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Flora I. King

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Mrs. W Bamford

This Book a present

from Devolson to

his mother at midsummer

1888.

Grace Bamford

Wolfe Island

Grace L. Bamford

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John Bamford

[pencil drawn outline of hand]

Maude Watson's hand

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Lobelia purchased here

[pencil drawn image- flower in a vase and a tree]

Laura Sobelia

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Wolfe Island Sept 4th 1888

Tuesday

A warm bright cloudless day,
wind south. Volty is in Watertown.

Welly, Evaline, Johny, and Grace are
gone to a picnic in Breakys grove.

Wells, Maud and I at home.

Wells has a lame knee, but has gone
down by Ebbs to water the young stock.

Bill and Will are gone to Kingston
to conclude the bargain for Will's
place. Will Woodman's child is very sick
with Erystashia [Erysipelas]. I just finished writing
a letter to Watson. James O'Brien
came to see Wells about the school house
fence. Four ministers at the picnic
including Thompson and his family
and old John Lockheart the Bible agent.

5th Wednesday

Rained some in the night, wind
changed to north, cool all day

John went early this morning to Wellingtons
to help thresh but didn't work untill
towards evening. Welly went over to Rattrays
& helped fix the machine and moved it to
Burnhams after carrying E down to
Burnhams to help Alvira. They came back
[margin] Welly is 23 years old to day

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Sept

again in the evening and stayed all night. John Morgan called for Welly to go to the Cape with him to the fair Wells drew manure from the barn and swore because Grace broke up a little wood with his axe.

6 Thursday

Very cool wind north a clear day. Welly and Evaline got up early and went down to Burnhams. John stayed there all night. Wells milked all the cows and drove with Grace over to the dock and went from there to Burnhams to help thresh. I have to look around and find wood best I can. Silve came down for Rachel's cloak. Jen and little Charley came up to borrow flour. Maud and I here alone most all day, its a terrible time for flies. The grass and all vegetation very green after the most severe drought and dryest summer we ever experienced.

7th Friday

A clear bright day Wind north changing to south in fore noon. Welly and Johny threshing for Burnham & Horn. Welly got up early and [margin] Maud came here one year ago this day the 6th

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went down there John stayed all night. Wells at home choring around. I done big washing. Grace and Evaline hung them all out. Will and Jen here in the Evening Lizze Jex burned to day. Sylvia's face poisoned with ivy, looks like rain towards evening.

8 Saturday

Wind south rained hard all night. Wells & Will intended to go to Kingston but rained so couldn't go, cleared up in afternoon. I moped [sic] floor. Evaline ironed. The boys came home in afternoon in time for dinner. Lilly came for Welly to cut her hair in P.M. but Welly not at home. We brought in most all our clothes but they are rather damp. I cooked beets and stewed apples for supper. John received a letter from Volty with 5 dollars in it Grace done general house work Bill Smith made us a call.

9 Sunday

A fine bright day, south wind and warm. I broke sabbath by scouring the teakettle. Grace and Evaline went to church. [Lilly]] and Welly came home with them. Welly cut Lill's hair over

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Sept

Will and Charley here awhile. Wells and Will fixed Will's fence. Grace went home with Jill and she and Welly cut Eddy Bate's hair I picked corn for dinner and made cake & biscuits and Evaline washed dishes while I finished my letter to Victor. Welly cut Johny's hair. Jen came up in evening and I went home with her and we went out with lantern and picked apples from the old miles tree (sweet) to cook in sugar. Will had gone down to Smiths to borrow his buggy to drive to the Ferry in the morning. Welly, Evaline, Johny, and Grace went to prayer meeting. In the evening I studied the History of England awhile and went to bed

10 Monday

A fine day. Wind south west
Will couldn't get Smiths carriage but went early and borrowed John Nile's. Smith had lent his to Pelton picture man from Watertown. Jen came early this morning. Welly and Johny went to Horn's to thresh. Hiram Joslin drove here for Welly. I picked beans and corn for dinner. Grace and Evaline ironing and sewing on Johny shirt. Wells went to O'Brien's to help fix the buggy and stayed till eleven O'clock.

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Sept. 11th Tuesday

A fine day wind south
rose very early for Johny and
Wells went to Breakeys to thresh.
Grace went to Bells on the boat
and came home in the Eve and brought
Marjorie with her. Welly went to
Chammont. I forgot to send
Victor's letter by Welly. Evaline went
to Sam's to help Sylvia make her
dresses. Wells and John helped set
the machine to Sam's and threshed
all the PM. Wells had an awful time
milking all the cows after dark, got
mad and swore. Mother came
up to get Wells to go to Kingston
with Will. Maud and I alone
most all day. I did not hurt
myself with work to day
[margin] Laura Smith went to Kingston to stay all week.
John went after dark to borrow Well's buggy
for Will but he had lent it to Burnham to go to
the fair and borrowed Al Joslin's instead [/margin]

12 Wednesday

Rose early so Wells could go to Kingston
with Will. Evaline went to sew for Sylvia.
John threshed for Sam. It looked like a rainy
day and did rain some in fore noon
AM, fair and extremely warm. had
bad work to churn butter it is so soft
and warm, our ice all gone and
over

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Sept

Jen came up with butter and eggs for Grace
to carry to market tomorrow

Welly came home in afternoon for his
papers he forgot when he went away and
said he was going straight back again
to go to Watertown to get Bill's money
from Normandes. he went to Sam's and
helped them finish threshing. Johnny
came first and watered horses and
then took the team and went to Jim's
for ice. I worked over butter and made
butter prints long after dark. Sylvia &
Evaline came home with Welly and
stayed the evening Marjorie and
Maud carrying on all evening
Wells came home half past twelve
Wind south changing to west at
night

I forgot to send Victor's letter to post
Wells saw Norman Petrie, Martin Smith,
Charley Clinton, Mattie Smith and Charles girl in town.

13 Thursday

A very fine day Wind South west
rather cool. Rose very early so
Grace could go to dock. Maud came
in to day for passengers. John went to
fair and so is Grace and Bell
Bill Smith made us a long call and
said Welly neednt go to Watertown
for the money for Normander had sent it

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Sept

to him Will went to Kingston to day,
again on business Wells went to water the
young cattle and brought up some corn
Eddy Bates called here for his vest
that John had wore down from Sam's
Old Mrs Suttle burried [sic] to day Laura
went down yesterday on the St Lawrence
to Alexandria bay Evaline come
home and gone to sweeping
and patching Wellie's overalls. After
dinner E washed dishes and she &
W went down to Burnhams in skiff.
I skimmed milk and churned. It rains,
some wind more in north. Marjorie and
Maud agreed about one thing—to make all
the noise they possibly can. Wells gave
Grace a dollar to spend at the fair. Evaline
helped Wells milk

14th Friday

A clear fine day Wind South
Evaline went to sew for Sylvia.
Maryanne Barry drove O'Briens horses
to John's pound. Sam's black colt
missing since yesterday morning
I washed and baked
bread Sylvia and Coruwith
here tonight. Wells Jr and

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John threshed for Niles and
now we have all retired (gone to bed)

Saturday Sept 15th

Sylvia made me a call

Grace made pumpkin pies and churned milk and washed
dishes and then went to Belles Evaline washed and Maud, Grace
mopped and put the pies together Minnie O'Brien here Wells went
up to Belle's John and Willie threshed for Niles very warm wind South

Sept 16th Sunday

got damp quick Sylvia here

to day Grace getting

dinner John is harking his

rear Wellie went out to the farm

and slept all the afternoon

John and Sylvia went down to Will's

Will came back with her Grace

spanked Maud just before Katering

Wind North-East. Very nasty day

I went over to Bell's all day, Aunt Laura & Aunt Alona Smith, Charles Luttle

and wife made Grandma a visit this

p.m.

17th Monday

Got damp quick again, very rainy day

Wind north, John, Charles Woodman went

to Miller Bay. John Morgan called after

Sylvia here twice to day.

I stayed to Bells from Saturday

till Thursday and came down on

Princess so I don't know much that

transpired at home I know it rained

all day Sunday & Monday and

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Wells and I went over to Bells to carry
Marjorie home Threshing at Hollidays
Bell urged me to stay, and I stayed
intending to go home Sunday next day
Bell Charlie and children were coming
home with me but rain prevented.
didn't get through threshing at Hollidays
until Monday noon then Michea
moved machine to Berrys Charlie Rearing
and Dick went to Barrie's Beatrice
sick all day Wind south south on
Monday Bell washed. Tuesday Charlotte
went home learing Bessie but taking
Charlie and Lottie with her Mrs Holliday
went home with Charlotte clear and warm Wind south
Wednesday the old dog churned
I helped color carpet rags blue green
and yellow towards night Bell children
and I went up to McDonel place
to see the house and brought corn &
pumpkin rey tried when I got back
Wells and Will came for me but Beatrice
puked and so I stayed Thundred and
lightened in the night Wind South
warm and bright Thursday Maud
came in this morning Wells
went to dock to see if Grace road
aboard

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Thursday no marketing done for Bamfords folks. butter to soft and not much of it, cows all drying up, no feed in pasture but a plenty just over the fence, our 9 cows are as profitably as sitting hen that has sat on eggs for 8 weeks.

(Bells anniversary, birth day 26 years old)

A fine day, warm Wind South I colored carpet rags garmet & cardinal red Beatrice is better I was rather sorry this morning I did not go home last night when they drove so far for me 24 miles but Bell felt so bad about my coming away, I stayed another day I don't see her often Mrs. Burnham and Mrs. Horace Ingerson and Mrs. Holiday on the boat Young Capt. not aboard he was married last monday and went to Toronto on his weding "Tower" his father aboard Wells and Grace came to the boat for me I found Evaline and little Maud at home and I think they were pleased to see anying the dogs were and I was glad to get home although I had a pleasant time. Every thing at home was nice and warm and cheerful and supper was all ready Wally came home about 11 P.M.

21 Friday

It had rained a little in night grass very wet wind North but a bright morning Maud sick with worms gave her a dose of castor oil After breakfast Evaline and Wally went down to

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Wills to see her baby's sick too & carried Caster oil and parregoric Jen gave the baby 8 drops of the goric and Charlie got the bottle and drank the rest of contents we had started home again when mother came running to tell what Charlie had done afraid he poisoned Grace went to Miss Miles for wormwood she had none after dinner Wells went across the river a man called to see Wells But he was not at home. Sylvia made us a call Wells went to the ball play at & Barrys' Wells got back at dark. Grace milked cows the black horse got loose and Wells & Welly looking for him long after dark with lanterns found him and put him in stable & rained at sunset Welly came home at dark John came home too about 8 P.M. In evening I mended socks and at last we all went to bed.

22nd Saturday

Rose early and got Wells breakfast by lamp light so he go to Kingston

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Wally went early with Ed Rattray to
R. Irvines to thresh somewhat cloudy
wind north cool. I wrote a letter and
mailed it Volly this morning sent
John to Sams Wind South and
wife out very early trolling they went
to Post Office. After dinner Evaline
Welly and Johnny went to the baseball
play Frank Woodman drove here for E
and Sylvia went too Spaff's bay
Albert brought the post anger
Our boys beat the Ferry boys at base
ball Spaff Joy and Rattrays returned
from the west Spaff rode down
with Wells and said they Jout
Trimme Messilli's wife in the abyhm
while he was there and also he has
bought a right in a saw mill &
is going back in 5 weeks. 2 letters
from hugh and Wells saw Mrs. Strummer
on Kingston dock that old hag that
used to work for us. Bill Smith
called here Grace milked all the
cows I fed hogs, skinned mild fed
calves brought water got supper and
sick and gone to bed They all
came home after dark I received a letter from

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Sept 23rd

Watson the old monkey. I feel just like waking him.

Sunday layed abed late all the family secured to be lazily inclined Mr. Bamford and Grace got break-fast. Evaline and Grace done up the work Mr. B. sick in his bed almost all day George Niles came to tell us that Old Kit had hurt-herself Mr. B went up to Hector her John went to church and over to Niles and up to Morgan's Grace and Evaline got dinner and washed up the dishes. Then went after some black cherries and down to Niles Grandma felt bad to think of moving, Mill brought us up some fish for dinner. Mr B. made some good soup for Supper Sylvia away over to Rallrays I hear about the rest. Hello Jr went to Chaumont quick cool today wind North

Sept 24th Monday

A very beautiful day, wind south, getting ready for threshers Pa & John drawing in rain, Pa killed a sheep this afternoon, Grace

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went to Wills Sam's and Niles' Evaline worked like a heroine all day washed dishes moped and cleaned windows and oven thing Welly not home yet Ed called for him this morning but not at home Well promised to work in Welly place to day but he got a sore throat. he came up this morning for supper but I had none Sylvia called in the evening. Wellie came from Chaumont at 12 O'clock at night had been to Watertown Saw Vollie.

25 Tuesday

Threshes came just before dinner. Wellie about up the Maud to thresh. Evaline washed and went down to Burnhams in afternoon Grace and Mr. D waited on threshers cooked and churned Mrs B not seeming very well bad cold Wind South - cloudy towards night sprinkled

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Wednesday Sept. 26th

Threshed wind north John
went down to H.H. Woodman's
to thresh in afternoon Mrs
B in bed almost all day
very sick. Grace and Evaline
waited on threshers. Grace
went down to Wills in P.M.
Evaline went down to E. Joshie
with Sylvia. Two cattle
buyers here Mr. B did not
sell. A man from Ganonoque
called to see Will and
Mr. B, Mr. Smith called
Will's throat still continues
to be sore Wellie threshing
Wind South - Grey pleasant
27 Thursday

Wind South blowing a pale
dark cloud raining afternoon
squally with heasey thunder
Grace went to market to day
and had 12lbs of butter to carry
but forgot to take 4 and left them
at home John 17 to day I'm sick
with a bad cold Will sick with
inflamed throat and eyes Bill
Mrs. Woodman had
her fortune told to
day, relative to their
lost colt

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went town to day Mrs Holliday
hit by an awning rod in town
knocked her senseless. Carried by harey
wind Pierrepond brought down the
passengers Princess went around foot to Cape
Smith took
their child
to Ferry to
see the
doctor
28 Friday
Fair day wind west rather cold
Wells went over the river in Ebb boat
came back early John threshed at
Snub's came home early they broke down
Sylvia called here on her way over the
river stoped again in evening all night
I worked most of the day but sick
all night Wills eyes are very much
inflamed can scarcely see anything
Jen here and sent Grace to
Mr Nile's to dun John for Will Jen
going to Kingston tomorrow with
Wells Evaline ironed and worked all
day Welly on the Island threshing.
Wells fixed fence for Will all P.M.
to keep their yellow corn out of
Wills garden and orchard

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29 Saturday

Wells & Jen went to Kingston
Grace rose early and got her
fathers breakfast Sylvia went home
after Breakfast I'm sick with a
cold yet feel very bad but sat
up all day and mend socks
Base ball match at Sam's this
P.M. Grace and Evaline gone
I and Maud alone at home
Volly was to come come to day but
no one went to Miller's bay for him
William S. here A.M. Will D eyes very
bad yet. Our boys beat the Taylors
nine Wells & Jen came home at dark
& Jen stayed to supper. Wells went down
to Wills and tied their cows under the
farm Laura stayed at Will's all night
Wind south.

30th Sunday Volly came home, he
stayed all night with Geo Liddie
very pleasant and warm . Charles &
Bell came down here to dinner.

Oct. 1 - Monday rain and cold wind all day.
Grace was to have an apple cut but
the rain will hinder. Mother is not
very well she has been in bed most

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October

all day. Uncle Bill Smith is here to clean
oats John is helping him. Evaline
cooked for the party this forenoon

2 Tuesday

Wind north cold

Wells drew grain (barley) to the SE

John helped clean barley and

W.S. clean oats. Volly went

to Rosierre for his trunk

Evaline done a big washing

Welly came home in the Evening

Wills eyes very sore I dont feel well

3rd Wednesday

Evaline ironed We churned

and made butter prints for market

Volly Johnny & their father cut the

corn and drew it home Wills eyes

not well yet nor better. Sylvia here

Welly threshing at Rattrays Came

home at dark I do not feel well yet

wind North

4th Thursday

Wind South cloudy dark

day rain hard all P.M.

Welly Volly & Grace went to Kingston

and Evaline finished ironing, made

pies cakes and cleaned floor

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Uncle Smith here twice Laura
doctoring Wills eyes. Wells & John
draw beans and pumpkins
Some thief stole our apples again
this year over in the "far" orchard
Grace left her basket and paill
towels butter rags slippers and
rubbers in Kingston Welly brought
me a bottle of cough medicine
Volly brought 6 apple barrels
Sylvia here John Morgan here
in the evening Maud sick
with cold Wills eyes a little better
Jen called
5th Friday
dark cloudy day wind North
Welly went to Rattrays to thresh
Hogn to W. H. Woodmans Wells and
Volly gathering orange apples Evaline at
Sammy's and stayed all night
Evaline
20 years old
today
6 Saturday
Dark rainy day rather
cold wind North. Wells went
to Kingston Welly threshing at Joys
John threshing at Mackey's
Volly filled 6 barrels with apples
Grace moped kitchen floor
Charley Holliday 28 years old to day
Jill & Shell
here

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Oct

7th Sunday

A bright warm day. Wind
South. River Still Bill
and Laura made us a call
Laura called for her cups &
saucer Volly went home with
them Wells Jr and Evaline married
to day Sylvia here John over to
Rattrays Wells went over to Joys
to see when Spaff is going to
Ganonoque Grace went over
home with Sylvia
Wells Jr got some
honey for me from
Mels Gloud

8th Monday

A dismal cloudy cold
Rainy P.M. wind North
afternoon more cheerful
Wells Jr. went to Flynns to thresh
Volly stoped all night
Smiths & went to Michae's
to help thresh P.M. raining Wells Jr.
came home afternoon and made
a baseball bat Wells went to Heness
to a bee. John went to find the cattle
Evalined moped dining room and
helped make Maud's dress

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9th Tuesday

A fair cold day froze last night
Wind North West Volly gone to Fishers
Landing to row Laura Bill brought a cup of
smokey sour honey for me Clinton
Smith came on the Island this morning
to visit his uncle Smith John gathering
apples and pumpkins Wells reaping
oats John Niles reaping oats
Wells Jr went to Flynn's this P.M. machine
not moved yet Went again A.M.
John Flynn here looking for threshers
Maud Watson squalled most all
day Volly came home in evening
and said he only went as far as
clayton

10th Wednesday

a bright fine day, wind south
Wells Volly and Wells Jr threshing for Flynn's
Frank Woodman here for butcher knives
Johny and Frank brought 3 pails of water
for Evaline to wash and then John went
to the church where they were painting
and stayed nearly all A.M. and then
went to gather apples from grange Jill Niles
here for hog hook old George Jorrey
called to inquire the way to Sams

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Clint Smith made us a visit Sylvia
here too Johny & V went down to Smith
with him in evening

11 Thursday

A fine bright day wind north
Volly & Jen went to market Grace went to
Bells on Princess Louise Wells and John clean
in all the oats Welly threshing to Flynns
E ironed Smith and Clinton
went to Kingston by the road
Volly bought 5 more apple barrells colder
towards night a circle around
the sun Wells went to mothers in the
evening to get them some wood
Welly stayed all night
at Morgans Miss George
came down on boat and went
to Morgans

12 Friday

Wind North rained most all day
Welly threshing at Morgans but came
home in afternoon & J Morgan with him
Volly digging potatoes for Smith and carried
Clinton across the river and brought Laura
back and Volly stayed all night
Grace went to school the last day and
after J Niles S Joy & James O'Brien
Wells worked down around Will & went down
in the evening and brought up our roaster
I have forgotin what John none
Old Mrs Flynns sister
and brother in law came to make
them a visit from Boston

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13th Saturday

A fine day wind South changing to
North P.M. Grace went to Jens to get
the steelyard Wells plowed all day
Welly finished threshing for Morgan
and moved the machine down to
Ed Rattrays Laura Volly and Maud gathering
apples at Wills Bill and Mother graveled Volly
and Maud came here in afternoon in time for dinner
Maud stayed all night The boys played ball
at Sam's all P.M. it was so dark couldn't
find all the cows so they went without being
milked Welly came home with toothache
John threshed at Morgans till three o'clock P.M.
Wills eyes are better finished painting church this morning

14th Sunday

A bright fine day wind North
Volly carried Maud home after Breakfast
No service in church to day
Wells Jr & Johny went up to W.H. Woodmans for
Welly's shift John Morgan came home with
them Wells reading E & G went for haws
Volly came home at evening time
Grace went to Sams a while

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15 Monday

A bright day and warm
wind South somewhat cloudy
toward eve a circle around the
sun Evaline washed Wells
& John cut peas Welly and
Volly gather apples for Will
Smith did potatoes at Wills
In afternoon Patterson and Eden Bates
helped out boys gather for Will Sylvia came
here for shellac Evaline and Sylvia went
to Wills Sylvia came back for the shellac
but E stayed and went with John for
grapes when he went for cows and lost
her weding ring Grace carried Jane Starch
home Welly & Wells John Niles & Jane went
down to Wills in evening

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Wind South the sun shining part
of the time but wind rain hard and
thunder squally Wells and Johny
went for the cider press Welly & Volly
made a barrel of cider and looked for
the ring but did not find it Johny and
Wells cut some peas W Smith came
up and graveled with Welly Welly sewed
up with him and paid him 6 dollars
Its ten O'clock P.M
and raining hard

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17 Wednesday

A fine day wind South
Wells and John plow all
day Welly and Volly made
a barrel of cider and went over
to grange to gather sap Evaline
moped and made Maud a dress
E and G went to loo for Evaline
ring but did not find it Welly
found Volly's watch charm under
an apple tree Boyea made Wells
a vest in the field Wells killed
two turkeys for Jen and carried them
to her in evening I made butter
prints and dressed two turkeys
for market Mrs Flynn here
to hire one of our boys but couldn't
get one Wells Jr & V went to
Wills this evening almost eleven
O'clock and I will go to bed

18th Thursday

A fine day Wind South
Wells Jr & Volly went to Kingston
on Princess Wells and John
plow all day Grace stayed with
her grandmother and went to
the dock at evening time Evaline ironed

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and helped J milk the cows at night
W Jr and V came home and brought J
Morgan & young Medville with them
Watson came too. After supper boys went
across the river to Percys to a husking and
Dance but when they arrived there found
they had another kind of party and
came back went to Howe Island to a
dance at Bresaw's got home again at
5 O'clock in morning Smith here in
afternoon to unburden his mind of all
his grief and trouble Poor Boy ka
Sam got drunk and
offended the preacher
Jen went to market

19th Friday

A cloudy rainy day Wind South
Wells and John cut peas all A.M
Boys slept past A.M. and made
a little cider P.M. rained steady
V went down to see uncle Smith and
got the rest of my Heapers Wells went
to O Briens Evaline put her quilt on
the frame I took an afternoon
nap and patched wells coat and
set up and baked bread most
eleven O'clock and I will retire
Old Mrs M Muller burned to day
at Cataraqui

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Oct 20th

Saturday

Weather variable Wind South
blowing a breeze all day. Darl
wind cloud rolling away to north
squally with hail Wells &
Watson went to Kingston this
morning Welly went to see Ed
Rattray and gone all day Johny
plowed all day Volly gathered apples
and chopped wood for Jen & Smith
came up for apples Volly helped pick
a barrel of apples for Smith
Evaline quilting Grace and I cleaned
floors & colored yarn Volly dug
potatoes over to grange John brought them
home at evening Wells came home just after
sundown and brought me a bottle of cod liver oil
& said Mrs. O'Brien went to Ferry with them
she going to her Grandfather Dee's to go to Catholic
school

Wells brought my eye glasses home
and bought Johny a pair of new boots \$3.25

21st Sunday

Quite a fine day. Wind South.

