Diary of Angus S. Bauman Elmira Ontario Canada

This "Diary" commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year 1904 A.D—20 July 1919.

Blots excuse, mistakes forgive; Think of the writer as long as you live. It can be recalled by the older folks that the light of day was very much darkened in the afternoon of the fifth day of September, 1881, caused by smoke of a great fire in Michigan.

#### Newspaper articles included:

Do You Remember Big Snow Blockade? Signet Apr. 11, 1946 Start of Century was Excuse for Whoopee Dec. 32, 1949 Recalls Stormy Winter of 1904 January 1934 Signet

# 1904 January 1904 A.D.

- 1. Figured at Beef Ring Sheet. AM. Pointed flynet laces PM.
- 2. Dunged the stables AM. Parents in town. I helped at flynets PM.
- 3. SUNDAY: Louis Brox brought Laura Speath here AM. Nobody here PM.
- 4. I started to go to school. Father went over to Grandfather's and paid Lavina's bills in the stores.
- 5. I at school. Father butchered at Grandfather's. 30 below zero.
- 6. I at school. Father butchered at George Bauman's. Deep snow and high roads these days.
- 7. I at school. Father was in Waterloo and Berlin to buy leather for harnesses. A little fire in school house.
- 8. I at school, scholars practiced for the "Fire Drill".
- 9. Dunged the stables. Improved road for sleighing.
- 10. SUNDAY: Father, Eli and I were at Meeting. Parents at Eli Martin's.
- 11. I at school. Father worked in his shop. Wm. Jacobi's were here.
- 12. I at school. Father thrashing at Louis Beisel, ¾ day.
- 13. I at school. Father thrashing at Louis Beisel 1 day.
- 14. I at school. Father thrashing at Louis Beisel ½ day.
- 15. I at school. Father put double windows on Grandfather's house.
- 16. "Beef Ring" was held today. Deep snow. Stormy in the evening.
- 17. SUNDAY: All at home AM Isaiah was sick. Parents at Grandfathers PM
- 18.1 at school. Father at Enos Martin patching harness. Elias Bauman started to work in the foundry.
- 19.1 at home to feed. Father at Enos.
- 20. I at school. Father came home in the evening and brought mother's bonnet.
- 21. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 22. I at school. Father shoveled snow off the barn roof.
- 23. Dunged the stables AM. Father and I went thrashing to Geo. Bauman.
- 24. SUNDAY: I visited Grandparents. Rest at home.
- 25. I at school. Father in town AM, worked in the shop.
- 26. I at school. Father butchering at Joe Ernst's. Trains blocked.
- 27. I at school. Father worked at harness and made a stable for a hog.
- 28. I at school.
- 29.1 at school. Father worked in the shop. Louis Weber died.

- 30. Dunged the stables. Father worked in town.
- 31. SUNDAY: All at home AM. Parents at Noah Bearinger's PM

# February 1904

- 1. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 2. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Brakeman on the G. T. R. had a misfortune about 1 ½ mi. south of Elmira.
- 3. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 4. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 5. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 6. Dunged the stables. Father in town in the afternoon.
- 7. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Meeting. Rainy today.
- 8. Lat school. Father at fair AM, worked in the shop PM.
- 9. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Rueben Bauman here today.
- 10. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Addison Beisel (married?).
- 11. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Dav. Hoffer got tugs patched.
- 12. I at school. Father in town awhile.
- 13. Dunged the stables AM. Father & I thrashing at Geo. Bauman PM.
- 14. SUNDAY: Aaron Weber's & their little boys, Israel Cressman's and Mo(?) Sam & Percida Eby were here. Isaiah & I were at Noah Martin's.
- 15. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Cold & stormy.
- 16. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Cold. Rumple's factory burned.
- 17. I at school. Father worked in the shop.
- 18. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Harness goods arrived today.
- 19.1 at school. Father worked in the shop. Fine weather in the evening.
- 20. Dunged the stables. Father worked in the shop AM. Parents in town PM.
- 21. SUNDAY: All at home AM. Father & Isaiah at Noah Gingerich's awhile PM.
- 22.1 at school. Father worked in the shop. Sam Hoffman's funeral.
- 23. Lat school. Father butchered at Rueben Bauman's.
- 24. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Stormy in the evening.
- 25. I at school. Father worked in the shop AM. Father & Rueben at Peter Offer's sale PM.
- 26. I at school. Father worked in the shop & in town in the evening.
- 27. Dunged the stables. Father & Rueben went in search of horse.
- 28. SUNDAY: All at home AM. Parents at Grandparents awhile PM.
- 29. Father at Noah Martin asking him to see horses in.

#### MARCH 1904

- 1. I did chores. Father & N. Martin saw & bought a horse in Peel.
- 2. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Rueb. Fetched some of his ham.
- 3. I at school. Father at Grandfather over night, he was unhealthy.
- 4. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Levi Weber fetched his harness.

- 5. Dunged the stables. Menno fetched father over to Grandfather who was very ill this time.
- 6. SUNDAY: Father came this morning from Grandfather. All at Meeting. Hy. Martin's & Jno. Hintz's here for dinner. Parents at Grandparents in eve.
- 7. We boys cleaned wheat. Father at Fair AM, at Fear's sale & bought a circular saw, Jack & belt. Father at Grandparents in the evening.
- 8. Father all day at Grandparents.
- 9. Geo. Came over & told us that Grandfather died. Parents & Isaiah went over.
- 10. Father & I drawed a load of wheat to mill. Parents & I at Grandparents.
- 11. Dunged the stables. Father & Isaiah at Grandparents. I lengthened horse bands.
- 12. All at Grandfather's funeral, his age was 71 years, 11 months, 21 days. Isaiah & I went home to feed at noon & then went over again.
- 13. SUNDAY: All at home AM. Parents went to Aaron Weber's and fetched Amos Cressman's and took them to Eli H. Bauman's for supper and thence to Wendel Bauman's for the night.
- 14. Father & I fetched the saw & Jack at Fear's AM Father took a load of oats to George to get it chopped.
- 15. I at school. Father took grain over to George & helped to chop.
- 16.I at school. Father at Grandmother looking after Grandfather's stuff. Mild weather.
- 17.1 at school. Father away in search of a horse & bought one for \$120 from E. Massith in Peel.
- 18. I at school. Father took a load of oats to Geo. & got it chopped. Father worked in the shop.
- 19. Dunged the stables AM. Father worked in shop, Mother, Eli & I in town & at Grandmother PM.
- 20. SUNDAY: All at home all day.
- 21. I at school. Father, John, Aaron & Joe Ernst at Berlin in the register office to get Grandfather's will registered.
- 22. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Thawing.
- 23. I at school. Father drawed 11 pigs out to Elmira AM. Father helped to thrash at George ½ day.
- 24. I at school. Father at George thrashing 3/4 day.
- 25. I at school. Father at Grandmother; the sale was 1 year ago, that Grandfather had
- 26. Dunged the stables. Father worked in the shop.
- 27. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I were at Jones Martin's for dinner. Eli was at Dav. Cressman's. Mary Ann Weber was here.
- 28. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Mild weather.
- 29. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Mild weather.
- 30. I at school. Father worked in the shop. Thawing.
- 31. I stopped going to school. PM. Father worked in the shop. Raining.

#### **APRIL 1904**

- 1. GOOD FRIDAY: Father at Meeting. I was sick.
- 2. Father worked in the shop. I varnished the harness. Father got done making harnesses today.
- 3. SUNDAY: EASTER: Parents, Isaiah & Eli at Meeting.
- 4. Worked small jobs. I took a mare (Minnie) to town which was sold for \$100 to Geo. Auman.
- 5. Father worked in the shop. I split wood & helped father in shop.
- 6. Father & I worked in the shop, I oiled belt.
- 7. Father, Isaiah & I sawed wood in Grandmother's bush. Mild.
- 8. Father, Isaiah & I sawed wood in Grandmother's bush. Rain PM.
- 9. Worked in Grandmother's bush. Rainy at noon.
- 10. SUNDAY: All at home AM. Elias was here for supper.
- 11. Isaiah & I helped to drive Geo's cattle to town. Father at Fair AM, at Grandmother PM. Isaiah & I in bush.
- 12. Father, Isaiah & I in Grandmother's bush making wood.
- 13. Father & Eli took 5 pigs & 1 calf out to town, then we drove our 5 fat cattle out at a little over \$.04 per lb. & sold a cow also for \$.42. Father & I helped thrashing at D. Hoffer PM. Bought a cow from J. Bowman.
- 14. In bush AM. Father & I at Hoffer thrashing PM.
- 15. Father helped to move Separator over to Geo. AM. Father filed circular saw PM. We all have gripp.
- 16. Father filed at circular saw AM. Gave horses exercise PM.
- 17. SUNDAY: All at home. Moses Eby was here for supper.
- 18. We 3 all day in bush.
- 19. We 3 all day in bush. A. Erb died.
- 20. Hitched colt to sleigh & went to town. AM. In the bush PM.
- 21. We 3 all day in bush. Fine weather.
- 22. We 3 all day in bush. Geo. Helped a little PM.
- 23. Parents & I at Alonzo Erb's funeral AM. Father fetched 6 bu. seed grain from Day. Hoffer.
- 24. SUNDAY: Noah Martin's were here for dinner.
- 25. We 3 all day in bush.
- 26. We 3 all day in bush. Geo. helped today.
- 27. We 3 all day in bush. Geo. helped today.
- 28. I helped to clean grain at Geo's. Isaiah & father helped Joe Ernst hauling in roots from pit AM. Joe helped us cleaning grain.
- 29. Cleaned seed grain AM. Fetched 8 bags of potatoes from George's and took J. Ernst's fanning mill home.
- 30. Father & I helped sawing wood with our circular saw at Rueben's AM. Father in town PM. Dav. Sauder's child died.

## MAY 1904

- 1. SUNDAY: All at the meeting. Parents at Wendel Bauman's for supper.
- We oiled harnesses. Dav. Sauder's child got buried.
- Worked on the field. Isaiah white washed fence. I patched house roof & worked small jobs. Rueb. was here to put hams in sacks.
- 4. Worked on fields. Isaiah white washed fences.
- 5. Father cultivated & sowed all day. I digged post holes.
- 6. I in Elmira AM., at Hy. Gingerich's raising PM.
- 7. Worked on fields. We had Geo's team to roll with, I took them home.
- 8. SUNDAY: Rueben Bauman's, Elias & Grandmother were here, Isaiah & I were at Amos Gingerich's for dinner, at Hy. Horst's for supper.
- 9. I worked at Geo's—harrowing.
- 10.1 worked at Geo's—rolling. Cold these days.
- 11. I worked at Geo's AM—harrowing.
- 12. ASCENSION DAY: Parents at Dav. Cressman's.
- 13. We worked on sugar beet patch. Rainy in evening.
- 14. Ganged our wheat field AM & PM. Father cleaned butcher shop.
- 15. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Aaron Weber's, Hy. Brubacher's were here for supper.
- 16. Father fetched Geo's team AM. Worked on fields PM.
- 17.1 rolled with Geo's team. Father cultivated.
- 18. Isaiah went to Geo's to roll. Rained from 11 o'clock til evening.
- 19.1 got a pair of teeth pulled. Father helped to white-wash kitchen. We sawed stakes PM.
- 20. We rebuilt lane fence all day.
- 21. Isaiah & I rebuilt lane fence all day.
- 22. SUNDAY: Parents with Grandmother & her covered buggy went yesterday to Jacob Bauman's for dinner, Eszra Bauman's for supper, Jno. Bauman's for the night; At Martin's Meeting AM, at Enos Bauman's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper.
- 23. Rebuilt fence. Father finished sowing PM. Thunderstorm last night. Mary Ann Weber was here over Saturday & Sunday. I took her home this morning.
- 24. Father & I helped to wash Meeting House AM. We fetched rails to the lane fence. Peter Beisel's wife got burried.
- 25. Cultivated & harrowed beet patch, sowed sugar beets PM. Took drill home in the evening. Sold 3 hogs.
- 26. Ploughed mangold patch. Rainy PM. Others rebuilt lane fence.
- 27. Gathered chips & old rails in lane. Dr. Bechtel cut a horse's shoulder open. Harrowed & rolled mangold patch.
- 28. I ridged AM. Father sowed mangolds PM. We rebuilt fences.
- 29. SUNDAY: Parents, Isaiah & I were at the Meeting AM. Levi Weber's, Eszra Martin's & Martin Bauman's Jr. were here for dinner.
- 30. I ploughed potatoe patch AM. Cut potatoes & planted 22 rows.

31. Planted 7 rows potatoes AM. Father at Grandmother PM. Drawed manure on corn patch PM. Bert Martin, Leah Sauder & Martha Martin here awhile. They came from Pennsylvania.

## **JUNE 1904**

- 1. I in town AM. Father at Grandmother PM. We white washed hen house. Rainy.
- 2. Father prepared for cementing at George's. We tinkered in the wood shed. Rainy.
- 3. Father prepared for cementing at George's. Peter Martin was here to make wire fence. We prepared for butchering cattle.
- 4. Parents at Grandmother at the meeting. Grandfather's clothes were divided among the children. We sawed an old log pile in bush.
- 5. SUNDAY: Parents at Conestogo Meeting, visited Dilman Martin's, Eli at Aaron Weber's. Isaiah & Lydia at Jno Frey's.
- 6. Took a load of chopping to Geo. Got it chopped & some of Geo's. Isaiah took father to Dan B. Martin to built a rack lifter. Isaiah & I cut thistles at Geo's PM. Noah started to go to school.
- 7. Mother, Isaiah & I at meeting. Some Statser were there. Preacher Peter Imhoff. Deacons Ub. Nighcomer, Michael Shaum; one Leash & Coppas were also there AM. We cut thistles at George's. Dan B. Martin brought father home.
- 8. Father at Geo's to built a concrete tank. We cut thistles.
- 9. Father worked at tank at Geo's. We cut thistles.
- 10. Father worked at tank at Geo's. Geo, Menno, Isaiah & I drawed wood out of the bush. Slaughtered beef in the evening.
- 11. Father worked at tank at Geo's. I prepared corn patch for sowing.
- 12. SUNDAY: I at Sarah Bauman, Isaiah at Dav. Cressman, Eli at Daniel Bauman's for dinner. Father at Hy. Brubacher & N. Martin for a while. Leah Reist was here.
- 13. Father at Geo's. I ploughed fallow.
- 14. Worked on turnip patch. Geo Auman bought 3 fat calves.
- 15. We sowed turnips.
- 16. Father cementing a Geo's. I ploughed fallow AM. Cut thistles PM.
- 17. Father cementing at Geo's, we cut thistles. Slaughtered Beef
- 18. Father cementing at Geo's. I ploughed fallow AM. Cut thistles.
- 19. SUNDAY: Noah Weber, Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting AM & PM, at Jno Bauman's for dinner at Enos Martin's for supper. Eli H. Bauman's were here.
- 20. Father at Geo's. We cut thistles. Rainy & thundered awhile PM.
- 21. Father in Berlin to get beef saw filed & to get his leather splitting machine. We cut thistles.
- 22. Drawed wood out of the bush nearly all day. I scuffled sugar beets in the evening. Father at C.P.R.'s meeting.

- 23. Father, Isaiah & I cleaned sugar beets.
- 24. Father had Geo's team hitched to the Road Machine on road all day. We cleaned sugar beets.
- 25. Parents at Hy. Gingerichs' child's funeral. Age 6 months, 23 days. We cleaned sugar beets.
- 26. SUNDAY: All at W.W. Meeting except Noah & I. Geo. Hoffman's were here for dinner. Isaiah & I at S. Peel Meeting PM., at Daniel Hoffman's for supper, visited Menno Wideman.
- 27. Father loaded gravel at the pit for the road, masoned at Sol. Reist PM. We cleaned beets.
- 28. Father at Sol. Reist masoning. We cleaned beets; I scuffled mangold.
- 29. Father at S. Reist. I at Hy. Lackner's raising. Ervin Beisel married.
- 30. Father & I at Geo's, I went home in the evening. Picked potatoe bugs. Rained PM.

#### **JULY 1904**

- Father at Geo's. We picked potatoe bugs AM. Cleaned some mangolds PM. Rainy.
- 2. Father at Geo's. We cleaned beets.
- 3. SUNDAY: Parents in Conestogo Meeting, at Dav. Martin's for dinner. Aaron & Amos Weber, Lizzie Bearinger, Lydia & Eli at Jno. Frey's for dinner, by us for supper.
- 4. Father at George's. I scuffled potatoes & some sugar beets. Rainy in the afternoon.
- 5. Father at Geo's. We cleaned wheat AM. Pulled Yellow Dock PM.
- 6. Father at Geo's. AM. Father & I fetched circular saw at Rueb. and the power at George's.
- 7. We set saw & power AM. Sawed wood PM. Rueb. & his laborer helped.
- 8. Father & I took power home in the morning. I scuffled sugar beets. Father fetched wood home.
- 9. Father & Isaiah at Rueb's to haul manure. I was at Hy. Horst's raising. Rainy.
- 10. SUNDAY: Parents at N.W. Meeting, at Mose Gingerich's for dinner. Eli & Lydia at Noah Martin's. The Rest at home. Fine weather.
- 11. Father & Isaiah at Reub., to haul manure. Father at Sol. Reist's raising after supper. I scuffled mangolds AM. Hoed potatoes PM. I scuffled potatoes in the evening. Eszra Bauman's barn struck by lightening & burned.
- 12. We worked in the inside of the barn. Rainy. AM. Father & I took a load chopping to George's. PM. A little cool.
- 13. Father at Geo's making a chop chist. We cleaned sugar beets. Hot weather.
- 14. I scuffled AM. Others cleaned turnips. I at Geo's PM.
- 15. I scuffled sugar beets AM. Others cleaned turnips. We at Geo's making hay. Hot.

- 16. We moved 2 rounds grass & moved fence corners out out AM. At George's PM. Hot.
- 17. SUNDAY Isaiah & I at Joshua Rudy's for dinner. At Martin's Meeting PM. At Enos Bauman's for supper. I. Brubacher's boys were here.
- 18. Hauled 14 loads of hay into our barn. Hot.
- 19. Hauled 7 loads of hay into our barn.
- 20. Hauled 16 loads of hay into Rueb's barn.
- 21. Hauled 14 loads of hay at Rueb's. Made 1 hay stack.
- 22. Finished hauling hay away at Reub.
- 23. Rainy AM. We cleaned turnips. Father cultivated fallow.
- 24. SUNDAY: All in W. W. Meeting, Joseph Gingerich's & Daniel Gingerich's here for dinner. Isaiah, Eli & I at Meeting PM. Aaron Bauman's were here for supper.
- 25. Father at Ab. Martin's to put a rack lifter up. We cleaned beets AM. Went to Geo to put in hay PM.
- 26. Father worked at lifters. Isaiah was at Geo's hauling manure.
- 27. Father worked at lifters. Isaiah was at Geo's hauling manure. I cleaned sugar beets.
- 28. Father worked at lifter. Rainy AM. I mowed thistles in the fence corners. Others finished cleaning beets.
- 29. I mowed thistles in the fence corners. The others pulled yellow dock. Father came home from Dillman Martin AM. I scuffled sugar beets PM. The others cleaned roots.
- 30. I scuffled roots all day. Others cleaned turnips AM. Parents, Eli, Lydia, Noah & Reub. Baumans at Ed Speath.
- 31. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Conestogo Meeting. Parents came home PM

# AUGUST 1904

- 1. Father went with Rueb. to buy a horse. We cleaned roots. Jno. & Lydia Bauman were here for dinner.
- 2. Father at St. Jacobs to see Jno. Bauman AM. Father fetched Geo's waggon. Drawed 17 loads manure out.
- 3. Drawed 9 loads manure out & spread some AM. I ploughed fallow, father in town PM. I received a \$9 watch.
- 4. I ploughed all day. Father painted buggy. Eli went to Geo AM. Father bindered at Geo. PM.
- 5. I ploughed. Father painted buggy. Father & Isaiah sharpened edge tools.
- 6. We cut barely, Menno helped to shock PM
- 7. SUNDAY: Noah Martin Fetched Lydia & carriage to go to Hy. Martin's Hy. Bauman's & Grandmother were here for dinner. Rainy.
- 8. Father went with Menno to buy him a horse for \$155. We cleaned turnips AM. We helped Geo. hauling in wheat about ¼ day. Amos Rudy & his mother were here for supper.

- 9. Helped Geo. Hauling in wheat about ½ day. I scuffled sugar beets PM. Father varnished buggy.
- 10. Drawed 3 loads of earth in front of barn doors in morning. Rainy at noon. Took a load of chopping over to Geo.
- 11. Father at Waterloo to get plaster. I scuffled AM. Father made carriage ready for a paint. I scuffled PM.
- 12. Father painted carriage. We hauled earth to mud holes & made the earth smooth in front of the barn.
- 13. Dunged the stables. Father painted carriage. Rainy all day. Thunder storm will hail stones at about 3.40.
- 14. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I visited Dav. Bearinger at Israel Weber's.
- 15. Father painted carriage. We hoed corn.
- 16. Fixed carriage together AM. A while in our jop PM.
- 17. We hauled in 11 loads of barely.
- 18. We hauled in 2 loads of barely. Cut oats & some mixture.
- 19. Cut mixture. Father bindered. Isaiah & I shocked.
- 20. Father in town AM. We dunged the stables. Father worked at circular saw. We dig up a drain. Some U.S. visitors were here: Joe Shirk & Frank Horst: Rainy last night.
- 21. SUNDAY: Peter Musselman got buried at Martins. Parents, Lydia & I at W.W. Meeting. Enos Gingerich's & Josiah Bauman's were here for supper & Samuel Eby also.
- 22. Rainy AM. Father worked at circular saw frame all day. Isaiah & I turned earth round in the yard. PM.
- 23. Father & I & team at Geo. thrashing AM. Set Machines at Joe Ernst PM.
- 24. I at Hy. Brubacher's thrashing ½ day. Father, Isaiah & team at J. Ernst thrashing. AM. ¼ day. We cut oats PM.
- 25. Father bindered at Geo. ¼ day. We shocked AM.
- 26. We shocked the shocks up again which were not wind prove. Father at L. Beisel thrashing till 5 o'clock then I filled his day up. Butchered.
- 27. Hauled in oats & barely and oats.
- 28. SUNDAY: Noah Weber, Isaiah & I at M. Wideman's for dinner, at Moses Martin's for supper. Aps. Martin's & Sarah Bauman here for dinner.
- 29. Father helped to thrash at Dave Cressman all day. Isaiah & I helped hauling in grain at Geo's.
- 30. Father, Isaiah & I hauled in grain AM. Cut oats & goose wheat PM.
- 31. Hauled in oats AM. Cut oats PM. Peter Good got buried today.

#### SEPTEMBER 1904

- 1. We drawed out manure all day.
- 2. Father at Ch. Esch thrashing AM., at Ph. Beisel PM. I was there from 5 to 6. Others butchered. Manuel Martin's baby got buried.

- 3. Set power & separator AM. Parents at Chr. Eby to see about her sore leg. We shocked PM.
- 4. SUNDAY: Parents at N.W. Meeting, at Henry Bauman's for dinner.
- 5. We thrashed AM. We drawed out manure PM. I ploughed after supper.
- 6. I ploughed AM. Hauled in grain PM.
- 7. Hauled in grain PM.
- 8. Ploughed all day. Father fetched Elias's horse AM.
- 9. Finished ploughing, harrowed & sowed.
- 10. I ganged AM Hauled in grain. Wm. Jacobe's here for supper
- 11. SUNDAY: Parents at Martin's Meeting with Grandmother at Dan Weber's for dinner, at Samuel Martin's for supper.
- 12. Isaiah & I at Rueb. ploughing. Father at Fair AM. Ganged PM.
- 13.1 ganged awhile AM. Isaiah raked. Hauled in grain, 2 hands of Rueben helped.
- 14. Harvest Meeting. Parents, Isaiah & I at W.W. Meeting AM. I ganged, father worked at circular saw frame. Isaiah walked to Rueben.
- 15. I harrowed AM & awhile PM & fetched potatoes. Father worked at circular saw frame.
- 16.1 raked AM. ganged PM. Hauled in rakings PM. Father fetched Isaiah from Rueben.
- 17. N.B. (note in aisle) forgot day somewheres in this week".
- 18. SUNDAY: Parents & Isaiah at W.W. Meeting. Martin Bauman's, Peter Ziegler's here for dinner. P. Ziegler's, Noah Weber & David Bearinger here for supper.
- 19. Ringed piggies in morning, I ganged. Father painted saw frame. Isaiah at Rueb. Isaiah & father painted window frames.
- 20 Fetched berries at Geos. & then I ganged. Had some rain.
- 21. Harrowed AM. Built frames around fruit trees. Father fetched jack & belt from Aaron Snyder.
- 22. Sawed wood with circular saw in Grandmother's bush.
- 23. Sawed Geo's wood with circular saw in Grandmother's bush. I helped thrashing at Fred Weigel AM.
- 24. Isaiah & I cut & shocked some corn. Parents at Dr. Eby below Berlin. Rain.
- 25. SUNDAY: Parents at Joshua Rudy's over night at Hy. Martin's for dinner.
- 26. Hauling in wood into shed & cut corn.
- 27. Drawed out to town 9 pigs at \$.05 a lb. Hauling in wood. Fine.
- 28. Three of us at Hy. Brubacher sawing wood with circular saw A.M. We hauled 6 loads of wood into Grandmother's shed.
- 29. Father & I at Rueb. to thrash AM. sawed wood with c. saw PM.
- 30. We sawed rails at Reub. AM., took c. saw to Geo. & took home to us Geo's waggon.

#### OCTOBER 1904

- 1. Gathered apples in morning. Drawed out 24 loads of manure.
- 2. SUNDAY: Parents & Lydia at Noah Martin's for dinner. Parents at Noah Bearinger's awhile PM.
- 3. We drawed out 30 loads of manure.
- 4. We drawed out 21 loads of manure. Rainy at noon.
- 5. We drawed out 4 loads of manure. Father fetched apples from Reub. Made cider apples ready. I in town. Took Geo's waggon home.
- 6. We let apples cidered & apple butter cooked. Made out ½ of the mangolds. Isaiah & I spread manure AM.
- Father at Chr. Esch thrashing all day, I filled his day from 5 to 6. Isaiah & I spread manure & made out mangolds. Butchered.
- 8. Father built 2 sugar beet tables AM. Isaiah & I spread manure, father helped PM. Dunged the stables. Some Rain.
- 9. SUNDAY: Lydia at M.G. Reist's, Isaiah & I at G.T.R. Station to see C.P. Railway Contrator's supplies, John Sittler got buried today.
- 10. Father fetched sugar beet lifter from Al. Lorch. Made out beets. Wm Spaeth & his Norman & Mary came this noon to visit. Drear.
- 11. Isaiah fetched Elias's horse, he & I then ploughed. Father & Eli made out the rest of the mangolds. Wm. Awhile at Aaron Weber's. Dreary & watery as in the spring.
- 12. Father took visitors to the station & s. beet plow home. Father at Geo. Picked apples PM. Rained a little.
- 13. Father improved horse blankets. Isaiah & I worked at apples.
- 14. Isaiah & I ploughed AM. Made out sugar beets PM.
- 15. Finished the season's butchering. Isaiah & I ploughed ½ AM. We made out some sugar beets PM.
- 16. SUNDAY: All at W.W. Meeting. Daniel L. Martin's, Enoch Weber's, Simion & Levi Martin here for dinner. I in the bush gathering beechnuts.
- 17. Isaiah & I ploughed awhile AM. we made out s. beets. Elias helped ½ day. Fine weather.
- 18. Isaiah & I ploughed AM. Made out sugar beets PM. Father fetched beet plough in the evening. Fine weather.
- 19. Lifted s. beets & took lifter home AM. Made out s. beets, Elias helped ¾ day.
- 20. We & Elias made out 2 waggon boxes' full of potatoes.
- 21. Elias booked for a beet car for us in the morning. Made out the rest of the s. beets. Father & I drawed out to Elmira station 4 loads of sugar beets.
- 22. Father & I took 8 loads of beets to station.
- 23. SUNDAY: Parents, Lydia & Noah at Grandmother
- 24. Father & Isaiah drawed 1 load of beets to station. I ploughed AM. we hauled in mangolds PM.
- 25. Isaiah & I ploughed some. Hauled in about 3 loads of carrots.
- 26. Father & Eli made out turnips. Isaiah & I ploughed. A snow storm.

- 27. Isaiah & I ploughed. Father at W. Alleman's sale PM.
- 28. Father, Isaiah & Eli fetched 2 calves from Alleman for \$27. I made out turnips. Hauled in 11 loads of turnips.
- 29. Hauled in 5 ¾ loads of turnips AM. I ploughed. Parents at Dr. C. Eby PM.
- 30. SUNDAY: I took Judith home in the morning. I a little at the station.
- 31. Father took out to town some chopping in the morning. I ploughed & Isaiah also awhile. Cut oat sheaves at noon.

#### **NOVEMBER 1904**

- 1. Father drawed a load of sugar beets to Sugar Factory, Test 15.6, tare 4%. I ploughed with the colts.
- 2. Father drawed beets to Factory, test 15% & tare 6%. I ploughed. Fog.
- 3. Father drawed beets to Factory & hauled pulp home. I ploughed. Fine.
- 4. Isaiah & I ploughed AM. Father fixed window panes. Loaded sugar beets in the evening.
- 5. Father & I drawed beets to the Factory & hauled pulp home. Foggy & rain in the morning. N. L. Martin fetched our carriage.
- 6. SUNDAY: Parents awhile at widow Benj. Martin. Eli at Aaron Weber's.
- 7. Isaiah & I ploughed. Father at the Fair. N. L. Martin brought our carriage. Noah Martin & father attended a sale near Erbsville.
- 8. I ploughed all day, Isaiah AM. Father & Isaiah at Chas. Widenhammers sale & bought sheep for \$3.50.
- 9. Father helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher. Isaiah & I ploughed a little & hauled home 2 loads of wood. Frozen.
- 10. Father at Geo. fixing our circular saw. Isaiah took a load chopping to town AM. Isaiah & I at Geo. to plough PM.
- 11. Collected stoned along the fences. I took Judith to Noah Martin's. Isaiah & I at Geo. & hauled home 1 load of small stones.
- 12. Father & I up in our swamp to cut 20 poles. Moses Cressman's & Eszra Cressman's were here over night. N. Martin brought Judith.
- 13. SUNDAY: All at W.W. Meeting except mother & Noah.
- 14. Father built a pair of rafters under barn roof. Hauled home some wood.
- 15.1 & team helped to thrash at Geo. all day, Isaiah helped at Geo PM. Father at Moses Martin sawing wood all day.
- 16.I helped to thrash at Fred Weigel ¾ day, Father at Reuben to butcher. Isaiah at Geo. to ploughed PM.
- 17. We 3 sawed wood at Joe Ernst till 10.15 AM. Isaiah & I ploughed at Geo. PM. Father at Reub. to patch barn roof.
- 18. Isaiah & I fetched 3 loads of stones from Grandmother's bush. Father helped to thrash at Ph. Beisel AM. Isaiah & I ploughed at Geo. PM.
- 19. Fetched Geo's waggon & hauled stones from Grandmother's farm & some of our own. Menno brought stones in the evening.
- 20. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I a little at Aaron Weber's PM. Little Reists were here.

- 21. Father at Hy. Brubacher carpentering. Menno brought a load of stones, We picked stones. Widow Jones Bauman got buried.
- 22. I ploughed at Geo's AM. Isaiah & I a little PM. Father at Hy. Brubacher all day. Menno at D. Cressman's thrashing for us.
- 23. Father at D. Cressman thrashing AM. Menno & I ploughed ¾ day. Elias helped PM. Father & Isaiah cleaned cistern.
- 24. Father, I & team helped to thrash at J. Ernst all day.
- 25. Menno all day, Elias AM. & Geo PM. Helped us to plough grassfield. Isaiah at J. Ernst hauling in corn.
- 26. Set power & Separator. Finished plowing, Menno helped. Butchered a sheep. Father & I took took flesh to N. Martin in the evening. Dav. Cressman's here for supper. Snowy.
- 27. SUNDAY: Jones Martin's were here for dinner. I a little at D. Cressman's PM. The rest of us at home.
- 28. We thrashed all day. 12 men.
- 29. We thrashed ¾ of a day.
- 30. Father at Reub. fixing granary AM., thrashed PM. I worked in the barn all day.

#### December 1904

- 1. Father at Reub. thrashing all day. Isaiah & I washed cutter AM. went to town PM.
- 2. Father at Reub. thrashing all day, I changed teams with father in the morning. I split wood.
- 3. Father at Reub. to chopp & brought the chopper AM. Father let horses shod PM.
- 4. SUNDAY: Israel Brubacher's were here for dinner. Isaiah, I & Judith at Grandmother awhile PM.
- 5. We chopped all day. Geo. helped with teams.
- 6. We chopped till about 10 o'clock. Levi Weber's here for dinner. Levi, father & I at Moses Bauman's sale, bought a light sleigh for \$30. PM.
- 7. Set machine at Dav. Hoffer. I took Judith to town AM. I & 2 teams at J. Ernst to chopp till 4 o'clock. Father painted cutter.
- 8. Father, I & team at Dav. Hoffer to thrash. Isaiah painted cutter.
- 9. Father, I & team at Dav. Hoffer thrashing till about 5 o'clock.
- 10. Father at Hy. Horst carpentering all day.
- 11. SUNDAY: All of us except mother & Noah at W.W. Meeting.
- 12. We at fair AM. I painted cutter. Isaiah went to Reub. to work.
- 13.1 & team at J. Ernst to jop ¼ day. Elias fetched his horse. I took mother to town. Father at Hy. Horst all day.
- 14. I painted cutter. Father & Judith at Geo. butchering.
- 15. Cleaned stove-pipes. Father filed & set circular saw.
- 16. Father changed pulley on saw shaft & varnished cutter.

