

Schooner Hattie G. Smith of Edgar town
Tuesday September 6th

Commences with light airs from Northward
& Calms some swell from Eastward at Sun
down saw a sail to the North West & latter
part light variable airs & Calms pleasant
we after saw a school Porpoises broke out
Water & Provisions were ship to N.W.

Wednesday September 7th Lat 38-12 North
48-30 West
Light airs from Westward Cloudy we after
Course N.W. which is as near as we can
go & keep our little sails full. Wind & tide
against us to Bad. Mid and latter part
Wind weather & course about the same
heavy dew Smoky Saw one sail to East
Washed ship & in gulf stream yet

Thursday September 8th Lat 38-54 North
Long 69-18 West
Light breezes from Westward Smoky sea Smoky
Weather Course to the N.W. all sail out
Finished washing ship. at 8 P.M. passed a Bark
steering Eastward latter part light breeze
from N.W. to N at 8 A.M. toward the Boat
& pulled along side Bark J. L. Pendagust of
Quebec from New York Bound to Cape Town
C. S. H. got his longitude 69° 03' West some Paper
at 9 took to N.W. at noon Wind N.E. Course
N.W. by N all sail out Lat 38-36 North
Long 69-41 West

Friday September 9th
fresh breeze from N.E. course N.W. by N all sail
Saw 4 vessels 4 steering to S.E. 2 steering Westward
at 2 A.M. Course N.W. by N to N.W. at daylight
North the Gulf Wind hauling to Southward
Saw 3 Steamers at 10 A.M. Steam ship & the
run off & cheered us she was Bound to the
N.W. had plenty passengers two Steamers
was bound Eastward Saw a Schooner to
the South & Bark in turn steering to S.E.

Lat 40-39 North
Long 71-06 West

Benjamin F. Nickerson Master A.D. 1881
Saturday September 10th

Commences with light airs from S.E. Steered
N.W. by N all sail out at one P.M. Sounded in 28
fathoms Water at 4 P.M. Best Chains to the Anchor
over hauled 6 fathoms Reins at 6 Cloudy we
then some Smoky to Westward Saw Rock & River
reef, passed a Barrel & Tub on the water at 9 P.M.
thick fog through the Night & latter part thick fog
light E. air and Calms Saw some sea weed
Sounded every half hour 17 to 18 fathoms Water
Sandy & gravel Bottom

No Observations

Sunday September 11th
Commences with light breeze from E to S.E.
thick weather light Rain Steered N.W. by N to
N.W. deepened the Water to 25 fathoms at 2 P.M.
Wind S.E. Steered N.W. by N to N at 4 P.M. got 7 fathoms
at 4-15 got 12 fathoms Steering N by W. home the Lead
Every five minutes from this time to 5-30 P.M. then we
heard the Horn a head and at 6 P.M. Saw the
light house on what we call Point Judith
Blast of Horn about 6 seconds interval about one
minute took ship to S.E. Fresh breeze E.N.E. thick
Weather Sounded in 6 fathoms Water took in our Boat
sails at 7 saw the light flash light 14 or 15 seconds
interval at 9-30 P.M. heard the Horn & what we call
a Steam Boat horn through. Light thick weather
stood off & on to Point Judith Caught sight
the light when we stood in shore at day light
stood in toward the Point & commenced to
work up towards Beavertail, Steamer Tansden
run off & spoke Saw several Steamers, Plenty
Schooners 2 Barges at 2 P.M. dined a count Best
Brentons Reef Light ship shaped course & steered
E.S.E. for Vine and Sound at 3-30 P.M. saw Cutter
Oyster came to assist & took us in tow for New
Bedford Arrived here about 7 P.M. Officer
Came on Board from the Cutter Captain
Nickerson & Boat crew went on shore