Wells reading his news papers

Wells Jr went down to Ebbs and brought
the skiff home John went to church

V went down to Smiths cameback towards
night fall and brought Maud Smith with him

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she stayed a while & then Volly rowed her home again in the boat. Then they rowed ferry Horn across the river Here is a catalogue of our callers Sylvia & Frank Woodman Fred Joy George Niles Maud Smith Henry Holliday Gob Forbes Grace went to gather morning berries and hicory and Fred stayed all night Volly came home at 9.30 O'Clock Wells Jr. found Evaline's ring

22nd Monday

A clear bright day wind south We rose early Wells went over to see Spaff and then came home and Wells and Johny drew peas all day Volly diging potatoes for Smith and bought all he rained down at Wills for 30 cents per bushel Smith Horn & Volly drew 18 bushels here in AM. and put them in cellar went back to dig and got the root of potatoes Wells Jr went over to Spaff to inquire about going to Michigan Spaff takes his team with him and Fred Lewis Welly went to Niles for money and Ed Rattray called to pay him Welly went up to plunkers in P.M. to get money on order by Ed Rattray Evaline fixed and mended Welly clothes and Ed called and paid Evaline 4 dollars

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This evening

Johny drove over to Bells with Welly Evaline
went too V will not come home till Thursday
Welly is going to Michigan With Spaff
George Fair called in evening for school
tax on Linda's Island. Sylvia came
this A.M for half galon vinegar and
came again in P.M. Mrs Nile went
down to Wills to make them a visit called
here on her way home. Mrs Niles & Sylvie
were here when Welly started After
supper Wells went to Wills to chop some
wood for them and Volly came home with
him from Smiths. Tis after 10 o'clock and
John has not come yet. all the others in
bed but me I set up 'till half past
twelve John not here yet and I go
to bed Celara Luella Kilborn Blossom
at Wells Jiles Kilborn & Blossom
gone down the river fishing

23rd Tuesday

A cloudy day Wind North
looks like rain John and Evaline
came home at eleven O'clock and
brought squashes from Bells
Volly and Wells drawing and
cutting peas John helped cut peas in P.M.
Mrs Blossom came here and had dinner

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Oct 23rd

and is "so glad" she is married (Lill)
(Will) Johnny Niles here Mes Blossom went back
to Wills. Wells went in (Evening) to eat then
wood. A rainy evening Welly went
on the (Princess) to Kingston from (Heolling)
and will take the 4 O clock train for
Petoskey, Mich

24th Wednesday

A cloudy squally day wind
South blowing half a gale
Evelyn quilting John & Wells plowing
Volty gathering apples and making
bins in cellahel Carpenter Grant here to
see about repairing the house occupied
by Rev Watts Johnny went to (Wells Hommers)
"stun" bee in P.M. Volty drew apples to store
hosue one barrel for sell and some barrels
for Will for market and helped J Niles
butcher a hog for market came home
done chores & milked all the cows & went
and helped carry Joe Niles pig in
house Mother walked down to Smiths to
coax him ot buy thier place I supposed
Smith brought her home. Mrs. Blossom
at Wills yet Wells went down and carved
two turkeys and chopped wood Welly on
the tram going west

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Oct 25

Thursday

A clear warm day light wind North Wells drove over to wharf this morning with Volty, Grace & Rachels organ taking it to Kingston for repair's and then Wells and John plowed all day Smith made Wells a visit in field dont talk very favorable about buying the place. Evaline finished quilting Sylvia gone to town to get her winter clothes Sent sip ducks to Market Wells Jr sent this picture home taken with Pat Bulger Jen went to Market. Mrs Joe Blossom at Wills yet Jen not feeling in very good humor tonight.

26th Friday

A beautiful warm clear day light Wind South Wells & Johny plow all day At noon Wells & V went to Wills to move stove but stove red hot and W. wouldn't wait for stove to cool so came home hatched up and went afield to plow V stayed there and J Morgan helped move stove Volty gathering apples and make cider Sylvia here twice once

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Oct 26th

to bring E wrap home and once
to borrow a paint brush Jen here
and appears rather down hearted
about something Grace was down
there to day and said her Grandmother
and Jen were disagreeing about
something did not know what
Mrs Blossom there yet
Evaline put binding on her quilt
doubled and twisted yarn
I do same as every day cook
and wash dishes and general
house work V. J. & G gone
to Morgans to a party this evening
John Morgan made us a call this
afternoon Mr & Mrs Niles made
us an evening visit Tremendous
firing of canon at Cape Vincent
long after dark I guess I'll go
to bed I suppose I will rise early
for Wells is going to Kingston Welly will
be almost at Petoskey by this time
Well good night and pleasant dreams
Johny and George Morgan came at Midnight
for fiddle strings Will Cornwell 30 years old to day
27th Saturday
Rose early and got Wells breakfast
by lamp light. Raining quite hard
Wind south Half past four and

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Oct 27th

very dark Our children not home from
party yet Wells has gone long before
daylight through the rain but not
very cold this morning Smith promised
Wells to go up about the place again but
he I dont believe he will go

Grace Volty & Johny came home
from the party at eleven O clock.
I colored yarn for Evaline and she went
down to her Grandma Joslins calling
at Wills on her way there Grace went
to bed and slept till ten O clock
Volty and John done chorse and
made cider & did not milk the
cows but once to day I done Saturday
work alone moped kitchen floor
A dark dismal day with rain and wind
from South John Morgan called in
evening Volty went at dark to chop
wood for Will John out after dark
fixing dence Wells came home just
after dark and brought onions and
we had a bright warm fire and a
good supper all ready I cooked
chicken and a pot pie and the
boys came home to supper to Welly
and Spaff mist be in Mich by this time
Mrs Blossom at Wills yet
Mrs Jimmy rode down with Wells from Ferry

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Oct 28

Sunday

Rather a cloudy day Wind South
rained in A.M. we did not get up
very early Wells reading his News paper
Johny at home all day reading and sleeping
After dinner Volty dressed and went
down the Island courting Mother came
up to dinner has not been here in a
long time. she talked over all her Smith
trouble and went home at dark
Wells went down to chop wood Grace
went down for nanny berries Eddy Burnham
came to go to prayer meeting with Johny
Hiram John & Elen Bates came up with
Grace to go to church too but there was
no meeting so they stayed here and
made a visit drank cider and had
a great time Wells thought we ought
to have had a letter from Welly last night
I am sorry to scold I had to spank
Maud but I think it done her good
Evaline came home with Wells and
I made a hasty pudding for supper
Mrs Blossom at Wills yet waiting
for Joseph and says they will miss
her when she goes home

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Oct 29

Monday

A midling fair day strong breeze
from the west. cold but not freezing
Wells Johny and Volty butchered beef A.M.
Wells & Johny plowed all P.M. till
dark and then chopped wood and milked
and took care of horses Volty went
to Morgans after dinner for John Morgan
to help dig. Wells potatoes George Horn
helped too George here to dinner and
came up in PM for cider for J.M.
and V. they dug 22 bushels
Mrs Blossom helped Jen wash and hung
the clothes out after dark Will went down
to Smiths to coax him to buy the place
Smith has agreed to go to Kingston
tomorrow and Wells is going too
Grace went to Sam's for Kerosene but
they had none. They told Grace
that Smith had been there talking
against her grandmother John went
to Wills after dark for oil Boykey
and Laura went to Nile's for three
hands of apples Evaline knit on Wellys
socks Maud acted mean all day
kicked and squalled

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Oct 30th

Tuesday

Grace and Mrs B washed and done general house work. Mr B went to Kingston to see about Wills places but Smith did not go. Mr B and came home rather vexed at Smith for not going and swore considerably Voltie dug potatoes for Will and went down to the Foot of the Island courting in the Evening. John plowed and drew wood and done the chores. Will Lixon made us a visit and Mrs Blossom made us a call and now she has gone home to C. Vincent Evaline sewed on Grace's dress Maud Watson behaved tolerably well. Quite a Jan day Wind S.W. light breeze Wells Jr. sawing over pressence to say. Evaline knit some on Wellies socks. Sylvia did not put in an appearance Now will all expire in time Good night

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Oct 31st

Wednesday

This is the last day of Oct & all Saints day
A very fine day Wind S.E. changing
to S towards evening Volty finished
diging Wills potatoes 4 1/2 rows. Wells
& John plowed and drew Wills apples
and cider barrel here at noon. Will and Volty made
made cider for Will in PM Volty went
to Cook's courting and returned about
2 O'clock A.M. Smith went to Kingston
Said he couldn't & didn't go yesterday because
he had a head ache He stoped along wide
road to talk with Wells says he will buy
the place now says he means business
now right straight from the word go
up tomorrow Laura must buy the
place cause he is "afeared" too Wants Wells
to go down there to night Wells goes after
supper comes home about Eleven finds us
all abed sleeping Evaline she sits up to
finish well sock & finished Graces dress too
Sylvia here early this morning for turkeys
Will & Jen here this Evening for turkeys

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1st Nov.

Thursday

Today has been one of the most beautiful days of the season Wind South very light Wells went to Kingston on the Princess also Grace and Voltie Wells went on the Smith and did business again John plowed at home and done the chores.

Irene done general housework

Maud behaved well today

Stuck her foot in a bellie of water

thought she had burnt it but

guess not bad Willie L. made

us a call. Voltie stayed in

Kingston John and Evaline wnt

to the dock. Mr B. came home

vexed because he had to

walk from the dock and swore

considerably. John Morgan called

to tell us Sam's dog was

eating up the beef

The bargain for the place was

concluded to day Laura paid 50

dollars in the office. Great flocks

of wild geese in river and flying

away to South

Mrs George Fair & Mrs Ele Fair went to Kingston

on Princess

Edith came down on Princess to day her trade

is leased I suppose

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Nov 2nd

Friday

Wind South string breeze
not cold Wells plowed all A.M on
grange John plowed at home
Volty in Kingston After dinner
Wells went over to the store house
to get his flour which was left the
last night and and brought some
wood home old rails. Eveline
knitting for Welly and piecing for
a quilt Grace making sheets and
I moped kitchen floor and scalded
beef berrel Wells brought in the
fore quarter's of beef that hung on
a tree by the river since he butchered
last Monday to keep Sam's dogs
from eating it up. Jen here for
her flat irons. I forgot to say
Wells left the hund quarters of beef hung
in the tree yet I suppose he thinks it
hangs so high the dogs cant "chaw" that
Mrs George Fair and Ell Fair visiting
at Mrs Nile's. Wild blows hard they
cant cross river Smith commenced
work to day The "All Saints" dressed
up Delmans old cow with Horn's haries
last night A rainy night cows not milked

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3rd Nov

Saturday

Wind South rainy morning
Wels and John plowed all day
at home Volty came come from
Kingston in P.M. stayed at Welchs
all night. Smith plowing on his
new farm Evaline received a letter
from Welly I received a postal card
from Watson Will & Jen making
cider Will Cornwell came over & stayed at Niles
John went down to see Ed Rattray
Wells cut up his beef
a rainy evening

4th Sunday

A very pleasant day Wind South
Wells husked corn and read News paper
Will Cornwell here in AM. Volty and
John went down the Island and stayed
all day John went to Joy's Sylvia &
Charley Woodman went over the river with
Ell Fair early in morning Cornwell
home Sylvie saw Cornwell I suppose
she feels better John Morgan called
and went down to Wills & then down
the Island and from there J & V
went to Brad Point and stayed all
night Will came up early for
us to go down home with him but
I did not go till after dinner. Maud
went with me and we stayed till after dark
and came home by the light of the lantern

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5th Nov

Monday

A fine day for this time of the year
Wind South strong breeze Wells & John
plowing at home Volty came home before
dinner and made some cider built
a covering for Welly's boat and plowed
towards night while WELLS went over to
A Siddy's Volty then went to Brad point
to a dance at Hick's John went down
to dun Ed Rarray for his father Evaline
went to Sams at dark came back and
helped me milk the cows all but one
so dark we couldn't tell cow from bull
and I went out after dark and fell over
the pumpkins and into a hole the boys
had dug to bury apples

6th Tuesday

Strong breeze from South. cloudy
looks like rain wind blowing a gale
all night Wells & Johny plowing
nearly all day til the rain drove them
in. Volty came home in the afternoon
stay all night at Hick's on Brad point
Hicks & family started for Brooklyn to day
Sylvia here this morning to borrow
wash board and brought it home
again towards evening and stayed till

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nearly dark and went home in the
rain Will came up awhile to see if Wells
had gone to Kingston Wells intended
to go to Kingston with Smith but he
did not come so Wells plowed Volty went
to Ebbs to borrow a bottle of kerosine I
patched most all day Evaline finished
Welly socks pieced quilt and knit
lace. Grace alone house work Maude
done as she pleased
Aloisa Gillespie
visiting Jane Niles
7th Wednesday
A fine day Wind North & cool
Rose early. had breakfast at day light
Wells & Johnny plow all day at home
Volty ate breakfast and went to
Brad point for Smiths boat that J
Morgan has taken from the foot yesterdat
came home at noon with Smith's spaff
Charley Woodman went with Volty to
Millers Bay for kerosine got back
at 4 O clock while Sylvia was here
to borrow Evaline's jacket to wear to
Kingston tomorrow Charley came for
his kerosine in evening while J
Morgan was here lifting the kerosine and
bottling for out door saying as he
went out "What do you think of that"

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Will here for basket to carry apples in to market
and some russets to finish filling a barrel
for market Wells sent John down to Wills
with team and helped Will load two
barrels of apples John came home with
cows & Will drove over to store house
Will has lost his key to the store house
came up here inquiring if it is here. We said no.
Volty rowed Smiths boat home and
eat supper there. Grace and I washed clothes
dressed turkeys & ducks, churned, and
made butter prints for market, cooked 3
meals, and swept. Evaline finished
blocks for a quilt, knit lace, made
beds and swept chamber, washed
dishes & ironed, & patched Johny's
pants. Maud eat apples all day
Evening very dark & cloudy no moon
looks like a storm before morning all
a bed but me We will have to get
up a 3 O'clock tomorrow morning for
the boat comes in at half past six
6.30

8th Thursday

A still cloudy morning light wind North
Rose at 3 O'clock. Wells drove over to
the dock with John and Grace I got

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breakfast twice this morning. Maude
awoke, cried, & squalled around for
Grace. Volty went to ice house in the
dark to cut beef for second breakfast for
Wells carried one lantern to the dock, and the
other lantern is at Wills. Wells and Volty
plowed nearly all day until commenced
raining Wells milked cows and done
chores Volty drove to the dock before
dark came back nearly 8 O'clock.
Spent a very quiet afternoon
Rachel came home from
Kingston and brought a bottle
of Irish whiskey and had a
noisy evening. Rained all
night.

Gowdy took Graces turkey money
away from her and kept the turkey
9th Friday
Rained all day Wind North
Rachel went down to Wills
Will here and John Morgan
played on Violin rung &
Mr Bamford and John at Obriens
to help him move straw.
Voltie down to Niles to get
his hair cut thressed beans
and done chores.

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10th Nov

Saturday Nov. 10

Wells got up early to go to town
Rained coued for go. Wind
North cleared up towards night
Rachel settled with Ed and
concluded to let Will have
the place. J. Niles came and
got the cider mill Voltie
buried apples. Wells & John
went over towards night
and drew wood. Bill Smith
made us a call for his
pail and Jar. John went
to the P. Office got a letter
from Wellie.

11th Sunday

Wind West some what cold not
freezing Volty went to Brad point in
Smiths boat Wells reading John
went to church but no service. Road
so bad minister could not come down
Will came up and Rachel went home with
him and stayed all night. Johny went
down to Smiths from church came back
in time to milk. Heisam John came
with Evaline Grace Johny & Heisam
went to prayer meeting. Wind blowing a gale
Volty not at home yet half past nine A.M.

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12th Monday

West wind cold. Wells sent John to Mr Niles to borrow Mrs N big kettle early A.M. Volty came home at 8, having stayed over night at Brad point. Will came up, & John Wells & Will & Volty butchered the pigs. After dinner Volty John & Will, took the team to move Will store the store got broke by morning so they drove over to the Breakey home for Rachels store that has been there since Spring. When Will Wellie Linda & C were fishing Johny made Mr Niles family a visit in the evening Grace made them a visit in afternoon & carried home their starch & kerosine Wells and V brought in the dogs at night Eva moped all the floors and knit and helped do everything Maud afraid of Niles big kettle

13 Tuesday

A very fine day. Wind South Arose at half past three & got Wells Breakfast so he can get an early start for Kingston. Expect J Niles to accompany him V & J got up early and helped load the pig in the wagon for market

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Volty helped me get breakfast again Eva
sent Wellie a letter V worked for uncle Smith
digging post holes & went there to dinner John
took team and helped move Will J plowed
at home in Afternoon Eva washed a big
washing and hung them on the line early
and knit on Wellie sock Jen made
a call for b Sylvia "no" Betsey Bobbet
gone up toward J N's. Expect she is
going across the river. I seamed Tea Kettle
14 Wednesday

A fine day Wind South

John & Wells finished plowing at home
P.M. helped Will move Volty dug post
holes and set posts for his uncle William
Rachel came over for her things to
go to Kingston Evaline visiting at
Mrs Nile's I wrote to Wellie and Watson
Old Mrs Bessy
buried to day at
Maryville

15 Thursday

Cloudy & warm. Wind South

We said to rise early half past three
gave Volty his breakfast, John drove him
over to the dock Wells & John plowed all
day on grange Wells salted the pork in the
barrel at noon. Grace went over to her
grandmother's for bowl & chopping knife &
came back on the waggon John Morgan came

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home with Volty, had supper and played euchre in parlor @ 6'clock & the calf in the barn not fed since yesterday, going to feed him bye & bye. Tomorrow Wills folks have pidgeons for dinner

16 Friday

Wind North cloudy looks like rain

No snow yet Wells plowing all day John went to camers for plow point in Smiths skiff Volty helping Smith stretch noise on post John plowed in afternoon Morgan drove Ranon's cattle to pound A beautiful sunset

17 Saturday

Wind West. W. blowing a gale with snow squall. snow disappeared at sunrise Wells & I got up a 3.30 O'clock Wells gone to Ferry for pigs Morgan drove Ranon's cattle to pound again at 8 O'clock this morning Cold day John plowed & eat dinner at Wills Volty helped Smith stretch barbed wire Evaline made coal fire in both stoves cleaned all the floors and made pies. A cold raw wind all day blowing a strong breeze all day Wells went to Kingston could get no pigs bought cabbage onions

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mustard & two nutied Saturday gloves

Eva received a letter from Wellie

18 Sunday

Pleasant day but cold. Wind North

John after breakfast over to Rachels

stayed till nearly dark Volty went

down to Smiths Will came up for cider

Evaline wrote to Welly Wells reading

Whig Grace went to Wills came back

at dark Rachel came with her John

Morgan came home with Volty and

stayed till 9 O'clock John and Grace

went to prayer meeting and Rachel went

home.

19th Monday snowed in the

night but turned to rain before morning

Wind south blowing a gale rained pouring

nearly all day clearing up towards night

with wind changing to North Wells threshing

beans at the barn Volty white washing on

culminating for Smith Laura helping clean

house the house full of rats and Smith

shooting them with a double barrel gun

John hunting in A.M. and afternoon

pottering around house and doing chores

coal fire dont work very well in cook

store to day I am from eleven O'clock

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Nov

untill 3 O'clock getting dinner Mr
B owser most started Not fire
enough at supper time to boil tea kettle
but everything all right at last and
we have a very pleasant evening. John
made someone an evening visit dont
know who Volly came home from Smiths
hungry has cold dinner every day
Evaline finished the lace and set up
Wellie's mitten

20th Tuesday

A clear bright day cold wind north
ground frozen no mows Volty
working in the house for Smith and
helping him move John carried Niles
kettle home and then drew manure
and bauked the house Wells drew the
lumber home & afternoon plowed
sward on grange. Evaline done washed big
ashing and cleaned floors & knit on
Wellie's mitten. Well had one team to
move & brought it home eat supper with
us George Niles and Tom Redmen
called in Evening after supper Johny &
George & Tom went home with Will
to help him carry in 8 bags potatos
River Heanning weather so cold. Volty 21 years old to day

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21st Wednesday

A cold day ground frozen hard. Cant plow
to day John barking house Wells drew manure
towards the old maple Volty helping Smith
butcher worked for him all day Smiths
folks made sausage Evalina ironed
& knit Grace knit on miten. Wind
East. Rachel ame over for starch
brought home the globe and borrowed
another Wells Will move red cupboard
and other things

22nd Thursday

A cold morning slight flurries of
snow but clears away Wind North cold
increases towards eve. River streaming Wells
& I got up at 3 P.M. John drove Volly &
Grace to dock V going to the City. Grace
to Bells John Barked the house Wells
drew 6 loads of manual on potatoe ground
Smith barked his house. Laura Lobelia
went to R - we moved into the dining
room again by building a wood fire in dining
room stove. Will came over for - I for get what
I am fifty four years old to day the years
are falling away on & on

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23rd Friday

A clear bright morning sun late
clear Wind North river streaming but
stills down weather and grows warmer towards noon
Volty carries the bees in cellar
Sprink made us a short visit Will
came with him and borrowed my boiler
for Rachel Weather quite mild wind
south very light breeze river still a rosy
sunset John barked house and
filled the out side cellar way with pea
straw and boarded it close Wells drew wood
from the old house Marjorie 4 years old to
day V went got the horses shod at O'Briens.

