

James Cameron (1824-1912)

1880

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Mr James Cameron Island January 5

Crofsed {Crossed} got a Ride up and Down from J Hamilton council at Camerontown Charles Craig Elected for councillor Brought over 5 lb 10 oz of Butter to Mr Ward Bought 1 lb Tea 60 cents RR Relief 25 2 spools of Thread 10 cents Matches Got a Phamplet from Dan Got 3 Papers from AJ Baker the ice very slippery put on my creepers a very fine Day E Wind some cold to night James Grant treated me at Summers

6th Raining some and Hail E Wind

7th E Wind Fine Cold Went to J Hamilto{ns} to help them with Thrashing Grant and Dunn Mill Thrashing Oats Heard Cunningham at the Depot was Dead

8th HughAnn's Birth Day 14 years old to Day me at Hamiltons John Went to Cornwall to Give Back a Book he never signed for 12..50 cents fine Frosty E Wind

9th a Fine Day E Wind a Social at Charles Craig's to night made near 20 Dollars Thrashing Wheat wind changed to West to night and High

10th Fine high West Wind Finished the Thrashers at 12 o clock came Home some Big cracks and Bursts in the ice Tuesday the 6th I heard the ice crack or Burst acrofs {across} the River Down Below Rofs'es {Ross's} Island it Bursts there every year very slippery Walking for the Road are all ice Hard for Cattle to go to Water

11th Sunday very cold through the night commenced to Rain

12th around the yard and Barn Turning the canoe see the Big White owl

13th Digging the snow of the pile of wood Before the Door cleaning the pipes East Wind

14th E Wind went up to the Bay cut Down a Dead cherry Tree in the Grove cutting stove Wood

15 a very fine Day West Wind cutting Wood ice cracking a Great Deal William McLeod Departed

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Mr James Cameron Island January 16th

Fine ice slippery Went to Hamiltons E Wind a Little snow Fixing the crack at the Head of the Island John Hamilton to Cornwall about his Book Lost 1 of their pigs a social at Akin's to night and a Dance at Barretts

17th Fine Day snow soft Drew some Wood William McLeod Buried to Day E Wind 2 sleighs with Lumber passed up Before the Door they must come from Lancaster

18th Gordon Came Got an Almanack from Dan From Toronto Gave Gordon a pair of sox and a pair of mits Fine E Wind some Drops of Rain Water on the ice

19th I went to F {Fort} Covington to Get my Boots Fixed Water on the ice Rained some E Wind Fine Lots of Ducks Flying Bought 2 Bars of soap 4 sticks of Licquorice pipes got a Ride from Christopher Larocque up to Mill Mrs Suple sprained her Foot seen Lucretia Macilwain

20th E Wind snowing Drifting Freezing put the marsh hay from the stack in the Barn Stormy

21st St Agnefs {Agness} Day an unfortunate Day Breaking Roads Drew some Wood seen 1 Cutter crofsing on the Lancaster Road none crofsed this some time a Fine Day W Wind to Day

22nd Princefs {Princess} Louise Leaves England for Canada E Wind stormy Rained and Hailed chopping stove Wood cutting Hay Black and Blary a Hard Fight about even Broke on a pail or Tub of Butter

23rd Rainind south West Wind soft Blustering snowing Fine Drew some Drags

24th Charles Tuppers Birth Day West Wind chopping stove Wood all our Marsh Hay Done some Cold

25th Robie Burn's Birth Day Fine Day E Wind

Sunday 26th crofsed to Hamiltons with the Mare for the First time I took her acrofs took 20 lb and 3 oz of Tallow to Mr Ward Left the Hide at Hamiltons they will take it up got 6 pairs of Boots from AJ Baker Bought Matches and pipes 4 cents for Flour & a Bag of Potatoes from J Hamilton took over My Wheat and 5 ½ of Corn Randolph and I Made 3 Trips acrofs to Day had Dinner & supper at Hamilt{ons}

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Mr James Cameron Island Jany 27

Raining E Wind Drew some Drags soft chopping Hay in the Mow Lots crofsing on the East Road

28th W Wnd a Heavy squall or 2 came passed to the South A Fine Day Broke 2 Pains of Glafs {Glass} in the the Window Seen some Ducks in the air-hole went to the Lower Point a Good Deal of Travel on Summers's Road commenced to Freeze some to night soft all Day chopping Stove Wood

29th Tommy Jack & Gordon here Brought Down the Ram Fanned my Wheat 2 ½ Bushels Filled my Bag so I had 4 Bushels Took my 2 Boxes Down that I had my Wheat in Went up to Mr Wards with the Hide 52 lb at 7 cents Bought of Mr Ward 1 lb of Tea a Fine Day E Wind Toms Dog Towser stopt all night Told Mr Ward to put 25 cents towards the Social Heard an Indian Lost his Team of Horses crofsing up at Grey Creek

26 30th Went to Mill cold E Wind Went to hamiltons took the Dog with me 4 Bushels of Wheat 5 ½ of Corn very Cold going and coming got home at 1 oClock Bought 5 yds of Cotton for Tom at Mr Long's in at Tyo's Got 2 almanacks at Mr Congdons after getting home it got Warm John came Down with my Grist a Big Social at Summers's that Mr Ward is Making Wind changes to the West Raining and Blowing very hard to night it will be a Put Back to the Social

31st Last Day of the month Fine W Wind snowed some in the morning cutting Wood split some Rails Found a nest in the Stable Loft 4 Eggs in it

1st of February stormy W. Wind

2nd Fine Drew some Wood

3 Stormy E Wind snowing Drifting

4th Cutting some Wood Drew some Drifting W Wind some cold) (on the 2nd Candlemas Day the Bear comes out to Day he will see his shadow)

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Mr James Cameron Island Feb 3rd

John Angus Married to Day Most awful stormy Day high East Wind and Snow Drifting Blustering I did not Water the Cattle to Day the First they mifsed {missed} since I first Watered Cattle An Unfortunate Day

