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June 30th Friday 49

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July 1st 1893 Saturday

A beautiful day light wind

South. I paint Piazza. Flora, John &

Mrs. Lindley came over in Dodges boat

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July 3rd Monday

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July 5 ¹⁸⁹³ Wednesday Well, John, Flora and Mrs. Lindley went home this morning, I sorry to see John go away from home again. Wellie rowed them across and took the Post Office order over to Mr. Dodge to get the money forms.

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July 6th Thursday

Well I am

lonesome after John has gone home,
to lonesome to stay home alone all day
so Maud and I went up to Bells on
the Richelieu. Grace went to Kingston.
We had a pleasant time at Bells. Marjorie
and Beatrice came home with us. When
I got to the boat found Watson, Lib and
Harry aboard going to Bamfords for
a weeks visit percecuted [sic] by friends.
Late when I got home but got supper
for all.

July 7 Friday

A fine day

Woke up this morning to find
a lot of visitors once more for
a whole weeks stay. Well
I will put on the whole armor
of patience and hard work and
wade through. The Lord will
see me through. Grace cleaned floors
and made lemon pies. Lib cut out and
sewed on Mauds dress. Mr W. and H
went down to Wills rowed the skiff
[illegible]and Grace & the Watsons [illegible]

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July 8 Saturday

A fine day did not mop floors this day. Lib sewed on Mauds dress. After dinner Grace, Lib Watson & Harry went berrying. Wellie & Mart) haying

July 9 Sunday

A fine day

Charley, Belle and two little ones drove down to make a visit and take Marjorie and Beatrice home with them—were very much surprised to find we already had company. Well we had the usual amount of noise, cooking and eating, glad to have Bell & family come over sorry when she went home. Evening visitors Mrs Barries 4 d[illegible] and Mr Buck

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I made Wills family a [illegible]

July 10 Monday

A fine day. S wind. Grace, Maude and
H went berrying. Lib making
a dress for Grace. Watson
lying in hammock reading
Greek. I doing the housework
and cooking their meals.
Wellie and Mart at the hay
~~Volsome & his sisters here in eve~~

July 11 Tuesday

fine day but no finer
than this miserable pen. Lib work
on Graces dress. After noon
went over to Wills to sew
for Jen. Wellie and Mart
haying. Watson over to Wills
too. in Evening Harry, Maud
and Grace go over to Wills.
I stay home alone & have
a peaceful time. Grace done
washing to day.

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Wednesday July 12

wind south clouding

up early in morning. rains all forenoon.

Lib finishes Graces dress and mangles the clothes. Wellie and Mart build wire fence around Wellie's house. After

supper Grace, Harry and Mart go over to F. H. Dodges to get the \$33 dollars. Welly sent Cape Vincent order for Dodge said he had a hard time to get it.

Watson very sorry he couldn't go to make Wellie a visit on account of rain

Rec'd from Voltie 20 dollars for mills

Thursday July 13

rather muddy this morning

after yesterday's rain. Mr & Mrs Watson, Harry, Maud & Grace walk to dock and carry by hand their gripsack's and bags.

Mart drove in for them but found they were gone before he got back from factory.

Wellie drew a load of cheese to the dock this morning. Wellie and Mart drew hay to

this barn and gathered a good load out of

this yard. hived a swarm of bees. Wellie

cant get much help about haying. To day I

do just as I have a mind to. no one looking to me for a square meal though my [illegible]

pile had got so low the meals were [illegible]

[margin] the shore

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July 14 Friday 1893

Very warm day not much wind but South. Grace rowed boat down to Wellie's. I went Wellies, stayed all day. Grace and Maud went raspberrying from Wellies. Wellie, Mart and Will drawing hay and stacking. Eveline rowed me home. Muriel and Hubert came too. found Maud and Grace been home long time. Jill Niles came and went to post office with Grace. Nearly dark when E and children went home in boat

July 15 Saturday some what

cloudy Wind south, blowing fresh, barometer falling. very warm.

Wellie and Mart (and I think Will) drawing and stacking hay down by wellie's. Grace, Maud and I alone.

Grace cleaned floors. I washed windows and dishes, Maud done little work too.

Maude and I fed hogs and pulled pig weeds for the pigs George Williams and Will help [illegible]he draw & stack hay drew stone [illegible]nd here I paid G a dollar

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for his days work. Nearly
sunset. Wellie, Will, George,
and Martin drew hay for Will
Wellie helped uncle Smith
dock hay. ~~instead of drawing~~
~~hay for Will~~

Sunday 16 A hot clear July day.
Arose at 6 O'clock. Very quiet.
Mart and Maud went to church
and Sunday school. No visitors
till 2 O'clock. Will came bringing
Joseph Goodfellow & staid an hour
then went home. Grace and Maud
went over to Wills at 4. Goodfellow
came home with them, talked
awhile then went back to Wills
our marine glasses are a curiosity to
him never having seen any before.
He is looking for the lower school,
came from Marysville on bycycle [sic]
stayed all night at Sam Joslins
Silve Woodman came home [illegible]
[margin] Henry & Jill out driving

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July 17 Monday Forenoon

Cloudy slight rain. Grace went berrying, clear hot P.M. I preserved the raspberries. Wellie George Williams helped Will stack his hay.

Mart mowed hay with machine.

Flora and Ethel came home with

Grace to visit Maude. Grace and

Maud and I went over to

Will towards eve to fix the honey

supper~~but~~ staid till dark, going

to rain, hurried home before it

rains but shower worked around to soak

July 18 Tuesday a fine day no

rain. Grace washed. Wellie George Williams, Will Dixon & Mart haying

towards night. Will and Goodfeller came over with honey super [superstructure]

and put them on the hive, one

super most full now. Grace

and Maud went over to Wills at

noon to carry the suppers [superstructures] for

Will to fix

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July 19 Wednesday

I dont feel

very well at all but had a visitor
all day. Mr Goodfellow came in the
morning and stayed 'till after dark.

Talked potry [sic] ancient and modern
history, read and lay in Hammock
for the first time and looked through
the marine glasses for the first time

July 20 Thursday A very fine day

Wind South no rain. Wellie

and I went to K. Belle went

too. great time all neighbors out

getting their cheese money at

the bank. Had a very pleasant

day, paid some of Wells debts.

I drew, 15 dollars on an Order.

Wells sent to pay off hired help.

Miss Bird came down with Wickham

to Wills Dixon. Goodfellow went up

on the boat this morning with his

bycicle [sic]

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July 21 Friday

A very warm day

Wind South no rain. Wellie, Will

and George Williams & Martin

haying. they drew ten loads of hay

for Wellie and two for Will Martin.

brought Eveline and the children up

in milk waggon so Eveline could sew

on the machine Huberts dress. We had

letters from Voltie and one from

"Hugh Land Office" I dont feel

very well after going to Kingston

yesterday. Grace picked and shelled peas

and carried them to Eveline, came back and

went up to Mr Niles with oil can and a

dollar to get oil and paris green for tater

bags

Saturday July 22nd.

A very warm day Wind South

with heavy thunder shower, first rain

in nearly or quite two weeks. Maude

went to pick peas. Grace and I

went and picked the red raspberries

and preserved them. Grace got something

in her eye. Jen and Miss Bird & Charles

picking peas for dinner. Grace cleaned floors.

I churned, baked bread, wash dishes, got dinner,

heard Maude read. Maud is very hard

yet to learn. We cooked the beef E

sent us, looked over my account

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July 23rd Sunday 1893. A fine cool day after yesterdays rain. We are realy [sic] alone all day except Shelly Niles came a little while. we sleep & read and do just as we have a mind too. We had green peas and Raspberries for dinner

Monday 24 July A fine cool day Wellie, Will and Mart haying. Grace piercing a wollen [sic] quilt and sewing carpet rags. I am in the rag trade too

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62 Tuesday July 25 - 93.

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28 September Saturday ~~1894~~ 1898

The Watsons came again Harry Watson & Lib and stayed ~~stayed~~

5 days this time. I hope this is

their last visit for a while, a year

at least and three years for Harry

if ever

Some time in Nov one Saturday eve

The Watsons burst in upon us again.

J W Watson and Wife stayed again

till Thursday, Well when again

[practice writing various samples of letter T]

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Dec 17th - 1893 Sunday

A long time ago since I wrote in this diary. Voltie came home a week ago Friday. Winter is come earlier this year than usual. The North channel is not quite frozen over but the Pierpont could not get in to Breakeys bay on Thursday last, which was a great disapointment [sic] to so many who had gathered there to go to Kingston to get their Christmas things. I have been sick with Grippe a week and sick enough too. Wells sick the same length of time. I am better but I dont think Wells gets along very fast he goes

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out door too much. He ought not to go out at all. Poor dear little Grace is half sick with grippe takes care of us all, and does all the house work. Maude is sick too with the same complaint but is better. Mart has had a cold all the week, and this morning Voltie is sneezing, going to have grippe too I guess. But Oh I thank god we are all living yet and I feel more and more every day how dependent we are upon his mercy. Well the boat couldn't get into Hallidays Thursday. But this past week the boys have butchered. Voltie went to Charleys Wednesday evening with team thinking to go from there on the boat Thursday morning but no boat so drove to Marysville and went to

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Town from there with a grist of
wheat for ourselves Wellie and Will
Goodfellow called on us Tuesday
evening. his school is finished
Voltie stayed all night with Mr
Watson Thursday night and came
down home on Friday and
brought medicine for the family.
Wellie has had the grippe so
he can help take care of us
Monday 18th Voltie got up
early this morning and went across
the river for Dr B. Ed Bates went
with him, got back about noon.
Im better any way. I dont think
I need a doctor. Wells pretty bad.
Dr left medicine for Wells, Grace &
Maude and I. Wells is mad
that Voltie went for a dock

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says it is 3 dollars thrown away
says Rum is the stuff. going to
send tomorrow by Wellie to get rum.
Grace, Wellie and Ed Bates going
to Kingston tomorrow if good day.
Bob Horn here waiting for the Dr
to take him to Geo Ranous The
Ranous family all down with grippe.
Voltie and Bob H saw the Dr
across the river again. The Dr, Bob H
and Ed Bates ate dinner here
Will Dixon went to Kingston
Dec 1893

Tuesday 19th Stormy day so didn't
go to K after all. Ed came early
but went back to Bill Smith's
again after going to post Office
to mail letters for Smiths folks &
Grace. Grace sent letters to John
and Nellie Guy. Will came and
brought two lemons fresh ones he

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gave Ruth Woodman one.
Sam & Ruth are both sick
with Grippe. Frank Woodman
in Kingston sick with Grippe.
I churned. I sent Sam and
Ruth 2 quinine pills.

On evening Voltie carried them
some honey and in return
they gave him some sweet
apples.

Dec 20 Wednesday.

Grippe hangs on
yet. Wells cough pretty bad and
my throat is sore. Wells went
to the barn. The day is very
pleasant. I read most all
day. Wellie came and carried
home his crock of butter and
a big piece of cheese. Will

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is canvassing for seed potatoes
and doing good business.
Wellie and Grace are intending
to go to the city tomorrow. I
have got so I can eat potatoes
and gravy. James McKay was carried to the
Marysville to day to be doctored for his foot.
Dec 24 Thursday. Wind blowing a
gale from the South this morning
so Wellie and Grace stay home.
I can wash dishes now but
my head and throat is sore
yet and a hard cough. I
knit on the choir tidy to day
and drink lemonade.
Maud takes a nap every afternoon.
V thinks he is coming down with
gripp too. Welly and Grace intend
going to K tomorrow, a cloudy
day

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Dec 22 1893 Friday

Jan 4th Friday 1895

A clear bright

winter day and all are well.

Each member of this family are at their respective employment. Bamford is

mending old harness. Voltie working in the blacksmith shop. Mart choring around.

Wells Jr here twice, very happy, cheerful and pleasant. Shelly Niles here visiting all

afternoon. I darn Marts old macknaws and Mart overalls, sew carpet rags and

make nine prints for Market

~~Dec 23rd Saturday. Saturday~~

5 Jan 1896

Very cold morning,

river frozen from shore to shore

fore noon. Mart and V drew hay PM,

sawed wood and went skating.

Shelly Niles came and staid all PM.

Wells Sr & Will went to Marysville for

groceries and coal. An intensely

cold day, came home after dark,

very cold. Geo Rattray scattered coal all

the way from the village to Rogans

because his end board was up.

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~~Dec 24th Sunday 1898~~

Sunday 6 Jan 1895

Snowing all night, skating spoiled by snow, not very cold. John Smith burried to day. G & V went to the funeral held at the espicopal church and from there went over to Bells to make a very small visit, came home after dark. Raining some. Will here to supper drew dutchman in Mauds drawing book. A most enjoyable day but I am tired.

Dec 25 Monday 1883 Christmas

Ground nearly bare. Charley, Belle & Children came down in sleigh for the first Christmas they were ever here. We had a very pleasant time and would have had a better but we were none of us well from the grip, and Belle says if all is well, she, Charles and the children will spend next christmas with us. Well they go home early but got caught in rain before reaching home but they sat in bottom of sleigh and Charley covered them [illegible] with Buffalo robes so they wouldn't get wet.

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~~Dec 26~~ Monday 7 Jan 1893

A soft windless day, a drizzling rain all forenoon. Grace washing. Wells Sr put a handle in the umbrella. Voltie helping Will and Wells Jr draw wood from the swale. Maud and I wash the breakfast dishes and then I get dinner. Bamford cut the beef. After dinner Will came over and they all went to election. Scrub Woodman and Develo Breabey running for councilors. Will D going up the Island canvassing for seed potatoes and fruit trees.

~~Dec 27~~ Tuesday 8 January 1895

A soft day thaws snow soft, no wind. Cloudy. Bamford coping home. Voltie & Junior drawing a half ton hay to John McCann. Maud trying to study music.

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~~Dec 28~~ Wednesday 9 Jan 1895

A lovely day, sun shining brightly on the bright frozen snow and the ice covered branches of the trees reflect the rays of the sun with the brilliance of diamonds and gems of every hue and color.

The winter landscape is truly beautiful.

Grace making herself a dress, color- red.

Bamford coping the house all day. Mart choring around and skating as usual.

Voltie working in shop. Maud doing as she pleases. Evening V and Mr JN & GN went to Wells Jr to play poker. After 10 O'clock

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when returned. Saw Mart's ghost this evening at bed time. Though it was Mart all right in in the flesh. Mart says it was not ~~him~~ he, but Marting lies. Martin is a liar anyway. E Joslin burried to day.

Thursday 10 Jan 1896

A cold morning. Wind NE and begins snowing about 9 AM and now falling fast. Did intend going to W Jrs for a days visit but too stormy. Welly came up after breakfast on the ice (skating). Bamford mending horse lines where they had been fastened together by cutting a sht

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in one end of the broken line and
passing the other end through the sht
and then putting a long screw through
the whole end. A pattent [sic] right invention
of Ino boys; so the father says. I
suppose he is astonished at their cleverness.
Ranous drawing hay from lower place.
Wallace and George went over the
river through the storm to Millen's Bay for toques. Wall came here for Voltie
to go with him. V didn't go.

~~Dec 31~~ Friday Jan 1 1895

Grace washed the colored
clothes a soft day, cloudy, wind NE.
Voltie went to help Wellie set nets
but found the ice very poor,
didn't set any. Mart choring around
as usual. Bamford mending harness
in Kitchen. Mart went for the meal.
Thawing all day with some rain
in P.M., weather very thick and
dark.
Voltie over to Wills in evening.

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~~Jan 1 Monday 1894~~

Saturday 12 Jan 1895

A glorious day, bright warm and clear. Seldom such a day at this season. Set outside, doors open.

Maude and her sled & the dog out nearly all day. Volties & Wells Jr making ice tongs. Bamford caping the house all day. Grace cleaned floors & made cookies. I worked my dress skirt, took a nap. Wellie here to dinner. Mr J Niles crossed the ice this morning and back again, reports ice very poor indeed full of holes. Wallace & Geo here this eve playing cards.

