

# **Benjamin Reesor (1836 - 1917)**

## **1902**

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Dominion

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Exercise Book

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### **Jan 1902**

Private Journal of Benj'n B Reesor

January 7 1902 Boys Chored & brought load Pine roots from Flavis's AM I & A & Henry Cleaned 30 bags Oats J got Mare Bonnie sharpened PM W. about an inch of snow last night. Mild it Patched the sleighing

8 J & A took 30 bags Oats 72 Bus to Locust Hill AM @ 42 cts AM Henry & Anne took Charlotte Hoover to Johnny Ramer's to dinner & left her at Jesse Burkholder's A got Horse Billy sharpened PM. W. Mild snow from East last night & awhile AM good sleighing they took the Oats on the sleigh the young folks met here last night for the singing

9 Henry helped Thomas's thresh A went to Stouffville for the Furniture that they bought last week Nancy & Mary went to Markham AM Eddy Hoover & Charlotte were here to supper they went home this evening W. Cloudy Mild East wind not strong

10 A helped Peter Reesor's cut feed till nearly noon Henry & Benj'n sawed Ice J brought a load AM A brought one PM D March drew 2 with Benj'ns team W. mild Cloudy a slight drizzle about noon. not thawing

11 J went to Markham for Marys Churn & a fall leaf Table AM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove for some more things for Mary AM A & Henry Chored W. Mild a few inches snow last night some through the day. good sleighing

Sunday 12 at home. A Henry & Adeline & Anne & Elias & Mary went to Thomas's to dinner

## Jan 1902

I walked to N B's AM to see how Aunt Lizzie is she has been sick is some better. W. a very very cold N wind. about 9 above Zero all day

13 Boys shoveled some snow west of 11th Con there are some drifts they took the load of Mary's furniture to the new house. that A brought from Stouffville W. a pretty strong wind yet not so Cold E Lewis & H Hibbert were here to dinner Ketura & Elizabeth Jake & Anne Diller Called this evning

14 all went to help Mary Move to their new house on the old Wm Brown Homestead Flavius & Benj'n & Elias helped Albert Hoover Came to our place & he Came down too & had dinner there W. fine rather Cloudy & Mild very good sleighing

15 Boys & neighbours shovelled through the snow banks on turnpike west of 11th Con to Flavis's AM Boys Chored & shelled about {blank space} Bus Corn with Sheller PM I & Nancy went to Herman's to dinner Herman's are not home yet they went to Indiana with Peter Burkholder's nearly two weeks ago. W. Cloudy & Mild

16 J went to Markham AM A & Henry shelled some Corn I & Nancy went to Davids W. pretty strong cold N West wind all day Cler

17 Boys brought a load of pine roots from 5th Con Scarboro & Cut up some of them AM the whole singing Club went to Jacob Grove's PM all in one sleigh our Mare Minnie & one of J D's Horses W. very fine & Cler Milder

18 A & Henry Cut up pine roots & the old rails in orchard into Bake Oven wood J went to Markham PM

## Jan 1902

W. mild pretty strong west wind looked like a soft spell but is getting Colder this evening I took first Anne, then Adeline to Elias's to help Mary to fix up things a little I brought home some Corn Chop from Br S's PM that J took over yesterday

Sunday 19 at home Jacob B Reesor's were here to dinner Ada Hare was here too W. Cler sharp all day about 5 deg above Zero this morning about 15 through the day

20 We & Elias's Killed Mary's Hog it weighed about 2 Cwt it turned out about 40 lbs lard J & Henry brought a load of pine roots PM A B's & Jesse's were here to supper W. Milder East wind this evening

21 Henry worked for Thomas AM J & A chored A & Henry made a start Cutting some 4 ft wood at Flavis's East of swail we intend Cutting some there Brinlaw Enos Hoover's & Dilah's Mother were here to dinner W. Mild some snow from East last night & this Morning. Came on again PM snowing yet

22 Boys Chored Peter's Jacob & Elisabeth brought Anna Bella Rittenhouse from Cayuga shortly after dinner & staid till about 4 PM J & A drove to Cedar Grove Pm to break roads. W. wind & snow from N East last night & More or less all day not Cold Townline drifted some west of 11th Con

23 Adeline A & Henry helped Flavis's Kill hogs J took Adeline over to Flavis's & tracked the road they are drifted full again in the Cuts where they had shoveled. they drive along the fence W. very fine & Cler. pretty sharp Air about 10 in snow.

## **Feb 1902**

5 Boys Chored J took Flavius with him to F Glendennings in Scarboro to buy a Cow PM he did not buy her. A skinned a sheep PM they got frightened & one ran against another with her breast & we think ruptured a blood vessel & died at once. it was very fat. W. 2 above Zero this Morning. Cler Cold all day

6 Boys helped girls Pick 2 pr Chickens then they went down to Collins to try to shoot a big white Owl but got no Chance at him. AM Henry worked for Thomas J went to Markham PM A chored W. 6 above Zero this Morning getting Milder

7 Henry is at Thomas's J went to try to shoot the big white Owl he shot at him at a long distance. he is very shy. J & A went to take a load of wood to Markham PM they Came back the roads are drifted too much W. a few inches snow last night. strong W wind today not cold

8 Boys chored Henry Came home from Thomas's soon after Breakfast J & Henry went to Br S's with some Corn to get it chopped PM W. Cold very strong N W wind the boys shoveled the Pickering Townline AM it is filling up again

Sunday 9 at home all day a very lonesome Sunday not a team on the road all day a strong steady blow from N W all day not so Cold the roads are drifted very full Calm tonight

10 Boys shoveled snow on Scarboro townline AM & on 11th Con PM W. pretty Cold strong N W wind all day

### **Feb 1902**

fine & Calm tonight Rosina Culp & her little girls were here to supper

11 A & Henry Cleaned & Oiled 2 setts double Harness J walked to Cedar Grove AM Boys & girls went to Elias's to supper W. strong cold N W wind. Got Milder & more calm toward eveing Br C got a Telegram today stating that Bishop Abraham Martin died on Saturday & was to be buried today at 9 AM

12 Boys Chored Henry took light Bobs to Cedar Grove AM to get one shoe fastened Deacon Menno Shantz from Waterloo was here to dinner he wanted to see Br C I went to Br C's with him after dinner W pretty sharp squaals of snow AM Milder PM

13 A took Deacon Menno Shants & Thomas to Locust Hill station this morning. Shants is going home Thomas is going to Toronto J & Henry helped the girls to Pick 3 Chickens we killed 5 of our Pigs & 2 for Benj'n Flavius & Benj'n helped PM W. pretty Cold this Moring Milder PM getting Colder this eving a little like a storm

14 I & Nancy went to Flavis's to dinner J & A Chored A took grist to Br Ss PM Henry & D March went to Toronto our 5 Pigs & Benj'ns 2 @ 8.10 per Cwt except Benj'n were over weight & 1 of ours they were docked to \$7.90 he had 12 bags Oats @ 46 cts 3 old Fowls @ 40 cts each 2 pr Chickens for Benj'n \$1.00 pr pair W. very fine pretty Cold NW

