

Stephen "Sylvester" Main (1872 - 1937) 1890-1922

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Thursday the 1st January 1891 not much of anything for a while in the morning fixing at my turn lathe a little the rest of the day took dinner at home on New Year's took a colt over to Mr. Humphrey's barn

the second off to the woods all day cutting wood warm in the morning but cold at night cut five cords of wood near through Desdemona Clevie and Etta and the baby out

cutting wood all day today got near through cut five cord cold today below zero in the morning late when we got home

Sunday the fourth to brethren Church in the morning took a walk over to Henry's in the afternoon to the Methodist Church at night

Monday the 5th went out and finished cutting the rest of the wood this forenoon fixing up my colt stable over to Humphrey's barn the most of the afternoon

not much of anything for a while in the morning fixing a little at my turn lathe this afternoon got a bag of oats for my colt to endeavour at night

Wednesday the seven started school this morning first morning of the new teacher for me to school all day down to Frank solid tonight started to feed oats and bran to my colt tonight

Thursday 8 to school all day today Desdemona, Stewart Mary and Melinda Scott and their cousin from Toronto down came near noon had a big time was down to the wagon shop

Friday the 9th to school this forenoon home this afternoon trying to finish my turn lathe fetched it home put it in the back kitchen all done but the belt

Saturday the 10th went over to Henry's after a belt for my turn lathe put the belt on click to at least fixing it a while this afternoon went skating this afternoon some girls out skating at night in all-day

Sunday the 11th in all-day only do my chores of father and mother out to John's I went to church tonight snowing all day snowed enough for sleighing

Monday the 12th turning all forenoon made to drawing knife handles fixing a little round the turn lay made my colt's manger higher and hung a door

Tuesday the 13th went back with father to help dig a grave for Hayward Cornell's child turned a top for fence post went up with Henry to the other Church to rub off the frosting

Wednesday the 14th turning a wrench handle help turning a rolling pin turned a top for fence done my chores for the night

Thursday the 15th back to woods all day drawing out limbs got them all out fetched some cord wood home up to Uncle John's for a while tonight

Friday the 16th tinkering around home trying to put a tread on my turn lay fixing some at my turn lay not much of anything all day

Saturday the 17th fixing a tread on my turn lathe did not work very well got it on this forenoon took a walk hunting went down to Wat's and stayed there for supper

Sunday the 18th to church in morning to the brethren to the Methodist Church at night

Monday the 19th fixing a tread on my turn lathe did not work X-ray turning out a rolling pin but did not get it finished

Tuesday the 20th not much of anything for a while in the morning made a wheel for a jigsaw on my turn lathe made two boxes for at and an iron for to go through put it on

Wednesday the 21st went to Galt with John Keatchie Junior in the morning walked home at noon and up to Mr. Kinsey's Reanzie Sager's bee all afternoon

Wednesday the 22nd working at a jig saw to put on my turn lathe all-day got a little done to the Methodist prayer meeting at night

Friday the 23rd working at my jigsaw most of the all-day got it near done to the league at night down to Sheffield after the league

Saturday the 24th took a load of wood to Galt for Bonds to Cranston's this forenoon took another load this afternoon down to Sheffield a while

Sunday the 25th to the Methodist Church in the morning quarterly meeting to brethren church at night -

Monday 26 not much of anything filing at a piece of iron for my jigsaw this forenoon not much of anything this forenoon

Tuesday 27th filing at two pieces of iron for my jigsaw working at it a little all day to endeavour at night

Wednesday 28 in bed all day today sick with a cold headache

Thursday 29 in and out of bed a little of a little better in the bed the most

Friday in the 30th sitting up a little all-day some better in the House all-day

Saturday the 31st up all day sorting some of my papers and reading a little

Sunday the first in all-day laying down some a little Elmira and Wat up at night fetched me up an apple

Monday the second fixing a little at my saw but not much this forenoon not much of anything this afternoon

Tuesday the third fixing a little at my saw and sitting around the house to endeavour at night

Wednesday the fourth doing my chores and not much else turning for Henry a while in the afternoon

Thursday the fifth not much of anything doing my chores fixing a little at my saw but it does not work well

Friday the sixth took the saw off the turn lathe and straightening up the back of kitchen cleaned out my rat cages

Saturday the seventh to Galt Truman and I left my watch in Galt this forenoon home this afternoon stormy this afternoon

Sunday to the Methodist Church in the morning Bennett preached to the brethren church at night

Monday the 9th turning a mallett this forenoon out to Branchton and to George Ricker's and leopards and then home

Tuesday the 10th Truman and I to Galt this forenoon got my watch wrote a letter to Jacob Burley

Wednesday the 11th down to Joseph Ricker's to see his stock Wat and Elmira up turning a rolling pin and stool

Thursday the 12th not much of anything in the forenoon Albert and I up to Shearer's cutting wood in the afternoon

Friday the 13th up to Shearer's cutting wood this forenoon turning a handle for John Steele up to Shearer's cutting wood in the forenoon Truman and I to Galt this afternoon

Sunday the 15th to brethren Church in the morning Jirden and I to Galt to Knox Church drove his horse

Monday the 16th not much of anything in the forenoon Albert and I setting traps down at the creek and around in the woods

Tuesday the 17th over to see our traps turned two steel arms helping George Steele make a thumbscrew for my turn lathe over to Knox place digging out skunks Jirden Albert and I got three home at noon not much of anything

Thursday the 19th Jirden and Albert and I went over to Green's dug out three skunks Jirden and I over this afternoon got two ground hogs

Friday 20 over to see my traps put a patch on my boot and over to the stone quarry dug out two skunks Jirden Albert and I

Saturday the 21st hunting this forenoon trying to track coons up to John Gerard's to get skunks got a rabbit had it for supper

Sunday the 22nd to the Methodist Church in the morning to the brethren church at night Wat and Almira up

Monday the 23rd up to Shearer's cutting wood Albert Pa and I all-day

Tuesday 24th up to Shearer's cutting wood this forenoon fixing some of my books raining all afternoon

Wednesday the 25th hired to Henry to work in the shop at \$3.75 a month for a year Albert Jirden and I out hunting dug a rabbit out in the threshers

Thursday 26 went to Galt this forenoon alone Albert Jirden and I digging out got one

Friday the 27th Albert and I out hunting got one rabbit over at Frazer's turning a chisel handle this afternoon

Saturday the 28 Albert Jirden and I out hunting got four rabbits all together filed Wat's saw cleaned the rabbits this afternoon

Sunday the first to the brethren church in the morning quarterly meeting to the Methodist Church at night

Monday the second George Steel and I hunting got nothing started to make a new kind of wind mill

Thursday the 3rd working at my wind mill no good reading a little wrote a letter to Stoney Creek to Mr. G M McPherson to endeavour at night

Wednesday the fourth started to work in the shop today for the first at 3 75 a month for a year

working and working at bolster this afternoon

this forenoon fixing at bandsaw sawing on a bandsaw this forenoon making some wheels and boxes for the bandsaw

Friday the sixth bored a front bolster and chiseled out board out and chiseled tongue hounds planned a reach and lobster bored 4 holes through the wall

Saturday the seventh working at a hind axle most of the forenoon painting most of the afternoon

Sunday the eight to the Methodist Church in the morning to brethren church at night Elmira and Wat up

Monday the 9th making a cross stick for the front hours painting a pair of shaves

working on a front bolster getting out a Democrat box painting it and ripping painting some to Christian endeavour at night

Wednesday the 11th fixing at two wheels putting them on the shaft putting plates on the end fixing them ready to turn down

Thursday the 12th ripping out stakes for Democrat box turning down wheels sawing some put bottom in the Democrat for box to Galt for Henry got two hubs and spokes and got 50 spiles spikes

Friday the 13th working at the Democrats box this forenoon moving band saw this afternoon

Saturday the 14th sand papering Democrat box painting it planing down back on the seat not much of anything put some boxes and a little hub

Sunday the 15th to brethren Church in the morning and the Methodist at night Elmira and Wat were up

Truman and I hunting this forenoon I shot a rabbit working in the shop painted the gears for a Democrat fixing a sleigh runner

Tuesday the 17th making sides for the Democrat seat painted sleigh runners staying in all-day not very well got the cold doing nothing laying around out and in bed

Friday the 20th laying around all day doing nothing

Saturday the 21st not much of anything laying around under the weather

22nd to the Methodist Church in the morning to the brethren church at night

Monday 23rd painting til near night driving box and in some wheels

Tuesday the 24th putting sides on the Democrat seats fixing at the bandsaw

{Typed transcript repeats 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th with a few changes and errors in reading the original diary writings}

Saturday the 21st not much of anything Lang around under the weather

22nd to the Methodist Church in the morning to the brethren church at night

Monday the 23rd painted on near night driving box and in some wheels

tasted {Tuesday ?} the 24th putting aside on the Dow has seeds fixing at the bandsaw

track to Christian endeavor at night fixing of the man's of the ready to saw flares in the

26 racing up the man's of fixing a belt for not much of anything this afternoon when over helped water bill and arch of went on over to Henry's rated

27 started to sob are bought its to the shop made a room for a wheel sowing does this afternoon

Saturday the 28 favoring as trading on Democrat the years and bought all-day Albert and I had boiling tonight in George Main's woods on shares

Sunday the 20th 20 night to brethren Church in the morning for a walk over and once this afternoon to the Methodist Church at night

Monday the 30th putting cutting and painting all-day

Tuesday the 31st sand favoring it an painted the tongue putting it to cede to endeavor at night

Wednesday the first Henry not hunt top off Monday and would an on maternally made an box from sell not much of anything this afternoon

Thursday the second win over to Henry's in the middle of the forenoon and back at noon started to sandpaper Monday and Fort away in home

Friday is Church sandpaper Democrat and painted at finished cent favoring money pulling in box in wagon wheels Mawson's

Saturday the fourth sandpaper to seek and painted them made a harrow deviltry

Sunday fifth to the Methodist Church in the morning to the brethern church at night

Monday the sixth sign of months on a bandsaw made harrow doubletree

Tuesday seventh started to make harrow doubletrees painting a little

Wednesday sent a print of the Democrat box meeting here on the Moultrie's the rest of the day made harrow doubletree putting til noon cent favoring and 18 until night

Friday the 10th sand favorable all-day painting some seven

11th stating all-day rain today sounded tough

to brethern Church in the morning turn and I down to church means to the Methodist Church at night

Monday the 13th painting most of the forenoon seen this lot needs to spring bars painting some this afternoon put a spole at a piece of RAM on wheel put the shaft in a pair of shaves garnishing some to endeavor at night battles Tuesday

1891 - Varley Bond & I went to Galt got our pics taken.

1892 Feb 27 Ella Bond & I to Galt got our pics taken.

Sept 12 went to Paris & Gutheries - worked on farms.

Sick **Sept 26** - ~~Sept~~ **Oct 8** fever had Dr.

Jan 19 1893 Jirden & I to John Harvies to work at cow stable 20, 21

Jan. 23 to J. Harvies boarding front of cow stable.

Feb 11 1893 Elle Bond & I to Galt got pics taken.

1893 {Fov - very faint} **Aug 25** to Niagara Falls met Minnie Elgelheart

1894 Albert's Wedding Jan 31

1894 Mar 21 to M Harvie's box social

July 5 to Mr. C. Tutton's raising

July 19 Wilbert Sweets raising

Sept 6. Varley & I played mouth organ

Sept 23 Annie & I drove to Galt for church. Annie stayed there

Oct 5. Father & Mother went on the excursion to Uncle Dan Main's

Nov 11. Went to John Harvie's Mother's funeral.