4th cutting Wood Drifting Drew some W Wind cold

5th Cold E Wind cutting Wood

6th Drawing Wood Gordon and Tommy Jack here told me about John Angus being Married

7th an Unfortunate Day Cold E Wind cutting Stove Wood

8th Gordon's Birth Day 1863 High High West Wind Drifting Blew the Water out of the air-hole away Down in the Bay cold to night

9th Unfortunate Day cut some Drags West Wind Very Frosty the air-hole is shut up to Day the one up in the Bay the one at the Sturgeon Island is got short and narrow to Day and it will Get a Pretty hard one to night as its Freezing very hard cut a Waterhole for the Cattle Tied Maud tonight as she opens the Door of her Stable

10th cold Frosty Windy E Wind went to Bush cut one tree Down

11th Ash Wednesday Tom Jack and Gordon came Brought me a Bag of Potatoes Gave them a Bag of Corn for seed Drawing Drags a Fine Day

12th A Fine Day Randolph Drove me up to Hamiltons I went to Williamstown Got a Game Law Bill from Dan Wind High Thawing hard I went to Williamstown seen John Angus's Wife for the first time

13th Came home John Angus Drove me out to Roses Fine Day Bought of Mr Ward 1 lb of soda 4 spool of Thread 15 cents credit Bought Matches paid for Matches took supper at Hamiltons Got a chunk of Cheese from Mrs Hamilton ice slippery snowed to night Janet McDonell poorly with Rheumatism old Mrs Nicholson poorly

14th St Valentines Day Drew some Drags Fine Blowing

15th Gordon came a Fine Day speaking to Gordon about the sugar Bush

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Mr James Cameron Island Feb7 ~~47~~ 16

crofsted to Hamiltons Went with John up to Mr John Craigs took Dinner there Bought of Derushie a Darning needle Got a Gazzette & Almanack {Above it reads: crows came} and 5 Globes from Dan the MMP Bought of Mr Ward ½ Bushel of salt comb 1 Candlewick a Ball 4 cents

18th James Hugh's Birth Day 1855 a Fine Morning I went to Hopkins turned to Rain and W Wind Lots of Water on the ice coming home First Time of me being in the new Hotel Got 10 cents from Jim so I would have a Treat for the first time I was there Jim 2 Treats seen a Large Pike Mr Kibby caught this morning Weighing 14 lb some oz Tried the Ice where there going to Build th{e} wharf

19th Young Henery Bosell here for th{e} Sugar Bush Frosty Fine W Wind

20th choppi{ng} Stove Wood Tom Jack after 1 ½ inch Auger got it Going the Ice from Lancaster up around Frashers Point a Horse Runaway acrofs to Fort Covington Wrights chopping and splitting Rails

21st crofsted to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward 1 lb of Tea 60 2 spools of Thread 10 cents Races to Day and yesterday in Dundee Gray charlie Lost as the Race was Sold Donald Cameron Took a appoplectic Fit coming to Summerstown stopt at John Hamiltons all night

22nd Washingtons Birth D{ay} Sunday Came From Hamiltons a fine Day

23rd In the Bush chopping Firewood Randolph and I Fine 24th Duncan Cameron Departed at Summers's Summerstown Buried in Williamstown

24th chopping Fine

25th Duncan cameron Buried to Day Drawing Wood

26th crows to Summerstown Met Miles Leclair and Isacc Blond going to Fish EEIs Bought of Mr Ward castor oil 10 cents Tax paid Kerosene oil Matches paid Got 3 pipes from J Summers {Illegible} got papers from Dan Races in Lancaster Fine Day Water on ice

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 26th 1880 {The left side of this page is cut off}

William Morris Archy Smith and Rodney Briggs here {to} night about 9 or 10 oclock coming from Lancaster with a Load of saw Dust their Horses got in and Drowned stopt till Morning

27th Jim Hopkins and Charlie and Waggoner and Bill {A}rchy Smith and Rodney and I went Down with {Ji}ms Team and got the sleigh out and Towed {it} up chopping Stove Wood Fine water on the {i}ce Lots of snow Birds crows Gilbe Laroque came {ove}r from Hopkins on the Road to got to Lancaster

{2}8th Seen 3 Wild Geese to Day Raining Fine went {u}p to Bush went to the Lower Point cut an oak {t}ree not feeding much to the cattle as they {ar}e out in the Feilds Picking saving the Hay

29th Intercalary Day Fine Began to Blow and Blowed Hurricane of West Wind

1st of March snowed Fine Splitting Rails and Troughfs

2nd Chopping Wood Fine

{3}rd Went to Salmon River Fort Covington Bought 6 yd Cotton {Cut off} cents 3 yds Flannel 90 cents 4 yds of Calico 28 Matches 1 cent soda 10 {Cut off}ap 6 High-Wines 30 cents Sold 14 Rats at 11 cents for 10 Rats {Cut off} for 5 ½ cents a Dollar & 32 cents Got 1 Dollar from Vin Ice {g}lib Going up hard Frost Last night coming home Lots of Water {o}n the Ice Fine Day Jim Hopkins cutting ice for his {i}ce house had a Treat from Judge Wilson and {ve}ry old Friend Mr Meurs Election yesterday F Covington

4th Gordon Came to cut Wood for sugar Bush made some Troughfs

5th Gordon {c}rofsed snowing some Made some Spoils

6th Ice opened Drew in Wood splitting Rails snowing some Horse crowsed Summers's Road Randolph and I to Head of the Island

7th Dog Went off

8th Put the sheep in the Barn {c}utting Brush Frosty E Wind Fine

9th cutting Brush cold

10th set some Traps for the Mink cold E Wind

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Mr James Cameron Island March 11

Cold E Wind a Sleigh with one Horse crofsted to Frashers on the South Side passed the Foot of the Island and came Back Drawing Wood

12th On this Day of Month D McMaster First came to the Island cold and Fine a Buggy went up one Driving and 2 Men Trying the ice and a Dog along with them the Buggy came Back and crofsted at the Head of the Island on My Road where they Landed on either side I Dont Know