15 A & Henry Cleaned & Oiled a sett of Double

## Feb 1902

Harness (I made a Mistake when I said the other day that they Cleaned & Oiled 2 setts it was only 1 sett) J went to Markham PM & Paid T Bishop W. fine & Cler up to thawing at noon Elias & Mary were here to supper

Sunday 16 J & A Adeline & Anne went with Flavis as far as David's Flavius went to Gid Brownsberger to dinner then they Called for them again PM & Came home together I & Nancy went to U Drudges after dinner & staid a few hours Ruhanna is quite poorly W. partly Cloudy Mild

17 A & Henry helped Thomas take 3 head of fat Cattle to Locust Hill AM they helped to shovel out the Pickering Townline from Hebron to first sideroad it was only drifted in places it has not been tracked since the storm W. very fine I & Susanna went to Cedar Grove PM

18 A & Henry took 1/2 Cord first Class Greenwood to Markham AM they put it all on Henry's sleigh at the end of Sparta sideroad on the 8th Con & A Came home. then they took 3/4 Cord each PM & took it all the way W. strong N W wind last night & all day not very Cold Herman's Called a few minutes AM they went to Elias's to dinner

19 A & Henry took last of wood 3/4 Cords each AM Henry helped Benj'n Clean a load of Oats PM W. Cler Cold strong N W wind Calm & Milder this evening

20 Boys took 5 lambs to M Barkeys to get dressed & then they filled 10 bags with Potatoes & helped Pick 3 pairs Chickens AM Henry helped to dig a grave at Hebron

## Feb 1902

for Henry Stover's wife she died in Toronto & will be Buried tomorrow about 11 Oc Arriving at Locust Hill about 10 Oc Davids were here to dinner W. very fine & Cler Milder

21 Henry helped finish grave then we all except Susanna & Adeline went to the Funeral Sermon on Isaiah 33rd C & 1st Verse by Br C. Cressman of the Mount Joy Church spoke too A was in Toronto 5 lambs 293 lbs @ 8½ cts 10 bags Potatoes @ 70 cts 3 pr Chickens 70 cts 5 lamb skins & 1 sheep skin @ 80 cts J & Henry took a grist to Br S's PM W. very very fine. Mild

22 Boys Chored & cut a lot of feed AM J went to a sale of Cattle belonging to J A White on 6th of Pickering A & Henry shoveled some snow at Hebron & Henry brought grist home Matty Cook Came to stay all night W. very very fine

Sunday 23 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St Luke 11th C by Daniel Brubaker from Woolwich J B's David Burkholder & Adeline Brillinger Abraham Lehman's young folks & Matty Cook were here to dinner Pre Daniel Brubacher Tilman Reesor's Levi Burkholder & Menno Burkholder's girls & Elias's were here to supper & Ada Hare & Amelia were here & Joseph Barkey was here to supper too Matty Cook stays all night Benj'ns were here PM W. very very fine Mild & Cler thawing

24 Boys cut up pine roots took Pork out of brine & Chored J went to {blank space} Weins sale on 4th Con Scarboro PM

## Feb 1902 Mar

all the young folks went on our sleigh to Menno Burkholder's this evening W. Cloudy {fogey} some drizzle AM very fine & Cler PM I took Matty Cook to Br C's AM little Eva Came to stay a few days Fanny is going to Toronto tomorrow to get a sett of new Teeth

25 Nancy & Henry went to see Grandmother Hoover she is quite smart J took Flavius & Fanny to Brown's Corner's A brought a load of Pine roots AM A worked at Thomas's J went to Br S S's PM W. very very fine up to 40 deg awhile PM Susanna went with J to Br S's he brought her home this eveing

26 A Adeline & Anne went to Herman's to dinner Henry brought 2 Brls Flour from Green River Mills at \$4.00 & \$3.80 cts each AM he went to help draw Ice for Kennedy's PM J lonson Came to stay all night W. very very fine up to 40 deg snow going

27 Henry helped Benj'n saw logs & wood all day A took Susanna to Davids AM & left her there he & J Chored PM J took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove I & Nancy went awhile to Elias's PM W. fine & Cler but an East wind is Coming up sleighing is getting thin in places

28 Boys Chored AM they & neighbours shoveled out the road on the turnpike west of 11th Con PM W. very strong East wind & heavy rain last night & AM & a little at times PM sleighing about done. Creeks very high & Rouge roaring tonight Ruhanna Drudge is getting very low

March 1 Henry helped saw wood at Thomas's awhile AM rain stopped them Boys Chored all day

### **Mar. 1902**

W. Cloudy drizzly AM Clered up PM Mild

Sunday 2 at home all day W. a very Cloudy part drizzly dull day getting a little Colder towards eveing

3 J went to Cedar Grove this morning A & Nancy went to see Ruhanna Drudge PM she is about the same J & Henry looked through bush at Flavis's for some dead trees to make a few logs W. a slight flurry of snow last night N W wind pretty Cold

4 A & Henry Cut down trees in old bush for wood (some that are dying) Henry worked at Thomas's PM J went to a sale on the old Tom Hodgins farm PM. W. pretty Cold N wind J went in Cart sleighing about gone

5 Henry worked at Thomas's AM he went to John Milroys Sawing Bee PM A took grist Chop to Br S's AM he Mended a Boot for Adeline & Chored PM J went to Toronto he drove in the Cart to Halfway House & took Trolleys he bo't a suit of Clothes for Himself @ \$6.95 very good suit W. Cler. Cold wind Flavius Fanny & little Eva were here PM staid to supper Mary called a few hours PM

6 A & Henry Cut down trees AM A went to A McCreights sawing Bee & Henry trimmed trees PM I & J went down to J D's fields to shoot a big White Arctic snow Owl. he was too shy J took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove & brought Chop home PM W. very fine Cler thawing some

7 A & Henry cut down trees till near 10 Oc then they went to W D Reesor's sale on 9th Con Markham

### **Mar 1902**

J went with Thomas's this Morning they went by Mar{kam} & then went to sale too Nancy & Adeline went to U Drudges awhile PM Ruhanna is rather weaker W. very fine like spring

8 Boys Cleaned Timothy seed AM our whole family met in Markham PM to have their Picture taken I went to N B's Br C's Br N's & Br S's & A B's with a letter for them to read stating that our old Friend J L Lehman of Mahoning Ohio Died on Feb 22 W. cold raw East wind began to snow about 3 PM snowing yet Elias's were here to supper

Sunday 9 I & Nancy went to U Drudges we staid all day Ruhanna is very very low Anne went to Cober's Meeting A & Adeline went to sit up with Ruhanna W. a few in snow on the ground Cloudy AM fine & Cler PM fresh snow all gone

10 Henry went to Cedar Grove & brought Chop from Br S's then they cut a lot of feed AM A went to David's Grove's Sawing Bee Pm J got Horse Chief shod I & Henry tapped 18 trees PM great run of sap A brought Susanna home this eveing they Called at Drudges about 7 Oc Ruhanna died at 6 Oc W. Cloudy AM very fine PM thawing

11 Boys Chored & brought home nearly 2 Milk Cans of sap AM they had a sawing Bee PM in old bush Herman & David Elias & Mary & about a dozen of the neighbours J took Adeline to Drudges this moring. She staid all day Henry & Anne went to