- 17. Father at Jno. Martin to saw wood all day.
- 18. SUNDAY: Eli Martin's here for dinner. Father & Eli Martin at Noah Bearinger's awhile PM. Noah Martins awhile here PM. Judith & I at Aaron Weber's for supper. I at Wallenstein hill.
- 19. Made ready for butchering. Paul Martin's here for supper.
- 20. We butchered. Menno, Reub, Noah Martin & J Ernst & Geo's wife helped. Butchered 6 hogs.
- 21. We drawed butcher stuff home & drawed 3 logs to mill.
- 22. Drawed 4 logs to mill AM. Father fitted seats on light sleigh.
- 23. Father at Geo's fixing cement tank house nearly all day.
- 24.1 & team at Geo's to chopp ¾ day. Father salted hams. In town PM. Reuben brought Isaiah.
- 25. SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS: All at home. Cold & stormy.
- 26. Father at Geo's to fix water-works AM. Enos Cressman's, Eli Good's & Aaron Weber's here for supper.
- 27. Eli & I made the old wind wheel to pieces. Rainy.
- 28. Father let horses shod & at Eli Martin AM. Figured at Beef Ring sheet. The roads were very icy. Stormy PM.
- 29. I let a horse shod AM. Father at Eli Martin to saw wood.
- 30. Father, I & 3 horses at Geo to thrash nearly 34 day. Machine broke.
- 31. Father at Eli Martin to saw wood AM, at Ab. Humsberger to get plaster PM. Noah Bearinger's wife was here for dinner.

# *DIARY 1905*

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. SUNDAY AND NEW YEAR: Eli Martin's Jr. were here for dinner.
- 2. Father in town to square up debts AM, fixed stuff for separator.
- 3. Father & I made saw logs AM, at N.L. Martin hauling in a haystack PM. Sharp wind.
- 4. Father & I made saw-logs all day. Grandmother here to quilt.
- 5. Father & Ph. Beisel thrashing about 34 day.
- 6. We made saw logs AM. drawed some to mill PM.
- 7. We drawed saw logs to mill all day. Reub. brought Isaiah.
- 8. SUNDAY: All of us except mother & Noah at W.W. Meeting, I was also not at the meeting. Dav. Horst's & 3 boys here for dinner.
- 9. Father at fair AM. Joshua Rudy & Jno. Bauman were here for dinner. Father drawed Grandmother's logs to mill PM.
- 10. Father attended Amos Weber's sale. Widow Solomon Musselman got buried at Martins.
- 11. Father & Judith at Noah Martin's butchering. Dr. Ullyot died.

- 12. Father & I in Grandmother's bush making saw logs AM. Drawed logs to saw mill PM. Mild.
- 13. Father at J. Ernst butchering. I took scholars to & from school.
- 14. Father in town AM. Beef Ring Meeting PM.
- 15. SUNDAY: I at Ph. Beisel awhile AM. Took Judith to Grandmother awhile then to Noah Martin.
- 16. Father at Geo. to help to chopp awhile AM. Hauled saw logs & fetched Cressman's woodrack PM. I put hellebore on cattle.
- 17. Father fetched 42 bunches of shingles at \$0.65 ½ a bunch. One of the twins of Jacob Martin's buried today. Recevis Martins married.
- 18. Father took Cressman's wooodrack home AM. Father & I were up in our swamp to fetched poles.
- 19. Father fetched cedar posts from D. Ratz. We fetched 2 loads of sand from Breichly.
- 20. Father went with Geo. in search of horses. I fetched 4 loads of sand & Menno 2 loads PM.
- 21. Parents in town. Elias Gingerich's of Iowa, Noah Martin's & Henry Brubacher's were here for supper. We took M. Gingerich's rigg home.
- 22. SUNDAY: Parents at Grandmother for dinner. Amos Gingrich's here for supper.
- 23. Father & Geo. in search of horses all day. I took scholars to & from school.
- 24. Father & Geo. in search of horses nearly all day. Geo's wife here to guilt.
- 25. Father made ax handles. I took scholars to & from school. Cold & stormy.
- 26. Father worked in the shop. I took scholars to & from school.
- 27. Father made ax handles AM., he & I in town PM.
- 28. Father mend robes AM. Hitched colt to cutter PM.
- 29. SUNDAY: All at home except Judith, who I drove to Grandmother in the morning.
- 30. Father fixed separator & blistered a horse.
- 31. Father at Eli Martin to obtain an order for his harness. Father bought a mare from Isacc Martin. P. Ziegler brought old harness.

#### FEBRUARY 1905

- 1. Father made out harness bill. We fetched mare from Isaac Martin for \$135. Took Judith to Grandmother in the morning.
- 2. Father in town AM. Father, I & team at Geo. to thrash PM.
- 3. Father repaired at P. Ziegler's harness. I in town & at Grandmother.
- 4. Father to Elias in Waterloo to buy leather. Made a stable for a hog. Isaiah & I fetched a young dog for \$1.00 from Menno Wideman.
- 5. SUNDAY: Father, Judith, Isaiah, Eli & I at the Meeting. Eszra Bauman's were here last night.
- 6. Jacob Martin buried at N. Woolwich. Levi Weber's here for dinner. Worked in the shop.

- 7. Father in town & worked in the shop. Grandmother helped to guilt.
- 8. Father at Geo. to see water tank AM. Worked at A. Hoffer's fur mitts.
- Father at St. Jacobs to buy lamb skin. I at Floradale to get lining for mitts & fetched harness goods & scholars PM.
- 10. Father worked at mitts AM. Father & Judith at Jno. Bricker's daughter's funeral. I & team at J. Ernst about 2 hours. Stormy.
- 11. Father worked at Ziegler's harness. Isaiah & I fetched flour from Elmira & brought fur mitts to Aaron Hoffer in Floradale PM.
- 12. SUNDAY: Father, Judith & I at the funeral of Irvin Musselman. Elmira.
- 13. Father at fair & worked in the shop. Severely cold.
- 14. Father & Judith at Reub. to butcher all day. Severely cold.
- 15. Father & I worked in the shop. Reub. brought Judith PM.
- 16. Father worked in the shop. Bad roads. Trains blocked up.
- 17. Father worked in the shop making harness. Wm. Spaeth came.
- 18. Father worked in the shop. Isaiah & I in town.
- 19. SUNDAY: Father & Wm. Spaeth awhile at Aaron Weber's, at Jones Martin's for dinner at Noah Bearinger's for supper. Moses C. Martin's were here for supper. I took Judith to Grandmother.
- 20. Father took Wm. to Waterloo & bought leather. I took a cow out to Elmira for Auman for \$40. Mild weather.
- 21. Father worked at S. Ziegler's harness. I skinned old dog.
- 22. Father worked at S. Ziegler's harness. I split wood. Foggy.
- 23. Father worked in the shop. I split wood.
- 24. Father & I at Geo. to thrash all day. Sam Kinzie buried at Martin.
- 25. Father worked in shop AM. I & team & Reub. To chopp from 9 to 4.
- 26. SUNDAY: Wendel Bauman's & their boys & Daniel Bauman's were here for dinner. Stormy PM.
- 27. Father finished S. Ziegler's Nic. Plated harness.
- 28. Father looked for cows & worked at Josiah Martin's harness. I took Judith over to Grandmother in the morning.

#### **MARCH 1905**

- 1. Father worked in the shop AM. Father went with Reub. to Sol. Snider's sale PM. I split wood. Fine weather.
- 2. Father worked in the shop. Elias brought Judith PM.
- 3. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned a tree. Reub. fetched Judith after supper. Fair weather.
- 4. Father worked in the shop. P. Ziegler fetched harness. Mother & I in town & at Noah Bearinger's awhile PM. Clear weather.
- 5. SUNDAY: Father, Lydia, Isaiah, Eli & I at W.W. Meeting. Hy. Martin's & Elam & Lydia Ann Gingerich here for dinner.
- 6. Father & I fetched a heifer for \$40 from W. Bauman AM. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned apple trees PM. Fine weather.

- 7. Father & I & team at Geo. to thrash all day. Judith came home PM.
- 8. Father took sheep (\$.75), & dog skin (\$.40) to St. Jacobs & at Martin Snider's sale, Elias was with father. Father bought a saddle for \$.30)
- 9. Father in the shop all day. I cleaned trees. Fine weather.
- 10. Father in the shop all day. I cleaned trees. Cool.
- 11. Father in the shop all day. I cleaned trees.
- 12. SUNDAY: Judith, Isaiah, & I at Noah Martin's for dinner.
- 13. Father & I at Fair & Ullyot's sale, bought feather sack for \$3.20. father at George PM.
- 14. Father fetched 150 cedar stakes from A. Lorch at \$.02 ½ a piece & 5 posts at \$.25 each, & took a load of chopping to Geo. Prices of hogs \$5.65 per cwt.
- 15. Father & I took chopping to Geo. AM. Chopped 68 bags of grain PM.
- 16. Father & I at Geo. to chopp for Hoffer AM., chopped our oats PM.
- 17. Father & I at Geo. to chopp for Hoffer & Ernst awhile AM. Father at Hoffer & Bolender's sale. Ab. Martin here to see about the butcher business.
- 18. Father worked in the shop. We dunged the stables. Rainy.
- 19. SUNDAY: Eli at Aaron Weber's for dinner. Isaiah & I were awhile at P. Beisel.
- 20. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees. Sam Kinzie's sale.
- 21. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees. Father & I in town PM. Cool.
- 22. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees. N. L. Martin fetched Judith. N. Gingerich of St. Jacobs sold to us Potatoes 2 bu. \$1.00, 1 bu. Corn \$.75.
- 23. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees. Thawning.
- 24. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees & shovelled snow. Thawning.
- 25. Father worked in the shop. I cleaned trees.
- 26. SUNDAY: All at home all day. Moses Eby here awhile PM.
- 27. Father worked in the shop. I patched my boots. G. Auman bought hogs.
- 28. Father worked in the shop. I helped mother to wash & cleaned trees.
- 29. Father & I took out to town 20 hogs at \$6.10 per cwt. AM. Father filed circl saw. I helped to saw wood in Grandma's bush PM. Hot.
- 30. Father at Wendel Bauman with circular saw to saw wood. I in Grandmother's bush all day.
- 31. Father & I in bush all day, D. Hoffer ¾ day, Geo. & Menno awhile PM.

#### **APRIL 1905**

- 1. Menno & I in the bush AM, Geo., Menno, Hoffer & we in the bush PM
- 2. SUNDAY: Parents, Isaiah & I at WW Meeting. Enos Bauman's & Mose Bauman's were here for dinner, Mose Gingerich's were here for supper. Isaiah & I awhile at Aaron Weber's.
- 3. Geo. Menno, Hoffer & I in bush all day, father AM, at Moses Martin to saw wood PM.
- 4. Father, Isaiah, Geo, Menno, Hoffer & I in the bush all day. Ph. Weiss buried.

- 5. Father, Isaiah, Geo, Menno, Hoffer & I in the bush all day; Hoffer helped for Geo.
- 6. Father, Isaiah, Geo., Menno, Hoffer & I in the bush all day.
- 7. Father at Geo. to chopp. Isaiah & I in our bush. Cool.
- 8. Isaiah & I in the bush. Father at Eli Martin fetched seed grain 8 bu. Oats & goosewheat & painted trimmings of heavy harness.
- 9. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at M.G.Reist's for dinner at Jones Martins for supper & a little at N. Bearinger's in the evening. Parents awhile at N. L. Martins PM.
- 10. Father at the fair. Isaiah & I helped mother about the house. Father filed circular saw. Jacob Cleman's wife buried. Rainy.
- 11. Isaiah & I made wood of apple trees. Father at Aps. Martin to saw wood, 5 hours. John Martin's baby died, Father at John Martin's in the evening.
- 12. Isaiah & I gathered apple branches AM. Oiled harnesses.
- 13. Oiled harness AM. Father at J. Martin's funeral, I was (hustler?).
- 14. Made harnesses together AM. Finished gathering apple wood, father finished Eli Martin's harness PM.
- 15. Father at St. Jacobs to get potatoes. I in town AM. Fetched J. Ernst's fanning mill & cleaned grain PM.
- 16. SUNDAY: Lydia at N. L Martin's, Isaiah & I at John Fry's.
- 17. Cleaned grain all day. Noah Martin brought Judith.
- 18. Father, Isaiah & I helped to saw wood at Geo. AM.
- 19. Father in Galt & bought a ripp saw for \$1.35. Isaiah & I digged post holes AM, Pulled old posts PM.
- 20. Pulled old posts AM. Father in town. Isaiah & I picked stones PM.
- 21. GOOD FRIDAY: Isaiah & I in WW Meeting. Rainy & snowy.
- 22. Jopped 35 bags grain at Geo. Parents in town after supper.
- 23. SUNDAY: EASTER: Grandmother with parents in Martins Meeting at Levi Weber's for dinner, at Mose Weber's for supper.
- 24. Father cleaned apple trees & worked at circular ripp saw frame. We picked stones. Father, Eli, Isaiah, & I at CPR Wallenstein hill.
- 25. Finished collecting stones, rolled grassfield. Worked on land.
- 26. Worked on the fields. Father fetched flour in the evening. Fine.
- 27. Father cultivated all day. Isaiah & I worked in the garden.
- 28. I drilled 7 acres with oats. Eli at A. Snider asking for S. B. (sugar beet) drill
- 29. Worked beet field & sawed 3 acres, Dug post holes.
- 30. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting. Samuel Eby here for supper.

## **MAY 1905**

- 1. Father took Sugar Beet drill to A Snyder. Sowed & harrowed the rest of the day. Digged post holes.
- 2. Sowed and digged post holes.
- 3. Nearly finished sowing, digged post-holes. Menno Musselman burried today. We had some rain in the morning.

- 4. Harrowed AM. Worked on mangold patch PM.
- 5. Worked on mangold patch AM. Sowed mangolds PM.
- 6. Father took drill to J. Ernst. I was sick. Rainy.
- 7. SUNDAY: Parents at A.W. Weber's for dinner & supper.
- 8. Father at fair. Buried in fence posts.
- 9. I & team at Reub. to plough grass-field. Buried in fence posts.
- 10.1 & team at Reub. to plough mangold patch. Father fetched tiles.
- 11. I worked in the garden, others buried in posts AM. Removed earth for foundation of driving shed PM.
- 12. Father fetched iron gates & lime 12 bu. 20 & \$.26. Isaiah rolled PM. Digged at driving shed.
- 13.1 drove parents out to town to meet Jones Martin's to go visiting. We cultivated, rolled & harrowed potatoe patch AM. Worked at driving shed PM. Parents at Wm. Krafter's for dinner, at Mose Kinzie's for supper.
- 14. SUNDAY: Parent at Edward Spaeth's for the night, at John Randall's for dinner, at Nason Clamer's for supper.
- 15. We masoned at driving shed all day. Isaiah was sick.
- 16. We masoned at driving shed. Rainy PM.
- 17. Father helped to wash Meeting house AM. Masoned PM.
- 18.1 white-washed cellar AM. Fetched stones & masoned PM.
- 19. We masoned all day at foundation wall for the driving shed.
- 20. Isaiah & I in bush AM. Father in town. Parents & Grandmother at Israel Shantz's for supper, at John Bauman's for the night.
- 21. SUNDAY: Parents at Martin's Meeting, at Menno Gingerich's for dinner, at Enos Bauman's for supper. O. Bearinger & 1 young Frys were here.
- 22. Drawed out manure on potatoe patch. Made wire fence PM, Peter Martin helped about ¾ day.
- 23. Finished wire fence & cut potatoes AM. Planted potatoes PM.
- 24. Isaiah & I at Geo. to chopp AM. Sowed & harrowed PM.
- 25. Worked & sowed corn patch AM. Sowed beans & rolled, father in town.
- 26. Leveled ground at driving shed, tried ripp saw & fetched a load of matched lumber from Abs. Eby.
- 27. Sawed wood AM Edward Spaeth's here for dinner. Parents & visitors at Aaron Snyder's for supper. I pointed stakes.
- 28. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting except Noah & Eli. Dilman Martin's, Dan Martin's, Israel Gingerich's & Joshua Rudy's here for dinner. Rudy's here also for supper. Isaiah & I at W. Montrose.
- 29. Lent Geo's waggon, father at saw-mill, fetched 6 loads of lumber AM. Whitewashed butcher shop. Rainy PM.
- 30. Isaiah & I fetched the rest of the lumber AM. Pointed stakes. Father at Dav. Cressman carpentering. Noah Gingerich's child's funeral. Geo. fetched a horse in the evening.
- 31. Father at D. Cressman all day. Isaiah & I made fence.

#### **JUNE 1905**

- 1. ASCENSION DAY: Parents, Isaiah & I & Grandmother at Enos Bauman's child's funeral, age 4 years, 4 months, 1 day.
- 2. Drawed out wood. Slaughtered beef for the 1st of the season.
- 3. Drawed out wood. Menno brought our horse.
- 4. SUNDAY: Noah Weber, Isaiah & I at Hy. Horst's for dinner. Hy. Horst's here for dinner. Parents at Hy. Brubacher's for supper. Noah Weber here for supper.
- 5. Worked on turnip patch & worked at driving shed frame. Rainy PM.
- 6. We worked at shed frame. Chopped at Geo. AM.
- 7. White-washed hen house AM. I at Geo. to help to clean wheat.
- 8. Worked at shed all day. I at Jno. Martin's raising PM.
- 9. Worked at shed AM. Worked on turnip patch, walked through the wheat.
- 10. Scuffled sugar beets ¾ day. Father in town. Rainy
- 11. SUNDAY: Parents at Peter Ziegler's for dinner at Joshua Brubacher's for supper. The rest were at home.
- 12. We at fair AM. I scuffled beets & I & others bunched beets.
- 13. Father worked on the road. We bunched beets AM. Ridged & sowed turnips. Peter Risser's & Enos Nighswanger's of Markham here.
- 14. Worked on highways all day. Hy. Brubacher here for dinner. Hot.
- 15. Worked on highways AM. Cleaned sugar beets PM. Hot.
- 16. Father in town. Rainy all day. Brox bought some cattle.
- 17. We sawed rafters. Chr. Klinck had our team all day. Foggy.
- 18. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martins Meeting, at Dan. Martin's for dinner, at Ab. Horst's for supper. Grandmother & Geo's here for supper.
- 19. Drove ours & Hy. Brubacher's cattle to town, our 5 weighed3740 lbs. at \$4.00 per cwt. Cleaned s. beets. Chr. Klinck had our team.
- 20. Finished cleaning s. beets for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. J. Ernst & Jno. Brubacher here to clean beets all day. Raised rafters on d. shed. Cl Klinck had team.
- 21. Father at Dan Bauman sawing wood all day. C. Klinck had our team.
- 22. Scuffled sugar beets & mangolds. C. Klinck helped to cut thistles PM.
- 23. Cleaned mangolds & cut thistles. Chr. Klinck helped all day.
- 24. Father took beef hide out to town. Chopped about an hour at Geo. AM Father at C. Klinck preparing for cementing. We hauled in wood.
- 25. SUNDAY: John Shiedel here over night. All at WW Meeting, Enos Martin's Dan Cressman's of Wilmot, Israel Weber's Amos Rudy & Isaiah Weber here for dinner. Ab. Bearinger, Joe Martin, Aaron Weber, Joseph Snyder & 4 girls here for supper.
- 26. Parent at the funeral of Noah Gingerich's wife. Isaiah & I at Chr. Klinck nearly AM. We 3 at Klinck PM.
- 27. Father at J. Ernst masoning all day. Isaiah & I at Klinck all day.
- 28. Father, Isaiah & I at Klinck cementing all day. Fine weather.
- 29. Father, Isaiah & I at Klinck cementing all day. Fine weather.

30. Father, Isaiah & I at Klinck cementing al day.

# **JULY 1905**

- 1. Father, Isaiah & I at Klinck cementing AM Father at John Bricker to splice rope, Rainy PM.
- 2. Sunday: Isaiah & I at Conestogo Meeting AM & PM, at Peter Brubacher's for dinner
- 3. Father at Reub. sawing laths with ripp saw. I scuffled beets. Jac Martin's wife (widow) got buried at NW Graveyard.
- 4. Reub's laborer here helping to saw laths AM. C. Klinck here for carpentering AM. C. Klinck had team PM. We nailed laths on rafters of shed.
- 5. We carpentered at driving shed all day. C. Klinck had our team AM.
- 6. We nailed shingles on laths. Father fetched lumber.
- 7. Parents in town, I fetched lumber, scuffled & cleaned beets.
- 8. I scuffled beets, hoed potatoes, worked at shed.
- 9. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at S. Peel Meeting PM, at Dan. Bauman's for supper. Eli at W. Bauman's. The rest at home.
- 10. We carpentered at the shed cornice. Rainy AM
- 11. We worked at outside of shed AM, Isaiah & I at Noah Martin hauling hay on a stack PM. Eli scuffled.
- 12. Made doors at the shed. Rainy, AM. Father at Samuel Brubacher to put in a rack lifter.
- 13. Father at Sam all day. We picked bugs. I at Joe Ernst's raising after supper.
- 14. Isaiah & I made fence, father at shed AM. We cleaned beets PM.
- 15. Father in town AM. Cleaned beets. Parents awhile at George's
- 16. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at John Frey's for supper. Parents at the funeral of David Brubacher.
- 17. We 4 at Geo's making hay.
- 18. We 4 at Geo's making hay.
- 19. We 4 at Geo's making hay. Menno mowed AM. by us.
- 20. Menno mowed AM. Reub's 2 h'ds & Geo's 3 h'ds helped by us all day, hauled away 19 loads of hay.
- 21. Reub's & Geo's here to make hay.
- 22. We 4 at Reuben's all day, hauled away 22 loads of hay
- 23. SUNDAY: All at the Meeting except Noah & I, AM. We 3 boys at Meeting PM. Joshua Snider's, Jacob Shomaker & Daniel Hoffman's Jr. were here for supper.
- 24. We 3 at Reub. till supper. Little fellows picked raspberries.
- 25. Isaiah & I in town in the morning. Father mowed at Geo. ½ AM. Then we went to Reub.
- 26. Father, Isaiah & I at Geo. all day, made a haystack.
- 27. Father at Geo to cut wheat all day. I at Geo. to shock PM.
- 28. Father, Isaiah & I at Geo. about all day to make hay.

- 29.1 scuffled beets all day. Others picked berries AM. Father in town PM. Sharpened knives PM.
- 30. SUNDAY: Noah L Martin's here for dinner. Parents awhile at Noah Bearinger's, thence to Jones Martin's for supper.
- 31. We cut & shocked wheat, mowed thistles in the evening.

#### **AUGUST 1905**

- 1. Father at Dav. Martin in Peel to put up a rack lifter. We mowed thistles in the fence corners. I took chopping to town.
- 2. I scuffled, others cleaned turnips. Father worked at lifters.
- Finished cleaning turnips, pulled grass in corn. Father came home from Dav. Martin.
- 4. We cut barely AM. Rainy PM. Father patched binder canvas.
- 5. Father in town. We boys at Geo's to pick berries AM. Cut the rest of the barely & shocked. I at A. Lorch's raising.
- 6. SUNDAY: Parents & little ones in NW Meeting at Aaron Bauman's for dinner at Isacc Gingerich's for supper. Isaiah & I at meeting PM.
- 7. Isaiah at Geo. all day. We hauled in wheat & raked.
- 8. Chopped at Geo. AM. Ploughed in wheat field. Tinsmith here PM.
- 9. Ploughed awhile AM. Cut oats & barely. Hauled in 2 loads of barely. Mother at Israel Brubacher's quilting.
- 10. We hauled in barely & raked.
- 11. Father, I & team at Geo. to thrash AM. Ploughed PM.
- 12. Isaiah & I ploughed in barely field all day, father in town AM.
- 13. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martins' Meeting at Joe Snider's for dinner, at Henry Martin's for supper. Judith & young Brubacher's were here for dinner.
- 14. Cut & shocked oats, and oats & goosewheat.
- 15. Ploughed & harrowed. Father & I in St. Jacobs to get shoe measured.
- 16. I scuffled turnips & potatoes AM. Cut & shocked oats PM.
- 17. Hauled in 10 loads of barely & oats. I ploughed & Isaiah rolled after supper.
- 18. Father & Isaiah at Geo. hauling in grain. I ganged.
- 19. Father in town AM. Hauled in 4 loads of oats, rainy PM.
- 20. SUNDAY: All in WW Meeting. Fidas, Susannah & Sarah Bauman here for dinner. Henry S. Martin's here for supper.
- 21. Hauled in oats & goosewheat and oats. Eli at Geo's PM.
- 22. Ploughed AM. Hauled in oats PM.
- 23. I ganged all day. Isaiah at Geo PM. Father helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher PM
- 24. I harrowed, ganged & ploughed. Isaiah at Geo's AM. Father helped to thrash at Fred Weigel AM. at Chr. Esch PM. I fetched flour.
- 25. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash all day. Father worked Esch's till butcher time PM.
- 26. Father & I at Dav. Cressman to thrash all day, I helped for Esch. Isaiah worked Hy. Brubacher PM.

- 27. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Aaron Weber's for dinner. Sam Reist here for dinner, Levi Brubacher's here for supper.
- 28. Drawed 28 loads of manure out.
- 29. Drawed 10 loads of manure out, ploughed & spread manure.
- 30. Ploughed AM. Spread manure, hauled in 2 loads of oats, Windy.
- 31. Ploughed AM. Harrowed & sowed a little wheat PM.

#### SEPTEMBER 1905

- 1. Sowed wheat AM. Picked stones PM. Father worked at tiles.
- 2. Father & I at Dav. Cressman to thrash AM. I ganged & harrowed, father & Isaiah surveyed our bush to lay tiles.
- 3. SUNDAY: Parents & Grandmother at NW Meeting at Joe Gingerich's for dinner, at Peter G. Martin's for supper. Judith & Mary Ann Weber here for dinner. The rest at home.
- 4. Father at Wendel Bauman to shingle a shed. I in St. Jacobs to fetched my shoe & ploughed.
- 5. Ploughed nearly all day. Father at W. Bauman AM.
- 6. Fetched 3 loads of gravel home for cementing AM. 4 loads PM. Father at Jacob Fries to built a cistern PM.
- 7. Father at Jacob Fries. We fetched 8 loads of gravel, all day.
- 8. Prepared for cementing sty all day. Took Geo's waggon home.
- 9. Cemented all day. Fine weather.
- 10. SUNDAY: Parents at Martin's Meeting, at Israel Gingerich's for dinner, at Henry Martin's for supper.
- 11. Father filed circular saw, rainy AM, at Jacob Fries PM.
- 12. Father at J. Fries making a wood shed all day. Mother & I at Simon Bauman's funeral (aged 18 years 2 mon. 16 days) AM.
- 13. We made a model for and made a concrete hog-trough. Frost tonight.
- 14. Parents, Isaiah & I in WW Harvest Meeting AM. Father at J. Fries. We cut & shocked corn PM.
- 15. Thrashed peas at Hy. Brubacher, father ¾ day, Isaiah & I ½ day
- 16. Father at J. Fries all day. We cut & shocked corn & harrowed.
- 17. SUNDAY: Parents, Eli & I at WW Meeting. Rainy.
- 18. We made a concrete trough & fetched elder berries from Geo. AM. We helped to saw wood at Hy. Brubacher PM.
- 19. We drawed manure out AM. Father & I awhile at Geo's to ditch, made a concrete trough PM.
- 20. We set machine AM. We thrashed PM. 9 strangers.
- 21. Father & I fetched grain-crusher, Menno & 2 teams helped to chopp. I at Geo's to ditch ¾ day
- 22. Father, Isaiah & I at Geo's to ditch all day.
- 23. Father & Isaiah made a ditch in J. Ernst's bush. I at Geo's from the morning till 4 o'clock.

- 24. SUNDAY: Parents, Grandmother and Noah Martin's at Conestogo Meeting, at Joe Hoffman's for dinner, at Ezra Martin's for supper. Noah Horst & Josiah Gingerich were here for dinner.
- 25. Father at J. Fries carpentering all day. We ploughed.
- 26. Father at J. Fries carpentering all day. We ploughed. I at Reub. to thrash with team AM.
- 27. Father at J. Fries carpentering all day. We ploughed AM, hauled pumpkins in, made out 12 rows of mangolds.
- 28. Father at J. Fries AM. We ploughed AM. Made potatoes out.
- 29. We made saw-logs & ploughed AM. Drawed logs to mill & made mangolds out. Hot these days.
- 30. Hauled lumber from mill & digged out the rest of the potatoes.

#### OCTOBER 1905

- 1. SUNDAY: Judith, Isaiah & I at NW Meeting, at Aaron Bauman's for dinner, the rest at home.
- 2. We worked at the sty all day besides some small jobs. Rainy AM.
- 3. We made mangolds out & drawed them in, made some sugar beets out, Joe. Fries & his laborer helped all day.
- 4. We made sugar beets out, Joe Fries & laborer helped all day. M. G. Reist helped also about ½ of a day.
- 5. We made sugar beets out. J. Fries & laborer & M. G. Reist helped all day.
- 6. J. Fries & laborer here about ¾ day. Reist helped also. We drawed 8 loads of sugar beets to GTR Station. Widow Joe Martin buried at Martin.
- 7. We drawed 6 load of beets to station, car went off this noon. Oziah Snider's of Breslau were here for supper.
- 8. SUNDAY: Judith at Hy. Martin's, Dan. Bauman's here awhile PM.
- 9. We drawed 8 ¾ loads of beets to station.
- 10. Father at Hy. Brubacher's to repair cistern. I picked and stored away apples & took Geo's waggon home. Isaiah at M. G. Reist helped to make sugar beets out.
- 11. Father at J. Fries all day. I worked in root cellar, Isaiah came home from Reist AM. Picked apples PM.
- 12. We sawed our wood, 3 of Geo's & team ¾ day. Sawed 2 loads for Geo. PM. Asserrian Peddler here for dinner.
- 13. Sawed wood for Geo. nearly till noon. I helped to thrash at F. Weigel. Father fetched tools & stuff from the wood piles.
- 14. Father at Fred Weigel thrashing about ¾ day. Isaiah & I ploughed. MG Reist fetched our beet waggon box. John Cutz's, Moses Hunnings, Samuel Moeser's, Jacob Horst & others here. Into Canada.
- 15. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting except Mother & Noah. Christ. Herkendorn and Josiah Martin's here for dinner.

- 16. Father & Isaiah at Menno Snider sawing wood all day. I ploughed. Daniel Hoffman's Sr. brought Jno. Webers of Pennsylvania.
- 17. Father, Isaiah, I, team & circular saw at Ernst sawing wood AM. Wendel Bauman's brought people of Pens. Sam. Moeser's, Geo. Zimmerman's, Jacob Horst & 2 girls, Susanna, Senseniah & Francis Hoover. We drawed manure out PM.
- 18. Father & I at Grandma preparing for cementing sty PM. Rainy.
- 19. Father & I at Grandma prepared for & cemented. Isaiah helped Henry Brubacher to fetch his steers
- 20. Father & I at Grandmother cementing all day. Isacc Gingerich's brought to us 2 preachers Jno. Kurtz, Mose Honning & their wives of Pens. In the morning. Day. Frey's baby buried at N. Woolwich.
- 21. Father at Grandmother worked at the sty. I fetched my boots (\$4.25) from O. Smith, St. Jacobs. Isaiah & I fetched 6 bags of sweet apples from Aaron Weber's.
- 22. SUNDAY: Father, Isaiah, Eli, Judith & Lydia & I at Conestogo Meeting. Mary Ann Weber here for dinner. Noah Martins awhile here PM.
- 23. Father & Judith at Joe Brubacher's child's funeral AM. Father sold 9 chickens (dressed) Wt 36 lbs. at \$.09 a lb. to A. Ruf. PM.
- 24. Father at J. Fries carpentering all day. I at St. Jacobs cider-mill & got apple sauce made AM. I at Chr. Esch to thrash PM. Judith today at Geo's to work. Isaiah ploughed.
- 25. Father at J. Fries all day. I at Chr. Esch to thrash till nearly noon, ploughed the rest of the day.
- 26. We drawed out manure all day. J. Fries helped all day.
- 27. We drawed out manure till nearly noon. Father & I & team at Hoffer to thrash PM. J. Fries helped to draw out & spreaded manure.
- 28. Father & I at Hoffer till nearly noon to thrash. Father & I at J. Ernst to thrash from 2 o'clock till eve. Isaiah ploughed.
- 29. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at NW Meeting, at Isacc Gingerich's for dinner, at Peter Martin's for supper. Elias & Grandmother here awhile PM. Elias & father at N. Bearinger awhile PM.
- 30. Father, Isaiah & 2 teams at J. Ernst to chopp, I topped turnips AM. Made carrots out & drawed them & the corn in PM.
- 31. Father at Grandma to make a concrete trough all day. Isaiah & I ploughed AM, drawed in 5 loads of turnips PM.

#### NOVEMBER 1905

- 1. Father at Grandmother in the morning to fix concrete trough. Isaiah & I ploughed AM. Looked after the potatoes for rotten ones PM. Snowy.
- 2. Father at Hy. Brubacher & I a little in the morning. I ploughed AM. Father spread manure, we ploughed PM.