Nov 17 Bought a sewing machine

Nov 20 Helped put Bell up in church

1895 Dedicated new church Jan 6

Mar 1. To B Main to Galt got our pics taken

Apr 9 To Port Huron to learn the Photograph Business

July 21 to Harvie's tonight

" **24** Andy Pullin & I to Mr. Harvies

Aug 3 Andy Pullin & I to Mr. Harvies

Sept 6 to John Harvies

Football boys to Galt to get pictures taken **April 27 1897**

Apr 28 1897 bought new bicycle at Brantford

Dec 22 1897 Stood up at Truman's Wedding

1898 camera 9.00

Mar 27 1889 raising our barn

Sept 11 1899 to Branchton taking pic of John MacDonald's house.

Sept 13 1899. Fixing a thing on my wheel to carry camera

Sept 15. Miss Woods & I up to Haggis Lake taking pics

Sept 17 Milinda Scott

Dec. 18 to school taking pics

1890 Sept 20 Maggie Melroy

Sept 23 took Maggie home.

Sept 24 Birthday Albert & Aggie All to Hamilton took pic

Oct 15 Wedding Almira and Walter Smith

Nov 5 Truman & I to Galt got our pictures taken. Got Beagle & mine taken

Jan 3 1900 Jim Keachie & I took Harvie girls to Glenmore & a party at night

Feb 20 down to Cornells taking pictures

Feb 24-25 26 - Maggie Cairan

Mar 2 to Brancton to Mr Harvies

Mar 9 printing pics

Ap 7 Walt Smith - rafters for barn Barn raisin April 11

Ap 13 painting & papering for mother.

June 15 George Riche Barn raising. {Fleet} & Harvie's at night

June 23 Took pics at factory

June 29 to John Harvies

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Jan 1 1900 Jim Keachie & I out to Mr Harvie's at night

Jan 3 Jim Keachie & I took Harvie gal to Glenmore's party at night.

Jan 22. develop pictures

Jan 14 Drove Maggie Carian to church

Jan 26 Maggie & I down to Truman's

Febr 2 took M Cairan to Kirk{kind} party at night

Feb 13 Help {illegible} Father {illegible} to Grands for Dean Cornells

Feb 19 printing pics

July 3 - Helping put up a silo for Smith Buchanan's

July 19 Luc Kennel & I out to Harvie's

Aug 11 to Mr Sweets to take pics

YARD SALE

Sat July 12.

900 - 1.00

672 6697.

July {written over Aug} 13 Sheffield {illegible} Organ

Oct 16 to John Harvie making steps for lawn

Oct 27 Uncle Henry ~~Here~~ & I back to my grandfathers old place taking pictures

Sun Nov 18 Melind Scott & Destan Stewart down all day.

Dec 20. Mr Hunt Branchton taking pictures

Feb 23 to Valens getting a pic of the wood cutters

Sat Mar 4 Back to old Mr Carters taking a picture

Apr 3 Taking pics at Mr. Wedges

1895 Oct 23 Andy & I to Harvies

1896 Feb 3. Box social at John Harvie's

May 14. Father & Mother's 40th anniversary of the wedding

Aug 5 to Mr Harvie

1896 Stood up for Oscar & Rosie's wedding - Jennie Sherrick (maid)

Aug. 7 to Mr. Harvie's at night.

Sept 17 trying my camera

Oct 8 to Mr Sails Taking pics

1902 Feb 10 Party Mr Harvie

March 21 2003

1902 ~~Mar~~ Apr 2 Tom Pearson's wedding at Port Robinson

Apr 3 Taking pics over the mountain with Jenny Pearson.

" 9 Serena married to day.

May 2 To Brethern personage - tearing off paper & plastering.

6 " " " papering all day.

7 " " " " " "

13 - Started to put a gothic in the house this afternoon.

14 Working at gothic all day.

24 planted potatoes.

28 Started to paint Miss Whetham's house **29, 30, 31.**

June 9 Painting Miss W. house **10, 11, 12 13, 14**

* **18 Wed** To Dave Arthur's barn raising took some pictures

26 Lue Kinnell & I over to well when Josh Sanford was in

July 2 - To Angus Scott's started to work at his barn

July 3	"	"	") \$4 started shingles
4	"	"	") 15 shingling
5	"	"	") 16 shingling
6	"	"	") 17 shingling
7	"	"	") 19 worked at barn all day
8	"	"	"	
10	"	"	"	
11	"	"	"	
12	"	"	"	

22 Working at barn all day. **23, 24, 25, 26, 28**

Aug 8 help Father dig grave. To Uncle Wesley's funeral.

1901

Jan 1 Took pics for Martha Hammond & Lena Burchwell

Jan Fri 4 Uncle David Main died

Feb 10 reopening Kirkwall Church

Feb 26 to Branchton to Harvie's at night

Mar 23 taking pics at M. Pearsons

Tues 26 Taken pics

Wed 13 went down & see Tommy Pearson to-day. Stayed till Thur 4 - went on train stayed at Branchton all night

~~APR~~ **May 1** Started to make a little secret only for myself

MAY 13 Started carpenting with Bill Wedge at George Whethams house

June 19 Made a bed for the baby ???

June 24. Jirden & I putting up silo For Stephen Moffatt

June 29 Oscar & I to Toronto today. drove to Hamilton took the boat across. * Got a new camera to-day

1901

* **July 15** Taking some pics for Varley Bond

Dec 16 Louie and Thompson Ward came to visit To Branchton with them. taking pictures of their old home

1902

Fri 10 over to Mr Harvie's for party.

~~Mar~~ **Mar 2** Tom Pearson's wedding.

Mar 9 Serena married today

MAY 13 started to put a gothic in the house.

May 14 all day.

Fri 23. put ridge boards on our house

* **June 18.** Took pics of Dave Arthur's barn raising

" **26** Luc Kinnel & I over to well where Josh Sanford was in

July 8 to Cornells raising this afternoon.

Aug 4 Sheffield picnic at Idlewild park

Sept 8 Started to dig out for a cellar to build a house

10 taking pics for Miss Clelland and McClures.

25 helped Rosa pack her stuff. shipped it to St Thomas.

Oct 16 To Branchton taking some pics for Mr For Foster

" **23** Started to tear down the Free Methodist Church

24 Took pics of Myrtle and Jessie Nisbet

25 Taking roof off church

Nov 8 Finished tearing down old church to-day

1903

Jan 5 to John Harvie making a storm door.

8 Jim Main & I to Mr Harvie's at night

28 Grind oats all day with Bob Drowns machine

Mar 9. At Harvies at Branchton making closet upstairs

Apr 1 Up to Littles School to take some pictures

June 30 Went up county to Calders barn raising wheeled in from Almira

Aug 20 S.S. picnic at Idylwild Park

Sept 11 Helping Billy Wedge at Kerniging House in Rockton.

Dec 24. Started for Sarnia from Branchton this morning got there at 3 o'clock to Steve Burley's went to Port Huron took electric car to Detroit & to Trenton. to Mr. Shaver's

27. Charley & I went to quarrie & took some pics

31 to John Harvie cut hole for stove pipe - put up stove

1904

Jan 1. to Charley Tuttons took some pics

Jan 23 Taking some winter scenes of pics down in Woods

31 - Looking after the church to-day. Father not very well

Feb 9 Jim & I went up country on train walked to Alex Adams stayed all night

24 Went to Harvies to put in dummy waiter

Mar 5 Finished dummy waiter

June 17 Raised barn after supper. - John McBeans

24 Picnic in John MacDonald's orchard.

25 to Guelph on the excursion to Guelph Model farm

29 Start shingling - all day

30 al day,

July 1 July 2 all day

July 6 fix Hugh Mulholands barn. **6,7,8,9,11,12 13 14 15 16**

25 shingling our barn

27 shingling Tom Whites all day.

Aug 10 Ploughing all day. **11, 12, 13, .**

28 John Patricks funeral

Sept 1 Back at James Hills pulling sleepers in driving shed

3 to St Thomas on the noon train - visit Oscar & Rosa - Mattie there We all went to Port Stanley on the train Martha there.

20 Took pics up to Edith McBean at night

Oct 12 Maggie Caldar & I taking some pics. - to Rockton Show.

22 Mother sick in bed. Finally got a nurse - Miss Fraser

27 Putting in my road work.

Dec 31 to Galt for coal stove fetched it home & put it up.

1905

Apr. 21 Cleve Mac & I went to St Thomas to see Oscar & Rosa

22. We all went for a walk around the city took pictures

24 left - came to Woodstook. stayed at Andy Pullins all night

25. Andy drove us to Woodstook. Came home on noon train. To Galt bought a buggy - fetched Rosa's wheel home from station

May 1 Papering for Miss Watson.

4 making a hen pen.

5 worked at pen all day.

June 4 John Culham's funeral

July 17 started work at Barnhardt barn

Aug 18 started to raise

Oct 22 Annie Harvie & I to Galt church at night

Oct 1905

Thurs 26 Went to Branchton Fetched Annie over to Sheffield

31 Down to see Annie at night

Dec 3 Annie & I drove to the farm at night

10 Jim & I drove to Misses Harvies taking some pics

12 Annie & I drove down to Branchton.

17 Annie & I went for drive at night. seeing Annie 25, 26, 29, 31.

1906

Jan Tues 2 - had teeth fixed. - to see Annie

Sat 6 To Galt got some pics taken.

7. Drove Annie home.

Mar 28 Annie & I cutting wood all day.

Apr. Cleve & I to St Thomas out on north side of city taking some pics.

May 14. Father & Mother's Wedding anniversary

26 Went to Galt to get a family group taken.

June 20 Raising barn. ?

July 16 - Went to Nelson's Culham's raising.

19 Started to paint school (cornish to-day)

20 Painting outside of windows Painted 4 more windows and doors.

23 Annie & I went to Galt after part of cream separator.

Aug 3 Painting wood work inside school

4th Painting

6th window sash.

14 Painting antiroom

15 iron on desks & seats

16 window frames inside

17 Painted Platforms & oiling floor.

19 Annie & I out to woods taking pics.

Sept. 16 took pics for Emma & Abbie Harvie

Oct. 9 Went to Harvies to upholster some chairs

14 Annie & I taking some pics in afternoon.

Nov 11. Annie Ella & I taking some pics

27. Bought a horse drove home

Dec 6 Annie & I took pics of husking corn.

16 " & I taking pics

25. Dinner at Harvies. All hd dinner at our place at night

31. Went to Harvie's to watch the old year out.

1907

Feb 7 party for Mother's Birthday

8 Cut ice on Walt Oliver's pond.

MAR - 4th Cleve & Aggie married

Apr 2 made set of quilting frames

Aug 12 at Pine Grove school working at closets.

" " " " **13, 14, 15, 16, 17**

Aug 19 - To M{m}. Barnharts place on cedar creek road. shingling all

23 Worked at Mr Hammonds. **24**

1908

Jan 1. Father Mother & I down to Truman's for dinner

2 At Barnharts working in barn. **3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.** Finished

13 - ventilators **14, 18**

28. Cutting wood

29. 30 31 - set traps.

10 Finished at Barnharts ventilators

Feb. 25 to Galt to see Barnhart to get some money.

June 7. Annie & I drove back to the lake to-day

21 Annie & I went up to Hugh Ronalds on Cedar Creek road.

Dec 6 Annie & I went to Galt Church at night

13 " " " " "

20 " " " " "

25 Oscar & Rosa to Aaron Main's I went to Harvies for dinner.

26 Annie went with me to Galt.

1909

Jan 10. Annie & I went for a drive

16 Drove Ella & Annie to Galt in sleigh

23 Annie drove me home at night

30 Albert's 50th Wedding anniversary

Feb 21 Drove Milinda & Millie to church

Mar 10 Drove Abbie to Galt

21 24 Mattie & I to church at night

28 Mattie & I went to Centenary church morning & evening

Apr 3. Mattie came with me to Branchton.