### **Mar 1902**

stay all night W. fine & warm a few showers today heavy this eveing a little distant thunder about bedtime

12 A helped Flavius Elias Barkey & Thomas's Roy Ellis & N B's dig a grave for Ruhanna J & Henry brought home 3 Milk Cans of sap & a load of pine roots J went to a sale on 7th Con Markham PM he brought Anne home from Drudges she was there today I Boiled sap in shop all day W. Mild Cler Cloudy at times J went to U Drudges to stay all night

13 All went to Funeral of Ruhanna J staid at Drudges all day Sermon on Hebrews 4th C 3 first Verses by C Burkholder Cressmen of Mt Joy spoke on Isaiah 64th C 6th V M N's were here to dinner W rather Blustry AM Cler. rather Cold N W wind all day

14 A & Henry drew limb wood on pile in bush AM they both went to Thomas's sawing Bee PM I boiled sap in shop AM Nancy finished about 10 qts Molasses J Chored & went to Cedar Grove W. sharp frost last night fine Cler today



15 Henry helped Benj'n's all day A split wood all day J Chored & took grist Oats to Br S's I boiled some sap W. East wind rather Cloudy

Sunday 16 at home Henry Adeline & Anne went to Br S's W. Cloudy some drissles of rain Mild

17 Henry helped Benj'n A split wood AM he went to Flavis's sawing Bee PM J went to Cedar Grove AM he took Susanna to Flavis's's after dinner & brought her home after supper

### Mar 1902

W blowed up Cold last night Cold wind and some flurries of snow through the day

18 A & Henry finished splitting wood AM Henry went to Benj'ns sawing Bee A went to Markham PM W. Cold freezing N W wind all day 12 above Zero this Morning I took Susanna to Benj'ns after dinner. U Drudge & his sister Mrs Biehler from Clarence NY Called PM

19 Boys cut some shingle bolts in the Shank Swamp AM J went to Sale at B Dixon's 2nd Con Pickering A & Henry brought shingle bolts home PM W. very Cold strong N W wind 11 deg above Zero this Morning E Lewis & J Coakwell were here to dinner

20 Boys Cleaned Wheat & Timothy seed AM they all went to Thos Coxworths sale J bought a Jersey Cow newly Calved @ \$35.00 5 per cent off for Cash Elias & Mary & Jos Barkey Called this eveing W. Milder, but wind in N W yet

21 Boys brought home some sap then drew off a few stones & brought load of pine roots AM Henry went to N B's sawing Bee PM A & J finished Cleaning Timothy seed & A soled a pair of Boots for Thomas's Adeline I boiled sap Nancy made 5½ qts this eveing W. very very fine & Cler great run of sap. some suckers Caught in Petticoat Creek the other day down below 2nd Con Pickering

22 A went to Markham Henry trimmed trees in Young Orchard AM J had trimmed some at odd times A went to Hermans

## Mar 1902

Sawing Bee Henry went to Bob Milroys sawing Bee PM J took load Cedar shingle Blocks to David Ramer's on 10th Con Markham he brought them home again they have no saw I Boiled sap all day fine run W. very fine

Sunday 23 All went to Meeting at Hebron except J remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St Luke part of 11th C by Br C Enos Nighswander & family brought Henry Stover & his daughter Tenie J B Saml Ramer's son Enos & hired girl Emma Stover Amos Grove & hired girl Fanny Smith & Tillie Hare were here to dinner. W. very very fine & Cler there is still a sharp air from the north

24 Boys brought home some sap & drew off some stones then they filled 12 sacks with Potatoes AM they Trimmed Trees PM W. very very fine like spring I boiled sap Nancy & Susanna went to see Nettie lonson PM she has a son Baby

25 A & Henry & I killed 2 Pigs then they sawed wood J took our Calf & one of Flavis's to M Barkeys to get dressed then he went to a sale at Northcots on 7th Con Markham I took Nancy to Elias's after dinner then I went to Cedar Grove & got Mare Bonnie shod went back to Elias's to supper W. very very fine some people are working on the land I went to see J D this morning he got his shoulder dislocated yesterday he was leading a Cow through a gate & she got frightened & pulled him backwards over he is doing well

## Mar 1902

there has been a white frost the last few Mornings

26 Henry split wood J took grist Oats to Br S's & brought home load pine roots AM Henry grubbed Mangel ground PM J Chored & took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove this eveing Adeline Susanna & Anne went to a quilting at P B Reesor's A went to Toronto 12 bags Potatoes 65 cts per bag 2 Pigs 94 lbs each @ \$8.00 per Cwt 1 Calf 86 lbs @ \$9.00 1 Calf 155 lbs for Flavis @ \$9.00 per Cwt W. very fine but a sharp East wind I boiled sap the roads are very good. dry & dusty like June

27 A & Henry Cut & gathered Pine summer wood at Flavis's J brought 8 Bus Goose Wheat for seed from J Clarks @ 70 cts per Bus & brought home Chop then a load of wood AM he went to a sale at McCowan's near Johnny Ramer's PM A & Henry drew home wood with 2 Waggon PM I

went to Cedar Grove Nancy went with me to Br S's his wife was not well is better again W. very mild Cloudy a slight drizzle this morning fine & Clear today

Good Friday 28 All went to Meeting at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks & sermon on St Mark part of 15 C by Br C Herman's & Davids were here to dinner W. mild quite foggy this morning Clear awhile about noon. East wind. not strong. began to rain about dark

29 Cleaned seed grain A Henry & Anne went to Markham PM I & J went to Cedar Grove Bought 15 lbs granulated sugar @ {blank space} & 150 lbs darker @ {blank space} W. rain all last night drizzly awhile AM Cooler N W wind PM Creeks pretty high (Easter Sunday

### Mar April 1902

30 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St Mat part of 28th C by C Gayman went to M N's to dinner W. sharp white frost last night Clear AM rather Cloudy PM strong East wind & rain nearly all the way Coming home did not get much wet. had Umbrellas A Henry Adeline & Anne were at Elias's

Easter Monday 31 Henry took our fat Heifer to Highland Creek (east Hill) this AM we sold her to E Lewis @ \$49.00 she weighed something over 1050 lbs A McCreight sold one too A drove down & brought Henry & James home Flavis's were here to dinner Henry Thomas & Roy Ellis went down Petticoat Creek a few hours PM with our net & Caught 61 Suckers W. frost last night some squalls of snow PM Adeline & Susanna went to Davids to dinner Susanna staid Russell Came along

April 1 A helped T Coxworth Move from 11th Con to Armadale AM he went to A Lehman's PM to see when they can Cut our shingles Henry chored he helped Benj'n awhile PM W. Squalls of snow AM softer PM but raw N W wind

2 A & Henry split pine summer wood that they drew home from Flavis W. Cold raw N W wind some squalls of snow & drizzle

3 A & Nancy went to Markham & to Davids to dinner took Russell home then they went to see Br inlaw Peter he has Bronchitis is getting better J helped Benj'n take some fat Cattle to Locust Hill & bring a cow from