Voltie helped Will carry in bees true

Sunday 13th Jan 1895

Intended going to Belle's this morning, Maude & I, but a wild snow storm is raging from the North, wind fiercely blowing, snow drifting. Alone all day. Wellie didn't come up to day.

Jack and Shell out skating during the short lull in the storm.

Geo & Mart going courting this evening to Horn's, storm so hard they couldn't go.

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Monday 14 Jan 1890

A stormy day snowing and blowing all day to day & all last night drifting into cattle and horses stay in stables. Mr Woodman's driving their cattle through the blinding storm to the river to water.

Will D has no coal for their stove.

Would like to have grandmother over if she could get here. Grace sewing a quilt. I sew and cut carpet rags.

Tuesday 15 Jan 1895

A stormy

day snowing and blowing. Very doubtful if OBrien goes for the mail. Ought to write a letter but not get time, cannot wash no soap. Voltie went in evening to Mr Niles for tobacco. Mart folowed [sic] him under pretence of going to post office.

OBrien drove down on ice with mail

(or Soban) J OBrien gone to a weding.

Miss Dee married to a Brown.

Snowed all day; cold medium.

Morgan's boys at J Niles; played cards

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Wednesday 16 Jan

A fine

day, light wind S.W. Charles Woodman
drove up on the ice to Kingston.

V & Mart drew three loads of hay
from old barn or stock after dinner.

V went over and brought his grandmother
here, first time she been here since last

April. No kerosine. V went to Mr

Niles to borrow kerosine after dark. Mart
rigged out again for Horns; going with Wallace.

Wallace didn't care to go with Mart. A J Niles young
people gone visiting to George Ranous instead. Mart disapointed
again.

Thursday 17 Jan 1895

A fine day

wind S.W., swing around to North towards eve.

V and Mart drew straw and after dinner
went to River view for kerosine; drew it over on
Mr JN's sled. Said crossing good enough
for horse. Will Dixon went up the Island
canvassing for trees; came back at evening time.

Wells started to go to special school meeting
at 10 A.M. but learned it was appointed at
one P.M. so called at Samy's and made a
visit; came home to dinner and then went
to school meeting and adjusted their school
affairs all right. Bamford going to turn the benches
around for a dollar; glad he's got a job.

No teacher yet; V brought news that
Norman Petrie and Jesse Reid has a lawsuit. Reid
won the suit.

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Friday 18 Jan 1895

A cold freezing morning preceded a frozen night. Not much wind, dark clouds lying off Southward, dark blue. A cloudy sky. Wells Sr gone to the school house with a market basket of tools to work at his cash job, didn't get through till 4 O'clock. Voltie and Mart sawed the maple logs for stove wood. Wellie here to dinner. Voltie carried W.G. Woodman's letter to Geo Niles chosen friends meet this eve at G.W.W.'s. Will canvassing the foot of Island for apples trees & taters. Charlie Dixon came and brought me pies.

Jan 19 January 1895

A cold morning freezing hard. Wind West. Voltie bushed a road across the river just forming & the house came back after dark. Will went to Carlton Island and the Bay for oil. Rachel came home with]]Grandmother Dixon]] here came last Wednesday. Rachel ate supper here then Will came and he went over home with him.

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Jan 20 Sunday

A mild day

Wind S. Wells Sr, Maud and I went over to Belle's in sleigh found roads very good. Had a fine visit only the children went out playing in the snow and came in covered with snow from head to foot. Came home again just at dark, found R here. Grandmother did not go home, found her here too. Voltie and Charley Woodman[Chas Woodman]] drove to corners saw Buchanan about lung complaint. Dont believe any thing ails either of them. A cloudy day, looks like a thaw. Wellington Smith here - gone home now away across the ice & away, away, away.

Jan 21st 1895 Monday

A mild

soft cloudy day. Voltie gone with Rachel to Carleton Island. Will D and Charley over here came for their oil. GD gave young C a reprimand for striking his sister Flora. Well tis 20 minutes past 11 AM, suppose I will have to look around about the dinner. Heard this day that Frank Woodman has got the best head and most brains of any shote on the Island. So his brother Charles says. Suppose his brother Charles knocked some sence [sic: sense] into him when when he got him out in the field and laugh when he used to give him a pounding every day so as to make an M.D. of Frankie by swan going to rain.

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Jan 22nd Tuesday 1895

Rained all night but frozen.

Go to Kingston but a blinding blizzard
of a snow storm set in from S.E.

so they unhitched the horses from
the sleigh and postponed [sic] going.

Woodmans went, J Niles went. Storming
all day but not cold. Voltie working
in shop all day. Wells Sr covering an
old umbrella. Mail; the White, Yankee,
letters from Miss Healey, John Bamford, Voltie
potatoe outfit & a letter for me from Dick Brown.
Mart lost Wellies paper, Kingston News - coming home.

Jan 23rd Wednesday 1896

A beautiful bright day. Wind South West. Wellie and Will
gone to Kingston, Ed Bates came over
stoped at Wellie's awhile then came up here
and stayed till Wellie & Will came home from
Kingston. Duneau Juire drove down inviting to
a dance at Will Dixon's to be given Friday
evening. Frank Woodman here. Will D, Frank W & J.D.B. went to Griffens River View
to a dance walked across the ice.
Martin gone over to stay all night
with Jen and the children.
Henry Halliday & Matilda Niles married this
morning

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Jan 24 Thursday 1895

Will and Voltie came at 6 O'clock this morning. The dance a failure on account of a slim attendance. Not going to give any more parties. Voltie went immediately to bed and did not get up till eleven O'clock AM. A cold morning and growing colder toward night. West wind. Wellie here & drew wood from the swale. Will & Charles here for one bag of their coal. Send Mart to Mrs Niles' for a butter basket. Churned to day and made 15 lbs of butter for market. Grace & Voltie going to Kingston tomorrow morning.

Jan 25 Friday 1895

Arose at 1/2 past 4 O'clock. A fine morning, bright clear and cold. Voltie and Grace gone to Kingston came back at 1/2 past 2 O'clock PM and went to Will's to an evening party. Mart went too. Stormed all night from the North wind and snow. A terrible storm. Whole party had to stay all night. Horn's team brought Voltie and Grace home in the morning at daylight. A tough time for the party from up the Island to go home. The Jimies and Archie Berry. Frank Woodman ate so much made himself sick.

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Jan 25 Saturday 1895

A stormy morning from the North. Voltie, Grace & Mart came home at breakfast time. After breakfast Grace went to bed and slept till two O'clock PM. Mart slept till dinner was on the table. Voltie called him up to dinner. Voltie worked in the shop all day. Wells Jr here to dinner. The storm increasing to the most severe winter snow storm I ever saw. Very hard work to get water enough to cook our meals. V wading in snow above his knees to get water from the river. Will came over and carried a half bushel of coal home on his back but the wind went around to the South and snowed and blew harder than ever. And continues to howl and storm all night, the hardest I ever heard.

Jan 27th January Sunday 1895

A fearful stormy morning. Wind West & blowing and snowing such a blinding snow storm cannot see a rod from the door for drifting snow banked high and continues the same all day. The more packed so hard a man can walk on top of the drifts. Will here for more coal. Frank Woodman here wants Voltie to go with him to Morgans going to try and walk up there in this storm. Voltie will not go.

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Jan 17 28th January Monday

A fine morning Wind W.

Frank Woodman goes to lower school.

Voltie & Mart draw wood from - I dont know where. Wellie here. Grandmother goes

home. Voltie drives down the river for

Lizzie Horn, couldn't come this eve.

Clouds over cast the sky and snow

falls again.

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Jan 18 Thursday 1894

Arose very early this morning. Wells, Voltie

and Grace going to Kingston. Ground bare,

no snow so drive with sleigh across

by Mike Obriens and so back by Johns Obriens

and take the ice to Kingston. So far this Winter

the ice is poor. They drove back on the ice

all the way home. Will and Jen gone to

the weding [sic]. Annie Gillespie and Charles Ferming

married to day. Will brought the four youngsters

over here while they are gone to Howe Island.

Clara Woodman died this A.M. at 11 Oclock.

Wells, Voltie & Grace came home quite early before dark,

drove all the way home on the ice. Grace frightened ice

so badly cracked. They done very well with the

marketing (turkeys and butter). Wells bought me a

clothes basket and 59 yds factory unbleached and

7 yd toweling, onions. Voltie left his rubbers

and a new pair of pants for Mart in town.

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Jan 19th Friday 1894

A very fine day, wind North.

Wells went down to Wellingtons to get sleigh bolts made and stayed to dinner. Mrs & Mrs Eben Joslin there since Saturday. They have had the grippe. Wellie came up awhile. Will and Jen came home from the Weding. Will came over for the children and they didn't want to go home. W said the weding was a dull affair. Voltie went down to the wake at Will Woodmans and did not get home till 10 AM next day. Mary Woodman and Ed Bates & Sarah Gillespie there & Wallie Niles.

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Ed & Grace out skating at eve.

Jan 20th Saturday 1894.

Sun shining out, clear. Clara Woodman burried [sic] to day. Afternoon Wells went over the river to see Van & found him much better. A great time for ice boating and skating. Grace, Maude, Voltie and Martin out all PM.

Towards eve the wind springs up from South E and blows a harraycon [hurricane].

The ice boats fly like lightning.

The skaters fly before the wind.

Mart ride back on the ice boat.

Frank Woodman dont get our much this winter, too dull. Ed Bates here in evening.

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Jan 21 Sunday 1894

Wind S.E. Blowing a gale
and raining hard. Ground
bare. Not any snow for a long time.
A very bad winter so far. Ice badly
cracked. Sunday PM clears up and a
very fine day. No one called on us to day,
not even Wellie. Wells, Voltie & Mart are sitting
side by side in a row with elbows on their knees
reading; Walls the Whig, Voltie the News and
Mart the Yankee Blade.

Jan 22 Monday 1894. A very fine
day. Wind west not very cold cold.
Charley Woodman, McNeely & Voltie
go to Millens Bay on Wellies ice boat,
went at 11 O'clock AM, going to be gone
one hour but gone till half past three.
Then Voltie goes to help Wellie run sturgeon
net at foot of Island & got a sturgeon.
Grace & E Bates out skating in evening.
Mart skating too. Maud commenced going to
school this morning. Lill Niles here in evening
to get subscribing for Newspaper started to go
home but came back again with Grace and Maud
till 1/2 9 O'clock eve. V goes home with her after
they all have played and danced two hours.
No snow, ground bare. Will gone again on
his commissionor to Howe Island. Grace done
big washing.

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Tuesday 23rd

A very fine day like

spring, no snow on land or ice.

Wells & Kelly gone to Kingston on the ice. Maud gone to school. Voltie & Mart went to Lindas Isle for setting up wood.

Voltie came back, stoped & chopped some wood

for Eveline. After dinner drew straw from

stack then Voltie helped churn and went

with Frank Woodman to draw a load of

wood, for Charley Woodman has gone for

the doctor for his father who has got the

grip. Grace finished her waist for the

ball. Grace went to post a letter to Montreal

and found the McNeeley's just starting for

home. Wells and Wells Jr came home

at 7 PM. Henry Holliday here

in evening and went skating

with Lill Niles. All the rest of the

youngsters at Breakeys Bay

Wednesday 24th

Cloudy morning

and springing up from the

South, blowing a gale. Gulls flying

from the Lake. Voltie and Mart

went to Lindas Isle to pick up

the wood & get back at dinner time.

A disapointment to Grace and V

on account of the storm for they

cannot go to the ball. Storming

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hard rain and wind terrific.

Voltie hitched up and went for Maud, Shelly & Milly and bring them from School. Mr Niles came home from Marysville through all the storm. He drove up in his buggy. The ice from Marysville to Kingston very poor

Jan 25 Thursday 1894

Voltie came down stairs this morning singing after the ball is over.

A still bright clear morning. Wind N, ground bare and frozen, ice glittering in the sunlight. Wellie, Voltie, Mart and Wells Sr went to Lindas Island for wood found the ice good for a double team and heavy load, drew one load for Wellie. After dinner Grace to get subscribers for the Ladies World but got wrong, went to C Woodmans, Obriens, Barrys. After supper she went to Mrs Niles to make an evening call. Voltie went with Will, H Woodman to Clubbing bay on ice foat [sic] for oil, had to push the boat most of the way over and back again. about 8 pm. George Morgan Jr came home with V and stayed till 10 PM

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Jan 26 Friday 1894

Sun rose clear but soon grows cloudy, a very cold morning wind East. Voltie, Mart & Wells Sr drew wood from the Isle. Wellie went to grapple for his sturgeon net. ground bare and hard frozen with the furrows and hollows filled with ice. The weather clouds and air threatens snow and hope we will get good sleighing for we have had none this winter. Wells is just saying that before long the roads will be so filled with snow that it could be hard to get through the snow.

Saturday Jan 27th 1894

A fine day. Wind SE, very pleasant, about an inch of snow on the ground and ice. Wellie, Voltie & Mart drawing the straw stack in the barn all A.M. Wellie stayed to dinner. Made E a lemon cake. After dinner V went to O'Briens to get the horses shod. O'Brien not at home - gone visiting sturgeon net. Wells Sr making a lounge from an old bedstead. I mended clothes and ironed patch work pieces. Grace cleaned floors &c &c

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Jan 28 Sunday 1894

A quiet half cloudy day not very cold. No one here except Will called about a sick calf, been hooked. Voltie & Grace spent the day at Wellie's had a pleasant time and in evening went to church. Maud going too. E Bates piloted Will Alen & wife across to the American shore they are going to visit their relatives and friends. The Sabath day comes gently to a close and all is well

29 Jan Monday

A mild cloudy day looks like rain or snow. Wind South. Voltie went to James OBrien to get the horses shod, came home just in time for dinner. Wells Jr got one sturgeon and pulled out the net, all snarled and full of weeds. Heard this day something terrible. Why should I write in this diary that Cobet had killed Mr Athel in a prize fight. Snow begins falling fast, heavy, full of snow from the North East. Grace & Voltie instead going to Kingston tomorrow & stop at Marysville to the Ball tomorrow eve. Grace and I dressed three turkeys for market. Mart commenced going to school this morning. Voltie drove to school house through the storm for Maud.

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Tuesday 30 Jan 1894

Snow piled up very deep this morning. Voltie wallowed through the snow this morning to the river for a pail of water, snow above his knees and still snowing fast and steady.

So once more the Marysville Ball is a failure and disappointment, but V & G do not care. Maud will have to stay home from school to day and the turkeys will have to lay in the market basket till the storm is over and the roads are plowed. Lill Niles has a quilting party the PM and V drove with Grace to the quilting, this party is in honor of Lill's birth day. Well after V got back from the quilting we heard Will Gillespie's child is dead. So they have no evening party at J Niles. Jim Obrien went for the sprail and stand is the box
Jan 31

Wednesday. A fine bright day, rather cold. Wind W.

Wellie came up to pull the fish net and draw hay, and then drove to foot to get fish and I go down to Eveline's on the sleigh and stay all day. Wellie got 2 sturgeon from the lower nets, snow on the ice is very deep as well as every where else in the evening. V & G & M go to Mission meeting. V goes home with Lill. Mart comes home very noisy and smoking around

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the rooms before he goes to bed, rolling the stone and talking loud waking every one that is sleeping. Maude & M went to school this morning

Feb 1st 1893

A very pleasant day, still, no wind but cloudy around the horizon. Voltie & Grace gone to Kingston in cutter. Will came early but went up with J.N. Wells Sr carried Mart & Maude to school on sleigh. Wells Jr came to his uper nets but no fish. Wellie brought me a sturgeon, cooked some for dinner. Wellie drew two loads of wood for himself. I caught a slight cold and do not feel very well to day. V & G carried up the last (free) turkeys to day. I have a very quiet peaceful day. Wells working in barn making a door for the back stable, went with team for Maud & Mart but met them by the consession. School very noisy and disorderly. V & G came just in the edge of the evening. After supper, M went to stay with Jen. An altercation this morning between W vs Will & Voltie concerning the humorous proclivities of his Reverence, Mr White.