13th E Wind Drew some Firewood to the camp Randolph and I no Birds nor Ducks though the ice opened so Early very frosty time this is the Earliest it ever opened here But Good goi{ng} outside of the holes a Sleigh one Horse an Indian Came Down the ice crofsted at the Foot of the Island Got a squirrel in the Trap set for Mink a Good Lot of Travelling on the Lancaster Road

14 Sunday Cold in Morning The Baby Born **Stanley** E Wind

15th Fishing EEIs got 1 Bait for the Mink

16th E Wind Morning Fine turned stormy I crofsted A Tyo and Tom Frasher crofsted at the Head of the Island where crofsted in the Morning all Broke up J Hamilton drove me up Bought of Mr Ward 1 lb Tea 60 1 lb of soda 10 Castor oil 10 Pail 25 Soap 2 Bars one 7 and the other 9 on credit Tax paid Matches 5 Met Tom Frash{er} and made him go Between the airholes ice Bad

17th St Patricks Day Janet McDonald Departed Dan McGreggor and Bill Holesworth here sold Maud 20 sold Nory 14 Dollars 34 Dollars for the 2 went up as far John Hamiltons {Above it reads: Paro Bowens house Burned} John sold a cow a Fine Day Got 20 Dollars and John Hamilton will get the Rest as he is Going up

18th crofsted Got 14 Dollars from John H Bought of Mr Ward {Illegible} 2 lb of Barley a paper Pins 8 sweetys Settled up to D{ay} Paid all I owed him to Day continued

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Mr James Cameron Island 18 March

a sale up at Russels Viponds a Bee Exchanged my Pail Gave Gordon 17 cents Donald Cameron Poorly Mr Ward at cornwall

19th Janet McDonald Buried to Day Drew some Wood a Fine Day Randolph Tapt 7 Trees

20th First Day of Spring Fine snowed some Heard Wild Geese yesterday James Grant here with an account of 3..33 cents But I am of opinion he owes me Drew some stones to the wharf took some

of the sugar Bush Rigging to the Bush Tapt 9 Trees Fixing the Jumper Fine snowed some E W and South Wind

21st Palm Sunday Fine W Wind 4 Men crofsing on the ice crofsed above the Head of the Island came Down the River

22 Livinia's Birth Day a very fine Day Drawing Firewood took home 3 pails of sap

23rd E Wind Fine turned Stormy very Large Flakes of Snow coming Down heavy Cutting stove Wood ice opening some

24th cleaning the Double Barreled Gun chopping Stove Wood

25th Annunciation of Virgin Mary sawing Stove Wood W Wind Blustery

26th John H B Day Good Friday Drawing a very Fine Day W Wind Fishing EEIs Lost the axe in one of the EEI holes Drew some wood cleaned the troughfs Tapt 2 Trees some wild Geese

27th Fine Wind high some of the Jambed ice going Down not opening well with hard Frosts every night

{2}8th Easter Sunday the Sun Did not Dance this morning but a Fine Day

29th Gordon {c}ame to Tap Tapt to Day

30th Boiling some {Cut off} Gallons of syrup

1st of April all Fools DAy Gordon Crofsed Bought of Ward Handle 10 ½ lb Tea

31st St {Batharice?} & 2 Boys in Sugar Bush took Dinn{er} at Head of the Island Got a Game Law from Dan

Mr James Cameron Island April 11th 1880 {The left side of this page is cut off}

Snowing Blowing Drifting Boys in the Bush sugarin of what they Boiled yesterday Feeding {Cut off} the stable Loft Fine North West Wind

{1}2th Tapt some Trees Wrote a song Down

13th in the Bush Bad with a cold

14th Some Thunder for the first time 2 Boys in the Bush

15th all the Children in the Sugar Bush E Wind

{1}6th A Steamer went Down and the Princefs Louisa {c}ame from Dundee to Summerstown High E Wind sugarin in the Bush to night Raining Hailing {S}outh E Wind very unwell Light Lit up on

Cherry Island {to} night Yellow hammers Came Peewits Came shot at a {f}lock of Wild Geese Fixing some Stones at the wharf the Duck began to Lay made 32 lb of Sugar to night

{1}7th Princefs Louisa went Down

18th Our Duncans Birth Day Randolph Bismarck and I Down to the Kit Kit {l}island

20 19th cut a Runner for the Jumper Mr Dunlop an Mr {D}urocher the Fisherman came Gordon crofsted to the store Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea 30 1 lb of soda 10 3 lbs of nails 15 {B}ox of Matches 15 Brought Handle Bottle of Radways 25 95 cents

{20}th Making a Runner for the Jumper Windy

21st set a hen Hatch Taking away the Banking from the West End of the House Mr Derushie and Gordon set a net Fine and Windy Put the Tobacco seed in a Dish for Plants set the Back Marsh Lines > Drew some stones to Wharf Mr Hill's Light and Mr Johnstons in the Floating Light up to {ni}ght for the First and Mr Hamiltons

{2}2nd at the Banking putting out manure

23rd St Georges Day {a} Fine Day

24th Jennie Calved Wrote a Letter for Gabriel Dorushie

25th St Marks Day Wind Rain {a}ll Kinds of Weather

26th Raining time Windy {G}ordon crofsted took over all his sugar

27th Drawing Rails Making Picquets Murdoch Murchisons Wife Buried to Day Mrs Currie to Be Buried tommorow Alexandra went Down J Lemays Fishing on the Kit Kit Island Building a Tent

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Mr James Cameron Island April 2

Gordon came from Hamiltons Had Potatoes Buckw{heat} Flour 2 Canoes of Indians EEI Fishers stopt in the Tent and when they went of stole some Boa{Cut off} in the Bush

3rd Drawing WStones to the Wharf

4th Fine {Above it reads: Foxby calved to Day Low Sunday} Got 1 of my Traps cut of the ice there is 4 of Them Froze in the ice all winter Gordon took his Boat from the head of the Island Down to the Door

5th in the Bush some Rain some Snow Randolph Made a cacke of his own about 9 lbs a Good lot of ice Going Down A Big Jam Struck on the head of the Island