## **April 1902**

Herman's that he bought from Christ Hoover Henry Chored AM he went to Gower's sawing Bee on the Jacob Reesor farm Gower is living in the House & is working for Thomas (Craven is moved away) W. ground froze hard squaals of snow through the day getting milder

4 Boys drew stones off new Meadow AM they worked at rebuilding fence East of dam PM I went to Markham PM took 3 Baskets Spy Apples @ 40 cts each W. sharp this Morning very fine & Cler PM roads pretty good

5 Boys worked at fence I boiled sap AM J went to Spink Mills for some Bran he brought nearly 500 lbs @ \$18. per ton A went to help N B take down a small barn at Whitevale that he bought off J Larkin PM I & Nancy went after dinner to J B's to supper then went to Herman's & staid all night W. very fine looks a little like rain

Sunday 6 went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St John part of 3 C by Br C went to Joseph Grove's to dinner then came home W. very very fine. a Cool East wind very sharp white frost yesterday Morning and another this Morning but not so hard

7 Boys Chored & Made a stone boat AM Henry helped Flavis at seeding & A grubbed some behind Cider house PM I boiled sap AM Nancy made nearly 3 qts Molasses PM which makes nicely over 8 gallons off 18 trees but we used about \$1.00 worth of sugar in it W. Mild East wind rather Cloudy a fine shower about 4 PM

## **April 1902**

8 Henry helped Flavius at Seeding all day A Plowed in furrows & harrowed W. strong East wind rather Cool. drizzly rain towards evening The fighting in South Africa is still going on there are no regular pitched battles. it is more like Chasing Bandits Canada is sending 2000 more Mounted Men they expect to sail about the middle of May

9 Henry Clipped a Horse for Peter B Reesor A & J Chored & Cleaned some Oats W. strong East wind & drizzly rain all night & nearly all day

10 Boys straightened up some cross fences AM Davids Came about 10 AM they brought Susanna home then the boys David & Thomas went fishing down to the Petticoat got a few then went to the Big Rouge they got 36 altogether I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove PM W. fine AM Cloudy a little drizzly PM

11 Boys sawed & split pine for summer wood that they drew home into Orchard Enos Nighswander was here to dinner he exchanged 8 bags Oats for seed then went to Clods for some suckers he got 58 W. foggy nearly all day showers at noon slight white frost this Morning

12 Boys Chored AM A went to Markham PM he took 4 Baskets Apples (spies) @ 40 cts per Basket Henry took grist to Br S's & went to Cedar Grove W. very heavy white frost this Morning frequent showers through the day.

### **April 1902**

Sunday 13 at home Thomas's & N B's were here to dinner & Br N's & Ada Hare were here to supper Benj'n's Fanny & little Wilfred were here awhile PM W. Cool N W wind all day

14 Boys Chored & drew some stones off fields AM A & Sherman March sowed nearly all of big field with Mixed grain PM (Sherman is working for Benj'n he was hired to Dimma's & David was hired to Benj'n Sherman got married to Esther Pilkey & moved into the old Daniel Hoover house & he & David exchanged places as it makes it handier for Sherman to go home at night) they would have finished the field but the seed run out Henry grubbed in N E Corner field W. a little frost last night fine PM Esher March was here PM & to supper

15 Boys & Sherman worked at Seeding A rolled new meadow AM I & J put on some Plum & Cherry grafts I went to Flavis PM & helped him put on some plum grafts PM W. a little frost last night fine today Cool

16 Boys & Sherman worked at seeding sod in N E Corner field with Ligano Oats W. white frost this morning. fine & warm today

17 Boys & Sherman finished N E field & Knoll with 20 Century Oats & field behind Cider House & along south of bush with Barley there is some to harrow yet & that will finish our seeding except the rolling Flavis man Charley March helped PM & Henry helped Benj'n PM. I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove AM W. rather Cloudy AM fine & Cler PM

18 A helped Benj'n all day Henry finished the

### **April 1902**

Harrowing J took 4 Baskets Apples to H Wilson's @ 40 cts per Bst then he went to Davids to dinner his back is pretty lame W. very fine a white frost this morning rather Cloudy AM

19 A helped Benj'n all day Henry helped too till noon then he rolled our barley PM I went to half yearly Conference at Hebron PM (all went well) Danl Ramer Came home with me & staid to supper Alf Ireson Painted our first sitting room W. fine Cler AM. Cool air yet. Cloudy towards evning a slight sprinkle of rain

Sunday 20 All went to Meeting at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks by Br C Sermon St Mat 18 C by C Gayman (C Burkholder took part too) John Cober & wife were here to dinner. W. fine & Cler. but Cool.

21 Henry rolled A rolled awhile our roller gave out then began grubbing root ground I went to M Barkeys Elias's & J D's W. very sharp East wind very sharp A man by the name Watson was here to stay all night

22 A grubbed Henry finished rolling AM they cleared & made some garden PM I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Peters to dinner then went to Funeral of Otto Gibner PM Saml Hoover & Lewis Burkholder spoke then we went to Davids to supper W. warm strong W wind PM. Calm & warm this eving

23 A & Henry drew dung on root ground AM they bagged 10 bags Potatoes Cleaned & filled 5 bags

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Oats (12 Bus) Killed 3 Pigs PM W. very strong W wind all day. very Cool PM Mary was here to dinner Alf Ireson was here putting on 2nd Coat of paint PM

24 A drew dung. Henry went to Toronto 3 Pigs \$8.75 per Cwt 10 bags Potatoes 65 cts per bag 12 Bus Oats 47 cts pr bus I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove PM W. Cool strong N W wind. fine & Cler. white frost this Morning. Alf Ireson finished 2nd Coat after dinner

25 A finished Covering root ground with Manure except what was Covered in the fall then he made some garden Henry plowed all day for Alf Ireson I took 4 Baskts Apples to H Wilson's PM W. Cool East Air began to drizzle towards evening

26 Henry Plowed for Ireson A fixed a pair of boots for Ketura (she is keeping house for U Drudge.) J took some mixed grain that we got from Benj'n for work in seeding to Br S's to get Chopped AM J went to sale at H B Reesor's PM W. some drizzly AM very very strong S W wind PM the strongest for some time rain & some thunder last night. Br C went to Waterloo today

Sunday 27 at home Elias & Mary were here to dinner W Cool wind all AM fine PM Calm tonight

28 Henry helped Ireson all day J & A fixed fences along Pickering Townline the wind wrecked them in places they made some garden PM I went to Cedar Grove AM Herman was at Pickering & stopped here to dinner W. very very fine & warm

29 Boys Chored dug garden & put Manure among Raspberries I took Susanna to Flavius & went

### **April 1902 May**

to Cedar Grove AM I brought her home this evening W. East wind began to rain about 4 PM J brought 500 2 in Tiles from Cherrywood PM

30 A & Henry started some branch drains in N E Corner of root field I went to Cedar Grove AM J got Mares Jenny & Minnie shod PM W. fine this morning getting Cooler towards evening I went to Elias's PM

May 1 A worked at drains Henry is not very well he helped awhile at drains PM J brought 500 2 in tiles PM I went to tell some of the neighbours that Bishop A Martins widow died last night & will be buried on Saturday I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove PM W. very fine & Cler I never saw the Wheat & Clover look better at this time of year

