

April 20 <sup>1872</sup> finished plowing below garden <sup>at</sup> Commencement  
in foot near Hoover's & helped Flavin draw sand  
& fixed board fence along pickering townline my  
mother is rather poorly today W. fine clear  
Sunday 21 at home all day matter very poorly  
A B & D's C B's B C's B's & N's were here  
Pm W. fine clear  
22 Went to Markham A M got medicine  
for my mother A M. Chores Pm W. cold  
blustering Dove Stephenson came to work  
today @ \$45.00 for 7 months W. went  
to plow for John Storen blustering a little  
snow squalls cold wind froze last night  
23 Both plowed A M. Chores Pm W. very cold  
kind A M. about 3 in snow fell Pm  
24 Plowed Elm Cordwood in two A M W helped  
J D log Pm I & Dave brought home & planted  
about 20 black raspberry bushes Pm W. warm  
snow all gone  
25 Both plowed A M I brought load of lime from  
Jim Hadley for Flavin Pm W. warm clear  
26 I plowed W is not well W. fine clear  
27 Both plowed W. cold N W wind. J Wideman  
& wife came to stay all night  
Sunday 28 I staid at home with my mother & little  
boys. Nancy & little girls went to Matin at  
Hebron. Finlans youngsters were here after service  
David Burkholder at supper W. fine clear  
29 sowed seed below garden with oats  
J B came Pm to fix garden fences & lane  
fence. W. cold East wind clear  
30 I sowed 4 bus spring wheat in north side of field  
back of garden A M. Dave gang plowed it in  
then I helped J B at lane fence. W finished sod  
till supper time then rolled oats after supper  
W. close & warm distant thunder. looks like rain  
May 1 Got B's gang plow boys both ganged in field back  
of garden A M. Mashed crown peas Pm W. a little  
rain this morning. showy Pm - makes things grow

May 1 Great fire reported in Markham last night  
never met heard Particulars yet David Burkholder's  
& son Abraham's wife died suddenly this morning  
2 boys gang plowed last year's root ground & newly  
finished back of garden I helped J B at lane fence  
W. fine 3 sowed sod with peas. Nancy went to  
Abraham Burkholder's wife's funeral with B C  
& B's W's got sod harrowed twice W. began to  
rain about 10 to 2 Pm. Clear till night  
4 W began to plow in East end of big field where  
clover mixed. Dave finished harrowing sod peas  
till 10 A M then I helped to plow W. cold north  
Sunday 5 at home B's N's were here Pm W. fine clear  
6 I sowed last year's turning ground with barley & Dave  
harrowed it. I took my mother to J D. W began to  
plow behind cider house. W. fine warm clear  
7 I sowed barley in field back of garden A M W's  
J B plowed behind cider house J B hitched his horse  
with old Dick Dave harrowed barley I plowed  
Pm I & J B worked at lane fence W. very warm  
8 Plowed & brought 10 1/2 bus white out from Old  
withie Morrisons A M sowed field behind  
cider house Pm. got harrowed once a little  
showy Pm  
Ascension day I went with children to Matin  
at Hebron remarks by B C. sermon on St Luke  
24 C by Rev H Bartley W. warm clear  
10 I sowed crown peas in N W corner Dave  
gang plowed them A M J B & W. fixed fence  
at Scarborough Pasture W. gaged Pm Dave  
finished harrowing Oct W. fine clear  
11 I & Nancy went to Markham A M  
sowed grass seed on crown peas Pm  
Dave finished harrowing. W. plowed in big field  
Saw the results of the fire in Markham today  
son D Reesor's stables fired by an incendiary were  
burnt his Dwelling Costling's stables & John D  
Johnston's Saddlery Main's Law Office