6th a Fine Day The Steamer Sperry's First starting out to Day Mr Smallman putting out Manure 3 Indians came to night Day an 2 ark{Illegible} Fixed the Canoe put it our Bismarck and I went to the Sturgeon Island shot at a White Owl Did not Get him too far off

7th Livinia not well Blowing hard Indians here cant Fish cold Rain piling Firewood at the Door Made an Axe handle

8th Indians went off Gordon Sugaring in the Bush piling Wood at the Door a Big cake of Ice at the Door went off Wind high West

9th Blowing hard I went up around the Island Found a Canada cent at the Head of the Island set Fire to some of the Ma{rsh} at north side of the Island Gordon and Randol{ph} Sugaring in the Bush a Bother watching the Cows from going to the sugar Bush New Moon to Day those Planets is in conjunction with the Moon and other Planets and Sun that Makes a change in the weather

10th Boiling in the Bu{sh} Drawing Logs to the Bank Drawing Big Stones from the East End of the house E Wind hailed to night

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Mr James Cameron Island 28th of April

A Fine Day crofsted to Hamiltons Left my canoe went to Summerstown Paid charles Parisha for Flour I got from him crackers 3 cents Crofsted on the Steamer Sperry The Com O's First Trip to Day to Summerstown Mr Woods and Robert Baker on Board went up to Waggoners Hotel as they thought they Flagged her Bought of 3 Pairs of Boots 5.25 Bought of Mr 8 yds of Linsey 1.. Cotton 9 ½ yds 1.. 4 yds of overalls stuff 60 cents Thread 2 cents Bag 28 cents Bought of J Lemay Flour 1..90 ½ lb Tea 20 Soap 25 cents Broom 10 cents 20 cents Tobacco 5 Bought of Tyo 25 cents Billy Bowen took me Down stopt at Lukes all night

29th Got my Canoe Luke Fixed it and I came home Found a Decoy Duck a Fine Morning turned windy {Above it reads: 2 Tow Boats went Down} I Just got home in time as my canoe Lukes bad Borrowed from Hamilton 1 Dollar when going on the Boat sowing Wheat at Hamiltons Planted hills of Potatoes in the Back Garden Raining Blowing

30th Snowing Blowing Trimmed the apple tree{s} Before the Door Trimmed the Hicory the calves Pasture 2 Tow Boats Went Down and 1 up

1st of May Algerian went Down Windy Blowing hard old Man Grinding ax{e} Found a Tick and a Broom on the Back Sugar Bush Marsh set some Fires where it would Burn chopping stove W{ood} Lots of Snow on the Mountains hard Frost Last night very windy Time cold Raw

2nd a Fine Day

3rd Fixing Canoe cleaning the Milkhouse

4th set a hen to hatch with 10 Duck Eggs there is no Drake with her But the Rooster so I am going to try them

5th Making Soap I crofsted to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward 25 lb of corn meal 50 cents on credit, 2 spools paid 1 lb shot paid 1 lb of nails paid John Summers 2 spools of Thread 10 cents have got Letters for Gabriel Derushie got a Bag of Potatoes at Hamiltons Randolph and I took Dinner there

Mr James Cameron Island 6th of May 1880

Taking the Banking out of the cook house took the Box of Ashes {o}ut at the Soap Ascension Day Cold Windy Drew a Load Wood for the old man

7th setting Fires on on the Pitt Point Burning the Ticks went with the old man to his nets North East Wind Got a crane in the Big Trap

8th {Fi}xing the calves Pasture Fence Trimming Trees put the 3 {c}alves together in the East Stable East Wind Lighting and some Thunder this evening

9th Mr Burdo the Fisherman came to Day to Fish with Mr Durushie

10th Digging the Garden

10th Planted 147 hills of Potatoes Dug the East & north side of the old chimney

12th the Lemays here from the Kit Kit for 3 Boxes they Left since Last Fall Making the calves Pasture Larger

13th Killed Spottys calf put the carcafs Down in the swamp

14th Working at Fence

15 Crofsted to Summerstown Bought {o}f J Summers 50 lb of Flour 1..75 ¼ lb of Tea 8 ½ Bought of Ward Bread 28 cents Salt Peter 3 ½ Bushel of Potatoes 15 sent yesterday for ½ lb Tea to Lancaster 25 got 4 Loaves from him 25 cents Mr Lennans wife the Baker at Dundee Departed yesterday Pete Grants Daughter Brought a mefs of Pike to J Hamiltons got the Plough AJ Baker moving his Barn Mr Patterson On the Front mow the Rows

16th Gordon and Tommy Rose here

17th First Ploughing Planted a Strip of Potatoes

18th Ploughing

19 Fixing Fence Drawing Rails

20th Planted 23 Rows of Corn Harrowing tried the Peice at the Lower Point its Rather hard to plough a Fine Day The Spartan went Down with colours up Fixing the Gate Mosquito commenced they are Bad Ticks plenty

21st Making Garden Fence

22nd Planted 8 Rows of corn

23rd a Fine Day high West Wind

24th Quens Birth Day sent Gordons shirt to Hamiltons with Mr Durasher Got a Letter {a}nd 2 Papers from Dan with 2 in it

Mr James Cameron Island 25th of May 1880

crofsted to Summerstown Brought a mefs of Fish to J Hamilton Bought of Mr Ward 25 lb of oatmeal 75 cents 25 lb of Cornmeal 50 cents Brush 30 cents on credit to 1 Calfskin and Muskrat ½ lb Tea 30 soda ½ Bushel of salt 25 1 lb of nails 5 cents for the skins 3 lb of Rice 15 cents Paid Worm Candy 10 cents Paid Blue paid Calico Paid 3 ½ yds of Calico 39 cents Got a Bag of Potatoes and seeds mixed at J Hamiltons

26th Planted some Potatoes Before the Door and Planted the Last {Above it reads and below the lines it reads: Hamiltons heifer came Randolph and I to hamiltons} of the Corn on the West Side of the Peice