2 A & Henry finished our drains & began one for Thomas J took grist Oats to Br S's AM & brought them home PM I & Nancy went to Markham AM took 4 Baskets of Apples @ 40 cts each W. East wind Cool. began to rain towards evening getting warmer. heavy rain after supper

3 A & Henry finished Thomas's drain till about 1/2 past 2 PM J went to Markham PM W. Cloudy at times but a very fine growing day

Sunday 4 Henry Adeline & Anne went to Davids to dinner I & Nancy & Susanna went to B Dillers PM they were not at home then we went to A B's staid to supper W. very Cloudy & foggy this Morning Drizzly rain awhile Cleared up at noon fine & Cler PM looks a little like rain tonight

### May 1902

5 Boys Chored AM began to Plow down dung & Grub in root ground PM I brought home some Chop from Br S's AM Br S's were here PM. Staid to supper W. very fine & Cler

6 A & Henry worked on root ground I went to Elias's & to Cedar Grove AM we all went to James Clarks sale PM J bought a large 2 hand rake @ 15 cts James had sold his 2 Go(r)e Lots 68 acres each Lot 8 with the Buildings to Br S's David @ \$5500 & Lot 9 without Buildings to H J Spencely @ \$4500 W. pretty heavy shower after dinner slight distant thunder Clered up strong Cool wind PM another shower after supper a little distant thunder

7 A helped Jesse Burkholder Move from Cedar Grove to Stouffville Henry Chored J went to David Groves to put on some Grafts but the wax did not work there was a strong Cool wind. nice & warm awhile AM

Ascension day 8 All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St Mark 16th C by C Burkholder Herman's & David Grove's were here to dinner J D's young folks were here awhile after supper W. very fine this morning Clouded up a little AM strong wind PM a pretty heavy thunder shower after dark

9 A & Henry worked root ground J took 3 Baskets Apples to H Wilsons PM W. strong Cold N W wind all day Elias & Mary Called this evening.



## May 1902

10 Boys finished working root ground drilled about 3 acres & sowed it with Mangels I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. a very heavy frost last night Ice froze solid in the watering trough Cler & Mild today Henry took Susanna to Dr AM she took a bad Cold but she is up & around J went to Graham's at Claremont PM to see their Horses

Sunday 11 Henry Adeline & Anne went to David Reesor's to dinner I & Nancy & Susanna went to Johnny Ramer's they were not at home then we went to Menno Reesor's to dinner W. white frost last night fine today

12 A & Henry plowed down dung on Corn ground I went to Cedar Grove AM for 2 Bus Seed Corn AM I went to Clod's PM to see if they had any Suckers they had none. W. very fine warmer towards evening

13 I & J & Anne helped neighbours to scrub Meeting House AM A & Henry got Corn ground ready AM A sowed part of it PM Henry brought a 3 seated Platform spring Waggon from J Clarks this Morning. J bid it up to \$76.00 at the sale last week (but they bid it in) then they came & said we Could have it at our bid we told them we would take it at \$70.00 they accepted it. it was made of Picked Material for the Fair about 10 years ago & is in very good Condition yet W. very fine & Cler Cool Air I took Susanna to Elias's PM she stays all night

## May 1902

14 A finished Sowing Corn about 6 acres Henry plowed some sod in north part of old Orchard we intend to plant some Potatoes on it they took a pair of Twin Calves to M Barkeys to get dressed & we Killed 3 Pigs & bagged 6 bags Potatoes PM W. very fine & Cler Cool Air the trees are Coming into leaf slowly about a week the Cool air Keeps them back

15 J Plowed awhile in Potatoe ground AM Henry helped girls Whitewash Kitchen J went to Davids put on some grafts PM Henry harrowed Potatoe ground I went to Cedar grove this Morning then I took Butter & Eggs PM A went to Toronto with the spring Waggon 3 Pigs 366 lbs @ \$9.30 per Cwt 2 Calves 84 & 81 lbs @ \$8.50. 6 bags Potatoes @ 80 cts 12 Bus Oats @ 48 cts about 20 lbs Tallow @ 5 cts W. very fine & Cler Cool air

16 Boys Carried Potatoes out of Cellar & Chored AM Henry took some shingle Bolts to Abram Lehman's J took 4 Bakts Apples to H Wilson's A planted some Potatoes in Old Orchard PM Br

inlaw Peter & Grandmother were here to dinner W. very fine Cler & warm J brought {blank space} lbs Bran from Spinks AM

7 A & Henry helped Flavius with team to Clean up a swail AM they Chored & dug garden PM I went to B S s at Cedar Grove PM W. very fine Br inlaw Jesse Hoover Came to stay all night

### May 1902

Br inlaw Peter's Leonard was here to dinner he was at Cherrywood for a load of Tiles

Whit Sunday 18 All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by C Gayman Sermon on St Luke 22 & 23 by Br C & C Burkholder Lords supper was Celebrated Saml Lehman's were here when we Came home they staid to dinner W. Cloudy Morning & eveing fine Cler today

Whit Monday 19 J went fishing near Lapps old sawmill Caught 74 fine Chubs Henry went to Br S's Caught 8 A Henry & Roy Ellis went to Dead Water PM got 2 Elias Called this Moring then Davids Came to go to their place then they went home Elias's Came to supper W. fine & warm over 70 deg some showers went around a slight shower last night

20 A helped girls Whitewash J & Henry Cut & drew 8 small Pine logs from Flavis's bush to Br S's AM A & Henry dug some post holes at Flavis's J harrowed Corn PM I & Nancy went to Elias's PM W. fine rain last night drissly awhile AM very warm PM. growing

21 A & Henry dug post holes at Flavius A Came home at noon. Henry awhile after dinner then they Plowed & raked back garden I & Nancy & Susanna went to U Drudges Susanna staid there we went to Markham with 2 Bakts Apples then to J H Ramer's to dinner then awhile to Matty Cooks then awhile to Davids then Called for Susanna at Drudges & brought her home

### May 1902

W. very fine & warm a little East wind

22 Boys drew 2 Truck loads of flat stones from the late James McCreights 40 acres South of Elias's to Make a walk to the new hog pen around the henhouse A & Henry made the walk & straightened the fence on west side of lane north of barn PM J went to Markham PM I went to look for Mushrooms to Pearces after dinner did not stay long thunder Clouds Came up very warm

thunder in the north all PM fine shower after supper heavy thunder Elias & Mary Called awhile this evening

23 Boys Cut wood for steamer & finished straightening the fence all they way past the pond W. very warm thunder in the north. a fine rain towards night

24 Boys all went gathering Mushrooms AM they got a fine lot. fully a Peck. they Cut seed Potatoes & fixed some fence & Painted the Kitchen floor nearly all over (there was not quite enough Paint) W. very warm some Clouds in the distance a slight drizzle AM Adeline & Mary went to U Drudges PM with Mare Bonnie A brought Flavius's 3 yr old Stallion to break him to Harness

Sunday 25 I & Nancy went to B Dillers to dinner A Henry Adeline & Anne went to M Barkey's to dinner W. very foggy & Misty this morning & AM Cler PM