- 3. Father fixed whips. Dillman Martin brought his (lounch?) to get it repaired AM. Father & Eli spread manure, Isaiah & I ploughed PM.
- 4. Father in town in the morning, then he spreaded manure, Isaiah & I ploughed. Drawed in turnips PM.
- 5. SUNDAY: Father, Eli & Noah at West Montrose to see railway construction. Isaiah & I at Reuben Bauman's for supper.
- 6. Father at Geo. all day. We tinkered about the buildings. A little rain.
- 7. Father & I at Noah Bearinger to built a wire fence all day. Drear.
- 8. Father & I at Noah Bearinger to built a wire fence all day.
- 9. Father & I at Noah Bearinger to built a wire fence all day.
- 10. Father at J Fries 3/4 day. Isaiah & I ploughed all day.
- 11. Father at Grandmother all day, Isaiah PM to make a concrete trough. I ploughed all day, Isaiah ploughed AM.
- 12. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting. Henry Martin's were here for dinner. Isaiah & I at Israel Weber's to visit David Bearinger.
- 13. Isaiah & I ploughed, father at the fair AM. Father, Isaiah, I & 2 teams at Joe Ernst to chopp some of his grain & some of ours.
- 14. Father at Geo Claycorn to buy cedar beams for Grandmother's H. P. Shed. Isaiah & I hauled in wood all day.
- 15. Isaiah & I hauled in wood. Father at the sale at the wife of John Ritter PM. Stormy AM.
- 16. Father & I & team at Joe Ernst to thrash all day.
- 17.1 & team at J. Ernst to thrash ¾ day. Father at Menno M. Weber carpentering at his driving shed all day.
- 18.1 & 2 teams at J. Ernst to chopp nearly ½ day. Father at M. M. Weber to help built shed. Isaiah & I ploughed PM.
- 19. SUNDAY: Parents at Reub. Bauman's for dinner, at Aps. Martin's for supper. Moses & Sam Eby here for dinner. Judith & Lydia at S. Reist's. Isaiah & I awhile at Grandmother PM. Eli at Aaron Webers'
- 20. Father at M. M. Weber, masoning all day. We fetched top wood home.
- 21. Fetch 11 cedar sleepers at \$.75 each & 4 end-posts at \$.50 each, at Geo. Claycorn. Geo. B. went with me. Isaiah & I hauled a load of gravel home PM. Father at M. M. Weber masoning all day.
- 22. Father at M. M. Weber masoning all day. Isaiah & I drawed earth to & about the root cellar & smoke house.
- 23. Father & I at Geo plastering concrete trough nearly ½ day. Fixed pulley on thrash machine PM. Osias Cressman here for the night.
- 24. Father & I at Hy. Brubacher to thrash all day, thrashed clover AM.
- 25. Father & I at Hy. Brubacher to thrash nearly all day. Isaiah ploughed all day. Judith at Geo's yesterday and here today again.
- 26. SUNDAY: Parents at NW Meeting at Menno Bauman's for dinner. Dav. & Noah Bearinger & Wendel Martin were here for dinner.
- 27. I ploughed & Isaiah awhile AM. Father tinkered at separator PM.

- 28. We tinkered about the buildings AM. Evened the floor in the driving shed PM. Stormy & dreary.
- 29. Father & I at Geo. to thrash all day, Isaiah helped PM.
- 30. Father at N. L. Martin. Father took a load of machine stuff to Reub. I at Dav. Cressman to thrash all day.

#### DECEMBER 1905

- 1. Father & team at Reub. to thrash all day. I at Dav. Cressman to thrash till about 4 o'clock.
- 2. Father & team at Reub. all day. Isaiah & I in the bush AM & in barn PM.
- 3. SUNDAY: Parents at the funeral of Joseph Martin's wife at N. Woolwich. Menno M. Bauman and intending wife here for dinner.
- 4. Father at Reub. to thrash till about 3 o'clock. I in town AM. I fetched butcher stuff. Geo. brought separator PM.
- 5. We butched a pig AM. Father in town & at Geo. PM
- 6. Father & Isaiah at J. Ernst to put other pinions into the H. Power. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash all day.
- 7. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash all day. Father & Isaiah at J. Ernst to chopp AM. Made saw-logs in Grandmother's bush for H. P. Shed.
- 8. Father at Geo. worked at sty. I took dried apples to Elmira.
- 9. Father, Isaiah, Eli, I & Hy. Brubacher in Sugar Factory, Berlin & Waterloo.
- 10. SUNDAY: Father, Isaiah & I in WW Meeting.
- 11. Father at fair AM. Set thrashing machines PM.
- 12. Parents, Eli & Noah Martin's at the wedding of Menno M. Bauman's. I at Geo. to feed all day.
- 13. We thrashed all day. 10 strangers.
- 14. We thrashed AM. 10 strangers, we chopped a while in the eve.
- 15. We chopped all day, chopped also a little for Geo., his 2 teams here.
- 16. Father, I & circular saw at Eli Martin about ½ day.
- 17. SUNDAY: Parents at Grandmother for dinner, at Geo's for supper
- 18. Father & I at Eli S. Martin to saw wood AM. I at Eli to help to chopp PM. Father filed circular saw.
- 19. Father at Reub. to saw wood till about 5 o'clock. I at Eli to work all day. Mother & Isaiah at Menno Gingerich's.
- 20. Father in Berlin to fetch a load of pine lumber for Grandmother's H. Power shed, & leather for us. I at Sarah Bauman to thrash at Eli S. Martin's place.
- 21. I came home from E.S. Martin. Father at Aaron Weber carpentering 3/4 day.
- 22. Father at Aaron Weber all day. I had tooth ache.
- 23. Father at Aaron Weber 34 day & in town in the evening.
- 24. SUNDAY: All at home. David Cressman's Jr. here for supper.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: Parents, Isaiah & I at WW Meeting. Father & Hy. Brubacher visited Hy. Martin's.

- 26. Isaiah & I at Geo. Father filed saws AM. Parents at Noah Bearinger's. We cleaned wheat PM.
- 27. Father at Grandmother to work at H. P. shed all day. We cleaned wheat all day.
- 28. Father at Grandmother to work at HP shed all day. We drawed wheat to the mill
- 29. Father at Joe Ernst to butcher AM. At Grandmother to work at HP shed PM. I split wood.
- 30. Father at Grandmother to work at HP shed all day, I helped also PM. I split wood AM.
- 31. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting, at Israel Shantz's for dinner at Joshua Rudy's for supper.

# DIARY 1906

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEARS DAY: Father in town, I opened lounch AM. Moses Eby was here for supper. Father went to John Bauman in the evening.
- 2. Father at Jno. M. Bauman to patch up harness all day. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 3. Father & I took 6 hogs to Elmira (1240 lbs. at \$5.75 per cwt) Father & I at Ratzs' saw mill to help to saw logs for Grandmother's H.(horse) P.(power?) shed.
- 4. Father & I at Grandmother to ripp planks up for the track? Of the HP shed. Elias Bauman died this evening.
- 5. I took father in the morning to Grandmother & mother at noon.
- 6. Father at Grandmother all day. I split wood.
- 7. SUNDAY: All at Elias Bauman's funeral. Aged 32 years 10 months (? Days)
- 8. Father at the fair, people of Markham here AM. Father & I at Grandmother to set horse-power in position in the shed.
- 9. We made harness bill out AM. Father in town PM.
- 10. Father in Elmira & St. Jacobs AM, worked at Dillman Martin's lounch. I split wood.
- 11. Father, I & 3 horses at Geo. to thrash all day.
- 12.1 & team drawed 2 loads of stones for Menno M. Weber.
- 13.1 & team drawed 1 load of stones for MM Weber AM. Beef Ring meeting PM. Father & N Martin at Grandmother to work at Elias's property.
- 14. SUNDAY: I at Geo. to feed at noon. Father & Eli at N. Bearinger. Israel Shantz's eldest boy buried at Martins.
- 15. I fetched butcher ware from Geo. & Made preparations for butchering. Father at D Robinson's sale PM.

- 16. We butchered 3 hogs. N. L. Martin & Joe Ernst helped AM. We changed pigs round in stables. Judith came last night.
- 17. Father at Aaron Weber to butcher all day. I fetched Grandmother from Hy. Martin's PM.
- 18. Father at N. L. Martin to butcher all day. I split wood.
- 19. Father worked in the shop. I fetched 900 bricks for Menno Weber PM.
- 20. Father worked in the shop all day. Isaiah & I washed Elias's buggy.
- 21. SUNDAY: Father & Eli at Hy. Martin's for dinner. The rest at home. Thawning.
- 22. Father in the shop all day. I divided turnips. Foggy & warm.
- 23. Father in the shop all day. I husked corn. A little cold.
- 24. Father in the shop all day & I awhile PM.
- 25. Father at Geo's to butcher all day. I in the bush all day.
- 26. Father & I in shop AM. Father in shop, I at O Smith St. Jacobs. PM.
- 27. Father in town & worked in the shop. I split wood for Grandmother. Isaiah & team helped to chopp at Geo. PM.
- 28. SUNDAY: I at N. Bearinger awhile PM
- 29. Father & I in shop all day.
- 30. Father & I in shop all day. Accident on CPR Bridge at W. Montrose.

#### FEBRUARY 1906

- 1. Father in the shop all day. I at Jno. Fry to thrash ¾ day for Henry Brubacher.
- 2. Father in shop all day. I at Fry a little to thrash AM. I in town & got tooth pulled, in shop awhile PM.
- 3. Father & I in the shop all day. Mose Bauman fetched Fidas's harness & a pair of blinds in the evening.
- 4. SUNDAY: Father, Isaiah & I at WW Meeting.
- 5. Father & I worked in the shop all day
- 6. Father & I worked in the shop. Wm. Spaeth came tonight to visit.
- 7. Father & I worked in the shop. W. Spaeth here.
- 8. Father & I worked at Menno Bauman's harness. W. Spaeth here.
- 9. Father & I worked in the shop. W. Spaeth went to A. Lorch PM.
- 10. Father in town. I helped N. L. Martin to drive steers to station AM. Father in the shop. I did the chores PM.
- 11. SUNDAY: I in Conestogo Meeting. Parents awhile at Grandmother PM. Noah Weber here awhile. PM.
- 12. Father & I at fair AM. John Bauman & W. Spaeth here for dinner.
- 13. Father & I in the shop. Worked at Moses Bauman's harness.
- 14. Father & I worked in the shop.
- 15. Father & I worked in the shop, father in town PM.
- 16. Father & I worked in the shop. Reub. let his harness ratched.
- 17. Father & NL Martin in Berlin. I at Grandmother to split wood PM.
- 18. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Weber was here for dinner.

- 19. Father & I worked in the shop.
- 20. Father & I worked in the shop AM. Father & I at Geo. to thrash PM.
- 21. Father & I worked in the shop, father at Peter Bauman's sale.
- 22. Father & I worked in the shop.
- 23. Father & I worked in the shop. Father in town AM
- 24. Father & NL Martin in Berlin. I helped to drive NL Martin's cattle to station. Mother & I in town PM.
- 25. SUNDAY: All at home. Muddy & drear.
- 26. Father & I worked in the shop, finished M. Bauman's harness & started at Mose Horst's harness. L. Brox brought Emma Spaeth.
- 27. Father & I worked in the shop. I took Emma Spaeth to Joshua Rudy's in the afternoon. Land assessor here PM.
- 28. Father & I worked in the shop, father at G. Bulmer's sale PM.

#### **MARCH 1906**

- 1. Father worked in the shop. I took 2 loads of grain to Geo. Chopped our grain & a little of Joe's & Geo's PM.
- 2. Father & I in the shop, father in town.
- 3. Father worked in the shop. I fetched a waggon from J. B. Weber for \$10. Elias Eby buried at N Woolwich.
- 4. SUNDAY: All except mother & Noah in WW Meeting. Peter Bauman's here for dinner. Isaiah & I at Hy. Brubacher's for supper.
- 5. Father & I worked in the shop, father in town to fetch leather PM.
- 6. Father & I worked in the shop. Menno Bauman's moved on Aaron's farm.
- 7. Father & I worked in the shop. I in town in the morning.
- 8. Father at Aaron Weber to butcher. I worked in the shop.
- 9. Father & I worked in the shop, finished Moses Horst's harness.
- 10. Father & I started at Day. Horst's harness. Father in town AM.
- 11. SUNDAY: Parents at Noah Bearinger's awhile PM.
- 12. Father & I at the fair AM. Worked in the shop PM. Horst fetched harness.
- 13. Father & I worked in the shop. Father at Dav. Fry & mother in town.
- 14. Father & I worked in the shop.
- 15. Father & I worked in the shop AM & at Geo. to thrash PM.
- 16. Father & I worked in the shop.
- 17. Father & I worked in the shop, I in town PM.
- 18. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I in SP Meeting at Amos Martin's for dinner, at Elias Martin's for supper. Hy. Brubacher's here for dinner.
- 19. Father & I worked in the shop. Stormy.
- 20. Father at Aaron Weber to butcher all day. I worked in the shop.
- 21. Father in town, I fetched butcher stuff AM. We in the shop PM
- 22. We butchered 2 hogs, N. L. Martin helped AM. Hannah Weber all day. Isaiah & I took butcher stuff home.
- 23. Father at Absolom Martin to patch harness. I worked small jobs.

- 24. Father at Absolom Martin to patch harness. Isaiah, I & team at Geo. to chopp. Isaiah took mother to Geo. Geo's baby buried.
- 25. SUNDAY: Isaiah & Eli at N. Bearinger's for dinner. Parents at Amos Gingerich's for supper.
- 26. Father at Eli S. Martin to patch harness. I worked at Reist's lounch.
- 27. Father at Eli S. Martin to patch harness. Rainy & soft.
- 28. Father & I drawed 14 hogs to station for Auman. Av. 18 cwt, \$6.75 per cwt. AM. Father & I in Grandmother's bush PM.
- 29. Father & I in Grandmother's bush to make wood all day.
- 30. Father & I in Grandmother's bush nearly all day.
- 31. Father, I & Isaiah in bush AM. Father in town PM. Isacc Martin's baby buried at North Woolwich.

# **APRIL 1906**

- 1. SUNDAY: All at the West Woolwich Meeting.
- 2. Father, Isaiah & I in bush all day.
- 3. Father at Wendel Bauman to saw wood. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 4. Father fixed horse-collars. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 5. Isaiah & I in the bush AM. Father & I awhile PM. Isaiah & 2 teams at Geo to help to chopp.
- 6. Father, Isaiah, I, team & circular saw at Geo to saw wood about 34 day.
- 7. Father in town to fetch sugar beets & clover (\$10.50) seed. At Geo. in the morning to ripp plank up. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 8. SUNDAY: Parents & Grandmother at N L Martin's for both meals.
- 9. Father & Isaiah at the fair & at Grandmother for dinner. Rainy.
- 10. I took father to Moses C. Martin to patch harness all day. I fetched from Sol. Reist 3 gal. Maple syrup at \$1.25 per gal. Isaiah & I in the bush PM. Wet.
- 11. Father at Mose Martin to patch harness all day. Isaiah & I took to the station for Auman 3 hogs, av: wt. 150 lbs. at \$.07 a lb. We in the bush awhile AM & PM.
- 12. Father at M Martin AM. Isaiah & I in the bush AM. Father, N Martin & I at one Lehmen's sale about 1 mile North of W. Montrose.
- 13. GOOD FRIDAY: All at the WW Meeting.
- 14. Father at M Martin all day. I helped to drive Geo's steers to station. Let horses shod. Rainy at noon.
- 15. EASTER SUNDAY: Noah Weber was here for dinner. Eli was at Sol. Reist for supper.
- 16. EASTER MONDAY: I, Isaiah, Eli & O. Bearinger (here for dinner) at W. Montrose to buy 200 lbs. sugar at \$4.50 a cwt. & at CPR bridge. Father grafted pear trees & fixed lounch & filed circular saw. We sowed clover seed.
- 17. Father at Dav. Martin to saw wood all day. Isaiah & I split wood.
- 18. We finished S. Reists lounch. Oiled harness PM.
- 19. Oiled harness & made some together.

- 20. Father took to town 3 bags of N. Spy apples at \$.90 per bag. Cleaned grain.
- 21. Cleaned grain AM. Took fanning mill home. Father in town.
- 22. SUNDAY: Isaiah, I & Judith at Martin's Meeting. Aaron Weber's here for supper. Eli at Israel Brubacher's.
- 23. Chopped grain at Geo. for us AM. At Geo. to dig post holes.
- 24. We 3 at Geo. to dig post holes all day.
- 25. I at N L Martin's to fetch currant bushes. Father & Grandmother at George Hoffman's wife's funeral. Grandmother here PM.
- 26. Ganged & harrowed AM. Cultivated PM. Father made a chicken pen.
- 27. Cultivated in the morning, sowed, harrowed & rolled about 7 acres.
- 28. Cultivated, harrowed, rolled & sowed & picked some stones.
- 29. SUNDAY: All except Eli & Noah in WW Meeting. Menno Bauman's here for supper. Isaiah & I at Henry Horst's.
- 30. Ganged, cultivated & worked in the garden.

#### MAY 1906

- 1. Sowed & rolled AM. Drawed out 13 loads of manure.
- 2. Drawed out 6 loads of manure & spread some & fixed fence. Rain.
- 3. Drawed out 19 loads of manure, father spread some. We ploughed.
- 4. Isaiah & I ploughed & harrowed in the evening.
- 5. Isaiah & I harrowed, sowed & rolled. Father at Grandmother PM.
- 6. SUNDAY: Parents at Daniel Bauman's for dinner. Mose Eby here for supper.
- 7. Father at the fair. Cultivated, sowed, rolled & harrowed. Henry Martin was here for dinner.
- 8. Worked on Sugar beet patch & ploughed AM. Rainy PM.
- 9. Father & I took to the station 1 old sow (\$13) & 1 hog at \$.07 per lb. AM. We made a concrete foundation for the cream separator. Isaiah & I worked at Grandmother's lounch. Father bought a Jersey cow (\$60)
- 10. We white washed butcher shop & house & picked stones AM Ploughed PM. Noah Reist brought the \$60 Jersey cow.
- 11. Ploughed till evening & then harrowed.
- 12. Harrowed, sowed barely, rolled & worked sugar beet patch. Fixed Grandmother's lounch. Sold calves to Geo. Auman.
- 13. SUNDAY: All at home except father was a while at Hy. Brubacher's.
- 14. We took a cow (\$40) & 4 calves (2730 lbs. at \$3.70 a cwt & \$1) to town for Auman. Mother & I in town. Father at Enos Bauman ½ day.
- 15. Father at Enos Bauman all day. Isaiah & I fixed fences.
- 16. Father helped to wash out Meeting-house, cultivated, harrowed, & rolled sugar beet patch & sowed sugar beets AM. Took sugar beet drill to Enoch Bauman & ploughed mangold patch.
- 17. Father worked at the whippletrees, rainy AM. We made fence PM.
- 18. Father at Hy. Horst, making a cistern, all day. We made fence AM. Worked on root field & fetched sower PM.

- 19. Worked on root field & sowed it, planted 3 rows of potatoes.
- 20. SUNDAY: Parents, N L Martin's & Grandmother at Martin's Meeting at Martin Bauman's Sr. for dinner, at Jacob Bauman's for supper.
- 21. Father sowed wet-land patches AM, at Hy. Horst PM. We planted potatoes, pumpkins & sowed corn.
- 22. Father at Hy. Horst to work at cistern all day. I took Isaiah to Reub. in the morning to work there. Eli & I picked stones.
- 23. Father at Grandmother to work at wire fence all day. Eli & I picked stones & hauled in summer wood. I at M. M. Bauman in the evening to fetch rhubarb.
- 24. ASCENSION DAY: I in NW Meeting. Parents & Judith at Henry Martin's for supper. I & M. Eby at the CP Railway.
- 25. Father at Hy. Horst all day. I in Elmira & St. Jacobs.
- 26. Father in town, cut straw AM. I cemented PM. Isaiah came home.
- 27. SUNDAY: All in WW Meeting. Parents at N. Bearinger's awhile PM. John Bauman's, P. Shantz's wife & Lydia Bauman were here last night. Some people of Indiana in this locality.,
- 28. I at F. Weppler, Conestogo, to fetch a calf. (2 weeks old for \$3.50). Parents and people of Indiana, namely Bishop John Martin & wife, Deacon Elias Martin & Christian Weber (preacher) went to visit in a N. Eastern direction, such as P. Zieglers, D. Horsts & others.
- 29. We drawed out about 30 loads of manure. Eli H. Bauman's and Bishop Christian Risser & wife of Markham were here awhile PM.
- 30. I ploughed nearly all day, others spread manure, parents were in town in the afternoon. Judith came in the evening to work.
- 31. I ploughed fallow, father ganged turnip field, Eli went to Geo's in the morning to work there while Judith would here.

# **JUNE 1906**

- 1. I harrowed & ploughed fallow. Reub. brought Isaiah home. N. L. Martin helped to butcher a beef in the evening to get acquainted with the business during father's absent in the States.
- 2. I took parents to the GTR Station to leave for Michigan. I planted corn & pumpkin. Isaiah harrowed awhile.
- 3. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at the C Meeting. Judith & Lydia at N L Martin's for dinner.
- 4. Isaiah, I & M. Eby at the CPR, Wallenstein, PM. Judith & Lydia at Grandmother for dinner.
- 5. Isaiah drawed 6 loads of gravel on the highway, I shovelled gravel in the pit all day.
- 6. Isaiah drawed 1 load of gravel. I shovelled in the pit all day.
- 7. Isaiah & I rebuilt fences. Rain in the morning. Joe Snider's barn raised.
- 8. Isaiah & I rebuilt fences. N. L. Martin helped us to butcher a beef, thunderstorm in the evening.

- 9. Lin town AM. We cut thistles PM.
- 10. SUNDAY: Judith & I at the NW Meeting at Menno Bauman's for dinner.
- 11. Isaiah & I cut thistles.
- 12. Isaiah & I cut thistles AM. Cultivated, harrowed & ploughed turnip patch & fetched sower.
- 13. Cultivated, harrowed, rolled, ridged & sowed turnips, scuffled mangolds.
- 14. I scuffled sugar beets & corn. Others cleaned mangolds. Fine weather.
- 15. We cleaned mangolds.
- 16. We cleaned mangolds & beets. I went to town in AM.
- 17. SUNDAY: Judith & I at Martin's Meeting AM & PM at Enos Bauman's for dinner.
- 18. We white-washed hen house & cleaned beets.
- 19. We cleaned sugar beets all day.
- 20. We cleaned sugar beets for awhile. Isaiah in town. Rainy.
- 21. We cleaned sugar beets nearly all day. Rainy awhile PM.
- 22.1 in town, sawed some wood & cleaned some beets. Rainy.
- 23. We cleaned beets nearly all day. A little rain. Received Ind. Letter.
- 24. SUNDAY: All in the WW Meeting AM. & PM. Eli was here for supper.
- 25. Finished bunching sugar beets in the morning. Cut thistles the rest of the day. Hy. Martin fetched our sulky plow.
- 26. We thinned sugar beets in the morning, then cut thistles.
- 27. We thinned sugar beets in the morning, then cut thistles.
- 28. Thinned sugar beets AM. Ganged fallow & scuffled beets.
- 29.1 scuffled beets AM. Cut thistles PM. Judith went home in the morning. Father went to town AM P.S. Parents arrived from Indiana on the evening of June 27Th.
- 30. Father & N.L. Martin in Berlin. I at Menno Weber's raising AM. I at Benj. Martin's raising PM. Grandmother here all day.

# **JULY 1906**

- 1. SUNDAY: Parents & Grandmother at the C. Meeting at Daniel Brubacher's for dinner. Isaiah & I at the Conestogo Meeting PM.
- 2. Father at Dilman Martin Sr. to fix rack lifter. I ganged & harrowed fallow. Reuben fetched Isaiah.
- 3. Parents at Grandmother at the distribution of Elias' property.
- 4. I at Louis Beisel's raising all day. Father at Hy. Wideman to put up a rack lifter.
- 5. I at Menno Weber's raising ¾ day. Father at Hy. Wideman.
- 6. Eli & I cleaned carrots, scuffled turnips, harrowed fallow. Father at Joseph Ernst to put up a rack lifter.
- 7. In town & washed carriage AM. I, Isaiah, Noah Weber, Wendel Martin & Noah Bearinger at Jesse Martin's for supper at Edward Spaeth's for the night.

- Daniel Gingerich & Judith Weber were here for the night. Father at J. Ernst worked at rack lifter.
- 8. SUNDAY: We boys at Levi Weber's for dinner, at Dan. Martin's for supper.
- 9. Eli & I cleaned turnips. Father at J. Ernst worked at rack lifter.
- 10. Eli & I cleaned turnips, I scuffled potatoes, father at J. Ernst.
- 11. I scuffled beet, others cleaned beets, father at Jno. Geisel to fix rack lifter.
- 12. I ploughed fallow AM. We at Geo's to make a little hay.
- 13. I ploughed fallow AM. We 3 at Geo's to make hay till butchering time PM.
- 14. We 3 at Geo's to make hay from 10 o'clock to the evening.
- 15. SUNDAY: I, Judith & Israel Brubacher's hired girl at Martin's Meeting at Israel Gingerich's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper.
- 16. Father in town & at Hy. Brubacher to buy a steer for \$25. I ploughed fallow in the evening. Rainy at noon.
- 17. I ploughed fallow AM., at Geo's from noon to the evening.
- 18. I ploughed fallow in the morning. At Geo's about ¾ of a day.
- 19. We 3 at Reuben about 34 day to make hay.
- 20. We 3 at Reub. a few hours. Rainy at noon & in the evening.
- 21. We 3 at Reub. PM. I ploughed fallow AM.
- 22. SUNDAY: All except I at the WW Meeting. Joe Snyder's & Aaron Martin's here for dinner. Hen. Bauman's here for supper. I in Peel Meeting, at Elias Martin's for supper. Rainy in the evening.
- 23. I fetched Geo's mower. I & father mowed grass, cut & shocked wheat, father at Reub. ¼ day.
- 24. Father & I mowed grass in the morning. Geos & Reubs helped to make hay.
- 25. Father at Geo. mowing grass. I raked hay in the morning. Geos & Reubs helped to make hay. Put away about 26 loads of hay.
- 26. Father, Eli & I at Geo to make a hay stack.
- 27. Father fetched 625 (2 ½") tiles from Hy. Stroh at \$9.00 per M. AM & 625 tiles PM. I ploughed fallow AM Mowed thistles PM.
- 28. Father in town, hauled in 2 loads of wheat AM. Prepared our bush for tiling purposes. Rainy PM.
- 29. SUNDAY: Eli & I at the C Meeting AM. Parents at N. Bearinger's for a call after supper. Rainy PM.
- 30. I mowed fence corners. Father fetched 530 five inch tiles at \$25 per M.
- 31. I took chopping out to town, scuffled beets AM. Father fetched tiles. I ploughed sod PM. Others scuffled beets & cleaned turnips.

# **AUGUST 1906**

- 1. I ploughed sod about ¾ day. Hauled in wheat & scuffled mangolds.
- 2. I ploughed all day, father raked wheat field, then the other team ploughed.
- 3. The 2 teams ploughed sod all day till butchering time.
- 4. The 2 teams harrowed AM. Hauled in some barely, rain PM.

- 5. SUNDAY: Parents at Moses Martin's for dinner, at John Fry's for supper. I at CP Ry gravel pit to see the gravel steam shovel.
- 6. Harrowed on the ploughed sod & on the fallow & tiled (?much)
- 7. Tiled in our bush nearly all day. Rainy at noon.
- 8. Tiled awhile in the morning. Cut & shocked grain.
- 9. Cut & shocked grain. Eli at Geo's drawing in barely. Rainy in the evening.
- 10. We tiled in the bush, father in town in the morning.
- 11. We tiled a little in the morning. Cut & shocked grain. I awhile at Ph. Beisel to thrash till the machine came out of order.
- 12. SUNDAY: I, Judith & I. Brubacher's hired girl at Martin's Meeting, at Jacob Martin's for dinner, at Hy. Martin's for supper. Benj. Bauman buried.
- 13. We cut & shocked oats, hauled in 4 loads of barely.
- 14. We cut & shocked oats AM. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash, others hauled in barely.
- 15. We raked & drawed in barely & other grain. I at Dav. Cressman to thrash PM. Sold 2 hogs. Av. Wt. 180 lbs. at \$.07 per lb.
- 16. Father at Chr. Esch to thrash AM We drawed in grain PM.
- 17. Father fetched machine, fetched power & drawed in grain.
- 18. Set thrashing machines AM. We thrashed PM, 9 strangers.
- 19. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Joe Gingerich's, Joe Hoffman's, Levi Weber's & Enos Bauman's here for dinner. Samuel Martin's & Levi Bauman's here for supper. I at Mose Reist's for supper.
- 20. Took thrashing machines over to Geo. We tiled in the fallow.
- 21. We tiled in the fallow & cut the balance of our grain. Hot weather.
- 22. I cultivated & harrowed fallow. Tiled in the bush.
- 23. I cultivated on ploughed sod, father tiled AM. Hauled in oats PM.
- 24.1 at Dav. Cressman to thrash AM. 1 at Dav. Hoffer to thrash PM. We finished harvesting grain sheaves.
- 25. Father, Eli & I at Geo. to thrash ¼ day in the morning, then we went to Reub. to haul in grain.
- 26. SUNDAY: Parents at Eli Martin's for supper. I awhile at the CP Rys pit.
- 27. I rolled & ploughed some of the fallow. Eli raked about all day. Finished harvesting grain in the evening. Father digged old tiles out.
- 28. Father, Eli & I at Reub. hauling in grain about all day.
- 29. Father & I at Reub. to set machine AM & to thrash PM.
- 30. Father, Eli & I at Reub. hauling in oats all day. A little windy.
- 31. Eli & I ploughed in the fallow, father worked at the tiles.

# SEPTEMBER 1906

- 1. I & Eli rolled & harrowed & sowed some wheat in the fallow.
- 2. SUNDAY: Parents, Grandmother & Aaron Weber's at the NW Meeting, at Daniel Gingerich's for dinner, at Mose Gingerich's for supper. I at Jonas Martin's for dinner.

- 3. Sowed & harrowed wheat-patch. Parents at the funeral of the wife of Simon at Philiph Beisel's.
- 4. We drawed manure on sown wheat patch. I ganged & harrowed. Father & Eli spread manure.
- 5. We hauled out wood from Grandmother's bush with 2 teams at the rate of 2/3 to us & 1/3 to Grandmother.
- 6. We with 2 teams drawed out wood nearly all day. Parents awhile at Hy. Brubacher who was very low with fever.
- 7. Drawed some wood out, father took Geo's wood rack home AM. We tiled PM.
- 8. We tiled all day. Father went to town in the morning.
- 9. SUNDAY: I AT Martins' meeting, at Wendel Martin's for dinner, at Israel Martin's for supper.
- 10. We tiled all day, father fetched 100 (5") tiles in the evening.
- 11. We tiled all day.
- 12.1 ganged & went to town. Eli worked at tiling place. Father at Wendel Bauman to cement all day.
- 13. Parents, Eli, & I at the Harvest Meeting at WW, Hy. Martin's here for dinner. I ganged. Father at W. Bauman to cement PM.
- 14. I ganged all day, others made fence, father in town.
- 15. I took chopping to town AM & ganged PM. Father at Hy. Martin cementing. Mose Weber's here over night.
- 16. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Seth Bauman's brought Elias Bauman's of Iowa, Aaron Bauman's, Amos, Aaron & Israel Rudy were here for dinner. Parents at Hy. Gingerich's for supper.
- 17. I took father to Hy. Martin in the morning to erect concrete walls for a stable. I cultivated root patch.
- 18. I harrowed root patch, cut & shocked corn & drawed wood together in our bush. Eli rolled ganged fields.
- 19. I cleaned the ditch in Ernst's bush for the tiles outlet. Eli rolled. Digged out 3 rows of potatoes. Isaiah came home from Reub.
- 20.1 at Dav. Cressman to thrash ¾ day. Father came home from Hy. Martin. Very dry for a long time till tonight when the ground was soaked.
- 21. All at Reuben Bauman's child's funeral (except Lydia) I at Fred Weigel to thrash PM.
- 22. I at Fred Weigel to thrash nearly all day. Father at Hy. Martin all day. Eli ganged & went to town with Isaiah.
- 23. SUNDAY: I at Aaron Weber's for dinner, at Hy. Horst's for supper.
- 24. Father at Hy. Martin cementing all day. We digged out 2 loads of potatoes. I ganged a little AM.
- 25. Father at Hy. Martin cementing all day. We digged out ½ load of potatoes. I harrowed a little and in town. Drawed wood together.
- 26. Eli, I & potatoe digger & Isaiah (who started to work at Reub. again) at Reub's to dig potatoes about ¾ day. Father filed & set circular saw. Parents at Peter Beisel's funeral. Some rain.

- 27. We set saw & power AM. Eli & I at the Elmira Exhibition PM.
- 28. We sawed wood in our bush; 2 of Geo., Reub. & J. Ernst helped.
- 29. Tinkered about in the buildings; rainy about all the day.
- 30. SUNDAY: Parents at the NW Meeting, at Menno Bauman's for dinner.