24 Saturday

Got up at half past three gave Wells
his breakfast and he started for K
knit awhile and got breakfast for family
Volty and Johny milked the cows late
Will came over for Johny to draw wood
for him Johny drew wood for Will
eat dinner there came home with a
load of wood for us - came late and
drew one load of manure to bank the
house went for the cows at dark but
could not find them Volty built a
covering for the skift barned a barrel of

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apples brought water to the clean the floors chopped
wood burnt fire & moped scrubbed chairs
made pies baked beans & Evaline finished
Johny's mittens and knit lace. Grace finished her
mittens and made a sheet. Wells came home half
past seven brought 1080 lbs coal & the Glove
A fierce wind from South changing to
North towards evening A clear sunset
Evaline received a letter from Welly
Smith went up for coal

25 Sunday

A clear bright day Wind North in
morning changing to North West and increasing
to a gale all P.M. and night. Cold, no
snow, ground bare. John went to church,
but no service. After dinner V went to
Smith. Will came over & cut Wells hair and
shared himself. Wells reading his news papers
Eva & Grace reading & doing just as they
please. Maud kicking around as usual.
Volty after dark moved his bed into the
hall. EVery one a bed but me and Ill go
too. Ill get a drink before I retire and
now good night - gone to bed

26 Monday

Wind North blowing a gale all night
wuth snow & windy Stormy day
with snow and rain Wells built
the old store and made an axe handle

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Volty brought water put heads in apple barrels
and pared 3 barrels of apples and helped
churn John helped churn and went over
to Wills to get his hair cut Eva made Grace
dress over and in the Evening Volty Evaline
John and Grace pared apples till 10 O clock
and hung them to dry on clothes bars
10 O clock and the storm raging yet
Wells gone to bed and Maude asleep on
the lounge. I expect there will be a
"time or two" getting her aroused up for
bed

27 Tuesday

Wind North. A drizzly mizzly day
not cold Volty brought water to
wash pared pumpkins to dry and
helped do all the chore Wells and
John fixing cow stable and drew
wood from the old house. Evaline
made Maude night dress and in
the evening Volty Eva and Grace
pared and strung a barrel of apples
Grace Washed and Eva hung the clothes
out to dry in the rain. ground most
bare snow nothing away. Sam Woodman
found his lost colt found her at Grimshaws

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28 Wednesday

Cloudy with scarcely a breath of wind
what there is, is south river still, looks
like brightening up, but in afternoon thickens
up again and looks like rain and rains
just enough to catch a half tub of water Wells
working at barn most all day. Volty churned
and J. & V. drew wood from the old house
Eva fixed over her grey dress Eloise to
Woodman brought Edith down here at night
weather warm front door open past of the
time Volty killed two turkeys and picked
them for market Rachel came over for salt
Will cut John's hair I cleaned floor and and
made butter for market V. J. & Wells drove the calves to the dock

29 Thursday

A quiet cloudy day river like glass
all day & foggy the ground all mud with
patches of dirty snow along the fences every
thing seems sad and lonesome Got up
early this morning at 4 O'clock got two
breakfast Volty went to K- Grace went to
Bells going to stay a week to help her more
weather very mild and melancholy Eva &
Edith knitting. Clothes hung out since Tuesday
not dry yet. Wells and Johnny drawing
manure. Maud Smith came home

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and stayed here to tea. Volty went home with her Jogn drove over to dock & Edith went with him as far as Wills. Rachel went to Kingston & bought Will a pair of boots. Volty bought a pair of boots Voltie heard in Kingston Today that Joy & Merrills had dissolved partnership and that spafford was coming home 30th Friday

Wind West rather chilly, the sun peeping from behind the clouds now & them. no snow, no rain. John drawing manure Wells went down the Island to E Rattray's Ebbs & Delman's came back while we were eating dinner Volty working for uncle Smith I think the clothes must be dry & will hung them in before bed time. Sent Laura a pail of buttermilk by John when he went for the cows. John milked the cows after dark. Eva moped all the floors washed dishes and got dinner finished her cushion and made two holders knit her and &@&@ I churned. Maud kiacted

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Saturday

Wind west quite cold freezing a little, cloudy ground lightly covered with snow, stubble and bare ground showing through everywhere. Wells and John drawing manure all day. Volty working for uncle Smith all day. Grace at Belle's. Eva cleaned chairs and floors, knit, & ironed all the clothes. I cooked and washed dishes. and colored mittens for Johny and Maud. Shelly and Jilly Niles here. Jilly went to Sam's for our mail. had to wait for it had not come Eva received a letter from Welly John Morgan made us an evening visit
A clear stary evening fogging

2nd Sunday

Nearly sunrise when Wells built a fire. A clear bright day, wind S.W. blowing a breeze. rather cold. Volty went to Brad Point - Johny went to church Rachel came over and stayed all day Maud S & Edith D came here from Smiths. Edith went to church just as service was over to go home with Plunker's folks. Henry Holiday and Will Irvine here to dinner Hiram Joslin came with John from church. John and Eva went to prayer meeting cloudy again this evening
Sylvia returned home to day Cornwell her over

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Dec 3rd 1888

Monday

Dark cloudy day, looks like rain or snow. Wind S.W. chilly, trying to mow R stayed all night, and twisted 15 knots of yarn she had doubled last April. Wells and John drawing manure all day. Volty not come home yet, and its 4 O'clock in PM. Eva knit her mittens and washed dishes. Rachel went home just before dark, and carried her yarn with her. Johny went down to Smiths in evening to make a visit, came home about 10 O'clock and Volty came home with him, Volty went to Ganonoque to day With Cook, got back to Brad Point at 5 O'clock, took tea with them and then started again at 6 O'clock for home. He has Mckays old skiff. Minnie Delman's came home with John & Lizzie Morgan, they having been down to Delman's yesterday visiting. Tis Eleven O'clock and snowing furiously.

4 Tuesday

Snow this morning ground covered. not very cold. thawing Wind South. light breeze till

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Dec 4

afternoon, then cloudy again, wind rising
Eva washed and hung out the clothes before
dinner V helped put them on the line
Then Eva moped chamber and cleaned
all the floors down stairs Volty went to help
uncle Smith tear the shingles from the old barn
but he was not ready for him to work so he
came back and helped churn and helped John
draw manure in the afternoon. Drew 8 loads
Wells drew manure Rained some at night
George & Wallace Niles here to borrow bags
in the evening. Tis nine O'clock PM and
wind blowing hard Volty & Evaline went and
brought in all the clothes. Miss Laura

5th Wednesday

Wind South and thawing ground bare
except along the fences. Wells Volty and Johny
butchered beef AM after dinner Volty
got ready and went across the river
Johny went with him to row him over
Tis 9 O'clock and Johny has not come yer
but the river is still. Wind South very
light unril after dark it changed North
not blowing very hard but cloudy looks
like snow. Barometer low. Wells drew two
loads of manure. Johny helped churn. Eva
repaired Voltys clothes wrote Welly and gave
Volty a pair od mittens she had knit for Wells & is going to knit Welly a new pair
John Morgan was at the barn
and said Spaff had returned home
amd Fred and Lewis too. Will was here a little while

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6th Dec 1888

Thursday

Freezing cold. Wind North light breeze
changing at noon to South. A fair day
ground bare Wells cut up and salted the beef
A.M. worked at ceiling the prayya in
afternoon. John put more banking at the cellar
door Will helped John & then Johnny went to
help Will get wood John drove to the dock
this morning. Rachel went to Kingston
I am sleepy all day but I cleaned the
teakettle and tried out tallow took down
the dried apples and hung them away John
came late last evening young Spencer helped
him row Volty over the river. John cammed at
his uncle Smiths and made an evening visit
and eat supper there. Eva helped me wash
dishes and knit her mittens Welly gone
most 7 weeks and Volty gone too so the
children grow up and go from home Belle married
and gone from home most five years
Welly married and gone to Michigan &
Evaline going too John drove to the
dock for Grace and Rachel and have
to wait till twelve O'clock for the perpent
broke down at Howe grove dock and
McKenzie telephones for the Maud
to bring the passengers home Grace went
to Kingston to day from Charleys
Maud Smith went back to Kingston this morning on the Piston

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Friday

A cloudy looks like rain or snow all day
Wind North but changing South before night
warm ground bare Wells & John fixing cow
stable all day. Grace helped me darned socks
I done house work and strained tallow &
cooked mince meat. In the evening Eva John
and Grace went over to Spafford to make
them a visit and hear about Mich. They took
the lantern with them and drove across the bridge
The wind hushed and gone to sleep. The night
so dark can see no more than a blind man
They came home half past eleven cold and
hungry but appear to be well pleased with their
visit for Grace teehee's and laugh's all
the time she eats her supper. Betsy B has
not visited us in a long time
Maud Watson 4 years old to day

8th Saturday

Got out of bed about 3 O'clock I think
the clock an hourfast. Im so sleepy I can
scarcely dress myself, but got Well breakfast and
got him started for Kingston. I washed and
boiled potatoes and made tea with about
two quarts of water. I cant get the second break
fast till day light for there is no water to boil
teakettle. A very bright breeze North clear, stars
shining brightly John done chores and choped

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Dec 8th

wood for Sunday. Eva doubled twisted wool
and colored yarn commenced Wellys mittens
Grace helped do house work chopped mice
meat went to the post office. A young
chap boarding at E Joshins Spencer
by name a skedadles from Depawoods
came as far as our wood pile with Eddy
and Eben Bates on their way to post
office and stoped and gabed awhile with
John. What he run away for is not
tellable I cleaned floors and cooked
Eva received a letter from Welly. young
Joy came over to make us a visit in Eve
and stayed all night Will came in eve
and they played and sung. Wells cam
home early and brought Graces basket
she left on Pispont couldn't find Smiths
glass and nails so Wells bout him some nails
and brought home two Outice Globes
A base ball play at Sams to day

9th Sunday

Wind North cold cloudy no snow ground
bare got up late had breakfast at ten
Wells reading all day I working all
day fried cakes and made mince pies
John and Joy went to J Niles and stayed
most all day Fred told us all about Mich
and the "moss Backs" Grace mad

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9 Dec

uncle Smiths folks a call. Rachel came over a while. Fred told how his father gost lost in the woods going to Mich on house back 50 miles through the wilderness said she wolves might have eaten him

10 Monday

Wind South, cloudy all day, looks like rain, warm, ground bare. Wells worked fixing cow stables all day John helped Will butcher his pigs Evaline knit on Wellie's mittens I churned and done house work Grace sewed on a jacket for her self Maud out most all day riding a stick and the balance of the time squalling or teasing some body

Tuesday 11th

A cloudy day dark and dreary
Wind South Grace washing Eva knitting Wellie mittens Wells fixing barn Johny chopped some wood George N & Albert Joy called for John to go with them to W.H. Woodman's brush bee & after bringing water enough to wash with they went to the bee. Maud very troublesome to day nothing please her but squalling I think she is the meanest young one I ever saw no rain no snow warm & foggy

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and at 3 O'clock a fine misty rain
falling but sky clears at 4 O'clock with a
rosy sunset wind hushed. Eleven O'clock
clear and freezing Wind North west moon
shining brightly John not home
yet from Smub's bee. All the others a bed except
myself I just brought in the clothes from the
line a cold strong breeze from N.W. Turkey
all roosting in the tops of the oak tree this
cold windy night I am tired of waiting for
Johny. Think I'll go to bed. Guess he is
visiting his relation. Fire in coal stove gone out
John came before I retired

12 Wednesday

Clear cold day. Wind North. frost on
the windows. Wells mended the swift's &
in afternoon worked in the barn. John
brought water built a fire in coal stove and
pared pumpkin to do. Maud very good in
A.M but squalls all P.M. Grace doubled
and twisted yarn. John not very well
caught cold. Wells got a lame neck. Eva got
a lame arm she knit so much. Grace got
sore eyes. I did not expect company
but first came Rachel. She brought me
some sausage. Next came Bill Windermill
to stay over night so as to embark for

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Kingston in the morning. next in order came Delavan to stay all night for the passage to Kingston Head to fet supper for them and there came Will Cornwell and Quinn Bedlle to make an evening visit Rachel made the butter prints & I got supper and plucked turkey for market most eleven Oclock and I'll lay down a little while to sleep. A beautiful moon light night, cold not a cloud to be seen, ground bare and frozen.

13 Thursday. Rose early and got breakfast for Delavan, Bill Windmill and Grace to go to Kingston. John drove them over to the dock. John drew a load of woof and a load of manure chopped wood went down and made Bayha a call. A clear sharp cold day river streaming Wind N.W. Wells fixed Maud's chair & another old chair and then worked in barn Will Cornwell & D.B. stayed over night at J. Nile's they called early in morning to accompany Van & Bale to dock. Rachel went to K & Laura S Dell Windmill stayed at Horn's & went to Kingston. Sid Perey & wife lodged with Samy's folks enroute for the City. Jen went too and made a discovery in Grace's basket of her letter which had been over to K to

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mail the Thursday previous. I suppose it was a good thing to forget to mail it Eva fixed over her dress I potted around twisted 10 knot yarn hung the colored clothes to dry

Friday 14th

A sharp cold day clear sky, Wind West Wells working at horse stable John pared punking's to dry. Eva worked on her dress Grace made two aprons. Rachel made us a call & said Smith made them a visit while she & Jen were in K yesterday. Jen's letter business which is mailed might have created a dirty mess all around, turned out all right be being forgotten. and so all things are amicably adjusted for the present. Peace proclaimed for a few days at least. John Made "Samy's folks" a visit this evening I colored yarn Grcae began mitten for her father

15 Saturday

A beautiful bright morning. Wind South, light breeze. Got up very early for Wells to go to K Ten O'clock Wind blew cold and strong from S.E. clouds gathering for a storm. John made a Saw bench a sawed and chopped a pile of wood for

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Sunday I recieved a letter from Victor and
Eva one from Welly. He don't hike much
I will went and tell him to come
home John Morgan made us a call Will
brought me Victors letter which had been over
looked in the post office Eva finished her
dress and made fried cakes Grace washed
dishes I cooked and cleaned floors Wells came home
early & bought a Utica Globe. Had a bad time
crossing to K through the ice. Repoint broken
down agian, The steamers Hiram Calvin broken
them back Nine O clock wind blowing again
from the South Blows all night no rain
or snow ground bare. I expected a letter from V but got none.

16th Sunday

A cloudy morning with fierce wind from
South Did not rise very early. Charly Holling came at ten
and stayed till after dinner.

Commenced ramming at three O clock. Charley
called at post office and went home in the rain
Wells reading most all day. John went down
to uncle Smiths a while & came back in time for dinner.

I sent Bell two globes, half past nine, blowing and
raining from South. Eva got a bad tooth ache and I
don't feel very well

17th Monday

Cloudy wind South warm very still clearly any wind

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had breakfast ready by day light. Wind changed to North at nine O'clock foggy with a fine mist like rain Eva washed her clothes and then went to bed with neuralgia in face I sent Grace to her grandmother for hopes for Eve. Wells working in barn John went to Smub's to ask him for Eve's money but did not get it. Grace sewing on night dress. John helped churn a dark dreary day. Will Cornwell passed here this morning with 4 fowls under his arm from his uncle John's going to celebrate his grandmother's birthday next Wednesday Ten minutes past 9 terrible storm drom North blowing a gale raining & freezing Well's reading Globe, Grace reading Bones. Worst pen I ever used. Smith got a pig from O'Brien. pig got out the pen had a time or two getting it back again swore some. Will went up the river in punt for wood this A.M. Montgomery took his girls across the river, called here to get a boat, but got Ebbs. John gathered Evaline's clothes from the line after dark to keep the wind from blowing them away. Wells mixed mortar and plastered cellar. 18th Good night. Tuesday
A wild wintry morning, ground covered with snow but badly drifted Sun peeps out from the mist overhead one

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in a while but cloudy most all day. Wind North. Wells working in barn all day, John paved pumpkins and bought water. Eva sick a bed all day. Did not sleep much last night poor girl. Grace sewing a night dress and Mankids drawing. This not so cold as last Friday. John went down to Uncle Williams for castor oil. Smith bought a quarter of beef of Ebb.

19th Wednesday

A fine bright day. Wind north rather cold.

I chummed and made prints & dressed a turkey and duck for market. Wells worked at stable. John done chores went to Wills and down to Smiths. Evaline stuck in bed all day. Grace knitting a mitten. Wind still down a fine sunset everything quiet. I set up till late writing a letter to Victor.

20th Thursday

Arose very early to get ready to went John to market. A beautiful morning. Very still. Wind south. Wells drove John to dock stoped at Wills for Jon. A great crowd had gathered at wharf to embark for K - but were dissapointed when the boat passed on without stopping for them on account of ice a sit was, a terrible storm from the south commered at noon the wind blowing a gale with snow

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to if they had gone to K they in all probability would have had to stay there John brought in part of Eva clothes that Grace had hung on line & dug her two pairs of mittens from under the snow. Evaline better to day. John went to Smiths to get saw filed. sawed & chopped wood & brought water Will here for turkeys John went and helped him carry 4 brought back two candles. W. Burnham's folk and Smiths folks at war Each party thinks the other to mean for any time. And I think they are too Wells fixed old sleigh tongue in the ante room. I dont get only two meals a day now for there is not much day to cook by. 'Tis most all night when makes it rather tough on kerosine. George Niles 14 years old to day they are going to have rooster for dinner. They invited Grace to dinner but she will stay at home

21st Friday

Storm and Wind from South all night John went early in morning and brought in all Eva's clothes that had whiped in wind all night. Storm lulled for a short time and then commenced for fierce than ever snow blows so cant see the barn. JOhn chopping and sawing wood so he can go to With his father to K - tommorrow. Wells working in barn Evaline better but not well she knitting most of the time I wrote Welly a letter

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Dec 22nd

Saturday

A clear fine morning Light North wind cold thick frost on the windows plenty of snow but but drifted. Wells and John gone to Kingston with sleigh. Grace and I brought in snow in wash tub to melt for cleaning floor and chairs. Will came and brought one two pails of water from river & carried home a bushel of oats for his hens & came again afternoon and done the chores at the barn. Grace had to chase the cows out the orchard twice. Evaline sick yet Jen went to Kingston and went with Smith to the Ferry she came back on Eleven boat and got home early. Wells and John came late Commenced stormy again about noon and very cold. Grace went to Post office twice Evaline received a letter from Welly Expected a letter from Volty but got none Eva Well & I sent letters to Welly. river sealed with ice over
23rd Sunday

A fine day. Wind South Wells drive over to the old barn stoped at Wills and Rachel came home with him an brought Evaline some camphor John went to Ebbs & from there to church Grace went irsiting at New Niles at Eleven A.M. & gone 'till dark Jill came home with her bottle hungry. Grace had nothing to eat since she left

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Dec 23rd

home she went skating on the bay. George & Will came after Lill, all stayed till late and went home Rachel stayed all night. Wells reading all day most Eva better Wind south but chilly river all open again
24 Monday

A fine morning Wind South Wells drove over to barn and Rachel went home in sleigh Grace got up sick this morning with pains in her arms and stomach & gave her star relief and ginger tea. Wells drove over to Breakeys for hemlock Evaline much better and made Maud a dress and an apron Grace better in afternoon Grace dressed Maud's doll in Evening I cooked beans and we all had bean soup Got cloudy again towards evening the snow begins to disappear Maud hung up her stocking for Santa Claus Our ducks flew to the river two at home

25 Tuesday Christmas

A dull dreary rainy day snow all gone again nothing but wind and bareground except in hollows and aloud rge rail fences. river still very light wind South caught a tub of rain water Wells at the barn most all day. John went to J Niles to a Christmas dinner they had oysters we didn't work much to day, rather lonesome for a christmas day

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Dec 26

Wednesday

Wind South this morning and cloudy very still river still like a mirror with floating ice rained a little this A.M. Wind N in PM then changed South again at eve very warm all day doors open part of the time. We washed and hung the clothes all on the line wind blows hard again. John went to look for the ducks but could not find them Sylvia here to bring home the sugar. John went there for birch seed this evening. Ten O'clock I have just brought in all the clothes from the line got my feet wet Wells and John sleeping sweetly in their warm bed

Thursday

A very rainy morning. Wind S.S.E. ground all mud, snow all gone, but very little along the fences very warm, no ice in river. I rose early knit a little on Wells mittens, and got breakfast. Wells chopped cabbage. Door open part of the day its so warm. After breakfast Wells went down the Island to look for ducks came back about 3 O'clock without them no trace of them at all. I dont ever expect to see them again John went over to Rachels in A.M. Peo here at noon selling frost trees had dinner here I bought strawberries plants & raspberries Wind blows hard all day cloudy with rain squalls Wind changed west at nightfall and is colder freezing some. Evaline knit and ironed on sock. Grace knit and ironed Bill Smith here for paint oil I did not know where Wells keeps it so got none

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Friday

Wind blowing a gale all night from West
ground frozen and bare Sun rose clear
Tis ten O'clock & wind blowing hard got
Wells making a flail in kitchen John gone
to Rachels to get some tea. Evaline making
John a shirt Grace washing b dishes. Maud
pottering around as usual & I must now cook
beans and pies & C. Rachel came over for vinegar
and said war is at their house but I don't
think washing a few clothes and turning grindstone
is anything to quarrel about. Ev made John a
shirt and tore carpet rags and make Maud a
dress all by hand. Grace knitting and in the rag
business John went to to mail Eva's
letter in evening, and went to Wells for kerosine
gets cloudy in P.M. wind S.W. weather mild
Hiram Joshin 15 years old to day

Dec 29th Saturday

A cloudy morning, light wind North
weather very mild sun shining P.M.
Grace got a cankered throat tonsils sore
but she is not sick pieced on her quilt
John brought some water & then went to
help Will chop wood Wells built fire in
Kitchen stove and made door latches
for barn We heat water on kitchen stove to

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clean floors. Eva moped cleaned chairs fixed old rocking chair and dust pan, helped get dinner washed dishes & knit Tis three O'clock went just come Maud behave very well to day. A baseball play at Samy's I hope to get letters from Welly and Volty to day, Grace wanted to go for the mail, Evaline went and we received 3 letters from Welly & one from Volty. Welly says he not coming home pens are all played out nothing to write with but a pencil. clouds gathering for a storm Grace sick all night on the lounge I brought out the couch a lay down on it John went to Bill's for sulphur

30th Sunday

cloudy morning Wind South, warm ground bare and thawing sun shines out occasionally. Grace sick yet wind blow harsh all day. John went to the bay to skate with 20 other boys gone all day. Wells trying to read but cant Maud acts very naughty all day. Rachel came over awhile came around by way of Smiths said she and Jen had quarreled again. It is a terrible thing for them to live so. Evaline reading tis evening now Grace is better John has came home after attending prayer meeting Maud & Wells are asleep & John is just going too so good night Shelly Niles 7 years old to day