26 Boys planted Potatoes & A brought Br S's Trucks to draw some Sawlogs (Ours have no Bunks) W. fine Cler Cooler this evening I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM A & Henry gave Flavius's Colt a good drive in the Cart tonight goes well

### **May 1902**

27 Boys drew 2 Basswood & 2 Maple logs to Br S's AM they chored PM I & Nancy went to Herman's to dinner W. very Cold N W wind. drizzles of rain at times

28 I & Boys pried up the big front Veranda & Blocked it up & fixed a step at the end then boys Chored at all Kinds of Jobs they gave the Colt a drive PM A planted some Melons I planted sweet Corn W. very Cold N W wind all day a very light frost last night hardly any damage

29 J went to Stouffville to try to buy a second hand Cooking Stove he got none he bought a rocking Chair @ \$1.00 & 2 dining room Chairs @ 50 cts each he got dinner at Herman's A & Henry put a wire fence around Early Potatoes in Old Orchard & Chored W. pretty strong N W wind Milder looked like rain towards eveing Br N brought Bishop Freeman Rittenhouse & wife & Pre Isaac Rittenhouse & wife to stay all night

30 I & Nancy took the visitors to N B's awhile then I & the men went to Yearly Conference at Hebron J took the women to Br C's the Conference passed off very well about 1/2 past 11 Oc then Tilman brought up a very trifling matter & kept us till about 1 Oc Menno Burkholder & wife J B & wife Bishop John Martin & wife from Indiana Widow Culp Pre Jos Gingrich John Martin from Waterloo Daniel Bauman from Waterloo Deacon Abrm Culp from Clinton were here to dinner then there was Meeting at Hebron PM.

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Then we all went to Meeting at Hebron except J he staid with Herman & Harvey Harvey has Whooping Cough Pre D Martin Jos Gingrich & Pre Martin Ramer Preached visitors after service. Pre Jos Wismer & wife C Burkholder & wife Deacon P Bauman Deacon J Nahrgang Pre D Martin Pre Amos Gingrich S Brubaker & S Hurst from Wayne Co Ohio & Elias & Mary were here to supper W. Cloudy AM fine PM Hannah Shants & Becca Martin Came to stay all night

31 Deacon Levi Martin Called this Moring I & Nancy took Hannah Shants & Becca Martin to Br C's then we took Jos Wismer & wife Pre J Martin & wife from Ind Widow Culp from Ind & Called awhile at A B's then to Br N's to dinner then Br N took some & we took Martins & widow Culp to Johnny Ramer's to supper then Called at U Drudges & at Isaac Reesor's then took them to Br S's to stay all night W. Cler pretty strong E wind at times

Sunday June 1st I & Nancy & Susanna went to Meeting at Widemans sermon on St Luk{e} 22 & 23rd C by Bishop F Rittenhouse & Bish{op} J Martin suitable for Celebration of Lords Supper we went to Davids to dinner W. a slight shower this Morning Cler today A Adeline & Anne were in Meeting too J & A went to Whitevale yesterday & traded our old Top Buggy to B Ellison

## June 1902 1902

for a new Top Buggy we gave \$60.00 Boot Henry went to Meeting with N B's Boys

2 Boys drew rails & fenced off about 1¼ Acre{s} in Pasture South of house it is so rank that the Cows Cannot eat it all Menno Burkholder brought Pre Martin Ramer awhile AM & Johnny Reesor & David Reesor's brought Pre A Rittenhouse & wife & Henry Honsberger & wife awhile PM W. very warm

3 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona sermon on St Mat 7 C by Pre Isaac Rittenhouse & Pre Martin Ramer & Bishop Freeman Rittenhouse went to Henry Boyer's to dinner Boys scuffled Mangels & Chored W. very warm a fine shower last night Some More towards eveing Peace is

now Proclaimed in South Africa the Boers agree to lay down their Arms and Surrender Henry sheared our 3 Ewes today they did not wash them J & A went to Claremont yesterday & brought one of Graham Bros Stallions to stand here for service. Montan{e} Chief. we get pay for Board & Managing

4 Henry scuffled Mangels & Corn A got Horses Chief & Billy shod AM we Killed 4 of our Pigs & Flavius brought 5 & we helped him Kill them PM W. pretty warm . Cler

5 A went to Toronto 4 Pigs & Flavis went with him with 5 Pigs. he got \$9.40 Some of Flavis

### June 1902

were too heavy he got \$9.30. 48 Bus Oats @ 50 cts Henry finished scuffling Corn AM he & J topped thistles PM I & Nancy & girls planted 178 sweet Potato plants this eveing W. Cooler Cler Alf Ireson Painted our dining room yesterday & today

6 Boys Chored drew pine wood into wood shed out of Orchard with Wheelbarrows & sawed the last of it then we Cleaned 35 bags Oats PM I got Mare Bonnie shod on front feet AM Peter Reesor's brought Becca Martin & Hannah Shants to supper W. fine AM Cloudy towards evening a little rain after dark

7 Boys Cut up Engine wood behind barn AM J went to Br inlaw Simon Hoover's for a Pup A & Henry Chored & Cut up Wood in Calf Pasture PM Flaviss little ones were here to dinner I went to Cedar Grove AM W. very fine shower last night some thunder Cloudy awhile AM Cler PM

Sunday 8 at home Davids were here to dinner W. some rain last night & this morning fine & Cler today Cool & strong wind Calm this eveing

9 Boys thinned Mangels AM Topped thistles PM W. Cler Cool W wind

10 A drew gravel Henry filled for statute labor I & Br C loosened some of the windows in Hebron Meeting house they were stuck would not Come down W. Cool AM warmer PM the neighbours appear to Patronize the old stallion pretty well. the Mares are Coming in fast

### June 1902

11 A & Henry finished statute labor I & Nancy went to Saml Brownsberger's to dinner Called at Herman's W. Cool East wind looks like rain I forgot to state that we Paid the last dollar on the price of the Shank farm on the 6 Inst to Br C. we had Borrowed \$2000 from him & \$250 from J B

12 Boys thinned Mangels I went to Cedar Grove AM Fanny & little Eva were here PM W. fine Sherman helped thin mangels PM

13 Boys thinned Mangels Sherman helped they got done at noon Henry scuffled Corn A Rolled Potatoes & Chored PM W. fine warmer I got Mare Bonnie shod on hind feet AM I & Nancy went to Elias's after supper

14 A went to Markham AM I went with him to Br S's & Caught 20 fine Chubs A Painted Old Cow stable Henry brought Sand from Br N's & hoed Early Potatoes PM J went to Pickering with Benj'n to order a Hay Tedder W. Pretty warm

Sunday 15 All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat part of 15 C by Br C M N's were here to dinner W. pretty warm a light shower this evning distant thunder

16 Henry went to Benj'ns to help thin Mangels A went to N B's to build a wall rain stopped them about 9 AM then Henry helped David Reesor Kill hogs PM & A Painted stable wall W. fine rain AM Cler PM Cool wind this eveing I & Nancy went awhile to Flavis PM