5. Started to paint the church. **6, 7, 8, 9, 10** Painting seats

11 Mattie & I went to Knox church

12 Painting church **13.** finished on 14th

June 6 Annie & I went for a walk to day up the back road by ~~old~~ Cars old place.

1909

Aug 29. Irene & I went for a ride on bicycle back to Mother's old place.

Oct 4 Mr Harvie died

5 Andy Pullin & I went to Galt to see about things for funeral

6 Delivered butter around got all stuff they wanted.

8 funeral this afternoon. to Galt Cemetery

28 Annie & I went up to Galt cemetery & down the river road home.

{guessing the entries below are for December}

24 Annie & I cut wood & got a Xmas tree & put it up. Ella, Annie & I to Sheffield Xmas tree

25. Father, Mother Irene & Dorothy & I down to Truman's today.

1910

Feb. 19 Annie went with me to Sheffield

22 Ella & Annie went with me to hear Knowles lecture

Mar 27 Annie & I went to church.

Apr. 13. Annie went up to Huntsville this morning.

30 Annie & I papering

May 22 Downt Aaron Main to raising

June 3. to Desty's at night to wedding anniversary

12 Annie & I went driving in the afternoon

* 18 Putting on siding took some pics of barn to-day.

29 To Milinda Scott's wedding.

~~July~~ **August. 2** Shingling Pleasant Grove school today **3, 4, 5**, Finished

6 Almira died at 6 o'clock to-night

8 Almira's funeral this afternoon.

20 - Mother & Father got pictures taken.

28 Annie & I over to cemetery this afternoon

31 Started to make Book cupboard for Pleasant Grove school.

Sept 2 Working at Book Cupboard for Pleasant Grove school.

Oct. 23 Mattie & I went to Blue Lake to take some pictures

Nov 27 Father & Mother & I to Branchton for dinner.

Dec 24 to Cleves for Xmas dinner

1911

Jan 1 To Destamona for dinner. Father Mother Rosa Oscar & girls there

21 Annie & Ella & I to Galt to day

1911.

Jan 1 done

21 done

Apr. 21 Father & Mother went to Hamilton with Rosa

23 Annie & I went driving in afternoon

June 6 over to John Perrigans tearing down old barn

28 Went to Ella Harvie's Wedding to day

July 8 Went to Hamilton on my wheel came home at night

17 Went to Nellie McKenzies & David McQueen funeral.

Aug 20-9 Irene Millie Flemming & I back to old place this morning To Hamilton

21 Down at school started to fix the seats in shorthard Dept.

25 Putting seats together get ready to varnish

26 Varnishing desks & seats.

Sept. 3 Annie & I went to Forest Mills to day.

10 Annie & I went for a drive out to the river

17 Went down to Truman's. Mattie & I taking some pics.

Oct 1 Annie & I drove down to Cleve's

5 Annie & I went to Freelton show. Giving away the rulers for Oscar

15 Annie & I went for a drive back to Scotts old place.

29 Irene & I to Cleve's for supper.

Nov 5 Anne & I drove to Blue Lake took some pictures

Dec. 4 Shingling wood shed at school, 5, 6,

30 Shingling at Charles Tutton.

1912

Feb 1 Went skating down to Dunn's

3 Skating at Rockton

6 Painting Buggy to day

12 To William Keachies making an ice house

20 Back to Grammotts papering

27 Papering at personage also 29

Mar 4 Aggie Cleve & I to haggis supper at Kirkwall

5 to Russel Henderson's Harvie's for material

14 Papering at Oscar Roseburgh's 15th

16 to John Studiman's for some lumber

1912

Mar. 29. Got word Father died this morning Went to Galt after cards.

31 Funeral at two o'clock.

Apr. 9 Took papers of ___ lot sold it to Peter Humphrey

10 back to Jim Hills papering

13 To Galt to get papers fixed up from selling my ~~45-F.~~ house and lot

15 Fixing top of horse stalls at Oscar Roseburghs

17 Shingling at George Whethams. Aunt Polly Main's funeral

19 At Nelson Culhams to syrup social

23 Shingling Henry's barn, **24, 25, 26,** got done

29 Working at Nelson Culhams - dummy waiter **30. May 1**

May. 5 Got Medicine for Mother.

6 Plastering & papering at Nelson Culhams

7 Papering at Mr Laymans

9 to John Perrigans working at barn

11 at Chas. Tutton patching barn roof

23 At Perrigans tearing down last part of ~~barn~~ barn

June 24 Shingling at Perrigan's and **25**

26 Working at Alberts. **27, 28, 29,**

July 1 Working at Alberts **2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

" 7 Went down to Truman's in the auto

8 Went to Hamilton with Oscar in the auto to Toronto on the boat Gordon McDonald got hurt.

9 Gordon died this morning

11 Gordon's funeral

12 To William Keachie working at barn 13, 15, 16, 17 18 19, & 20

22 at Will Patricks levelling joice 23, 24, 25 26 27

29 Shingling at John Perigan's 30 31

Aug 1 Shingling near done.

2 At Will or Bill B Keachie floor over shed

5 to John Perrigans fixing barn floor 6th

7 Alberts at barn. 8th.

9 Uncle John & I cutting {illegible}ow ?

10 framing this afternoon

1912.

Aug 12 At Alberts working at barn. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 19, 20,

21 raisin barn this aft.

22. 23 Putting on sheeting all day.

25. Irene Annie & I went to river to day.

26 sheeting 27

29 Putting on roof boards all day.

Sept 1 Irene & I out wheeling

2 part day at Alberts

3 Shingling all day 4, 5, 6, 7,

8 Annie Irene & I went back to Forest Mills to day.

9 At Alberts barn. 10

12 Patched roof of Orne Mains house.

14 Stephen Moffat & I went Freeport to see stabler ?

15 Irene & I wheeled back to cemetery.

16 Worked at Will Patricks 17. 18, 19, 20, 21

22 Irene & I went up to Oliver's pond.

23 Worked at Will Patrick plastering 24, 25 26 27 28

29 Irene & I up to Harvie's

30 at Wm. Keachies putting in window sills

Oct 1 Will Patricks getting ready to cement. 2, 3, 4, 5

7 " " cementing all day

8. got done

10 At Robert Arthurs levelling cow stabler, 11, 12,

14 Cement at Robert Arthurs 15, 16,17, 18, 19

20 Irene & I to Harvie's for dinner Went for a drive out to the river.

21 At Arthur's cementing all day. 22

23 finished in middle of morning. to John Perrigans working at root cellar

28 to Harry Roseburgh to put up drive shed.

31 Levelling & getting ready to cement

Nov 1 2 at Perrigans

Nov. 4 John Perrigan's cementing all day. 5 6. 7. 8. got done

11 to Wm. Keachie getting ready to cement 14. 15 16

17 Irene & I down to Truman's

18 At Will Keachies levelling and cementing

19 Cementing

Nov. 20 Cementing

21 At Alberts started to put in stanchions Worked there **22. 23.**

25 Worked at Albert's

26 at Stephen Moffats **27, 28, 29.**

Dec 3 to Stephen Moffats cementing all day. **4. 5.**

6 laying floor in granary

7 Making bins

8 All went to Cleves in auto for dinner

9 to Wm Patricks - granary bins. **10, 11, 12 13 14**

15 Irene & I wheeled up to Harvie's t-day.

16 At Will Patricks To Miss F Tutton's funeral.

17 To John Perrigan started to put in box stalls **18, 19, 20 21**

23 Went to Hamilton in the auto back at night.

24 Took apples to Galt brought home lumber

26 Working at stoop at Peter Humphreys **27, 28.**

29 church

31 working at cutter. Up to Harvie's

1913

Jan. 6 to John Peregrine worked there **7, 8, 9, 10, 11 13 14.**

15 At Will Patricks started to put in cow mangers **16 17, 18, 20, 21 22 23 24**

25. Went to Hamilton on my wheel come up in the little auto at night

26 Irene & I went to Harvies on our wheels

27 At Will Patricks at barn. 28 29 30

31 root cellar

Feb 1 At Harvies fixing root pulper - put handle in are fixing barn doors

3 At Will Patricks to St George to see S Kitchen

4 5 Back to Stephen Moffats started to put in cow mangers worked there 6, 7, 8,

10 Went up to look at Milroys farm

11. McKenzies sale

12 Working at S Moffatt 13. 14, 15

17 to George Rickers to see about place

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1913

Feb 18 Down to Ray Humphrey sale.

20. to W. Keachies putting in cow manger

21 " " " " " " "

22 Went to Galt with Annie

25 Went to George Fords to Alex Burnett sale

26 Wm Keachies work at horse stable. 27, 28,

Mar. 1 Pulling in feed boxes 3 - Box stall 4 put in steps

5 George Ronalds sale.

6 To Hamilton to paper for Rosa

7 home on night train walked to Harvies

8 Annie & I went to Galt. At Gordon Scotts sale.

10 to George Robb getting lease for farm.

11 Annie & I to Galt at Knox manse to get married

12 Cleared out farm

13 Annie & I tapped to day

14 got wood for boiling

15. gathered sap & boiling some.

19 boiling sap.

20, 22 Annie cleaning house.

26 moved a load of stuff to farm

27. Tearing off wall paper

31 boiling all day.

Apr. 1 fixing fence

4 Fetched down stove

8 " down the cows

14 to John Hammond shingling **15 16 17 18**

21 plowing all day

6

22 To Ed Ellis's sale this afternoon

23 Papering at Nelson Culhams.

24 Disking for oats 25 Disking 26 harrowing

28 Got load of wood 29 Put log across creek

30 Fixing fence. fixing barn roof.

May 1 Plastering at George Mains. Put plank on chreek log

2 Shingling all day. **3** shingling all day.

5 Shingling at John Hammonds **6, 7**, got done.

8 fixing fence **9**

10 New cross piece in summer kitchen.

12 Putting new roof on barn at John A Cornell's **13, 14** got done.

15 Working at horse stable. To Glenmorris Sale

16 " " " " **17** horse stall

18 Annie & I back to cemetary.

19 Went over to Jirden's after some (seed) potatoes

20 Went to misses Harvies after some apples

21 Planting potatoes **22** " " Papering ceiling John Mewhinneys

23 To Truman's for windows **24** Plowing for mangals

29 Plowing the lot at Sheffield.

31 to Flora Main's funeral this afternoon

Jun 2 At John Studiman's shingling all day **3** same **4** Finished started hay shed.

5 4 Went to John Perrigans started to make barn doors.

6 Putting up ladders.

7 fixing fence.

9 At John Perrigans

10 At Truman's building wall for silo all day.

11. Puttin on big barn doors

NOTES . NOTAS

June 16. to Elgin Patricks to shingle barn. **17, 18** got done

19 Working at Wm Patricks **20 21 23 24 25 26** raise this aft. **27. 28. 30**

July 1 started to shingle

2 At John Studimans **3** At N. Haid working on cow stable

4 Shingling at W. Pat **5** Took bull up to Harvies

7. Scuffling

9 To W Keachie putting up track for doors

11 Nellie Harvies funeral

14 Drawing in hay all day **17, 18, 19** coiling

21 Drawing in hay **22 23** Cutting wheat

30 to Smith Buchanans to thrash for Miss Harvie

Aug 4 Broke Binder

11 to Galt to get part to cement mixer

12 Down to creek bridge at Sagers old place put under posts

13 To Hamilton to Britania park seeing them build a house in a day

14 Oscar went all around the Bay in auto we all went

15. To Stoney Creek in auto on mountain looking at lots

18 Painted Black Boards at school

19 Went to Geo Rickers to paper.

25 Ploughing all day **26, 27, 28** finished

29 Disking for wheat.

30 Helping Henry thrash

Sept 3 sewing wheat 4 to Lavenders sale

6 worked at cement mixer all day also **8th, 10 & 12th 15th 16**

17 Silo for Truman

Sept. 22 Started to work on bridge on 7th concession back of Doctors. on bridge **23, 24**

25 Fixing mixer 26 Working at Bridge

27. Started to cement at Bridge **29th**

Oct. 2 Putting on cement Top.