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Monday

Wind South A wet dirty morning
warm, ground bare and all mud.
no going to Marysville and we all
out of eatables. no flour, or sugar, tea,
kerosine, or any thing else. Smith intended
going up & arose at 3. it rained so went
back to bed. He came here just as we
were sitting down to breakfast. Grace better
this morning. John went to Niles and
borrowed 25 lbs flour and then went
to Wills bush bee Wells went for plenoor
bark, called at Will's some one then
sent me a cup full of tea Grace
wiped dinner dishes and sewed
carpet rags. Eva wash dishes knit and
sew & cloudy all day broke away
a little after dark Wind hauls around
to N.W. Wells says it freezes a little
This is the last day of 1888
And I sincerly thank our Heavenly
Father who watches over and cares for
us all, that my family are all alive
and well though some are seperated
but can often hear from each other
and I hope to often see them all
and I hope we may live so that we may
all dwell together in the great - here after
Miles Grimshaw down to See Sam about
that Colt buisness

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January 1st 1889

Tuesday

A cloudy mild day. Wind S.W.
River rolling wide and blue ground all
bare. Bill Laura & Rachel went to
K to day Bill left Rachel and Laura
there. Wells threshing peas Johny chored
around and helped me chop minced meat
and apples, pare potatoes. bring water.
Eva knit finished Wells socks. Grace
knit some. Maud behaved very well
Will came for gun powder said baby had
ring worm on her face. Eben Bates
called for Johny and both are now gone
to Samys to a new year party
Wm Cornwell gone to Cape to a new year's
Ball this Eve. I would like to know
what my Wellie and Voltie are doing
to day. Seems a long time I saw
Wellie Voltie or Belle. I cleared out
the cupboard drawers. Ev helped me wash
dishes

Jan 2nd Wednesday

cloudy morning Wind South & light
Weather very mild got breakfast early
so Wells & John could go to Millen's Bay
for oil they went in Nile's skiff and were
gone just two hours snows quite sharp

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while they were gone cleared up towards
noon & sun shone out most all day
Wells went to O'Brien's PM to get
horses Shed Two candidates for office
called to see Wells to get him to vote for
them Messrs McDonel & Horn
John split wood and done chores
Evaline washed dishes cleaned floors
and worked on a rug. Grace cut
carpet Rags & knit Jane N &
Shelly made us a visit. A dark cloudy
evening. Wind S.W. freezing a very little
Nearly twelve O'clock I wrote to Welly and
Volty. Oil all out the lamps and lanterns
has to search and hunt around for Kerosine
found it at last out door hid render
the washing machine but no matter then is
Kerosine on the place some where
John made Niles folks a visit this evening
3rd Thursday

A dark cloudy morning. Wells got up
at 3 fed the horses built a fire before I awoke
but I got his breakfast and put up the butter
for market and started him on the road
between 4 and 5 O'clock but so dark he
can scarcely see anything Wind South
and warm Wells went with the hay
waggon and carried two bags of wheat

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Jan 3rd
to mill. Perpont making her
regular trips between Kingston and Ferry
Twelve O'clock noon Wind blowing strong freeze
from South sun shining brightly warm frost all
leaving the Earth a blue smoky haze like mid
summer in the air every where. John gone away
towards Bills, said he was going there, but I
think he has gone to Breakey's Bay skating: but there
is very little ice outside the bridge. Grace's throat
cankered again this morning, she gargled & swabed
her throat 2 hours this morning with plum bark
salt alum tanmin and another throat medicine
she says its better now. Evaline not well got cohe
doctored her with star relief & ginger tea. Niles
and Joy are going to have a time or two about
school teacher they partly hired Old Mrs Flynn's
grand Daughter a La Fleur girl when they
know they didn't want her, and as John Flynn
now elected trustee at last schoolmeeting we
will see how it all ends "All's well that
ends well" Shakespeare" Will came and
brought me some turnips. Wells came between
7 & 8 O'clock brought Tom Clancy home
with him and a bag of coal Clancy stayed
over night R & L stayed in Kingston
yet Will stoped here on his way home
from prayer meeting A rosy sunset & a beautiful star
light evening very warm

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Jan 4th

Friday the sun rose warm and bright 'tis the loveliest winter day ever saw excepting there is no snow. River so still tis like a mirror all day. A blue hazy mist like a sultry day in August is in the air. There is not a breath of wind but the air is South Devero Breakey is making maple sugar, boiled down 12 pails full this morning. I blaney bought the old red cow & white one of Wells and gave 24 dollars for both. Then Wells went with him to Breakeys and then drove with him as far as J Smiths High mass at Morgan's to day. W. Burnhams sent word they were going to visit us to day, but visited Wellington and Ebb went to Marysville. George Wallace & Jack Niles and Frank Woodman here playing base ball with Johny. Sylvia here in afternoon. Bill S went to Kingston for R. & L. Evaline & Gracie making at the rag business. Great times again about town election. Morgan is trying to crowd himself into notice by offering himself for deputy here. He thinks he can count his friends by the number of votes he gets. He wants to make himself conspicuous if not popular, S going here to day to get Wells to vote form A beautiful star light night A light wind North

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Jan 5th

Saturday

Wind North, colder, but rather mild & cloudy
Sun shone out dimly for a little while at
noon, then cloudy again, wind increasing to
a strong breeze from North. Wells fixing fence so
the cows cannot get in the orchard. Will came
for oats for his poultry. Rachel came and
brought a letter to post for Breakey. Lilly &
Shelly here. Mrs. Niles sent some little aprons
and dresses to Maud W. John brought root
and chopped Sunday's wood, and went for
the mail and stayed and played baseball
with the boys in Sam's pasture. John carried home
Nile's flour. Wells went to Bills and borrowed a
little wire to finish the fence. We were dissapointed
in not receiving letters from Welly & Volty.
Eva helped do all Saturday's work and cleaned
floors & gave John a pair of socks & finished
her rug and commenced another pair of socks
I dont know what I done – I forgot potted and
E fixed the chair

6th Sunday

A strong Wind from North, raining and
freezing all day, Every thing encased in ice
& destroying many fruit trees The Northern sky
standing in front of the house completely broken
down besides splitting other trees in the orchard
the tops from the maple trees in the garden have
fallen and great limbs from the old maple

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Jan 6th

the damage to trees throughout the country must be immense. Very quiet at home all day. no one made us a call. No choir in church to day. Wells, Eva & Grace reading Graced popped corn. Our barrels and tubs are rapidly filling with rain water.

7th Monday

Snow every where this morning and snowing yet the trees loaded with snow and ice and broken down of terrible wreck and rain. This is Township election day. Every man turns out to vote for his favorite candidate - and some of the women vote too. Charlie drove over with Bell and the children Evaline washed all the clothes, set the tables washed dishes cleaned floors knit Grace helped do some thing I dont remember what I cooked beans and fired cakes. A soft-damp snow falling all day the trees so burdened with the weight of snow and ice they falling and crashing all day. McLaren drove down for Rachel and carried her to the Irvine school house to vote. Wind North Devero Breakey called in Evening to see Wells about driving the cattle to the Ferry tomorrow. John visiting Sam's this Eve

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Jan 8th Tuesday

Rose early and got breakfast for Wells & Johny they started at 6.30 O'clock. John driving the cows Wells drove the team and went over to meet Ded and help him along with his cows. Rachel came over and stayed all day and all night working on a rug Evaline convened a new rug Grace knit on her mitten. Will came over and brought Charlie and they played an organ and sung. Rachel danced. Wind S.W. Eves running water all day, Cloudy roads bad Morgan had 19 votes at Election. Wells & John came early & brought a letter from Welly for E Welly wrote he had received a letter from Volty

9th Wednesday

A dark cloudy morning. Wind North commenced raining at 8 O'clock. W Burnham & wife came visiting rained all day, raining harder towards night Rachel went home when Burnham's went & Evaline went with them. Will & John Morgan here in evening and went home in the storm. Wind changed to S.W. with a vengeance & with squalls We doctored Marjory for pin worms

10 Thursday

The wind howled and roared & blew high gale all night which shook the house so I could not sleep it blew down fences unroofed J Niles horse barn and

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fish were thrown from the waves on to the shore. The wind has been blowing a gale all day our last two ducks are gone John Niles made us a call Belle knit and take care of the children. Grace knit mitten John went down to Pattersons to look for Shep but Patterson had killed him Wells chopped wood and worked in barn The old St. Lawrence is wild to day with difficulty John got a pail of water but it so muddy it is not fit to use and I boiled rain water for tea. Our tubs and barrels are filled with rain water. Wind west all day
11 Friday

Wind SouthWest a strong breeze dark ragged clouds flying overhead all day some what cold. Smith came while we were at breakfast for his barrel of swile I had been saving up for him. Bell intended to make Will's a visit but just as she was ready to start Charley came for her & the children to go home so they went home. Alvira brought Eva home at noon. Eva finished another rug Wells went to the old barn came back and drew wood for Will. John chopped up a fallen apple tree for stove wood & in evening went to Niles to borrow a sobe. J N. going to use his sobe so J went to Smiths and borrowed his We sent Welly Relica Globe Will here in evening to borrow butter basket but I had none for him, he left a letter here to mail for Lindsell

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Jan 12th 1889

Saturday

A medium cold morning Wind West cloudy
Wells built fore at half past 3. I got breakfast
for Wells & Eva so as to get an early start for K
They drove over for Jen long before daylight very dark
sleighting not very good not much snow on the ground
more ice than snow This is the finesy day for a
long time sun shines all day Johny went
for the mail. We did not get any letter
from Volty. Rephaps Evaline will get it from
the Marysville post office Will came over a
little while. Wells & Eva came home early She
got a letter from Welly but none from Volty. I
wish I knew why he dont write. Semms as though
something terrible had happened to him Only one
letter since he went away from home and that
not written by him I cant sleep nights for thinking
of my dear boy. I wish I knew where he is or
what has become of him. I dont think I can
write in this diary any more till I hear that he
is alive and well. Every morning I think he will
come home before night or I will hear from him
but day after day and weeks come and go and
all is silent about Volty no word from him no
nothing not one word
George & Wall Niles here visiting
J & G Wells brought 4 bags of coal

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Jan 13th

Sunday Sunday

The sun rose clear. Wind North
moderately cold, clouds gather afternoon
and snows. grows colder towards night. The
moon shows faintly through the clouds
A dreary lonesome sunday. Will came over
and had dinner with us said Jen had
tooth ache. Says she thinks Volty is all right
Jen had a letter from Watson with a dollar
in it. Rachel is visiting her aunt Laura
Bill sent to Winnie for 15 cents to pay his fare
to Kingston. She sent him a dolalr
Wells is reading. Eva is reading John is
reading. Grace is reading John went to
church in afternoon. Watson talks of sueing
Will for labor two weeks work getting wood
If only I knew where Volty is to night I'd be
very happy but I don't know. A beautiful moon
lit night wind is hushed and gone to rest

Jan 14th Monday

A beautiful January day. sun shine is
warm. The river so still it is like a mirror
air North. Wells threshed peas at the old barn
and called on Wills folks Johny is gone to school
commenced this morning. Sylvia made us a call
wanted red cedar for her father to smoke he
got toothache Will was here & went with Sylvia

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to get red cedar and carried some home to Jen she got tooth ache too. Will fixed one sewing machine shuttle and carried Rachel an old shirt that once was Skinner's.

Eva & Grace ironed & then cut and sewed carpet rags.

A bright moonlit night not a cloud to be seen cold river freezing. Light Wind East. Wells went to McFadens for a sheep
19th Tuesday

A fine warm day scarcely any Wind North.
Johny at School. We washed & then Grace & Evaline cut and sewed carpet rags. Wells threshed peas at the old barn. Smith went to town for his girls. They came home just before dark. Jen and Rachel came over. R stayed all night. John went skating in evening on Flynn's bay. A clear moonlight night
16 Wednesday

A fine warm day, rather cloudy
some ice along the shore. Johny at school.
Wells threshing peas at old Barn. Evaline rinsed and hung out the clothes then E & G cut and sewed rags. Rachel doubled & twisted yarn. Wind changed at evening to S.W. and blew loud and strong with rain. an eclipse on the moon. John went to Smiths in evening. I made pudding for supper.
I brought in all the clothes good night

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Jan 17th Thursday

Rain is over, clouds moving North.
A strong wind South. Ice all gone from
the river. Ground bare, all mud, no snow
any where. John gone to School. E & G
sewing carpet rags. Rachel pinning her quilt.
Wells patching his horse blanket in the kitchen.
Pierpont passes up on her way from
Kingston to Cape Vincent, and back again.
around the foot of Island. Wind blowing all
day from S.W., and cloudy, no snow or rain.
John stays at home this evening. Tis nine
O'clock and all a bed but I.

Jan 18 Friday.

A cloudy morning Wind west looks
like snow. partly clears up at nine. sun
shines out through the broken clouds. river
clear of ice, no snow on the ground any
where. The earth is bare and brown. John
gone to School. Will came for Rachels' spider.
Rachel went home with him at eleven
O'clock. Wells building fence and cutting
fallen limbs down towards Ebbs Maud S
called and asked for Shakespere Did'nt) get it
A dark cloudy evening Wind SW John gone
to debating school I wrote Lindsell a letter
concerning Shakespere

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19th Saturday

A bright cold morning Wind North
river steaming, ground frozen & bare not a
particle of snow to be seen any where This is mail
day again I expect to get a letter from Welly and
hope to get one from Volty I sent Lindsell a
letter this morning Smith was seen going to post
office too I surmise Lindsell gets a letter from
Miss Win Nun. Wellls threshed peas at old
barn & drew broken limbs in afternoon for fire wood
Wells made Wills folks a call too Will said
Bill & Win Were at their house last evening
I received letter from Watson Volty & Irene
A clear moonlit night a light breeze North
cold, & river freezing over John out making Wills
and Smiths folks a visit
Morgan's Team ran away this
morning & broke his buggy and
hurt Mers Morgan

Jan 20th Sunday

A clear cold day Wind N.E. river tumbling
and rolling water very cold would freeze if there
was no wind to disturb the water ground bare and
brown and hard frozen Johny at church
Well s reading Whig Eva reading Livingston
travels in Africa Laura & Maud at church
Grace has just gone over to Wills At noon it
begins to cloud for a storm and snow falling
fast at dark. John came home in time to do
the chores & says Will John M Jen and Maud

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and Win Smith are coming here this evening
I sent John back for Grace, but he and Grace &
Jen coming They had been to Smiths for Win and
Maud but Win refused to come and forbade Maud
coming too Win has got Shakespere pretty bad
but Will John Me & Rouke McFaden came and
we managed somehow to get along to amuse and
enjoy ourselves with out the presence of her "Royal Highness"
Ten O'clock snowing very fast I.M. stayed all night
Jan 21st Monday

A snowy morning with 6 inches of snow, good
sleighbing, river frozen over. At nine O'clock the
wind springs up from the South, and breaks up all
the ice in the river. Wells shoveled paths Through
the snow. John at School. Grace & Eva at the
rag business: Snowing & blowing. Wells thresh
peas at the old barn says they dont thresh out
very well Maud very obstinate and bad temped
we churned. snow badly drifted Wind flowing
fiercely from the west all day and cloudy
22 Tuesday

A beautiful day, sun shining
brightly all day. John at School.
Wells threshing peas. Eva & Grace cuting
and sewing rags. snow very deep from
house to the river, had to melt snow to
get dinner with. Sylvia called here on her

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way to Smith's. Smith called here with sleigh for coal, and milk, Sulvia drove with Smith to his house. Wells drew a big log for fire wood from The old house. John gone to Wills or Smith, or both places in evening. scarcely any wind at all. Through the day, a west zephyr changed sout at night fall, dark clouds lying of to the South Ed Rattrays child sick with worms. vomiting Ed came up to Laura Labelia's to get ~~down and perform~~ get some medicine She gave him Lobelia Stoped on his way home at Wills & mother said not give bobelia but give him sage summer savory & wormwood instead

23 Wednesday

A fine day, Wind South- breaking the ice free clear from The American shore water on the ice Pierpont comes as far as garden Island for passenger Smith went up to day Maud I and Sylvia went with him he was to late for first boat girls went to K, Smith came home without them Wells threshing peas John at school Eva washed carpet rags Grace sewed rags John made Smiths and Wills' folks a visit in evening Wind blows strong from South all night

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Jan 24

Thursday

A cloudy morning. Wind blowing strong from South all day. Ice all broken up and floating down the river thawing all day, fields are beginning to look bare again. Clouds clear away towards evening a rosy sunset. John at school. Wells drew wood from the old house. Will came over with Wells & I lent him Clyeopedia [sic]. Smith went up again to day. Maud came home with him. Eva washed the clothes, cleaned floors & cut and sewed rags. Grace sewed rags. John went to prayer meeting and after meeting called on Samy's folks. A beautiful starlit night

25 Friday

A lovely winter day, sun shining clear and warm
A white frost on trees & ground. A hazy mist all day in the air. The ice lying along ether shore with a wide open space of the St Lawrence rolling between
John at school. Wells cleaning up peas at old barn. Eva & Grace at the carpet business. Rachel came over at noon stayed until after dinner. Maud W went home with her and stayed until Wells came back from the old barn. Charlie Woodman & Johny drove with sleigh to debating school and had with them Grace and Win & Maud S and Sylvia. There was a great deal of nosie & fillibustering without much talent
Wellington B Chairman Decraision Tree Trade

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Saturday

Rose ealy at three O'clock Wells gone to
Kingston A very fine day Wind South till
3 P.M. changed south east John chopped sunday
wood done all chores went to Smiths Evaline
swept and dusted all the rooms swept chamber and
paped rooms Grace helped do Saturday's work Till
and Shell here Wells came home early, left the
groceries in Kingston at Hendersons. crossing
to Town very poor, have to walk to Garden Island.
And then go to Pierpont. No letter, from any one
to day, Will D and Welley B here in afternoon
play the organ singing & drinking cider W. B. and
fie & son visiting at wills John went to Smiths
intending to take Smiths girls to Morgans for an
evening visit but Smiths cutter out of order so did'nt go
Wells brought 4 bags of cole
[on the side] Rachel sent Petries folks a letter which had better been left unwritten
27th Sunday

A cloudy morning rather cold Wind North
Easst, Wells drove with E down to Burnhams
came back and left Eva at Wills' & brought mother
home with him Wells and John reading all
day. commenced snowing about two O clock
Wind blowing stormy from N.E. and very cold
snow falling fast all afternoon and night Wells
carried home at dark and brought Eva home
We set up reading till Ten Oclock and go to bed
Jim Michea sick with inflammatory reumatism
[on the side] Dr. Jolliffe at Michae's to visit James

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Jan 28

Monday

A cloudy morning Wind South warm again River full of snow and some ice commenced snowing again at noon More snow on the ground now than at any time this winter John at school Wells at the old barn threshing peas Eva washed more carpet rags and knit stocking & lace Grace sewing for Maud and herself Fred Jay tells John how that Wellie is going to stay in Michigan very glad to think someone knows his business better than I do

29 Tuesday

A beautiful winter day. Wind N, light breeze. River frozen close. Earth covered white with snow. Grace began going to school to day. John at school. Well drove north J & G to school, then dorve to old barn, came back with pea straw at half past one Oclock, & brought R with him. She stayed till W went back agian & went home. She told us all baout Win & Maud's visit at their house. on Saturday. Smith carried his dressmakers to K to day and tumbled them out into a big snow bank just above our schoolhouse. Eva washed the clothes, and

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cleaned floors, knit & sewed carpet rags. A rosy sun set
John gone over to Wills this evening.

30th Wednesday

Rose at 4 O clock Wells gone to Kingston

this is a very fine day it has been snowy

Just a little but- the wind is not blwoing

and it is quite wram. it will soon

be the first of February as there is only

one day more in this month the ice is

formed in the river but so covered with

snow so it will not amount to much

unless there is a thaw and more cold

weather I think the people of this house

are very industious as I see all kinds

of work pertaining to household affairs

are being carried on carpet rags a

speciality. dont admire this spelling

for I have been kindly invited to write

in this book by its owner and dared

not refuse. for fear 2 would not

get my dinner. Minnie Obrien came

home with Grace from school to acompany her to

Tilly Nile's birthe day party Tilly is twelve years old to day

Will came over and helped Johny saw wood and

then Johny went with the team and helped Will draw

wood Will came back and stayed till Wells came home and

helped Wells unharness and take care of the horses The ice to town

will bear up one horse to cross over to Kingston

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Jan 31st Thursday

The last day of the month is a very stormy one The snow is falling very fast and the South wind is blowing, Wells drove to school with Grace & John Smith drove in here to see Wells about the price of hay in Town & brought home our old washing machine and then drove to Will's and brought Jen and the children here to make a visit Jen told us about Billion's getting a tub of swill at her house & after taking it home. Through a mistake poured the swill in to Lobelia's soap barrel & then threw soap and swill together out door Wells went for G & J but had to drive to Niles for G. Then came back and carried Jen & children home The night is dark and cloudy but not very cold The snow is very deep and the roads are drifted The ice is covered deep with snow and no good

Feb 1st Feb 1 1889 Friday

A bright wintsy day cold Wind W

Wells drove with John & Grace to school

Volty came home to day we were not expecting him. he is the first that has crossed the ice the ice is very poor in some places

Wells went over to old barn for hay

Will came home with him and after

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dinner they went over for more hay Volty went too

Will came too and after supper they went to the

debate A cold starlit night and a new moon

2nd Saturday Feb, 2nd, 1889

Very stormy in morning

cleared up about noon sun

shone bright in afternoon

Voltie and John went over

the river after Voltie's clothes

came back in time for

dinner. Aunt Irene brought

in snow and melted water

to mop and get dinner

with Grace cleaned Lamp &

washed dishes and swept

up stairs Eveline swept

and dusted Parlor Redroom

and sitting room Sowed

and done some mending

made a lambrequin and

pincushion Aunt Irene

cooked a pudding and

got supper, Bambords

women folks feel pretty happy

because they all got letters

from their sweethearts. Wo'rs[sic]

Bamford got one from Watson

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and also one from Lindsell in regard to Shakespeare telling her to keep the book as long as she chooses and then to mail it to him

So Veggy Hunn wont get those cat-like claws of hers on it, "Three cheers for Lindsell" well this is about all the events of this day so I will lay by my pen.

3rd Sunday

A cold bright day Wind S.W.