## June 1902

17 A worked at wall at N B's Henry helped Benj'n thin Mangels J Chored & went to see J lonson about some Medicine for our Colt it is running at the naval I & Nancy went to Susanna Hoover's she was not at home then we went to Br inlaw Simon Hoovers W. Cool strong N W wind. Calm this eveing

18 A worked at N B's wall J went to Markham AM to see Hopkins the Veterinary about Colt he says he thinks it will Come all right again he scuffled Mangels PM Henry went to Toronto 85 Bus 25 lbs Oats @ 48½ cts W. very fine Cler

19 A finished wall Henry scuffled Early Potatoes in Old Orchard J harrowed Corn AM they put a load of hay onto Waggon PM J D's were here PM they staid to supper W. fine Our Beef ring Opened today Our Heifer went in

20 A & J Painted stable walls AM A went to Markham PM to tell Hopkins that the Colt is doing well I went to Cedar Grove AM Henry went to Toronto with 2050 lbs Hay @ \$41.00 per ton W. very fine like rain this eveing Susanna went with me to Flavis I brought her home this eving

21 Boys Chored AM J & Henry brought a new Hay Tedder from Locust Hill station we & Benj'n bought one from Massey Harris Co @ \$38.00 Cash Herman was here to dinner. W. fine rain last night & awhile AM Cool Cler PM

### **June 1902**

Sunday 22 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks by Br C Sermon on St Mat 13 C by C Gayman went to Susie Hoover's to dinner & to A Lehman's to supper W. very Cool N W wind Cloudy awhile but fine & Cler towards eving Henry Adeline & Anne were at Meeting too

23 Boys hoed Corn J got Stallion shod at Cedar Grove AM they put a load of hay on Waggon PM I took some bags to Br S's PM Mare Bonnie is lame again I hope she will soon be better. W. very Cool AM Milder PM some squaals of rain PM The Employees of the Toronto Street Railway have struck a lot of rowdyism is going on 1400 Militia have been Called out to preserve law & order

24 Boys hoed Corn A went to Toronto with 2100 lbs hay @ \$10.00 Herman's Came J went to Pickering with Herman Mary was here today doing some sewing W. getting warmer a few showers about noon & PM some thunder the paper says today the strike is settled

25 we cut some straw AM to fill beds Boys & Anne Benj'n & Johnny Reesor's Lucinda went about 1/2 past 1 Oc to Locust Hill there was to be a Reesor Family Gathering but it did not amount to Much it Commenced to rain about 3 PM our folks were home soon after 4 Oc tomorrow was proclaimed a Holiday King Edward VII was to be Crowned but he was taken seriously ill with

### **June 1902**

a disease similar to Appendicitis and an Operation was performed yesterday with Success but he is not yet out of danger the Coronation is postponed Indefinitely W. some East wind all day rain since about 3 PM raining yet Mary was here sewing PM

26 A & Henry helped Benj'n at a foundation wall he intends to enlarge his Cowstable by moving out the Studding as far as the front sill of the barn J & Susanna went to Markham AM I & J took away some lumber PM W. Cool strong west wind

27 Boys hoed Corn AM Henry scuffled Potatoes & Corn A Cut weeds J got some Bran & Flour at Green River PM W. Cler Cool for the time of year the paper says there was a little snow in Toronto yesterday Adeline went to Toronto with Elias's today

28 A ran the seeder through the Mangels it makes a good job. I & Nancy & Susanna started about 5 PM & went to Davids to stay all night W. very fine & warm. Herman Called AM

Sunday 29 Went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by C Gayman Sermon on St Mat part of 8 C by Br C went to Br inlaw Peter's to dinner then to Br inlaw Saml's to supper then went to Herman's to stay all night W. Drissly all AM from East Cler PM

30 Came home till dinner time W. drissly all AM rain awhile PM

### June 1902 July

A worked at Benj'n's they finished the wall

July 1st A & Henry worked at Benj'ns at stable W. very very fine & cler I took Susanna to Benj'n awhile PM brought her home again

2 J Cut Clover below garden that we fenced off the Pasture over an acre A Cut along fences they finished hoeing Corn & Tedded the grass PM Henry went to Toronto 2230 lbs Hay @ \$10.00 per Ton I got a high Calked shoe on Mare Bonnie's hind foot (Vet Hopkins says she has a Spavin he gave us a Blister on Friday night we think it is helping her) I took Nancy to Benj'ns PM She & Fanny went to G Gower's on the Jacob Reesor farm awhile (Gower is working for Thomas) W. fine rather Cloudy PM a few drops of rain

3 Henry began Cutting in south half of new Meadow (N W Corner field) J Cut along fences A & Nancy went to Markham AM A finished the half of the Clover this eveing W. fine & warm things are growing now I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove a heavy rain last night

4 Boys Tedded all the hay & raked & Cocked the piece below garden I went to Cedar Grove PM W. very warm looked like rain PM a few drops fell



5 A & Henry helped Benj'n at enclosing stable I & Susanna went to Markham AM W. very very warm & sultry began to rain as we were Coming home

### July 1902

a few heavy Claps of thunder. we drove in at Mort Reesor's but it rained shower after shower till we got home then shower after shower PM & thunder in the north all PM & till bedtime but not near it seemed high up in the sky there was a heavy rain & thunder last night Martin Brillinger & wife Came to stay all night

Sunday 6 I & Nancy went to Benj'ns to dinner W. pretty warm AM some Cooler towards eveing there was distant thunder in the north PM but it passed around. our creek is running lively

7 A Tedded hay in south half of Meadow J took grist to Br S's & brought home some Battens to Batten the Chute of Silo AM I went to Cedar Grove AM Herman was here to dinner he & J & Flavius went fishing to Kirkhams & to Dead water a thunder storm Came up the fish didnt bite we had a very heavy thunder storm shower after shower for fully 3 hours heavy Claps of thunder the lightning splintered a young Pine tree East of dam it seems Cleared up now. Bedtime A & Henry opened out the Cocks south of garden PM

8 A & Henry helped at Benj'ns stables AM J Chored A Tedded hay & Henry raked in Meadow PM I went to Cedar Grove AM & brought home some Chop W. very very warm. fine & Cler

9 A began grubbing Corn rain stopped him then he Cobbled I & he went to S M for some Battens

### July 1902

after dinner he grubbed Corn after we Came home Henry Cut weeds W. drissly rain AM Cloudy PM getting Cooler Mary & A B's Lizzy were here today quilting

10 Henry Cut about 2 acres in new Meadow this morning then he & A began drawing they drew 6 loads out of new Meadow & 4 below garden W. a very very fine Cler day almost Cool I & Nancy went to Flavius PM to see their Beautiful Cherries some sweet & some Early Richmond sour ones

11 A & Henry drew 8 loads hay J finished Cutting Meadow this morning then he Raked what was Cut yesterday & Tedded this eveing what he Cut this morning W. very fine & Cler I went to Cedar Grove AM Nancy went with me to Br N's his wife is not very well

12 drew in 5 loads hay raked & Cocked last of Meadow Herman's Came to stay all night W. warm fine & Cler McIntosh & Co's Big Building burned yesterday Morning Front St Toronto (old Street Car Stables) 5 Firemen killed.