3 Finished bridge

6 to M Haid's to cement stables Digging potatoes.

9 cementing all day. 10 same

15. Digging potatoes & went to Rockton show

20 Papering parlor at home.

21 cementing **22, 23 24**

26. to Hamilton bought a tent come home in auto

27 Walt Smith's sale this afternoon

28 at Haid's working at cow stable

29 McWhinney's sale this afternoon

Nov. 4 At Misses Harvie's picking apples all day.

5 Robert Hatrick's sale

6 Shingling at Smith Buchanan's

7 at Earl Bonds cementing 8 all day.

11 Maggie Mulhollands funeral

13 Fetched home load of planks went back for another.

15 Horten's sale

18 fixing house roof at John MacDonalds

19 Dunns sale to day.

22 Went to Galt at night in the auto

Dec 1 to John Studiman's fixing chimney to Sale this aft ?

2, 3, 4 5½ put roof on John Perrigan silo and 6

10, 11. working at silo 12 1/2 and 13

15 Cementing John Hammonds Stable 16, 17 finished Ellick sale

18 Working at W. Patricks - 19, 20

NOTES . NOTAS

Dec 24 to swamp got tree. 25 Xmas tree at night

26 At W Patricks - pig pens 27 making window frames

31 Took Oscar Rosa & girls to Galt - going to St Thomas

1914

2 At W. Patricks 3, 5, 6 door on pig pen

8 Worked at Haid's 9 10

11 Anniversary services morning & night at Sheffield

12 At Haid's - got horse shod 14 to Branchton for coal

17 Annie & I went to Galt

19 At W Patricks **20, 21, 22 23 24**

27 Working at W Patricks **28 29 30**

Feb 2. Went up to see about renting Mr Barn{barts} farm

3 in aft working at W. Patricks **4, 5, 6,**

10 to John Perigrines **14** Annie & I went to Galt.

16 Odd Jobs **17, 18 19 20 21**

25 to Hamilton for boxes at the college. **28** Mr Henderson's SALE

2 Doing odd jobs **3 4 5** Bennetts sale **6**

7. To Branchton for coal, Annie & I cutting trees

9 Took logs to mill. **10** Making a yoke for sap

11, logs **12, 13 14** to Galt

16 Cleve MacDonald's sale **17** Tapping

19 Oscar Roseburghs sale

23. Chores **24** got colt. gathered sap. **25.** Boiling

26 Boiling **27** Cleve's presentation at night

28 Irene & Dorothy up - Boiling. **29** To church.

30 Boiling sap **31** chores & odd jobs.

Apr. 1 Walford's sale.

2

Apr 2 started to paint dinning room at Sheffield.

6 painting **8** Graining, **8** Varnishing

10 Papering dinning room.

13 At school house taking out the seats. Boiling sap.
15 Boiling 7. Taking up platform & started to put it down
20 fetched home wagon that I bought at Cleve's sale
23 started to plow 24 all day. 25 raining 27 plowing
29 to Menzies after stuff bought at sale.

May 4 raining 5 odd jobs 6 to Galt for load strips 7 hitched up colt

11 Back to Jim Hills all day papering. also 12th got done
14 Draw out manure 15 all day 16 disking
18 Sewed oats - Worked on garden. 23 planted potatoes
25 Drawing out manure 26 27 28 plowing 30 sewing mangals & corn

June 1 stretching wire fence across creek

2 Drawing out manure all day 3 4 5. cutting potatoes.
6 Papering parlor went to see Bertram Turnball
8 getting ready to put new roof on back Kitchen & woodshed.
9 Went to see house struck with lightening with Wm. McClure
10 To Elgin Patricks jacking up under barn 11 fixing sleepers barn floor
15 Worked at Elgin Patricks 16 planted corn & potatoes
17 Drawing gravel on road. 18 At Elgin Patricks 19, 20,
22 got old fence from school to make a pig yard.
23 At Albert's graining 24 At McClures plastering
25 To John Perrigans getting ready to make wall for house. 26. 27 working at wall
29 At Perrigans making sistern in cellar 30 Worked at McClures all day.

July 2 Papering parlor at Albert's **3 - 4** painting mower.

6 To George Fords making barn doors **7** cut hay

8, 9, 10 11 working at hay. Annie raking

13 got track for Will Patrick put it up. **15 16 17 18** haying

20 Cutting hay Annie raking me coiling

21 Drawing in hay all day. **24** Cutting wheat Annie shocking it up

27 † cutting hay & wheat **28, 29 30 31**

Aug 3 scuffling hoeing fix fence paper Kitchen cut oats

4 5 6 7 8 10, 11 12 13 14 15 All odd jobs

Aug 17 fixing fence drawing stone **18** cement box **19** plastering box

20 sharpen harrows **21** **22** doing some painting

24 plowing all day - **25. 26 27** went to Nickenson's sale on **7th**

28 plowing **29** to school after wheel on bell to fix

Sept. 1 odd jobs **3** At John Studiman's putting roof back on barn.

8 Got Nelson Culham's drill to sew wheat. **11** Digging potatoes. **14, 15,** at John Peregrines

16 Patering at Methodist parsonage. Wm Cronins sale

17. 18. working at John Peregrines

21 thrashing **22** put in straw. got load wood. **23** stanchions to Andy

24 & 25 working at Peregrines.

28 Putting on siding at Peregrines **29, 30** went to Henry Thompson's sale.

2, 3 working at corn

Oct. 3 Working at Peregrines **6, 7, 8, 9, 10** made gate put on

12 shingling 13 laying floor 14, 15, 16, 17 to Miss Hoods plastering

19 airsteps 20 21, 22 23 mixing mortar 24 built chimney

26 lathing - 27 lathing 28 to Washburns sale at Glenmorris.

31 getting potatoes in to day Nov 2 finished potatoes

Nov 3 at John Peregrine plastering 4, 5, got done

6 Work at John McDonalds

9 Work at Elgin Patricks 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 16 17½

17 fixing calf pens 18 19. 20 cementing 21 finished

23 Working at John MacDonald 24 25 26 To Ella's funeral

27 At Elgin Patricks cementing 28 finished

DEC 30 At John Peregrines put in windows - ~~plastering up stairs~~

DEC 1 plastered 2nd coat upstairs

3 started downstairs 4 all day 5 Finished

7 At John Perigan sink and cistern pump

8 Banister around stairs & cupboard in pantry.

3

1914

Dec 9. at Elgin Patricks working at horse stall 10 same

11 same 12 horse stalls 14 working at grainery

16 finished grainery 17 to Galt for chop 18 † killing chickens

21 - working at home 22, 23, 24 same

25. at Sheffield to day for Xmas. 26 to Galt for chop

28 Went to Rockton to pay takes 29 to Galt.

29 30. 31 at home all day.

1915

Jan 1 with sleigh & horses drove us all over to Branchton for dinner 2 to Galt for chop

4 voted at Branchton voted at Sheffield

5 Worked at Elgin Patricks 6, 7. 8 Killing chickens

11 At Elgin Patricks. 12 Drewed 2 loads wood home

13 Drawing wood. Andy helping me cut wood.

14 Annie & I to business meeting meetin at church 15 chores

18. chores 19 s worked at sleighs 20 same 21 Butchering calf

22 butchering pig 25 worked at sleigh 26 finished

28 Went to Branchton for load of coal 29 Butchering fat calf.

Feb. 1 to Galt with meat for John MacDonald.

2 Put tar paper in horse stalls 3 fixed turnip pulper

4 Went to look at Barnhardt's farm. 5 Annie & I went to look

8 fixing neck yoke. 9 Fix butter worker coveing box for Annie

10 2 boxes for books painting a gate

11 getting ready to move 12 odd jobs 15 moved potatoes

16 to Galt to see about sale 17 got sale bills

18 Got bills put up around Galt

19 Bills up at Glenmorris 20 To Trumans with Bills

March 1 got ready forenoon Sale afternoon

- 2 Moving stuff 3 moved hay. 4 Cow to Sheffield & some hay
- 5 Andy helping move stuff to Sheffield 6 got done moving
- 8 2 loads wheat to Galt in 1 horse sleigh

1915

March 9 - took 3 bags wheat in the cutter **10** Piling lumber behind barn

- 11 Down to Drew Nisbels to see about stoop. fixing pump
- 12 to Branchton after paint put pump in well.
- 15 Trimming cedar hedge in front of house trim apple trees
- 16 Got pole for ladder from Frank Studimans
- 18 sawing wood & helping Uncle John saw his split some
- 19 Splitting wood all day at home
- 22 to Wm Keachie's working at calf pen. **23, 24 25.**
- 26 Annie & I moving lumber. splitting wood. **27** Went to Branchton for coal.
- 29 At Wm Keachie **30, 31** went to sale at McPhaters

April 1 worked at Nelson Culhams. Annie & I to Rockton to sale.

- 2 " " " "
- 3 Helping Oscar put ~~saw~~ car to gether
- 6 We went to Branchton put glass in windows
- 7 Worked at Elgin Patricks **8 - 9.**
- 10 to Galt to get teeth fixed To Billy Bonds to see about barn
- 12 Put in cow manger **12 13 14 15** Papering at Miss George Main
- 16 cement cistern **17** framing woodshed **19** Raising back Kitchen

20. 21 22 Papering at Orne Main and **23.**

23 To George Fords to fix barn doors

23 " " " measuring - Digging garden

26 - Put on rafters **27** roof boards **28 29** shingling **30** Building chimney

May 1 finished shingling **3** - Laying floor **4** Putting the ceiling in back Kitchen

5 Put in partition made foundation for drive shed.

6 making doors **7** Put in doors **8** Put on ridge board

10 Working at barn **11. 12** Shafts **13, 14, 15** Made big wheel

17 At Elgin Patricks & Trumans **18** Started to make ladder

19 Finished **20** to John Perigrine **21** -

22 At Elgin Patrick making barn doors put on.

24 Working at John Peregrine **25, 26 27 28** at John Reids

29 Cementing sistern got done **31** - chimney at John Peregrines

June 1 to Wm Bonds working at barn **2** - **3.** Made screen door

4 Working Plates all day. **5** big beams **7** Working at W Bonds

9 At John MacDonald. Hewing out some beams. **10** getting foundation ready

11 - 12 doing mason work **14** same **15** same **16**

17 At Wm Bonds framing **18** leveling foundation **19** got done

21 A Wm Bond making ladders **23** Working on siding **24 25** same

26 Put in Gable ends **28** Strawberry social **29** Roof boards

July 1 Shingling **2** Shinlgig **3** Finished roof. Put on big barn door

5 To John MacDonald framing cutting braces **6** raising

7 put on outside boards 8 same 9 finished gable ends 10 finished roof
13 Putting down floor 14 Made coops & stairway 15 Started Milk House.
17 Made big barn door & put it on. 19. Putting window frame in milk house.
18 Working at Milk house 20 stair steps. 21 - 22 Putting on barn door
23 to Andy Pullins made chimney on back kitchen

July 1915

26 at MacDonald's working at stable 27, 28. same
30 To Hamilton taking down partition in school
31 Took down glass partition.