27th Ploughing the Peice at the Barn harrow it Corpus Christie

28th Planted 115 hills in the Peice at the Barn corn up Potatoes up seen Bugs on the Potatoes Mr Durocher making a smoke house Gave him some Boards Fine Weather

29th Royal Oak Day Fine East Wind shearing the sheep Mr Burdo Went to Ogdensburgh cleaning the corn of Weeds Tethering the 2 Bulls Found a cent in the corn Paid

30th Grand Procefsion

31st trimmed some of the oak Trees

1st of June Rowena's Birth Day 2 years old to Day

2nd crofsted with J Hamiltons Ram a Fine Day

3rd White Washing

4 Went to Na Houta's Island

5th 3 Indians chiefs here John Isaac or Wetya's Christie John Surwates Michael Solomon and Francis Got money from the Fishermen for Fishing

6th Rodney Briggs here

7th Hoeing Windy

8th

9th Our Marys Birth Day

10th I crofised to Summerstown Mr Tuthill and Mr Howland here to night Bought of J Summers 8 yds of Calico 94 cents 2 lbs of Rope 30 cents x Powder at Wards 40 on credit $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of Tea and $\frac{1}{4}$ at Wards paid the Colt swam to the Genie {Illegible} Island Eggs to Hamiltons

1880

Mr James Cameron Island 11th of June

Hoeing

12th hoeing and cutting Weeds

13th Sunday Gordon and Tommy Rose here Gave him a spear and Jack Raining

14th cleaning out the Barn

15th Mr Heron and Mr Hopkins Americans here stopt all night

16th Hoeing and putting out Tobacco plants

17th Went to Little Island Mowed some Weeds Tied the Mare to a stone at the sugar Bush

18th Let the 2 Bulls go McNabb and Royal Charlie the Mare got Fast with the Rope she was tied with and strangled herself

19th Covering the mare with Brush put out the stove

20th First Day of Summer a Fine Day Rain Thunder and Lightning to night

21st the Longest Day and the shortest night Went to Dundee with 2 Tennets of Butter Bought 100 Wt of Flour 3..80 100 lb of {c}orn meal 1..35 Tea 40 1 Pan of Bread 25 soda 8 {T}obacco 20 Matches 15 Tub 20 Basins 40 Blue 5 {E}lectric oil 25 pipes 3 Dipper 10 cloves 2 8 yds of overalls stuff 1..12 Smoothing irons 2..78 2 yds of shirting 22 Paid what I owed on the 28th of april 2..50

22nd Hoeing and Weeding Potatoes came from Luke Bowen's this morning Rained some this Evening Our Dans Birth Day

23rd Hoeing Corn and Potatoes small shower Fine Weather a Good many Boats Passed up and Down to Day the Duck left her nest {a}fter 4 Weeks being on and no chickins Lost the scissors or cant find them wherever they are Gave HughAnn 30 cents

24th St John Baptiste XX Day Midsummer Day Mr Norma{n} Abrams here for his colt swam him acrofs to Hamiltons Island Weeding the Potatoes in the Tobacco {p}lace Fine Warm Writing for the old Man Mr Gabriel Dur-cher Paul Jo son here yesterday Promised a Bushel Baskets to me

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Mr James Cameron Island 25th of June

Finished hoeing the corn very warm Thunder windy and Fine West Wind Randolph set a small Line got 2 EEIs and a Perch St Batteuce here for his Pay from the old man Dr Durocher for fishing Weeding the Onions

26th Warm a Pic Nic at Hamiltons Island Mr White Dr Bergin and Dan McMaster

27th very warm

28th Raining Fine Windy Put out 70 Tobacco Plants Randolph Got an EEI at the Potatoe Bugs

29th St Peter Windy at the Potatoes

30th Randolph and I crofsted to J Hamiltons Brought Pike EEI Got a Bag of Potatoes Bought of J Summers RR{R} 25 cents 3 yds Calico 33 cents Paid Bought of Mr Ward comb 10 cen{ts} Gave Mr Derushie 25 cents for a Knife to take from Tow{Cut off} Bohemian Broke and Canal

1st of July Dominion Day Gabriel to Montre{al} with Fish

2nd East Wind went Trowing Rando{lph} and I went to Jo Lemays Tent took what we thought he would value most 2 Lines snoods hooks oilcan pail pitcher net Decoys Quilt saw oar paddle Tin Basin Left Lots of things as my Canoe Leaks

3rd Keeping the 4th of July the Yankees Fine

4th Sunday Jim Hopkins is here yesterday

5th Our Johns Bi{rth} Day 1803 - 77 years

6th Commenced to mow around the House an{d} Barn put in some to Day

7th Mowing the Grove the old ma{n} Gabriel came away for a Week as he was sick the St Francis up the First Trip since she was Broke sin{ce} the Bohemian Broke the Locks

8th Burdo to Ogdensburgh cut a {ink smudge} for them Down at the Tent Leander's Foot sore

July the 9th 1880

Mr James Cameron Island

Mowing

10th Randolph crofsted to the store Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea Tobacco 10 cents Got a Basket of cakes from J Hamilton Randolph stopt all night

11th Randolph came home

12th of July Orangeman's Day I crofised to Summerstown {Above it reads: Bought 7 yds of calico 77 cents} John and I up to the store Dishaw here for some {Above it reads: Towels} of his things I took from the Kit Kit Bought of Wards salt 15 cents stopt at Hamiltons all night

13th high E Wind came home

14th cutting and putting in hay

15th St Swithens Day Went to Dundee Got Mr Burdo's Boat Bought of Mr Long hayfork 50 cents Bottle of oil 25 Rakes 15 1 scythe stone 10 cents Bought {of} Burdo 1 scythe stone 10 Bought of 1 lb of Tea 40 starch 10 soap 10 cents Butter Tub 25 Tobacco 5 Fine salt 20 cents Hops from Fr{Illegible}r 15 hair pins 5 cents Essence of Peppermint 10 pan of Bread for Mr Burdo 25 cents Got 2 Forks fixed at the Blacksm{ith} 40 cents Got the Present of a Book from Mr Tuthill of Fort Covington Brought my clock to Get Fixed Brought mr Tuthills his cup he Forgot went he was down Fishing Got a Lot of Papers from Mr Baker