Feb 2nd This morning the sun rose clear in a cloudless sky. A light frosty mist hangs over the landscape. The clear whiteness of snow is every where, covering up and hiding every shrub stone and deeply draped in [fields?]. This is the anniversary of my weding.

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day 34 years married it seems a thousand years ago. Wells, Wellie, Voltie & Mart gone to Lindas for wood and a barn frame, fence post &c and worked at the business all day. Grace done big washing and hung the clothes on the line. Wellie sent his sturgeon up on the sleigh and came up in the evening and took the pelts off. Welly & Wells are going to K tomorrow. Voltie and Grace intended going to the singing practice at W.G.W. but so late when they got through with their work, concluded to stay home. V went for mail. Weather looks very much like a storm. The bear could see his shadow this day.

Saturday Feb 3rd 1894

A quiet morning

sky, very much over cast with clouds threatning snow. Rose early ate breakfast by lamplight. Wellie came and Wells and Wellie gone to the city by the open roads. River roads are filled with snow. Mart and Voltie drove down to Wellies nets & captured 6 sturgeon. A very good haul indeed. Wells and his father came home at 8 PM found the roads badly drifted. George and Wallace Niles here in evening and after supper. V is

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Mart & The Niles boys went over to Wells to play cards stayed till eleven O'clock. Wellie drew this merchandise down on Mauds sled.

Sunday 4 Feb 1894

Service held three times in church to day.

Quarterly meeting, service conducted by Rev Barret, assisted by Rev White.

Grace attended service three times and after evening service went home with Mary and William, the ministers going too. Ed Bates ate supper with us. Wells reading his news paper all day. I read Scotts poem Lord of the Isle, cold, Wind N

Monday. A fine day but very cold wind N. Wellie, Voltie and Wells drew two logs for barn frame from Lindas, then Grace came down from Williams with Will & the Ministers. Then Voltie & Grace start for the villiage at 8 oclock, going to the ball. M at school. Maude at home. Dick Brown came to W Dixon's from Gananoque

Tuesday 6th Feb 1894.

A fine day, Wind

South. V & G came home early this morning in time for breakfast. Had a fine time at the Ball. They went to bed and slept till nearly three o'clock p.m. Wells drove to Millens Bay for kerosine found the roads difficult to travel. Will & Dick here grinding axes. Wellie here running net got none - gave him sweet milk and sour cream. A dance at Eben Joslins. George & Lill Niles, Maud & Mart went to school to day

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Feb 7th Wednesday 1894

A very fine day but the wind blowing from South. Ash Wednesday to day, Lent begins and so does fasting for 40 days. Maud & Mart goes to school. Maude started to walk But Voltie hitched up team and caught up with her before she got too the church. Walking very bad for children. V and Wells drew four logs from Linda's this forenoon

Thursday 8

A mild cloudy day, thawing ground, bare in a few spots. Rained some in the night. Wells went to Kingston with double team. Mart & Maude went to school. V drove to school house. Welly came up and took team and drew wood for himself then Wellie & Voltie went to Ed Rattray's chopping bee. Mart came home at noon to do the chores. Maud after lingering along the road, walking coming from school with both feet wet. Buttons all torn from her apron and Mart had slaped her in the face in school time for making faces at him. Mart chewing tobacco and whistling desk

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Friday 9 Feb 1894

A cold morning, Wind N begins snowing at 10 AM, snowing thick & fast all day. V & Mart brough [sic] water for Grace to wash. Grace done big washing as usual but stormed so hard, could not hang them on the line so left them in the tub. V and W Jr drew wood for Wellie and then drew hay from the stock. Mart went to school. Grace & V were going to Niles to practice singing but as they were getting ready Wallace [sic] and George came in with their coats covered with snow & said there would no one meet there to sing this evening so they staid home and Wallace went to Mr Woodmans for the mail while V & George played poker. Will came over awhile after dinner and Voltie and Will cleaned the organ

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Saturday 10 Feb 2894

Raining morning, Wind S.

Blowing hard. Afternoon Snow & freezing. Will here in the morning prepared to go on the potato mission.

But Snub Woodman went and left him because he did not drive the ice.

Wells finished the lounge. Voltie reeled carpet rags. Grace sick all day, caught a cold yesterday. I moped [sic] floors and done all the Saturday work. Snow,

soft ice covered with water. Voltie in the evening went on horse back to Mr Niles to buy tobacco of [sic] Wallace and came back at 1/2 past nine PM. Mart went for the mail this morning, a letter from Johny and one from Rachel.

Sunday 11 Feb 1894

Wind West and cold cloudy but clearing up at 10 AM.

sun shining out clear. Would like to go to Belle's but cold and going very very slow.

Frank Bamford skated over and brought Wells a letter from Clayton. WallaceNiles & Mart went over the river to Old Hides Boy for tobac. Dick Brown came over a while. Ed Bates here in evening

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Monday 12 Feb 1894

A very cold morning but Ed Bates and Will drove up the ice to Kingston. Ed gone out with a load of clothes bars to peddle. Will going to help him and then going on his own buisness [sic] It keeps growing colder and thickening up for a storm. At three oclock PM a terrible snow storm from the North with wind and cold, very cold. I dont think Ed Bateswill come home this night nor Mr J Niles and George Niles. They went up to Town this morning. Mart went to school and came home with a black eye. The school is bad as ever. Wells oiling harness in the kitchen. Wellie drew a load of wood. The Doctor over to see Sam and Lill Joslin.

Tuesday 13th Feb 1894

A terrible storm of wind and snow from the North. None so bad for a number of years so Wells says and so very cold. The storm with snow howled all night drifts piled up everywhere. Dont know as Ed Bates came home or not. Dont know as J Niles & George

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came home or not. Dont think
O'brien can go for the mail to day.
Mart & V carried water to the horses and
the cows out only long time enough to drink.
Wells oiling harness in Kitchen and
Mart & Voltie studying Arithmetic
all day. No one here to day,
milder towards evening, but freezing
hard.

Wednesday 14th Feb 1894

A beautiful fine day just cold enough to freeze
a little. Wellington drove to Kingston.
Wellie came up and brought the
chair tidy. Wellie got two sturgeon
from the nets & Wellie and Voltie are
going to Kingston tomorrow
with hay if it is a fine day. Wells Sr
finished oiling the harness and
Maud went out and got stuck in
a snow bank. Voltie and Mart
drew 4 loads of hay from the stack.
Then Mart went down to help Wellie
saw wood. Voltie went to the lecture
 $2/2$ of $1/8 = 1/6$ anent courtship & marriage
delivered by Rev Mr White
Methodist church

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Thursday 15 February 1894

A snowy day freezing North. Voltie & Mart studying Arithmetic all day. Mart in Reduction and V in complex fractions. Wells making sleigh box. I am mending shirts. Grace crocheting a spool bag and Maude does as she likes. The day and Evening passed away very pleasantly as usual. The storm prevented going to the city as W & V had intended.

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A fine clear cold day.
Wind North. Voltie decorded the sleigh by his fathers request. Wellie came for the sled to draw wood & Charl helped Wellie get wood from the swale. After dinner, V & W JR and W Sr went over the river to the Island for wood. Wells going to Linda's. Grace mending a dress for herself. I washed and ironed some things. Voltie came back and and [sic] then drove over in cutter, for his father. Wallace Niles came in evening and he and Mart intended to go over to Jens to play cards.

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but went to Burnhams instead.
Dick came and brought our mail.
A letter from Nellie Grey, one from
Rairy Wand, one from George
Kirkpatrick's office.

Saturday 17

A bright morning, boys
gone to Kingston with hay. The
wind blows as hard from east
and blusters. I colorad Mauds
dress and dried & ironed it
and done baking. Grace cleaned
upstairs and cleaned down stairs.
Maud helped a little. V & Mart
working out doors. Boys came
home from city at seven, brought
Will Allen & Will Dixon with
them.

Sunday 18

Rained all night but cleared
away midday. Wind blowing hard from
South. Ma, Voltie & Maud gone to Belles.
Mart going to Niles. Pa & G at

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house alone. Wellie came up and Will Allen went down to Smiths with him. He says he has a lead on him as large as our cheese lot.

This morning Wallace Miles came down for Arthur to go home with him. M stayed for dinner up there then he came home & W came with him and help do chores then the two went over to Will Dixons.

Monday 19

Wind South West,

a very pleasant day, the boys and Capt. drew wood from the Isle. Martin gone to school.

Maud & Grace done house work and I cut carpet rags.

W. Dixon here for violin & song book. Voltie & W gave gone to the fish nets. The beggars gone down the isl to night.

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Tuesday 20th quite a pleasant day. Wind blowing South, blustered some this morning. Wells Sr gone to Clayton N.Y. Wells Jr & Voltie are over at the Island. Martin at school. Maud & Grace alone to-day. Ma finished sewing our carpet rags: that was cut yesterday. W.G. Woodman & family went to Watertown to day. Charlie Woodman went for Dr yesterday for his father. They boys intended going to Kingston to-day with hay but wind blew to hard

Wednesday 21st

A very pleasant day. Wellie gone to Kingston with hay Will Dixon went with him. Martin gone to school. Voltie & Pa drawing hay and done other little odd work in the evening. Voltie drove G & M to Mrs Niles to spend the eve found G & Lill gone to Joslins

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Thursday 22nd

A very stormy day. Wind South West, too stormy to draw hay to Kingston.

A dance to-night at A. Persy's.

Charlie Woodman here. Martin gone to school. Voltie mended.

Bobbe to draw hay on cleared away towards night. Voltie & Grace went to the dance, had a fine time, got home at 3 O'clock in the morning, slept until 5

Friday 23rd

A fine day, very cold.

Wills Jr & Capt went to Kingston with hay. We had breakfast at 6 O'clock. The work all done up at 7.

Martin stays at home from school.

Grant went to bed after dinner awhile. Voltie was "snoozing", the assessor came, Will Fauset

Sat 23~~4~~ rd

Another cold day. Wells Jr & Martin gone to the city. Capt. gone to Clayton. Grace & M and & Voltie at home alone. Grace did all house work. M is grunting around.

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with sore throat. Pa came home early from Clayton, his hands nearly frozen. Wells & Martin home from Kingston early (W, D came with them. I think the wind is South W. Grace baked beans

Sunday 25

A very good day. Wind South. Sun shine out clear. Aunt R & Norman Petrie came here from Lafargeville. Norman stayed here for dinner. A.R. went to Wills for dinner, then came back here for a short while. After dinner George Morgan & Flora came and stay for tea, and spent the evening. No service to-day. Wells Jr out ice-boating. Ma in yet a Belle's.

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26th Feb Monday 1894

A cold day, Wind North. I came home from Bells to day. Charlie drove over with Irene and I, arriving home at 3 p.m. stoping on his return at the school house for Margarett and Beatrice. Found Grace washing, nearly done with clothes line full of clothes. I washed all the socks & stockings. Wellie and Voltie gone to Gananoque to mill. The boys came home early. Mart at school. Evening visitors, George, Lill & Wallace.

Tuesday 27 Feb 1894

Wind S.W., a very fine day. Wellie and Wells went to Kingston with hay. Wells went up with cutter to see Sine the horse doctor for the black mares eye which was cut on the neck yoke while loading hay at the barn, came home at 1/2 past 6 PM. This is the 6 load of hay up to date. Wells brought Grace & I each a print dress, 64 yds unbleachd cotton, two new blankets, and 8 yds cowhide, a pair of pants for himself. Will & Voltie hitched up old Jim and went to look for

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Wellie's dog. They went to Millens bay but could get no trace of the dog. Evening time Frank Woodman brought down one of their horses and hitched up to V's cutter and they went to River View to a donation held at the hotel for the Rev Stronger and came home at 12 O'clock midnight, traveling on ice fine.

Wednesday 28 and last day in Feb 1894
A fine day. Wind S.W. Wellie gone again to the city with hogs. Wells working in the shop at something. A man from Gananoque called to sell a harness. Did not buy. Voltie went towards evening to Walls's to cut E some wood, came up home and brought with him Hiram Davis & son and Derush. They had been to Clayton to the races, went down on an ice boat but no wind coming up so they pushed the boat as far as here and stoped here to supper. Left later and and [sic] walked home 7 miles. V went up by Niles to help Wellie across. The big clock hose up like a mountain. Mart at school

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March Thursday 1894

A fine clear day warm, snow melting, wind South. Wells and Voltie drew a big log from (maple) Lindas then went to Clayton to the races. Wellie & Mart drew hay from the old barn. Will mowed away one load of hay then Will and Wellie hitched up before the other cutter and drove to William G Woodmans for his dog which was at their door tuesday morning. But Voltie had advertised in the Clayton paper to day. I sick most all day with indigestion. Eugene Dixon here to stay all night. Tis the first time he has been here for years. Mart stayed home. Norman Petrie lost his suit with Jess Reid. Wellie caught a sturgeon

2nd March 1894

Wind South but very still, air warm like a spring morning, cloudy with a sprinkling of rain, snow soft & fast disappearing. Wellie cant draw hay. I think this rain will cause a general breaking up of good sleighing and cold weather Did not rain much but warm and cloudy. Twould have been a good

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day to draw hay after all. Frank Woodman, Voltie & Uncle Samy gone to the Clayton races again to day. Samy furnishing the horse and V furnishing the cutter, robes and whip. I am trying to churn a little butter. Grace sewing on her calico dress. Maude & Irene making a noise. Eugene Dixon gone to Wills to dinner. Mart gone to school. Eugene came back and waiting till evening for Voltie & Grace to go to W.G. Woodman's to an oyster party given by the "chosen friends". Stayed all night till 5 O'clock in the morning.

3rd March & Saturday 1894

A beautiful day. Wind S, very calm and warm. Snow fast disappearing. Mart & Voltie making a small table for me. Grace feels rather dissipated after last night's debauch though she slept till 9 AM. I did not call her up. Wellie intended going to K with hay but the roads are all slush and Wellie so sick.

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with a cold. Milly came down to get Mart to go to Mr Samy's to help Sam do the chores for Frank is not very well though he is not very ailing. I think he is only sleepy after eating so many oysters last night which Frank and [blank] ate a milk pan full. Wellie came up after dinner and I doctored him with Fowlers extract of Wild Strabery [sic]. Charley W gone to Glenburnie for his wife. Mart stays all night at Woodmans.

Sunday 4 March

A warm cloudless sky light, Wind S. The heavy snow banks dissolving and setting away. 5 ice boats out here on the ice. Wellies, Charley Kendalls, Livingstons, Niles and the Davis boat. Wellie, Voltie and Grace out riding on Kendalls ice boat. Mart came home at 11 A.M. and has gone to church. M didn't like it at Woodmans—had to clean all the stables after 30 cows and 9 horses—said the stables looked as if they had not been shoveled out in three weeks. Capt Allen & wife and Winnie Smith have come down from Kingston and gone to Smiths and I sit here in the warm sunlight by the south window.

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of the dining room and almost go asleep all alone. Grace, Maud and Irene in the little room cracking [?] into. Wellie gone home. Wells sr an [sic] Voltie out to the barn. Mart at church and I lazily sit looking out the window watching. Dick Brown coming over the ice till he arrives near shore and is confronted by a huge crack of bilged ice which is shoved up 10 or 12 feet high and I go to the door and tell him where to come ashore. Will here and says someone has killed his dog joe. Will found him along side the road just below our barn but, in all probability Sams & J Niles dogs killed Joe dog. Well the day past and a peaceful Sabath evening is closing with a beautiful warm sunset.