#### OCTOBER 1906

- 1. Father up at Hy. Brubacher (on Wendel Bauman's farm) to cement. We made out mangolds, hauled in pumpkins & took chopping out.
- 2. Father at Hy. Brubacher cementing. We made out mangolds.
- 3. I took a load of matched lumber from Elmira to St. Jacobs for Hy. Martin, father helped to dig a grave for Joshua Brubacher's child AM. We drawed in wood with 2 teams PM.
- 4. Parents at J. Brubacher's child's funeral AM. We hauled in wood & set sawing outfit to saw Grandmother's wood.
- 5. We sawed Grandmother's wood, 2 of Geo. & J. Ernst helped AM. We hauled wood into Grandmother's shed PM.
- 6. Fastened new handles on a plow, rainy nearly all day.
- 7. SUNDAY: Parents at Joshua Rudy's for dinner.
- 8. Father & I went to town, lifted & made out some sugar beets.
- 9. Father, I & team at Geo. to thrash ¾ day. Rained last night.
- 10. Father painted at driving shed. Eli & I ploughed awhile. Snowed.
- 11. Eli & I ploughed. Father at Menno Weber to mason PM.
- 12. We drawed in about 12 loads of mangolds, ploughed with 2 teams. Father painted some of the driving shed.
- 13. We drawed in about 4 loads of mangolds, ploughed the rest of AM. We made out some sugar beets PM.
- 14. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting, Menno Gingerich's, Dav. Horst's & Isaiah were here for dinner.
- 15. Ploughed a little, made sugar beets out, widow Fulton helped.
- 16. Fetched some apple-sauce apples, made sugar beet out. Fine weather.
- 17. We made the balance of the sugar beets out, made out carrots & hauled them in, drawed out 3 loads of manure.
- 18. Drawed out about 27 loads of manure.
- 19. Parents at Enos Gingerich's child's funeral. Father fixed stove-pipes for Grandmother. Rainy.
- 20. Father at Receveous Martin to make stalling. Eli & I ploughed, I in town, fetched Geo's waggon.
- 21. SUNDAY: I, Judith & B. Sauder at the C. Meeting, at August Sauder's for dinner, at Nathaniel Martin's for supper.
- 22. We drawed out 8 loads of sugar beets to the GTR station, 2 teams.
- 23. We drawed out about 8 loads of sugar beets to the GTR station, 2 teams.
- 24. Hauled in about 14 loads of turnips. Benj. Bauman's wife buried.
- 25. Father at R. Martin carpentering ¾ day. We ploughed.

- 26. Father at R Martin carpentering all day. We ploughed, I at Henry Brubacher to thrash ¼ day.
- 27. Father at R. Martin. We ploughed AM. I went to town, rainy PM.
- 28. SUNDAY: All at home Chr. Wideman's Menno here for dinner.
- 29.1 at Chr. Esch to thrash about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> day. Father took a load of sugar beets to the factory, Wt. 3400 lbs., test 15.2% sugar, tare 8.7%. Wt. Of the beets in the car 23 1277/2000 tons, test 14.8%, tare 11.4%. Snow in the evening.
- 30. I took father to R. Martin. I took mother to town & plough in the afternoon. Snowfall in the morning.
- 31. I went to St. Jacobs to get cider & apple sauce made. Eli & I ploughed PM. Father at R. Martin ¾ day & came home.

#### **NOVEMBER 1906**

- 1. I went to town AM. I & team at Joe Ernst to thrash. Levi B. Bauman's wife got buried.
- 2. Father took chopping to Elmira. We spread sugar beet tops & plougher. Father painted driving shed.
- 3. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash AM. ploughed & painted shed.
- 4. SUNDAY: Eli & I at Reub. Bauman's for dinner. Lydia at N. L. Martin.
- 5. We ploughed nearly all day. Father visited N. Bearinger.
- 6. Eli ploughed all day. I drawed out 12 loads of manure.
- 7. Eli ploughed a little. Drawed out 9 ½ loads of manure & spread some.
- 8. Drawed 3 cords of wood into Grandmother's shed, Eli ploughed, I spread manure, father fixed Grandmother's stove-pipes.
- 9. Eli & I ploughed nearly all day. Rainy awhile.
- 10.1 spread some manure, Eli & I ploughed. Parents went to Snyders, St. Jacobs to buy dry goods, then at Hy. Martin's for supper.
- 11. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Some young people here for supper.
- 12. Father at the fair, we ploughed & ditched.
- 13. Father, Eli & I tiled all day.
- 14. Father at Amos Martin to fetched skunk & 'coon fat. Eli & I tiled all day. Father at the Meeting House on business.
- 15. Father at R. Martin carpentering. Eli & I worked at the tile. Fruit tree agent here last night.
- 16. Father at R. Martin. I went to town, re-opened ditch & covered tiles.
- 17. Father at R. Martin, Eli went to town. I re-opened ditch.
- 18. SUNDAY: Parents at the C. Meeting, at Dillman Martin's for dinner.
- 19. Father at R. Martin all day. Eli & I painted shed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
- 20. Father at R. Martin all day. I ploughed sod AM. Worked in the buildings, rainy PM.
- 21. Tinkered about the buildings. Butchered 10 hen, killed about 50 chickens & hen this fall. Rainy & icy.

- 22. I ploughed sod & Eli PM. Fetched 3 steers from Chas. Klinck at \$25 per head; weighing about 800 lbs. a piece.
- 23. Eli & I ploughed sod AM. Father & I at N. Bearinger carpentering PM.
- 24. Washed waggon. I a little at Grandmother to split wood. Parents went to Edward Spaeth's with Grandmother's buggy.
- 25. SUNDAY: Parents at E. Spaeth's last night till this afternoon. Mary Ann Weber here for dinner. Eli at Solomon Reist's for dinner.
- 26. Father at R. Martin to saw wood with circular saw. We piled up wood in our bush. Rainy for awhile.
- 27. We worked at the implement shed & made a new floor on a well.
- 28. Father at Stroh, Waterloo, to look for leather. Mother at Geo's for dinner. Rag peddlar here for dinner. Freezing.
- 29.1 took a load of wood to Hy. Martin AM. Father worked at harness-making bench.
- 30. Father & I at Dav. Hoffer to thrash about ¾ of a day.

# DECEMBER 1906

- 1. Father & I at Joe Ernst to thrash nearly all day. Norman Spaeth came to visited us this afternoon.
- SUNDAY: All at Sam Brubacher's child's funeral. (I was hostler). Daniel M. Bauman's & Peter Ziegler here for dinner. Parents at widow Henry Snider for supper.
- 3. I at D. Cressman to thrash all day. Isaiah came home from Reub.
- 4. I at D. Cressman to thrash all day. Father with circular saw at Jno. Martin to saw wood all day. Cold.
- 5. I at D. Cressman to thrash about ¼ day AM. & at Ph. Beisel about ¾ of a day. Isaiah at J. Ernst to chopp PM.
- 6. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash a little over ½ of a day. Others set horse power. Our waggon sold for \$4.50 at T. Musselman's sale.
- 7. We started to thrash in the morning but learned that a crank was broken in the separator, took separator to the foundry & helped them to open it. Sleighing & cold.
- 8. Father helped at the foundry all day. I took mother to town.
- 9. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Parents at Menno Weber's for supper.
- 10. Father & I at the fair; bought S. Lichty's waggon for \$31.50. Fetched separator from the foundry.
- 11. We thrashed all day; 9 strangers.
- 12. We thrashed till about 10 o'clock. Chopped some grain. Geo. fetched chopper & helped to chopp. Moved machine to Reub.
- 13. Father, I & team at Reub. to thrash all day.
- 14. Father, I & team at Reub. to thrash all day.
- 15. Isaiah, I & team at Reub. to thrash AM & about an hour. PM

- 16. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at the C. Meeting at Ezra Martin's for dinner at Josiah M. Martin's for supper. Parents at the SP Meeting, at Moses Bauman's for dinner.
- 17.I at Hy. Brubacher in the morning to help to load hay. Father, Isaiah, & circular saw at Joe Ernst to saw wood ¾ day. I helped at Joe also about ½ of a day.
- 18. I started to work for Menno M. Weber's in the morning. I drawed wood to the brickyard, 3 loads. Elm top wood \$2. Per cord.
- 19. I drawed 2 loads of wood to the brickyard & 2 loads of bricks home.
- 20. I drawed 2 loads of wood to the brickyard, & 1 load to Dav. Hollinger; basswood & soft maple at \$3.25; splitting wood.
- 21. Drawed 2 loads to the brickyard & 1 to D. Hollinger.
- 22. I drawed 1 load to the brickyard & 1 to town.
- 23. SUNDAY: I at the NW Meeting at Sol. Martins for dinner at David F. Martin's for supper.
- 24. I at A. W. Weber's helped to chopp grain all day.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: I at the WW Meeting. Young people here for dinner. (At Menno Weber's) I at Noah Wideman's for supper.
- 26. I drawed 4 loads of sand from S. Snider to here.
- 27. I drawed 2 loads of sand AM & 1 load of stones from Dav. M. Martin.
- 28. I drawed 3 loads of stones from David M. Martin.
- 29. I drawed 2 loads of stones from David M. Martin.
- 30. SUNDAY: I at N. L. Martin's for dinner, at my real home for supper.
- 31. I drawed 2 loads of stones from David M. Martin. I worked for M. M. Weber all this time. Thawning.

# **DIARY 1907**

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: Noah Horst & I at the Con. Meeting, at Receveous Martin's for dinner, at Menno Hoffman's for supper.
- 2. I helped to draw hay from A. W. Weber to here all day.
- 3. I worked in the buildings & went to town. Cold rain all day.
- 4. I at Elias B. Martin to thrash all day.
- 5. I at Ephraim Weber to thrash all day.
- 6. SUNDAY: I at WW Meeting. David Bearinger & M. Burkhard here for supper. Menno's at Aaron W. Weber's
- 7. I in the bush making wood about all day. Misty.
- 8. I helped to butcher 3 hogs all day.
- 9. Menno & I at A. W. Weber to butcher 4 hogs all day.
- 10. I worked in the bush. Menno drawed lumber to Elmira.

- 11. I at Daniel Bauman to thrash all day.
- 12. Drawed wood into shed AM. At A. W. Weber to chopp PM.
- 13. SUNDAY: Menno Weber's at Amzi Snyder's.
- 14. Menno & I in the bush sawing wood. Fair day.
- 15. Menno & I in the bush sawing wood.
- 16. Menno & I in the bush. I went to town in the evening.
- 17. Menno & I in the bush. I at Dan. Bauman to thrash awhile.
- 18. I at Daniel Bauman's new barn to thrash all day.
- 19. We made a chist AM. Eli Bauman of Iowa & Dav. Bauman here for supper. I went to town. Beef Meeting at home.
- 20. SUNDAY: I & Eli B. Bauman at the NW Meeting, at Peter Martin's for dinner, at Aaron Bauman's for supper. Strong wind & stormy.
- 21. Menno & I worked in the bush all day; clearing up bush.
- 22. In the bush cutting wood. Menno at A. W. Weber to patch roof.
- 23. I in the bush cutting wood all day.
- 24. Menno & I at A. W. Weber to thrash all day.
- 25. Menno & I in the bush cutting wood all day.
- 26. I in the bush all day. Isaiah & I at Joshua Rudy's over night.
- 27. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting, at Tilman B. Martin's for dinner, at Seth Bauman's for supper.
- 28. I worked in the buildings & helped to load wood AM. I took a load of wood, \$4.00 chiefly beech & maple knots to A. Werner, Elmira.
- 29. I drawed a cord of wood, elm, beech & maple knots \$4. to J. S. Ruppel. I drawed a cord of splitting wood; basswood, ash, maple & beech \$3.25 to J. Foster, and 1 cord top wood to C. Stump.
- 30. I drawed 1 cord of wood to Elmira AM. I cut wood in the bush PM.
- 31. Menno & I in the bush about all day. Bagged up grain.

# FEBRUARY 1907

- 1. Menno & I at A. W. Weber chopping AM. In the bush PM.
- 2. Menno at Eph. Weber to thrash all day. I worked in the buildings.
- 3. SUNDAY: Menno & I at the WW Meeting. Menno's at N. Martin's for supper.
- 4. I in the bush AM. Menno took me home & fetched Isaiah. I was a member on the sick list: Eli B. Bauman & William Spaeth came in the afternoon.
- 5. I kept myself indoors, had gripp. Eli here till in the evening. William Spaeth here all day.
- 6. I worked a little in the shop. William left here at noon.
- 7. I & Father worked in the shop all day.
- 8. I & Father worked in the shop all day. Nice weather.
- 9. I & father worked in the shop all day.
- 10. SUNDAY: Parents at D. Cressman's Jr. for dinner, at David Cressman's Sr. for supper.

- 11. Father at the fair. Jno. Bauman fetched his single harness. He & Joshua Rudy here for dinner, we made troughs PM.
- 12. We made a pig stall, father at J. Ernst to butcher a beef AM. Father & I worked in the shop PM.
- 13. Father & I worked in the shop. Isaiah came home in the evening.
- 14. Father & I worked in the shop. I fetched trunk from M. M. Weber.
- 15. Father & I worked in the shop all day.
- 16. Father & I worked in the shop. Parents went to town PM.
- 17. SUNDAY: Parents at Grandmother for dinner.
- 18. Father & I worked in the shop all day.
- 19. Isaiah & I hauled 4 loads of gravel from N. Hedrich. Father worked in the shop.
- 20. Isaiah & I hauled home 4 loads of gravel from N. Hedrich. We at Fred Miller's sale & bought a cow for \$52.50.
- 21. Isaiah & I fetched the cow home & 1 load of gravel from Hedrich AM. 2 loads of gravel from S. Snider PM. Father worked in shop.
- 22. Isaiah & I hauled 2 loads of gravel from S. Snider AM. Father, I & N. L. Martin in Peel & at Bergman's horse sale, Floradale.
- 23. I worked in the shop all day, father went to town PM.
- 24. SUNDAY: I & with a sleighing party at Mose Weber's last night, at Martin's Meeting, at Josiah Bauman's for dinner, at Eno Martin's for supper. Parents at Sol. Reist's for dinner.
- 25. Father, Isaiah, & I in the shop worked at Receveous Martin's harness.
- 26. Father, Isaiah & I worked in the shop. Bought a horse from Noah B. Martin for \$160.00. Oziah Martin fetched his harness with Martingale for \$23.00 & took Josiah Brubacher's along also.
- 27. Father, Isaiah & I worked in the shop all day.
- 28. We 3 worked in the shop. Parents went to town in the afternoon.

#### **MARCH 1907**

- 1. We 3 worked in the shop. Father filed M. M. Weber's saw.
- 2. Finished R. Martin's double harness & made ax handles. Stormy.
- 3. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Parents at Levi Brubacher's for supper.
- 4. Receveous Martin fetched his new harness & brought old harness to get it mend. Susanah Bauman here to visit over night.
- 5. Mended R. Martin's harness & made ax handles AM. At Reuter's sale PM.
- 6. I figured over the thrashing machine bills all day. Father took bass wood chist lumber to Abs. Eby to get it dried & planed.
- 7. Father & N. L. Martin at Waterloo at Stroh fetched horse-collar leather, at Levi Weber's for dinner. I at Eli S. Martin for Geo. to help to thrash wheat all day.
- 8. Isaiah & I hauled top-wood from Grandmother's bush. I at Geo to PM. Jno. Bauman brought horse-collars to get clipps on.

- 9. Isaiah & I hauled wood into Grandmother's shed AM. Eli & I in the bush, father went to town PM.
- 10. SUNDAY: Father awhile at N. Bearinger. I at A. W. Weber's for supper.
- 11. We 3 at the fair AM. Isaiah & I in the bush PM.
- 12. We 3 at Geo to thrash all day. Dreary & thawning.
- 13. We 3 at Geo to thrash AM. Started at Ph. Beisel's harness.
- 14. Father & I in the shop. Isaiah at Joe Ernst to cut wood PM.
- 15. Father & I in the shop. Isaiah at J. Ernst to cut wood all day.
- 16. Father & I in the shop. Father went to town PM.
- 17. SUNDAY: I AT George M. Bauman's for dinner.
- 18. Father, Isaiah & I worked in the shop all day. Warm.
- 19. Father & I in the shop all day. Isaiah at J. Ernst. Enos Martin here for dinner. Foggy.
- 20. Father & I in the shop. Isaiah at J. Ernst. Father went to town.
- 21. Father & I in the shop. Isaiah at J. Ernst.
- 22. Father stuffed out horse-collars. I work in the shop. Isaiah at Joseph Ernst to help to make wood.
- 23. We worked in the driving shed AM. Isaiah & I in the bush PM.
- 24. SUNDAY: All at home all day. Muddy.
- 25. Father at Enos Martin to patch up harness. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 26. Father at Enos Martin to patch up harness. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 27. Father at Enos Martin to patch up harness. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 28. Father in the shop. Isaiah & I made wood in Grandmother's bush.
- 29. GOOD FRIDAY: Father, Eli, & I at WW Meeting. I at Eli M. Martin's for supper.
- 30. Father sent to town. Isaiah & I made wood in Grandmother's bush.
- 31. SUNDAY: EASTER: All at the WW Meeting. Hy. B. Brubacher's here for dinner.

# **APRIL 1907**

- 1. EASTER MONDAY: Parents in town AM. Isaiah & I at Bergman's horse sale, (word?)
- 2. Isaiah & I in the bush. Father fetched chist lumber home.
- 3. Isaiah & father in the bush. I at Eli. S. Martin to thrash a little over ½ a day.
- 4. Isaiah & I worked in the bush. Father at Eli S. Martin to mend harness.
- 5. Isaiah & I worked in the bush. Father at Eli S. Martin to mend harness AM. Father & N. L. Martin at Henry Martin.
- 6. Isaiah at J. Ernst to chopp ½ day. Father in town. Worked in the bush.
- 7. SUNDAY: Joesph & Leah Reist here for dinner. Jacob & Ira Martin & Ab. Bearinger here for supper. Rainy towards the evening.
- 8. Father, Isaiah & I at the fair, sold 12 pigs & weeks old for \$30. Bought a calf about 5 days old from Jno. Martin for \$3.50. Isaiah & I in the bush.

- 9. We 3 helped to wash out the Meeting House AM. Father at Hy. Horst. Isaiah & I in the bush splitting wood PM.
- 10. Father at Hy. Horst AM. We drove to Elmira for O'Neil 3 steers weighing 3300 lbs. at \$.04 ½ per lb. Isaiah & I worked in the bush.
- 11. Father at Hy. Horst carpentering all day. Isaiah & I in the bush.
- 12. Sewed halter straps, worked at house chist.
- 13. Father & I worked at chists. Isaiah & I went to town PM.
- 14. SUNDAY: Isaiah at Mose Reist's for dinner. Mose Martin Jr. here for supper.
- 15. Isaiah & I in the bush. Father worked at the chists.
- 16. Isaiah & father took 6 hogs weighing 1070 lbs. at \$6.10 @ cwt. To the GTR Station for O'Neil. Isaiah & I in the bush awhile AM. Prepared for cleaning grain. Snowstorm.
- 17. We boys drove 2 yearling calves wt. 1390 lbs. at \$.04 ¼ @ lb. for O'Neil to Elmira. Finished splitting wood. Cleaned some barely, father worked at the chists. Ph. Beisel fetched his double brass harness.
- 18. Isaiah & I cleaned seed grain. Father worked at the chists.
- 19. Isaiah & I cleaned seed grain. Father worked at the chists & fetched 8 bu. seed oats at \$.45 a bu. from John Bauman.
- 20. Isaiah & I drawed grain over to Geo for to chopp.
- 21. SUNDAY: Parents at the Martins' Meeting, at Paul Martin's for dinner, at Noah G. Martin's for supper. Mary Ann Weber here for dinner.
- 22. Father, Isaiah, I & 2 teams at Geo to chopp some of his & some of ours AM. Isaiah & I at Geo to help to draw in ½ of a hay stack & picked stones.
- 23. Isaiah, Eli & I picked stones & drawed them off the field. Isaiah rolled. I ganged. Father, Lydia & Jones Martin in Toronto, via CPR at Dr. J. Harts.
- 24. I drawed wood into the shed in the morning. We oiled harness.
- 25. I ganged awhile, Isaiah rolled awhile, cultivated some & oiled harness.
- 26. Father went to town AM. Sowed barely & cultivated in the evening.
- 27. All at the funeral of the wife of Menno Wideman AM. I cultivated & sowed. Others made fence. Warmed.
- 28. SUNDAY: All except Lydia & Noah at WW Meeting. Daniel Brubacher's here for dinner. Henry Martin's here for dinner & supper.
- 29. I split wood, father went to town AM. Father, I & circular ripp saws at Moses C. Martin to ripp boards up to laths. Some rain.
- 30. Aaron Weber brought his lounch to get it repaired, Isaiah & I worked at it. Father started to trim David Martin's buggy. Rainy.

# MAY 1907

- 1. I repaired smear jack, father worked at the buggy AM. Father at M. C. Martin to saw wood. Isaiah & I washed waggon.
- 2. Isaiah & I drawed wood out of the bush all day. Father finished buggy.
- 3. Isaiah & I drawed wood out of the bush nearly all day. Father finished lounch. Parent took lounch home to A. W. Weber's after supper.

- 4. Worked in the shop AM. Planted & fixed rosberries. Father at Grandmother's.
- 5. SUNDAY: Parents & Grandmother at C. Meeting, at George Hoffman's for dinner. Grandmother here for supper.
- 6. I sowed & cultivated. Father painted waggon.
- 7. I sowed some barely, harrowed, rolled & cultivated.
- 8. I sowed & cultivated. Isaiah rolled & harrowed.
- 9. ASCENSION DAY: Lydia at Aaron Weber's, Eli was away fishing.
- 10.1 cultivated & sowed. Father fetched our new concrete mixer.
- 11. Father & Eli & Isaiah (hustler) at the funeral of Moses Gingerich. I sowed some oats & ploughed.
- 12. SUNDAY: I & Lucinda Bauman at the SP Meeting, at Joshua Bauman's for dinner, at Daniel Hoffman's for supper. Menno Weber's here for dinner.
- 13. Isaiah & I ploughed AM. Sowed oats, harrowed, rolled & cultivated PM. Father took concrete mixer to the foundry.
- 14. Cultivated, ploughed, harrowed & rolled sugar beet patch.
- 15. Worked on mangold patch & sowed 1 ½ acres of sugar beets AM. Took s. b. drill to Hy. Bauman, Isaiah & I went to town. Rainy PM.
- 16. We cut straw & filled straw sacks & cultivated.
- 17. Ridged & sowed mangolds & planted 20 rows of potatoes.
- 18. Planted 8 rows of potatoes. Drawed manure on corn patch & ploughed some. Eli rolled awhile. Father went to town.
- 19. SUNDAY: I & Lucinda Bauman at Martin's Meeting, at John Bauman's for dinner & supper. Menno Bauman's here for supper.
- 20. WHIT. MON: Father & I fetched concrete mixer from the foundry & took it to Dan Bauman, father at Daniel PM. Isaiah & I at Ernie Shantz's funeral; aged 17 years, 8 months, 5 days. A Martins.
- 21. Father at Dan Bauman all day. I took 3 hogs to the GTR Station for O'Neil; wt. 420 lbs @ \$.06 ½. Drawed wood together. Cold.
- 22. Father at Dan Bauman all day. Isaiah, I & team at Joe Ernst drawing manure all day.
- 23. Father at Dan Bauman. Isaiah at J. Ernst to plough & I to spread manure AM. Drawed earth in our bush & drawed some wood together.
- 24. Father at Dan Bauman. Isaiah & I prepared corn patch & planted corn & pumpkins. Rebuilt culvert in our bush.
- 25. Father at Dan Bauman. Isaiah & I drove 1 old cow (\$39) & 2 calves 1050 lbs. at \$.04 a lb to CPR station for O'Neil.
- 26. SUNDAY: Parents, Isaiah, Eli & I at WW Meeting. Menno Eby, Alvin Weber & Noah Knor here for dinner. Eli & Levi Gingerich & Oziah Bearinger here for supper. Thunder in the evening.
- 27. Father finished cementing Dan Bauman's cellar wall & brought concrete mixer home AM. Isaiah & I removed earth for a concrete wall around the house cellar, fetched J. Ernsts power & set it. Amzi Snider brought to us for supper Joe Kistered's, their dau. & his sister of Montgomery County, Pa.

- 28. We prepared for & cemented some on the west side of our house.
- 29. We cemented all day. Nice weather.
- 30. We cemented all day.
- 31. Prepared to built a cellar cement stair under porch.

## **JUNE 1907**

- 1. We cemented sides for the stair-case.
- 2. SUNDAY: I at SP Meeting, at Amos Martin's for dinner, at Solomon Martin's for supper.
- 3. We made concrete steps in the stair-case & a concrete porch-floor.
- 4. Parents went to town AM. Fixed mixer so as to put a sulky under it. Rainy PM.
- 5. Father fetched lumber & made a cellar-door AM., at N. L. Martin to work PM.
- 6. Father at Noah L. Martin masoning all day. We drawed earth & stones.
- 7. Father & I at N. Martin masoning till butcher time, then slaughtered the 1<sup>st</sup> beef of the season.
- 8. Father & I at N. L. Martin masoning all day.
- 9. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at NW Meeting, at Mose Gingerich's for dinner, at Moses Martin's for supper.
- 10. Father & I at N. Martin masoning all day.
- 11. Father & I at N. Martin masoning all day. Isaiah & mother at Dav. Cressman's barn raising.
- 12. Father & I at N. Martin masoning all day.
- 13. Father at N. Martin preparing for making a cement tank all day. Isaiah & mother at Allen Bauman's wife's funeral. I ridged & sowed turnips.
- 14. Father at N. Martin cementing all day. We cut thistles.
- 15. Father at N. Martin all day. We fixed up fences. I went to town, helped to dig a grave for Hy. Gingerich's child's funeral.
- 16. SUNDAY: Parents & I (hustler) at Hy. Gingerich's child's funeral. Warm.
- 17. Father & I at N. Martin cementing all day. Warm.
- 18. Father at N. Martin cementing all day. We scuffled s. beets & mangolds AM. Cut thistles PM. Elem Martin's & their 3 children of lowa here over night.
- 19. Parents took Elem Martin's with them to visit up in Peel, at Ezra Martin's for dinner, at Ezra Burkhardt's for supper. We scuffled S. Beets & mangolds & cut thistles. Rainy for awhile PM.
- 20. Father at N. Martin cementing all day. We cleaned mangolds & cut thistles.
- 21. Father at N. Martin all day. We cleaned mangolds & sugar beets & cut thistles.
- 22. Father at N. Martin all day. I went to town, cleaned s. beets.
- 23. SUNDAY: Parents, Eli, Isaiah & I at WW Meeting. Peter Ziegler's here for dinner. Isaiah & I at George M. Bauman's for supper.
- 24.1 & Hy. Brubacher graded up some of our public highway all day. Father at N. Martin all day. Isaiah worked at the s. beets.

- 25. Father at N. Martin all day. We cleaned sugar beets.
- 26. Isaiah drawed 3 loads of gravel on the highway, I shoveled gravel in the pit AM. Father worked on the road all day & I PM.
- 27. Father & I worked on the road, Isaiah was door-keeper AM & PM.
- 28. Father at Louis Beisel preparing for cementing ¾ day. Isaiah & I cleaned mangolds. Eli started to work at George Bauman's.
- 29. Isaiah & I cleaned mangolds. Took a cow (\$38) to CPR station for O'Neil. Father at N. Martin masoning all day. Isaiah & I went to town PM.
- 30. SUNDAY: Parents at the C. Meeting, at Dan Cressman's for dinner, at Israel Weber's for supper. Isaiah & I at the C. Meeting PM.

#### **JULY 1907**

- 1. Father starter to work at Peter Ziegler this morning. I at Menno Snider cementing with our mixer AM. Isaiah at N. L. Martin hoeing potatoes AM. Isaiah & I at N. Martin to spread manure PM.
- 2. Isaiah helped Geo to haul gravel on the road, Eli here at Isaiah's place today. I thined s. beets AM, pulled yellow dock PM.
- 3. Isaiah & I at N. Martin to spread manure all day. Father at Ziegler.
- 4. Isaiah & I at N. Martin to cut thistles PM. Father at P. Ziegler.
- 5. I scuffled s. beets & some potatoes AM. Hoed corn PM. Father at Peter Ziegler AM.
- 6. Isaiah at N. Martin all day, I ¾ day. I fetched a cow (\$40) from P. Zieler & father 13 bunches shingles at \$1.25 a bunch (2 bunches = 1sq?)
- 7. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at NW Meeting PM, at Menno M. Bauman's for supper. Parents at Noah Bearinger's awhile PM.
- 8. Isaiah scuffled turnips, I hoed corn AM. Isaiah & I at N. Martin to cut thistles PM. Father at Menno Weber to make a hay rack all day.
- 9. Father at J. Ernst preparing for cementing all day. Isaiah & mother went to town, I gathered potatoe bugs AM. We cut thistles PM.
- 10. Father at J. Ernst cementing all day & I PM. We cleaned turnips & cut thistles AM. Isaiah cleaned turnips PM.
- 11. Parents & I at N. L. Martin's raising AM. We traded our team 6 & 7 yrs. Old to N. Martin for a team of 2 year old colts, we gave \$35 yet out. Rainy almost all the time.
- 12. Father & I at J. Ernst cementing ¾ day. Isaiah cleaned turnips.
- 13. Father at L. Beisel worked at the stables at the new barn. I scuffled corn, potatoes & some s. beets. Isaiah cleaned turnips.
- 14. SUNDAY: Reuben Baumans & children here for dinner. Isaiah & I at Martin's meeting PM. At Ab. Horst's for supper. Ephraim Martin's baby got buried.
- 15. Father at L. Beisel all day. I scuffled s. beets in the morning & cleaned mangolds the rest of the day. Isaiah cleaned roots.
- 16. Father at N. Martin masoning all day. Isaiah & I cleaned mangolds & sugar beets. Rainy last night.

- 17. Father at N. Martin masoning all day. Isaiah & I cleaned sugar beets and cut thistles. Warm.
- 18. Father mowed grass with mower AM. I mowed out fence corners nearly all day. Isaiah fetched tedder & side-rake.
- 19. We hauled in hay, Reub's 2 hds & Geo's 3 hds helped 34 day.
- 20. We hauled in hay, Reubs 2 hds & Geo's 3 helped ½ day. About 20 loads hay.
- 21. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting, Isacc Gingerich's, Aaron & Veronica Martin here for dinner. All at the WW Meeting PM. Aaron Snyder's & Amos F. Martins here for supper.
- 22. I scuffled some mangolds & s. beets in the morning. Isaiah cleaned turnips. 3 of us at Geo hauling in hay ½ day PM.
- 23. I at Geo all day, father & Isaiah ¾ day hauling in hay.
- 24. Father at L. Beisel ¼ day in the morning carpentering. We 3 at Geo a little over ½ day. A shower of rain at supper time.
- 25. Isaiah & I a little at Geo, father went to Reub with hay fork AM. We 3 at Reub hauling in hay till supper time PM.
- 26. Father went to town, Isaiah & I cleaned turnips AM. We worked at the house PM.
- 27. We 3 at Reub. hauling in hay ¾ day. Cool.
- 28. SUNDAY: Parents at C. Meeting, at Receveous Martin's for dinner, Isaiah & I at C. Meeting PM.
- 29. We fetched from Geo's orchard 2 small loads of hay AM. Father cut wheat with the binder. Isaiah & I shocked it PM.
- 30. Father at Dan B. Martin to make a rack lifter all day. Isaiah & I at Geo nearly all day, I spread & Isaiah loaded manure.
- 31. Father at D. B. Martin all day. I spread & Isaiah loaded manure at Reub.

# **AUGUST 1907**

- 1. Father at Menno Weber with circular ripp saw all day. Isaiah at J. Ernst cleaning mangolds nearly all day. I scuffled roots. Mother & I in town in the morning. Some rain.
- 2. Father at N. L. Martin carpentering till butcher time, Isaiah at J. Ernst cleaning mangolds all day. I scuffled mangolds PM.
- 3. Isaiah at J. Ernst cleaning mangolds all day. Father went to town & I mowed fence corners AM. Father cut & I shocked wheat.
- 4. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I & Lucinda Bauman at Dav. Martin's for dinner, at the SP Meeting PM, at John Martin's for supper (Isaiah & I)
- 5. Father fetched from Jacob Frey 25 ½ bu. Lime @ \$.25. I scuffled some s. beets AM., then prepared for masoning around the house.
- 6. Father & I masoned at the brick wall around our house all day. Isaiah at N. L. Martin to get grain chopped for us.
- 7. Father masoned at the house all day. Isaiah & I drawed in wheat.

- 8. Father masoned at the house all day. Isaiah raked & then drawed in wheat. I worked at the house & masoned some. Mother at Grandmother PM.
- 9. Father & I masoned at the house & cut some barely, Isaiah shocked.
- 10. Father & I masoned at the house all day. Isaiah helped also.
- 11. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting, at Daniel Shantz's for dinner, at Israel Gingerich's for supper. Hy. Gingerich's here for supper.
- 12. Father cut grain. Isaiah & I shocked, did some masoning. Warm.
- 13. Father & I masoned at the house, Isaiah helped too, all day. Mother & Judith Bauman in Berlin AM. Windy.
- 14. Father, Isaiah & I built a scaffold round the house AM. Tore some of the old chimneys down & prepared for masoning PM.
- 15. Father masoned all day. Isaiah & I drawed in barely.
- 16. Father went to town, a little rain AM. We worked at the house PM.
- 17. Father & I worked at the house, masoned etc. Isaiah scuffled turnips.
- 18. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting. Joshua Rudy's here for dinner & supper. Some young people here for dinner.
- 19. Father cut grain, Isaiah & I shocked.
- 20. Father cut grain, Isaiah & I shocked, rain before noon, AM. Masoned PM.
- 21. We 3 masoned & worked at the house all day. Judith visited here.
- 22. Father masoned. Isaiah & I hauled in grain nearly all day.
- 23. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash AM. Father cut & we shocked oats.
- 24. Father at Hy. Brubacher to splice rope in the morning then worked at the house. Isaiah & I hauled in grain all day.
- 25. SUNDAY: Parents with Aaron Weber's at SP Meeting, at Amzi R. Snyder's for dinner, at Noah B. Martin's for supper. Eli, Lydia & Mary Ann Weber at Enos Bauman's for dinner.
- 26. I at Eli S. Martin to thrash for Geo AM. Father masoned at the house & I PM.
- 27. We 3 worked & masoned at the house all day. Misty & some rain.
- 28. We 3 masoned at the house AM. Hauled in oats PM.
- 29. I at Dav. Cressman to thrash AM. Father at J. Frey & fetched 7 bu. Lime @ \$.25. Isaiah ganged. Father & I masoned PM. Hauled in a little oats.
- 30. Father & I masoned all day. Isaiah raked grain AM.
- 31. Father & I masoned all day. Isaiah & mother went to town AM.