16th Mowing and Taking in

17th Mowing AJ Baker Wife not very well

18 Writing for Mr Durushie

19th Fernandez Birth Day 1874 Mowing

20th at hay

21 Mowing

22nd crofised to Summerstown {Above it reads: calico 4 yds 25 cent HughAnn} Bought of J Summerstown {Above it reads: Dan McDougall Buried} 1 scythe 90 cents

23

24 George Renshaw here

25th Fine

26th Storm of South West Wind and moved the Barn Broke Down cherry Trees hicory Butternut Basswood Levelled the corn Flat on the Ground Broke the End of the Cookhouse in

27th Mowing some

28th Raining and hailing Mr

29th Mr Dishaw here for Butter Got Plain saw Pitcher

30th Mowing Putting in 40 cocks Peter Back here

{3}1st Traded for Horse with Peter Back

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Mr James Cameron Island Augt 1st

Mowing

2nd Minnie's Birth Day 1864 {Illegible due to an ink smudge and multiple words written overtop one another} here Brought the Clock and ½ Dozen of Tin Pans Got a Plug of Tobacco Gave him a stump of Pine for Fishing Raining some and Wind

3rd Mowing

4th Making cocks and mowing Burdo settling Got 7 ½ Dollars from Mr Durushie Dissolved Partnership him and Burdo in Fishing

5th John Hamilton and Mifs Jack here I crofsted with them Tom and I went to Find the Horse Got him up near Cornwall

6th Randolphs Birth Day 1867 I went from Hamiltons to St Regis on the steamer Sperry Passage going and coming only 25 cents went to Hogan-burgh in Mr Fultons Store took Dinner at Peter Trees seen Mr Powell Miss Jack and Gordon came Down home with me and she Rowed the Boat all the way Down Mr Howland here Fishing Lost his Bottle which he Greatly Lamented

7th Taking in hay an Poles Mowed a Little

8th Bushie came Went to the head of the Island

9th Got a Bark Line from Bushie Traded Knifes Gordon and 2 of Roses here on Sunday yesterday Gave him my Gold Buttons Got 50 cents Found a Knife that had Been Lost for 22 years

10th Annie Jack and Gord{on} here with a Letter for Burdo to my care

11th Jo Lemay here for Green{Illegible} Gave it to him Peter Back here Gave him a 1..50 cents to have no more to Do with his horse Roy McDouga{ll} Departed

1880

Mr James Cameron Island Augt 12th

The Greatest heat I Felt this summer its most awful hot this same Date in 1876 was also very hot {Between the lines it reads: Randolph to Summerstown salt 15 Bread 25 soap nails}

13th some fire at the head of the Island had to get pails to put it out very windy A Drudge went up

14th Went to Dundee with 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ of Bul{Illegible} Bough Flour 50 lb 1..87 $\frac{1}{2}$ Graham Flour 90 cents
Tea 25 Tea 20 soda 8 cotton 1..10 shot 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tub 25 paid for the clock 50 paid for the Basins $\frac{1}{2}$
Doz 1..35 ..1.50 pipe 1 Got $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of 50 cent Tea from Is for the corn stopt at Lukes had supper Mrs
Burdo here The Avrills Down with their steamer a good Breeze sailing acrofs to Day

15th Sunday a Lot in the Long Black Berries of those folks on Hamiltons Island

16th Mowing Plums Ripening

17th putting in Hay on Poles

18th James McKenna here to trade a Horse went Down at night with the old Man to take up his Box
of Fish out of the Water Mowing on the Lower Point

19th Bismarcks Birth Day 1870 Raining before Daylight heavy Thunder and Lightning Windy fine
rain West Wind Mr Derushie Towed up from Lancaster with the Princefs Louis{e} Mowing

20th Fine Went to Hopkins got the Loan of the scow from Jim Got the horse Jim McKenna Luke
and Billy came Down with the Horse Brought up the 2 Cows spotty and Black Brought some corn
to Luke

21st Wind Rain Thunder Lightning the Big Race at Dickinsons Island Hanlon and from Toronto
for 100 Dollars at head of the Island the Boys Hughann Livinia

1880

Mr James Cameron Island 22nd Augt

Sunday Mr Burdo & Peggy Bosell and Burdo here got Butter

23rd Putting in hay

24th Warm Mr Scroyer came yesterday Let out the Calves from their Pasture

25th Mowing in the upper Feild

26th Mowing Gathering

27th husking Corn

28 at corn husking corn Mowing

29th Emmanuel Morris here came Last night Mrs Burdo Peggy and Mr Burdo here

30th Mowing

31st at hay

1st of September cloudy

2nd putting in hay

3rd Dan's Birth Day MPP Randolph and I to Fish at Christees

4th Drawing Wood

5th John Angus Birth Day 1850

6th Mowing in the Back Marsh

7th Put in some

8th Mowing Back Marsh

9th putting in hay

10th Mr Genie here I went to hamiltons at their Thrashing I stopt to help them Randolph came home had Mr Scryer Boat

11th at Hamiltons Gordon came Down with me stopt all night

12th Gordon and his Mother went to Mr Luke Bowens and the Baby a very warm Day I crofsed with Gordon to Mr Hamiltons

13th at hamilt{ons} Finished the Thrashing

14th came home Gordon put me to the head of the Island g{ot} the Loan of the scythe Tom Ploughing f{or} Fall Wheat Spreading manure yeste{rday} and commenced Ploughing