Monday 5 March 1894

A cloudy damp morning wind South, raining a little. No going to Kingston this day. Mart at school through the mud. Wells finished my table he has been making which is very nice and I am pleased with it. Grace made Maude a night

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dress. Welly brought me a piece
of sturgeon and I gave him pork.
Will here and I gave him a piece
of the fish Welly brought me and
W Jr and V gave Will some potatoes.
I patched Wells Sr's pants and
sewed on my log cabin quilt.
Mart at J Niles this evening. Frank Woodman
here this evening. Mart came at 11 O'clock PM
He and Wall N walked through the mud
to Hennessey's to play cards . I'll make no
comments thereon.

Tuesday 6 March 1894

Time marches on
and never stops. Seconds, minutes,
hours, days, weeks, months, years,
centuries roll on for ever roll on
into eternity. Life and all creation
is a profound mystery [sic], only death can
lift the winter soil. a fine very warm day
wind South. Ground nearly bare. Smith's
ice house. Ed Bates & Welly filling the ice house
for Uncle Smith. Grace done a big washing. I
brought and set in my new table Wells made
and find it just the thing. Another
dog fight between here & Sam's, Niles big
brute and Sams two dogs and another little
dog. Niles dog shaking the life out of the
little one.

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Spaff Joy is making maple sugar. Wellie came up and brought Graces clothes bars Ed Bates had made. A lecture from Rev White this evening at the church up courtship and marriage. Voltie, Grace & Mart went. Ed B came and went too but soon returned for no lecturer was there though there were many that came out through the mud.

Wednesday 7th March 1894

Day by day

the fields grow more bare and muddy. Last night the wind blew a gale from the S and the rain fell in torrents. The weather appeared a little colder this morning but proved to be only a hope that it might be colder. Wellie, Mart and Voltie getting out ice and filling the ice house. I am not very well. Grace is ironing. Wellie went to Mr Niles to buy a few apples and Mr Niles gave him a bag full. Wellie gave me some, cloudy weather. I go asleep while writing this diary. Ebe Joslin got in ice all over out in the channel while from the Island home.

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Thursday 8 March 1894

11 O'clock PM and later Voltie
at the barn so Mart says. I have
just been up stairs to ask him if
he knows where Volty is. The Niles
children here and Frank Woodman
this evening. Mart, George, Well and
Frank played cards in kitchen. Voltie
and the girls in the parlor with Maude
and Irene too. A very fine warm
day, snow nearly gone, ice very poor.
Mart went to the Bay for tobacco.
Will went too for oil. Laura Smith
sick abed. Eveline there all day.
Wellie at home taking care of the children.
Grace went down and stayed awhile
this afternoon and going again tomorrow.
Wells and Voltie & Wellie hewed timber
for the new barn. John Nesbit got in
the ice. 12 past eleven. Voltie says
there is a new calf at the barn, the first
one. no going anywhere unless
absolute a necessity [sic] compels, the roads
and ice almost impassable. Eddy Bates
went across to his summers work at Pritmans
afraid there would soon be no crossing
or would not have gone so soon.

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Friday 9 March 1894

Another quiet

still warm day, cloudy & hazy [sic]. Wells, Welly, Will and Voltie and Mart are tearing of [sic] the old shingles from the roof. The ground around the house covered with falling shingles and now they are nailing on the new ones. Grace gone to Bills to help. Laura, Eveline and Muriel & Robert there too. Then Lill Niles came and brought me a dozen [sic] of new laid eggs and some apples & some wool pieces for my log cabin quilt with which I am very much pleased and away she goes to Laura's too. Well I am sure now Laura will get well with so much help.

This morning George Niles walked with Sadie across the river, says the ice is very poor and with difficulty picked their way across. Wells says this weather knocks him entirely out. Well Grace and Lill came just at dark. So Voltie goes home with Lill and stays till 10 O'clock PM. V says Morgans young folks were there ie George, Mabel and Kemp. The fire dead in the coal stove. Wells is trying to arouse to life, shook the very life out of

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Saturday 10 March 1894

A beautiful day warm as June or May. The ice too poor for a footman to walk on. Grace not very well went to bed awhile. I am so lame I can scarcely walk around the house. Wellie, Voltie, Wells & Mart shingling the north side of the house. Will is tapping Sam's sugar bush. Charley here to borrow pans for sap and brought me some sour kraut. Lill Niles stopped here on her way to uncle Smiths. Gave Wellie his mail & —. Wind blowing at nine O'clock and rising.

Sunday 11 March 1894

All night the wind blowing, strong from the south and still blowing fiercely, cloudy and sprinkling rain at 9 O'clock AM. at the time I am writing. The ice looks queer and spotted [sic], channel ice driven together and slowly breaking up, gulls are flying in from the Lake, barometer falling. Grace not very well, gone to bed. Voltie lying down on lounge. Wells and Mart reading. Maud & June playing and making a noise. After dinner clears up sun brightly shining.

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blowing some channel open ice floating.
Wallace Niles came down for Mart to go
to Sam's barn to play tag with Frank.
Grace yet abed. Voltie reading Harpers
Magazine. A little colder at evening time.
Voltie gone to Wells to see the family
and so ends another Sabath day.
I read Talmages last sermon and
scottish legends. Wells made a fire
in the coal stove.

Monday 12 March

a bright clear morning, West wind, cool not
cold, ground bare of snow, river
channel open, ice clear from
opposite [sic] shore, spring birds singing. Will going
out to day canvassing for apple trees and
other shrubery. Our men folks again
shingling the roof. North side.
at 10 O'clock. Robert Percey came across
the ice and river in a boat; came for Wells
something again about the Lidy place
more trouble I suppose [sic]. Wells going to
Watertown. We'll see, shall not trouble
myself about it either way. I'm through
and done worrying about the Bamfords
business talent capabilities

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in the eve. A warm lovely night
like May. I never before saw
anything like it in March. The young
moon shining brightly. Laura Smith went
to Mr Niles to get Wallace to help do the
chores for White has hoisted the piratical
flag and gone home. Laura called at
our veranda and talked awhile, said
she must hurry for she had left Bill
alone. Wells and R Percy crossed the open
river in a boat from Burnhams this morning
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Tuesday 13 day of March 1894

Prudence Joy very sick.

A warm cloudy day, wind N veering
around to South at three O'clock PM,
commenced raining. Volty and Mart
drew hay on waggon, drew four loads
from the old barn. Wellie came up
for milk and went to Sam's to post
a letter. Will stoped here on his way
to J Niles. War declared all ground
between Will & Smith and White, the
breach is widening and the feud
progressing. Wells not home yet.

La ra ra boom de aye

Our old man has gone away

You bet your boots he's gone to stay.

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Wednesday 14 March 1894

Cleared up in the night, milk can & tub full of water, froze. A little ice clear from this shore, our water hole gone and not likely to come back again this year.

After breakfast Mart went for the mail. Grace received a letter from Washington N.Y. Edmonds.

Wells came about 10 A.M.

Reports all right. made Eb & Hel in a visit and last night stayed with Mr & Mrs James Gloyd.

Wellie and Voltie hewing timber.

Wells fixing the milk wagon.

Mart choring around and smoking his pipe about six times a day and has now gone to Wills to look for chewing tobacco. Grace too has gone to Wills or started to go this evening. Another calf at the barn which makes three this spring. Every thing most used up, pork, butter, groceries, all gone, never will starve though. Our hens broke loose to day, two eggs in the hen coop. Wind West & freezing

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Thursday 15 March

Froze hard last night, very still, no wind, freezing a little all day. Prudence Joy buried to day. Wells, Grace and Mart went to the funeral. Will stoped [sic] here on his way to Niles to buy potatoes, bought 3 bushels. Voltie and Wellie hewed timber after dinner. I finished the blocks for the log cabin. Evening cloudy and cold.

Friday 16th March 1894

A cloudy cool morning clears up bright PM. Wells ought to have gone to Marysville for groceries but put off till tomorrow. He is going up on the milk waggon in the morning. Voltie went down to Wellies to hew but didn't hew much. Voltie came for milk said E had this morning been buying two lbs butter from Shira B. Voltie and Mart drawing stone all PM. Grace finish sewing blocks on the log cabin. I bake beans.

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Saturday 17 March 1894

A soft quiet warm day, wind S.

Wells and Will gone to Kingston
for groceries, went up on milk waggon.

Grace got Saturdays work done this

A.M. and after dinner Grace and Irene

walked down to Eveline's and Maud

went up to see Shell Niles, Frances Joy there visiting since early this
morning. Voltie and Mart helping

Wellie draw wood from Breakey's.

Devero let Wellie have all the wood

there is left from the quarry for a \$1,00.

A very good bargain for Wells Jr.

I am alone nearly all the PM.

Maud came at 4 O'clock. Voltie came

home in time to do the chores. Grace &

Irene came soon after. Then Voltie and

Mart went over to Wills awhile when

they came back they found another new

calf at the barn.

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Sunday 17 March 1894

A shower this morning from the SW with thunder, cleared up about nine AM, sun came out bright and clear. Charley, Belle & the children came at 1/2 past nine AM and stayed till 4 PM. Irene went home with them, the little one has been here three weeks contented as if she had always lived here.

Monday 19

A fine day. Mart plowing on the lower place. Wells fixing the farm waggon. Voltie doing every chore. I washed carpet rags and washed Volties frock and overalls and in the evening patched and darned. Will came over in the evening & brought his violin & Will & Voltie played in concert with violin an organ. Toward evening the Pierpont went down by here and blew us a salute.

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Tuesday 20 March 1894

A very fine day. Wind North, last night froze hard enough to make good sap weather. Arose at three O'clock and get breakfast so Wells & Wells can go to Kingston. Had to send Mart for Wellie and then Wellie went to Kingston without his breakfast, arrived at the ferry to late for the Pierpoint, so five individuals hire an ice boat and cross to Town and back again. Grace done a two weeks washing, lines full and fluttering in the wind. Devolson gone to J Niles for a calf going to exchange for a hide. Mart plowing. Jane Niles visiting at Will Dixon's, Charley Dixon here twice once to borrow a saw and again to borrow a loaf of bread. After chores are all done, Mart goes for the saw and Jen sends home the loaf of Bread which I had much rather she had kept. Wells & Wells Jr got home at 8 PM. Voltie went for the mail, a letter from Watson and one from Laura Joslin. Grace went with the Niles to practice

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singing at W.G. Woodmans
for the funeral tomorrow & came home at
half past 12 midnight.

Wednesday 21st March 1894

A cloudy lousy

day, raining hard at 10 AM. This is the
day the 5 bodies are brought from the vault
from Marysville and burried in our burring [sic]
place. A sad solemn sight, 5 graves dug at
once for our neighbors children. Gorge Michea, Clara Woodman, little Georgie Gillespie,
Mary Ann Watkins & little Laurence Henry,
Rev Mr White preached a very impressive
sermon. Wells couldn't find his shoe
thread this morning and so got mad &
swore and ripped [sic] and tore and made
a regular ass of himself as usual.

Oh the low depisable contemptable
low mean coarseness of a dirty temper.

It is insulting and abusive.

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Thursday 22nd March 1894

Froze some last night. Voltie drawing plowing. Mart & Wells Jr drawing stone. Wells Sr tinkering at an old waggon. Maude piecing a quilt. Grace ironing. I am general doer of everything.

Cloudy, wind North not cold. Dalia Kenny very sick. Dr Buchanan doctoring her Smiths folks alone and not a boy to help them. Laura doing all the work in doors and out. Weather cold enough to snow. Think it will snow before long. Tis evening now dark night.

Friday 23

Quite cold rather cloudy. Wind North. Boys working with two teams down by Wellies plowing and drawing stone. Mart & Volty did not come up till nearly dark just in time to do the chores. I commenced to fix Wells clothes and get things ready to go away. Wells went over the river and said Horace B is going Monday. Wells went to Gloyds for a stick for a waggon reach.

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Grace scrubbed the stairs and scoured the Boy's room clean. Wells working away out in the shop. In the eve Grace & Martin went for the mail. A letter for Wells from Capt Fitsmons saying Wells must go to Detroit next Wednesday. Grace rec'd a letter from Miss Strachan saying, Yes—she would give her music lessons. I piece for a quilt got 20 blocks finished [sic].

Saturday 24th March 1894

A cool cloudy day, wind South some ice still floating in the river. Wells gone again over the river to see about the Lindy place. Voltie & Mart are plowing down by Wellies. I make beds, sweep and churn, not a speck of snow anywhere. Grace moping floors and helped get dinner. Wells came towards eve came over with Rattray's and Wellington Burnham. I dont think he had very good success about his business—seems very quiet and subdued about something. Evening sets in cold and cloudy.

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Sunday 25th March 1894

Easter Sunday a rather cold
gray cloudy day. Wind NW.

Ground frozen so cold the Rev
would not come from Marysville
to preach. A quiet day no one here
except Welly. We had fried eggs for
breakfast 12 & gave Wells Jr 10 all I had
with milk, butter & dutch cheese.
Wells not very cheerful. Grace gone to
J.P. to Easter. I read Talmage and
home at 8 PM. An invitation for G
& V, at W.G.W.'s's Tuesday evening, a sugar party.

Monday 26 March

A cold frozen morning.

Wells arose at "five O'clock in the morning" built
a fire and took the oars which he had
borrowed from J.N. last night and went to
W Jr's for the skiff and went over the
river again this morning going to Clayton
again to see LLD Morse about the
Lidy place again. I think he will

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be home before night if he comes to day for the wind blows and the air is freezing cold. Frost on the North window. Wells came in time for his supper. Says the Lidy buisness [sic] is all right and he has to leave home tomorrow morning for Chicago. Will and Charley here in the evening. Charley came over this afternoon and brought some Syrup, he said "For uncle Wells". Which is a treat for us all.

Tuesday 27 March 1894

Wells built a fire at 1/2 past 3 O'clock. Welly came and they got started at 5 Oclock AM for Kingston. Wells anxious to get the 8 Oclock boat. A clear bright frozen morning, very quiet. Wells gave me a hundred dollars towards building the new barn. I took a nap in afternoon near party at WG Woodman's. Grace & V go with Frank Woodman and WP. Jim Morgan here.

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Wednesday 28 March 1894

A cold day, wind N, snow falling furiously for a while, ground white then sun comes out again and before night there is no snow. I called V and G.D.B. up in time for breakfast.

They came home at 3 AM—came near staying all night. Welly here, I gave him \$20.00 to get lumber & grass seed &c. Voltie working on a jumper. Mart drawing the banking from the house. Evening visitors Will Dixon, Jim Morgan & Frank Woodman. John Morgan went to uncle Smiths.

Thursday 29 March 1894

This morning

the ground covered with snow about 4 inches deep. The Pierpont made her first trip to our wharf arriving last night and lying there till this morning. Welly and Will Dixon, Laura Smith went up.

Laura carried 50 lbs of butter to market. John Morgan stayed with uncle Smith all day.

Laura brought home with her a boy from the orphans home.

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Friday 30th March 1894

Snow all gone again. Wind S.W. blowing half a gale and chilly. Volty went to Mr Rattrays to borrow a seeder, to sow grass seed. Dellia no better, very little hopes of her recovery. Voltie sowing grass seed. Mart drawing manure from house banking. Grace done a big washing. I done cooking and churned the butter. Maud studying her lessons. Wellie working on Niles' boat. Grace went to the Post office. A letter from Johny which is welcome indeed. John has moved on a farm and I am so very glad. Evening visitors John Morgan, George Morgan, Mr Kemp and Will Dixon. John Morgan stays all night and ate breakfast with us. Bill Smith does not like the boy Laura brought from the city.

Saturday 31st March 1894

The last day of the month and the last day of the week. A windy day South wind, looking like a storm, rather warm. Wellie & Mart drawing manure.

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Voltie working at the pumper.
Sam & Frank and I drove here
for our boys to go to the Snow place
to doctor a cow, came for them just as
dinner was ready and away they drove
without coming in the house &
gone over an hour. Grace & Mart
discovered one of our cows stretched out
on the ground and thought the
cow was sick too, and away went
Mart full run to the Snow farm
for Wellie & Voltie and back they
came again in great haste, gave
the old cow a kick and up
she got well enough, having only
lain down to rest and came in
to their dinner like hungry bears.
No one here this evening but
they all went to church to hear
Rev Mr White lecture on ghosts.
Wellie, Voltie, Martin and Maud
and I am alone all evening
reading. A dark rainy night
and the church filled.