John went to Wills and stay'ed all day Volty Went to his uncle Smith's and from there went with John & Spen en[sic] to Wills Will cut John & Spencer's hair Wells at home reading The "Whig" Grace reading Evaline reading Mrs B, reading Shakespeare John came home just before dark Volty came home at ten A. M. A clear sunset but a very cold night

4th Monday

A clear cold day Wind S.E. barometer falling looks like a storm gathering in S.E. Wells drove with Grace and John

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to school and went for them at 4 O'clock
Wells threshed peas at the old barn Volty
& Evaline took the carpet up from sitting room
and cleaned the room & put the carpet down again. Commenced snowing at bed time
5th Tuesday

A very snowy morning snow falling
all day and is very deep every where Well didn't
go to school house this morning John went with
Sam's folk's Grace at home sewing carpet rags.
Wells built a fire in kitchen and made an axe handle
after dinner drove over to the old barn, horses wallowing
through the snow to get there Some people prophiced
there would be no snow this winter we wonder
what they think about this the snow on level
above the top of the fences and still snowing
as fast can pour down Wells managed to get
a jag of hay from the grange Eveline washed the
cloth to finish the rug for the organ stool and then
E and V sorted the paper rags from the carpet rags
& after dinner Evaline worked on the rug With great
difficulty Volty can get water from the river to cook
with we have to melt snow but there is plenty
of it John Morgan here playing euchre
with E & J & V. and will stay all night
Half past nine and snowing

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February 6th Wednesday

cloudy morning but brightning up intensely
cold. Milk froze in pantry snow two feet
on level and badly drifted John went to
school with Woddman's boys. Wells drove
over to the old barn to break the road after
dinner drove back for wood from the old
house then went again for hay and threshed
more peas and froze his face Volty went
down to Smiths and to Wills and then
Went with his father for hay and wood
John Morgan stayed till after breakfast and
then went down to Smiths Wind West and very cold all day

7 Thursday 7th

Cloudy morning & snowing, cleaned up
at noon Wind west [~~crossed-out~~] intently [~~/crossed-out~~] intensely cold
The very coldest day this winter Wells did not
try to go to the old barn. but as cold as it is
Volty shoveled a path to the river and
brought water for Evaline to wash and clean
floor Johny went to school Grace sewed
and trimed lamps Wells hung Voltie's ax
and done chores Volty chopped wood A bright
sunset, Charley Woodman & Harlow drove
with Sylvia down to Horns She wants
to go over the river

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8 Friday 8th 1889

Weather a little warmer stormed all day, from South West. Pa and Voltie went over to the "far barn" after hay got stuck in snow and had to shovel the horses out. John went to debating school at night, no one there that had any sense, Eveline knit and ironed colored clothes. Grace sewed. Ma done housework, cooking &c. Voltie used the steel[sic] on Maud in order to make her act a little rational

9 Saturday 9th

Weather still moderating. Wind South in morning changed to north at night snowed a little, sun shone in a little. Voltie went over the river with Niles. Pa and John went over to the other place after hay and wood. Ice not very good. Charlie Woodman went up to the Ferry on the ice for the first time

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John went to the P. O. Eveline
got a letter from Wellie says
he will start for home on
the 11th. Pa got a letter from
Hugh. Grace and Ma done
general housework. Eveline
fixed Grace's dress and washed
carpet rags, hung out the clothes.
Maude squalled all day,
Bulger's wife appeared to her
then she felt better.

[left margin] Will Cornwell came back with Volty
and Niles. They saw Sylvia crossing the
ice when they were coming over
10 Sunday, Feb 10th
Sun rose bright heavy white
frost on the trees which indicates
warmer weather scarcely any
wind, a light breeze from
the North but warm a most
beautiful day. John over
to Will's all day. Voltie
reading, Fiddling, play on
organ, Mouth-Organ and
courting Maude. Grace
ciphering and reading.
Pa and Ma reading. Eva
reading and sleeping.
Maude slept and cried
and learnt her lesson

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11 Feb Monday Feb, 11th

A stormy morning. Snowing and blowing from South all day. John went to school with Sam's boy's. After a while Wells concluded to drive to school with Grace & came back and fixed an old one sleeved over coat and then Volty & his father started to drive to the old barn for hay went as far as Wells snows & blows so Wells came back. Volty stoped [sic] at Will's. Wells mended his old horse blanket and fixed his old coat, ground shears &c. After dinner chopped wood and drove for Grace & put a knob on cupboard door. Eva ironed after bringing in all the clothes then cut and sewed carpet rags. John went over to Wills and played euchre till after eleven O'clock P.M. A fine moonlit evening. Evaline finished Voltie's socks
[left margin] Old Mr Ranous died

12 Tuesday

A fine clear day, light wind west rather cold. Wells & Volty drew wood and hay from Grange. Evaline cut and sewed carpet rags. John Went to school. Grace sewed carpet rags. Rachel came over on the load of hay & stayed all night. They played euchre till ten O'clock. Rachel is cutting beans says they dont have much to eat over to their house only hodge podge. she gone to bed to eat beans, she says they have no beans or cider at her house

[left margin] married feb 12 1884

(Bell married 5 years to day)

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13th Feb Wednesday

A clear bright wintry day bitter cold. Wind North. Rose early for Volty to go to Kingston for Welly is expected home to day. I hope he will be there. Wells drove over to the old barn and threshed peas and drew two loads of fodder for Will, drove back again after dinner. John at school. Evaline Washed we melted snow to wash with. Rachel moped [sic] floors. Maud squalled kicked and hollered. Volty went to Kingston in Niles cutter. Volty came home at sundown without Wellie said he was not in Kingston. Volty brought Mauds cloak cards & little stove he father had left at Win's. Wallace Niles came with V. Frank Woodman, Will Dixon and George Niles came too and then Welly came home. Volty had missed him in Kingston he came across to Marysville with Dr. Spankie and and [sic] drove down with Jim Obrien he froze one of his ears. we were very glad to see him home again and he was pleased to get home once more. Rachel and boys played euchre.

A clear cold moon lit night

[left margin] William Horn lost his oats for horse fell on ice. John found it

14 Thursday

A clear cold wintry day. old Mr Ranous burried to day. Wells went to funeral. John

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gone to school. Rachel walked home after breakfast, and then Rachel & Jen walked went to funeral. Welly and Volty bushed a road to Linda's island, found the ice good for a double team. Bamford's folks are nearly on verge of starvation, no sugar, flour, or Kerosine, and several other things wanting but we live in hopes of better times. Evaline making Grace a combination suit. I done some coloring. Grace done all sorts. A bitter cold day, Wind West. nothing to carry to market now- can scarcely make butter enough to eat. what milk we do have is all frozen up in pantry. our apples are nearly stoped out too, but then "we never starved a winter yet". Our coal is most all gone but we have Three packs of cards in the house, and some potatoes. we play euchre every night which is some comfort, besides there is plenty of tobacco. but then our pork is most all gone too, and not a hog on the place. but we have a new box of starch, and a barrel of carpet rags, and about a ton of rags not sewed yet. Our tea is most gone too. but then we have two barrels of cider So we will have something to drink if the river don't run dry. The preacher promised to call and pay Wells for house rent but he forgot to keep his promise for of course a preacher could not tell a lie. Good Night
[left margin] St Valentine day

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Feb 15 Friday

A fine day scarcely any wind. Wells gone to Kingston to mill. Welly gone too. Smith went up to day. Horn called here for his oats he lost on the ice last Wednesday. Almond in sleigh with Horn. Made a resolve on two subjects which I shall not record in this diary until I see how well I persevere in what I have undertaken to accomplish. Sylvia came home to day from her Sand Bay visit. Rev Watts called to pay Wells the house rent. Will came over for Volty to draw pea straw from old barn to feed Will's cows and came back with Volty brought his fiddle, a squash & some pickles after dinner. Volty went to help Will run his fish net. Jen Went to Kingston with Wells to visit her Sister Mrs Pillar. Hard times are brightening a little [s]what [/s] with squash and pickles & 25 dollars by Rev Watts, but of course. Hugh is gaping for the money and will get it. Tis 4 O'clock and Maud been very good all day. Wells & Welly came home at 6 O'clock and brought flour, tea sugar, coal and oatmeal [On the side] A letter from Victor

16th Saturday

A very cold morning Wind North cloudy. At ten O'clock weather changed Wind South. Wells to much by the head carries to much ballast feels very important. Maud sick

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with worms eating too much candy last night,
vomiting and sick most all day better towards night.

Bob Berry came done to try the ice to Millen's bay.

Wells went across with him and bushed a road.

After dinner Wells and Volty drove over with
cutter to Millen's Bay and got 5 gallons of kerosine.

Commenced raining while they were gone and rained

all day. Welly, Volty and John drew straw or hay

from the old barn. Evaline finished Graces dress.

I cleaned floors, churned & cooked. Grace helped and knit on
her stocking. Ten O'clock and raining hard.

Welly went down to Ebbs to day

17th Sunday

Rained all night, tub & barrel full of

rain water. Wind South. Wells & boys at

home all day & reading. Maud half sick

and cross. Cloudy soft weather. Wind changed

to West towards night and colder

18th Monday

Wind North and increasing to a snow storm.

The worst snow storm this winter. Wells got a

bad cold but helped Volty & John draw hay

from grange. We have plenty of rain water so Evaline washed

and hung out the colored clothes and helped clean floors.

Welly went to Ebbs for ax handle timber came back

in time for dinner made an ax handle and hung his Mich ax.

A bad storm to do chores saw wood and bring water. Maud

had tantrums at evening time

[left margin] Will came over and brought

butter for Wells to carry to Market,

stayed all evening and

played euchre with our boys

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February 19 Tuesday

Wells intended going to Kingston this morning but roads so bad did not go Wind West cold and blistering Wells & the boys did not go to the grange to day Evaline made Wells a shirt Grace washed dishes and knit Evaline moped floors Welly made an ax handle. John went to school Volty mended his boots Wells sorted over beans for Smiths and made leather buttons for his old overcoat. Will came over and stayed awhile sayed he has no wood or any thing to feed his cows only potatoes John Niles made us an evening visit Welly and Volty went to Wills at evening and played cards Maud acted very baad indeed I have adopted a new plan for Maud. Smith here looking for his turkeys [On the right side] Wills says Smiths fowls are at his place

20 Wednesday

A fine morning Wells went to Kingston Volty went to Spinks on Grindstone Island- went on skates snow squalls commenced at 10 O'clock squalled and blustered all day Wind West John and Will drew three loads of hay from Grange Will here for boiler Welly made skate wood Eveline moped commenced Voltys mittens and ironed and filled a sack of paper rags Wells came home at 25 minutes to 8 O'clock PM

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and Jen with him A very cold wintry night
Jen & baby very cold Will here waiting for Jen
also cold Jen stayed all night

21st Thursday

A cold day Wind South all day suns
shining but looks very much like a storm
John went to school Wells & Junior drew three
loads of hay from grange Wind blew so strong
could not draw hay in afternoon Jen went home
when went for second load Will here helped them
draw hay too Him & Sid put on their appearance
this PM well filled with J Niles cider but managed
to stow away 4 qts more Over looking around
about buying houses been to Flynn's Morgan's Nile's & c
sat around her awhile spouted & blowed went out
to the barn two or three times hoping Wells had
a little whiskey at last Wells hitched up and
"trawed" them away but as it was Van could
scarcely tear himeslf away from our cider barrel
but they are gone at last and we pass a very
pleasant evening Welly and Johny made Samy's
folks a visit I forgot to mention B Bobbet
started to learn her trade to day poor Sylvia
gone to the bad entirely Wind blowing a gale
[on the side] Laura went to Mullet creek
Bob Barry moved across the river
to day

22 Friday

A windy stormy morning snowing all day
A south wind in morning changing to North very

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cold towards night Welly went to Kingston
with Charley Woodman on a load of grain
Started at eleven and returned at four John at
School Wells choring around I dont know how
Will gets along for wood and hay J Morgan &
J Flynn called in evening Welly and John
went with them to debating School only six
there Evaline sewed carpet rags finished and
began another mitten for Volty Grace cut & sew
Rags knit & c on Maud stockings I write Victor Watson and
23 Saturday

Wind North a terrible cold day. Sun Shining
Wells Welly & Johny drew hay in fore noon
could draw none in P.M. [~~crossed-out~~] will [~~/crossed-out~~] wind blow
so strong and cold Wells soldered Tin pail
Eveline washed moped colored made nack
tie for Welly swept and dusted the room
and arranged things generaly Grace
done chamber work knit Maud a stocking
washed dishes & c Will and Jen
came over [~~crossed-out~~] lasto [~~/crossed-out~~] night after
hay cows had nothing
to eat in four days
Wells Sr got a letter from
Hue no Valentine's for
Bamford's folks quite
a disappointed family

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24th Sunday Feb 24

Got up late sun rose clear and
bright quite cold Weather moderate
towards night Wind South changed
to West at night Grace went
veasting[sic] up to Niles' Johny went
down to Smith's at night Wells Jr
called on Nile's folks Will came
back with him after Tobacos
brought the boiler home Rachel
sent over wood she was coming
over to have her dress fixed over

25th Monday

A beautiful day sun shining clearly
all day moderately cold S.W. wind. Grace
walks to school this morning John started to go
but stayed at home Wells Welly & John drew
hay & wood from Grange Rachel came over &
brought her new dress for Eveline to after the
skirt for she cant get into it Jen and children
went to George Gillespies to make a visit Will
went with her to carry Charlie Eva washed moped
knit on V mitten Maud has been a very
good girl to day

26 Tuesday

A fine day wind south John &
Grace at school Wells and Welly drew

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A stick of timber from down stream
and hay from Grange. Will made us a
call Volty came home to day was at Clayton.
Spinks and Kendalls & called at Brad point
and stayed all night. George and Wallace
Niles here in evening. Boys played cards.
Charley Smith brought Laura home from
Lafargeville. Jen came up from Burnham
to G Glispie's and came home at evening.
Smith went to the city. A general turnout for
Kingston to day. Eveline finished Volties mittens
and commenced another for Wells Jr. Volty
picked up all the rags from the closet up stairs.
Charley Smith made Wells an evening visit.
Clouds begin to gather towards sunset and
snow falling at evening

27 Wednesday

A light wind South warm snow falling
all last night and all day. Long after breakfast
Wells drove over for R and went to Kingston.
John & Grace at school Grace stayed at O'briens
over night. Volty made Will an ax handle.
Will came for it. A weding on Grindstone
to day. The contracting parties are Marshall &
Rattray. E Knitting on Wells Jr mitten. Smith and
pard have drove up past on the ice. Suppose they
~~have~~ are gone to engage a carpet weaver. A very dull

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day indeed I A great depth of snow every where
and yet snowing our hens don't lay eggs. our
cows dont calve Hard times hard times, no mistake
but thankful we are all well. Teams are going up &
down the ice most of the time. Wells and R came
home long before dark. Wells brought Rachel's organ,
Sugar, oatmeal, Rice, 2 lamp chimneys. Will here
in evening & played pedro with our boys
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28 [crossed-out] Wednesday [/crossed-out] Thursday
This is the last day o February 1889

A mild fine day.

Wells drove to Marysville and brought back two bags
of coal .Welly and Volty cut ice for Ice house.
Johny went to school (I washed and dressed the
baby and slept 2 hours). Rachel done home
work and cooked. Will here. Jen came over in
evening. John Niles & Will cornwell here more card
[on side] Muriel born this day Feb 28
March 1 Friday March 1 1889

A mild rather cloudy morning very quiet
Wind South. Wells went to Gananoque with Devero

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March 1

Welly, Volty and Will filled ice house. Rachel and Grace done jeneral [sic] house work. John went to School. I take care of Eveline and baby. Wells came home early & boys did'nt let the hens out the coop

2 Saturday

A bright warm day. Wind South very light. Welly and [crossed-out] John [/crossed-out] Volty went to Chaumont for fish nets came home at 8 P.M. Mrs Niles here to see Evaline & baby. Rachel washed and moped [sic] floor. I forgot what Wells and John done [on side] Welly and Volty carried the rags to Millens Bay got calica old uncle Hilborn came

3 Sunday

A beautiful day Wind S Johny went tooo Bells, Charlie and Bell came and brought the children Grace went home with them Gen and Will came over towards night John did not come home but stayed all night

4 Monday

A fine bright day wind S. I washed and hung out the white cloths & took care of E & baby. Welly & Volty drove to Chaumont for nets and sail boat but did not come home, stayed all night. John came back from Charlie's and stoped [sic] at school all day. I looked for the boys till 12 O'clock midnight.

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Smith here at the barn clearing up stories about his character

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March

5 Tuesday

A cloudy morning. Wind South,
warm thawing froze last night.

Wells went to Kingston with Smith
and came back with Al Joslin.

I washed and hung out dark clothes.

W & V came home at 2 O'clock PM.

John Went to School. Kilborn went to Kingston with
Smith

6 Wednesday

A fine warm day. Wind South. Wells, Welly
and Volty drove over the river for the boy's
sail boat. Wills children & Jen sick with a
distemper. Welly went to Als to report boat.

7 Thursday

A stormy morning, snow all day. Wind W.

Volty & Alec Liddy drove to Pittsburgh for a
heifer, came back at 4 O'clock. Wells went across
the river with them and carried the lantern, came
back after dark. Welly and Will setting fish nets.

John went to corners for calico, walked, went over with
J. Niles. Charlie H called here to borrow a muffler
for Bell to wear to corners for they are going with
Tom & Milly to get married.

Tom Hall & Milly Crley were married
today by Rev Thompson Kilborn stoping [sic]
at Smiths. Caroline Cummins came here from
Wills and stayed all night

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March 8th

8 Friday

A stormy morning, Wind North.

Wells went over the river. Caroline walked over to Wills'. W. Jr & V set fish nets.

John Went to School. A picture show at the church, admission 20 cts. V & J went. Expected Grace home from B's but she did not come. Old. H. here in evening

9 Saturday

A very pleasant day but rather cold. Wind N.

Our boys and Wells all at home. J Cornwell, Ben Percy came here from J Nile's nearly chuck with cider called here and swilled more. J.C. so drunk cant walk strait [sic] but fell down, lost one his over shoes crossing the river, Talk horse all the time, racing and betting, spurious sports dont amount to anything poor fools

10 Sunday

Sunday morning rather cold. Wind W. cloudy lonesome day. Rachel

went over to her house and stayed till night. Will came back with her.

Will got a bad cold. Wells reading his old newspaper. I working all day as usual Grace at Bells yet. E and the baby not very well. Johny, Welly & Volty at home

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11th Monday

A clear bright day. Wind West.

Wells went over river to see Alec Liddy.

Will came over AM. Will, V & W Jr went to their fish nets got no fish so took the nets & brought them home. Wells hewing a log.

Lots of cutters on the ice to day, some horsetrotters are out. Mrs Peter Paterson has sent out to day sent for Mrs W M Smith who came home and reported a boy, but soon after P Paterson drove up for the Dr. gone just 3 hours. our boys set another fish net just frennst? the house Rachel picking our duck that died. I am very sleepy .

12 Tuesday

A cloudy morning but soon clears up and sun shines bright all day.

Wells went to Kingston, our boys got two sturgeon. Will came over for Rachel, mother is sick. John went to school. Irene worked all day, steped high light and wide

13 Wednesday

A very fine day, wind south. Will came over said mother is better. Wells went for Grace and we were all glad to see her home.

John at school. Irene washed a few baby clothes and Ironed. boys set more fish nets. Wells hewing a log. hens laid 2 eggs. another new calf

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March

14 Thursday

A very fine day rather cold wind West.
Grace washed big washing and hung
them on the line. Rachel came over after dinner.
Jane Niles with Shelly and Johny came at noon
& went home at 3. Towards night Volty called
out more visitors and in walked Dordane
with her bag snuffing away as prim and
presice as ever. R. stayed and moped floor.
we eat supper after dark

15th Friday

A soft warm thawing day. Wind South.
Grace ironed. Irene done house work and
cooked. Boys hauled fish nets and building
wharf. John went to school. Wells chored around
and hewed log. Dane went over to Wills visiting.
John, V, Eddy Bates & Hiram Joslin here in
evening

16th Saturday

A very fine day rather cold. Wind W.
Wells called up early this morning by W Burnham
wanting to go to K with Wells. After W had
gone Dodge came from Millens Bay to go too
but went with Charley Woodman. Smith & wife
went visiting at W G Woodmans, drove up
on ice in cutter. Irene cleaned floors churned,
baked and done jeneral [sic] house work. Boys

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building wharfe & run nets but no fish.

John done as he had a mind to. Grace washed dishes. Dordane came back from Rachel's & R came over in evening.

Wells, Volty & Wellington came home long before dark brought 1 coal, 10 sugar, 4 tea, 5 rice &c

17 Sunday

A fine day thawing. Wells drove over to Bells with Dordane, Grace & Maud made an all days visit. Rachel came over and helped get dinner & washed dishes. boys went skating. Wells and the others came home early. Will came over in evening. Rachel went home with him. looks like a storm. Maude cried because she had to go to bed.

18 Monday

A very pleasant day. Wind North. Aunt R. came over early to go to town with pa but he did not go so she stayed here and ripped he [sic] dress to pieces. Grace & Ma done a big washing to day. The boy got a sturgeon out of their nets. John went to school. Eva not feeling very well. The baby very good to day. The boys [margin]

Rachel, Jen and

Will quarreled last

night so Rachel came over

here this morning without her breakfast

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are working on their pier. pa is hewing on some timber, Maude is raising the Dickens around the house, Aunt Dany here yet. (Beatrice 2 years old to day)

19 Tuesday

A fine day Wind North froze some last night. Dane & Rachel walked down to Ebbs this morning on the ice. Welly working for Niles building a kitchen. Wells hewing a log in the grove. John, Volty & Will building a pier. Rachel came up towards night on the land with wet feet. ground all mud and slush. Two men trying to cross but cant

20 Wednesday

A fine day wind North. snow disappears rapidly, no crossing, ice good for nothing. Will and Volty pulled nets out the river. Welly working for Niles. Wells went to Burnham manure bee. Rachel went too [sic] to help Alvira cook. John, V. & Will drew stone for dock. Irene cleaned floors. Grace helped &c. Evaline sewed on Grace's dress [margin] Rachel brought some apples from Burnham's. Wells brought some from Niles

21 Thursday

A cold day. wind North. sun shines. Volty helped clear up the kitchen. Irene washed Evaline, sewed and cut R dress. baby very good indeed. Welly went to

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All Joslins A.M. for fish nets. Welly & Volty both worked for Nile's in P.M. Wells puttering around all fore noon cleaning up peas & drew hay for Will in Afternoon from Burnham's. John stayed at home. Irene cleaned kitchen cupboard in P.M. and got supper. channel open clear through.