15 Mowing

15th Dan Married to Day to Mifs Jane Sandfiled McDonald of Lancaster Fine Windy

16th Mowing and Gathering

17th put in 104 cocks of marsh hay

18 Randolph crofsed Bought salt Bread pipe Match{es} Drawing Wood put in 36 cocks Bismarc{k} and I

19th Sunday

1880

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 20th

Digging Potatoes at the Barn shelling corn

21st cut the Tobacco cut some on the Last of the cornstalks put them in

22nd Took in the Stove at the Potatoes

23rd put in some hay on the cornstalks

24th Went to Lancaster with the Wool paid it 1..35 cents came home Indians on Susie Island had about 50 Rats caught in 2 nights stopt on the squaw Island as the Wind is pretty high

25th Randolph crofsted to Summerstown Bought 2 yds of Calico 28 cents Bread 28 cents Matches pipe Got apples at Hamiltons The old Man Mr Derushies son here from Chicago for to take the old Man up with him offered all his Fishing Rigging to me for 30 Dollars The Princefs Louise at Pic nic on Dickinson Island to Day The Great Exhibition in Montreal these Days

26th Sunday J Hamilton Mrs Hamilton and Gordon here a Fine Day the old man and son here Gave his Pan and Broom to Livinia

27th Mr Derushie went off Windy taking up Rubbish from the Tent put out some Manure from Back of the Barn where we are going {Above it reads: Raining shelling corn} to build the stack

28th Mowing at the upper end of the Marsh

29th St Michael or Michaelmas Day very Windy Rain Fine Drawing Wood shelling some of the Loose corn and nebbins

30th Drawing Firewood Began to pile {illegible} went Down

1st of October Windy cutting the Last of the Marsh hay piling wood at the Door shelling corn at night peeling apples

2nd 1880

Mr James Cameron Island October

Crofsed to J Hamiltons took Breakfast John and I up to Summerstown in the Tot Fine Day East and south Wind Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea 30 cents Pan of Bread 28 cents paid this Bought of J Summers 10 yds of Cotton 1 Dollar 14 lbs of Fine salt 14 2 spools of Thread 10 cents 1 pair of Boots 1..45 sold John Summers 8 Doz of Eggs at 12 cents 96 Got 2 Bags of Apples from J Hamilton sold Mr McPherson Below Lancaster 13 Bushels of Apples Mr Mowat from the Branch there Taking up their Potatoes Gordon and Tom a Good many Boats going to Day

~~3rd~~ 3rd Fine Heavy Thunder and Lightning to night

4th Gordon Came for Randolph and HughAnn to help Hamiltons with their Potatoes Raining and Wind putting out manure Bismarck and I

5th Haying in the Marsh piling Wood

6th at the stack Bismarck and I Windy Raining

7th at the Stack Making cocks Windy

8th Finished the stack 3 ½ Tons

9th HughAnn and Randolph Gordon came from Hamiltons Got about 10 Bushels of apples for Being working at the Potatoes Lent Gordon my short Gun at their Buckw{heat} at hamiltons Putting it in Elizabeth Hamilton up from Montreal

10th HughAnn McMaste{r} Birth Day 1844 Randolph Bismarck and I went to the Kit Kit Island charlies Island Rofs's Island Gull and Lizard Island stopt at scriers on the Sturgeon Island Found a Broad Board {ink smudge} of the spring calves Died to Day Fine W

11th Skinned the calf at Wood

12th cutting and Drawing Wood Mr Burdo the Fisherman here

13th cutting and Drawing Wood the Bohemian Began going Down the same Day she came up Randolph Watching scryers tent while he is at Lancaster putting his Fish on t{he} Boat Billy Bone here and one of Avrils

1880 {The bottom left corner of this page is missing}

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 14th

Fine EWest Wind turned to East Mr scryer here Brought a Sturgeon Drawing Wood commenced to Bank the West End of the house Made a Round or 2 with the Plough Mowed a few cocks of marsh hay the Cows stopt away one night Working some at the Tobacco Peeling apples and stringing some cut the Boys hair

15th Windy at Wood

16th Crofsed to Summerstown Randolph stopt at Hamiltons sold Butter to Mr Ward Got the cash 18 cents Bought of Mr Ward ½ Bushel of salt 25 4 Loaves of Bread 26 cents Pepper ¼ lb of Pe 8 pipe 1 Bought of John Summers 6 yds of overalls stuff 20 cents a yd 1..20 spools 10 4 yds of Calico 50 John Hamilton Went Down yesterday to pilot the Hunting steamer to Point Muiza came up through the night By Land and Went to Cornwall to Day the Steamer Emprefs of India went Down 2 men here wanting to Tent Nory Lafere and another Raining

17th Sunday Windy Got Papers from Dan of the Latter End of {Septem}ber Date

18th cutting Wood

19th Drawing Wood {ink smudge} St Luke

20th at Wood Fanning corn ice this morning First ice at Wood

21st Made 2 Beetles at the Banking cold some Windy

22nd Fine Turned cold E Wind Raining A Good Lot of shooting a Good many Ducks went Down to Day in the Rushes Randolph and I Looking if there was any working of Rats

23rd Livinias Birth Day 1868,,

24th our Hughs Birth Day our Hughs Birth Day Fine

25th My Birth Day Fine

26th at Wood

27th at Wood

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28th – 1880

Mr James Cameron Island Oct

Put 3 Bottom Logs at the East End of the hou{se}

29th Randolph Crofsted to Summerstown Bought of J Summers ½ lb of Tea 25 cents RR Relief 25 cents Bought of Mr Ward shingles nails 2 cents Matches 14 cents pipe 1 cents Got a Bag of Apples from Hamiltons Dishaw for Jo Lemays Decoys 7 of Them

30th Fine Mr David Baker's Wife Departed

31st all Hallows or Holy Eve Windy Raining Rodney Briggs and Johnny Bone came up from Tupper's Island hunting no Ducks no Grub Johnny Bone Gave me some caps and shot Took Dinner cracking nuts Keeping the Halloeen the night Butternut since Last Year some Beech and Hicory and Oak and Hazael

1st Day of November All Saints Day very high Wind started to crofs turned Back Mr David Bakers Wife Buried to Day Billy Bone & Doctor Bridges Lanced Leanders Leg Raining Treated me at their Bo{Cut off}