#### SEPTEMBER 1907

- 1. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at NW Meeting, at Jonathan Martin's for dinner, at Moses Martin for supper.
- 2. Father & I masoned all day. Isaiah harrowed & ganged.
- 3. Father & I masoned in the morning, then we drawed out manure for wheat patch.
- 4. Father & team at Reub. to thrash AM. Isaiah & I spread manure AM. Father brought separator, I helped him to fetch the power.

- 5. We set thrashing machines, Rainy AM. Isaiah & I ploughed. Father worked at the house PM.
- 6. We thrashed, 9 strangers helped AM. Isaiah & I ploughed, father set circular saw in the barn, moved separator to Geo PM.
- 7. Father at Enos Gingerich to build a chimney nearly all day. Isaiah & I finished ploughing, harrowed, rolled & sowed wheat.
- 8. SUNDAY: Parents at Grandmother for dinner. I at Mose Reist's for supper.
- 9. Father & I went to town then worked at the cornice. Isaiah rowed & ganged.
- 10. Father & I worked at the house. Isaiah let grain chopped at Floradale. Rainy PM.
- 11. Father & I put cornice on house all day. Isaiah ganged.
- 12. Mother, Lydia & I attended the WW Harvest Meeting AM. I ganged PM. Father, Isaiah & Eli went to Goderich via CP Railway. Fare for 1 person \$1.15.
- 13. Father, Isaiah & I shingled on the house roof, Peter Ziegler helped us to shingle a little over ½ day. Isaiah ganged PM.
- 14. Father, I & P. Ziegler finished shingling house roof then worked at the cornice. Isaiah ganged. N. L. Martin brought visitor of Pa. For a call, Martin Lichty's to Nighswanger's.
- 15. SUNDAY: Parents, Lydia & I at WW Meeting, Nathaniel Martin's here for dinner. I at Menno M. Weber's for supper.
- 16. Worked some small jobs at the house. Isaiah ganged & harrowed.
- 17. Father, I, team & saw at Jones Martin to saw wood AM. We set saw & H. Power by us & worked at the house. Isaiah harrowed PM.
- 18. We sawed wood in Grandmother's bush—J. Ernst, 2 of Geo & Jonas Martin & team helped to saw wood till nearly noon. Isaiah & I drawed wood into Grandmother's shed, father went to town PM.
- 19. Isaiah & I drawed wood into Grandmother's shed & helped Geo to thrash about 1 ½ hours. Father at J. Ernst erecting new stalls all day.
- 20. Isaiah & I drawed wood into our shed. Isaiah & mother went to town at noon. Father at J. Ernst erecting stalls till butcher-time.
- 21. Isaiah & I drawed wood into our shed nearly all day. Father in town.
- 22. Sunday: Wendel H. Bauman & his grandson Ezra here for dinner. Noah Horst, Josiah Gingerich & Mose Eby here for supper.
- 23. Father & I worked at the veranda on the north side of our house. Isaiah harrowed. Lydia at N. Martin's the last few days.
- 24. Isaiah & I at Dav. Hoffer to thrash about ¾ of a day. Father took chopping to Floradale. A little rain PM.
- 25. I took to the CPR Wallenstein station for Fendon, 4 hogs, Wt. 710 lbs. @ \$5.85 per cwt. Isaiah & mother at Grandmother to fetch elderberries. Isaiah & I cut & shocked corn PM. Father & Dan. Bauman were up in Peel to buy beef-ring cattle.
- 26.I at F. Weigel to thrash ¾ day. Father at Simion Brubacher, Waterloo, to fetch maple house-flooring 285' at \$50 per M.

- 27. I at Chr. Esch nearly all day thrashing. Others worked at house.
- 28. We worked inside of the house. Rainy nearly all day.
- 29. SUNDAY: All at home all day. Dreary.
- 30. We worked inside of the house,-put in new floor & wain-skirting. Isaiah & father in town PM.

# OCTOBER 1907

- 1. Reub. brought Eli home after a 2 wks. stay. We including Eli drawed out 43 loads of manure.
- 2. I went to town, father fetched a beef-ring beef from one Butt in Peel. We 4 drawed out 21 loads of manure.
- I went to town, then drawed out some manure AM. Father took Isaiah to N. L. Martin to start to work. We digged out about 1 ¼ waggon-boxful of potatoes. Tinsmith here.
- 4. I spread manure all day. Father carpentered inside of the house. Eli spread manure AM & ploughed PM.
- 5. I drawed out & spread manure AM. I ploughed PM. & Eli all day. Father worked in the house.
- 6. SUNDAY: I at N. L. Martin's for dinner. Parents at Dav. Cressman's Jr., their baby died last night.
- 7. Mother at D. Cressman's preparing for the funeral. Eli & I ploughed AM. Digged out 1 boxful of potatoes. Rain in the evening.
- 8. Parents & I (hustler) at the funeral of D. Cressman's child, Lydia & Eli at the Meeting House. Father & I washed potatoes in the evening.
- 9. We 3 digged out nearly 2 boxes ful of potatoes & made out mangolds.
- 10. I ploughed all day & Eli PM. Father took a load of potatoes to J. Steddick, Elmira, 23 bagsful at \$.65 a bag.
- 11. I lathed in the house AM. Eli & I ploughed PM. Father went to town & carpentered in the house. Butchered our beef in the evening.
- 12. Eli & I ploughed AM. We 3 made mangolds out. Father took beef-hide to town (\$.05 ½ a lb.)
- 13. SUNDAY: All at the WW Meeting, Edward Spaeth's & dau. Here for dinner, then they & Parent & Lydia at Aaron Snyder's awhile, at Amzi Snyder's for supper. Edward's here for the night.
- 14.1 at J. Frey & fetched 7 bu. Lime a \$.25 @ bu. & 1 load of sand AM. I made mangolds out PM.
- 15. Eli & I ploughed till nearly noon then made mangolds out.
- 16. Eli ploughed. Wm. Schmidt here plastering ½ day, father & I helped too. I picked apple in the evening. Mother & Eli went to town.
- 17. Father, Eli & I made out sugar beets all day.
- 18. Father, Eli & I & Orvall Esch made out sugar beets all day.
- 19. Eli, I & O. Esch made out sugar beets ¼ day. Eli & I hauled in corn shocks PM. Father plastered.

- 20. SUNDAY: I at C. Meeting, at Aaron Hoffman's for dinner, at Peter Brubacher's for supper. Eli at Mose Martin's for dinner.
- 21. Eli & I hauled in mangolds. Father worked in the house.
- 22. Eli & I hauled in mangolds AM. I at Hy. Brubacher to thrash ½ day. Father prepared to go AM., then went to P. Ziegler to cement PM.
- 23. I at Hy. Brubacher, about an hour in the morning, to thrash. Eli & I ploughed. Father at Peter Ziegler cementing all day.
- 24. I at the station to order a car, Eli & I ploughed AM. We stored up apples PM. Father at P. Ziegler all day.
- 25. Eli & I ploughed. Father at P. Ziegler all day.
- 26. I in town in the morning. Eli & I made out & hauled in some turnips. Father at P. Ziegler all day.
- 27. SUNDAY: Eli at NW Meeting, at Isacc Gingerich's for dinner. Parents at Eli S. Martin's for supper. I at home.
- 28. Eli & I topped turnips in the morning, then ploughed. Father at P. Ziegler.
- 29. Eli & I ploughed & hauled in turnips. Father at P. Ziegler all day.
- 30. Eli & I ploughed all day. Father at Peter Ziegler all day.
- 31. Eli & I ploughed AM. I drawed out to the station 2 loads of sugar beets PM. Father at P. Ziegler all day.

#### NOVEMBER 1907

- 1. I drawed out 6 loads of sugar beets to the car at the station. Father at Peter Ziegler all day.
- 2. We worked under the roof, rainy all day. Father at P. Ziegler.
- 3. SUNDAY: Parents at Sarah Bauman for dinner. The rest at home.
- 4. Father at N. L. Martin carpentering all day. I drawed the balance of the sugar beets out to the station AM. There were 10 loads averaging about 37 ½ cwt. Eli & I ploughed PM.
- 5. Eli & I ploughed all day. Father at N. Martin all day.
- 6. Eli & Isaiah (here today) ploughed all day. I at D. Cressman to thrash all day. Father at N. Martin carpentering all day.
- 7. Eli & Isaiah (here today) ploughed all day. I at D. Cressman to thrash all day. Father at N. Martin carpentering all day.
- 8. Eli & I ploughed, father at D. Cressman to thrash till nearly noon. I at Geo to thrash PM. Father worked at home.
- 9. Father at Ph. Beisel to thrash AM. Eli & I ploughed.
- 10. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting, Daniel Hoffman's Sr. here for dinner.
- 11. Father & I went to town in the morning. Father at P. Ziegler PM. Eli & I ploughed sod PM. Fair day.
- 12. Eli & I ploughed sod. Father at P. Ziegler all day.
- 13. Eli & I drawed in some elm wood & worked small jobs. Father at Peter Ziegler all day.
- 14. Eli & I worked jobs around buildings. Father at P. Ziegler.

- 15. Eli & I worked jobs around buildings. M. Reist fetched circular saw AM. I at M. Reist to saw wood PM. Father at Peter Ziegler all day.
- 16. I at M. Reist to saw wood from noon till about 4 o'clock. Father at P. Ziegler all day. I. Brubacher's boys fetched from us 148 old 4" tiles.
- 17. SUNDAY: I at SP Meeting, at Sam Bauman's for dinner, at Jacob Martin's for supper. Martin Bauman's Sr. here for dinner.
- 18. Father filed saws & worked about the buildings. I went to town & built a part of the fence enclosing an old well.
- 19. Father at Aaron Weber to work at their kitchen all day. Eli & I & saw at Reub. to saw wood nearly ½ day PM.
- 20. Father at A. W. Weber all day. Eli at Reub. piling up wood in the shed all day. I built a wire fence enclosing an old well, and went to town. Grandmother was here the last few days.
- 21. Father at A. Weber all day. Eli & I ploughed sod all day.
- 22. Father at A. Weber all day. Eli & I finished ploughing sod & hauled earth, from our bush, into our house-yard.
- 23. Father at A. Weber all day. Eli at Geo's to feed at noon. I hauled earth into our house-yard.
- 24. SUNDAY: Dav. M. Martin's here for dinner. Eli & Lydia at Joshua Rudy's for dinner.
- 25. Eli & I drawed soft wood out to the clearing in Grandmother's bush all day. Parents went to town AM. Father at A. W. Weber PM.
- 26. I at Solomon Reist to saw wood with our circular saw about 34 day.
- 27.1 & father at Joe Ernst to thrash about 34 day.
- 28. We prepared for our thrashing AM. Father at the Meeting House fixing up there. I went to town. Eli started to work for Reub.
- 29. We thrashed ¼ day in the morning till a casting in the H. power broke. Father went to town.
- 30. Fixed H. Power in the morning. Started to thrash at 8 o'clock till noon & 1 hr. in the afternoon. Moved machine to Reub. I helped to set the same, in the evening, at Reub. Aaron Weber's brought Joe Brubacher's of lowa here to us for supper.

#### DECEMBER 1907

- 1. SUNDAY: I with Solomon Martin at Martin's Meeting, at Wendel Martin's for dinner, at Enos Bauman's for supper.
- 2. I at Reuben to thrash all day. Father at A. W. Weber ¾ day.
- 3. I at Reuben to thrash AM. Father at A. W. Weber ¾ day.
- 4. I went to town & worked in the barn. Father worked in the Meeting House.
- 5. Father & I prepared for chopping AM, 1 of Geo's & J. Ernst helped to chopp by us PM.
- 6. We chopped & cut corn, 1 of Geo & J. Ernst helped AM. I helped to chopp at J. Ernst PM. Father took machine stuff to Geo.

- 7. I worked small jobs. Father at Berlin Sugar Factory to fetch 1100 lbs. of sugar. Carload of sugar beets of 1 ½ acre,--Wt. Of dirty beets 37310 lbs., clean beets 34736 lbs, test 16.4%, tare 6.9%, Amount \$94.94.
- 8. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting. Noah Bearinger & Moses Reist here for supper.
- 9. I worked at my chist. Philiph Kilner of Ind. here over night, Ph. & father were at the fair AM., at Eli S. Martin for dinner.
- 10. Father at Louis Beisel carpentering in the new barn all day. I went to town & worked small jobs.
- 11. Father at Louis Beisel carpentering all day. I worked small jobs.
- 12. Father at L. Beisel all day. I cleaned wheat & worked small jobs.
- 13. Father & I at Geo. thrashing all day.
- 14. Father worked small jobs for Grandmother, I was there also a while splitting wood & did the chorse. Stormy.
- 15. SUNDAY: Parents at N. L. Martin's for dinner & at Grandmother a while in the afternoon. I at home. Snowing about all day.
- 16. Parents went to town & took wheat to the mill (\$.90 @ bu. Test 61)AM. Father went to the Sugar Factory to fetch 800 lbs. sugar PM.
- 17. Father at Menno Weber butchering all day. I worked small jobs AM. I at Ph. Beisel to thrash PM.
- 18.1 at Ph. Beisel to thrash a little over ½ day. Father prepared for butchering. 4 of D. Bauman's log-makers here for dinner.
- 19. We butchered, Noah Martin, J. Ernst, Reub., Sol. Martin & Hannah Weber helped. Logmakers here for dinner. Eli came home after a 3 week stay at Reuben Bauman.
- 20. Eli & I cleaned wheat, I clipped cattle. Father at Henry B. Martin's worked inside of the house.
- 21. I splitt wood. Eli & Mother went to town & at Grandmother. Log-makers here for dinner. Father at Hy. Martin a little over ½ day.
- 22. SUNDAY: I at N. W. Meeting, at Daniel Gingerich's for dinner, at Mose Martin's for supper. Parents at N. Bearinger's for dinner.
- 23. Father at J. Ernst butchering ½ day. I took wheat to the mill, 35 ½ bu. Test 61, at \$.90. I worked awhile at my chist. Snowing.
- 24. I hauled 3 loads of gravel from S. Snider. Father worked in the shop.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: I with a sleigh-party at Levi Weber's last night, at Martin's Meeting, at Joe Snyder's for dinner, at Daniel Weber's for supper. Isaiah & Mary Ann Weber here for supper.
- 26. I took a bag sugar to A. W. Weber & at Grandmother AM. Father & Eli at Sycillas Bauman's son's funeral PM. Hiram Lokers & children of Galt came this afternoon & were here till next forenoon. Philiph Lorch of lowa here over night.
- 27. Father took Loker's to L. Brox's. I at Grandmother splitting wood nearly all day. Thawning & rain towards the evening.

- 28. Father fetched from Abs. Eby hemlock lumber, 4 plank & 4 boards 12'x8" at \$23.00 per M. Then we made a new floor on a well.
- 29. SUNDAY: Parents at Israel Brubacher's for dinner & awhile at Grandmother . Noah & Hannah Weber here for dinner.
- 30. I, Brubacher's boys, brought their lounch to get it repaired. Father went to town. I worked in the shop. South winds.
- 31. I hauled 3 loads of gravel. Father worked at I. Brubacher's lounch.

# DIARY 1908

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: I at N. W. Meeting, at Joe Gingerich's for dinner, at Peter Martin's for supper. Parents at the Conestogo Meeting.
- 2. I hauled 4 loads of gravel (\$.08 @ ld.) Father worked in the shop.
- 3. Father & I cleaned wheat & cut corn AM, & drawed out to Ratz's saw-mill two 12 ft. old oak logs of ours. PM.
- 4. I figured at the "Beef Sheet" all day. Parents & Eli went to town.
- 5. SUNDAY: Parents, Lydia & I at WW Meeting, Dan. Weber's & Mose Bauman's here for dinner. Elias Martin's & some young people of Peel here for supper.
- 6. Father helped to thrash at N. L. Martin ¾ day. I wrote in this "Diary" nearly all day.
- 7. I cut up elm top-wood in Grandmother's bush. Father at Jno. Bauman to make chopp chists all day.
- 8. I cut up elm top wood in Grandmother's bush. Father at Jno. Bauman to make chopp chists all day.
- 9. I cut up elm top-wood in Grandmother's bush. Father in Waterloo at J. Stroh & bought 100 lbs. of leather at \$.30 a lb.
- 10. I cut up elm wood in Grandmother's bush. Father at the Elora Flour Mills to get our wheat ground, 5 bagsful, test 61. It cost \$.10 a bu. to get it ground, from 60 lbs. wheat is to be got 40 lbs of flour.
- 11. Father fetched from Mose Bauman 500 lbs. bran at \$22.50 a ton. I worked in Grandmother's bush. Father started to make harness.
- 12. SUNDAY: Amos & Aaron Weber here for dinner. Snowstorm nearly all day.
- 13. We opened roads in the morning. Father at the fair & filed M. Weber's saw. I worked small jobs & at my chist. Judith Bauman died at about 10 o'clock this evening. Parents went over for the night.
- 14. Father at Grandmother nearly all day, mother PM & I awhile PM. Preparing for the funeral.
- 15. Father worked awhile in the shop & at Grandmother taking stuff over. I worked at my chist.

- 16. We all at Judith Bauman's funeral, aged 33 yrs. 10 mon. & 10 day.
- 17. We at Geo's AM. "Beef Ring" meeting here PM.
- 18. Father worked at Dav. Bauman's harness. I worked at my chist. John Spaeth came to visit us yesterday evening & went this afternoon. Mother & I went to town. Deep Snow.
- 19. SUNDAY: Parents at Aaron Weber's for dinner. Eli at Noah Martin's for dinner. Solomon Martin here for supper.
- 20. Father at Eli M. Martin nearly all day. I shoveled snow & David Cressman disced on highways AM. I in Grandmother's bush helping to make stove wood PM.
- 21. I in Grandmother's bush AM. Parents at Eli M. Martin's preparing for the funeral. I took word to the S. E. direction.
- 22. Father at Aaron Weber butchering all day. I went to town AM & in the bush PM. I took mother to Eli M. Martin's.
- 23. We all except Noah at Eli M. Martin's child's funeral, I was hustler; child buried at Conestogo, aged 7 mon. 17 days. Stormy.
- 24. Parents, Lydia & I at Tilman S. Martin's funeral, aged 67 years. I in the bush PM. Father at Andrew Freeman to fetch 28 bags of oats at \$.50 per bushel.
- 25. I in the bush helped to cut wood. Father at A. Freeman to fetch 24 bags of oats; 13 bags of seed oats (Early Goslad) at \$.50 a bu.
- 26. SUNDAY: Parents & Grandmother at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner. Snowfall.
- 27. Father worked at Dav. Bauman's harness, I repaired horse-mangers. Stormy nearly all day. High roads & banks.
- 28. Father worked in the shop. I in town & at Grandmother to clean drum.
- 29. Father worked in the shop. I cut top-wood in Grandmother's bush.
- 30. Father worked in the shop. I helped to work up elm top-wood.
- 31. Father worked in the shop. I helped to work up elm top-wood.

#### FEBRUARY 1908

- 1. Father worked at the harness & went to town. I worked at Mose Bauman's lounch to rebuilt it. Stormy.
- 2. SUNDAY: I at the WW Meeting. The rest at home. Very Stormy.
- 3. I in town in the morning, father & I worked at M. Bauman's lounch.
- 4. Father & I worked awhile in the shop. Eli S. Martin's brought Jesse Bauman's of Iowa,--both here for dinner. Jesse Bauman's & parents at Hy. Brubacher's awhile, at Aaron Weber's for supper & left Jesse's at Daniel Bauman's for the night.
- 5. Father worked in the shop all day. Wm. here all day. I went to town & divided roots in the root cellar. Stormy about all day. Deep snow, especially on the roads. Trains have difficulties.
- I went to town to fetch bran (\$1.10) & shorts (\$1.15 a cwt.) I shoveled snow off the road. Father worked in the shop & I awhile. Father went to N. Martin in the evening. Wm. here all day. Stormy.

- 7. Father at N. L. Martin butchering all day I put hellebore on cattle & worked other jobs. Wm. here all day. Some storm.
- 8. Father came home with N. Martin who was here for dinner & got his harness patched. Wm. & father went to town. I worked in shop.
- 9. SUNDAY: I at Grandmother for dinner, at Noah Bearinger's for supper.
- 10. Father at the fair, I wrote in the "Diary" AM. I at J. Ernst to chopp about 3 hrs. father went with N. L. Martin to Reub. in the afternoon. Hy. Brubacher of lowa here for supper.
- 11. Father at Reub. to butcher all day. I took mother to Benj. Martin's in the morning. I fixed pitch-holes in the highway PM.
- 12. Parents & I (hustler) at Benj. Martin's child's funeral. Father worked on the highway with others PM. Dreary.
- 13. I cleaned wheat & worked small jobs. Father worked in the shop & fetched harness trimings. Foggy & soft weather.
- 14. I at Geo to thrash AM. Father worked in the shop. Rainy PM.
- 15. Father & I worked in the shop, father went to town PM.
- 16. SUNDAY: Noah Weber & Ezra Bauman were here for dinner. Irvin Martin & Noah Horst here for supper. Parents at Enos Gingerich's for supper.
- 17. Father & I worked in the shop, finished Dav. Bauman's harness.
- 18. Father worked in the shop. Lydia & I at Mose Martin's Mary Ann's funeral AM. I took wheat to the mill, price \$.92, test 61.
- 19. Father & I worked in the saddler-shop.
- 20. Father & I worked in the saddler-shop.
- 21. Father & I worked in the shop, I sewed at my harness traces.
- 22. Father worked in the shop & I awhile. Mother & I went to town, I got me a suit of clothes measured on PM.
- 23. SUNDAY: Parents at Eli H. Bauman's for dinner, at Wendel Bauman's for supper. Eli at John Frey's for dinner. Isaiah & Mary Ann Weber here for dinner.
- 24. Father & I worked in shop all day. Fine weather.
- 25. Father worked in shop. I took 2 loads grain over to George.
- 26. Father worked in shop AM. Father & I at Geo to chopp with our 2 teams & 2 of Geo's. Solomon helped too PM.
- 27. I fetched chopping of ours from Geo AM. I in shop PM. Father worked in shop all day.
- 28. Father & I worked in shop at his & my harness, all day.
- 29. Father & I worked at our harnesses AM. We in town PM.

# **MARCH 1908**

- 1. SUNDAY: We all attended the WW Meeting. Stormy.
- 2. Father & I worked in shop.
- 3. Father & I worked in shop. I awhile at Geo. to butcher.
- 4. Father & I worked in shop AM., at John Weber's sale PM.

- 5. We finished father's, mine & Ezra Bauman's single harness.
- 6. We worked at G. M. Bauman's double harness; binders, collars & breechens excluded. Wet & unchangeable weather.
- 7. Eli & I went to town to fetch shorts (\$1.30 a cwt). Father repaired at M. Bauman's harness, I worked in shop.
- 8. SUNDAY: Parents at Reub. Bauman's for dinner. Eli & Noah at M. M. Weber.
- 9. Father & I at the fair. We took to Elmira for Hedrich 8 hogs, Wt. 1310 lbs. at \$4.90 @ cwt.
- 10. I helped Jno. Frey's to move down on the Jno. Weber farm. Father at the Lichty's sale & I awhile in the evening.
- 11. Father & I worked in the saddler shop. Thawning.
- 12. Father & I worked in the saddler shop. Warm & thawning.
- 13. We worked in shop. I sewed at the new traces for father's old single harness. Eli cleaned apple trees.
- 14. Father & I worked in shop. Father & Eli went to town PM.
- 15. SUNDAY: We all were at home all day. Rainy AM.
- 16. Father & I worked in shop.
- 17. Father & I worked in shop. Father visited school. I in town PM.
- 18. Father & I worked in shop. Finished Geo's harness and a pair blind bridals for us. Mother visited Grandmother. Foggy.
- 19. Father stuffed out a light collar for himself, I worked small jobs AM. We in town to get lumber fixed for a democrat.
- 20. Father worked at the democrat box. I went to town in the morning, then I cleaned apple trees.
- 21. Father at Andrew Schmidt to examine his cement stables AM., then worked at box. I cleaned apple trees.
- 22. SUNDAY: I at the SP Meeting, at Martin Frey's for dinner, at Jacob Martin's for supper. Parents & Grandmother at Jones Martin's for dinner & awhile at N. Bearinger's. Thawned.
- 23. Father worked in shop. I cleaned apple trees. Thawning.
- 24. Father & I in town AM. Father at A. Freeman to examine his stables. I wrote out thrashing & other accounts.
- 25. Father made 2 benches for the veranda. I cleaned apple trees.
- 26. Father & I oiled and worked at harness.
- 27. Father & Loiled and worked at harness.
- 28. Father & Eli went to town to fetch the democrat from the black smith. I worked small jobs and made harness together.
- 29. SUNDAY: Parents, Lydia and I at the WW Meeting. Parents at Elias Martin's for supper.
- 30. I went to town to fetch bran @ \$1.25 per cwt. Father & I painted democrat and made ax-handles.
- 31. Father & I worked at stone hammers' and ax-handles & worked other small jobs. Drear & foggy.

#### **APRIL 1908**

- 1. We cut corn and painted democrat AM. Father & I cut wood in Grandmother's bush PM.
- 2. I commenced to work for Noah L. Martin at a salary of \$185. a year. Isaiah went home after working about ½ a year for Noah. Noah & I made harness together. We both had a bad cold. Stormy.
- 3. We tinkered at the harness & worked other small jobs.
- 4. I did the chores AM. Noah's wife (Mary) & I went to town PM.
- 5. SUNDAY: All at home. Noah and I had cold these days. Some rain.
- 6. I did the chores AM. I went to town to order the doctor out for Noah. I had not much of a voice these days.
- 7. We did the chores and worked some small jobs.
- 8. We did the chores and worked some small jobs.
- 9. Noah and I took a calf out (3 ½ wks. old for \$4.) I got my throat burned by the doctor AM. I build some of the cluck-houses. Noah in St. Jacobs.
- 10. We did the chores and worked small jobs.
- 11. We worked small jobs. Henry Martin here for dinner.
- 12. SUNDAY: We all at home. Noah went down to his father overnight.
- 13.1 did the chores AM. Noah & I fetched a load of lumber from the Elmira saw-mill.
- 14. I did the chores, Noah at Jno. Frey's child's funeral AM. We fetched strawcutter from Horst and cut some PM.
- 15. We worked about the buildings AM. We picked stones together on grassfield and chopped grain PM.
- 16. Noah & I in bush to make wood.
- 17. GOOD FRIDAY: Noah, Mary Ann & I at the WW Meeting. Aaron Bauman's here for dinner. Daniel Bauman's Hy. Ziegler & Sarah Bauman's 2 girls, Noah Bearinger & Joe Reist here for supper.
- 18. We tinkered about the buildings. Rainy about ½ day.
- 19. SUNDAY: EASTER: We all at home. Noah went down to his father.
- 20.1 did the chores AM. Piled up wood in bush. Noah by his father last night and to-day.
- 21. I awhile in bush. Noah and Mary Ann helped to wash out Meeting house AM. I straightened up wire fences PM.
- 22.1 hauled stones from grassfield & worked other small jobs. Noah fetched a load of hay from Geo. M. Bauman AM. I rolled grassfield. Noah ganged and cultivated PM. Warm.
- 23. I sowed grain, harrowed & rolled. Noah cultivated. Warm.
- 24. I sowed barely AM., harrowed PM. Noah cultivated & sowed a little.
- 25.1 did chores & ganged. Noah in town AM, at Enos Martin to fetch seed barely and brought Hy. Martin's pony along too.

- 26. SUNDAY: Noah, Mary Ann & I at the WW Meeting. Menno Bauman's and Seth Bauman's here for dinner.
- 27. Noah and I worked small jobs and chores. Some rain.
- 28. I sowed a little & Noah cultivated. We cleaned feed oats. Some rain.
- 29.1 sowed grain AM., peas PM. Noah cultivated. Dreary & a little rain.
- 30. Noah & I at the burial of Wendel S. Bauman AM. I harrowed awhile & Noah cultivated. We chopped. Snowstorm.

#### **MAY 1908**

- 1. I did the chores AM. I hauled a little load of gravel on the culverts on the highway & sowed oats. Noah cultivated PM.
- 2. We worked small jobs. Noah in town. Snowy and wet.
- 3. SUNDAY: George M. Bauman's & Grandmother here for supper. Noah went down to his father, to wait on him through the night.
- 4. I sowed oats nearly all day. Noah cultivated.
- 5. I harrowed all day. Noah cultivated.
- 6. I harrowed a little & sowed oats, Noah cultivated. We worked small jobs in morn. Dreary and some rain.
- 7. We worked small jobs, I cleaned cattle & cut Noah's hairs. Rainy.
- 8. We worked small jobs. Noah's in town. Cloudy weather & wet on land.
- I did the chores, Noah took 8 bags potatoes to St. Jacobs at \$.80 a bag AM. I sowed oats, Noah cultivated PM. High wind.
- 10. SUNDAY: Henry Martin's here for dinner. Menno Weber's here for supper. I at Hy. Horst for supper. Noah went down to his father to wait on him. Jacob Bauman's child buried.
- 11. I did the chores, harrowed & picked stones. Noah was by his father nearly all day.
- 12. Noah & I drawed stones from fields AM. I cultivated root patch. Noah helped in the garden. High wind.
- 13. I harrowed flax patch (flax sower here & sowed about 5 acre at \$10. an acre) and root patch. Noah rolled awhile & helped in the garden. Rainy towards evening.
- 14. We fixed gates, drawed a load of hay from driving shed into the barn & worked other small jobs. Wet & some rain.
- 15. I worked in the barn. Noah in town AM. we straightened up fences.
- 16. Noah & I repaired fences nearly all day. Rain last night.
- 17. SUNDAY: Noah's at Martin's Meeting at John Bauman's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper. Noah went down to his father to wait on him. Nice weather.
- 18. I did the chores & picked a load of stones. Noah came home at noon then we ploughed at mangold patch PM.

- 19.1 by my father to sow & cultivate all day. Noah worked on mangold patch. Drear and warm.
- 20. We ridged & I sowed mangolds & took drill home to Reub. Bauman & picked stones after supper. Noah in town after supper.
- 21.1 did chores AM, hauled stones & harrowed root patch after supper. Noah and my father went to Henry Martin to mason.
- 22. August Sauder here to fix up wire fences. Noah and I helped too. I in town AM.
- 23. Repaired wire fences all day. A. Sauder here to help us all day. Nice weather these days.
- 24. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Isacc Martin's here for dinner. Jacob Martin here for supper. Noah went to his father.
- 25. I cut potatoes AM. Noah, I & Mary Ann planted potatoes.
- 26. I planted pumpkins, water-melons, beans & corn. Mary Ann & my brother Eli (here this afternoon). Helped (?ink too faint) Noah started to help to build a part to Meeting-house. Some rain.
- 27. Eli (here today) & I washed buggies & drove 3 calves to Dan. B. Martin in his pasture, repaired fences & picked stones. Noah drawed gravel to Meeting house.
- 28. ASCENSION DAY: Noah's, my parents & Grandmother at David Horst's for dinner, at Peter Ziegler's for supper. Mary Ann at Aaron Weber's for dinner. I at home.
- 29. I picked some stones, rain shower a little before noon. Noah worked at Meeting-house about all day & I PM.
- 30. Noah & I drove 4 steers out to Elmira for Brox & Hedrich (one 1190# @ \$.05 ¼, one 790# @ \$.05 & two 1440# @ \$.04 ½)Noah & I helped at the Meetinghouse PM.
- 31. SUNDAY: Noah's at Receivous Martin's for dinner, at Hy. Lackner's for supper. Noah L. Bauman here for dinner.

#### **JUNE 1908**

- 1. I helped to fasten plaster laths in Meeting-house AM. Noah fetched laths from Floradale AM & did other teaming PM. Mary Ann & I cut thistles in wheat PM.
- 2. I helped to shingle Meeting-house all day. Noah helped AM, then cut thistles in wheat patch PM. & worked turnipland.
- 3. Noah & I picked stones from fields AM, Noah helped at the Meeting-house; Mary Ann & I cut thistles in wheat patch PM.
- 4. Noah & I helped at Meeting-house AM. Noah, Mary Ann & I cut thistles PM. Fine weather these days.
- 5. Noah & I helped at Meeting-house AM. Noah, Mary Ann & I cut thistles PM. We drawed hay from driving shed into barn after supper.