Aug 2 Worked at John MacDonalds

3 To Hamilton took down Blk Boards. 4 Put up Office partitions
5 Worked at school. 6, 7. Worked at school.
9 To Hamilton worked at school all day. 10, 11, 12, same
13 Went to Toronto on the boat
14 Took Annie & girls to Branchton to tent out
16 Worked at school 17 moving down stairs 18 Fastening down seats.
19 Fastened seats put hooks in girls cloak room. 20 -
21 Taking down big pictures carryin them down stairs
23 To Nelson Culham to put roof on silo 24 inside silo
25 Myrtle Culham wedding.
26. 27 28 Working at silo
30, 31, shingling put in gothic window Sept 1 roof - shingling

Sept. 2 tear out wall for door. **3** cement walls **4** plastering

6 At Nelson Culham's working on silo. **7** silo

8 To Oran Main's to shingle house for Miss Barnhardt

9 Started to shingle house **10** Shingling and **11, 13,** shingling

14 Worked on chimney **15, 16, 17**

18 making eve troughs making doors

Sun 19 Walked to Scotts old farm.

20 At Oran Main's - home digging potatoes

21 - At Nelson Culham's plastering. **22** paint roof silo **23** shoot

24 worked at silo. **25.** Sale R. Knowles **26** To Branchton in auto.

27 To John Reids working at sistern load of hay from George Main

28 At " " plastering & cementing sistern got done.

29 cement window sills **30** same got done.

Oct. 1. at Culham started to paint - Rained Went to sale down 6th Concession

2 fixing my bicycle finished painting at Culham's

4 At John Reids levelling for cementing **5, 6. 7. 8** same

9 To Hamilton to see about a horse but did not get one

11 to John Reid's working **12, 13, 14, 15**

16 Papering ceiling in dining room.

18 Started cementing at John Reid's **19. 20. 21. 22. 23 25. 26 27**

28 Working at Elgin Patricks, **29. 30** Went to Galt.

Nov. 1 Working at Elgin Patricks **2** Cement water Trough **3** cementing

- 4 Started to paint church. To Miss McCall's farm sale bought 2 pair of sleighs
5. Paint all day at church 6 same 8

1915.

Nov. 8 Painting church today.

- 9 Made Trussels To Jeff Cornell's sale. 10 Painting 11. all day 12 all day.
13 Painting all day at church. 15, 16, 17. 18,
19 fixing cylinder & sucker for pump 22 - fixing cow stall. stall
23 to Wm Bond's getting ready to cement. 24 put in sills
25 Painting at church all day. 26 Same
* 27 Putting screen over tower window
28 Went to Trumans for dinner in auto
29 Painting 30 same

Dec 1 Painting - put in water pipe

- 2 To Henrys to thrash - after dinner.
3 to W Bonds make arch in house 4 Worked at house & barn window
6 Painting at church
7 At Wm Bonds put windows in barn.
8 Painting at church 9 same 10 painting at church got done.
11. Went to Hamilton stayed all night
12. To Albert's for dinner. 13 To Elgin Patricks working 14 same 15. made cement trough 16
Annie & I to Galt
16 continued Went up after my sleigh. 17 plastering trough 18 worked at doors
20 Got horse shod to Branchton to Al Haines - (wood shed) 22 at wood shed

23 Annie & I to Galt. 24 At Al Haines shingling.

25. All the folks here to day

27 At Al Haines working.

28 A John Cornells 29 At John Cornell's all day 30 To Ed Kempies & John Cornells

1916

Jan. 3 Put 2 new benches in back sleigh 4 To Henry's put box on sleigh

5 Went to Galt after furnace pipe for church. 6 put up pipe. Painted lamp & parts

7 made irons for front doors of church & put on. 8 To George Ford's & Galt

10 made hooks for church doors & put on.

11 made skid to take dirt out of cellar. Filling in well

12 To Henry's rods for pump

13 Fill in well, clearing out cellar got well done.

14 Down to Aaron Mains making door thru brick wall

17 Put pump in well.

18 started to make storm windows for house - very cold.

19 worked at storm windows Annie & I went to Reids & Perrigans & MacDonalds

20 To Aaron Mains building a chimney.

21 Plastering p room at Aaron Main's to day.

22 " finished

23 Drove Mona over to Branchton to Pullins awhile awhile

24 Taking dirt out of cellar. Over to farm where we used to live getting hay fork track

25 To Branchton working on John Cornells house shutting up door & window & started to sheet up a room up stairs 26. 27 same 28 Finished

28 congregational tea in church at night

29 Miss Harvie's Birthday party.

31 Working at John Cornell's house.

Feb. 1. 2 finished for a while.

3 put partition Wm Patrick

4 cellar steps " "

5 working at pantry " "

1916

Feb 7 worked at church. Annie & I to Branchton

8 to Wm Patricks working at house all day, **9, 10, 11, 12**

21 to Steve Moffatts to see drive shed.. Started doors for J A Cornell Bookcase

22. Working at doors

23. Take axles of democrat to Henrys to fix.

24 Annie & I to Branchton at night

25 Got wood at Laymen's

28 Drawing wood from Laymen's

29 Took Annie to Branchton to go to Hamilton drawing wood all day. Went after Annie at night

Mar. 1 Drawing wood all day finished it.

2 To Elgin Patricks after load of corn

3 To Galt for lumber for house.

4 To Henry's to fix chain

6 Got load corn from E. Patrick's Business meeting at church.

7 working at cellar.

8 To Branchton working at John Cornells house 9 painting today.

10 Papering for John Whetham

13 Work at John Cornell graining secretary{s} & painting 14. Painting

15 Papering kitchen 16 papering big room today.

17 At Oran Main's papering. To J Cornell put on border.

18 To Galt for moulding & to Branchton put it on.

20 To John A Cornell painting upstairs all day got done

21 to Elgin Patricks to make cupboard in pantry

22 Made boxes for flour & sugar 23. Put in place. 24 Working at cupboard.

25 making drawers in cupboard.

27 Drawing old lumber from John Reids to Branchton house.

28 At Elgin Patricks finished cupboard. 29 Making doors 30 Finished Bookcase started work at Barn worked at barn.

April 1. Sheeting stoop overhead. - grate over windows 3 steps in barn. graining bookcase

4 splitting wood.

5 A Trumans. papering kitchen

6 To Elgin Patricks after cement mixer. Annie & I to Branchton at house.

7 Taking dirt out of cellar 8 - down to Jirden's at night

9 Oscar's all up from Hamilton to day.

10 Work at Wm Bonds 11 12 13 14 15

17 To Wm Bond to put up woodshed 18 19 20

21 Papering at Layman's 22 Papering at Elgin Patricks

- 23 To Branchton for dinner
- 24 Papering parlor at Elgin Patricks got done
- 25. Papering all day at Peter Sickles Went to Hamilton with Oscar
- 26 Working at stoop papering ceiling upstairs
- 27 take plaster off Kitchen ceiling 28 Put cover over sun porch
- 29 enclosed back stoop came home at night
- 30 Annie & I drove down to Elgin Patricks around in White woods for flowers

May. 1 roofing 2 ceiling on kitchen home with Oscar Roseburgh

- 3 Doing jobs at home 4 To Wm Bonds fixing truck 5 Plastering Kitchen
- 6 working at truck 8 working at jobs 9 same 10 Papering Andrew McClure - Miss Tutton
- 11 Bought lot from Tom Cooley 12 Plastering Kitchen Wm. Bond
- 13 Put ventilator & ridge Bd on barn

MAY 1916

- 15, 16, 17, 18 Cementing at W. Bond.
- 19 graining dining room at Alberts
- 20 Papering dining room at Alberts
- 22 At J. MacDonalds moving partition
- 23 lath & plastering in bathroom
- 24 To Al Hanies building chimney on woodshed
- 25 Shingle Kitchen 26 Finished
- 27 Put glass in front door. At Hanies cut hole for stove pipe tear out chimney
- 29 Odd jobs at Elgin Patricks

30 Draw out manure on back lot.

31 Plow & plant potatoes.

June 1 plant potatoes all day got done

2 Plowing white washed kitchen helping plant trees at church.

3 to Galt. then harrowing.

5 Sowing mangols

6 Papering at Miss Drones

7 Odd jobs at MacDonalds got done

8 Started work at Wm Bonds at horse stables, 9, 10 finished

12 Jobs at Wm Bond. 13, 14.

15 At Wm Patricks started to shingle 16, 17, 19 got done

20 To Oran Mains fixing wall for Miss Barnhardt 21 Worked on road all day drawing gravel

22 To O. Mains finished wall. At home papering upstairs 23 Papering upstairs got done

26 Hoeing weeds out of mangels. 27 all day.

28 To John A Cornell to put piece on barn. 29, 30 same.

July 1 Roofing barn

4 {4 is written over 3} At John MacDonald. put up track for hay fork.

5 {5 is written over 4} To Stephen Moffatt to put shaft to run {"r^un"} washing machine

6 make big pulley 7 fixing washing machine & pump to run with engine

8 hoing mangels 9 Baby born to-day.

10 " " 11 To Miss Barnhardts patching barn roof. fix Hay Fork track (John Hammond)

12 fixing waterpipe S. Moffatt.

13 To Frank McKillogen to put up back kitchen 14 Worked at it all day
17 A " " 18 Shingling 19 cut door through 20 window frame
21 hoing potatoes. 22 hoeing 24 cut hay at Pleasant Grove School brought home.
25 Took berries to Galt 26 hoeing & picking berries 27 Took to Galt
28 Shingling at Smith Buchanans 29 shingling all day.
31 To John MacDonald drawing in wheat all day.

Aug 1 Drawing in wheat all day. 2 same - got done

3 at Smith Buchanans shingling all day. 4 same 5. finished

7 Fixing Andy Pullins cistern

8 To Elgin Patricks to put up drive shed 9. 10. 11. 12.

14 Helping John MacDonald to draw in oats.

15. At Elgin Patricks cutting rafters 16 17 18 19

21 Take out pump at Nelson Culhams put on new sillinder

22 To Elgin Patricks work on barn. 23. 24

25. At Baily Keachies to put up silo 26 put it up. got done.

27 Went to Salem to see Miss Ray

28 Elgin Patricks - at drive shed 29 30 31 Cement.

Sept. 1 started to fix well. 2 same

4 Picking pears Scuffled potatoes. Miss Harvie's funeral

Sept 1916

5 To St George at Clarence Harpers to raise barn

6 At Elgin Patricks to cement around well

7 Cementing & fixing pump. 8 Making water Trough. 9 plastering & cementin foundation for pump house

11. Putting up frame for pig pen 12 outside boards & roof. 13 working at pig pen.

14 To George Henry's Sale. 15. cementing - pig pen. 16 same

18 At Johannie Hammonds shingling 19 shingling 20 At noon to Truman's shingling

21 shingling all day. 22 same. 23 same

25 To Lockie MacDonald. shingle drive barn. 26, 27. finished North Side

28 To Truman's to cement foundation for stoop

29 Fixing lamp posts at church. To Bailey Keachies fixing well.

30 At Culhams papering dinning room today.

Oct. 2 A Smith Buchanans tearing out cow stable 3. getting ready to cement

4 Cementing cow mangers 5, 6, 7.

8 A Pullins for dinner 9 Working at Smith Buchanans 10 finished

11 odd jobs at home 12 At Frank McKilligan doors 13 Bought acre of woods from Frank Brown

14 Got horse shod pulled mangles 15 At Trumans for dinner 16 worked at Frank McKilligans

17 Worked inside 18 Make wood box. 19 fix pump 20 Put in cupboard. 21 Odd jobs

23 Worked at Wm Bonds 24, 25, 26 27 28 30 Dig potatoes 31 got done

Nov 1 A Smith Buchanan. 2, 3 got done 4 At Oran Mains 6 at Robt Oliver

7 to Frank McKilligan - 8, 9, 10 11 taking in mangles. Truman ploughing

13 To Oran Main's 14, 15, 16 Got Truman's horses went for coal set up coal stove

17 At Wm Bonds 18 20 21 22 At Frank McKilligans plastering 23 same 25 To Fred Browns got some doors

27 To Truman's started to make porch 28 same 29, 30, Working at stoop

Dec 1 At Johnnie Hammonds jacking up house **2** same got done **4** At home

5 Wm Dykeman's Sale. **6** At home **7** To John Perrigans then to Elgin Patrick started making pump house **8** at E Patrick worked on pump house all day. **9**. Storm all day

11 to Smith Buchanan after cow. **12** Took cow to Wm Bonds sold her. **13**. cellar all day

14 Andy Pullin helping work at cellar **15** same **16** same got done

18 Finishing pump house at Elgin Patricks **19** doors on stable at Wm Bonds

20 Went to Galt. **21** Took pigs to Galt. **22** at home **23** to Branchton for Oscars

25 The rest of them here for Christmas **26** To Hamilton on noon train Working at College fastening down seats **27, 28, 29** All jobs at College **30** came home in auto

31. To church. home all day.

1917

Jan 1 Annie baby Mother & I over to MacDonalds for dinner

5 Went to Hamilton on wheel worked at College **8-13** odd jobs **15-20** odd jobs

22-27 odd jobs **29-31** working **1-3** odd jobs **5-10** working **12-17** working

Feb.