Sunday 13 All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by C Gayman sermon on St Mat part of 3 C by C Burkholder Jacob Grove's were here to dinner W. very fine summer day

14 drew in last of Hay {blank space} loads till about 3 PM Just after we finished a very strong storm of wind & rain Came up from South West

### July 1902

it was very warm all day Henry took Mares & got them shod on front feet after storm was over

15 J & Henry worked with Wheel Scraper on Pickering Townline A got Horses Chief & Billy shod all around & got Harness fixed AM he & Henry worked the scraper PM W. Cooler & Cler I took Nancy & Susanna to Elias's AM & brought them home PM

16 Henry scuffled Mangels & Corn all day J & A mowed swail in Meadow & north of Orchard with Mower & Scythes & drew in rakings in Meadow W. very fine & Cool I took grist to Br S's PM

17 A & Henry worked Wheel Scraper on Townline AM Henry scuffled Potatoes & Corn J & A hoed Potatoes PM I brought home Oat Chop AM took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove & brought Barley Chop PM W. very very warm nearly 80 deg Showers went around PM getting Cooler towards evening rain last night

18 Henry helped Benj'n draw in hay all day J & A put Paris Green on Potatoes AM A hoed Mangels J & Nancy went to Markham & Called at Davids I got Mare Bonnie shod on front feet PM

I & Nancy Called at Flavis AM he had a very bad spell last night. Pain in Bowels. they sent for Dr he is better again W. fine Cooler. Cler

19 Boys chored & filled 40 bags with Oats AM did not do much PM J went to Cedar Grove W. some rain last night drizzly awhile AM rained very heavy at times PM Cool & Cloudy tonight

## July 1902

Herman called a few minutes PM

Sunday 20 Adeline Anne A Henry & Elias's went to Davids to dinner they went in our spring Waggon Our Mare Minnie & Elias's old Mare we were at home all day W. drizzly this Morning Cler awhile Cloudy again began to rain about 6 PM rainy yet Cool

21 Boys Chored I took grist Chop to Br S's went to Cedar Grove AM W. drizzly rain off & on all day

22 Boys hoed Mangels awhile then helped Benj'n pull wild Oats till noon A & Henry went to raising of sheep pen at N B's PM hoed Mangels after they came home I brought home Chop PM. W. very fine Cler day

23 J & Henry hoed Mangels Benj'n helped awhile they helped him pull Wild Oats A went to Toronto 98 Bus {blank space} lbs Oats @ 51 cts per Bus I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM I took grist to Br S's PM W. warm a thunder shower after dinner not heavy another slight shower PM A Shank was here to dinner peddling fish

24 Boys hoed Corn AM they Cut Wheat PM drew in the swail hay 2 loads this evening I took 6 bags Oats & Mixed grain to Br S's & brought home load Chop AM took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove PM W. very fine & Cler Herman & Henry Called PM. Our Creek is running the Pond is full. it has been nearly full all Summer it has been an exceptional summer for pasture

25 Boys finished Cutting & Shocking Wheat & began in Barley I & Susanna went to Markham PM W. fine Cler pretty warm East wind PM

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26 Boys finished Cutting barley till shortly after 3 PM then they helped Benj'n pull wild Oats till about half past 4 when a heavy thunder storm went around south west it rained heavy here about 6 but no heavy thunder it was pretty warm today I went to Cedar Grove & brought some Chop home AM

Sunday 27 at home Elias's were here to dinner J Adeline & Anne went to Herman's to dinner it was wet this Morning & looked like rain so they did not go to Meeting W. thunder Clouds in N W nearly all day it Came on about 3 PM a very heavy thunder storm & very heavy rain our Creek was running just a nice rivulet but it was full to the banks in about an hours time there was a heavy gust of wind

28 boys fixed up the grain shocks there were not very many down. The wheat is sprouting some A & Henry began to work at Benj'n's stable they are laying the floor with Bricks I went to Cedar Grove for a Barrel of salt PM Nancy went along as far as Flavis's W. pretty warm. looks a little like More rain

29 J went to Stouffville & to Davids to dinner A worked at Benj'n's stable all day Henry hoed Corn all day I went to Markham to Dr AM got 2 Teeth pulled & Paid our Bill \$16.25 W. very fine Cler day quite warm

30 Boys hoed Corn & laid down all the wheat shocks AM Henry helped N B's draw in hay PM J & A

## July 1902 Aug

Fixed new Pinion into Binder & hoed Corn PM I brought home some Chop AM W. fine Cler A Shank was here to dinner Peddling fish

31 Boys hoed Corn awhile then helped Benj'n shock barley J Cut for Benj'n with our Horses & Binder AM Benj'n & Sherman helped us draw in Wheat with team PM we got it all in the barn till night 20 loads but we Could not load heavy the ground is soft W. very fine very warm looks a little like rain a few drops at dark I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove AM got a shoe on mare Bonnie she travels well

August 1 A & Henry worked Benj'n's Stables AM J raked Wheat stubble awhile A & Henry ganged in Wheat stubble PM I went to Cedar Grove for Bread AM I took Susanna to Elias's PM

W. heavy rain last night very fine & Cler today I never saw our Creek running so nice & Cler on the 1st of August before

2 Boys put Paris Green on potatoes then we all laid down the barley shocks. we intended to draw in the barley but it was not dry so A & Henry helped Flavis draw in wheat with teams W. very fine warm & Cler

Sunday 3 at home Henry Susanna & Anne went to Peter Reesor's to dinner W. Cloudy this Morning Clered up a very heavy storm Came up after dinner W. Cloudy this Morning Clered up a very heavy storm Came up after dinner heavy rain some few Hail,

4 Boys ganged in Wheat stubble AM

### **Aug 1902**

they all helped Benj'n draw in PM I went to see Saml Reesor about threshing this morning W. fine heard today that there was heavy hail on the 7 Con Markham. threshed the grain I went to Cedar Gr{ove} PM got the Globe it says there was a Cyclone struck St Catherines yesterday. nobody killed some buildings wrecked in the City none in the Country

5 Boys helped Benj'n draw in till nearly noon looked like rain then they all Came down in a hurry & shocked our field of barley got the last shock up when a very heavy shower of rain Came Cloudy & drizzly rain awhile PM Davids Came to supper Elias's after supper had Ice Cream J went to Whitevale PM

6 A worked at Benj'n stable AM he helped then to draw dung PM Henry ganged AM J went to Claremont AM got a very good second hand Range Cooking stove @ \$4.50. he began Cutting Oats north of Meeting house PM Henry shocked I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Enos Hoover's to dinner. Called at Davids W. very fine & Cool

7 A helped Benj'n draw dung AM J Cut Oat & Henry shocked AM then they all helped Benj'n draw in barley PM W. Cool Cler Cloudy PM a slight rain this eveing I took Butter & Eggs to Cedar Grove AM

8 A helped Benj'n draw dung J & Henry fixed hogpen floor & Chored AM Sherman Came & they started to draw dung between Oat Shock rows PM

## **Aug 1902**

when it began to rain very very heavy about 1/2 past 2 then A & Henry worked at Benj'ns stables I went to Cedar Grove PM were out through all the rain. did not get very wet had Umbrella

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