- 6. Noah at Hy. Martin to help to put up a wire fence all day. I did the chores & cut thistles,--Mary Ann helped PM. I went with a carriage party down to Elias Weber's over night.
- 7. SUNDAY: The carriage party & I at Allen Bauman's for dinner, at Jacob Bauman's for supper. Hy. Horst's here for dinner. Hy. Ziegler & John Martin's Isacc's here for supper. Mary Ann at my parents.
- 8. Noah's at Grandmother, Noah awhile in town. Mary Ann at the quilting at Sarah Bauman, I fetched her after supper.
- 9. Noah & I, Isaiah & Eli & their team helped all day to draw out 53 loads of manure on fallow.
- 10. Noah took to Elmira for Auman 5 hogs weighing 890 lbs. at \$5.85 per cwt. I, Isaiah, Eli & their team helped all day & Noah about ¾ day; drawed out 41 loads of manure.
- 11. I spread manure all day, Noah spread AM, then bought 3 bags barely at \$.01 ½ per lb. At St. Jacobs.
- 12.1 fetched turnip drill from Dan. Bauman in morn. & spread manure about a ¾ day, Noah ridged up turnip patch & sowed them AM., then spread manure PM.
- 13. I hoed beans & watermelons & did some chores, Noah in town AM. Noah & I hauled earth in front of shed and cut thistles.
- 14. SUNDAY: Noah's at Dr. Ratz to get herself examined. The rest at home.
- 15. I ploughed in fallow about all day. Noah at the fair & bought 5 pigs about 5 wks. old at \$2. a piece AM., then he was down by his father on business in the afternoon. Cool today.
- 16. Noah & I ploughed in fallow AM. I & Jno. Grosz (helped ½ day) thined mangolds, Noah scuffled them & went to J. Frey after supper.
- 17. I ploughed in fallow, Noah helped in the house & ploughed some AM. Noah, I & J. Grosz cut thistles PM.
- 18. Noah & I ploughed in fallow nearly all day. I cut thistles after supper. Hot weather.
- 19. I ploughed AM. Noah ploughed awhile AM. I, Jno. Grosz's Eli Martin's laborer cut thistles till to supper. Noah in town at noon. Rain in the evening.
- 20. Noah & I ploughed in fallow till supper time, then I cut thistles.
- 21. SUNDAY: I at the WW Meeting. Isaiah (my brother), Isacc Martin & sister, Aaron Martin & sister, Dan. L. Martin's here for dinner. Hy. Martin's & Amos Rudy here for both meals. Sol. Martin's & Jno. Lichty's; Iwin, Josiah & Wendel Martin here for supper.
- 22. I ploughed nearly all day, Noah PM. Noah telephoned Dr. Wallace of Alma who was here in the eve. Rain & thunder in the eve. Geo brought Grandmother tonight to stay awhile here.
- 23. Noah finished ploughing summer fallow AM. I cleaned mangolds AM. We worked small jobs. Some rain.
- 24.1 & Eli Martin's laborer cleaned mangolds all day, Noah awhile PM. Noah & Jno. Lackner hunted a man for Mary's sake at doctoring.

- 25.1, Eli's laborer, Isaiah & Eli cleaned mangolds AM. We four & Noah awhile, cut thistles PM. Dan. Hoffman's brought Joe Shaum's of Ind. & Chr. Sauder of Pa. Here for a call AM.
- 26.1 & Eli's laborer cut thistles all day. Noah in town AM. & cut thistles awhile PM. Joseph S. Martin's here for supper.
- 27.1 & Eli's laborer cut thistles & worked other jobs. Noah harrowed summer fallow. I fetched beef in the morning.
- 28. SUNDAY: Sarah Bauman, widow, here for dinner. Leah Bauman here for supper. Leah, Mary Ann & I at the Conestogo Meeting PM. My parents here for a call after supper.
- 29. Levi Weber brought Judith to here to work & took Grandmother home. Noah hauled gravel on the high-way all day. I mowed thistles in orchard & field, Eli's laborer here PM. It started to rain a little before supper & into the night.
- 30. Noah hauled gravel on the high-way, I shoveled in pit till to supper time. Jno. M. Bauman's here for supper. Paul Martin's here awhile.

# **JULY 1908**

- I mowed thistles on the road & in field all day. Noah mowed a little grass with mower & cultivated some in fallow & was in Elmira and mowed some thistles too.
- 2. I drawed wood together in bush, Noah cultivated in fallow, We cut thistles awhile PM. Hauled in hay after supper.
- 3. I mowed thistles in bush & in fence corners & hoed potatoes. Noah cultivated fallow & scuffled potatoes & some mangolds.
- 4. Rainy AM. I worked small jobs, such as dunged the stables & washed carriage. Noah went to Chr. Brubacher PM.
- 5. SUNDAY: Judith Weber & I with others on buggies at Joshua Bowman's last night, at the SP Meeting AM., at Jno. Bowman's for dinner, at the Meeting PM. At Dan. Hoffman's for supper. Wendel H. & Eli H. Bauman's & Eli S. Martin's here for dinner. My parents & grandmother here for a call PM. Eph. Weber's, Dav. B. Bauman's, Ezra L. Martin's & Jno. Frey's here for super. Other people here for calls too to visit Mary, who was sick.
- 6. I scuffled a little & harrowed fallow & took a \$45. cow partways up to Sam Weber. Noah went to Chr. Eby to see about his wife Mary.
- 7. Noah in Elmira, I mowed some grass with mower AM. Rainy and cool in the evening. I tinkered in buildings. Noah at Chr. Eby again.
- 8. I mowed grass with mower & seythe, Noah fetch a load of cedar rails from Peter Bauman AM. Prepared for haying & chopped grain.
- 9. We mowed grass & turned grass over, raked & hauled in 10 loads of hay. Eli & his laborer helped ¾ day. Fine weather.
- 10. We mowed grass & stirred up hay, raked & hauled in nearly 7 loads of hay. Eli & his laborer helped ¾ day. Fine weather.

- 11. Noah mowed grass. We, Eli & his laborer & Hy. Brubacher (here ¾ day) drawed in about 10 loads of hay. Very hot.
- 12. SUNDAY: Judith & I at Martin's Meeting AM & PM., at Levi Weber's for dinner, at home for supper. Reuben Bauman's, Hy. Horst here for supper, Sister Lydia here for dinner. Sarah Weber here all day.
- 13. Noah in Elmira to get horses shod, I cleaned mangolds AM. We drawed in about 5 loads of hay, Eli helped ¼ day & his laborer a little more. We had a hail storm & rain after supper.
- 14. Noah & I hoed mangolds about all day. Noah ganged fallow after supper.
- 15. Noah & I at Eli Martin to help to draw in 13 loads of hay about a ¾ day. Noah & Mary Ann in town, sold 16 young live roosters 39 ½ lbs. @ \$.11. Cool weather.
- 16. Noah culitivated turnip patch, I ganged awhile in fallow in morn. We hauled in about 8 loads of hay at Eli, 3/4 day.
- 17. Drear & rainy about all day. We worked small jobs. Noah went to Dan Weber to see about electric batteries.
- 18. I picked cherries, Noah in Elmira & fetched beef in morn. We ploughed sod PM. Thunder storm early in the morning.
- 19. SUNDAY: Noah, I, Mary Ann & Alvina at the WW Meeting, Menno Bauman's Moses & Maedalena Weber here for dinner, Israel Bauman's here for supper.
- 20. Noah & I ploughed sod AM. We at Eli's hauling in hay PM.
- 21. We worked small jobs, rainy AM. I ploughed sod, Noah down in Berlin and at Chr. Eby PM.
- 22. I ploughed sod awhile, Noah bindered wheat & I shocked it.
- 23. We cleaned water trough in morn. Noah bindered wheat & I shocked AM. Noah ganged fallow & I scuffled mangolds.
- 24. I spread manure at Hy. Brubacher all day. Noah ganged fallow. Jno. Lichty here for supper & over night on a visit.
- 25. I ganged fallow, Noah in town & fetched beef AM. Noah ganged fallow, I scuffled potatoes & went to town in the eve. Warm.
- 26. SUNDAY: Sam. Reist & Mandy Eby here for dinner. Hy. Ziegler, Jonas Martin's & Enos Gingerich's here for a call. Mary Ann & I at Conestogo Meeting PM., at Daniel Cressman's for supper.
- 27. I harrowed fallow, Noah at Floradale AM. We hauled in 6 loads of wheat. Hot weather.
- 28. Noah & I ploughed sod & set thrashing machine. Noah & Judith at Elmira PM. Exceedingly warm weather.
- 29. We thrashed wheat awhile in morn., 6 strangers here, engine got disordered,--Dan Hoffman here to fix it, I over at his place during his absence. We thrashed after supper. Very hot.
- 30. We hauled in wheat AM. Noah cut & I shocked barely PM. Warm.
- 31. Noah bindered barely & other grain, I shocked, we ploughed a little & fetched the 3 calves which pastured at Dan. B. Martin after supper.

# **AUGUST 1908**

- I disced soil AM. Noah disced & ploughed, I ploughed PM. Hy. Martin brought his wife to spent the day here. Noah bought a 3 year old mare from Annie Bauman for \$170.00
- SUNDAY: Levi L. Martin's here for dinner. Noah's at Dav. Bauman's for a call. Noah Horst & I at NW Meeting PM., at Mose Gingerich's for supper. Judith with some one else away last night & at the Meetings.
- 3. Noah & I ploughed in fallow AM. Noah bindered grain, I shocked, harrowed & ploughed sod, Warm.
- 4. I at Daniel Bauman to thrash wheat AM. Noah ploughed AM. We ploughed awhile PM. Rain before & after supper,--some thunder.
- 5. I at Dan Bauman to thrash wheat AM. I ploughed with the 4 horse sulky plow PM. Noah's at Enos Bauman's for dinner, at Christian Eby & in Berlin, at Henry Martin's for supper.
- 6. Noah ploughed in fallow all day, I helped AM. I ganged wheat stubbs PM. A gang of flax pullers here today.
- 7. I ganged nearly all day. Noah harrowed fallow & some ganged land.
- 8. We hauled in some barely & thrashed some grain,-some town boys helped.
- 9. SUNDAY: Leah Bauman, Mary Ann & I at Martin's Meeting, at Enos Bauman's for dinner, at Joe Brubacher's for supper. Hy. Ziegler here for dinner. Dav. Cressman's & Jonathan Martin's Josiah here for supper.
- 10. Noah took Judith Weber home after a six weeks stay & fetched Hattie Lichty & his pea-harvester from Enos Bauman. I raked some barely & then we hauled it in & unload some other and cut off some oats. A little rain.
- 11. Noah in Elmira, I ganged till nearly noon. We cut & shocked oats.
- 12. We chopped some grain, cleaned wheat; Noah drawed a load to Elmira (\$.80 a bu.) I ganged a little. Some rain.
- 13. We ganged; Rainy AM. Cut & shocked oats after supper.
- 14. Noah fetched a horse of Eli's to help ours. We cut & shocked oats.
- 15. Noah bindered oats, I shocked till supper time,-binder got disordered. Levi Weber's here for supper. Noah took Eli's horse home.
- 16. SUNDAY: Noah, I, Mary Ann, Hattie & Alvina at the WW Meeting. Isaiah Weber here for dinner, then he & I at Grandmother for supper. Tilman Horst's here for supper. Rain & thunder this night.
- 17. I ganged nearly all day. Noah in town & got binder fixed. Rain showers.
- 18. I pulled some peas & bindered a little, Noah's visited Aaron Weber's AM. Noah cut & I shocked oats till to supper. Mowed some peas. Noah sold to Arthur Klinck 2 sorrel horses, both recommended as 9 yrs. old for \$375. Noah bought an aged horse for \$25 from A. W. Weber.
- 19.1 repaired at pea harvester, Noah away to see about horses, some rain AM. Noah mowed peas, Mary Ann & I rolled peas up on heaps till to supper time. Noah & I hauled in some grain. Cool & windy.

- 20. Noah fetched a mare for \$170 from C. Kock. We placed machines in order in driving shed & hauled in 9 loads of grain.
- 21. We prepared for thrashing AM. We hauled in & thrashed peas & some oats, 4 strangers helped. Dan. Ernst's wife visited Noah's wife.
- 22. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher AM. We hauled in oats. Hy. Martin helped nearly all day. Most of the flax was fetched to-day.
- 23. SUNDAY: Noah's at Israel Weber's for dinner. Annie & Leah Bauman here for dinner. I by my parents for supper. Solomon Martin's and Elias Weber's here for supper.
- 24. We hauled in oats about all day. Wm. Fischer of Elmira helped some too,then Noah cut balance of flax which Wm. didn't pull.
- 25. I ploughed all day. Noah's at Hy. Martin's for dinner, at Berlin & at Chr. Eby, at Seth Bauman's for supper.
- 26. We raked awhile in morn, then I ploughed. Noah in town AM. & worked small jobs. We fetched rakings in after supper.
- 27. I ploughed nearly all day, Noah raked nearly all day. We hauled in rakings after supper.
- 28. I ploughed nearly all day. Mary Ann & I loaded some flax. Noah took some straw & lumber to Hy. Martin & hauled some coal for him from the station, then fetched seed wheat (\$.85 per bu.) from Solomon Lichty.
- 29. I ploughed all day,-finished fallow. Noah worked small jobs AM. and harrowed in fallow PM.
- 30. SUNDAY: Noah's at my parents for dinner. Hattie & Mary Ann at Lackner's for a call PM. I at home all day.
- 31. Noah harrowed AM. & sowed wheat in fallow PM. I ganged nearly all day & harrowed a little at noon. Warm.

#### SEPTEMBER 1908

- 1. I sowed wheat AM. & ganged PM. Noah's in Elmira AM. Noah harrowed fallow. A little rain PM.
- 2. I ganged nearly all day, Noah harrowed fallow AM & ploughed stubleland PM. We cut some straw at noon. Cool breeze.
- 3. I ganged, Noah ploughed AM. I drawed out manure on stuble land, Noah helped awhile too, Noah in Elmira, Mary at Menno Weber's.
- 4. I ganged, Noah ploughed AM. We drawed out manure on stuble land, Jno. Grosz helped PM.
- 5. I spread manure, Noah fetched beef & helped to spread manure too AM. I ganged, Noah ploughed stuble land PM. Hattie & I by her parents (Solomon Lichty's) over night.
- 6. SUNDAY: Hattie & I at Martins' Meeting, at Joshua Rudy's for dinner, at Christian Martin's for supper. Isacc Gingrich's here for dinner.
- 7. I ganged all day. Noah ploughed & took his wife over to David Bauman's for a short visit.

- 8. I ganged & Noah ploughed nearly all day and we drawed some stones from fallow too. Martin Bauman's here for supper.
- 9. Noah up by Floradale & bought from Brox & Snider 4 steers; 2 weighed together about 1650# & 2 about 1200# for \$36, the others cost \$52, total \$88. I ploughed AM. Noah ploughed & I ganged & digged out a little potatoes PM.
- 10. Noah, I Mary Ann & Hattie at the WW Harvest Meeting. We cleaned a load of wheat, then Noah drawed the load to Conestogo Mill. I ganged PM. Joe, Amos & Hy. Gingrich & their wives here for a call PM.
- 11. Noah & I over by my father to saw wood AM. I ganged, Noah prepared for sawing wood PM. Smoky air.
- 12. We set saw & gasoline engine & sawed wood nearly ¾ day, father, Isaiah & the 2 Daniel Hoffman's helped. We removed machines & hauled in a load of wood. Hy. Weber's here for supper.
- 13. SUNDAY: Noah, I, Hattie, Mary Ann & Alvina at the WW Meeting. Paul Martin's & Dav. Horst's & some young people here for dinner. Sam Martin for supper.
- 14. Noah at the fair & piled up some wood, I hauled in wood AM. Noah hauled in wood, I at Oziah Martin to thrash PM. I got sick tonight.
- 15. Noah at Daniel Bauman to thrash AM. I am on the sick list; I went home at noon & send Isaiah over at my place, he hauled in wood, Noah piled up wood in shed PM.
- 16. I was sick. Noah's at Chr. Eby, at Berlin, at Esther Ziegler for dinner, Isaiah ganged all day. Grandmother visited my parents.
- 17. I piled wood a little & in town AM. Eli & I hauled in a load of wood & digged out potatoes PM. Isaiah hauled in wood, Noah set it AM. Isaiah ganged & Noah ploughed PM.
- 18. Noah & Isaiah ploughed nearly all day. Eli & I cut & shocked corn. I came over to Noah's again, Isaiah went home.
- 19. I ploughed all day with 4 horse sulky plow. Noah fetched beef & in town, did the chores & thrashed at Menno Weber awhile in eve. We chopped awhile. Enoch Martin's barn struck by lightning & burned.
- 20. SUNDAY: Noah's at Solomon Reist's for dinner. I at home.
- 21.I at Menno Weber to thrash AM & at Eli Martin PM. Noah took Hattie Lichty to Elmira & thence home after a 6 weeks stay, he at Enos for dinner & then ploughed a while.
- 22. Noah helped to thrash at E. Martin about a ¾ day. I ploughed with sulky plow & cut Noah's hair. Hot weather.
- 23. Noah at Hy. Horst to thrash, I ploughed at the preploughed sod all day. Warm weather.
- 24.1 helped to thrash at Hy. Horst ¼ day, ploughed PM. Noah helped to fill silo at Dan Hoffman. Hot weather.
- 25. Noah helped to fill silo at D. Hoffman in the morning. I ploughed all day. Noah ploughed PM. Hot & dry.

- 26. Noah's in town & visited Noah Bearinger's, I plowed & harrowed AM. Noah & I drawed out manure PM. Exceedingly hot week.
- 27. SUNDAY: Noah's at Elias Martin's for dinner. Ezra Bauman & Lydia Gingrich & my sister Lydia here for dinner. Henry Martin's were here for supper.
- 28. Noah went with my father down to Enoch Martin to help to build the new barn. I worked in buildings. Rain about ½ time.
- 29. Noah, I & Josiah Gingrich digged out potatoes about 2 ½ waggon boxes full, nearly all day, we had Lackner's digger. Cool.
- 30. We harrowed potatoe patch & collected some & hauled in pumpkins & drawed out manure. Cool & a little rain.

#### OCTOBER 1908

- 1. I harrowed, Noah collected apples AM. Noah drawed out some manure & harrowed a little, I at Hy. Horst to ditch PM.
- 2. I harrowed & spread manure a little, Noah in Elmira AM. Noah harrowed & I ganged PM.
- 3. I fetched beef in morn. & did the chores & ganged. Noah went to his brother Dan for breakfast,-thence to Waterloo, at Chr. Eby & at Tobias Martin to fetch sweet apples.
- 4. SUNDAY: I by my parents for dinner, at Mose Reist's for supper & made a call at N. Bearinger's, A. W. Weber's & Hy. Horst's here for a call.
- 5. Noah fetched Rebecca Bauman,-who started to work here. We prepared to thrash AM, thrashed PM. ¼ day. I ganged awhile.
- 6. I at Osiah Martin to thrash all day. Noah in St. Jacobs to get cider & apple-butter made & ganged PM.
- 7. I ganged & Noah erected a post under engine house & pulled some mangolds AM. Hauled in & made out mangolds. J. Grosz's 2 girls helped PM. Stored away 9 loads.
- 8. We made out mangolds & carrots & hauled them in nearly 8 loads & 1 ½ carrots; Mary Ann & Hannah Grosz helped.
- 9. I harrowed, Noah in town AM. We chopped grain & drawed engine & separator to John Grosz.
- 10. I helped to thrash at Jacob Fries all day & Noah at J. Grosz a little over ½ day with his outfit. Noah & Jno. hauled machines home.
- 11. SUNDAY: Noah, I & Rebecca at the WW Meeting. Levi L. Martin's & Allen Martin here for dinner. Enos Martin's Jno. here for supper.
- 12. I ploughed all day; started at the fall ploughing. Noah in Elmira & fetched wind pumptop (Toronto make) for \$40. & sold the old wheel for \$3  $\frac{1}{2}$  AM., & put apples away PM.
- 13. I ploughed AM. I at Dav. Bauman (G. M. Bauman helped for us too) to thrash PM. C. Hahn & Sol. Lichty & Noah removed old wheel & erected some of the new. Noah's father with Enos Bauman's here for dinner. Grandmother here for dinner & supper.

- 14. Noah, Hahn & Lichty worked at the wheel about all day & I ploughed.
- 15. I ploughed all day. Noah went to Chr. Eby AM. then worked a t the apples. Jonathan L. Martin here for supper.
- 16. I ploughed all day, Noah ploughed AM. & worked at the apples & in Elmira PM. Hy. Martin's here for supper.
- 17. Noah & I ploughed nearly all day; worked some chores at noon.
- 18. SUNDAY: I at S. Peel Meeting, at Amos Martin's for dinner, at Dav. Martin's for supper. Seth Bauman's here for dinner. Moses Bauman's were here for supper.
- 19. I ploughed all day, Noah ploughed AM & worked about buildings.
- 20. I ploughed nearly all day, Noah ploughed PM. Hy. Martin's here for dinner & supper. Hy. got cider made in St. Jacobs for us.
- 21. I ploughed, Noah worked small jobs AM. I harrowed & Noah ploughed.
- 22. Noah & I ploughed nearly all day, chopped grain at noon awhile.
- 23. I harrowed & ploughed all day. Noah ploughed all day. Ground very dry.
- 24. We worked in the buildings, Noah in town AM. We ploughed awhile in the evening. Some rain.
- 25. SUNDAY: I at Aaron Weber's for dinner, Noah Weber & I at Noah Bearinger's for a call. Grandmother here all day. Emanuel & Salina Gingrich & Sarah Bauman (cousin) here for dinner.
- 26. I ploughed & spread some manure, Noah ploughed awhile AM. & took Grandmother home & in town & spread some manure. A little rain.
- 27. Noah & I ploughed nearly all day, & spread some manure.
- 28. Noah & I ploughed some. Rainy about ½ a day, I worked some in buildings.
- 29. Noah & I ploughed all day.
- 30. I ploughed all day, Noah ploughed nearly all day. Some rain.
- 31. Joe Stange here to lower old tile drain, I helped all day.

### **NOVEMBER 1908**

- 1. SUNDAY: I at Menno Weber's for dinner. George Bauman's brought Grandmother to stay awhile.
- 2. J. Stange & I worked at tile drains, Noah helped nearly all day & Noah Horst helped PM. Noah's wife very low.
- 3. I ploughed all day. Noah in town AM. & ploughed PM.
- 4. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher all day. Noah ploughed awhile. Noah kept company with his wife sometimes these days. Cold high wind.
- 5. Noah & I ploughed. Noah awhile in the house by wife & visitors.
- 6. I ploughed nearly all day, Noah nearly all AM. Noah in the house by his wife, who was very low. Aaron Weber's, John Lackner's & Dan. Bauman's here for supper; Mary died at about 10.15 PM, of consumption. I told my parents to come over.
- 7. We, friends & neighbors helped to prepare for the funeral. Menno Weber & Oziah Martin here to wake during the night.

- 8. SUNDAY: Hy. Horst's & Aaron Weber's here at noon, Dan. Bauman's here for supper, Dan's wife here over night. Josiah Cressman & Hy. Ziegler here to wake during the night. I took Grandmother to her home for awhile in the afternoon.
- 9. Mary's funeral to-day at 9.30 at the house. Her age was 39 years, 10 months and 25 days. It was reported that 92 teams left from here in the procession. Hy. Martin's here over night.
- 10. I ploughed all day. Noah, my parents & other friends helped to clean house & wash & replace stuff to its former order.
- 11. Noah & I ploughed nearly all day. Wet snow in the morning.
- 12. Noah & I ploughed nearly all day, chopped awhile at noon.
- 13. Noah & I ploughed all day. Noah drove scholars part ways down. Isaiah & team here PM. & here over night.
- 14. Noah, I & Isaiah (here today) ploughed nearly all day. Steady snowfall.
- 15. SUNDAY: Noah & children & Grandmother at Hy. Martin's for dinner. Noah took Grandmother home in the evening. The rest at home.
- 16. Noah fetched some fine gravel for the hens & took some of Grandmother's stuff home. We drawed a load of hay into the barn. I mend some harness, splitt wood, etc. Storms of snow by jerks.
- 17. Noah over by my father drawing wood together nearly all day, I helped PM. I did chores & trimmed steer tails AM. Sleighing.
- 18.1 did chores & other work AM. I cut wood in bush PM. Noah let horses shod & fetched Hy. Martin's wife who was here today.
- 19.1 helped to thrash at Dav. Bauman all day. Noah did the chores & in St. Jacobs & prepared for butchering. Mild.
- 20. We butchered 2 hogs all day. Mild.
- 21. I helped Noah to clean out the cistern & did chores AM. I helped to thrash at Dan. Bauman PM. Noah & Mary Ann in town AM. & took butcher stuff home & in town PM.
- 22. SUNDAY: Rebecca & I at the NW Meeting, at Daniel Gingrich's for dinner, at Israel Martin's for supper. Mild.
- 23. We prepared for thrashing AM. Thrashed PM.,-10 strangers.
- 24. I at my parents to help to thrash AM. & harrowed PM. Noah disced & worked some other jobs. Drear & some rain.
- 25. I harrowed nearly all day. Noah in St. Jacobs & at an auction sale. Fog.
- 26. I washed carriage. Noah fetched a dump-cart from Jno. Fries & I one from C. Eisenbach. We dug out some stones. Windy.
- 27. Noah, I, my father & Isaiah & Dan. Hoffman Sr. helped to draw earth out of the lane into an old well (40'x7') all day.
- 28. I did chores, Noah with Wm. Moeser bought a colt rising 3 years' old for \$70 from near Macton. We drawed earth into old well. Jonathan Martin's Josiah here for supper on a visit.

- 29. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Amos Gingrich's for dinner. Mary Ann & Rebecca at Menno Weber's for dinner. Henry Ziegler here for dinner and for supper also.
- 30. Noah in St. Jacobs & changed old horses, I in Elmira & did chores AM. I killed & skinned off an old horse. Noah took Rebecca Bauman home after 8 wks. of labor & fetched Mary Ann Bauman,-who started to work for Noah now.

## DECEMBER 1908

- 1. Noah & I chopped AM. I started to work for some wks. at Menno Weber at noon. Menno & I cut wood PM.
- 2. We butchered 2 hogs all day. Rough weather.
- 3. Chas. Schliter here with traction engine & chopper nearly all day. I helped some at the chopping & cut some wood. Chopped about 45 bu. per hour @ \$.60,-plate mill.
- 4. I helped to thrash clover at Ephriam Weber all day.
- 5. Menno & I cut wood in bush all day.
- 6. SUNDAY: Menno's & I at the WW Meeting. Wendel Martin's here for supper. I at Grandmother for supper. Snowfall PM & night.
- 7. I cut up treetops, Menno at the fair AM., we in bush PM.
- 8. Menno & I cut wood in his bush all day. Menno sold yesterday & today 15 pigs of about 40 or 50 lbs. at \$3 a piece. Some snow these days.
- 9. Menno & I in bush nearly all day. We did small jobs at noon. Menno at Meeting house to give some payments.
- 10. Menno & I in bush all day.
- 11. Menno & I in bush nearly all day. Some light rain.
- 12. Menno & I in bush all day. Menno's wife & his mother at Jones Martin's on a visit awhile PM.
- 13. SUNDAY: Noah Weber, Ezra Bauman & I at a Meeting of the other Mennonites AM. I visited Ezra at E. Gingrich's over noon. We made a call at Elias Martin's to visit. Samuel, Ezra & I visited Josiah Gingrich at Jno. Lackner's for supper.
- 14. Menno & I in bush all day.
- 15. Menno & I in bush all day. Mild weather. I went over to Noah to feed in the eve. He & his 2 girls at A. Knorr's wedding.
- 16. I tinkered about in the barn, I had a kind of sore throat these days.
- 17. I tinkered about in the barn. We chopped some grain PM.
- 18. I tinkered about in the barn at Noah till noon, then I at Menno in his bush PM.
- 19. I helped to thrash at Epraim Weber all day. I went to town in the evening.
- 20. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Weber & I at the SP Meeting, at Martin Frey's for dinner, at Daniel Bauman's for supper. My parents visited Noah & stayed for dinner & supper.
- 21. Menno & I in bush all day. I fetched saw from father who filed it.

- 22. Menno & I at Susanah Messer's funeral by Jno. Lackner's AM. We in bush PM.
- 23. I in bush all day, & Menno PM. Menno drawed a load of wood for Chas. Klinck in Elmira.
- 24. Menno & I in bush AM. I cut up tree tops, Menno & J. Grosz sawed PM.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: Menno & I at the WW Meeting AM. Leah Bauman here for supper.
- 26. I in town Am, at my parents for dinner. I awhile at G. M. Bauman's PM. Aaron Weber's were here for dinner.
- 27. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Bauman, Hannah Weber & I at Martins' Meeting, at Wendel Martin's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper. Menno's at Reuben Bauman's for dinner, at Hy. Horst's for supper. A. Weber's boys did the chores here.
- 28. Menno & I in bush all day. I went to Noah over night.
- 29. Noah thrashed all day, I helped, 9 strangers AM & 10 PM.
- 30. Noah thrashed about ¼ day, I helped to work for him till noon AM. I helped to thrash at Daniel Bauman for Menno PM.
- 31. Menno & I helped to thrash at Dan Bauman all day. Stormy.

# DIARY 1909

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: I drove Mary Ann Bauman & Mary Ann Weber to Dan. Bauman in the forenoon. I fed for Noah & Menno. Menno's at Martin Bauman's for both meals. I went with Solomon Martin to Noah Bearinger's for a call PM.
- 2. Menno & I ¼ day at Dan Bauman to thrash & did some chores AM. Worked in bush PM. I went over to Noah in the evening. John Lehman's of Alberta at Noah.
- 3. SUNDAY: Noah & Jno. Lehman's at the WW Meeting, at Eli Martin's for dinner, at Aaron Weber's for supper. Mary Ann Weber & I at the WW Meeting too. Some young folks here for supper. Jacob W. Martin's wedding. Soft weather.
- 4. I did chores & splitt some wood. Noah in Berlin to fetch a bbb Motor gasoline (Qeen City oil Co.) 47.6 gal. @ \$.17 ½.
- 5. Noah & I by my parents to butcher all day. I helped in Menno Weber's name.
- I did chores, cleaned cattle & put Zenolium on some. Noah took some hogs (\$.06 a lb.) to Elmira AM & then at Hy. Gingrich to thrash PM. Rough weather.
- 7. Menno & I in his bush AM., at Dav. Bauman to thrash.
- 8. Menno in bush. I helped to thrash at A. W. Weber all day.

- 9. Menno & I helped to thrash at A. W. Weber about all day.
- 10. SUNDAY: Menno's at the SP Meeting, at Josiah Martin's for dinner, at Amzi Snyder's for supper. Mary Ann Weber & I at my parents for dinner.
- 11. Menno at the fair, I cut up top wood AM. We in bush PM.
- 12. Menno & I in bush all day. Addison Ziegler helped a little over ½ a day.
- 13. Menno & I in bush all day. Cold.
- 14. I at Noah again. Noah & I in bush nearly all day.
- 15. I did the chores AM., & worked in bush PM. Noah & Mary Ann Weber at the funeral of Sam Weber's wife at Levi Weber's.
- 16. Hy. Shantz's of Dumpfries here last night. I did chores, Noah & I awhile in bush AM. I in bush PM. Noah at the Beef-ring Meeting.
- 17. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls & Hy. Horst's at Levi Martin Sr. for dinner, at Daniel Martin's for supper. Annie Bauman was here awhile.
- 18.1 did the chores & splitt some wood. Noah in Elmira & by my father.
- 19. Noah & I chopped AM. Drawed fire-wood logs together in bush PM. Noah & Geo Bauman went to Jno. Lichty over night, thence to funeral.
- 20. I did chorse AM. Drawed logs together in bush PM. Noah & Geo at the funeral of Amos Cressman, in Wilmot. Mild.
- 21. I did chores, cleaned cattle & helped Eli Martin making saw-logs about ¼ day. Noah helped to butcher at Reub. Bauman. Mild.
- 22. We worked about in the barn. Dreary and some rain.
- 23. I worked about in buildings & piled up wood in bush. Noah in town. Dreary, rainy & mild, snow fast disappearing.
- 24. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Grandmother for dinner. The rest at home.
- 25.1 did chores & piled up some wood in bush. Noah & Mary Ann Weber helped to prepare for the funeral at Jones Martin's. Noah in town PM. Sold 3 year old colt to Geo. Bauman for \$85.
- 26. I hustler at Jones Martin & by the dentist to get 2 teeth filled for \$1.50. The other also at the funeral of Hannah S. Bauman, Aged 22 years, 1 mon. & 10 days. Noah at Aaron Hoffman to see a horse.
- 27. I did chores, cleaned cattle & splitt wood. Noah visited Noah Bearinger's over noon & at Jones Martin to see a horse. Some snow.
- 28. I chored round & splitt wood. A. Hoffman here on horse business & over noon. Noah & I sawed wood in bush PM.
- 29. Noah & I worked in bush AM. Cleaned wheat, price \$.95, stormy PM.
- 30.1 did chores & prepared for butchering. Noah fetched a brown mare rising 3 years old for \$166. Geo. fetched his \$85. colt.
- 31. SUNDAY: Noah, I & Mary Ann Bauman at the WW Meeting. Mary Ann Bauman & I at Daniel Bauman's for supper. Cold.