19-24 odd jobs **26-28**

Mar 2 Mother sick Rosa did not come **3-7** Helping - **8** to Galt for Miss Culham for mother

9-19 helping at home. **20** helping saw wood at church. **21** - helping Albert.

22 Annie & I went to Galt - got baby's picture taken. **23-24** drawing stones.

26-31 Working on cellar wall & cistern

Apr 2-5 cement windows **6** started to make a crib for the baby and **7th**

10-14 Working around home. Mother not so well.

15 Mother died to-day at noon. **16** went for Cards. **17** Mother's funeral this afternoon

18 Splitting wood to 21

1917 April

23-28 worked on cistern 26 Destamona McDonald's wedding

30- MAY 1 - 5 odd jobs 7-12 - Oscar & I had my car out

14-19 odd jobs

21-26 Planting potatoes in back lot. cut grass at cemetery

28-31 odd jobs

June 1-2 odd jobs

4-9 odd jobs. 10 Annie & I to Branchton in auto

11-16 shingling 3 days make doorway & plastering

18-23 working on Ed Kemkes barn 24 Andy Pullins here to-day to cemete

25-30 working at barn

July 2 Culham picnic in our car.

3-6 At Ed Kemkes barn 7 fixing baby buggy

9-10 11 12 13 14 cementing 16-19 cementing 20 Thinning turnips

23 working - John Peregrines 24, 25, 26 27 28.

30-31 odd jobs

Aug 1 to Galt selling berries 2 cut hay 3 4 odd jobs 5 To Branchton after Addie Harvie & Billy

6-11 odd jobs & working at horse Stable for E Kemkes

13- Working at Frank McKilligan to 18th

20-25. Odd jobs 27-28-29-30- 31 building chimney

10-11, 12, put up tent for garden party. 13-15 odd jobs 17 - 22 odd jobs

23 Andy Pullins & Oscar Mains from Hamilton. 24 - 29 odd jobs including lathing

Oct. 1-6 odd jobs 8-13 including plastering 15-20 odd jobs (plastering)

22-27 mostly plastering 29-31 Plastering

Nov. - 1, 2 Plastering 3 taking out potatoes 5 odd jobs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 odd jobs

12, 13, shingling 14 15, 16, 17 odd jobs 19 Started drive shed at Steve Moffatts.

20 21 22 on drive shed 22 23 24 working at home 26 27 28 framing

Dec 1 working at home 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, worked at drive shed 8 Went to Galt

10 Making rocking horse for Harvie 11 Work at home 12 to Freelton to sale

13-14 At home 15 to Galt. 17 Fixing Harvie's rocking horse

18 Nelson Culham & I down to Will Smith's sale.

19 20 21 22 odd jobs 24 got load of coal

25 Went in auto to Hamilton Xmas dinner at Oscars

26 At school place to hang clothes. 27 finishing some pictures

28 29 odd 31 working at hand sleigh

1918

Jan 1 Went in auto MacDonalds for dinner

2-3-4-5 odd jobs 7- finished hand sleigh 8 Miseners sale

9 odd jobs 10 Walked to Branchton fetched Mr Mcnells horse home.

11-12 odd jobs 14, 15, 16, 17 18 19 odd jobs

21-22-23. 24 25 26 odd jobs 28-31 odd jobs Making BookCase

Feb. 1-2 work at Book Case 4 5 6 7 8 Worked at Book Case 9. To Galt

10. Cleve & Aggie out in afternoon. 11, 12- Book Case

13 Cairns Sale. Cleve & I went to Hamilton 14-16 odd jobs

18, 19, 20 21 22 varnished Bookcase Cleve & Aggie here 25 Elliots Sale

26, 27 28 Papering at R Martins

Mar 1 working at one of Mr Bonds housse - dormer window

4 Working in Galt at one of Mr Bonds houses. 5, 6, 7. done for a while

* 8 Cut wood. 9 to Galt aftr a piano for ourselves. 11 odd jobs

12 To Allick Harvies Started to make a box for democrat 13-14 democrat

15 odd jobs 16 To Swamp cutting wood 18-19 worked at democrat. 20-21 22 odd

25 to Kemps looking for a horse. 26 To Hamilton looking for a horse 27 also

28 Went to Branchton 29 Truman & I up to McKenzie to see a horse.

31 Oscars up all day for Easter.

April 1 Started to draw mail to Dundas. To Jirden for horse. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Drove mail

7 Andy & Hattie out. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Drove mail 15. mail. 16 painting bedroom

17 mail - finished painting bedroom 18 started to paper bedroom 19 same 20 same

22-23-24- drove mail odd jobs blow up tires on auto 25 mail Annie & I to Branchton

26-27. To Elgin Patricks papering dining room 29-30 Drove mail. Painting good bedroom.

May. 1-2-3-4. drove mail odd jobs 5. Oscar's up this aft.

6 mail. dig garden 7 mail put in our garden 8 mail odd jobs 9.10.11 mail

13 drove mail 14 15 sold horse to Herb Buchanan. 16 mail 17 papering for Aggie at old parsonage. 18 drove mail 21- Helping put up store house at Cond's store

22 23 24 25 Taking mail 27 mail. plow lot 30 sowing corn 31 planting beans

June. 1 sowing turnips & mangels 3 mail plant potatoes. 4 mail plant corn. 5-6-7-8 mail

10,11,12,13,14,15 Drove mail worked at John Perrigan

17. 18 19 20 21 22 Drove mail " " " " 24 25 26 27 28 Aunt Elize Main funeral

July 2 Drove mail Helping Mr McClellan pack for moving. Strawberry Social at night

3, 4, 5, 6 drove mail. cementing & plastering 8-12 drove mail working at hay rack for John Perrigans

13 mail. scuffling potatoes. 14 up to Aunt Marys in Oscar's car. 15 - mail - John Studimans

18,19,20 mail working at veranda at Charlie Tuttons. 22. 23. 24. 25 26. mail - veranda

27- mail papering at Mrs Bonds. 29. 30, 31 mail odd jobs

Aug. 1 mail S S picnic at Dundas. 2, 3, mail E Patrick chop box. 5 mail Finished chop box

6 mail - shingling Henry's barn 7 mail John MacDonald's stoop. 8 mail cementing

9 same 10 mail finished cement. 12 mail to Galt to see old stoop at Imperial Hotel

13, 14 15 mail working at stoop. 16 17. mail J McDonald drew in spring wheat oats

19 mail Helping MacDonald's draw in oats 20 same 21 mail cement cellar 22 same

23. mail help Cleve to turn barn around 24 same 26 same 27 same 28 mail helping Cleve with barn. 29 mail Mr Martins stoop. 30 mail woodshed. 31 mail chimney

Sept. 2. mail chimney 3 same 4 same 5 mail finished chimney 6 mail worked on chimney

7 mail washed auto Annie & I to Galt. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 mail odd jobs 16 mail cut corn

17 mail 18 mail Mrs Berkart roof. 19 mail Sam Munson's grainery 20 same 21 mail Branchton

23 mail working at Sam Munson's 24 same 25 mail odd jobs 26, 27 28 same

30 mail set up corn

Oct. 1 took mail worked at Ed Kemkes 2, 3, 4 mail at Kemkes 5 mail Went to Galt after Abbie & Lorne

7, 8 mail cementing 9 mail Annie & I went to Rockton show. 10, 11, mail cementing

12 mail - to Galt to buy chairs for Aaron Main

14, 15, 16 17 18, 19 Took mail and odd jobs 20 No Church on account of influenzie 21 mail.
odd jobs - .. 26 got done

27 No Church to day 28 mail - Cleve's hen pen 29-30 same. 31 mail plast cellar

Nov. 1 mail - Cleve hen pen 2 mail - Hamilton put in window 4 mail Smith Buchan{an}

5, 6, 7 8 mail odd jobs 9 mail Rosa pantry 11 Took mail odd jobs to 16

18, 19, 20. 21 22 mail. fixing platform for entertainment girls coming from Hamilton

23 mail Truman & I got load of wood. 24 Oscar's & ourselves to Cleve for dinner

25 26 27 28 29 30 took mail did odd jobs George Grummett sale

1918

Dec 2 took mail 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Took mail did odd jobs

8 Oscar's up we all went to Desta's for dinner

9, 10, 11, 12, 13. 14. took mail worked at Bridge

16. 17 18 19 20 21 mail. did odd jobs

23 24 mail odd jobs. 25. Cleves & Alberts here for dinner

26 mail. made ladder to light church lamp outside

27 mail odd jobs 28 same 30 and 31 same

1919

Jan. 1 mail Irene & Dorothy here 2 At Drs fixing pipe for toilet 3 mail Sweets hay

4. mail put up coal stove 5 At Albert's for dinner Oscar up. 6 mail asked Truman for horses
to draw hay. 8 mail got hay 9 mail. to Kirkwall - Mr Leckie away

10 mail to Kirkwall to get horse shod. 11. mail Annie & I to Branchton to see wreck

12 church to Alberts for dinner 13. 14, 15, 16 mail every day worked on W Patricks garage

17 mail paid Mr Leckie 18 mail 20 mail down to Truman's to telephone

21, 22, 23, 24, 25 mail odd jobs **27** mail papering for Mary Culham **28** mail papering

29 30 mail odd jobs oyster supper at Nelson Culham **31** mail

Feb 1 mail 3 4 5 6 7 8 mail fixing things (**4** Took Colin Cross to Branchton)

10, 11, 12 13 14 15 mail odd jobs **17. 18. 19 20 21 22** mail odd jobs

24, 25. 26 27 28 took mail odd jobs

March 1 mail odd jobs **3** mail making rocking horse for Harvie **4** mail papering at Johnnie Hammonds the dinning room **5, 6,** same **7** mail took car to get engine cleaned. **8** mail odd jobs **10, 11** mail Smith Buchanan sale **12, 13** mail

14, 15 mail odd jobs **17, 18** mail Frank Laymens sale **19, 20** mail Hugh Ronald's sale

21. mail settled up with Wm Bond **22** mail Took Annie over to Hatties **24** mail To Tom Norman papering dinning room **25** mail finished **26** mail papering bedroom Mrs Charles Tutton. **27** mail fixing railing at Andy Pullins **28** mail finished papering

29 mail. Annie & I to Branchton taking stuff out of house **31** mail at Charles Tutton

April 1 mail lathing & put on door **2** mail plaster **3** mail 2nd coat plaster **4** mail - Smith Buchanan

5 mail working at partition **7** mail - home doors & windows **9** mail fix furniture

10 mail plastering **11-12** mail at Smith Buchanas **14** mail plastering **15** mail Clements sale **16** mail fix rocking chair **17** mail papering at old parsonage for Albert

18 same **19** mail to Galt for lumber for church platform **21, 22. 23** mail odd jobs

24 mail set out maple trees in front & back lot. **25. 26** mail & odd jobs

28 mail fix a couple of bottle wagons for H{aine} & Wallace. **29** mail odd jobs

30 mail broke bands on car.