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Sunday April 1st 1894

A half sunshine half cloudy day. Wind blowing strongly from the West. Grace and Mart go to 1/2 10 O'clock service. Lill Niles came home from church with Grace and stayed to dinner and the afternoon.

Will here towards evening. R came home after dark. Danforth Dixon brought Mother & R as far as Sid Percey's on Friday. Moth at Davis' yd.

Monday 2nd April. A kind of a half pleasant day, frost on the pantry window, Grace piecing on a quilt. ~~boys plowing~~. Wind North, cold. Grace & Maud goes to Wills to see their Grandmother & to get sugar. I wrote to Johny.

Tuesday 3rd April 1894 Wellie and Voltie plowing on the Grange down by the corner. in AM hewed timber, had dinner at Willie cooked a rooster. No visitors this evening and we all go to bed early. Grace & Maud go for the mail, get letter from Welie and one from Allen Lafleur. No rain.

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Wednesday 4

Wind South blowing

a half gale. Buchanan came over all right,
gone to Mr Rattray's. Rained this fore noon.

After noon the boys plow on the grange.

Will & Charley here grinding their axe.

I priced a new block from the Hearth &
home, churned and made 8 prints for market
and have got to write Wills a letter.

no rain

Thursday 5 April 1894

Arose at 8 Oclock and got Grace started for Kingston
market again only eight lbs butter.

Voltie & Mart plowing away down on

the flat towards breakeys. I sounded

the dinner horn long an long. Mart and V

drew a load of hay at noon. Grace goes

for her first music lesson this spring. Grace

sold the butter for 23 cts per lb

no rain

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Minnie

Friday 6th April 1894

A cloudy chilly day but very quiet.

Voltie went to L Phillips for grass seed, came back just after dinner. Jack Niles brought me some fish. Dora Gillespie here for mission money. Walter Horn here peddling patent medicine. Rachel came over for milk and stayed till 10 O'clock PM & strung out a mess of Petrie yarns 50 miles long. P. GN. & CW went to Millens Bay for ile. A practising lesson in singing at JN's at which GDB & JDB attend a wanted meeting held at the church this evening which Wellie & Martin attend. A letter from Watson informing us of Harry's intended. Visit GR Dear
no rain

Saturday 7th

A fine day sun clear. V & M plowing W Jr ditching. Maud making an afternoon visit at JN. Wills D. folks boiling down sap. Grace done Saturday's cleaning. V carried the bees out the cellar, one dead hive consequently we have a little honey for supper
no rain

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Sunday 8th April 1894

A mild quiet day. Mart gone to church
no rain

Monday 9 April and Graces birth day

A mild day sun shining. Wind
blowing some from the South. Grace
washing clothes, lines full. Rachel goes
home about three O'clock. I lent her
Ishmael Vol 1. Boys finished plowing
away over on the flat by Breakey's.
A fine day to dry clothes
no rain

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10 of April 1894

Tuesday. A cloudy day Wind S.W.

Our boys plowing ~~over on the grange~~
down by Wellies (ie Mart plowing).

Wellie, Voltie & Will Dixon digging post
holes on the grange along the road &
finished them all to day. Grace scrubbed the
kitchen and we moved. Letters from Wells &
J.K. Rachel rec'd a letter from Norman.

Grace ironed all the clothes.

no rain

Wednesday 11 April 1894

A cloudy day & disagreeably cold.

Wind North blowing a gale.

Voltie cultivating ground just behind the
hog pen for wheat. Voltie & Martin.

I churned and darned a sock & helped get
dinner. Rachel here to borrow \$6 dollars.

George Gillespie here with a subserititional [sic] for
a vault & tore his trowsers leg most off dodging
through the wire fence.

no rain

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Thursday 12 April

Wind North. A cold disagreeable weather. Boys sowing oats 10 bushels.

Wind blowing a gale from the North.

Grace gone to Kingston with 7 lbs butter.

I lent R 5 dollars of Wells money.

Grace paid Ockley some money and got groceries there and paid for them.

Voltie borrowed Mr Rattrays seeder to sow grass seed. Mart and Voltie working in field. Mart cultivating, Wellie sowing oats, Voltie pulverizing. Grace stoped at Bells.

Mr Watson sent Maud a pair of boots. Wellie drove to the dock at evening with truck waggon. Nellie sent me a letter and returned my books,

Irvine's Sketch book & Hadey of Wassail.

R came over and stayed all night, came late. Said Sam's dog attacked her.

no rain or snow

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Friday 13 April 1894

A clear day. Wind North blowing hard. Rachel went after breakfast home. Our boys are working down by Wells Jr, dinner is ready since 12 meridian and now half past the hour and no sign of them yet and I expect the dinner will be stale and cold before they get here, that is if they come at all. Well they are here. I scolded said they could come no sooner, came late for supper, got another field sowed oats. Another letter from Wells says he may come home soon but I hope not. Rachel came over to stay all night &c.
A letter from Ockley
no rain

Saturday 14 April 1894. A clear fine day. Wind North, no rain for many days. Rachel here and cleaned the kitchen floor. Our boys working in field. About 4 O'clock Charley drove in here bringing home Grace, Belle &

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all their children. Charley drove back leaving Bell & the little ones here, going to stay all night. I glad to see them. R goes home to get her clothes to go with this family to the lecture. Grace goes home with R and finds aunt Dana there. So R comes back with G for milk & buttermilk, says cant go to the temperance lecture for visit. A beautiful evening and they start for the church, Voltie, Belle, Grace and Mart. I stay with the youngones and care for them. They came at 10 Oclock. We had a time or two with young Charles Victor crying for mamma Belle. Well H Watson meant to come home with Grace from Kingston on Thursday again commencing rather early through spring to sponge boraid [sic] and lodging again. But he did not come. [Belle|Bell]] & I sit up and visited till late no rain

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Sunday 15 April

A bright morning warm and fine. Wind S. Glad to find Belle here this morning, after breakfast dishes all washed, our visitors began to come in. Well I cooked dinner for Mandy Watson

Irene Bamford

Devolson Bamford

Grace Bamford

Wells Bamford

Eveline Bamford

Muriel Bamford

Robert Bamford

Rachel Bamford

Dordana Smith

Charles Halliday

Isabella Halliday

Margarette Halliday

Beatrice Halliday

June Halliday

Victor Halliday

Martin Rennolds

George Morgan

Andie Mitchel & Will Dixon here but the did not stay to dinner

no rain

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16th April 1894

Wind South. A fine day. Grace washed all the clothes. Dane stayed till after dinner and then I went over to Wills with her. This is the first time I have seen mother since last Nov, found her in good health. Jen, Rachel & Grandmother gave to plant. Voltie been grafting all day for Wellie till 4 O'clock then came and set some pear grafts for Will. Then set Dane on the river. Wellie & Mart plowing down by Wellies. I stayed to supper and Maude came to go home with me. A fine moon light evening. R. C. F. & E came with us as far as the bars no rain
I have heard gossiping and scandal enough for the last few day.

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A pleasant day. Wind North.

Voltie plowing here by the house.

Mart helping him. Wellie plowing near home. After noon Wellie went to Jim McKays stone bee. Rachel here for scions to

graft their trees. Voltie cut some then went home with her to show Will

how to graft. Then came back and plowed by the raspberries. The grass beginning to grow a little. The buds are swelling on the trees.

Maude this morning went to School to Miss Emma McDonald.

Wednesday 18 April 1894

A clear warm bright

day nearly cloudless. Scarcely a breath of wind North. River like a mirror. No rain since the 13th of March excepting a little rain the morning of the 21st March. Dust flying in the roads after the waggons when they come home to dinner.

Wellie eats dinner at home plowing down there and so is Mart. Voltie cleans up peas to sow.

R came and brought 9 duck eggs that

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Grandmother had got over to J Dixons.
Grace set them under a hen all night.
I do not believe they will ever hatch
for they were brought 14 miles in a buggy.
Wills sent the pans home.

Thursday 19 April 1894

looks very much like rain. Grace gone to K with only 8 lbs
of butter for which she get 28 cts and sold to
the same woman. Rummy quite hard. Voltie &
Mart caught in the rain and hurried home
as fast as they could come, clean up again
and after dinner they went to drawing
manure. Mart drove to dock for
Grace.

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Friday 27

A fine day. Grace took up the parlor carpet and the boys whiped it well. Grace commenced the parlor and put the bordering on.

Saturday 28

A very quiet warm morning, cloudy. Arose at 4 O'clock AM that Volty cant get to Marysville to board the first ferry for Kingston. Wellie & Mart drawing manure below. Commenced raining at noon and at 4 O'clock the rain came pouring down filling our can and tub in a few minutes. Voltie came at 5 with wet feet having stoped at WG Woodmans since two PM. Voltie bought a bale of pike nets. Well after supper, CW came and V went with him across to Riverview for ~~xxx~~ and didnt get back till 10 Oclock through the thick fog.

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Sunday 29

A fine quiet day. South W.

Wellie came up and helped do the chores after breakfast. Martin and George Niles rowed across the river for Wallace then Grace and Mart went to church at 1/2 past 10 service. Then Grace goes home with Willie then they drive to the foot. Voltie gone to bed and Maud. I alone most all day till about four O'clock when Shelly came and went up to the cedars for flowers. Then Wellie, Eveline, Muriel and Wall came up in boat. Then Rachel came up over and E & W and the children went home, and R coaxed Grace to go to Mr Niles to buy butter and Maud went and stayed till 10 O'clock evening. Mart there too. Maud goes to Horn's courting.

Monday 30 April 1894

A clear fine day. A light South Wind. The pasture and meadow are green, grain coming, trees budding [sic], birds singing & building nests. The dandelions are most large enough for as greens. Voltie building wire fence. Mart drawing manure. Wellie planting potatoes. Grace washing. We sent the milk to the factory 99 lbs. W & V & M ate dinner at Wellie's. I expected them home and Grace rang the dinner horn long and loud. They ate dinner at Wellie's. Sams boys speeding their

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I sowed lettuce seed and made another bed for beets weight of milk 99 lbs

14 May 1894

Tuesday A fair day Grace finished the parlor to day. I sowed beet seed and made flower bed. 100 lbs milk only no more cows calved this morning

Thursday 3rd Jan 1895

Wind South

cloudy, rather mild, ~~cloudy~~

Wellie drew straw from here to thatch, his calf stable. I rode over to Wills on the load of straw and staid all day, patched Charlie Dixon's coat. Hannok Joslin's burried [sic] to day from the vault.

Electioneers running around.

Butchered the beef to day.

Charly Easton and Will D helped him. Grace and Mart gone to J Niles to make an evenng visit. Voltie came home to day this evening.

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Wednesday ~~3rd~~ 2nd May

A warm day

Wind South. Weighed our carpet rags over thirty lbs. Grace ironed the clothes, boys drawing manure and building fence, only lbs milk this morning, made out 6 butter prints for market. Gave Wellie 5 dollars to buy seed potatoes. Will came home this afternoon with prize potatoes and fruit trees. Frank Woodman and George Niles here this evening. Volty putting led [sic] and corks on fish net

Thursday 13rd May 1894

A beautiful day,

very warm and calm. A breath of south wind. Voltie drove to the dock with Grace & a grist for the hogs, Grace carried Belle some Kalsomine. Voltie and Mart building pasture fence down by the Wellington's. Cows in this pasture breaking out all the time. Voltie finished one pike net. Wellie, Will & R gone to Kingston. Came home late. Voltie milked the cows alone. Nellie sent me a Book entitled "After Two Years" by Charles Kingsley

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Friday 7th

Cloudy morning, Wind South.

Raining quite hard, clears up toward eve with fog. A steamer vessel whistling [sic] in the fog.

Will here and helped Voltie set a fish net.

Grace kalsomined the bodour.

Saturday 5 May 1894

A very fine clear

day after the rain, cool and clear, every field green and sparkling with dew.

Grace moped [sic] dinning room and kitchen and pantry, the boys finish building pasture fence by Burnhams. After dinner, Maude and I go over to Wills and stay till dark and R and the children came home as far as the bars lane. Found Mrs N and Tilly here. They went home just in time to escape the rain which came grandly with heavy thunder and lightning. commenced base [illegible] A Sams

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Sunday 6 May 1894

A fine warm morning. Wind followed by heavy Thunder & lightning showers. Mart went to church a great attendance but no preaching His Rev was absent. George Niles made us two visits. Will and Charles made me an evening visit. Singing sacred music is the order of the evening

Monday 7 May 1894

A clear morning after a night of Thunder lightning, rain and wind. The wind S W blowing half a gale all day, chilly towards eve. Grace papered small parlor. Volty drove the cows to the lower pasture and finished the pasture fence and drew rails for a calf pasture

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Wellie and Mart draw manure.

136 lbs milk this morning.

V called on Mr Niles family

Mrs Niles cleaning house to day and
washing this evening

Tuesday May 8th 1894

A cool

breezy morning Wind S W clear.

Volty and Martin go to the lower

pasture to milk 126 lbs milk this

morning. wind goes down at evening

so Mart & V run net and line

18 pike and came in and had to

do their chores after dark

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A very cool day indeed a common wind blowing from the west. boys planting potatoes in fore noon, afternoon they shingle for Sammy a bee. 186 lbs milk this morning Voltie took 18 fish from his net pike, and 3 sturgeon from the two, one weighing 44 lbs dressed

Thursday 10

A most beautiful day, a white frost last night. The grass bright green and covered with frost ~~due~~ dew. Voltie took 15 pike from net this morning. Voltie drove to dock this morning, sold calf hides to buy fish cord for sturgeon. Mart has not used any tobacco in 3 weeks ~~2 + 2 lbs milk~~. Voltie intends going with George N to Cape with fish tomorrow. After dinner Maude and I walk to Wills for a little visit R came back with us & borrowed Kerosine oil. In the night wind rising before morning blowing a gale and raining

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Friday 11 May 1894

Raining and blowing

a half gale this morning, Wind South. Called

Voltie at 4 O'clock AM but he wouldn't get

up. He and Mart got up at 5 and

went down to Wellie's to milk the cows through

rain and wind. Clears up at 9 O'clock but

wind blows all day. 2 12 lbs milk this

morning. Old Mrs Montgomery very sick

de not expected to live Grace making

Maude a dress pink print

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Friday 18 May 1894

A very rainy morning. Got out of bed at 12 midnight to set the tub for rain water for it has been thundering and lightening for a long time. Mother here reading a novel. Grace after washing the breakfast dishes is practicing her music lesson. Mart reading Ishmael or Out of the depths. Voltie gone to the foot to run fish nets. The weather mild and warm with rain a dull quiet day Maud sowing carpet rags hit or miss. Will here in evening playing and fiddling and singing ic that is Voltie and Will. No letter from Wells

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Saturday 19 May 1894

Sunday 20 May 1894

Wind east blowing

half a gale, air warm. Mart played and ate
breakfast With Wellie. clouds are black

and angry with wind all around,

barometer changing, grass beautifuly [sic]

green, trees & fruit trees in leaf and blossom.

A great promise of fruit this year Maud

gone to Mr Niles to go with Shell to Sabbath

school. Grace down to Welly's. Grandmother reading.

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Monday 21 May 1894

Wind North

a very pleasant day. Voltie and Will went to the nets and then Voltie went to the cape with fish. Eveline and the children here. Eveline made Mart a shirt. Voltie bought himself a shirt, a pair of tan shoes and Grace a pair of tan low shoes and Wellie a pair of over shoes. Grand mother walked home. Mart cultivated the corn ground.