## FEBRUARY 1909

1. We butchered 4 hogs & a young cow; my parents, Noah Horst & his mother & Eli Martin helped here.

- 2. I did the chores & other jobs. Noah took butcher stuff home AM. & took wheat to mill. Dan. Bauman buried at NW Yard.
- 3. I did chores & worked in bush. Noah hauled saw-logs to Dan. Bauman's saw-mill, Floradale, AM. & PM.
- 4. I hauled logs to Floradale, Noah in town AM. Noah hauled logs to Floradale, I in bush PM. Mild.
- 5. We hauled fire-wood logs out & sawed some short. Mild & drear.
- 6. I did chores & small jobs, Noah in Elmira. Henry Martin's were here for supper.
- 7. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls & Hy. Martin's at the funeral of a widow,-Peter Shantz's wife, aged 78 years, 2 mon. & 27 days; I & Mary Ann Weber at Meeting house at the funeral. Noah at Hy. Martin's for supper. Mary Ann Weber at M. M. Weber for supper.
- 8. I did chores & other jobs. Noah at the fair AM. & PM.
- We chopped grain AM. Noah & Mary Ann Bauman in Elmira, I cleaned cattle, stormy. PM.
- 10. I awhile in bush & worked other jobs. Mary Ann Weber at a quilting at Mose Bauman's, Noah drove her up & I fetched her. Noah fetched 3 pigs av. about 84 lbs. for \$13.25 from Henry Lackner.
- 11. We cleaned seed oats AM. Made fire-wood PM. Stormy.
- 12. I did chores & awhile in bush. Noah fetched oak horse-stall posts from Joe Snyder. We in bush drawing wood together PM. Mild weather.
- 13. I did the chores, Noah in Elmira AM. We awhile in bush PM.
- 14. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Weber & I at the NW Meeting, at Aaron Bauman's for dinner, at Joseph Martin's for supper. Henry Ziegler here for dinner & supper. John Lehman's came tonight.
- 15. Mary Ann Bauman & I at the funeral of Elias Brubacher's Lavina, aged 17 years, 1 mon. 20 days AM. I did chores PM. Noah & Jno. Lehman's went round visiting all day, at Annie Bauman's for dinner, at my parents for supper and in Elmira too.
- 16.I did the chores & worked other jobs & 2 hrs. at Eli Martin in his bush. Noah & Lehman's went visiting, at Israel Weber's for dinner, at Seth Bauman's for supper & at other places, then Noah drove them to his uncle Joe Martin.
- 17.1 did chores, Noah in St. Jacobs to fetch, middlings at \$1.20 per cwt., bran \$1.10 & corn at \$1.30 a cwt. AM. I worked at fire-wood PM.
- 18. Noah & I helped to thrash at Dav. Bauman ¾ day. Bechtell's wife buried.
- 19. Noah & I cut wood for Eli AM. We cleaned oats a little. Rainy PM.
- 20. Noah & I in Eli's bush AM. Noah & Mary Ann Weber in Elmira, I in Eli's bush about 3 hrs PM.
- 21. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Jonathan Martin for dinner, at John M. Bauman's for supper. My brethern, Lydia & Noah here for dinner. Mild weather.
- 22.1 did chores AM. Noah & Lin Eli Martin's bush PM.

- 23. We were a short while in Eli's bush; Noah sold to Levi Groff a dark brown mare for \$165. Rainy. Noah at Small's sale. I did chores.
- 24.1 did chores, Noah & Mary Ann Weber in Elmira AM. Noah & I in Eli's bush ½ a day PM. High winds towards eve.
- 25. I did chores. Noah at Abs. Martin. We in Eli's bush ½ a day PM.
- 26. We in Eli's bush 1/4 day AM. We in Noah's bush PM.
- 27. I did the chores & other jobs. Noah in Elmira AM. & PM. & bought salt off the car,--2 bags @ \$.75 each containing 200 lbs.
- 28. SUNDAY: We all in WW Meeting. Aaron Bauman's, Ezra L. Martin's, Enos Martin's, 3 of Levi L. Martin's children, Hannah & Nelson Martin here for dinner, Amos & Aaron Rudy & Jones Bauman, Isacc Bauman & Malinda Sittler were here for supper.

## **MARCH 1909**

- 1. We did the chores, chopped grain & sawed wood in bush.
- 2. Noah at E. M. Martin to butcher nearly all day. I did chores & in bush.
- 3. Noah took Levi Groff's mare down to him & at Aaron Shantz's sale. I did the chores, cleaned cattle & splitt wood. Stormy.
- 4. I did the chores AM. & sawed maple wood PM. Noah at Henry Martin's for dinner & fetched a fresh heifer \$31 & 4 bu. black barely at \$1.20 a bu. and got a sleigh from Brubachers, St. Jacobs.
- 5. I did the chores & cut wood in bush. Noah & Dav. Martin went away to see horses.
- 6. I did the chores AM., in bush PM. Noah away looking after horses.
- 7. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Bauman & I at the Conestogo Meeting & funeral of Amos Brubacher's child, at Daniel Cressman's for dinner, at Osiah Martin's for supper. My parents & Menno M. Bauman's here for dinner. Eli M. Martin's here for supper.
- 8. Noah at the fair AM., & then he & Sam. Weber looked after horses. Dav. Martin fetched from here a brown horse, rising 6 yrs. old for \$140. I at the fair AM., & did chores & awhile in bush PM.
- 9. I did chores, Noah looked after horses in Peel. Noah & I by Winterbourne to see horses. Cold fog & wet.
- 10.1 did chores AM, & in bush, sawed, splitt & piled up wood PM. Noah hauled 3 loads of gravel from S. S. for Osiah Martin.
- 11. I did chores AM., & in bush PM. Noah by his brother Jonathan over noon, then at Seth Bauman's sale. I wrote letters to Eli Bauman Iowa; Eli Weaver, Ind; & to Amos Rudy Berlin.
- 12. I did chores AM. & in bush PM. Noah fetched a load of gravel from S. S. for himself & fetched posts PM.
- 13. I did chores AM., & in bush PM. Noah in Berlin over noon.
- 14. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Andrew Freeman's for both meals. My brother Isaiah here for both meals. Mary Ann Bauman & Mary Ann Weber at Menno

- Fry's for dinner. Mary Ann Weber at Dan. Bauman's for supper. Isaiah & I made a call on Theodore Beisel who lies in bed with a broken leg.
- 15. I did chores, Noah in town AM. I washed harnesses PM. Grandmother came in morn, Noah took her home in eve.
- 16. I did chores & oiled & washed harnesses. Noah fetched Hy. Martin's wife (here today) in morn, by his brother Levi and at one Shantz's sale PM.
- 17. Noah & I worked at harnesses & cleaned some barely. Mary Ann Bauman at Eli S. Martin's quilting.
- 18.1 did chores & oiled harness, Noah at Sarah Bauman on a horse buisness, then we chopped grain PM.
- 19.1 did chores & made harness together. Noah to Jno. M. Bauman over noon & exchanged chopped barely on seed mixture.
- 20. Noah & M. Ann B. in Elmira, I made harness together AM. I drove Noah down nearly to his brother Jonathan from where he fetched an old cow for \$45. M. Ann W. & I at Israel Shantz's over night, visited Hattie Lichty, who worked here.
- 21. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at Martins' Meeting, at Ab. Horst's for dinner & at Tobias Martin's for supper. Three of Dan. Bauman's girls here for dinner to visit their sister Mary Ann.
- 22. We did chores & docked a horse AM. then cleaned apple trees PM.
- 23. We did the chores & cleaned apple trees.
- 24. Cleaned apple trees AM. Dan & Hy. Ernst were here for dinner. I splitt some wood.
- 25. We worked small jobs. Noah at A. Straub's sale PM. I trimmed oak horse stall posts PM.
- 26. I trimmed oak posts, Noah on dog buisness AM. We took posts to Elmira to get them sawed out PM.
- 27. Noah fetched a load of gravel & in town PM. I did chores & cleaned apple trees
- 28. SUNDAY: Noah, I & M. Ann B. & little girls in WW Meeting. Noah Lichty & David Bearinger & 3 children of Jonathan Martin here for dinner. Lno. Lackner's here for supper.
- 29. I did chores & cleaned apple trees. Noah in Conestogo to get a horse shod, PM.
- 30. We chopped grain AM., & divide potatoes PM. Noah in town in eve. M. Ann B. at Dav. Martin's "quilting bee".
- 31. I did the chores & worked in barn & cleaned cherry trees. Noah away with Hy. Brubacher on horse buisness.

## **APRIL 1909**

1. We bagged up potatoes, etc, AM. I worked at oak posts. Noah took potatoes to Elmira at \$.50 @ bag.

- 2. We sowed clover seed in morn & worked small jobs AM. I worked at oak posts, Noah exchanged oats at A. Freeman.
- 3. I worked small jobs & at the oak posts. Noah in Elmira.
- 4. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at the SP Meeting, at Elias W Martin's for dinner, at Daniel Hoffman's for supper. Noah's girls & M. Ann B. up by her parents. Noah at David Bauman's for supper. Mild & muddy.
- 5. We tore old horse stable out, Noah in Elmira. Mild.
- 6. Noah & I & my father (here today.) worked at the horse stable, rebuilt it, put in oak posts surrounded with concrete cement. Very warm.
- 7. Noah, I & my father worked at horse stable all day. High wind.
- 8. Noah, I & my father worked at horse stalls all day. I took father home in the evening.
- 9. GOOD FRIDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Annanias Martin's here for dinner.
- 10. Noah, I & my father worked at horse stable all day.
- 11. SUNDAY: EASTER: M. Ann W. & I at the NW Meeting, at Noah B. Martin's Jr. for dinner, at Moses Martin's for supper. Noah & his girls at Hy. Brubacher for supper. Menno Sauder here for dinner. Chr. Martin's (Sr.) wife got burried at Martin
- 12. EASTER MONDAY: I helped to sow clover seed & did chores; Noah fetched a young dog from Enoch Burkhardt & at fair AM. My father, Noah & I worked at chopp chists, etc. Amos Martin here for supper. A "quilting bee" took place here today.
- 13. Noah took father's circular saw home, we did chores & worked small jobs. Rain & snow PM.
- 14. Noah in St. Jacobs to fetch mill food & old pipes from Is. & Moses Martin AM. & in Elmira to get pipes cut for in front of the horses' troughs PM. I did chores & other jobs.
- 15. Noah & I went to Hy. Horst's to cut straw & fill bed straw sacks AM. I at Eli M. Martin to help to cement PM.
- 16. I helped to cement at Eli M. Martin AM. Noah fixed iron pipes in front of the horses' troughs AM. We chopped, etc, PM.
- 17. I helped to cement at Eli M. Martin all day. Noah worked small jobs & took 3 pigs to Elmira at \$7.10 per cwt., Wt. av. 170
- 18. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at John Martin's for dinner. M. Ann B. at David Bauman's for supper. I at home all day.
- 19. I shovelled gravel in on road, Noah fetched a load of gravel for Eli M. Martin AM. I splitt wood & mend harness PM.
- 20. We planted trees & worked in orchard. Noah & the two Mary Anns in Elmira PM.
- 21. Noah & I drawed apple tree twigs out of orchard, chopped some grain & worked other jobs. Some rain.
- 22. We repaired & set posts & gates & fence.

- 23. I repaired fences. Noah & M. Ann B. at the funeral of Jacob Martin in S. Peel, aged 68 years AM. Joe Snyder's here for dinner from the funeral. Noah cut my hair.
- 24. I repaired fences & did chores. Noah at D. Hoffman to exchange seed oats AM., then Noah & his girls in St. Jacobs & visited his father, at Hy. Martin's for supper.
- 25. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. John M. Bauman's, Dan B. Martin's here for dinner. Hy. B. Martin's here for both meals.
- 26. I repaired fences. Noah & M. Ann. W. at Dan Hoffman's to prepare for funeral. Noah & I got out seeding machines & rolled grassfield & ganged in furrows.
- 27.1 & others at the funeral of Wendel H. Bauman, aged 81yrs. 7mon., 21days. We made fence awhile PM. Levi L. Martin's here for supper.
- 28. I fixed fences & did chores AM, & went to Dan. Hoffman's over noon to act hostler, then ganged a little & washed buggy. Noah & M. Ann W. at Dan Hoffman's (Jr) child's funeral. Noah in town in evening.
- 29.1 did chores & cleaned cattle & worked about in barn. Noah & Hy. Lackner at C. Bowman to see about the big water ditch. Cyrus Cressman's wife got burried. A little cold & storms of snow which heaped up banks some 2' deep.
- 30. I did chores, worked at a post-hole & sawed wood. Noah fetched mill food from St. Jacobs, corn per cwt \$1.40. Midd \$1.30.

# MAY 1909

- 1. I did chores & sawed summer wood etc. Noah in town, PM. Parents awhile here. Snow storms by jerks.
- 2. SUNDAY: I was home all day. Noah & his girls at Enos Gingrich's for supper. Chr. Martin's child burried at Martins'. Thick snowstorms by jerks. (Jno. Martin's child got burried at N. Woolwich yesterday.)
- 3. I did chores & sawed up summer wood. Noah took 8 pigs to St. Jacobs, Wt. 1370# @ \$.07 ¼ AM. & then took M. Ann B. home.
- 4. We fastened an end post for a wire fence, patched barn roof & worked other jobs. M. Ann B. came again tonight.
- 5. Noah took M. Ann W. over to Grandmother to help her clean house. I splitt & piled up summer wood AM. We patched roofs, etc; PM.
- 6. We drawed a little manure, earth & stones, I ganged awhile & Noah cultivated. Noah fetched M. Ann W. from Grandmother in eve.
- 7. We drawed some stones & ash, etc; AM. Cleaned up a corner full of small trees by orchard. Jno. Martin's child burried at N. Woolwich, last Sat. was the day the other got burried. We had rain last evening and night.
- 8. We drawed trees & tops & stones. Noah cultivated & I sowed about 3 acres in oats. Fine weather.
- 9. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls by my parents for supper. Noah Horst & Josiah Gingrich here for supper.

- 10.1 did the chores, cleaned cattle & splitt wood. Noah in Elmira. Wet & some rain.
- 11.1 repiled wood in bush & dug apple-stumps partly out etc. Noah & M. Ann W. helped to wash-out Meeting house, AM. Noah & M. Ann B. helped to prepare for funeral at Elias Martin's PM.
- 12.1 drawed apple-tree stumps, ash on land & stones from & I was also in Elmira. Noah & Dan. Bauman on the "Ditch Buisness" that had arosed hard feeling in the neighborhood.
- 13. Noah & I cultivated some, AM. I hostler over noon at Elias Martin's, Noah & the girls also at the funeral at Meeting house. Noah cultivated & I sowed oats PM.
- 14.1 sowed oats awhile & ganged, Noah broadcast AM. Rainy PM. We worked then small jobs.
- 15. I did chores & ganged then barely patch. Noah in St. Jacobs & Elmira, AM. Noah sowed oats. Rain in eve.
- 16. SUNDAY: M Ann B. & I at Elias W. Martin's for dinner, at Dav. Martin's for supper. Hy. Horst's & Moses C. Martin's & Noah's Aunt Veronica here for supper.
- 17.1 washed buggy, fixed driving-shed door, etc. Noah fetched about 50 rds. of 9 wire fence at \$.44 per rd. from Jno. Martin, Wallenstein, C.P.R. Wetland.
- 18. Noah fetched tiles from Louis Beisel, lent 380 tiles. I ditched nearly all day. Jno. Grosz ganged here PM.
- 19.1 ditched AM., & sowed peas PM. Noah helped to tile about all day. Joe Stange helped about ¾ day. J. Grosz drove horses for us about ¾ day.
- 20. ASCENSION DAY: Noah, I & M. Ann B. at the Conestogo Meeting AM. I sowed B. & O., Noah cultivated. Northgraves (nursery agent) here over noon. We planted trees in eve.
- 21. I sowed B. & O. & ganged a little AM., harrowed PM. Noah cultivated & sowed some also.
- 22.1 sowed some black oats & goosewheat & harrowed AM, & sowed with broadcast seeder PM. Noah sowed AM, and at the "Waterditch Meeting" in Conestogo PM.
- 23. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Some young folks here for supper.
- 24. We drove out to Elmira for Wm. O'Neil, 2 steers, Wt. 2410# @ 51/4; 4 others, Wt. 3860# @ \$.05; 1 heifer (wt. 610#) at \$30. Then I ganged at barely patch & Noah sowed oats.
- 25. I finished ganging barely patch & sowed barely. Noah cultivated, harrowed & rolled.
- 26. I harrowed about 24 acres with 3 horses. Noah rolled some & harrowed barely patch & ploughed some of root patch.
- 27. I worked small jobs. Noah got a horse shod in St. Jacobs AM. Noah in Elmira. I drawed stones from field PM.
- 28. I drawed stones from field. Noah in Floradale & bo't a long wooden ladder for \$2, from Jno. Brox AM. & also bought of Hy. Gingrich 7 pigs about 3 mon. old

- (small for their age) for \$11. We ploughed in mangold patch PM. Drear & some fine rain.
- 29.1 by my parents, there all day, loading & spreading manure & set power & c. mixer. Noah worked on mangold patch. Menno Weber lent a horse from here for about 1 ½ days.
- 30. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Grandmother for dinner, at Recevious Martin's for supper. The rest of us at home.
- 31. I fetched a mangold drill, sowed mangolds & took drill home, harrowed & rolled potatoe patch. Noah ridged mangold patch & at the WW Meeting. M. Ann W. at a quilting at Elias Martin's. M. Ann B. & Noah's girls up by her parents nearly all day. Warm.

## **JUNE 1909**

- 1. I cut potatoes & Noah awhile too. Noah took M. Ann. W. to help to prepare for funeral at Enos Gingrich's AM. Noah, I & M. Ann W. planted potatoes.
- 2. We all at Enos Gingrich's child's funeral, I was hustler, aged 1yr. 5mon. I dug end post hole. Iwan Martin here to stretch up wire fence PM. Chr. Weaver, Eli Winger & Dan Warner & their wives of Ind. paid here a call. Sam. Horst's & Hy. Horsts came along too. Warm.
- 3. I by my parents helped to build silo all day. Noah worked at wire fence post & rolled land. Warm.
- 4. I by my parents helped to build silo & to butcher the 1<sup>st</sup> beef of this season, all day. Noah & Moses Bauman build some wire fence AM. Menno Wideman Sr. here for dinner on a visit. Noah rolled land after supper.
- 5. I did chores & rolled land. Noah fetched beef AM. Noah & M. Ann B. in Elmira PM.
- 6. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Esther Ziegler, Waterloo, for dinner, at Sol. Lichty's for supper. M. Ann B. & M. Ann W. at Aaron Weber's for both meals. I at home all day.
- 7. I rolled land nearly all day. Noah at fair. Cool.
- 8. I worked to hang on an iron gate & stretch a barb wire along on top of a fence. Noah in St. Jacobs AM. We pulled googles in wheat PM.
- 9. Noah & I pulled googles about ¾ day & place rails on fence.
- 10. I laid rails on fence, cut washers for vehicles, etc. Noah & I repaired some fence. Chopped some grain.
- 11. I tied down top-rails on fence, etc. Noah in town AM. Noah & I cut thistles in peas PM.
- 12. We cut thistles in peas & hauled a load of hay from D. shed into barn. Noah bo't a calf about 6 or 7 wks old for \$5. from Ceiling, North of Elmira.
- 13. SUNDAY: Hy. Horst's & Noah with his girls at Martin's Meeting, at Paul Martin's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper. M. Ann. W. & comrades at Martin's Meeting. Drear, rain & hail in eve.

- 14.1 cut thistles & pulled yellow dock & worked a few other jobs. Noah at Conestogo Meeting & worked other jobs. M. Ann W. cut thistles.
- 15. We worked some small jobs & drawed out 34 loads of manure. Menno Weber helped ½ day PM.
- 16. We drawed out about 42 loads of manure & spread a little. Menno Weber helped all day. About 76 lds. on 8 acres.
- 17. Noah in St. Jacobs to get heavy team shod, I worked small jobs AM. We spread manure PM. Some rain. Noah sold to Everatt's a calf, age about 1 mon. Wt. about 106# for \$4.75.
- 18. Noah & I shovelled & hauled gravel about all day & spread some manure after supper.
- 19.1 hauled on highways AM. & Noah PM. Noah in Elmira & fetched beef AM. I spread manure PM. John Lichty here over night.
- 20. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Alvin Weber, Manassa Martin & sister, Johnnason Martin & 2 sisters, Menno Hoffman's here for dinner. Scylas & Annie Martin here for supper. Ohio preachers were at Meeting, Dan Martin & Jac. Weber.
- 21. Noah & I ploughed AM, cut thistles, M. Ann W. helped PM.
- 22. We ploughed fallow nearly all day, cut thistles after supper. A little rain at noon. Hot weather. M. Ann B. at quilting at Hy. Gingrich's.
- 23. Noah & I ploughed fallow AM. Noah in Elmira & bro't a McCormick hay rake, 32 teeth, 10 feet wide, for \$28. We cut thistles.
- 24. Noah & I ploughed fallow AM. Noah scuffled mangolds, I & girls cleaned some, Noah helped after supper.
- 25. Noah & I ploughed fallow nearly all day & cleaned mangolds.
- 26. I ploughed about ¾ day, & Noah AM., finished ploughing fallow for the 1<sup>st</sup> time; I then cleaned mangolds. Noah & Hy. Lackner in Conestogo to see township clerk, etc. A very warm week & the ground a little dry.
- 27. SUNDAY: Mary Ann Bauman & I at the Conestogo Meeting, at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner, Noah & his girls at Menno Weber's for supper.
- 28. We cleaned some mangolds & cut thistles, the 2 Mary Anns helped. Noah in town PM. Jacob Dunke burried.
- 29. We cut thistles, girls helped PM. We pulled googles after supper.
- 30. We cut thistles, girls helped some. We pulled googles after supper.

## **JULY 1909**

- 1. We cut thistles, girls helped some. We pulled googles after supper.
- 2. We cut thistles, M. Ann W. helped about ¾ day. I hauled in summer wood after supper. Noah in Elmira after supper to see about the water ditch. Some rain to-night.
- 3. I harrowed fallow AM. I cut thistles, M. Ann W. helped awhile PM. Noah in Elmira & fetched beef AM; took his girls to Hy. Martin's after dinner & then

- went to Court of Revision, of water ditch, in Conestogo. Noah sometimes away & neighbors here during past week to consider over said ditch.
- 4. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at the NW Meeting, at Menno M. Bauman's for dinner, at Isacc Gingrich's for supper. Daniel Bauman's & Hy. Ziegler here for dinner. We at Meeting PM.
- 5. Noah & I cleaned mangles AM. Noah & girls cut thistles & cleaned mangles. I helped to shingle barn roof by my parents.
- 6. I helped at father's roof AM. Isaiah & I then went over to Noah & with others cleaned mangles PM.
- 7. Noah, I, Isaiah all day, Mary Ann nearly all day cleaned some mangles & cut thistles.
- 8. Noah, I Isaiah (here all day) scuffled & hoed potatoes & cut thistles. M. Ann W. helped PM.
- 9. We uprooted burdocks, rolled fallow & cut thistles.
- 10. I disced fallow with 4 horse team & mowed a few thistles. Noah in Waterloo. Rain, tonight, accompanied by lightning & thunder.
- 11. SUNDAY: M. Ann B. & I at Martin's Meeting AM & PM, at Eli Horst's for dinner, at Allen Knorr's for supper. Noah & his girls at Hy. Gingrich's for supper.
- 12. I mowed grass with sycthe & Noah with mower a little. I pulled out burdocks, helped Noah move implements & cut thistles. I washed at riggs after supper.
- 13. I mowed fence corners out & cut thistles. Noah & M. Ann W. helped each awhile. Noah mowed with mower. I harrowed after supper. Noah in St. Jacobs to fetch feed.
- 14. I finished harrowing fallow & then we stirred up hay, drawed in 7 loads of hay Eli Martin helped ½ day, his laborer about ¾ day. Warm. Norman Spaeth burried.
- 15. We awhile at Eli to make hay till rain came shortly after noon, then I chopped oats & Noah in Elmira.
- 16. We worked at a chopp bin, father helped AM. Noah & I helped at Eli to put away hay, about 7 loads.
- 17.1 scuffled potatoes & ganged some of fallow, Noah fetched beef & worked at bin AM. We at Eli to put away hay, about 5 loads.
- 18. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. I & girls in Peel Meeting PM. M. Ann B. by her parents for supper. Dav. Bauman's here for supper.
- 19. Noah & I mowed grass AM. Noah & I at Eli to put away hay, 6 loads, PM.
- 20. Noah & I mowed grass & I raked & worked a little up in barn AM. Drawed in 8 loads of hay, 2 of Eli's helped.
- 21. I at the driving shed raising at Osiah Martin, then I, Noah, & Eli's laborer unloaded some hay, a little rain AM. We hauled in about 2 loads hay, ganged fallow & scuffled potatoes.
- 22. I ganged fallow, Noah in town AM., then we worked at chopp bin. I took Beef Ring steer to father. Rain PM.

- 23. I helped to load manure at Menno Weber about ½ day. Noah at Eli to move woodshed, etc. Drear & some rain.
- 24. I spread manure at Menno Weber, Noah in town, took beef hide out (\$.09) AM. I mowed thistles, Noah ganged in fallow PM.
- 25. SUNDAY: I & girls in the afternoon Meeting at Conestogo. Noah & his girls at David B. Martin's.
- 26. Noah harrowed fallow & scuffled mangles AM. We & girls cleaned mangles for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time PM. Noah fetched some tiles after supper & replaced them at L. Beisel.
- 27. Noah & I cleaned bal. of mangles & drawed out manure, Menno Weber helped nearly ½ day. Hy. Martin's wife & Judith Weber here for dinner.
- 28. Noah, I & M. Weber drawed out manure on sod AM. Noah & I got binder out & then he bindered wheat & I shocked some.
- 29. We bindered & shocked wheat & spread manure. M. Weber helped ½ dy. AM. Noah bindered wheat & I shocked PM. A little rain. Warm.
- 30. Noah & I ploughed fallow AM. Noah ploughed with 2-furrowed plow in fallow. I shocked some wheat & finished spreading manure on sod.
- 31. Noah ploughed about all day. I mowed weeds in bush AM & scuffled mangles PM.

## **AUGUST 1909**

- SUNDAY: Noah & his girls & Hy. Martin's at Levi Weber's for dinner, at Geo. Musselman's for supper. I & the two Mary Ann's at the NW Afternoon Meeting.
- 2. I at Eli Martin nearly all day, tore up old woodshed foundation wall. Noah ploughed in fallow. We fetched a load of wheat after supper. Isaiah Kinzie & horses here over night.
- 3. Noah & I hauled in about 9 loads of wheat.
- 4. Noah & I ploughed fallow & set up thrashing machine AM. Hy. Martin here about ¾ day. We thrashed 5 loads of wheat & a small load for Eli, 2 of Eli's helped PM. About 15 lds. of wheat from about 10 ac.
- 5. I raked wheat patch & Noah ploughed in fallow, then we fetched in rakings AM. We at Eli to tare off wall & ploughed sod a little after supper. Warm.
- 6. Noah & I ploughed sod nearly all day, thrashed wheat rakings & jopped grain a little at noon. Warm.
- 7. I ploughed sod nearly all day; Noah ploughed awhile & in Elmira AM, then at Hy. Martin's to haul coals for him. M. Ann W. & I at Nathan Clemmer's over night. Very warm.
- 8. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at Martin's Meeting AM & PM, at Israel Gingrich's for dinner, at Ab. Martin's for supper. My parents & Reuben Bauman's here for dinner.
- 9. Noah & I ploughed sod. Noah & M. Ann W. in Elmira.
- 10. Noah & I ploughed sod. Noah & his girls at AW Weber's.

- 11. Noah ploughed sod all day, & I ploughed AM & harrowed PM.
- 12. Noah & I ploughed bal. of sod, pulled out a few stumps, drawed a few stones & wood. Noah disced some sod, & I painted wooden pickets on wire fence after supper.
- 13. Noah disced all day on sod, I painted pickets & pulled out some weeds in potatoe patch.
- 14.1 in town & fetched beef AM, I at the afternoon Meeting for the young people, at WW; Amos Rudy here this eve. & night. Noah disced sod. Dan. L. Martin's here overnight too.
- 15. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. Young people (I included) got Baptized. Elias W. Martin's, Joshua Rudy's & young folks here for dinner, Allen Knorr & a few young folks here for supper.
- 16. I painted fence pickets, Noah harrowed sod AM. I grinded reaping knives PM. Rainy PM.
- 17.1 patched harness AM. & harrowed bal. of sod & some of fallow. Noah away again on the "Ditch Buisness".
- 18. I harrowed bal. of fallow, Noah took away 12 hens, wt. 62# @ \$.07 & then Noah bindered barely & I shocked.
- 19. We cleaned wheat awhile, then Noah bindered grain & I shocked.
- 20. We worked some small jobs in morn. Noah bindered oats & I shocked. Cool weather.
- 21. We worked small jobs, bindered & shocked oats.
- 22. SUNDAY: M. Ann B. & I at the Conestogo Meeting, at Dav. Sauder's for dinner. Ma. Ann. W. at Hy. Gingrich's for supper. Noah & his girls at Enos Bauman's (she was ill) for dinner, at Henry B. Martin's for supper.
- 23. We made off peas, Noah mowed, M. Ann W. & I rolled them aside. Dav. Bauman's child died. M. Ann. B. & Noah helped at the funeral preparations. I ploughed in the evening & waked at David's over night.
- 24. I ploughed, Noah helped to dig grave for David's child AM. Noah & I at Eli Martin drawing in grain till to supper then we drawed in 2 loads of ours after supper.
- 25. We all at David Bauman's child's (Noah) funeral, aged 11 months & 25 days, AM. Noah awhile at David's yet, I helped to thrash at Jacob Fries PM. Noah bindered.
- 26. Noah bindered oats & I shocked AM. We thrashed peas & other grain PM. ½ day.
- 27. We worked in barn awhile then Noah cut oats & I shocked.
- 28. I worked about barn & Noah fetched beef, then we drawed in barely. A little rain at noon. We cut & shocked bal. of oats. Drawed in grain after supper. Rain to-night.
- 29. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Apsolom Martin's here for supper.
- 30. Noah & I ploughed a little in fallow & disced some of sod intended to be sown in wheat, AM, & drawed in grain PM.

31. I harrowed & sowed wheat on prepared sod. Noah ploughed fallow AM. & bindered some oats & goosewheat.

### SEPTEMBER 1909

- 1. I at Hy. Brubacher to thrash AM, & ploughed in fallow PM. Noah in town & ploughed awhile AM. Noah's father here for supper on a visit. Cool.
- 2. We ploughed in fallow awhile in morn, then we hauled in some oats & cut bal. of B. & O & shocked.
- 3. Noah & I ploughed bal. of fallow AM. Drawed in oats, I harrowed some of fallow PM. Busy week.
- 4. We harrowed fallow. Hy. Lackner fetched seed wheat from here. Hy. Martin's here nearly all day. We unloaded some oats. I sowed fallow in wheat. Some fog & rain.
- 5. SUNDAY: I here at home all day. Noah & his girls at Grandmother for supper. Annie & Leah Bauman visited girls.
- 6. I harrowed fallow in morn. Hy. Martin here about ¾ day. Dav. Bauman helped ½ day PM. hauling in about 14 loads of oats. Eli Martin fetched drill & seed wheat. The two Mary Anns at the funeral of John Brubacher, aged 81 years, 4 months & 25 days.
- 7. I raked grain in morn then we fetched in grain.
- 8. I raked grain in morn then we fetched in grain. Noah in town in morning. We burned grass & weeds in eve.
- 9. I raked in morn, fetched in rakings, Noah helped AM. Noah & M. Ann B. in town in afternoon. I disced sod & ganged PM.
- 10. I ganged nearly all day, Noah did some light ploughing. We put implements in order in shed.
- 11. I ganged all day. Noah fetched beef & ganged.
- 12. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. Israel Gingrich's & Peter Ziegler's here for dinner. Sol. Lichty's & Seth Bauman's here for supper. M. Ann W. & I at Geo. M. Bauman's for supper.
- 13. I ganged nearly all day. Noah in town AM., & ganged awhile PM. We hauled a few stones.
- 14. I ganged nearly all day & piled wood in shed. Noah ganged & drawed in wood. Warm & dry.
- 15. Noah hauled in wood & I piled nearly all day. A little rain.
- 16. HARVEST MEETING: We all except Alvina at the Harvest Meeting AM. We drawed in some wood & ganged PM. Jacob Fry (with 1 arm) burried at N. Woolwich PM.
- 17.1 helped to re-open ditch at Menno Webers AM. I helped to thrash at Osiah Martin PM. Noah ganged & in town in eve. My parents came home from Jordan.
- 18. I helped to re-open ditch at M. Weber all day. Noah at the funeral of widow Daniel Martin, aged 69 yrs. Noah in Waterloo PM.

- 19. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls by my parents for dinner, at Daniel Bauman's for supper, I up in Peel after supper.
- 20. Noah & I ganged nearly all day. Jopped awhile at noon.
- 21. I ganged all day, Noah AM. Noah, Minerva & the two Ms Anns at SP Meeting PM. (Last Thur. there was also a Harvest Meeting at S. Peel; there were 4 men elected for a Deacon & today a Meeting was called to make the Deacon, but, owing to misunderstandings & disturbances in church affairs, was postponed)
- 22. I ganged & harrowed about all day. Noah did small jobs.
- 23. Noah & I & 3 horses at Eli hauling manure nearly all day. Some rain at noon. Yesterday it was dreary.
- 24. Noah, & I & 3 horses at Eli hauling manure a little over a half a day, then worked small jobs. Rain in eve.
- 25. I ganged AM. Noah in town, fetched beef AM. & looked for steers PM. I, Isaiah, Isaiah Weber & A. Rudy & 4 girls at Edward Spaeth's for supper & night.
- 26. SUNDAY: We at Tilman Weber's, Bridgeport, for dinner, at Levi Weber's for supper. Noah made a call at N. Bearinger.
- 27.1 ganged, Noah looked for steers AM. I loaded manure & Noah unloaded, drawed out 13 loads PM.
- 28. Noah & I up at Jesse Snider to fetch steers, bo't by the head 2 (Wt. about 850# each @ \$.04) steers \$34 each, 1 (Wt. about 600# @ \$.03 ½) for about \$21. We drawed 17 loads manure.
- 29. We worked small jobs, cleaned wheat. I ganged & Noah harrowed nearly ½ day PM. Rainy AM.
- 30. I ganged & Noah harrowed about all AM. Some rain. We spread manure & worked small jobs PM.

