sup>th</sup> February 1806 The ground bare and all the frost is out. So warm I heard the frogs peep and cowslips as large as cents. [The U.S. cent in those days was 1 1/8 inches in diameter, or 2.9 cm.]

16<sup>th</sup> June 1806 The sun totally eclipsed and dark as night with many stars to be seen at ten o'clock in the morning.

31 March 1807 A most tremendous snowstorm and lasted five days without much intermission. Many buildings damaged with the wind.

23 May 1807 Severe hailstorm. Hailstones big as bullets & covered the ground. [These would have been about one-half inch thick.]

25 May 1807 This season the coldest and wettest I ever knew. No corn planted, not much flax sowed.

30 May 1807 Sowed my flax and oats & dragged them in the mud in the south mowing. No time to sow it sooner.

22 April 1808 Sowed my flax in the south mowing.

7 October 1808 General Pettibone rejected me off lot # 43.

1809 Cold, backward spring. Cold, cloudy summer. Crops small all but grass.

4<sup>th</sup> November 1809 First snow, ground froze, snow 3 inches deep

1812 Cold, backward spring, cold, wet summer, cold fall; no crops but grass. No corn ripe on Hunt Hill.

1813 30 April sowed my flax. Spring middling forward.

1814 September 6<sup>th</sup> Severe frost, and cold, wet summer. Grass pretty good.

1820 Cold winter. 20 April ground settled. [The frost went out.] On the 22<sup>nd</sup> I sowed summer wheat – warm weather.

1820 Hot, dry summer; corn good, oats, wheat, flax, grass hurt with drought.

13 Nov. 1820 Severe snowstorm. Snow 8 inches deep – good sledding several days.

[It is interesting to note that no mention is made about any particularly cold weather for the year 1816, the famous “year without a summer”. Apparently this area was not as impacted as other sections of the northeast. Crop prices did not show any abnormalities as was reported elsewhere. It appears that the general weather was cold enough that 1816 did not make itself felt as anything out of the ordinary.]

Throughout this ledger you will note many misspellings. These were left as is because an accurate insight can be made into the local dialects and speech patterns of the period immediately after the War of Independence by attending to the phonics.

Several terms throughout this ledger probably escape the modern reader. “Drag teeth”, for example, refer to a spike-toothed harrow, consisting of 20 or 30 six-inch spikes, much like an elongated railroad spike. It had a square frame of some four or five feet on a side. Three types of harrow were employed. In addition to the spike-toothed, the others were the spring-toothed, which was especially good at breaking up freshly turned sod, and the disk harrow, used to cut up the larger sods. If all three were used together, the disk was first after plowing, followed by the spring-toothed, and ending with the spike-toothed.

Plows in those days were known as “beam plows”, having a heavy length of timber (the beam), under which was attached a wooden plow and mold board. The nose of this device was sheathed with an iron plate, which had to be periodically removed and either replaced or sharpened. If this plow hooked onto a large stone, it would almost always cause something to break, thus the need to remove all stones from the area to be cultivated. Our stone walls were not placed there as fences, the primary reason was to have a place to deposit all of those pesky stones; the walls were a bonus.

The several references to staples in regards to ox yokes describe the u-shaped iron rod that went through the yoke from top to bottom. One end of a chain was attached to this staple, the other attached to the object being pulled.

“Corking” a horse all around means that he put metal pegs on the under side of the horseshoes so the horse would have surer footing.

A rubstone is a whetstone for sharpening scythes and other blades.

Daniel Sears was a remarkably diversified individual; the number of different jobs he was capable of doing is amazing. The factual information found within these pages gives a remarkably broad understanding of the life and times of the average rural citizen in the closing years of the eighteenth century and the first few decades of the nineteenth.

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