

Party Before Frost



Wood Frogs (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) began their annual breeding in area forest vernal pools, and then temperatures plummeted below freezing again. The above photo of two couples and a single male wood frog was taken during the warmth of March 26 in the Petersburg woods. The status of the fertilized eggs is unknown. Below is another wood frog couple in the position called "amplexus," which is when the male is on the back of the female hugging her tightly. The couple usually swim around for hours in this position prior to when the male squeezes the eggs from the female. Photos taken by Trix Niernberger.



The Life Of George Holcomb

by George Holcomb • Transcribed by Betty McClave • Edited by Alex Brooks

Geo P. Sells Many Apple Trees

Tuesday April 16, 1850: This morning I took the ox team and sled and went to Judah Rowley's and got ten hundred and eighty one pounds of good hay and paid four dollars and ninety four cents and Geo P. paid four dollars and a half for the said hay. Doctor Bates came today again and doctored John F.

Friday: I this forenoon took the horses and wagon and got half a ton of hay to Noah Harrison's and paid him four dollars and fifty cents.

Tuesday: Some rainy this morning. Towards the middle of the day I took the ox team and wagon and went to Harvey Patchins and bought half a ton of hay and paid him four dollars and fifty cents cash in hand. Today John F. goes out for the first time after having the mumps.

Wednesday: John F. plowed sward on head land. Today is the first he has worked since he had the mumps. Tonight we kept a peddler that sold patent medicine, his name I did not learn. He was from Massachusetts and he found his own horse feed. He paid his bill, which was thirty one cents in his medicine, one bottle.

Monday: Geo P. and hired man worked in his nursery and at night Geo P. went with one hundred trees to Lebanon and left them with Jabez Babcock for a man in Boston and today Doctor Bates called and got one bushel of mercer potatoes at 44 cts and three and a half pounds of butter at 16 cents per and he credits the same to me.

Tuesday: Today Geo P. went with my two horse wagon and horse and Hiram Newton with his two horse wagon they went to Berlin and Petersburg and carried eleven hundred grafted apple trees. Geo P. did not return tonight.

Wednesday: Tonight Geo P. returned home from selling apple trees, he paid Hiram Newton four and a half dollars for carrying said trees. Today John F. took Geo P. fat sheep, 62 of them, on to my Rodgers farm to pasture.

Thursday: Old Mr. Perkins planted for Geo P. today and this afternoon the Irishman by the name of Mac Fitz Jerem planted. This afternoon I took my two horse wagon and fetched ten hundred and seventy two pounds of hay from Harvey Patching's at nine dollars per ton and I paid in cash five dollars for the hay and 60 cents due him yet, reckoning in the eighty cents on the load hay I got the other day.

Friday: Today Mr. Hall took a survey and gave or insured me of one thousand dollars on my house and outbuildings.

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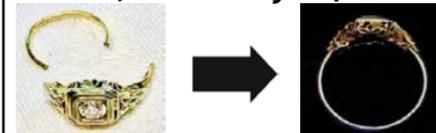
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