Tuesday 22 May 1894

Cool with wind North in the morning changing South light with some rain. Grace washed Wellie planted corn and so did Mart .Voltie J marked out the corn land and then Voltie and Will went to the nets, then they all played base ball at Mr Woodmans. Wellie and Mart went home to supper and to milk the cows. VoltieWill and Mart go spearing fish in the evening. Grace white washed the chamber bedroom, and cleaned the floors and doors & window. Maude went to school. Grace and Maude gone for the mail. I churned and made bread, dinner &c. [No letter from Wells yet got

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Wednesday 23rd May 1894

A very fine warm day Wind S.

We looked for John to day but he did not come. Voltie planted corn and fitted the ground by the house for planting. Washed a quilt & mended V a pair of trousers loons.

Grace cleaned floors and helped d house work.

Thursday 24th May 1894

A warm still

day cloudy and showery. Mart &

Grace gone to K to selebrate [sic] Queen Victoria's birth day 75 years old to day. Wellie

drove to the dock this morning. Voltie brought his fish nets up from the foot.

Found our gobbler dead this morning.

He was here gobbling at the door last night all right. Tired Joy came up with

V and got a little seed corn. Voltie

went to dock at half past 9 pm for G

and M. He brought a waggon load of humanity

from the dock including Ben Dodge, Laura Smith, Frank Woodman and Geo Niles. Got

home at 12 midnight Dodge went over the river.

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Friday 25 May

Wellie & Voltie building

wire fence. Grace making my basque.

I sewed carpet rags. Maud got a sty

on her eye. A letter from Watson

and one from Wells sr. ^{too} Cold to work

in garden. Wind North blowing a

gale and cloudy

Saturday ²⁶

A fine day wind North and

light. Boys building fence. Mart is

planting and making garden every

thing growing finelly [sic]. fish & custard

pie for dinner

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Sunday 27 May 1894

Monday 28 May 1894

Wind West blowing and raining hard all day which caused the suspension of a great deal of farm business. Cleared up towards night with wind. Our boys fussed around could'nt do much work. Grace sewed I sewed carpert rags.

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Thursday 29th May 1894

A clearing up

day after the rain. Sky full of big bellied
wind clouds moving North East, a light
silvery clouds, rain exhausted. Voltie and
George N intended going to Cape with
fish, wind began breezing up more fiercely
from the west, So left the fish in N boat
house till the wind falls. Wells Jr
plowing taler ground for Hanes to plant
on shares. Sarah Gillespie came this
morning to help Grace make a dress.
Will came and grained the pantry cupboard
door. Grace and Maude went with
Sarah a long way when she went home

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Thursday 31st May 1894

Wellie drove Grace to dock through the rain. Rachel and Will went to Kingston too

Friday 1st June 1894 Friday

it rains most all day, tubs and barrel full of rain water, didnt get any letters from any person

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Saturday 2nd June 1894

A rainy day raining all day and very ~~windy~~ windy. Haynes here to dinner. He came up to plant potatoes but didnt plant for the rain. I washed towels and other things and hang them in the sun to day. Grace got toothache and gone to bed. Mr. John Montgomery buried to day

3 June Sunday 1894.

A beautiful morning.
after the rain grain, meadows, potatoes, fruit trees and garden every thing growing. Wind South. Wish Belle and family would come down to day. Alone all day no person here all day.

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Monday 4th June 1894

A very fine day and warm but towards night grows colder. Wind west. Wellie brought Eveline and the children up in the punt just after dinner. Wellie and Voltie finish the wire fence pasture. Eveline stayed to tea. All Barrie here to get Voltie and team to draw pressed hay to the scow. Voltie cant go must do his own work. Haynes finished planting potatoes. Em Haynes here and went to Wills for butter and eggs. Mart drew manure

Tuesday 5 June 1894

Wind East this morning
more rain and bids fair for a rainy day.
Voltie did intend going to Cape with fish.
Maude gone to school. Did'nt want her to go but she persisted in going.
Wellie & Mart in shop working on the skiff. Well, Voltie has started for the Cape

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Wednesday 6 June 1894

Thursday 7 June 1894

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8 June 1894

Friday Quite a fine day.

Wind West. Eveline and Hubert here. Wellie working for Uncle Smith building fence. Winnie at home. Muriel with aunt Laura

9 June 1894

Saturday A very fine day

Soft South wind. A base ball at S. D. W's in afternoon. Mrs Haynes here sewing. I wash carpet

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10 June

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14 June

15 June Friday

A beautiful day.

Dordane said she must surely go home
and then concluded to stay so
as to see John and Flora when they
came. John and Flora came P.M.

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16 June Saturday 1894

A fine day. Voltie rowed aunt
dane across the river this morning
before breakfast. Grace got teeth ache
yet

Sunday 17 June

well tis sunday morning. Warm
but looks like rain, barometer falling.
Nelly, G, John, Flora, Dant D and
another fellow here for breakfast.
Oh dear Im tired John and
Flora went home this afternoon
Rob Dant, Will Getman and
Kellar went too. all gone
but Nell

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Monday 18 June

A very warm day.

Light wind South looks much like rain. But Grace & Nell G go up to Mr Doctuer's G in I Niles buggy to make a days visit. Rain showers with thunder and Lightning. Girls come home at evening, a good visit

19 Jun Tuesday

Very warm Light wind South.

Showery. Every thing growing grandly and beautifuly [sic]. Mart went to the Cape with fish went with George Niles, fish mostly spoiled. Wellie working on his house. Voltie making Axeltree for waggon. Nellie Gsy reading and Sleeping. I been reading. Grace popping corn—heavy thunder a heavy shower at 4 & 5 this morning. we are rather short of butter, we are always short after entertaining so much company

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Wednesday 20th June 1894

A fine day with occasional showers.

Grace

Thursday 21 June 1894

A beautiful day.

Arose early Nellie gone home to day. Grace went to Kingston. Wellie drove to dock. Grace has a new lesson "Imperial Polka". Bees swarm for first time this summer. Voltie had a little difficulty hiving them then after dinner Little Charley came for Voltie to hive a swarm for Will. Will gone to town. Voltie and Mart furrowed out and hoed corn in A.M. and P.M. hoed for potatoes at Wellie's. Will D came home from Kingston "sick" Charley Wickham came too

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Friday 22nd June 1894

Sid Percy here.

A beautiful day Wind South & breezy.

Wellie & Mart hoeing potatoes by

Wellie's. Voltie repairing waggon and

making new axle. I weeding onions

& lettuce. Maude home from school.

Grain and every thing growing finely.

The young apples as large as haws or

half grown hickory nuts. Two letters

from Hugh both from the Land Office

urging insisting on an immediate & substantial
payment

Saturday 23rd June 1894

A hot day. Wellie & Mart hoeing potatoes.

Voltie working at Waggon axle

A pick me and base ball game on

Grindstone Island between foot of Wolfe Island

boys and Grindstone boys. Wolfe Island boys

beat by 9 to 29. Wolfe Island boys 8 innings

and Grindstone boys 9 innings.

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Sunday 24 June 1894

the very warmest hottest day yet. A thunder shower came up black in S.W. but steered off to the North and kept out of our way. Scarcely a breeze to ripple the river. Hens and chickens around with their mouths open panting for breath. No person here this day. Grace taking a nap & Voltie sleeping. Mr Armstrong preached to day. Oh to hot for comfort. We may get a shower yet. Rambling of Thunder heard afar off somewhere. George Docteur and J Murphy called here this evening inviting Voltie and Grace to a picnic up the Island. Some rain with thunder & lightning.

Monday 25 June

A fine breezy day.

Wind South. Boys working on the road ie Wells Jr, Devolson & Mart. Grace done big washing and began making her print dress.

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Tuesday 26 June 1894

A fine summer day. Barometer falling all day. Grace making a print dress for herself to wear to the picnic.

The boys ~~hoeing till~~ working on road 12 O'clock then go to election, play base ball till thunder, lightning, wind and rain drives them all home,

going to play base ball against the Ferry 9

tomorrow. Grace brought in all the

washing from the clothes line in a hurry.

I almost forgot to say the boys went to election

and voted for Haycock. Will came over

and hived a swarm of bees while boys were gone but the bees all went back

Wednesday 27th June 1894

Wind S cloudy with a little rain now and

again. Wells Jr, Davolty, Grace & Mart

gone to a picknic in Ranous woods

for the benefit of Rev Lipton. Maud and

I alone all day. Maude is

a good child. Excepting Welly the

others came home late. Will helped Wellie

milk. They report a fine time—danced

all day. A big crowd H.H. drove

down for Lill to go to the picknic.

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Thursday 28th June 1894

A ~~hot~~ warm summer day. Wind S & breezy.

A thorough rain would be very beneficial at present.

Wells Jr drove to dock this morning with Grace. Voltie has lain down awhile to rest himself after being up all night with Charley Wickham.

After the Dr for Jen but didnt get him for he gone from home to a wedding. Just as well youngster born just all same without a Dr.

I dont feel very cute after being up all night, finished W Jr's scrap book. Grace & V went up the Island to a picnic.

Eveline, Welly & their children came up for their groceries. Mart went to Johns to day to help him with his haying.

Friday 29th June

Wind South, warm very breezy, cloudy looks like rain, barometer falling. Hens persecuting the duck, picked its feathers off his back and picked its eye out.

Grace and Maude went to Wills then for the mail. We keep the duck in cellar.

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Saturday 30 June 1894

The last day of June, very warm wind South and very bright, not a cloud to be seen this morning. Grace worked home all fore noon then went to Wills and worked till long after dark.

Sunday 1 July 1894

Heat very great.

Wind South and Light. Rachel came home from Carlton Island. Will went for her with Niles beef. Charley Wickham rowed back with Wellies boat. I went over to Wills towards night. Eddy Bates here, made a visit. Voltie sleeping in hammock and reading. Every thing suffering for rain.

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Monday 2nd July 1894

A hot day, heat oppressive, barometer falling. Voltie hoed in garden, took a super of honey from a hive, put on another, sharpened mowing machine, knives & mowed a few times round this afternoon. Niles hen in our grain again. Flora & Ethel came here, stayed all day. Wellie went to O'briens to get something forget and then watered all the cows and plowed out Haynes potatoes. Haynes going to move and dont want them. Grace at Wills all day. A powerful rain towards night with thunder and lightning and wind. It lodged the wheat of Esford at Wills visiting.

Tuesday 3rd July 1894

A partialy [sic] cloudy morning after the rain. Wind south. Thunder & Lightning in the night clears away bright & warm, breezy. I sent John a postal card. Grace sewing for Maud. Voltie went to O'Briens to get the mowing machine. Got home at half past 12 AM. Barometer pointing to "change"

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4th July Wednesday

Wind West cool and refreshing. Wellie hoeing Haynes potatoes. Voltie mowing with machine. Grace washing all forenoon then went over to Wills and made out butter for market and done big ironing and walked over to Dignams and home again. Will D here this eve for ice. Fine cool evening. Niles family went to Cape to celebrate fourth July. Lidy Ranous went with them. Wind West and blowing a smart breeze all day. Quinn Beadle raised his big barn to day.

Thursday 5 July 1894

A cool breeze day same as yesterday. Wind West. Wellie & Will D gone to Kingston. Voltie milked and Eveline milked the cows. Grace with the Milly, Voltie, Doctored Haynes potatoes for bugs. After dinner went for a load of bean poles and raked hay and milked the cows again and came home and done all the chores. Grace drove to dock for Wellie thinking to go with the Digmans to Lafleur party. K & G wouldn't go for they had had no invitation. Grace went to Well's again to work to day.

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Friday 6th July 1894

Grace & Voltie went

to Lafleur's party with Frank Woodman

came home at 4 AM this morning

Saturday 7

A fine day dry and

cold strong wind blowing from

the west. Grace moped the floors.

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Sunday 8 July 1894

A dry cool day, Wind West. Wellie came up in a skiff and I went home with him and stayed all day. Grace went to church. Maud & V stayed home after church. V came to Wellies too and ate dinner & supper. Voltie and Hiram there and Frank Woodman. George & Wall Niles, Rafter, Russel and Will McD and Wellie brought me up in skiff.

Monday 9th July 1894

A warm dry day. Wind South. Grace made Maude a dress and sewed most all day. I wrote Rogers & Kirkpatrick a letter, Grace wrote to Watson. Wellie and Voltie mowing and raking hay down by Wellie's. I hoed corn. Wellie came for the sewing machine

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Tuesday 10 July 1894

A warm day wind South no rain the grand summer clouds asume [sic] all kind of fantastic shapes, pile upon pile arising from the horizon on every side in lovely grandeur. Mart not home yet. Wellie and Voltie drawing hay and stacking here by the barn. A fellow named Russel here. Maud went to Evelines for butter and went to Mrs Niles to borrow tea. Wellie 5 more pigs at the barn, sow ate one leaves 4. A letter from John, Mr Watson and also Hugh Southerland for a pair of cattle boots

Wednesday 11 July 1894

Another dry warm day. Wind South. The boys stacking down by Wellies Voltie drove to the factory this morning.

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Wednesday 11 1894 July

Thursday 12 July 1894

A rainy morning. Grace went to Kingston.

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Friday 13th July 1894

Looks like rain

this morning but clouds clear away
with a brisk breeze from S. Mart
came home this morning from Johns, he
stayed all night at Dodges and came over in
punt with a strong breeze after him. A
hot day with some thunder and showers going
around to Eastward. All hands working
at the hay. We had pease [sic] for dinner. A
singing party at the feet to night.

~~Saturday 14 looks very much like rian
in the morning. Wind South but
clears up brightly, sun pouring down,
heat most too warm for farmers to work
in field only for a spanking breeze
from south.~~

Saturday July 14th 1894

Arose at 4 O'clock

called Voltie and he went immediately
to Wellies. They intend to draw hay all
day but it rains before 8 O'clock hard
spoilng their hay drawing. Well they will
hoe potatoes. Mart went to factory this morning.

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July 15 Sunday 1894

A warm day showery day.

I went too Wills, Maude went too.

Williams and Wickham there. Had

a jug of cider, George Niles had

dinner with us. LaFleur here in

the evening.

Monday 16 July 1899

A very warm

day. Grace washed all the clothes.

Boys drawing hay at Wellies all day.

I washed a lot of clothes too.

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Tuesday 17 July 1894

A dry hot day,
a scorcher. Boys worked at Wellies
drawing hay. Will helped them.

Grace went to the ice cream party
at WG Woodmans. Mart went too
and rowed the skiff, got home
at 1 o'clock AM. Mr Watson came
after dark. I washed some clothes.

Wednesday 18 July 1894

A very hot day, no cloud and
Watson here. Voltie & Mart making
hay at Wellie's. No wind, Grace
got toothache.

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July 19 Thursday

Grace, Maud

and Watson go to Kingston
and Bring Lib and the baby
back with them for a weeks
stay.

July 20 Friday

Towards Eve a black cloud
arising in the South with heavy
thunder and lightning acompanied [sic]
north wind.

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July 24 Saturday

No rain,

old Mr Breakey burried to

day from the house. Rev Lipton

officiating, our boys and Watson attend.

July 22

No rain,

Maude and Watson went

to church to hear the Rev White

preach.

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July 23rd Monday

no rain

July 24 Tuesday

no rain

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July 25 Wednesday

no rain

July 26 Thursday

Well the Watsons

are going home to day. Maud
and Grace are going to see the
baby christened

Benjamin Ambridge Craig. Well they
have stuffed themselves on string
beans and green peas and other
eatables till they are fairly gorged.

Harry will come down by & by and
we will fill him up and stuff him
out too.

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27 Friday July 1894

28 Saturday July 1894

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29 July Sunday 1894

Charley, Belle &

the children here and I go

home with them to stay a week.

I dont feel very well but am going

all the same. Very fine weather for

the harvest. I see Charley has a fine

garden.

30 Monday

A fine day Belle

~~washes all the clothes~~ no I

make a mistake, she didn't

wash but I write a letter

to Johny. Dick reaping and

binding Charley's wheat.

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31 July Tuesday

I send a letter

to John from Bells, a very

fine day, no rain. Charley helping

Dick.

1 August Wednesday

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4 August Saturday

dry weather.