Irene washed all baby's little clothes

22nd Friday

A fine day no wind, no rain, no snow, no clouds. froze some last night. ground looks bare and brown with patches of dirty snow scattered all around. Wells gone to George Gillespie's manure bee. Welly & Volty working for Niles. Johnny at school. Mother walked over with Will this morning. Evaline cut and filled another dress for Rachel. Grace walked over to Wills for sewing machine shuttle. Lill went down to Smiths with milk. Hard times yet no pork, no beef, only a little butter. And I am very sleepy, no wood and I have to scrape up pine hewings to prepare the dinner. After Wells came home from bee, he drove back With R & Mother. Boys came home early from Nile's we spent a very pleasant evening

23 Saturday

A fine bright wind South. a wide open space in river clear of ice. Will came over a little while more trouble at their house. one of our

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March 23

turkeys died. Wells hewing timber in the grove and drawing hay from grange. John helping draw hay. W Jr & V working for J.N. Evaline sewing and helped get dinner and wash dishes. Grace working around. Irene cleaned floors &c &c. Made custard pie for dinner. if we had pork I could save butter to sell. Wells Jr & Volty made Will a visit in evening

24 Sunday

A fine day wind South

Our boys at home. Johny made Smiths folks a visit. Wells reading. Charles & Henry Holliday came over. Grace went home with them. Will came over for his mail. John & Jane came over in the evening

25 Monday

A clear bright day Wind North. cold thawing in the sun, freezing in shadow. Wells and John drew hay from Grange. W Jr & V mending the skiff. John went to School in after noon. Rachel came over to finish her dresses, she got a very sore throat and bad cold. Evaline washed babys clothes, ironed and helped R on her dresses. I baked bread

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26 Tuesday

A fine day, somewhat cloudy,
looks like a storm. Wind West.

Wells went to A Barries bee moving
a barn. J Niles called here early in morning
for W Jr to go with him over the river. Did not
go with him had other work to do fixing skiff.
Ebb called too on his way to the bee but
went back to help John N. out through the ice
to the open water. stoped on his way back
to see the baby. Volty and I cleaned up the
kitchen. Samy's boys here in the evening playing euchre
in Ktichen. Rachel throat better, she helped do
the work. Ebb called again. Welly went to Ebbs for
boat nails. John went to school. I sick

27 Wednesday

Evaline sewed and moped and worked all day.

A long drizzly day. Wells hewing timber.

I sick with a bad cold. Wind SE.

Wells Jr working for N. Volty mending sail
up stairs. Johny at school. Eveline fixing R's
dress over after Win Smith's botching. Rachel
doing all the house work. I went to bed.

Volty took the apples out the pit. Turkey laid too
& we have another new milk cow. Smith
brought homebWells stove pipe. Oour [sic] boys went
over to Will's to play cards in evening. Will
building a punt

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28 Thursday

Wind W, ground covered with snow this morning, cold. Had bad head ache all night, couldnt sleep. Wells & J and V drew hay from Grange & then Wells got out posts for a barn he intends to build sometime. Wells Jr working for Niles. After dinner V went over to Wills to help carry lumber for Wills punt. Ice clear from the other shore and but a very small strip on this shore but our water hole left yet. I went to bed and slept. sun shone clear all AM but heavy wind clouds PM and last night. snow all gone. R doing cooking. E doing R's dress, got it done. Edy & Eben Bates, George Niles and Wallace Niles playing ball. A clear sun set

29 Friday

A fine day. Wind S.W. River filled with floating ice. John went early to Ebbs to borrow soap but as good luck found no one at home, so came back & helped V carry leach barrel into kitchen which was set up early last Spring by the hen park. John then went to school. Welly went to J. N's to work. Volty, R & I tried all day to make soap but failed the first day. I forget what Wells done, hewed I guess. Fried eggs for supper. Evaline sewed and cared for baby
[margin] Eddy Ebben & Hiram here in evening sun set playing base ball

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30 Saturday

A cold day wind North. We managed to make one kettle of soap. Eveline washed all the clothes, cleaned, swept and dusted, made beds, tended baby. Wells hewed & made neckyoke. Welly worked for Niles Volty, brought water and chored around. John went over to Wills for the cows caught. Uncle Smith dogging them. R cooked the meals. Irene cleaned floors. Charley W went for the mail on horse. A letter from Watson George and Wally Niles her playing base ball. Welly went down to Ebbs for paint and played base ball, brought home 2 1/2 lbs sugar and some apples then Welly & Volty went to Mr J N for coal

31 Sunday

Last day of March. Snowing all day, ground white with snow. Wind N in morning then SE and S. Rachel went home after breakfast. Welly went with her. Wells reading. Evaline not very well, baby very good. Maud very good. Volty at home all day. John went over to Wills after dinner 9 O'clock in evening and snowing fast. Sylvia 26 years old to day

April 1 Monday

A cloudy morning snowing yet and good sleighing. Wind North. Wells hitched

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April 1

I up after breakfast and drove to Marysville for groceries. First drove over to Wills for their butter. Welly worked for Niles. John played April fool all day. Volty went to Ebbs for punt to set a fish net. Will came over to help set net but wind blow so from North didnt set the net. Smith and Paterson went to Ferry. Rachel & Evaline washed. I forget what Irene done. Snow that fell all day yesterday & last night disappeared. Wells came early at 4 Oclock

2 Tuesday

A cloudy morning, Wind North. Wells hitched up after breakfast and Wells, Volty & Irene drove over to Charles for a barn raising, 29 men there to dinner and supper. Old crackie says "if the Scot act is carried as a law, he will leave the country; Our boys set sturgeon net early this morning. Johny went to school. Rachel & Eva finished washing. Eva made a lounge tick, cradle tick and little pillow for the baby. Welly worked for Niles. Volty stayed over to help Charley shingle his barn. A disagreeable evening dismal and cloudy. Wells drove home very slowly

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Wednesday

The sun rose clear but soon grew cloudy
And snowing thick and fast at 10 O'clock.
Volty & Grace at Bell's. Johnny at School.
Wills gone to Wm Rattrays bee putting rafters
on his new cheese factory. Willy helping
Evaline "clear" up the chambers. Rachel
picking over peas for soup. I am writing
and rocking cradle, so sleepy. I go to sleep
with pen in hand, didn't sleep much last
night. Smith & Patterson gone up to P.P. farm
above the ferry gone in a skiff. Guess they
will have a hard time to come down this
eve on account of ice & weather. Wm S & PP
a great finds. Smiths man Sinclair went
with them. The roads are half snow half
mud, some goes on wheels, some on
runners. The road between J O'brien and Rattrays corner
is filled with snow three feet deep but the up
and down roads are a bed of mud. The ice is
clear on this side from shore to shore. The ice
between [sic] Wolfe & Howe Island remains fast
locked in unbroken while the Pierpont makes
a regular trip each day as far as Garden
Island & in PM goes around the head of the
Island to Cape Vincent. Volty came home at
bed time

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Apr 4th 1899

Thursday

A cloudy morning Wind SW
clears up towards noon the Earth
completely covered with snow which
soon dissolves under the influence of
wind and sun Wells, V, & J, drew hay
from the old barn, then Wells went to
election to vote for to elect the Devil for
[in between lines] chief magistrate for
3 years in the county of Frontenac
Wells J and Volty working on sailboat Rachel
and E washed breakfast dishes R cut papers
for pantry shelves looks very nice indeed another
cow to be milked Will came over & I pay
mother part of her butter sent Jen's things
home this morning Welly went to Ebbs we
sent home their sugar Eva Ironed the clothe
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Smith walked to Marysville from
PP Place & hired Billy Card to bring
him home to his dead Lobelia
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Friday

A fine day Wind W rather cool
Evaline washed & Volty helped E clean
up kitchen and scrub floors Johny
went to school - last day. Wells chopping
over by snow space Welly & Volty putting ribs
in sail boat Rachel done something
I forget what I have forgotten what I done
I so sleepy I cant remember - A sugar party
at Mien O'briens John attended

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6th April

Saturday

A fine day Wind North cool

PPatterson & Will Woodman came early in morning for W. Jr. & V. to go with skiff away up the Island to PPfarm to build PP a home he is going to move his family soon George Gillspre went with them After breakfast Wells started to cross the river in GG's skiff but Horn had gone over there before him, so came back untill after dinner and went over to R Percys to see about buying seed wheat found Rob gone from home came back at night supperless and hungry from hungry bay. Price on Robs wheat \$1,25 per [half line above] bush Rachel went visiting to G Siles & got warm sugar, mad her sick. W Jr & V came home at dark hungry & tired John brought some water & done as he had a mind to Eva done house work of all kinds Mand very good, & baby slept in cradle. Wellington and Will cam for their mail > A beautiful evening

Sunday

A lovely day scarcely any wind. South Wind froze a little last night river sealed over with ice its so still Expected Charley over to bring Grace home but didnt come Welly went early this morning to carry P sail home and borrowed some Soleratus Will came over a while Wells went to Niles' to borrow his boat for tomorrow John after ninner went to Hanah Shinn's came home at 11 Oclock PM
A beautiful eve ning

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April 8th 1889

Monday

A clear bright day river like a
mirror all day zephyr S froze last
night W Genge commenced School
this day John went to school Grace at
Bell's yet ought to be home to go to school
when she come's she will go Wells chopping
wood all A M went over to Sand Bay A M
with J Piles & George Farr Votty putting coal for
an "Sail" Boat Wolly gone up the Island
with PP to work on PP's house
Eva & R done great washing of cooked
and washed dishes E cleaned kitchen
floor & painted lounge & chair and ironed
clothes plenty of work and not much to
eat and no kerosine Genge stoped
& talked with V at the sail boat Johny
went to P in evening Kerosine all gone
and we burn a ~~shit~~ ~~shit~~

Tuesday

A cloudy morning, Wind S looks
like rain clears up early sun shines
all day Wells commenced plowing all day
Johny at school Volty tarring the sail boat
Grace & Charley's yet Welly didn't come home
working for PP. Eva washed a lot of carpet
rays Will came over for flour butter saleratus
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Will cornwell gone sailing [/on the side]

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and I gave him some corn meal

E out trying to get wood & Will chopped one
of Wells pine sails & if W finds to out he'll jaw
of hid it in the oven & it makes a [crossed: l] good

fire Rachel went to Wills for tea Smith got
a bee tearing down the old barn Didn't

invite Wells or the boys or Will he has no
need of them for he is not running away

from Ruttand now Grace is fifteen to day

Snow nearly all gone from corner of fences

Shelly Niles here visiting Mande Willy came home from [half line above: Patterson]

10 Wednesday

A fine day Wind South & chilly Wells plow

all day Volly tarred sail boat in A M and

After dinner made hot bed and planted potatoes

John at school Evaline cut & sewed rags

Smith came up for his heifer and said

it was a very fine day Rachel helped cut

carpet rags Welly helped tar boat and went

up to Morgans in evening and stoped at Niles

11 Thursday

A fine day Wind South Rachel and Welly

and Volty mended sails for the boat Wells

went over the river to beadle's for seed wheat

came back for dinner and plowed till dark

Johny went to school Mand didn't behave

very well E & R sewed carpet rags looks

like rain at dark

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Wells got 5 gallons of kerosine =

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April 12th

Friday

A foggy morning Wind north Wells and Johny went to cape Vincent in skiff came back to Beadles' and god 5 bushels of seed wheat and a bag of potatoes Wells brought 4 lbs tea 10 lbs sugar & 1 lb saleratus fog cleared up at 8 O'clock and a fine day Welly & Volty rigged out and launched their sail boat and took Ebb home Mrs Meurdock here for peas Boys carried her and daughter in boat down to Ed Rattrays R and E sewed carpet rags E Rattray has a stone bee to day tis 10 O'clock PM wind blowing strong from North Welly carried N sail and oars home this evening and I sent Jane's tea and socks home

13th Saturday

A fine day no rain Wells went to Kingston went off without his breakfast came home early from Grace boots and Mauds, Volty's boots too big 10 sugar. 3 seeds. and a bottle of pills Wade's mandrake Volty drew hay from Burnham, for Will and plowed a little in garden Welly went to Sammy's with a letter brought water and he & Volty went

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around the feet to breakeys Bay to set
fish nets so much ice couldn't
left nets to Joy's John chored around and
didn't clean horse stable E cleaned
floors and done every thing R made a
Johny cake [crossed: I] forget what I done guess
I washed something

14 [crossed: Saturday] Sunday

A beautiful day, no rain

Charley & Bell came and brought Grace home
Boys went to Joslins Bay for sail boat
Welly V. of, E, & G went for a sail went
far as Morgan's fiddled & sunny Gesige
went too from Niles Wells didn't read
much writing with Charley. Johny went
to Niles in Evening and stayed late
Charley & Bell went home hearly, Wells went
with them as far as Obrien's

15 Monday

A fine day, no rain a white
frost this morning Wells squared
accounts with Smith to day & they
quarreled Welly and Will set puts
John draged at home Volty plowed
the pasture at home Patterson moving
Evaline washed Don't know what Rachel done
[on side: Wells sowed grain]
she made Johny cake Grace commenced school
[on left side margin]
R, G, & Maude went to J.N's for horse radish
Genge made us
his first visit with
George & Wally Niles
in evening
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April 16th 1889

Tuesday

A beautiful rosy morning wind North
no rain Wells' gone to the city started
early long before sunrise and I sitting here
alone writing very sleepy, fire all gone out no
wood onely pine hewings and none of those in
the house Welly planted potatoes Volty
made garden and J & V drew manure
baking from the house Grace went to school
Eva cut and sewed rags Welly & Will
went to their nets [~~crossed-out~~]Genge here in evening[/~~crossed-out~~]
Volty and John went spearing fish
after dark and had a concert at
Bulgers Mother came over Wells came late

14 Wednesday

A fine day no rains no wind N
very warm Wells sowing oats on
grange John draging Volty powing
Grace at school Jen visiting at
Niles Rachel went to Wills and staying
all day till supper time Will here and
Grace at school Genge here in evening
Eva cleaned floors and sewed rags
Boys had a concert at Lahyson
came home at eleven [40/16?] Lewy
Joy 10 years old to day baby cried
[on left side margin]
Jane N and children
here in evening

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18 April

Thursday

A beautiful warm day no wind N no rain
Wells building fence all day. pasture fence
Welly plowed down by Ebbs A M Volty set
onions A M Welly went to his nets P M
John drag oats Volty plowed P M Grace
at school To day is the first Welly has
plowed in three years Merpont came in
to day for the first this season R
went to the city Mand Smith came
home to day Windmils girls to be here
for fish Dont know much odd &
silly Welly & V went spearing in
evening Genge walked home no school
till Tuesday Volty opened outside cellar door
set up for the boys to come got sleepy waiting and
gone to bed

19 Friday

A fine morning Wind south breezy & warm
Afternoon cloudy looks like rain no wind
Wells building fence Volty plowing John
cultivating Eva washed and ironed Rachel
making an apron Welly brought water A M
afternoon went to Al Joshn's for net Will
caught 12 pickerel Grace at home no school
Easter holliday's Loggie Morgan visiting Smith's
no rain, very dry, sun shines out, 4 O'clock P M
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W J & V speared lot
of fish last night came
home late at 12 O'clock

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evening thunder lighthning & a shower [line above] with wind [/line above]

Boys all at home went to bed early

20 Saturday

A foggy morning, wind south cool
breezy fog clears towards noon Wells works
on grange Volty plowed John draging
Rachel cleaned floors Grace visiting
at Nile's came home at dark E & G put
the rooms in order E moped pantry and my
bed room Welly covered a ball for Ed Bates
and went to his nets

21 Sunday

A clear day Wind west breezyyy cools
Wells at home reading John dressed up
and went to see Eddy Bates Eddy came
home with him at noon Will come [~~crossed-out~~]home[/~~crossed-out~~]
over and brought me [above] some [/above] a fish musk along
Volty at home all day Welly went to
see to his sail boat wind blowing
hard Grace went over to see her grand
mother and stayed till after dark Jon
went with Will to Breakey's bay

22 Monday

A clear day wind West and cold
Wells Volty & Johny working draging
sowing and plowing Welly went to
run the nets wind blow so couldnt

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came back and went to J Niles to finish the kitchen E went up to J N's to sew on Jane's sewing machine I slept an hour. Grace made gum & run away to J N's I am not very well pleased she been there once to day for a pitcher of ~~crossed-out~~milk~~/crossed-out~~ soap Willy brought a calf from J Niles' 23rd Tuesday

A fine day wind South Wells building fence Volty plowing John cultivating Welly started to go to his nets A M didn't go wind blow so. Welly & Will run nets P M Will gaught 19 pickerel Welly 14 ~~above~~ pickerel ~~/above~~ & a half barrel of perch came home long after dark tired and hungry dark clouds hanging over our domestic horizon. Dear Welly God bless him. Grac at school no soap no soda Genge came at dark and E & E Bates E fixing her dress & caring for the babe R help cook E washed Baby's clothes 24 Wednesday

A fine breezy day Wind south Wells Volotty & John working on Grange Welly went ~~crossed-out~~an~~/crossed-out~~ for the fish at Breakey's bay intending to go to the cape Volty took team and brought them to Joslin's Bay and put them in sail boat Welly came home at ~~crossed-out~~no~~/crossed-out~~ 10 O'clock R & J feed calves Grace at school E ironed babys things and knit on lambrequin R washed around house all day it is raining hard rains all night

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April 25 Thursday

A damp rainy morning Wind Sod

Wells chose to dock with R I sent 4

lbs butter [above]& 1 doz eggs[/above] Welly & Volty went to cape with the first fish at 2'cts per pound and 1'ct for perch

Grace at school, Eva cleaned floors knit

and pieced quilt John drawing, banking

from house Wells repairing cultivator and

plowing on grange - a showery evening

[at left side margin] Genge here in

evening [/left margin]

26 Friday

A cloudy foggy day raining part of the day

Wells drew stone and trimed orchard

on grange John drew stone [~~W~~] Volty plowed

and drew fish pound to B bay Welly went

to the nets at eleven came back after dark

Grace at school Eveline & Rachel washed

some of the clothes got dry commenced raining

again towards evening Wind N in morning and S

P.M.

27 Saturday

A cloudy drizzly morning Wind South Wells

went to the city started late Welly brought

water to clean floors & then went or started

to go to his net but went to Howe Island with

Al Joshin to carry fruit trees & came back [~~f~~]long

After dark Volty went to Burnhams for

potatoes came back & grafted trees in PM

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Grace washed her clothes & went to Smith's ray bee
John pottered around in AM & plowed garden PM
R cleaned floors E scrubbed chairs swept and
dusted and ironed her clothes Raining hard
at dark John went for Grace after dark and went
home with Jill Wells came home first but late
Grace came next and Welly last

28 Sunday

A rainy morning Wells reading
John went to church but no preaching
Sinclair rowed. Laura and Maud up for
church but soon went home again Rach
went over to Wills and stayed to dinner
Welly & Volty at home most all day, very cold
for the season Wind West blowing some

29 Monday

A rain morning Wind west cold and
disagreeable weather Wells drove to Ferry south
Rachel to go on the Princess Louise & he went
to city Grace went to school Eva made
my waist Welly tried to run nets
wind blows so cant Volty worked all
day at something making garden
of think John pottered around

30 Tuesday

Another cold raw day wind west
tubs and barrels full of [above]rain[/above] water his so
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Wally and P
built wire fence
around the garden

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wet and cold grass cant grow much
Wells wheat coming up Wells brought
water for Evaline to wash E done bra
washing and washed two bed quilt
Grace west to school at noon
Volty worked in garden making bed
and planting John and Wells worked
in field Wind blows hard and cold all day [below]baby cried[/below]

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Mrs Woodman
made Smiths
folks an evening
visit

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May 1 Wednesday

A cold raw windy cloudy day Wind W
Wells & Johny worked at home draying
and sowing J churned or Welly did
& J made 10 lbs of butter for market and
sent one dozen and a half of eggs Grace
went to school Volty worked in garden
Welly stayed around home and choped
wood & done all kinds of work bringing
water & [doodle spiral] Wind blows strong and
cold from West. Wells says if the
wind should hush there would be a
frost. Eva ironed all the cloths baby cried

2nd Thursday

A market day Princess came in
for the first time this spring Wells
drove to the dock with Grace
Cloudy and still Wells Jr went to
his nets came back at 3 Oclock

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May 2d 1889

& had a big haul of fish 4 sturgeon
14 pickerel mullets perch sucker &c &c
Wells sowing grain Volty & Johny draging
and cultivating Eva washed mother quilt
and brought 6 pails of water Baby didn't
cry she's got castoria cold weather yet
and cloudy

3rd Friday

A chilly cloudy morning Wind [above] N [/above] west
Wells John and Volty gone to Springs work
Wells Jr gone to his nets E bringing water
again and washing baby's clothes No
school to day Arbor day Genge gone home
Grace at home washing dishes Maud as
mean as ever Eveline & Willy went to Burndan
for flower plants called at Ebb's and had tea
Mrs Niles went down to Smiths with John N
found the women folks from home visiting at Horn's
came back and made me a short visit
A cold chilly evening

4 Saturday

A mild fair day Wells Volty & Johny
working in field Will and Welly gone
to Cape with fish came home at three
Eveline swept rooms and cleaned floors
I done general house work Grace raked
the door yard Will lost 5 lbs sugar left it in cape
Vincent

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May 5th 1889

Grace Baufoid

Wolfe Island

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Sunday

A beautiful day Wind South

After washing breakfast dishes I

went to bed slept awhile & then walked

over to mothers I gave Wells and boys

lunch before I went Johny went as far

as the corner of the pasture to help me over

the fence Wells came over and went to the

grange for greens called on his way home

and I went home with him got supper

6 Monday

A fine warm day Wind South

very light Wells plowed and sowed

Volty & John helped Evaline washed

I churned Grace went to school but

no teacher there Welly and Will went

to their nets Welly mending sail boat

7 Tuesday

A beautiful warm day Volty and

Will went early this morning to their

nets Welly finished repairing sail boat

then Will and V brought the fish home

and launched the craft & W & V went

to cape with fish Wells and Johny

working at farming E making a dress

for Irene Gracie [~~an~~] at home

Wall Niles here said Mr Genge was

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Evaline Bauford
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Aug 30th 1888

				\"\$.cts
sold	Eleven	lbs	butter	2,65
sept 6th	12	"	"	2,00
13th	12	"	"	2,40
28th	9	"	"	1,95
Oct 4th	10	"	"	2,20
11th	9	"	"	2,01
18th	6	"	"	1,36
25	10	"	"	2,20
Nov 1st	12	"	"	2,59
8th	13	"	"	2,72
14th	12	"	"	2,46
21nd	13	"	"	2,69
27	13	"	"	2,69
Dec 6	10	"	"	2,08
14th	9	"	"	1,89
22nd	12	"	"	2,60
Jan 3rd	10	"	"	2,12

12th	6	"	"	1,32
26	6	"	"	1,20

April 25 1889

Apr 25	4	Rachel sold for me	98
May 2nd	10	Rachel Sold for me	2.50 2,50
9	20		
	27		
	40		
	34	to three old women	