May 1 mail **2, 3** to Elgin Patricks papering **5** mail James Humphrey papering

6 mail to Galt & Preston. **7** mail dug out front walk to make cement one.

8 mail Sale at Clyde **9** mail odd jobs **10** mail Annie & I to Galt to sale

12 mail started to fix choir platform. 13 mail at church 14 same 15, 16 Same

19 mail 20 21 mail working on drain. 22 mail to Russell Hatrick 23 24 same

26 mail 27. 28. 29 30 odd jobs 31 plowing odd jobs

June 2. mail papering Mrs Hatrick 3 mail papering Robt. Garrocks 4 mail. Sale Walter Ferguson

5 mail papering Mrs J Hays 6 mail planted corn & Turnips 7 mail finishes Mrs Hays

8 To Brantford to see Uncle John. 9 mail work at church 10, 11. 12. mail work at church.

13 mail made tables for church. 14 mail painting at church 16 mail odd jobs. 17 same

18 mail papering at Wm Bond's 18 mail picnic at Guelph. 20 mail papering Jim Ellis

21 mail papering at Jim Ellis 23 mail painting at W Bonds 24 mail church platform

25 Took Annie & ladies to Millgrove to Convention 26 mail Len Raymer scuffling my ~~corn~~ potatoes

27 mail. hoeing garden 28 mail drawing in hay I got from George Whetham

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30 mail painting at church

July. 1 mail papering at Mrs Russel Hatricks 2 mail finished papering

3 mail fix hay fork track at John Studiman's 4 mail & 5 mail drawing in hay

7 mail 8 9 19 11 12 mail haying finished 14 mail fix binder 15, 16, 17, 18 mail odd jobs

19 mail picking berries 21 mail berries 22 mail worked at Cecil Culhams 23 same

24 mail fit pump at Cecil's. 25 mail picked berries 26. mail. place for calf. scuffling

28 mail patching J. Perrigan's roof. 30 mail Building chimney at Wm Bonds 31 same

Aug. 1 mail got horse shod. 2 mail finishing chimney. 4 mail scren for windows for Mrs Hatrick

5 mail to Geo Tucker tearing down stone wall at corner of barn. 6 mail Building wall 7 mail - wall

8 mail - wall under barn 9 Annie, Harvie & I back to Puslinch lake. 11 mail finished barn walls

13 mail taring barn roof at Miss Bonds. 14 mail put pump in cistern 15 mail At Dr's pit cement top

16 mail at Dr's cementing 18. mail finished cementing 19 mail - tents for social. Dorothy and another girl 20 mail getting ready for cement walk 21 same 22 to Galt with plums & pears 23. mail. Down to Port Dover Annie, Harvie & I. 25. mail working on walk 26, 27. 28 29 mail & working on walk

Sept 1 mail finished cementing 2 mail George Johnsons plating cement cistern 3 mail top for cistern 4 mail 5 mail odd jobs 6 mail Annie, Harvie & I went to Mohawck Park

* 8 Drawing stone 9 Drawing gravel 10 Drawing sand. 11 Cementing walk in front of house

12. At Nelson Culhams at Elgin Patrick fix pump. 13 At Nelson Culham - walk 15 cementing all day

16 FINISHED sidewalk 17 levelling cellar. 18 At School worked at cement Foundation

19 to Hamilton surprise party for Rose's 20 Working at school 22 23 same 25 cutting corn gathering hickory nuts 26, 27, worked at school 29 iron post in cellar. 30 putting up Book racks.

Oct. 1 Drawing gravel 2 started to cement 3 got done to Hamilton stayed all night 4 To Toronto & back

6 odd jobs & 7 - 8 picking pears - 9, 10, 11. odd jobs

* 13. To Dundas to Aaron Mains golden wedding in Dundas park. 14 Painting 15 Digging Potatos

16 to Galt with pears 17 Drawing corn from Andy Pullin for ourselves 18. Plastering

20. Working at Mr Tuckers - home to vote. 21 Cementing 22 Mr Tucker 23 new floor in dining room

24 took mail for Mr Riddle 25 - Laying floor all day got done

27. Papering dinning room Mis H. Whethams. 28, 29. 30, odd jobs. 31 Papering parlor Miss H Whetham

Nov. 1 Patching barn roof. 3 A George Robb's framing an implement Bldg. 4. 5. 6. 7 Framing Picked 2 barrels of apples 10 At Geo. Robb. 11, 12, 13 14. working at barn. Miss Hood Sale - 15 outside lumber. 17 Pulling Turnips 19 George Main's funeral. 20 21 21 worked at Barn. 24 25 26 27 28 worked at doors Plastering 28, 29 all day.

Dec. 1 At Firman MARTINS Plastering all day. **2, 3, 4 5.** odd jobs

8 At Mr Robb making wall in milk house **9** At Milk house **10** Henry died early this morning **11** odd jobs **12** Henry's funeral. **13** Went for straw **15** At Oran Main - stove pipes **16, 17, 18 19** papering **20** all day **22** papering to George Mains sale. **23** Took pigs to Branchton **24** At Xmas tree **26** At Oran Main's papering all day. **27** same **29, 30** papering At Oran Main's. **31** At school meeting

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Jan. 1. Making trussels for church tables

2 At Oran Main's - At Andy Pullin "bee" cutting wood.

3 Oran Main's floor. **5.** floor, coal & voting. **6** Andy's horse drawing coal

7. Floor Oran Mains **8, 9** same **12, 13, 14, 15.** working at floor. **16** finishing

17 Fixing shelves in closets **19** Take up parlor floor Oran Main **20** same

21 put down floor **22, 23 - 24** working at closet. **26, 27.** odd jobs **30, 31** graining

and varnishing

Feb. - 2, 3 varnishing **4** fix pump at Nelson's Culhams **5** made 2 benches

6, 7 odd jobs **9** At Oran Main working in barn **10** Barn & house **11** Varnishing **12** At home

13. Door on pantry for MacDonalds **14** straw from MacDonalds. **16** skinning a rabbit.

17 fixing & greasing harness **18** same **19** Brought coal & plastering **20** Cutting wood **21** same

23 odd jobs **24** cutting wood **25** same **26** Got horse from Jirden **27, 28** Drew 2 loads wood.

March 8 Odd jobs Oran Main **9** Papering at Cleve **10, 11,** odd jobs. **12** to make little garden seeder

22 odd jobs **23** Elgin Patricks papering bath room. **24** papering painting. **25** Barn roof at Garrocks **26, 27** shingling roof. **29, 30, 31.**

April 1 2 3 odd jons **5, 6** splitting wood **7** At Oran Main graining floor papering bath room **8, 9** odd jobs. **10** finished trimming hedge. **12, 13** odd jobs

14 To Heny's babys Funeral. 15 odd jobs 16 papering at Shavers 17 same. 19 at Oran Mains and 20th 21 splitting cedar. 22 fixing doors. 23 At Firman Martin helping roof a house.

24 same all day 26 roofin 27 gone done 28 Working at Oran Main's 29 to Galt got lumber?

30 fixing front door Oran Main.

May 1 Odd jobs Oran Main 3 Willie Main's funeral 4 At Oran Main

5 Cut door at hall. 6 Made door. 7 Planting early potatoes. 8 At Mr Brown' garage Foundation

10, 11, 12 Painting at hall. 13 started platform for hall. 15. Cement floor for garage

17, 18, 19 gardening. 20 AT Hall painting 21 fixing at hall. 22. putting up garage for Mr Brown

31 making closet at hall

June 1, 2, 3, 4 5 Working at hall. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 working at hall all day.

14 working at hall 15 shingling at hall. 16, 17 18 19 gardening, hoeing. 21 hoeing

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22 Working at Culhams 23 At Oran Main's 24 Hoeing 25 fixing scales scuffling 26 hoeing

28 hoeing cementing 29 At James Culham.

June 30, July 1, 2, 3 Working at barn.

5 At James Culham barn. 6 same 7. At Cecil Culham. 8 Sale on market. 9 Culham's barn
10 also

12 Culham's barn all day, 13 same 14 Barn then to Rockton 15 same 16 To Hamilton
plastering part of ceiling upstairs. 17 At Hamilton 19, 20 working at couch Oran Main

21. Pine Grove School tear down woodshed 22, 23 working at wood shed.

24 fixing my shoes. Cut grass at cemetary. 26. At John Perrigans shingling 27, 28,

29 working at John Perrigan's 30, 31 same.

Aug. 2 picking berries 3 Work at Parrigan's 4, 5, 6, 7, same. 9 making couch for tent

10 cement at school. 11 To Galt with berries 12, 13, 14 Working at stoop all day

16 finished stoop at John Perrigan's 16 17 To School at Littles Corners 18 To Rockton to work at drill hall. 19 Planks for cement 20 cementing 21 At School roof and shingling

23 24 25 26 27 working at framing. 28 shingling at school 30, 31, cementing

Sept. 1 To school, finishing cementing 2 To Will Thompson at OrKney to cut trees for timber

3 some framing 4 at Rockton 6, 7 8 9 10 working at framing 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 framing

18 tightening braces 20. School Fair 21 odd jobs 22. 23. 24. 25. board in

27, 28, 29, 30, finished Roof boards shingling

Oct 1 Snowing all morning 2 shingled all day. 4 5 6 shingling got done 7 truss rods

8 Put in glass painted sash. 9 making door for drill shed 11 door & windows

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12 At Troy making cellar frames for Geo. Robb. 13 Went & Rockton Show

14 A Drill Hall 15 same. 16 pulling mangols 18 Roof on hen pen

19 Working at Rockton 20 21 22 same

23 odd jobs

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at George Robb's house shingling 26 Odd jobs 27, 28, 29, 30 Working at house all day

Nov. 1 odd jobs 2 To Branchton 3 Took pigs to Branchton. 4 5 6 working at Geo Robbs house

8, 9, 10 At Geo Robbs 11 Wm. Cronins sale 12 home jobs 13 drawing cornstalks

15 At Troy working at house 16 same 17 Annie & I went to Nelson Culham fix pump

18 home jobs 19 working upstairs 20 Put on 2 doors 22-27 working at house.