I am at Charlis

5 August Sunday

very fine

dry weather. Belle and the

children came down home with

me. Jim driving. Marjorie &

beatrice stay to make a visit.

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6 August Monday

7 August Tuesday

no rain

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8 Wednesday

A dance at

O'Briens. Mart, Voltie and Grace went.

An awful thunder and lightning
storm while they were gone. Lightning
striking and burning Mr L Dodges
barn, grainery & hog pen.

9 Thursday

no rain

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10 Friday

no rain

11 Saturday

no rain

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12 Sunday

A dry warm

day wind blowing some. John
surprised us by walking in after dark.

He came for Mart but Mart cant

go

13 Monday

no rain

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14 Tuesday

no rain

15 Wednesday

No rain, Wind South.

A dance at Fred Joy's.

Allen & Nellie Lafleur came
and went too the dance too & left
their brother George here

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16 Thursday

Very dry weather

no rain. Grace, Marjorie, Beatrice
and the dog walk to the dock
this morning.

17 Friday

no rain

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18 Saturday

Belle and Charley

came down this evening intending to go to the lecture but staid here instead till 10 Oclock leaving Irene here, very dry no rain.

19 Sunday

A warm dry quiet

day. Were surprised by John, Flora and Mrs & Mr E Lindley making us a visit. John wants Mart but boys cant let him go. Poor dear John.

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20 Monday

No rain and dry. I sorry about John. Dont know how he will manage. I went over and sewed for Jen to day, made two shirts one for Charley and one for Will. Irene went with me when I came home found Mrs & Miss Niles here.

21 Tuesday

Dry and cool

no rain

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22 Wednesday

Dry, no rain

23 Thursday Aug 1894

A dry smoky time,
no rain for a long time.

Drove to dock this morning but
found the boat had come and
gone at six. Only passenger from
this dock being Wellington Burnham
who kept the arrangement to
himself after the change of time
had been entrusted to his telling.
Eveline and children here all day.
E & G & M milk the cows early so
Mart can drive Grace to Halliday this eve
to go on the boat tomorrow morn.
Mart got home about 10 PM bringing B.H.W.
Ranous

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24 Aug 1894 Friday

Still dry, hot day

smoky no rain, woke up

this morning to find H Watson

here. Mart threshing for Ranous.

Voltie digs potatoes.

I go reconitering around the

corn and bean field. I help Voltie

milk. I milk one cow and V milks

thirteen. Mart came home early and drove

to Halliday's for Grace. Poor Will got tooth ache

Saturday 25 August 1894

A still warm very

smoky day, dry, every thing

looks withered and dying

for want of rain. Threshing

at Horn's to day. Fred Joy brought

us some beef \$1,25 cts. Harry Watson

here. Voltie and Mart shingling the

old barn this afternoon.

Eveline is honored with Mrs Delia Ormsby

as guest this PM. Thunder.

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Aug 26 Sunday 1894

No rain.

Wind North,

cool and very dry leaves on
trees dying and falling; apples
dropping [sic] from trees, cattle suffering
for feed and very unruly.

Visitors are Wallace Niles, Frank Bamford,
Wells Jr & Eddy Bates &
of course H Watson prospective Dr of MD.
Maud & I go to Wills at 5 PM.

Voltie goes for the cows & Mart gone
off somewhere with Wall Niles
and dont get home till 9 evening.
Will came home with Maude and I.

Monday 27 Aug 1894

Very dry and

smoky. No rain, Barometer at a
stand still. H Watson went and stayed
over night with W. Jr & didnt' get back
till we had breakfasted. George Rattray
stayed here over night. Will Ranous went
home with W Jr. Grace accompanied
H Watty to the exhibition at the MEChinere

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Tuesday 28th August 1894

A dry smoky day,

no rain for many days.

Boys will finish our threshing

to day. Wally is a setter. A door setter.

~~Tuesday~~ 29th Aug 1894 Wednesday

A very slight

shower this evening otherwise No Rain.

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~~Wednesday~~ 30 Aug 1894 Thursday

No rain

~~Thursday~~ 31 Aug Friday 1894

No rain

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Saturday 1st Sept 1894

No rain, dry, smoky
and warm wind South. I sew
for Jen made Will and Charley
each a shirt. John Dixon drove past with
Saney to the foot to visit LibRattray
drove back and left the horse and buggy
at WC Smiths and stayed all night.
At Will Dixons Voltie went over to see
Buchanan. I come home at 1/2 past 9 PM and found
them all in bed.

Sunday 2nd Sept 1894

Wind South
and breezy. No rain. A thick
dark smoke every where. Great
forest fires in Canada and States.
Seems as though the world was all
on fire. Voltie shot a hen and
took his newspaper and went to
Bed. Grace & Maud washed the breakfast
dishes. I took care of the milk and
cooked the dinner.

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Wind South,
thunders this morning before day light
thought it would rain but is very
hot day, no rain and a thick smoke.
Grace washed. I churned and
gathered apples. Maude went to school to
Miss Harpells first day for Maude.

Tuesday 4th Sept 1894

Wind South & breezy.

No rain, smoky.

Voltie better & out gathering corn, beans,
punkins [sic]. Wellie working at home.
I can 6 Corns, tomatoes, picked up apples,
pared a pan full to dry, churned
and skimmed [sic] mik [sic], rained a little
after sundown. At lightnes some
Maude went to school.

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Wednesday 5th Sept 1894

Heavy thunder this morning before daylight a
right smart shower of rain,
caught the tub nearly full of
water. Grace cleaned floors. I
scoured pantry shelves. Raining
again this PM but does not
clear away the smoke. Will &
Voltie go fishing for their supper.
Grace ironed the clothes. Maud at school.
Wellie working at his home.

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7 Sept Friday 1894

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9 September Sunday 1894

A beautiful day fair Wind South.

Grace and Maude go to church.

Bell, Charley and little Charley come over. I cooked 2 chickens for dinner.

Wellie, Eveline & children come too and

Grace comes with Maud from church. After dinner Charley goes home with Wellie to see

the potatoes and they all have a very

good visit. Grace goes home with them to

help Bell cook for threshold. The Woodman

Machine doing their threshing. W Jr & E & children stay all night.

10 Monday 10 Sept 1894

A wet rainy day

rather cool. Voltie & Mart working

in the shop. Eveline says she will

stay with me a few days for we want

to can tomatoes and make catchup [sic].

Wellie gone home to work in his house

making partitions up stairs. Wellie didnt'

come up to dinner but while we are eating

dinner in walked Johny came for [Mart[Martin]]

and got him this time but tis a very bad

day to cross the river in Dodges old

boat through the rain and wind.

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11 Tuesday

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13 Thursday

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15 Saturday

16 Sunday

A bright Fair day and warm. Wind S. Wallace here looking for Martin, couldn't find him. George Niles & Frank Woodman here. Frank said Grace wanted her fur cape so I sent it her and said Belle & Grace are going to cook for George & Martin's threshes. I'm sorry they are going to cook for Martin. Poor dear Belle she has enough and too much work at home.

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~~15 Sept Saturday 1894~~

19 Sept Wednesday 1894

As I am writing this diary back from further data I will write just here. John Morgan was drowned the night of Sept 19 1894 though I didnt hear of it till Sept 23rd sunday morning. A cold North wind strong breeze and a very dark night with rain.

20 September Thursday 1894

Expected Grace home to day from her Kingston visit but she didnt come.

It is a very rainy morning. Wellie drove to the dock with Voltie and just as they were starting Martin came running across the fields and hopped into the waggon enroute for Kingston fair, couldnt stand it had to go to the Kingston fair having staid all night at Lon Dodges. Voltie brought all our spices and butter bowl and said Grace is coming home Saturday with Laura. Voltie gave Grace a dollar and bought her a pair of fine books.

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27 September Thursday 1894

A fine morning. Voltie threshing for McDonald. Wellie drove to factory and after breakfast Eveline picked up all things preserving pots, cans and jars & bottles and Voltie drove down home with her & the children, leaving Maud and I here alone. Well tis somewhat lonesome but very peaceful and quiet. I fly around Maud & I and get things well in order. Wells come up and fed hogs at noon. Grace came home long after dark driving the home alone. Wellie stoped at home. Well I'm glad to see her but a great mind to thresh her for staying away so long.

28 September Friday

Well Grace was up early this morning 5 O'clock which is quite contrary to city rules, 7 O'clock being early rising for city people. Well after breakfast and the work all done, Grace, Maud and went down to Marts garden and gathered apples, citrons, cucumbers & I came back tired enough and canned some tomatoes. Voltie away threshing for McDonel Bill. I paired [sic] apples for drying nearly all day. Towards afternoon Maud & I go and gather a basket of wild grapes.

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29 September Saturday

A lovely autumnal day realy [sic] exquisite, temperature just right, clear and windless, a golden day, such days there may have been in paradise. Some people call such days weather breeders but if this day calls forth weather in opposite contrast to itself, what terrible weather it will be. Grace worked all day like a little heroine and the rooms in afternoon are clean and shining as a new pin. W. Jr & E & children came up to fill a straw bed invited them to stay to supper but no must go. Well while we were partaking our supper so coyily in walks John and Flora having come over in U Dodges old skiff leaking half full of water, glad to see them.

30 September Sunday 1894

John and Flora are here this morning, Safe and sound. we do not rise very early. Wellie didn't come up to milk this morning. Voltie took the heads off two fowls and we had pot pie for dinner keeping the young fowl for breakfast next day. Well John calculates to go home to day but it looks like a storm after yesterdays most lovely weather. After dinner John goes down to see Wellie. Grace goes to bed. Flora & Maud go out walking on the shore towards evening it began so to rain that John coming up pm. Wellies made up his mind that he would have to stay over night so stayed.

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~~31 September~~ 1 Oct Monday

A cool day rather: but Grace doing a big washing. Voltie brought her some water: Wellie took his skiff and rowed John and Flora over the river to Dodges leaving Dodges old boat here on shore. Well John had apples & tomatoes, potatoes, catsup. Wellie got his boots that Ben D had bought for him but they were too small for him and Voltie had to take them. The wind sprang up and blew a storm shaking the apples from the trees. Grace brought all the clothes in before night.

2nd October Tuesday 1894

A beautiful autumn day. Voltie done chores and helped Will D. Grace ironed, I dug some potatoes one row from the garden. Voltie picked them up and carried them in cellar. I made a Johnny cake for dinner but the corn meal was old and musty.

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3rd October Wednesday 1894

A rainy morning. Grace helped Voltie milk. Wellies old shoes no good. Voltie drove to factory. Voltie Wellie came up after breakfast and went to help Niles kill hogs for market. Lill and Hank gone to the fair. I think they must have got wet. V gave Wellie a pig's liver. Wellie gave me a piece of it for supper. I wrote a long letter to Nellie Guy. Grace ironed the clothes.

4 October Thursday 1894

Arose this morning at four O'clock and got breakfast. Grace walked to the dock before day light. Wellie went to Kingston too. V milked all the cows, drove to the factory, done all the chores, dug all the Haynes potatoes & drew part of them and put them in the cellar, done all the chores, milked cows and drove to the dock again. Mrs Morgan on the boat to day. The Sheriff seized all the things to day. This is the second seizure. Nellie gave me a book to day written [illegible]

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5th October Friday 1894

A cool wind S.W. rolling dark clouds. A perfectly threatening autumn day a fore runner of what we may expect. Voltie plowing on the Grange. Voltie & Wellie agree to do their work separately. Wellie working his end of the place and Voltie this part and each one working a part of the Grange, the pastures and all grass lands are very green. Maude washed the dinner dishes and has gone to Wills to borrow some white thread for Grace didn't get any yesterday. raining nearly all last night. we paired a bushel of apples Voltie, Grace & I

6th October

A chilly day. Wind W and breezy, clouds sending before the wind. Wellie came up and helped milk and went home to breakfast. Voltie drove to the factory and done all the chores picked up and drew to the house the rest of the Haynes potatoes and put them in the cellar; got some wood and hung up the apples I had strung

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drove to the field to plow all the afternoon. Maud picked up some apples and paired [sic] & strung some. Grace cleaned all the house reading all the evening in the book Nelly sent me "In All Shades" by Grant Allen, a fine book.

Sunday 7 October 1894

A most beautiful day quit [sic] bright warm clear & serene. Not many such day will come this fall, what a lovely day to drive over to Bells. But we have no way to go only in the old farm waggon. Well we are alone all day. Wellie came up to help milk in the morning & evening & went directly home again. After dinner Maude went to Mr Niles and Grace went to Wills & Welly, Rube McF & another fellow from Clayton with two children a Keys fellow married to one of Bill Steeles daughter. They all had stayed at Wellies. Will D & Grace went over to Dignums in the evening, young Doctouer came there.

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Frank Woodman & Wallace Niles there.
Voltie & I at home all day went nowhere.
I broke the Sabbath by reading "In all Shades".
Wellie says Eveline is going tomorrow to Clayton
with Reube but they may be disappointed for
so very fine a day this time of the year is
generaly followed by by [sic] wind.

Monday 8 Oct 1894

Wind sprang up
in South about midnight and
has been blowing half a gale all
day. Apples are constantly falling
and turkeys are picking them to
pieces. Maud gone to school. Grace
washing. Voltie drew a load of sand
from the foot. Barometer falling.
clouds are fast gathering in S.W.
for a storm. We had apple dumplings
for dinner. I gathered the quail head
beans and a few apples. The rain fell in
torrents from 4 O'clock till bed time. Frank Woodman
here in evening; his father got
a kink in his neck wanted something
to cure it. Frank Woodman [illegible]
Digman stealing our apples.

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Tuesday 9 October 1894

A mild cool day, cool enough
to have closed doors. A real beautiful
autumn day with floating white
clouds. Voltie working away at
the piggy wall in front of house. Maud at
school. Voltie drove to factory this
morning as he does every morning
but this morning he requested
Kenny to tell Herb Dignam
to keep himself and mother out
of our orchard. Grace moped the floors
Miss Mary Digman made us an afternoon visit.
Mrs Niles came too. Said she would like to weave my
carpet and I think I will sent it to her to weave.
Grace went part way home with Mary. Maude went
too. Voltie pared a bushel basket full of apples.
A letter from F.W. Watson

10 Oct Wednesday

Last night the moon had a
golden ring and barometer falling fast.
This morning the rain is falling too
Wind & rain all day but pastures, woods
and meadows as green as spring time.
I quartered cored & strung the apples.
[illegible] hung them up. no plowing done to

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Will here in the evening to see who is going to Kingston tomorrow. Want to send for flour, apple barrels, lumber &c. Will is working hard to finish their kitchen before the cold weather comes along. Wellie is doing the same. Will brought his fruit catalogue with him for Voltie to select pears. Voltie was abed but came down & told Will he will take two of each kind of pear. The water in their well not yet good, been so dry. Wind N in AM veering to S then W

Thursday 11 October 1894

Wind south

and a rainy morning clear up with flying scuds and black squally wind clouds. Voltie & Grace milked the cows. V drove to factory and came back and done all the chores, fed 19 hogs watered all the horses, chopped wood, brought water and then laid wall around the veranda. Grace finished my dress skirt. Maud at home. Grace swept, made beds. I washed dishes, pared apples and got dinner. Wellie drove home the cows and helped milk. At last the Western wind is hushed and gone to rest. V husking corn at the barn [illegible] had baked potatoes for supper and

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12 October Friday 1894

This month is rapidly passing on
and the reason it appears to go swifter is
the days are shorter than the nights.

The sun this morning arose in a
cloudless sky. A light west wind
and cool. Voltie & Eveline gone
over the river to get a buggy of
William Windmill to go to Clayton. E going to
have her teeth fixed. V to get W. Jr
a pair of boots. Maud at school.

Wellie & the children here to day.
Wellie has now gone to pick up the
fallen apples from the grange trees.

I wrote Mr Watson. Jr didn't
pick up apples. The weather looks very
threatning for a storm. The sun has
a ring and dark clouds are lying
to the S.S.W. with ragged wind
heads sticking up here and there.