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9, 16 butter

, 30 eggs

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June	sold butter	at	14 ct	M@
6th				Rue
1889				
	3 lbs	"	14	51
	28	"	14	3,92
13	31 -	2lbs at 15 cts	balance	
			14 cts	
180 lbs	made	in 5 weeks	while	
	[above]sold[/above]			
I was				
at				
Bell's				
	44			
	50			
	35			
	45	[strikethrough]3[/strikethrough]	,19	
	41	3 for ,20 + 38 for 14		
	40			
Sept	41			
5th				
	36			

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for 20

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1889 Nov

21 December 24th 1889

	sold	6	butter	,17	
Dec 31	"	9	"	,18	\$1,62
1890 Jan 15	"	7	"	,20	\$1,44
	"	6	"	,18	1,09
	"	6	"	,20	1,20
	"	4	"	,20	,80
	"	7	"	,18	1,26
	"	10	"	,18	1,80
		12		,22	
		12		,22	

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1890

Jan 18th Saturday

A warm fine day Wind North
ground covered with snow every where
some ice on this shore no crossing
I sick yet never so sick before
lay abed most all the time head lungs
and whole system wrong cant
eat Spaf got a b[erased] to build his
dock to day Fred came over for our
men folks had a prayer meeting
at Devero's last night No one ther
but Spaff Frances and the baby
Fred said all the praying done
Devero done on the fiddle poor
Fred forgs folks that is Spaff and Frances
and the baby came here to see us this
evening but I dont want to see any one
talked awhile and went up stairs to bed
Jan 19 Sunday

I dont seem much better neither does
Muriel never was so sick before A
fine day good sleighing not much win[d]
North Grace and John gone to
church

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carried to the Asylum yesterday
Stayley called here gathering old iron
say he got hemorrhage of lungs Set the
milk in cellar this morning cellar all
dirt yet not fit to set a swill pail in
8th Wednesday

A warm fine day Wind S and light
Wells V [scribbled]&[/scribbled] of drawing stone and cleaning
up over on grange Welly not very well
fishing his nets E making J's dress
Grace doing general house work
I churned and made prints for
market and set them on cellar
bottom & covered them with a table
cloth the rats run over it in the
night

9 Thursday

A beautiful day warm Wind rows
Rose at 4 O'clock for Grace to go
to market Wells drove to the dock
Maud S went back to the city Sylia came
home writing and is very airy but
does not call on Bamford's goes to Smiths
John an V & Wells work in frel
in A M after diner Wells goes over
the river to see Alex Liddy about
wire fence He came home late and

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eat supper after dark said Gloya's folks
are coming over to go to Bell's with no Sunday
John drove to dock for Grace Eva ironed and
cleaned floors and done other house work Welly
not very well tended to fish nets It's so
long since I have written in this diary of
have most forgotten what we done. I churned
Friday

A fine warm day wind South
All the men folks at work Welly at the nets
in PM Afternoon Eddy & Eben help Welly
plant potatoes Wells Volty & Johny drawing stone
plowing and sowing. I have forgotten what E &
G done or I either. Apple tree man here in evening
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E washed clothes and a quilt
rained hard at three O'clock
boys went to barn a squall from
the north we bring in part or most
of the clothes

Wallace Niles 10 years old on the 10 day of May 1889
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and Will Drive too
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Saturday

A fine warm day Wind [~~crossed-out~~]South[/~~crossed-out~~] North in morning
Rose early this morning for Wells going [above]changing south at 'H M[/above]
to city, gone now. looks like rain Wells carried
umbrella Campbell the Apple tree agent went
up with W and came back While canvassing
for trees he board at Wills. Welly & Volty went
to cape with fish Wells brought home some
milk pans I picked A pail of grains for Bill
Jen came over for Wills groceries the boys
got for him at cape Will planted [above]sweet[/above] corn and caried
potatoes for Welly I lent Jen a bottle of
kerosine I have paid James soap
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John worked in field with
team and then went to Sam's
to ball play, Grace went for
mail

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May ~~14th~~ 1889 Sunday 12
~~Monday~~S

A still warm day very fine weather
every thing growing finely trees just putting
out the green leaves Mr & Mrs Gloya
came over at 8 O'clock A M and we made
in to the waggon at nine taking Maude
with us, met three loads coming to chucj
found Charley Bell & children well had a
good visit and got home at dark found
all well and pleasant at home work all done
so I had nothing to do but read and go to
bed James and Maryanne went home across
the river I understand Johnny, had a bath
in the river getting out of the sail boat
15 Monday

A fine morning Wind South
and warm ~~no~~ a school to day Grace at home
Eva washed hung all clothes out befor diner
after dinner scrubed floor swept dusted made
beds & @ Wells John & Volty drawing stone plowing
and getting in grain Wells took up and changed
most of his nets Perley here for Welly to go for
his pig I gathered green's for dinner Grace
sowed ~~f~~ her flower seeds Eva reeled all the
carpet rags to be colored A rat in the trap this
morning

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Monday

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Tuesday

Sun rose clear this morning grew cloudy and began to rain wind changing from South to North and rain pouring at noon Campbell Apple tree man here to dinner rain cleared after dinner tree man went up the Island Volty brought fish & put them in ice house The rag rubber bone & bottle man here we got a little tin ware and some coppers Grace went to school A M came home for her dinner and stayed here Eva ~~couler~~ colored blue, violet, brown, and another colour can't tell what it is loos kinder yaller and kinder brown it is called scarlet on cotton Welly gone to nets and for his pig, Wells Volty & Johny working in field A M. Al Barrie raising his barn to day, Wells & Volty invited Volty went Wells stayed at home Everything growing since the rain cows giving big quantity of milk 20 pans ~~and~~ at night searecty of pan's

15 Wednesday Wind N

A cool day I not feeling very well have caught cold but churn and make butter prints for market Boys at home helping their father draw stone Grace done house work I have allmost forgoted what any of them done this so long since I have writen in this diary

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May 16

Thursday

Rose early to go to the market

A cold windy morning & cloudy

Wind North Wells drove to the dock

Princess came in this morning we

came back on the Pierpont I did

not sleep much sick all night with

neuralgia [above]grows[/above] colder toward night I set

by the engine coming home to keep face warm

found all well at home bought one package

of carpet warp Laura went up I saw W'm in 4e [below]shore[/below]

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Sylvia went back

to Win's to day

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17th Friday

I dont know much about what

is going on today, law abed sick all

day sleep on the lounge at night so

not to disturb Wells Dont know which

way wind was only know it was cloudy

18 Saturday very warm

Am better this morning but Evaline

sick abed with tooth ache I work all

day and do the best I can I forgot

what the rest of the family done but

I got a dim from Peo says if I

dont pay him he make me trouble

19 Sunday

A fine warm day no wind South

Mother came over and we had

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May

greens for dinner I forget what the men
folks done John dressed up and went to
church Eld Bates here ~~colored rag's~~

20 Monday

A cloudy still day light wins South
Welly run the nets A.M. Evaline washed
in A.M. Welly went with her to Mrs Welmore
with carpet rags and warp Mand went too
Wells and Volty building water fence
Volty got both feet wett forget what I
done E

21st Tuesday

A fine warm day Wells ^{above}Wind south^{/above} and Boys
drawing stone E papering her room up
stairs so long ago since I wrote in
this diary I have forgoted nearly everything
which transpired to day it being now the
4th of June & I have ~~s~~ not written since the 14th
of May

22 Wednesday

A cloudy cool day but I churn and
made 40 prints for market E working
up stairs Wells and boys drawing stone
Forresters had a serenade in the church shed
at evening G. Morgan Jr came for our boys
and came down cellar while V and D were
straining milk Jay Lee & Dell Windinell
married to day

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1889 May

23rd Thursday

A fine morning. Wind West. Carried 40 lbs butter to market. Went on Pierpont came back on Maud Laura went to.

A cold morning but there was a good fire in the stove. Meet Watson on the wharf.

Mrs Gologly carried two baskets for me to the market house & Watson carried 2 baskets for me so I had nothing to carry. 16cts for butter very low price. Winnie came home with her mother. Mrs Holliday came home from Charlottes.

Wind blowing strong. Mr Watson came home with me to see Maud. Will D came over

24th Friday

A cool morning. Grace walked to the dock very early & went on the Mand to Halliday and walked from there to Bells. Came back on the Princess. Boys at home helping their father. We had a good visit with F.W.W.

Grace came home at dark. It proved to be a very fine day. Wind south but changes to North before Saturday morning

25 Saturday

A cold morning. Wells and Watson went to Kingston. V lent F.W.W. his over coat. Grace cleaned floors. Wells came home early. A heavy frost last night

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water frozn thickness of this glass which will
be [s]thick as window glass[/s] very bad for
vegetation of all kinds especialy fruit trees
which are just now white with blossoms

26 Sunday

Cold day, wind North. Wells half
sick can scarcely walk around

Welly and Volty went to Spinks.

I went to bed had a long nap arose &
got dinner. Welly & Volty came home from
Grindstone after dark. We had oat meal pudding
& milk for supper

27 Monday

A cloudy morning. Wind North. Began
to rain at 10 Oclock A.M. Rained nearly
all day. A sugar party at A Barries
this evening! Every body invited. Volty &
Grace did not attend the party on account
of rain. John went had a pleasant
time but not many there. John stayed
all night. The weather cold. The night
dark. And the wind blowing fearfully [sic]
from South all night. Volty made bee
hives. Forget what the others done. E washed
in fore noon. Grace washed afternoon could

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not hang the clothes out but put them in tub and set them under the eve's & next morning tub was running over with water.

Wells sick with lame back

28 Tuesday

A cloudy cold day. Wind South blowing a gale, fences blown down.

A terrible time on Lake Ontario.

Bavaria lost on this Lake

all hands lost. Wells, John and Voltie fixing pasture fence in the forenoon, fixed base ball ground in afternoon in our pasture. Eveline went down to her Grand Fathers towards night.

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Baby 3 months old today

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Wednesday. May. 29.

A cold cheerless day. Wind N.E. I churned and got ready for Market. Wells, Voltie, John fixing pasture fence. Wells Jr planting corn for Eb Joslin.

Eveline cleaned both floors.

Grace done house work. Liz Morgan called here. Boys played base ball at Sam's

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Thursday May 30th

I went to Kingston carried 34 lbs butter
left Groceries and carpet. Warp
McCrae did not send them to the
dock or boat I mean. Wells, Voltie
and John fixing pasture fence.
Wellie planting corn for Eb. Grace
done all the house work. Eveline
sewed and took care of baby.
Cloudy day. Wind North rained
towards night just as they
came home from the dock.

Friday Wind South

A rainy nasty day. Wells drove
to the ferry after groceries, left
carpet warp at [Wetuiover's?] also
Wellie's shirt cloths. Wellie, Voltie
& John built fence until the
rain commenced. Grace worked
on her dress. Eveline washed
and mopped the chamber.
I done house work. Wells
got home at 3 o'clock
got wet also the Boys.
Boys run the net and got
some fish, gave some to Geo & Charley

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Saturday June 1st

A wet nasty day. Wind South.
Grace Ironed & mended, swept
the parlor. I cooked as usual.
Boys intended to go to Welsh's
to play ball but rained so
they cant go. Voltie made boxes
for bee hives. Wellie made a
bat. John went to Niles' for
shelac and to Sam's after
the mail. Wells reaching
Utica Globe. Boys played
ball in P.M.

Sunday, 2nd

A Warm fine day every thing
growing after the rain. Wind
south. Wells at home reading. W Jr, V &
Charley W went over river in sail boat.
Volty came back Wellie stayed there awhile
Volty went back for Wellie. Will Corn & Wall
Beadle came over and went to J. Niles.
Grace, Maud, Will, Dixon, Maxwell
& Volty went for a sail on the river. After coming
back Grace & Maud went over to Wills.
Will & Jen came back with them. After that
Grace & Maud went rowing up and down

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the shore in paint with Shelly and Tilly

June 3rd Monday

A sunny day. Wind south, cool.

Wells, Volty and Wellie building pasture fence. John went to School. Grace washin and put the clothes out in fore noon.

E made a dress for Muriel. I wrote in this diary to day for first time since 14th of May.

Towards night Welly Eveline and the baby went down to Mr Ebbens Joslins in skiff, rained quite hard while they were gone. Eat supper there, came home while we were at our supper.

It rained very hard in the night thundered [sic].

4 Tuesday

A clear day, Wind South East blows hard. Wells and boys built pasture fence & after dinner the boys went up the Island to play base ball with the Taylor nine but there was no one to play with them. They came home early. Eveline washed and dried her clothes.

Grace washed some more clothes. I went to bed, slept two hours. John at school

5 Wednesday

A clear day, Wells and Volty Building pasture fence. Welly planted corn and churned.

After noon base ball at Sams, some of the bows down from up the Island. J Morgan and Elmer Woodman had a fight. George

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June 1889

Morgan came home with Welly for alum
to cure his mouth

6 Thursday

A very pleasant day cool. John drove
with me to the dock. Went on Princess to
market. Butter 14 cts. Rachel selling
fish scrapers, talked very mean to Mrs Wm
Rattray & George Woodman. Every thing at
home very tidy, floors all cleaned, copper
teakettle bright as gold. E done it all
churned &c. Grace helped do the work.

I am very tired and sleepy. Grace
went at dark and carried Janes soda
home. Will and W Jr & V went spearing
fish but got none. Wells came to the
boat for me. Mrs S Woodman sick with rigamortis.

7 Friday Wind South

A fine morning, dark clouds rising in
south, at noon commenced raining,
at 4 P.M. & raining hard at bed time.
John at school. Wells working in the grown
orchard. Volty helping him. V working
at bee hive. E done house work. I
made a shirt. Grace sewed on dress.
Welly planted corn and punkins [sic]
Welly wrote a letter to Robert. Jen here
for Volty to hive a swarm of bees but
none to hive

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June 8 Rained all night raining more
at 5 AM. Last year scarcely any rain
from March 'till August. A superabundance
of rain this. Wind South. light. warm.
Wells Wellie & Voltie building water fence for pasture.
Lousy damp day. George & Wall Niles here.
Our nine intended going over river to play with
the shelly's, rained so couldn't go partly cleared at 2 O'clock.
John Burnham here. Spink here Ebb Joslin
and Will Cornwell here. Will Dixon here.
Frank Woodman here. The boys play base ball in
our home pasture of Burnhams. Mr Spink stop here all
night. Wind changed North commenced raining
again at Bed time. E cleaned the floors &c.
Grace finished her dress very cool
Sunday Wind North. Rained
all night and all A.M., cleared a while then
thundred [sic] and rained again tubs all fall Low
lands covered with water, cleared again towards night.
Burnham & Spink here yet, very cool all day, no
callers and 5 O'clock PM some reading, others
sleeping, Gip howling, Maud squalling Baby wears
her first short dress to day. Spink very melancholy
about something. John Burnham swearing. Will here.
Spink went home with him and stayed all night
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Will hived 1 sqarm bees to day
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10 Monday
A bright warm day. W Burnham drove

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in here from milk factory. Spink came back from Wills, stoped [sic] a while and went home at 8 O'clock A.M. Boys run hoop net and took it out the river. Welly and J Burnham went to Clayton. After they helped Wells, Volty & Johny drive the horses and cows to the lower pasture. Smith painting his house orange. Jen came over for Voltis to hive bees. Johny churned. Wells working on Grange. Eva washed Babys clothes. Till and Shell here in evening, Grace gave Shell a cap. Wind South
11 Tuesday - Wellie brought a pig from Welton.
A very fair day somewhat cloudy.
A picnic in Breakeys Grove. Welly, Voltie, Johny, Grace & John Burnham gone to picnic and base ball play, A big crowd. Will went too. Jen and children came over here. Eva cleaned floors and helped me do house work. All came home at dark well pleased with their day out ball playing and dancing. Welly went for a load of picknickers from Sand Bay. A dance at Morgans to night. John and V churned. rather cool day, Wells plowing ground for potatoes
12 Wednesday
A fine breezey day. Wind South cool.
Will went to Morgans' last night. E washed

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breakfast dishes & worked on her dress.
Wells picking up stone all day, Jen came
over for tea for dinner. J Burnham & Eddy Bates
planting potatoes for Will A.M. Wellie, Voltie & Johnie
hoeing potatoes at home, Grace doing house
work, G picked a teacup full of strawberries.
Johny churned. I print butter for market. I am
very sleepy. J Burnham helping the boys
hoe, now he said they had a
nice time up to Mr Morgan's dance.

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Gracie went up to Miss Miles for
the market basket, the Woodman boys
came down in the evening for to play ball

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13 Thursday. 13th of June

Very pleasant day, wind South. Ma, John
& John Burnham went to town, some yankes
went to town to day. Bertha Cornwall, Kate
Shelbour, Daivid Reasoner. Eva washed her
clothes, Voltie hoed in the garden, Wells Jr
tended baby awhile for Eva. Grace did house
work. Maude has been high for diddled all
day. Pa worked in the field. Ma carried up
31 lbs of butter. Evaline ironed in the after
noon, and when Wells Jr went after Ma to
to wharf. Eva went over to Will's with him,
thundered a little in the afternoon, it looks
like rain,

14 Friday

A very bright warm day light wind South.
Our first swarm of bees out to day

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14 June

Volty had just hived the bees when he had a call to Wills to hive a swarm for him. V made a flower bed for Grace. John cleaned the cellar and drew a wheel barrow of gravel to stop the rat holes in cellar. Welly rowed J Burnham over the river this morning. I don't know what he done the balance of the day. Wells picking up stone on Grange. John pulled mustard out the wheat in P.M. & went to lower pasture with Wells and V to milk the cows and then John & Grace went to George and Han's birth day party in evening. They are 21 years old today. E sewed for self and tended the baby, helped wash supper dishes. Welly & V took up the fish nets and got one big stinking fish, a pickeral. V & W gone a fishing this evening. I am very sleepy. I got to rise early. Wells is going to town in the morning early. Good night most eleven o'clock and a beautiful warm moonlight night very still, no wind, a propellar just going up passing the house. Grace washed the clothes. Jen came over for E to cut a shirt for Will. Good night.

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15 June

Saturday

Rose early to go to lower pasture to milk so Wells could get an early start for Kingston. Rain commenced pouring down soon after Wells, V and J were to milk & rained hard all the time they were gone, they came back drenched to the skin. After breakfast Wells went to the city, cleaned up and a fine warm day, rather cloudy. Wind South. A base ball game in the pasture PM., about 50 present. Volty made caps for bee hives .Welly churned. Grace and Johny came home at 4 O'clock this morning from Mr Rattrays party. Grace slept till nearly 12 O'clock. Eveline cleaned floors, chairs & washed breakfast dishes. Grace helped get dinner and then with Lilly went to the ball play. Shelly here. Maud & Shell picked the green strawberries. Well came home rather late. V and J had to draw the milk can home on the wheelbarrow. Ebb Joslin here. Wills bees swarmed to day. Will here in evening for his mail. A letter from Victor & Watson, Welly, Eveline & baby gone to W Burnham's visiting. A cloudy evening, very still and warm no wind. Good night

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[s] Monday [/s] June, Sunday 16

light wind South fair day.

Wells Sr drove over to Belle's

with Mrs B. she has gone

to stay with her daughter

for a couple of weeks.

Voltie made ice cream.

Grace went to church. G. Woodman,

G. Harlow here all the fore noon.

Wellie and I came home

from Burham at six

o'clock. Mr B came a little

later. Wellie went up to

Sam's to get tobacco.

[image- imprint of a flower]

Monday June 17

Rained in the morning cleared

up in forenoon. Wind blows

hard from the north. I

washed and mopped in the

A.M., made a cap for Voltie

in afternoon. Grace done housework.

Mr Bamford plowed. Voltie hoed.

Wellie & John went over the

river strawberrying.

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Tuesday June 18th 1889

Light. Breeze from the North
fair day. Mr Bamford plowed.

Voltie hoed &c, Grace washed.

Wellie & I picked over strawberries
in forenoon. Boys went over
the river to play ball in P.M.

Grace undertook to hive a
swarm of bees and fail.

Mr Bamford had to hive them
at Supper time. Boys came
home at dark. Supperless
as usual and they beat the
Sheley mines

[image- imprint of a flower]

Wednesday June 19th

South east wind all day.

clouded up and sprinkled
towards night. John & Voltie
up to Sam's to a bee. Wellie

at home in A.M. picked
berries in the afternoon. Mr
Bamford picked some straw

berries, pulled mustard
on the Lower place. Grace
worked at the butter business
all day. I done most of

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the housework. Ironed, mopped,
baked bread. Maud as
mean as ever. Voltie baptized
her because she would'nt
wash. George called in the
evening for some one
to play ball with him.

Wellie went to Niles to
get some tobacco.

Thursday June 20th

Fair day, wind South. Grace
gone to Kingston. Boys at
Howe Island playing ball.

Mr B., Maud, Muriel and I at
home all alone. I done
housework. John came home
first. Wellie, Voltie and Grace
got home at half past ten.

Friday

Wind South West. Mr Bamford
drove to Halliday's and then
went to Howe Isld. after Groceries
that was left on the boat.

Commenced and rained at
noon. I washed in forenoon.

Grace done housework and put
up some berries in afternoon

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Voltie and I cleaned out the bedroom and closet. Wellie worked at J. O briens all day dont know what John doing. John churned I found out 3 weeks later. Saturday. Wind South Fair day. I cleaned the parlor in forenoon with Willie's help, rained a little in the morning but cleared up and fine day. I mopped all the floors in afternoon. Grace washed some and done the housework. John drew a load of wood in P.M. Voltie hoed. Mr B. went to Kingston. Wellie helped me most all day then went strawberrying. Sunday. Wind South. Fair day. Jay Lee and wife, Dana and Will Cornwall here. Willie & Voltie went berrying. John went bout to Grandpa's with Will Cornwell. Grace went to prayer meeting was not any. Carrie Joy here.

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Monday. June 24th

A very nice day Wind S Carrie stayed most

Tuesday

all day, she went home in the after

noon, Eva cut out Maude's dress & apron.

Carrie basted up the sleeves, the boys

did two churnings. Wells Jr went across

the river. Voltie hoed potatoes, Grace washed

in the 4 noon. Wellie picked some berries

across the river and in the evening

we picked them over, Billie Genge, George Miles & Wallace

came down after the potatoe plough.

Voltie got a half a bag of potatoes from

Mr Miles

Tuesday June 25th

A very pleasant day Wind south.

The people of the ~~neighbor~~ neighborhood

went to Smiths raising, in the

after noon they came up to clean

up the picnic ground Mr Gery came

day and helped the boys, Wells Jr

went over the river to shingle Addie

Percy's house, when he came home he brought

Frank Bamford with him

to go the picnic in the evening.