29 - 30 Dec 1 - 4 Shingling & working at house. 6, 11 working at house 13 - 17 At house

Dec

18 To Galt. 20 - 23 At house 24 to Galt 25 Had Xmas dinner at Albert's 27 to Rockton horse shod. 28, 29, 30 Down at George Robbs plastering

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Jan 3 at Geo Robb plastering 4 put on 2nd coat 5 same 6 fix shelves 7 lathing

8 fix stair put windows in barn 10 Looked at Harv Whetham's barn, getting ready for tea meeting. 11 Cleaning up at church 12. Geo Robb 2nd coat of plaster 13. barn

14 finished at barn. put on doors. 15 put in window glass & fix catches 17 Put up Bannister

18 Made book case. put in wall. 19 Working at bannister 20 same 21. lathing & plastering small room down stairs 24 plaster 25 fix mantle. 26 lathing in parlor 27 same

28 finished fixing our doorbell 29 Cement in front of fire place 31 At Andy Pullins making new barn doors {Feb 1} At Mr Kregors sale 2 to Rockton sale

Feb. 3 to Hamilton 4 around all day. 5 Oscar fetched me home 7 to A Pullin putting on barn doors 8. to Little{e} Corners school sheeting inside 9 At school working

10 To George Robb to put in dumb waiter 11 dumb waiter. 12 worked at pantry

14 At Cupboard. 15 Got load of hay. 16 At cupboard. 17 to Branchton to Geordie MacDonald's funeral. 18 At Pantry 19 same 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. worked at cupboard all day 28 Plasteing parlor to day. 1 To Frank McKilligans sale 2 2nd coat plaster

March 3 A Peter Sickles sale 4 Working at house all day. 7 to Roy Robbs sale 8 started to build back porch 9, 10 same 11 To Galt to get horse shod. 12 working at home

14, 15, 16 worked at porch 17 papering at Culhams 18 Bushe's Sale 19 Plastering at Pine Grove school 22 Got some maple trees to set out on other lot 22 Got oats to Galt to chop.

23 At Mr. Robbs papering 24 At Andy Pullins started trough in stable 25 working at trough.

26 to Harve Whetham measuring for barn 28 Making wheels for dumb waiter

29 Got straw to a sale 30 Annie & Harvie & I went to Branchton 31. Fix house at John Kreagars

April 1 Working at house 2 Working at house 4, 5, 6, Working at house. 7. to a Sale.

8, 9. working at Mr Kreagors house all day. 11. 12 13 14 15 16 raised rool etc. 18 trim apple trees 19 to Will Ure Sale. 20 made 2 window frames 21. 22 working at house.

25. 26. 27 28 working at house all day. 29 To Jim Humphreys papering all day. 30 got done

May. 2 Helping Cecil Culham put wheel on Wind Mill. 3, 4. 5, 6 working at wall finished

9 Framing Kitchen 10 plastering cistern 11 At Harve Whetham 12 finished 13 Mr Kreager

14 Drawing out Manure on our lot to day 16 started to plow 17 finished 18 At M Kreagors

19 At Baily Keachies papering 20 same - got done 21 At Kreagors 23 Building chimney

24 planting Potatoes 25. 26 27 28 shingling - got done 30, 31 Work at house

June 1 lathing 2 3. 4 same 6 to Geo Robbs making screens 7. 8 9. lathing

10. 11 Working at house 13, 14 lathing. 15 16 17 18 plastering all day.

20, 21 22 23 24 25 plastering all day 27 Our baby born to-day.

July. 1 Plastering down cellar

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July

June

2 To Hamilton to beach 4 to John Perrigan fix hay fork Track

4 Hoeing potatoes 6 AT Kreagors plastering cellar. 7 At Kreagors plastering Hoeing

8 Work at home 9 raining again 11 Picking berries 12 fix J. Perrigans barn pick berries

14 To Galt with berries At Culhams - Take out partition 15 Pick berries 16 Took to Galt

18 Picking berries 19 Pick in aft. 20 To J Perrigan To make back stoop 21, 22. same

23 Shingling 25. Work at J P. 26 finished stoop. 27 Work at home 28 Work at Pleasant Grove school tear out platform put down flor 29 flooring 30 At School

Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Working at school, 8 whitewash ceiling. 9, 10, 11, 12 13 At School.

15 At Mr Kreagors at cupboard. 16 A Kreagor then to school 17 Plums to Galt. Took Harvie to picnic. 18 Put up Slate boards 19 Work 20 Painting at school. 21 Harvie & I thru Alberts old place. 22, 23, 24. Painting at school. 25 To Henry Blakes to fix barn roof.

25 Blakes finished at noon - swept school floor 27 Oil floor & paint blackboards 29, 30 working around school. 31 To Nelson Culham to fix stoop.

Sept 1 Working at stoop 2. Same. 3 Working at school 5 worked at N. Culham. 6 worked at stoop

7 started to fix silo 8 to Geo Robb putting top on sisterns 9. At N Culham Silo

10 To Galt. At sale 12 Silo, sink at house. 13 Silo 14. Mr Kreagor - cellar window

15,16. Work around house. 17 To Galt 19 To J MacDonald fixing silo 20 To G Robb plastering

21 Work at stoop 22 Put up wall 23 Put cement cellar steps outside done for awhile

24 Harvie & I went to Hamilton on the wheel 26 dig potatoes. 27 Pick Pears took to Galt 28 Dig potatos 29 Pick pears took them to Galt 30 raining

Oct 1 Mrs McGreagor shingling on barn 3 Mrs McGreagors shingling. A O. Main pig troughs

4 Worked at pig troughs. Down to Trumans after some corn. 5 At Harv Whethams getting ready to cement 6 cementing 7 sweeping at church 8 At H. Whethams cementing

10 Make wheel burrow to take wood in church 12 Harvie & I went to Rockton Show.

13 Working at H. Whetham's 14, 15, 17 18, 19, 20. 21, Work at cow mangers. 22 finished Pick a barrel of apples 24 Pulling mangols 25 Cement to sale at Troy 25 fix pig pen O. Main

27 At J Perrigans making water tank higher 28 Working at Water tank 29 same 31 water tank

Nov 1 Fixing pump 2 At Wm Bonds putting in pipe 3 At Geo Robb. rained. 4 Put potatoes in cellar

5 At Geo Robb working at stoop 7. To Branchton for coal. Started stove 8 To Geo Robbs working at stoop - snowed. 9 Went for calves 10 AT Church 11. To Geo Ford's Sale 14 At Geo Robb 15,16 same

17 Puttying glass 18 Making ladder for myself 19 Put sill in Window 21 Geo Robb putting on siding

22,23 working at stoop **24** around home **25** sweeping church Frank Cooper's Sale **29** At Dr Seaton's making partition in Kitchen **29** At Nelson Culhams pipe in sink **30** At Geo Robb working on stoop.

Dec 1 Working at John Perrigans **2** At Seaton's finishing job **3** Working at John Perrigans **5** At Rich Bonds fix barn doors **6** Got coal from Branchton **7** At N Culham working at pipe **8, 9, 10.** same **12** At N.Culham odd jobs **13, 14, 15** Got done, **16** Got straw at Branchton Taking wood in church.

19 Started to make a forge **20** At Rich Bond odd jobs **21, 22** same **23** Taking wood in church

24 Sweeping at church. Oiling floor at Pleasant Grove school **26** Macdonalds & Alberts here for Xmas dinner

27 Working at Rich Bonds **28** same **29, 30** Odd jobs at home

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Jan 2. AT Desty's for dinner **3** Odd jobs at home **3** AT Rich Bonds ~ Barn floor **5** finished floor **4** box stall

6 Working at blower for forge. **7** Went to Galt on wheel **8** Anniversary Service **9** Tea meeting

10 Sweeping & cleaning **11** Working at forge **12** forge. Sale on 7th concession

13 Work at forge **16** Got mangols & straw at Mrs McGreagors **17** odd jobs at home **18** same

19 Jobs around home **20** Went to Hamilton in our car Trumans went with us **21** around home

22 Church - drove minister to Kirkwell. **23** odd jobs **24** odd jobs **25** Cleaning up woods at swamp **26** Cutting wood all day **27** same **28** odd jobs **30** Cutting wood **31** To Mrs. Hammills funeral

Feb 1 Back at swamp. **3** odd jobs **4** To Galt in car. At Church **5** At Alberts for dinner **6** cutting wood

7, 8 Cutting wood all day **9** To John Perrigan fix pump **10** Back to swamp cutting wood

11 Up at Church **13** fixing window screens **14** Milton Culham started to draw wood home

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Feb. 15. Back at Woods all day **16** Odd jobs at home **17** Ats Swamp. **18** Back at swamp
20 Back at swamp. **21** John Whetham funeral **22** Work at home. To Oran Main fixing pipe. **23.**
To Howells Sale **24** odd jobs at home. **25** At swamp all day. **27** At Swamp. **28** odd jobs at home
Mar 1 Piling wood at Culham farm. **2** To Galt around home

3 Working around home. **4** Up at church in aft. **6** to Copetown with carpet then to Hamilton **7**
Piling wood at Culham farm. **8** At Henry Hookers Sale **9** Down to Alberts cutting wood - At Cecil
Culham **10** Putting inside closet **11** went to Galt on my wheel. **13** To Johnie Hammonds fixing
cupboard in pantry. **14** cupboard all day.

15 same **16** finished cupboard. **17** Working at Cecil Culham **18** Painting at C Culham

20 At Nelson Culham papering **21** Cecil Culham painting. Tearing floor out of vestry.

22 At Culham papering all day. **23** At Culham painting, some graining. got done **24** C Culham
graining hall floor to Troy to Sale. **25** At church putting down new floor

27 To Branchton at Al Haney's making coal bin. **28** At Fred Brown's papering

29 To Sale near Preston **30** Papering all day at Fred Brown's **31** Papering all day.

Apr. 1 papering all day got done **3** Oiling floor at Church **4** At Harve Whethams papering

5 Papering dinning room **6** Papering all day **7.** got done papering **8** Varnished floor at church
fix washing machine went to Galt. **10** To Oran Main trimming hedge. **11** To Miss Mewhenney
papering **12** to Orton Robb papering **13** Making screens **14** same all day. **15.** To Hamilton with
car. Colin Cross with us **17** Painting bedroom at home. **18** At Orton Robbs odd jobs. **19** Oran
Main odd jobs **20** To Dundas to Miss Mains funeral.

21 Cutting wood fixing fence, pile wood. **22** To Trumans papering all day. **24** splitting wood.

25. To Mr Kreagars to make hen roost. **26** same all day. **27. 28** all day got done

May. 1 to Jim Eilers working at pantry. Same **2, & 3,** **4** to Mr James papering dining room

5 Painting & papering **10** papered bedroom got done. **11** To Jim Eilers working at pantry

12 got done middle of afternoon - splitting wood. **13** splitting wood drawing out manure. at home.

15 Papering bedroom upstairs for ourselves 16 Took cattle to pasture. 17 At Miss Bonds papering some ceilings. 18 At John Hammonds papering parlor. 19 At Dunk Russels papering set out strawberry plants 20 Splitting wood 22 Splitting wood sowing mangols.

23 gettin corn ready. 24 sowing corn planting potatoes.

25 Went to Galt plastering white washing papering 26 To Oran Main putting on screen doors 27 Went to Hamilton to day. 28 Annie went to church. 29 Papering at Alberts 30 Finished) papering for Miss Drone. 31 Making screens for Oran Main

June 1 Back to Kirkwall to induction 2 Papering at Alberts Papering at H. Whetham

3 finished screens at Oran Main's 5 fixing Baby Buggy. 6 To N. Culham started to tear down shed. 7 Working on shed. 8 working on shed. 9 started wall 10 Working at wall. 12, 13 14. Working at wall finished 15 Put on foundation 16 getting ready to build 17 Building in joice 19, 20 21 22 23 24 framing 26 framing 27. Raising 28 started to put on siding 29 same 30 roof Boards

July 1 To Hamilton to Culham picnic 3. Cleaning out barn 4 At N. Culham put on roof boards

5 Shingling 6 shingling & working at barn. 7. 8 working at barn 10 To Hamilton went to circus. 11, 12, 13 Working at barn. 14 Drawing hay from Truman

15 Picking berrie took to Galt 17 Picking berries 18 Took berries to Galt.

18 Working at Mr Kreagor 19 to Mr Geo Robb odd jobs. 20 Ceiling on stoop 21 Picks Berries 24 Pick berries took to Galt 25 26 Went to Guelph farm picnic

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