

## **Nathan Sprout**

A boy of tolerate ability but shows generally a good deal of indifference in using it to advantage. I do not mean to say he was indifferent about obtaining the good opinion of his teachers or visitors; on the contrary he was pleased when he saw them pleased; but there was a diffidence about him, which always kept him from showing off or endeavouring much to excel his class fellows.

On his first admittance into school he brought with him a good deal of Irish accent, which no doubt would be noticed by the rest of the boys, and perhaps might be the means of subjecting him to their ridicule; he never divested himself entirely of this peculiarity which I think may in a great measure account for his diffidence.

The outlines shown in the profile are remarkably striking – he was of diminutive stature, his voice was very powerful, but not pleasant – he had made considerable proficiency in accounts – read tolerably well – was perfect in the religious instruction the class had been taught which he was in, was a boy of general good conscience and left the school with good character – he was bound to John Killey, Tailor, Mount Pleasant, for 7 years, and was taken to reside in the house with his master.