The boys went a spearing, and got

some eels

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April May July. August July.
Wednesday. June 26th 1889
Today is the day appointed for
a picnic but guess they wont
have any as it is raining hard
clears up towards night. Wind
South Men folks in the house
part of the day. Grace made
out the butter. John Churned
I mapped made pies and
done general housework Frank
Bamford here, John Morgan here, Reu
ben Mc Faden & b. Easter stopped down
to the river and talked with the boy's.
W W. Genge came down in the evening
& worked on Volties Silo, Jen came over
on the evening and stayed till 10 O'clock
and Will had to come after her.
[on the side] Voltie hoed in P.M. [/on the side]
Thursday [~~crossed-out~~] 23 [~~/crossed-out~~] 27th 1889
Grace & Jen Went to Kingston this
morning. The Str Maude called in
to the Wharf. Fair day. Wind South
Wellie worked over the river
John went up to Niles to Take
punt home Voltie helped me
around the house Mr B
ploughed Grace got home about 8 o'clock.

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[above] a fair day running a little. [above]

Griday June 28th 1889

A fair day. Wind South

Wellie worked over the river

Voltie and I papered the Hall

[crossed-out] Mr. B. plowed [/crossed-out] Mr. B and John

worked on the road Grace

done the housework. Piano

Tuner here Miller from

Watertown

[on the side] Muriel 4 months old [/on the side]

Saturday June 29th

Very warm day. Light

Breeze North. Wells Sr went

to Kingston. Wells Jr went

over the river with John Morgan

in forenoon. Voltie and George

Niles plowed out the potatos

in forenoon. Voltie churned

in P.M. John worked on the

road Grace done housework

I warshed in A.M. and filed

floors in P.M. Wellie and

I went over to Gloyd's in

the evening Voltie went to O'briens

after Jack & Spear Will & Voltie

went spearing and got 4 eels

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Aug 30th 1888

Graces dress. ,12

1 lb tea and Vase. ,50

6 gobblets. ,25

1 salt dish. ,05

10 sugar ,70

6 lemons ,10

1 book . ,10

2 toilette soap. ,05

1 pair stockings. ,09

cakes ,10

Sep 6

Dress cloth. 1,20

plush . ,17

sugar ,70

oatmeal ,25

rice ,25

tobaco ,05

buttons . ,13

soap ,25

soda ,10

toll ,01

13 " 02

shoes . 1,00

sugar ,70

tea spoons . 50

ribon . 12

plush . 13

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Sept 27 starch ,08
lemons ,10
bustle. . ,15
tea . ,25
Snuff ,06
stockings . ,10
Pepper ,10
soda ,10
soda biscuits ,25
cheese ,13
Yeast ,10
Darning needles. ,03
Pears mits & candy ,30
Tobaco ,05
Embroidery silk. ,10
cakes and tolls ,11
Oct 5th
Shoes for Grace. 1,25
Tea ,,25
Embroidery silk. .14
Licorice ,05
sugar ,33
candy & mits ,10
Lamp chimneys. ,08
Needles . ,05

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11 Tea with box 50

white cotton. 18

Turkey red. 6

Rice 25

Corn meal 25

Sugar, cash „70

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[crossed-out] Rice [/crossed-out] 194

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Rice 25

Corn meal 25

Sugar 45

Cloth 56

Thread & Diamond dyes 20

Cuttle fish bone 5

Saleratus. 10

cash 75

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[crossed-out] Lard [/crossed-out] 2,41

Lard ,28

25 10 sugar ,70

1 tea with hand glass. 50

5 cotton cloth. 45

needles . 05

yeast cakes 60

starch 10

salt 10

candy 06

nuts 05

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Oct 25th

Lunch ,09

toll ,02

ring pin. ,25

stockings. ,12

lent Jen 05

[crossed-out] sugar [/crossed-out] 70

[crossed-out] toll hand glass. 50

candy, nuts 11

salt ,10

5 cloth. 45

needles. 14

starch 10

yeast caller 10 [/crossed-out]

[image- drawn X]

Nov 1st

1 Tea from Stroud's with baskets. ,50

5 Sugar ,35

Soda biscuits ,25

2 Cheese ,25

5 yds bleached cotton ,45

2 spools white thread ,10

1 pound cloth ,30

1 pair of stockings for Maud. ,15

1 salt cup ,05

2 sets Knitting needles. ,08

Candy ,05

Lunch ,14

1 Pair of towels. ,25

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Nov 1st

One pair of rubbers. 40

Brought home ,12 cts ,12

Snuff 06

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8th 1 tea with box ,50

5 sugar 35

soda biskets 25

2 cheese 25

2 yds velveteen ,60

4 led pencils 05

lunch candies gum popcorn 14

rasins 32

thread 13

buttons 20

diamond ,10 dye

2 flatirons ,25 bird seed ,07 ,32

letter paper ,14

15th 10 Sugar ,70

1 Tea .30

dinner ,25

1 Starch ,13

Soap ,25

Soda ,10

22nd

5 Sugar 35

5 buck wheat flour 25

corn meal 25

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[above] Jan 17 1890 Sunning a little John Niles [above]

Nov

5 factory cloth ,08 per yd ,40

brought home cash 75

1 lb tea from strouds with ticket 35

1 box of matches 10

1 pair stockings 20

1 pair towels 30

Dinner 25

29

5 sugar 35

cinnamon 05

1 pair of boots 2,50

Paid Rachel ,50

snuff 05

Diamond dye brown 10

2 spools of white thread 10

[on the side] What is there [on the side]

Dec 6th

5 lbs sugar 35

1 " tea 35

1 pair boots for Grace 1,25

1 box note paper ,14

Chinee's laundry work ,13

1 package of diamond dye Ghee 10

9 bars soap 25

chocolate c 05

cakes 10

D 13 1 lb tea 30

5 Sugar 35

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[above] here looking for his geese [/above]

1 pair of stockings for Maud ,14

1 " " garters " " ,10

4 yds " print " " ,32

3 " mittons " " ,30

2 spools black thread ,10

snuff ,07

dates ,10

nuts & candies ,15

lunch ,08

Kerosine ,10

postmonic[sic] ,15

cards ,06

postage ,03

balance in cash ,25

Dec 20

1/2 pound tea ,15

5 sugar ,30

John's overshoes 1,00

John shoes 200

John's cap 1,75

candy ,15

nuts ,15

cloth ,21

Jan 3rd

Sugar ,60

tea 20

snuff ,10

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yeast cakes ,10

baking soda ,10

Allspice cinnamon cloves mustard ,20

towels ,21

Lamp chimneys ,08

Jan 8 Wells bought

Diamond dye cardinal red ,10

Soap 25

Two brooms 25

Jan 10th

10 lbs sugar ,60

2 tea ,60

half lb pepper ,20

corn meal ,25

oat meal ,25

buckwheat flour ,25

corsets for Grace ,50

onions ,25

Jan 26

5 yds factory ,35

snuff ,05

tea 30

letter paper ,10 [crossed-out] 70 [/crossed-out]

tobacco for John 10

scribbling book slate and box pen & pencils [above] for Grace [/above] ,10

mustard cinnamon soda ,30

sugar & tea ,,90

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Jan 30th

Soap ,25

3 yds print ,30

Feb 13th

Volty bought one spool of brown silk ,05

2 yds of brown ribbon ,18

snuff .10

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[circled] 1889

April, 25 [/circled] 2 brooms ,25

9 bars of soap ,25

8 lbs sugar ,56

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May 2 10 sugar ,70

1 tea ,20

3 tobaco plugs 15

5 packages diamond dyes ,50

1 pair garters ,50

brought home ,26

two sticks gum ,02

2 oranges ,05

candies ,05

balance on castoria ,07

lent Jen 09

freight on Grist 15

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Dec 31 1890

1890 5 sugar 2 tea 1 pk onions

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Con 17 1890.

Friday. not very cold, Wind North
Snowing quite hard, see the river
is full of ice which has picked up
from down the river Mr Niles
has been here to day looking for his
geese, Eva cleaned the floor, Ma
not very well sick with the grip.
Eva has got the tooth ache, Wellie
and Pa drew hay from the
Grange, John puttered around
at little of nothing Grace done
housework. Muriel and her Grandma not
well yet thop[sci]

Feb 4th Tuesday 1890

Storm of rain and ice Wind
North in morning South at
Nine in the evening no snow
on the ground no ice in the
river Wells and John came back
from corners at 12 mid day
coats covered with ice boat skiped
some water Mrs Gloyd sick
Hiram came up for Welly Said Gaby
was not very well Men from
Clayton cutting Van's pine trees

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Monday Nov 18th 1889

Wells butchered beef Will

Volty & John helped him

Rachel came to get Edith to make
her dress over Anna here to borrow
boiler for Jen Ann went to Barries to
get her dress made Grace washed
Welly sick yet Mr & Mrs Niels ehre
in evening

brought home 12

6 June tobacco 3 plugs 10 pr plug 30

10 sugar lbs ,75

1 tea ,30

4 towels ,75

yeast cakes ,10

corn meal ,25

6 lemons ,10

dates ,10

bologna ,13

cabbage plants ,25

stockings for V ,17

" " G .12

2 yds dress cloth for G ,25

1 yd ribbon " " ,82

beads & buttons ,13

shirting - toll 2 cts boat 25 ,35

diamond dye 10

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13 June soap 25

sugar 75

tea 30

starch 10

cabbage plants 20

shell 20

over all for Wells 75

shirt for V 75

sn ,05

toll 02

turkish toweling 37

thread 15

Jan 16 Thursday 1890

Snowed in the night - ground white this morning I slept on couch all night

Dont feel very strong Welly gone to Wills to chop wood and do the chores Wells & Will not home yet at 11 A.M. Welly and Will come soon so Will came home last night after all. Wells came home to day at 1 Oclock P.M. Charley came down for Belle and the children and they all went home

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[above] (continuation from June 29th) [/above]

Sunday June 30th 1889

A fearfully hot day. Voltie worked at the bees all day. Wellie and I at home John went strawberrying Mr B. Grace and Maude went over to Halliday's Irene [above] (Dixon) [/above] came here in afternoon.

Monday July 1st

Warm day Wind South East.

Thunder Showers came up towards night Grace washed I helped do the worked. Voltie and Irene (Dixon) went after goose berries. Mr B And John went to worked on the road but Breakey not there came home again. Wellie went over the river in P M with Niles got wet coming home.

Tuesday

a wet day Mr B. and John hoed Voltie picked goose berries I washed in A.M. Wellie work for Addie in P.M. Grace done house work Irene came over From Nile' at night.

note: Irene Dixon was John Dixon's daughter- named after Grandma Bamford (her aunt) - (She married later a Lewis Hengge)

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Wednesday. Fair day wind South
John & Mr B on the road Voltie
churned & hoed Wellie over the
river this is Grace's cellar day
I done the housework Genge
here in evening Charlie Halliday
came down after pear.

Thursday. fair day Wind blew hard
from South. Mr. B and Voltie
hoed all day John & Wellie went
to Clayton Grace went to Kingston
I at home. They all came home
late Voltie helped Ruth milk
Mrs B sent me a dress and
a pr of stockings Wellie got
himself a pair of shoes and me
a pair of slippers. John got him
a cane and his pictur took

Friday fair day wind North
Wellie at home I washed and
sewed Grace done house work.
Mr B. hoed and John hoed Voltie
hoed. Voltie John churned. Pa &
John went over to the dock for the grist
& Irene came home with them. Spink
came here this evening drunk. G nils
[on the side] & Wall & Frank Woodman & W Genge
came down here Genge brought
his banjo W.D. played on the violin
and Spink made a fool of him self swinging. [/on the side]

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Saturday July 6 Fair day

Mr B went to Kingston

John went to Mc Fadden's to
a bee. Wellie hoed a little out
grass around the house Grace
picked Green peas for dinner

Jen here to dinner. Wellie

and I went to Westmore's

took Muriel, Voltie worked in

garden or hoed. Genge rode to the

ferry [~~crossed-out~~] wh [~~/crossed-out~~] with pa.

Sunday July 7.

Wellie started today for to go to work

for Robert Wind South fair day

Voltie Irene Grace went over the

river to take Wellie Grandpa

cooked in A.M. I stayed at

home all day Grace went

to prayer meeting

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Monday July 8th

Fair day Grace washed

I done house work Irene went

to [crossed-out] Wills [/crossed-out] Men commenced

haying today I started

me a rug.

Tuesday July 9th

Men Haying big Thunder

storm at night Grace done

house work I worked on my

rug Irene over to Will's.

[on the side] (Irene Eliza)

Belle's Baby

from 9th of July [/on the side]

July 10

Wednesday I helped do

housework Grace made out

butter for Market Men churned

and haying since Fair

day rather warm day. Irene

came over about five in the [crossed-out] evening [/crossed-out] after
noon.

[on the side] 27 lbs

of butter

for Market [/on the side]

Thursday 11 [above] over the [/above] 1887.

Grace went to market A very nice day

Wind South Eva & Maude alone to day

Grace got 14 cts for her butter

A rain storm come up at noon

Men in hay field working

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Friday July 12th

A beautiful day. Wind South
Irene here. I washed and
sewed Grace done house work
and make the school a visit
Voltie John & Grace took Irene up
to W.G. Woodman's at night.

Saturday July 13th

A fair day Wind North. Mr B
gone to town to Meet Watson
but he did not come Boys
working in hayfield grace
done house work I made
Voltie a shirt in forenoon
Ironed in afternoon
swept out the Parlor and
made the beds.

Sunday July 14th

Wind North cool and cloudy
all at house that pretends
to play at home Will called
I went up to Niles in evening
Mr & Mrs Niles came home
with me

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Monday July 15th

Wind North rather cool I
am sick today Grace does
the work Men haying on
the Grange yet Mrs B
still at Belle's Mr B says
they had better quit if they
have to keep ther over there
all the time.

[on the side] a snowy day [/on the side]

Tuesday July 16

Wind South blowing hard
fair day. Mrs B gone to
Kingston gets home at
3 O'clock boys hanging
on the Grange Will helping
them stuck a pitch fork in
to John Grace worked
to day in steam boiler I do
house work and take care
of Muriel Mr B hears at
the Ferry that Sammy's
post office has been robbed

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Wednesday July 17th

Fair day Wind North Men folks haying. Grace getting ready for Market I do house work in A.M. sew on Maude's clothes in after noon Watson comes about eleven o'clock stayed at Halliday's night before.

Thursday July 18th

Grace and Maude Watson gone to town, Men folk still working on the Grange, Muriel and I are alone all day, Fair day Wind South. Mrs Pillar and Mrs Duggin came down to Niles tonight and bring both boys.

Friday July 19th

A wet nasty day rains all the P.M. Grace and I both wash John working at O briens Voltie and his father worked on the Grange till rain commenced Voltie and his father churned

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Saturday July 20th 1889

Wind north cloudy and cool
Voltie hoed in the fore noon
John cleaned out the cellar I
mopped and swept the house
all over. Grace done general
house work Perley and Eben up
here after Old Kit.

Sunday July 21st

A beautiful day Wind South Charlie
brought Mr B. home Margery Beatrice
and Annie Goodearle came along
to Grace gone back with Charles
Boys at home all day Mr B
gone over to the other place.

Monday July 22nd

A nice day Wind South. Men worked
on Grange Mr B cleaned Boys
I ironed and finished papering
the hall men churned at night

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Tuesday July 23rd

A nice day Wind North looks
like rain towards night Mrs
B does house work and cleans
cellar steps Voltie broke machine
down working yet on Grange
I made two shirts for Boys
Princess went close by Rachel
waved her handquiff

Voltie caught a stergeon

Wednesday July 24th

Wind north in the morning
changing to South then
West in afternoon sun
shines bright, Mr B gone
to kingston to get his
tongue repaired or a new
one Boys haying & c
Mr b churning and
making out butter I
wash and help do what
work I can Muriel very
good today. Mr B
gives a little advice
to certain parties.

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Thursday July 25th 1889

Fair day, Wind South. Mrs B gone to town with 44 lbs butter. Men follks worked at haying came up early at night. I done housework and took care of Muriel she is sick today. Voltie drove over to the Dock at night.

Friday July 26th

Wind North. Fair day. Men folks haying. Mrs B done housework, I colored rags and Went up to Weturora's at night. Voltie stopped at O'briens to get shoe fixed for Machine Brought our sitting room carpet home.

Saturday July 27th

Wind South. Rained most all day. I mopped floor in A.M. Mrs B tended the milk and butter. I made ten towells and fixed Muriel's pink dress in P.M. Voltie went fishing in P.M. John went after the mail. Voltie took

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off some honey. Mr B worke don his tongue and painted it. Wellie came home from Dixon's about eight O'clock.

Sunday July 28th

Wind blowing hard from South.

Sun shining. Grandma and Charlie came over. Wellie and Voltie gone to look at his colt in A.M. Mr B picked some currants and berries.

Wellie cut John and Voltie's hair. I made a squat cake for dinner. Wellie went back about 5 o'clock. Will and George Pillar came over about dark. I entertained them in the Parlor with Muriel's assistance.

Voltie went to O'briens and Lexi Border Jay came home with and staid all night, rained hard at night. Muriel 5 years old today.

[inserted upside down at bottom]

Nells. Bamford Jr Jackass
Devolson Bamford

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Monday July 29th

Rained all the forenoon
cleared up in afternoon. I
washed Mrs B done house
work and tended to butter.
Boys churned in a.m. Voltie
moved hay in P.M. Mr
B moved Barley with a
scythe in P.M. John worked
for Will. Wind. South all
day.

Tuesday 30th

Wind South raining all
AM. Churning done by John.
John cleared cellar.

Wednesday Jun 15th 1890

We arose at 8 o'clock. Will Dixon
came over early Will & Wells start at 6 o'clock
for Kingston with lumber waggon for coal.
John at home, snow some in morning,
rains again in evening.. Wind south
River clear of ice. Weather very mild.
Maud sick cold, E sick with a cold.
John and Welly chops wood and works around
all day. E cleaned floors. Muriel better. Wills
and Well stays all night. I thought Will

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stayed all night but he didn't go to Kingston
but sold his butter and mine at Cumming's for 20 lb
rode down with WMG. Wells came back on the 6 boat
P.M. and stayed all night at Costelo's

Nov 1st 1889

~~Nov 7th~~ Thursday I went to Bells
on the Pierpont and Rachel come
down on Pierpont at Night
I lost Widow Bedot in the river
& W G Woodman and Charly H
rowed out an picked it up.

Jan 14th 1890 Tuesday

A very fine day Wind south. Will
came out this morning to go to Town. So
late Wells could'nt go. R went home with him.
John sick all day. Doctored Muriel all day.
Belle got sore throat doctored her too.
I worked around all day. Wells built fence
between himself and W Smith. Welly went
to O'Brien's for coal twice brought home
a half bag and built a good fire. Will left 20
lbs of butter here that he brought over this
morning

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9 Saturday cloudy Wind N.
Wells & John plowed. E cleaned floor.
Volty at Tichturn. R washed herself a
dress. Grace cleaned chairs and helped
me do house work.

N 10

Sunday 10

A fine day Wind N light. J.M here
Wells fixed window. Cooked chicken
for dinner had a quiet pleasant day.
Grace went to J Niles' & stayed till
evening service. John Morgan here
awhile playing violin & then JM &
JB went to Will's. Mrs M & Jimmy
went to Wills for John Morgan.
[margin] Rachel went to
Wills after dinner [margin
]

Nov 11 Monday

A warm day Wind south ^{light} looks
like rain. Grace washed. I churned.
R and E put a quilt on frames and
tacked it before bed time. I baked bread
used all the flour in barrel. Wells & Johny
plowing. Wells threshing for Flynn.
Volty at Tichburne. Every thing jolly
merry & pleasant

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Devolson Bamford 1889

Wolfe Island

De Teusday [sic]

Nov 12 A beautiful warm day
wind South. Wells & John plowing
Wells Jr threshing at Flynn's V at Tichborne.
Rachel & I went over to mothers in P.M.
stayed till after dark. Anna came up the
road too and went to church. Grace went
to church and home with the Woodmans
for Irene and Edith are there. E washed
her clothes

1889 Wednesday

Nov 13 A warm cloudy morning
Wind ^{light} south. A fire at or above Alex
Bay early this morning at half past five.
No kerosine had to get breakfast in
the dark, lantern went out. Welly threshed
at Joys—got done at Flynn's AM
yesterday. Wells & Johnny plowing
by Ebbs. Volty at Tichburn—expect him
home tomorrow. Grace at W.G. Woodmans.
Welly came home at noon after dinner. WJ &
Will went to Millens bay for oil, kerosine.
Indian Summer most too wrm for butter

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Receip

Jelly cake

2 eggs beaten into a cup filled up
with sour cream thin, half-a tea-
spoonfull of soda 1 cup of sugar 1 cup
of flour [~~crossed-out~~] of cider [~~/crossed-out~~] bake in 3 round tins.

Grace

One qt of milk boiled, 4 eggs beaten
1 1/2 cup of sugar stir sugar in with
the eggs and put in the milk let it
boil until it thickens a little, where
cold add one pt of cream and one
large spoon of vanilla.

large spoon of vanilla

Devolson Bamford

2 eggs [~~crossed-out~~] 1/2 [~~/crossed-out~~] half cup of sweet milk

1 cup of sugar, 2 tea-spoon full of

B.P. 1 cup full and a half of flour

G.D.B.

calur[sic] Devolson Bamford

One fine day John Bam

Jan 2nd 5 gallons kerosine from Millens Bay ,60

June 2nd galland

D Bamford

G P Bam [scribbles]

[on the side]

Grace R Bamford Wolfe Island Ont

Grva G G

G G Grace D Bamford [~~/on the side~~]

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Oct 18th 1888

One pair Turkeys \$1.50

6 ducks 1,75

No 483 2 ducks ,60

1 Turkey ,75

1 " got not pay for ,00

Nov 21 1 turkey ,80

29 2 Turkeys 1,65

Dec 6th 1 turkey ,64

15 1 turkey ,75

22 1 turkey [indecipherable]

" 1 Duck .25

[written sideways] Bamford

Grace Bamford

Grace Bamford Evaline Bamf

[image- drawing of a cent] line Bamford

This cent was made in 1812, [/written sideways]

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[upside down]

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Sond

Bedict

racges

Ditheer Gonder

Alerotunwet [sic]

Effier Oc[sic]

[/upside down]

[sideways] He may build inaney[sic] [/sideways]

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[sideways] a very cloudy day. June 7. 189.

Eva colored

going hrain[sic]

[/sideways]

John Bamford

[upside down] Wells Bamford [/upside down]

We may build more stately habitations

Till our rooms with paintings and

with sculpture.

But we cannot buy with gold

The old associations

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