Voltie & Eveline come home time for
supper and concluded to stay all
night. W Jr & V worked in shop till
late making oars for [?]

Grace went for the mail. A leter from
[illegible] 40 dollar order.

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13 Oct Saturday 1894

Wind South. Raining all
and rains this morning. W Jr, E &
children stay till after dinner.

Wind Squalls with rain all day. E made
Grace & I each an apron; bought the cloth
yesterday in Clayton. Grace cleaned floors.

Boys finished J.N.'s oars. P.M. Voltie
in cellar making an apple

bin. I pared quartered cored and strung
more apples & hung them to dry.

Shell N and another little girl here
named Hattie McKeever from way
back. Enroute for the USA accompanied
by her grandmother. McK who at present is
stationed at Mr John Niles' awaiting
an opportunity [sic] to cross the river St Lawrence.

He said little one having been kidnapped
by her grandmother from a brutal step-daddy,
and is secretly conveying her
to the glorious land of Liberty, after being
very closely questioned by a police officer.

She had received a dispatch from daddy
Fredo. Voltie worked at the veranda
floor by light of lantern
went evening visiting at [The Niles|J.N.]'s

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Sunday 14 Oct 1894

Wind South. A rainy morning. Raining hard all day, ground beginning to be covered with water (that is where the ground is low).

Tis twelve O'clock noon now, no visitors this day to cold and rainy.

I did intend going to Wills but too wet. 4 O'clock PM. Wind West & cold. Raining yet. Grace took long nap. Voltie reading all day. Snow squalls toward night.

Did not get any supper meal and I am nearly starved. Voltie ate bread & onions for his meal, and suppose we will all have to follow Grace

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Monday 16 Oct 1894

Wind West sun shining
flying clouds and cold. Last night
ground froze for the first time this fall.
Wellie came before any of us were up
but Voltie up twice looking after the cattle
to keep them from breaking in the orchard.
Voltie has been looking after cattle now
every night for six weeks. Have to keep
3 of them shut up in the barn every night.
Voltie and Wellie are plowing.

Grace gathered all the green tomatoes
and a few apples to put them in the cellar.
We are keeping the milk in the can this
morning only going to send to factory now
every other day. Cooked beans for dinner,
after dinner sent Maude to Wills for steelys
to weigh carpet rags. Grace working on my dress
got the skirt done. Wind freshening up. Barger
lying at anchor by Carlton Island. Mr Niles
here in the evening to invite the boys
to help fix the dock house tomorrow.
Grace & Maud wash supper dishes and
I darn Volties mittens.

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16 October Tuesday 1894

Wind blowing heavy all last night with pelting rain from South. Wind and rain this morning from south and blowing heavy with some rain all day. Volty plowed this AM, afternoon went to fix dock house. Voltie milked all the cows this morning and drove to the factory and Wellie milked all the cows at night and then after supper they cleaned up a grist for the hog feed. Will and Charley here; came to borrow 25 lbs flour. Grace got tooth ache. Eveline got tooth ache. Grace finished my dress. I got the meals, churned, skimmed all the milk and washed the pans and pared some apples for drying. Volty carried the warp and carpet rags. Mrs Niles she going to weave my carpet now sure Frank Woodman gave Voltie 3 big pumpkins. Some thing after our turkeys that are roosting on the fence, guess tis a fox. Voltie went out and fired off the gun [illegible] Wells a letter to Buffalo.

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17 Oct Wednesday 1894

Wind South this morning and blowing with a fine sunrise. Wind blew terrifically last night with lightning and rain. Dark heavy rain clouds with wind, rain, hail, thunder and lightning nearly all day. A quiet beautiful evening with a rosy sunset barometer rising. Wellie drove to the dock with a grist of hog feed. We sent Mrs Hammer some apples & tomatoes. Sent Nellies Book home "In All Shades" and a letter to Nell and one to John. Voltie brought in the Turkey and I cooked it. Will here to supper. Voltie laying low for foxes. Gracie piecing a quilt. Maud at school.

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18 Oct Thursday 1894

A fine day. Wellie

went to Kingston & Grace stayed
home.

19 Oct Friday

A fine day.

I forget what the boys were doing
but Grace and Maud filled a
straw tick and Mr Eben Joslin
came and stayed awhile, he called
to collect the school tax for Lindas Island,
84 cts. Ebb is as sociable as
ever and measured out R Perceys
Christonity [sic] in a very little quantity.

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20 Oct Saturday

21 Sunday

A very fine day.

Grace and Maud go to church.

Charley and Bell and the little ones

come over and we are very glad to

see them. They stayed till towards

night and I go home with them

to stay a week. Wellie came up

and was here when I went and Wellie

too and Charlie and Will and Charlie

rode to the road with us. we had

a pleasant drive over and found a

fine warm fire in the stove and Jimmy set

table for supper and we had

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22 Oct Monday

A beautiful day.

Charley plowing. The little girls and
old dog went to school.

23 Oct Tuesday

Rained this morning

so the children stayed home.

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24 Oct Wednesday

25 Oct ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday

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26 Oct Friday

27 Oct Saturday

At Bells a

beautiful autumn day. After breakfast Marjorie and I washed the dishes and then we went up stairs and done all the chamber work. Bell cleaned all the painted floors, pantry and dinning, and after dinner and the dishes washed Bell and the children and I walked [illegible] out to the woods to gather autumn leaves and we all leisurely walked around the shore. A very delightful day.

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28 Oct Sunday 1894

Charley brought me home to day
a lovely Indian summer day.

We met Wellie and Edy Bates near George Ranous.
Wellie was going to Bells. Edy going to WG Woodmans.
Wellie came back with us. We found John and
Mart there on our arrival home and as Grace
had dinner all ready, we ate our dinner. Wallace
and George Niles were here too. W Jr and
V gave John 4 bags of potatoes and some
apples. I washed all the dinner dishes
while Grace and Mart went to church.
A beautiful sunset.

29 Oct Monday

A fine day. I skimmed 4
messes of milk and churned 2 times.
went all around out door and saw
the trees were bare of apples, all been
gathered in while I was gone to Bells.
I saw some pumpkins drying
on the poles, none when I went
from home.

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Knitted lace cast on 15 stitches

k plain

2 row k2p1 and repeat until
within 5 stitches of the edge

k rest plain

I made a mistake in the number of the row

2 row k5*O twice, narrow and repeat
from * across row

4 row same as second row
except you knit the last stitch
plain

5 row k3p1 k rest same as 3rd row

6 row same as 2nd

7 row like 3rd

8 row like 4

9 row like 5

10 row k5 then n across the row
except last stitch which you knit
cast off 6 then narrow

last 5 which you

now there is 15 stitches

[illegible] as wide a desired by adding any any number
of stitches divisible by 2.

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knitted lace 41 stitches kp

1 row sl, k3, O2, p2tog, p27, O, p2tog, k2, O2, n

On p1 in the same stitch

2nd row n.O.n.k1.p1.k2, O twice, p2rog

R4

3rd Sl, k3,O twice, p2 rog, p30, Op2tog, k3 twice

n, o, n p1 in same stitch

4 row n,O, n, K1, P1, k3, O twice, p2 tog, Slip & b

k8, M & b k8 sl and b k8, Otwice, p2tog,

k4

5 row slip 1, k3, O twice, p2rog, p27, Op2tog,

k4, O twice, n, O, n, p1

6 row n, O, n, k1, p1, k4, O2p2tog, sl4b,

k4, O, k1, Ok2, sl2 b. k4, Ok1, Ok2

sl & b. k4, O, k1, Ok2, O2, p2tog, k4

7 row sl1, k3, O2 p2tog, p30, Op2tog, k5

O twice, n, O, n, p1

8 n, O, n, k1, p1, k5, O2/O2 tog, sl

k8, sl & b, k8 sl & b k8 O2 p2

9 sl1, k3, O2, p2tog, p27 Op2

k6, O twice, n, O, n, p1

10 n, O, n, k1p1, k6, O three P2tog

k3 O k10, k3, sl & b, k3, O, k1

sl & b, k3, Ok

k4

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21 row slip 1, k3, O twice, p2tog, p27, Op2tog,
k4, O twice, n, O, n, p1

22nd row n.O.n.k1.p1.k2, O twice, p2tog
sl & b. O k1, O, k6, sl & b, Ok1, Ok6, sl2
O k1 Ok6 Otwice p2tog k4

23rd Sl, k3, O twice, p2 tog, p30, Op2tog,
k1, n, o twice, n O n p1

24 row n, O, n, K1, P1, n, O twice, p2 tog,
Sl & b k8, sl & b, k8 sl & b k8,
O twice, p2tog, k4 repeat from

Narrow lace imitation hair

pin lace cast six stitches and

knit across plain

first to tenth row (inclusive) make

by putting the thread over p2 tog n

p2 tog m1 p2 tog

[illegible] row m1 sl1 p3 tog pass the slipped stitch

the m stitch over thread over 4 times

row m1 sl1 k1 p1 k1 m1 p2tog

row ma p2tog m1 p2tog m1. p3tog

repeat from first

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11 row sl1 k3 Otwice p2tog p80
O p2tog k7 O twice n O n p1
12 row n o n k1 p1 k7 O twice, p2tog sl & b
k8 sl & b k8 sl & b k8 O twice p2tog
k4
13 s1 k3 O twice p2tog p27 O p2tog
k6 n O twice n o n p1
n n o n k1p1 n k5 O2 P2tog
sl & b k2 O k1 O k4 sl & b k2 O k1
Ok4 sl & b k2 Ok1 Ok4 O twice p2tog
15 sl 1 k3 O2p2tog p30 Op2tog
k5 n O twice n O n p1
16 row n O n k1p1 K4 O twice p2tog
sl2 b k8 sl & b k8 slO b k8
O twice p2togk4
17 sl1K3 O twice p2tog p27 Op2tog
k4 n O2 n o N
18 row n O n k1p1 n k3 O twice
sl & b k1 P k1 O k5 sl & b k1
k5 sl & b k1 O k5 O twice
tog k4
sl 1 k3 O twice p2 tog p 30
3 n O twice n O n p1
n O n k1 p1 n k2 O twice
sl & b k8 sl & b K8 sl & b 8
p2 tog K21

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30th Oct Tuesday 1894

A very fine day & warm and stuff. Hannah Rattray, Ine Joslin ~~burried~~ put in the vault to day. Maud gone to school. V, G & Mart went to the funeral. Cleaned up oats in PM for the scow for 26 cts per bush. Eveline and the children came up to stay here while Wellie plasters their house. Barometer slowly but steadily falling. Clouds beginning to gather for a storm and Grace and I finished sewing our carpet and put it down on the sitting room floor.

31 Oct Wednesday 1894

A rainy day with fierce wind from the west. Wellie at home painting his house. Voltie managed to draw, yesterday and to day 200 bushels of oats. Mart went up and brought home the other carpet for our bedroom. George and [Lill|Lilly] [illegible] in the evening. All Halloween night. Grace and Eve made the bedroom carpet. George & Lill went home at 10 O'clock and we [illegible] Wind blowing again

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1 Nov Thursday 1894

A Wind blown morning from the
South, clouds ragged rolling and torn.
Voltie drove to Jack this morning with Grace.
Grace this morning paid \$50 dollars to Kirkpatrick and Rogers.
Eveline took down the bedstead
and put down the new carpet in the bedroom
Raining most all day, wind blowing a gale
from S. Wellie down home plastering but came
up in evening and stayed all night.
V drove to dock for G. Nell didn't come.
I'm not sorry. Frank W and Johny McLochlin
here in evening

A fine day for the season
clear and cloudless after the rain
of yesterday. Trees nearly bare but pastures
and most vegetation green and growing.
Eveline sewing for Jen and washing
a few clothes for the children. Wellie and
his dog down home plastering his house
E cutting [sic] & making six bibs for
baby. Grace taking the carpet [illegible]
bedroom finished the bedroom before [illegible]
Voltie carried the last milk to the
[illegible] to make a cheese
[sentences torn away]

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Saturday 3 Nov 1894

Raining hard. Wind blowing a gale from the South all day and part of the night. Wellie and Voltie plastering at Wellie's house after Voltie & Mart had drawn hay for the horses. Mart went to Mrs Niles' and she gave mart 3 pies. I baked one for dinner and fried two for supper, boys came late Mart Eveline milked te cows.

Sunday 4 Nov 1894

A tolerable

good day, clear and quiet clouds beginning to gather towards evening. Grace and Mart to to church after dinner. Grace and Eveline go down to look at the new plastered wall, come home and Grace goes over to Will Dixons and stays till dark. Wellie and Voltie go in a [illegible] the river to Lindas Island with [illegible] Evening visitors. Jim Morgan [illegible] Flynn Young, Tom Hogan & Jim [illegible] inviting to a raffle and dance next Tuesday eve. Jim Morgan borrows [illegible] and agrees to bring it home [illegible] night.

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Monday 5 Nov 1894

Cold Wind blowing a gale all night with rain. A nasty day wind and rain all day from N.W. Eveline sewing for Jen. I darning socks. Wellie plastering ~~Voltie helping him~~ After dinner W Jr and V helped Will D butcher two hogs. Mart picking up stones till chore time. Morgan didn't bring V's gun home as he agreed.

Tuesday 6th Nov 1894

Wind N.W.

Froze quite hard last night for the first time this autumn, sun shine part of the time, but earth and clouds a dreary melancholy wintry look [illegible] and Muriel playing out sliding on ice on the flat and H came in with cold aching fingers which E thawed out in the washdish. Wall came over to grind his axe. Charlie came too. Charley and Ethel came as [illegible]

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dinner, wanted tea and pepper.
Eveline sent home the last of Jens
work and is now sewing and cutting
a dress for herself. Grace cleaned floors and
and helped get dinner and finished
a night dress. Wellie finished pastering
his house and Voltie & Mart are picking up
stone. A raffle and dance at John Hogans
to night and a bee pulling
stumps and an apple pairing [sic] at
Wellington Burnham's to night.

Wednesday 7 Oct 1894

A midling fair
day for the season. Grace and I
dressed 3 turkeys and 2 chickens for
market, churned twice and made
12 butter prints for market. Rachel
rowed down in a small skiff from
Charleton stoped here awhile
[illegible] to Kingston tomorrow
Voltie in the evening cleaned a
[illegible] for mill and done nearly all
chores. Mart went to the bee
[illegible] the church by Rev White. Voltie
[illegible] Voltie brought news of
[illegible] that Mr Eben Joslin
[illegible] of paralysis

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Thursday 8

Arose early for tis
market day, put up the turkeys, fowls
and butter, got breakfast and they
all start for the dock once more.
Maude goes to school. I dont feel
very well but work around slowly
all day, churn again and have supper
ready when they come home at 8 PM
bringing Edith Knight with them to make
another new acquaintance. I suppose
for more visiting

Friday 9

Rather cold. Wind West.

Voltie went over the river to get
some medicine for me. called
and saw Mr E Joslin who is very
low after the severe stroke of parylis [sic]
which he had on Wednesday PM
Voltie and Mart finished picking
stone. Leatherland here and [illegible]
to supper. Frank W and Jen
here they all went to Wills in

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Saturday 10 Oct 1894

Oh what a dreary dismal rainy snowy
windy day. Grace done all the
cleaning and washed some things.
I darned and took care of the mill.
Voltie churned in the evening. Voltie,
Edith & Grace sang and played
organ all the evening. Wellie bought
horse of John McKoen and gave him
for the horse, old roan cow and 1 1/2 tun
hay.

Sunday 11 Oct 1894

A chilly rather
disagreeable day. Wind NW.
Snow showers with gleams of
sunlight. Rachel came over this morning
to go to Carlton but didn't go on
account of unfavorable outlook of the
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ate breakfast and dinner with me
then went back goin to Wills Rene
here to dinner. Edith Knight
night. Grace & Edith went up
Niles & Voltie went up there in
to come home north
here twice to day. I have Voltie
Maude and E bread and an
Eben Joslin died this morning

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