2nd all Souls Day Gordon Left Hamiltons I crofsted for apples got 9 Bushels Potatoes 1 Bushel McCrimmon there John and Gordon over to F Covington yesterday Bought of Ward 2 cents of matches Heard Rory McDougal came home oil Forgot my Coat

3rd scryer for Butter Borrowed the 1 inc{h} augur Randolph and I to sturgeon Island Painted the Decoys

4th Paul Grey Jacob and 2 more Indians here lent them my EEl spear stopt here all night got 2 suck{ers}

5th Guy Fawks Day Randolph Crofsed for the Wool got it at J Wards Got 2 Bushel of Potatoes from {Ha}miltons

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 6th 1880

Mr Henery Genie here a Fine Day Raining East Wind a Great Lot of Shooting Putting a Runner in the Jumper {a}s I Broke one of them

7th Helen's Birth Day High West Wind Knocked Down Trees tore the Roof of the cookhouse the Traveller Let go 4 Barges and their in the Rushes

8th the Princefs Louis{e} went for the Barge to the Kit Kit and towed her {i}nto Lancaster

9th Fixing the Door on the {c}alves Place taking up some of the traps Windy

{1}1th at Wood

~~12th~~ St Martinmas

12th Banking some

13th Drawing Wood

14th Sunday Angus Cameron here Gave 2 or 3 Loads of shot snowing some fine

15th Randolph and I to the Kit Kit Scryer Left yesterday took home my augur

16th Went to see if I could Borrow a Boat stopt at Hamiltons up to the store

17th Went to Antwines see if I could Borrow a Boat But I got Charlies Craig's Bun Bought of Mr Ward 1 lb Rice 2 cents of Matches pipe Hamiltons sending of their {Illegible}gies Tom Drawing Manure from Roses Got a Bag of Potatoes from John

18th Stormy snowing hard

19th chopping stove Wood J Hamiltons for the 5 Heifers Frank {L}aplante Ed Santinee and Tom had Dickinsons Cow Got Kind of Sick to night all night

20th not very well Randolph Drawing Wood Snowing Drifting Sparry Breaking the {i}ce yesterday out to Lancaster to Day

21st On this Day of the Month D M M {Donald McMaster} Departed 1846 no Boat out of Dundee today

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Frosty cutting Stove Wood

23rd 3 Boats went up Hiram Calvin one of them Cold

24th no Boats to Day Drawing up Canoes and Bun Fish Boxes

25th St Catherine Mr Hill no Ligh{ts} to night Taking Marsh Hay of the Fine hay

26th a Fine Day seen a Steamer Below Rofss Island crofsing or Going Down Crofsed to J Hamiltons with 8 ½ Bushels of corn for them to take to mill for me Bismarck for the First Time to crofs to Hamiltons Randolph to the store Bought of J Summers ½ lb of Tea 25 cents 2 cents for matches at Mr Wards Got 2 Bags of Potatoes at J Hamiltons Got Yarn for Gordons sox Broug{ht} the 10 Balls of yarn to Get Twisted a Frosty night Floating Light no Light to night

27th cherry Island no Light cutting Wood Fine Windy a Boat with 3 in it to Lancas{ter}

28th Sunday a Boat went Down at Day light this morning a Fine Day West Wind East Wind the Big White owl coming around Ducks Plenty

29th Drawing Wood

30th Tom Jack came for me to help him to skin a cow that Died cherry Island Lit up St Andrew's Day at Hamiltons to nig{ht}

1st of December Stormy E Wind

2nd Fine Frosty wen{t} to Williamstown with 8 ½ Bushels of Corn Tom Jack came

3rd came home Margaret Hamilton poorly a steam-Boat went Down

4th 2 steam tugs went up to Day Fine

5th Raining turned Cold to night

6 St Nick Day Windy Cold

7th cold Frosty

8th Mr Ptolemy & Brother here Kind of astray on Christees Island a very Frosty night took a small Breakfast Gave 50 cents Bought Ran{Cut off} 6 Rats 60 cents had a Heavy Load of Licquors & Fix{ed} the Chimney

9th Fixing the Handsleigh stormy co{ld} a sail crofsted to summerstown

10th Leander's Birth Day 187{Cut off} Freezing Ice going Down took acrofs to the south side

11th soft at Stove Wood

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 12th 1880

soft

13th chopping Fine

14th crofsted to Summerstown Bought of Ward Tea Soda oil candy Glafts thread needles Pipes matches

15th Whitewashing

16th cold Blowing got a weasel

17th the Cat got in my Trap at the Lower Point Drawing wood

18th at Wood

19th cold ice going Down

20th Cutting Drags Frosty Drew the Bun Down from the Bay

21st First Day of Winter Ice took to Christees south side

22nd Ice took acrofs Drawing Wood

23rd crofsted to Hamiltons Lots of air holes put a few small Bushes out very crooked

24th Cold Frosty and Fine cutting stove Wood

25th Christmas Day

26 Cold

27 Cold

28

29 our Anguss Birth Day

30th Cold

31st Frosty

1st of January New Years Day Broke on the Marsh Hay stack Back of the Barn Windy cold West Wind

2nd Fine soft Day Gordon here had 4 shirts to make I Gave him a Pipe seen a Fox crofsing

3rd crofsed to Summerstown Council Day Dan Frasher Elected Bought of Julia ½ lb Tea Matches Ann Spinks poorly Bushing the Road acrofs at Summerstown Angus Cameron and Thomas Summers A Fine Day cold to night Mr The Rev Dallerson Married Last Week Seen in a Kingston Paper Bushing the Lower Road to Lancaster

4th very Frosty came from Hamiltons expecting the Thrashers at Hamiltons Jim McDougall made a Track up the ice as he is going to take {B?}ushes to Fort Covington a Ball in Williamstown to night Mrs Summers a Bee at Wood

{5}th Drawing Wood

6th snowing E Wind Warm {cu}tting Wood putting Marsh hay in the Barn

{7}th Drawing Wood

8th HughAnns Birth Day 1866

9th Cold E Wind

10th snowing stormy turned fine

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