## OCTOBER 1909

- 1. I ganged all day (finished). Noah harrowed AM & took some wheat to Elmira, Price \$.98, test 62, PM.
- 2. I harrowed, did chores & in town in eve. Noah, his girls, his outfit & Hy. Horst's went visiting down in & towards Dumfries this morning.
- 3. SUNDAY: Noah away all day. M. Ann Weber & I by my Parents for dinner. M. Ann B. at her home.
- 4. I harrowed AM. Started fall ploughing PM. Noah came back from his visit this evening.
- 5. Noah & I drawed out about 20 loads of manure, cleaned manure yard, all day. Warm.
- I helped to fill silo, about ¼ day by my parents. Then I raised & topped off mangles. Others drawed in mangles about 11 loads, Jno.Grosz helped all day.

- 7. Noah, I & girls awhile PM, made out & drawed away mangles, about 10 loads. Nice weather.
- 8. I worked small jobs in morn. Noah fetched Lackner's potatoe plow. We dug out & drawed in about 2 loads of potatoes, girls helped awhile PM. Warm.
- 9. I dug out potatoes, Noah in Elmira, AM. Noah & I finished at potatoes & chopped grain, and prepared for thrashing for Menno Weber PM.
- 10. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. Cyranes Ziegler's and Enos M. Bauman's here for dinner.
- 11. We set machines & thrashed about 8 ½ hours for Menno M. Weber today.
- 12. Noah & I set machines & thrashed about 6 hours for Jno. Grosz. Noah bought an aged cow for \$18 from Grosz. Windy.
- 13.1 ploughed AM. I helped to thrash at Jac. Fries ½ day, PM. Noah fetched a load of mangolds at \$.08 @ bu. from Dan. L. Martin.
- 14. Noah, I & girls gathered apples & prepared for cidering. Noah & I fetched some sweet apples, at \$.10 a bag, from Eli Martin.
- 15. Noah got cider made & apple butter cooked AM, & ploughed awhile PM. I ploughed nearly all day & worked a few small jobs.
- 16. We drawed hay from D. Shed into barn & worked a few small jobs & ploughed some. Rainy. I & some other young folks at Syranes Ziegler's over night.
- 17. SUNDAY: I & others at Hy. B. Brubacher's for dinner, at Joshua Brubacher's for supper. Hy. Ziegler here for a call PM.
- 18. I worked small jobs, fetched a horse of Eli's AM. We ploughed PM. I fetched 26 bags of oats at \$.36 a bu. from Grosz after supper.
- 19. We ploughed all day,-I with single plow & Noah with double.
- 20. Noah & M. Ann B. in Elmira AM. We chopped grain a little at noon. I ploughed all day, Noah PM.
- 21. We worked small jobs, drear & rainy AM. We ploughed awhile, rainy PM.
- 22. We ploughed awhile in morn & then chopped oats AM. We ploughed PM. Rainy, sometimes.
- 23. I ploughed with single plow all day, Noah with sulky, We at Hy. Martin's, I took my watch to D. Brubacher, watchmaker, St. Jacobs, to get it fixed.
- 24. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Noah & his girls at Menno M. Bauman for dinner, at Aaron M. Bauman's for supper.
- 25. We ploughed all day. Noah hitched up a colt for the 1st time.
- 26. We ploughed, I all day, Noah with colts PM. Noah drawed to Elmira, for O'Neil, 2 hogs, wt. 390# @ \$.07 ½.
- 27. Noah & I helped to thrash at Dav. Bauman's ½ day AM. We ploughed,-I with sulky & Noah with single & colt.
- 28. I ploughed on sulky plow all day, Noah with single & colts; M. Ann Weber at Grandma today & yesterday.
- 29. We drawed hay from driving-shed into barn in morn, then we ploughed, I with sulky.
- 30. We ploughed, I with sulky all day & Noah nearly all day.

31. SUNDAY: M. Ann Bauman & I at the Peel Meeting, at Josiah S. Martin's for dinner, at Menno Martin's for supper.

## **NOVEMBER 1909**

- 1. We ploughed, I with sulky all day, & Noah nearly all day.
- 2. I ploughed a few rounds in morn., washed buggy & cleaned engine & etc. We chopped a little. Light rain.
- 3. Noah & I helped to thrash at Eli M. Martin all day. Mild.
- 4. Noah & I helped to thrash at Eli M. Martin awhile in morn., then at Hy. Horst's about ¼ day AM. Noah at Horst for Hy. B. We ploughed PM. I received my watch from D. B., St. Jacobs.
- 5. I helped to thrash at Hy. Horst AM., Noah ploughed AM. I finished ploughing & harrowed. Noah awhile at H. Hass's sale.
- 6. Noah & I put apples down into cellar in morn., then Noah went to St. Jacobs to fetch mill feed (bran \$1.10) & at Hy. S. Martin's to plough. I ganged rootpatch & did chorse.
- 7. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Titus Bauman & sister here for dinner, some young folks here for supper.
- 8. We worked at drain to refix it in front of house and worked a few other jobs.
- 9. I worked at drain. Noah in St. Jacobs to let horses shod & fetched gravel for chickens AM. We picked small stones on grassfield PM.
- 10. Noah & I set separator & thrashed oats, a little, & chopped grain, fetched some hay over & picked small stones.
- 11. We picked small stones off grassfield in morn., then I removed earth for a drain, at about middle of N. end of farm; Noah worked awhile at ditching & ploughed sod, a little.
- 12. I worked about buildings & at house cellar toll-drain, to re-open. Noah fetched 1300 two & ½" tiles @ \$9 per M from Stroh.
- 13. I did chores & re-opened at cellar-drain, Noah in Elmira. We thrashed ¼ day in afternoon, a few neighbors helped. We chopped.
- 14. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at Conestogo Meeting, at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner, at Oziah Martin's for supper. Noah & Menno Weber went together to Meeting. Menno's & my parents here for dinner.
- 15. Noah & I ditched for tiles all day, we had a digger plow of Elmira; Joe Stange, 1 of E. Martin & Noah Hurst helped us all day.
- 16. Noah & I, 1 of Hy. Lackner (J.G.) & Eli Martin's laborer worked at tile ditch about ¼ day. I worked other small jobs; Icy and rainy nearly all day.
- 17. Noah, I & 1 of Hy. Lackner (J.G.) worked at tile ditch AM., Noah also PM; I helped to thrash ½ day, PM at Oziah Martin.
- 18. I helped to thrash at Oziah Martin all day. Noah & M. Ann W., in Elmira, Noah worked at tile ditch.
- 19. I helped to thrash about an hour in morn. at Oz. Martin. We finished putting in tiles in N. end of farm; I worked at toll.

- 20. Noah & I worked at house-cellar drain, I covered tiles & did chorse PM. Noah in Elmira. M. Ann W. with others visited relatives.
- 21. SUNDAY: I at home all day; Noah & his girls at Hy. Horst's for dinner. M. Ann W. visited relatives round by Breaslau.
- 22. Noah & I chopped grain & worked other jobs in buildings. Cold rain & icy about all day, trees laden with sleet.
- 23.1 did chores, clipped steer, & other jobs. Noah in Elmira.
- 24. I did chores & small jobs; Noah in St. Jacobs, fetched 2 pigs from Hy. Martin to butcher them here; We prepared for butchering & worked at chopp slide.
- 25. We & Hy. Martin's butchered at their 2 hogs nearly all day.
- 26. I helped to thrash at Dan Bauman all day. Noah took butcher ware home & did the chorse.
- 27. I helped Noah to finish chopp slide, I did chorse etc. Mild.
- 28. SUNDAY: My bro. Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting at Enos Martin's for dinner, at Joshua Rudy's for supper. M. Ann W. & others down at Meeting too. G. M. Bauman's & Hy. Lackner's here for dinner.
- 29. We worked small jobs AM. Removed stumps in field PM.
- 30. We did the chorse & digged out stumps in field. Mild.

## DECEMBER 1909

- 1. We did chorse & digged out stumps in field. Mild Weather.
- 2. I did chorse, Noah in Floradale AM. We digged out stumps PM. Jonathan Martin's Josiah here on a visit over noon.
- We hauled out of fields the stumps we had recently pulled & a big stone. I washed stable windows.
- 4. I did chorse, plastered a patch in house, brushed down cobwebs in stables, etc. Noah in Elmira, he & his girls visited his father Levi, over supper. A Nice week.
- 5. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting; Oziah Martin's here for dinner. A party of young people here for supper.
- 6. We chopped grain & worked small jobs. Dan Ratz, Elmira, got burried.
- 7. Noah & I cut up wood awhile that lay on ground AM. We set thrashing machines, etc. PM.
- 8. I in bush AM., in Elmira to get boots & shoes PM. Noah in Berlin to get gasoline 40 gal. @ \$.17 ½. Stormy.
- 9. We worked small jobs AM. We thrashed ½ day PM.
- 10.1 worked in barn AM. We awhile in bush PM.
- 11. We thrashed about ¼ day AM. I did chorse & other jobs, then in eve. I & chums went to Paul M. Martin's.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at Cyrus Shantz's for dinner, made a call at Ezra Bauman's to visit Menno Wideman, who had a broken leg, we at Josiah Bauman's to visit Eszra Bauman, there for supper. Cold & sleet in eve.
- 13. I did chorse & other jobs. Noah at fair. Rainy.

- 14. I in bush cut up top-wood all day. Noah hauled a load gravel.
- 15. We opened pit & hauled 3 loads gravel & 1 load of sand.
- 16. Noah in St. Jacobs (to let Gordia shod). We hauled 3 loads of gravel for cementing & 3 loads sand for masonary. We fetched gravel from J. DeKay's pit. Meeting of matter of Dan B. Weber. Sleighing.
- 17. We hauled home 5 loads gravel & 2 loads sand.
- 18. We hauled home 7 loads gravel & 3 loads sand. Hy. Lackner's laborer (J.G.) helped all day. Noah got team shod in morn.
- 19. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Reub. Bauman's for dinner. I & the two Mary Anns at Amos Gingrich's for dinner.
- 20. I did chorse & splitt wood, Noah helped to butcher at Hy. Horst's AM. I in bush, Noah & M. Ann W. in Elmira, PM.
- 21. I worked round buildings AM. I at Amel Lenan's sale, Noah went over a little before noon.
- 22. I did chorse, cleaned cattle, put melted lard & coil oil on them & awhile in bush. Noah butchered about ½ day at Reub. Bauman.
- 23. I helped to thrash a little over ½ day, helped to get machines through snow, in morn, to Hy. Brubacher. Noah helped Hy. Lackner hauling saw-logs to Bloomingdale.
- 24. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher ½ day AM. Noah fetched butcherware AM., I cut Noah's hair & awhile in bush, PM.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We all at the WW Meeting. M. Ann W. & I by my parents for supper (cousin Susanna Spaeth there)
- 26. SUNDAY: Urias Beuhler's child's funeral at Conestogo. Noah & his girls at Benj. Martin's for dinner & awhile at N. Bearinger's. I at home, wrote letters to A. R. & M. Wideman.
- 27. We prepared for butchering & did other jobs AM., I in bush & Noah in St. Jacobs & fetched ¼ beef from Dav. Martin.
- 28. We butchered 4 hogs, my father & Hy. Martin's helped all day.
- 29. I worked about in buildings all day; we chopped grain PM. My father & Hy. Martin here for dinner & part of the day, talking about a strawshed, to be build. Cold.
- 30. Noah & I hauled stones home from Eli Martin which we had piled up from an old wall.
- 31. Noah & I hauled stones home from Eli Martin AM. I did chorse & awhile in bush PM. Noah away on buisness PM.

# **DIARY 1910**

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: Noah & I at Conestogo Meeting AM. Annie Bauman here for dinner. Noah & his girls at Eli M. Martin's for supper.
- 2. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Mose Weber, M. Wideman, Eli Horst & girls here for dinner. M. Ann B. & I at Annie Bauman (widow) for supper. Noah's nephew E. Martin here for supper.
- 3. We worked round in buildings, chopped grain & prepared for thrashing. D. L. Martin & Jonas Bauman here for dinner. Stormy.
- 4. We thrashed all day; Cold weather.
- 5. Noah & M. Ann B. by my parents to butcher all day. I did chorse & other small jobs. Sleet in morning.
- 6. I did chorse & splitt wood AM., I in bush PM. Hy. Martin & Noah went away to see horses.
- 7. I did chorse, hung up hams, awhile in bush & fetched scholars. Noah & Hy. Martin away after horses. Nich. Hedrich's funeral.
- 8. I did chorse, Noah & M. Ann B. in Elmira, AM. I mend harness & robe PM. Noah by Hartshoch, St. Clemens. Hy. M. bro't a colt.
- 9. SUNDAY: Noah with Aaron Weber's at Conestogo Meeting. Rest of us at home
- 10. Noah & I at Elmira fair AM. I mend at robe PM. Noah & Hy. Martin along bo't holstein heifer for \$4 (4 days old) from R. Bauman.
- 11.I did chorse, in bush cut up top-wood, etc. Noah at Enos Martin's bought a grey mare, supposed to rise 4 years old, for \$150; Noah & Hy. Martin in Elmira with colt.
- 12.1 in bush nearly all day. Noah hauled wood together PM. We drawed bal. of hay from D. Shed into barn. Mild.
- 13. Noah & I helped to thrash at David Bauman all day.
- 14. I helped to thrash at David Bauman about ¼ day. We cleaned wheat & did chorse. Stormy weather.
- 15. I did the chorse, awhile in bush, etc.; Noah took wheat to Elmira,--33 bu., price \$1.04, test 62, AM; at Beef Ring Meeting.
- 16. SUNDAY: We all at home. Ezra Martin's Scylas and Ezra & Ab. Martin here for dinner. Hy. Ziegler here for both meals. M. Ann B. with brethern away visiting.
- 17. Noah took his horse, of Eby, up to Listowel, for \$145. Noah & Dav. Martin with one of his & 1 of D. Cressman's went together. I did chorse & drawed wood together in bush. Misty these days.

- 18. I worked about in barn, cleaned engine & cattle & fetched scholars. Noah at sale of Dan Weber, Conestogo, & fetched a grey mare, to rise 4 years old, for \$150 from Enos Martin. Rain & snow storm.
- 19. I put sulphur on cattle, worked the chorse; Noah in Elmira, AM. I in bush; Noah & Hy. Martin hitched up colts, PM.
- 20. I in bush; Noah & Hy. Martin at the funeral of Jno. M. Lichty's child at N. Woolwich, AM. We tinkered at engine and chopped grain awhile. Mild weather.
- 21. I in bush AM. We chopped awhile, Dan. Hoffman fixed at engine PM. Some rain & snow mixed.
- 22. We worked in buildings; Noah cut my hair; I cleaned cattle. Noah re-bought colt from Hy. Martin.
- 23. SUNDAY: Noah & his girls at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner. Eli (bro.) here for dinner.
- 24. M. Ann W. & I helped to butcher at Geo. M. Bauman about ¾ day. Noah fetched cedar posts at \$.20 each from Peter Martin.
- 25. I fetched Judith Weber, then attended wedding of Sylvester to see them get married in afternoon. Noah & Grandmother down too.
- 26. We in bush & etc. AM; Noah hauled logs to Floradale saw-mill.
- 27. I worked about the buildings; Noah in St. Jacobs, AM.
- 28. I helped to thrash at Dan. Bauman all day.
- 29.1 helped to thrash at Dan. Bauman ½ day AM & worked small jobs, Noah out after horses AM., & took the grey mare of E. Martin to St. Jacobs, for \$160, for Fidas Shantz, Berlin.
- 30. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting; Hy. Brenerman, of N. Michigan at Meeting (preacher); Peter Bauman's here for dinner. Aaron Weber's here for supper. I at my parents for supper.
- 31. I did chores & awhile in bush AM., I hauled logs to mill & timber home, PM. M. Ann B. at Rec. Martin's preparing for funeral.

#### FEBRUARY 1910

- 1. M. Ann W. & I helped at funeral of Recevious Martin's child's funeral, Noah attended funeral also & away after horses.
- 2. I in bush awhile AM., hauled logs to mill & timber home PM. Noah fetched (part ways) a brown horse, rising 3 yrs, for \$170.
- 3. Noah & I at Dan. Hoffman's to see about horses AM. I worked about barn. Horse buyers here for dinner & bought a mare for \$210,-the mare of Aaron Hoffman. Heavy snowfall last night.
- 4. We made saw-logs AM. I cut topwood & Noah hauled logs, PM.
- 5. I worked the chorse & awhile in bush cut topwood. Noah in Elmira AM & by his father for supper.
- 6. SUNDAY: I drove M. Ann B. home AM. & fetched her again, then she & I at Dav. B. Bauman's for supper. Amos M. Martin's here for dinner.

- 7. I worked in barn AM., & hauled logs to & stuff from mill, PM. Noah in St. Jacobs AM. & at Elmira fair PM. Cold weather.
- 8. I did chorse, cleaned cattle, etc. Noah & A. Freeman away after horses all day; Noah fetched & bo't a brown horse,-recommended to rise 4 years old for \$170 from Wismer, this side of Linwood.
- 9. I did chorse & splitt wood. Noah with Hy. Lackner to fetch a horse AM. We awhile in bush, PM.
- 10. I did chorse AM. & cut up elm top-wood PM. Noah helped to butcher at Eli M. Martin's nearly all day.
- 11. We chopped grain, I cleaned cattle. Hy. Martin here for dinner. Cold.
- 12.1 did chores, cleaned cattle & drove girls to Menno Weber's. Noah at funeral of Joe Snider's child, at Martins.
- 13. SUNDAY: My brother Isaiah & I at the NW Meeting. (Noah L. Martin & Eliza Clemmer got published) I drove M. Ann W. & Isaiah up to Peel PM. Noah came home in eve.
- 14. I did chores & helped Noah to make way & take log away.
- 15. I did chores & took log up to mill & planks home. Noah in St. Jacobs AM. & in Elmira, PM. Sleet & stormy.
- 16. I did chorse AM. & in bush PM. Noah took the two Mary Anns to quilting at Menno Weber's. Cold.
- 17.1 did chores etc; Noah sold to Hy. Ziegler a sorrel colt, rising 3 years old for \$140. AM.; Noah & I took logs to mill & building stuff home. Noah sold fat cattle to Brox. Cold.
- 18. Noah & I made logs & hauled logs to mill & lumber home. Noah in Elmira. Cold weather.
- 19. We hauled logs to mill AM. I did chorse & awhile in bush PM. Noah took his girls to Hy. Martin's for over night.
- 20. SUNDAY: Noah away all day. Isaiah Weber & Noah Bearinger here for dinner.
- 21. I did chores & splitt wood, AM. I in bush, Noah hauled logs PM.
- 22. I did chores & awhile in bush, Noah hauled logs & lumber AM. We made sawlogs PM. Simon Ratz's funeral.
- 23. We did chores & chopped grain, etc. Stormy.
- 24. I did chorse & cleaned cattle. M. Ann B. & I at the burial of Annie Frey (aged 22yrs. 1 mon., 15 days) committed suicide, at N. Woolwich. Noah hauled a log to saw-mill.
- 25. I did chorse, Noah hauled log to mill, AM. We hauled logs, etc., PM.
- 26. I hauled logs to mill in morn. & did chorse. Noah in Elmira Am., then he & his girls went away for the wedding.
- 27. SUNDAY: M. Ann W., M. Ann B. & I at the WW Meeting AM. The girls went to Menno Weber's for dinner; M. Ann B. at Aaron Weber's for supper. Noah & Eliza got married.

28. I took a heavy brown mare, rising 5 years old, (Bell) out to Elmira for \$215. For Auman, AM. I did chorse & small jobs PM. Noah with his new wife came home in eye.

## **MARCH 1910**

- 1. We prepared for butchering AM. My father, Noah & I butchered 2 old cows PM. Father here over night. Mild.
- 2. We butchered 4 pigs (1 for Hy. Martin). My father & Hy. Martin's wife helped all day. Eli M. Martin helped AM. Mild.
- Noah took Everatt 1 front qter. Beef 148# @ \$.08 & 2 beef hides 89# & 64#
   \$.08, & took butcherware home AM. Noah took Mary Ann Bauman home for good PM. I did chorse, etc.
- 4. We cleaned wheat. Noah took a load to Elmira, test 62#, Price \$1.03 AM & a load to St. Jacobs, test 62#, price \$1.06 PM. I did chorse.
- 5. Noah at St. Jacobs, fetched Lavina AM. Noah & Lavina in Elmira PM. I did chorse & small jobs. A mild week.
- 6. SUNDAY: M. Ann W. & I at Joshua Bowman's for dinner, I at Josiah W. Martin's for supper, Mary Ann at Jacob's. Noahs at home.
- 7. Noah at fair AM. I did chorse & prepared for thrashing. Stormy.
- 8. We thrashed out, ¾ day; 9 neighbours helped.
- 9. I in bush cut topwood & did chorse. Noah helped to move for Leo Devenbach. I visited Menno Wideman in the eve.
- 10. I did chorse & cut topwood in bush, got horse shod in Elmira. Noah's fetched of her furniture, etc. from Jacob Clemmer.
- 11. I took a log up to Floradale AM., Noah took 1 up PM. I cut down trees & their tops PM. Nice weather.
- 12. We drawed out about 14 loads manure, to back end of farm.
- 13. SUNDAY: Hy. Horst's here for dinner. We all at the funeral of Benj. Martin's child, (aged 1 year, 2 mon., 15 days) PM.
- 14. I in bush about all day, Noah AM., & in St. Jacobs PM. Cold.
- 15. I did chorse, etc; Noah took a mare out to Elmira for J. Snyder \$210, AM. We drawed out 7 loads of manure, PM.
- 16. I worked in bush all day, Noah AM, & hauled logs to mill PM.
- 17. I sawed & splitt maple wood. Noah hauled logs to mill.
- 18. I sawed & splitt maplewood, Noah hauled logs to mill AM.
- 19.1 did chorse & in bush, Noah in bush AM. Warm.
- 20. SUNDAY: I visited Sam. R. Martin dinner. Paid a call on M. Wideman, at Simon Martin's for supper (Visited Is. W.) Dav. Bauman's & Recevious Martin's here for dinner. Buggies out.
- 21. We in bush AM. I worked about buildings PM.
- 22. Noah's at Berlin. I worked about building AM, in bush.
- 23.1 worked about barn & awhile in bush. Israel Gingrich fetched 43 bu. seed oats. Dr. Bechtel looked after colt's hoof.

- 24. We made heading & firewood. Snow almost disappeared.
- 25. GOOD FRIDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Hy. Martin's here for both meals. I at Moses Reist's for supper.
- 26. I did chorse & in bush. Noah & Hy. Martin at Berlin. Fine weather.
- 27. SUNDAY: EASTER: We all at the WW Meeting. Brother Isaiah, Aaron Gingrich, and Wendel Martin here for supper.
- 28. EASTER MON: I took Mary Ann to & from quilting at Amos Martin's & did the chorse & wrote into this diary, PM. Noah fetched shingles (at about \$2.40 per sq.) from S. Brubacher, Berlin.
- 29.1 worked in barn AM. Noah fetched his new laborer,-Josiah Gingrich AM. 1 & Josiah cut firewood PM.
- 30. I did chorse, in Elmira, washed & oiled my harness. Noah & Josiah fetched shingles from Berlin (177 bunches in all)
- 31. I washed harnesses & mend some. Noah & Josiah made chopp & piled up lumber.

## **APRIL 1910**

- 1. I patched up harness all day. Josiah oiled. Noah's at the funeral of Moses Bearinger AM. & Hy. Ernst's wife in the afternoon.
- 2. We made harness together AM. Josiah ploughed, Noah in Elmira; I hauled my stuff over to my parents,-after a 2 years stay at N. L. Martin, & took team back & there for supper yet.
- 3. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Parents at Conestogo Meeting, at Levi Martin's & Dilman Martin's.
- 4. We drawed out manure, I load manure for father 1 day.
- 5. I loaded manure & did other small jobs, for father, 1 day.
- 6. I helped mother to wash, clean barn floor & berry patch, 1 day. Parents helped Geo. M. Bauman's to burry a still born child.
- 7. I at the burial of Ezra L. Martin's Isacc, aged about 23 years (committed suicide) AM. I splitt wood by Grandma ½ day PM. Cold wind.
- 8. I oiled harness, helped to draw stones from field, etc, 1 day. Father fetched black barely, at \$1.25 from M. Brubacher.
- 9. I did some small jobs & helped father to saw wood, 1 day. Others worked on fields.
- 10. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Chr. Wideman, to visit Menno, for dinner; at Simon Martin's for supper.
- 11. I splitt wood in bush & sharpened edge tools nearly 1 day. Father at fair. Jesse Martin's here for supper. A little rain.
- 12. I helped to saw & splitt wood for father 1 day.
- 13. Father & I went to Noah Bearinger in morn. to build a kitchen & woodshed; We tore old shed away & prepared for a concrete foundation.
- 14. We made a model for cistern & built some of it & worked at cistern & cellar outlet.

- 15. We made models & built foundations of concrete.
- 16. Worked at foundations, father went to town to order lumber. I completed the cistern outlet through the cellar.
- 17. SUNDAY: We all at home. Sol. Reist's here for dinner. Drizzly.
- 18. Father & Eli hauled lumber to N. Bearinger AM. I made a concrete foundation wall AM., father & I laid joices PM.
- 19.1 at N. Bearinger's till to afternoon, did few small jobs. I at home for to wash riggs & supper in eve. Drear & rainy.
- 20. Father & Eli hauled door & window frames in morn. Father & I erected frame of building at N. Bearinger.
- 21. Father & Benj. Martin fetched siding & sheeting AM. I helped at building & put on siding. At home over night to get stuff.
- 22. Father & I worked at siding & sheeting.
- 23. I worked a while at siding, made an entrance in brick masonary & punched nails in on siding to seal them with putty then. Father & Umbach put on cornich. Amos Rudy, Guelph, here over night.
- 24. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Moses B. Martin's, Ivan Martin, Amos Bauman & Aaron Rudy here for dinner. David Lichty's wife widow got burried at Martins.
- 25. Father & I put on tin shingles at N. B. ½ day, PM. Isaiah fetched bricks for N.B. Rainy in morning.
- 26. We worked at roof, put on tin & cedar shingles. Father prepared foundations for chimney PM.
- 27. I punched nails & oiled their hollows. We prepared for chimney & built some of it. Father in town.
- 28. I helped father to build chimney AM. Father & Jonas Martin fetched lumber, etc. PM. I filled nail hollows with putty & finished putting on sheeting & roofing.
- 29. I helped father to make doors & to build masonary between joists. I made fast a second ply of b'ds west of kitchen, etc.
- 30. I put on petition siding, laid some top flooring, etc.

## MAY 1910

- 1. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Conestogo Meeting, at Israel Weber's for dinner, at Tilman Horst's for supper.
- 2. I laid flooring all day, father laid some too & put panes in sashes. Rainy nearly all day.
- 3. Father & I did some boarding, lathing, slacked lime, father in town, etc..
- 4. I did lathing, outside painting & helped father to prepare plaster mortar. Father worked at sink & cupboard.
- ASCENSION DAY: I made a hand plaster-board, did some writing & reading. Parents & Grandma at Levi Weber's for dinner & supper. Simeon Martin & Is. Rudy here for supper.

- 6. Father & I at N.B. lathed & fixed door frame in wall. King Edward VII died.
- 7. Father & I plastered at kitchen all day.
- 8. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at N. Woolwich Meeting, at Daniel Gingrich's for dinner, I at Daniel Bauman's for supper. Eli & Lydia at S. Peel Meeting.
- 9. We plastered cistern, father in town & worked at pump. I did some finishing on outside of building.
- 10. We put finish on plaster, I did some outside painting.
- 11. I did outside painting while father was in town, then we made porch floor & top of cistern, casing around cellar window & prepared for a sidewalk.
- 12.1 worked at sidewalk & other concrete structures. Father at N. L. Martin to line off strawshed & did inside carpentering.
- 13. I worked at cellar well & put some surroundings of house in order, father worked at inside carpentering.
- 14. Father worked at inside carpentering. I made gravel box for waste water, removed earth, & did painting a little.
- 15. SUNDAY: (WHIT): Lydia & I at Martins' Meeting at Sylvester Martin's for dinner, at Joe Brubacher's for supper. Parents at Meeting also, at Manassa Martin's & at Menno Gingrich's.
- 16. I tinkered around AM. Noah Weber & I at Josiah Bauman's for supper, visited Ezra Bauman. We at the Singing school at Bearinger's School in eve.
- 17. Father carpentered inside, I carpentered & did inside painting.
- 18.1 did inside painting & carpentering, father did carpentering. We laid some new floor in Noah's bed room. Windy. Halley" Comet was to pass today between earth & sun as recommended by astronomers.
- 19. We did carpentering & painting, etc. then we moved home from Noah Bearinger, for whom we had built a kitchen & woodshed, etc., in the past weeks.
- 20. Isaiah & I worked at silo rings about all day. Last night, Aaron Zimmerman & Jacob Horst & their wives of Lancastor Co., Pa., were here last night; parents hauled them around in neighbourhood today. Rainy. King's funeral.
- 21. I was in Elmira & worked at silo rings, etc. Father at N. H. Bearinger finished kitchen.
- 22. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Tilman B. Martin's here for dinner, I at Hy. Horst's for supper. Elias Gingrich's of lowa here over night.
- 23. Father & I masoned at Menno Gingrich, about all day. Drear.
- 24. Father & I masoned at Menno Gingrich all day.
- 25. Father & I masoned at Menno Gingrich's all day.
- 26. I in town AM. Helped to move some silo outfit to Annie Bauman PM. Father & Lydia in Berlin AM.
- 27. ls., I & father started to build a silo, (1 r'g) at Annie Bauman, 1 day.
- 28. ls, I & father build 2 ringsfull on silo, at Annie Bauman 1 day.
- 29. SUNDAY: Parents at Conestogo Meeting AM., at N. Bearinger's awhile PM. Lydia, Eli & I at S. Peel Meeting PM. Isaiah up all day.
- 30. Father, Is. & I filled 2 silo rings at Annie Bauman all day.

31. Father, Is & I filled 1 silo ring AM. & worked at door frames & did some concreting PM.

### **JUNE 1910**

- I took word of Enoch Wideman's child's funeral out West towards
   Hawkesville, AM. Rainy. I worked at N. L. Martins old shed (tore off) ½ day,
   PM.
- 2. Father & I in Berlin (Breaslau & other places) & bo't silo rings for \$85 from David Christner, 93 David St., Berlin.
- 3. I was hostler at Annie Bauman; Enoch Wideman's child's funeral (aged 1 year, 3 mon., 17 days). The rest at funeral too. Father & Isaiah at Jno. Lackner to give them the start to built concrete water-tank. Nice weather.
- 4. We build 2 rings on silo at Annie Bauman. I with young folks at Amos Martin's Jr. over night.
- 5. SUNDAY: We young folks at Addison Gingrich's for dinner, at Meeting PM. At Aaron Bauman's for supper.
- 6. We build 2 rings on silo at Annie Bauman.
- 7. We build 2 rings on silo at Annie Bauman.
- 8. We build 2 rings on silo at Annie Bauman.
- 9. We build 1 ring on silo at Annie Bauman (37 ½ ft. of silo) Moved to Sol. Reist PM. & set some. (cement at \$1.80 @ bbl)
- 10. ls. & I build 2 rings for start of silo at Solomon Reist.
- 11. Father & I at Annie Bauman, labouring 3/4 day. Rainy.
- 12. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Martin's Meeting PM., at Enos Bauman's for supper. Eli & Lydia also at Meeting.
- 13. Father & I at Annie Bauman plastered silo, I all day.
- 14.1 & scaffold moved before breakfast to Sol. Reist, Isaiah & I filled 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4Th rings.
- 15. Isaiah & I helped to build 5 & 6Th rings silo at Sol. Reist.
- 16. Isaiah & I helped to build 7Th & 8th rings silo at Sol Reist.
- 17. Isaiah & I helped to build 9Th & 10Th rings silo at Sol. Reist.
- 18. Isaiah & I helped to build 11Th & 12Th rings silo at Sol. Reist. We build a silo 30 ft. x 12 ft. Warm week.
- 19. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. I, Is., Eli & Lydia at Meeting PM. Aaron Martin's, Oziah Martin's & Jno. Frey's here for dinner. Levi Bauman's Jr. here for supper.
- 20. Father & I at Sol. Reist to plaster silo all day. Hy. Brubacher's (Sr.) funeral, at St. Jacobs.
- 21. Father & I build arch over root-cellar at M. Gingrich, 1 day.
- 22. Father & I build concrete arch over root-cellar at M. Gingrich, 1 day.
- 23. Father & I laid concrete floor in stable at Menno. Gingrich, 1 day. (Widow) Jacob Martin's wife's funeral, aged 93 yrs, 2 mon, 4 days.

- 24. Isaiah & I set up & build 2 rings of concrete silo at David Sauder all day. Warm weather this week.
- 25. We build 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4Th rings silo at D. Sauder.
- 26. SUNDAY: We at Conestogo Meeting PM., at Daniel Horst's for supper. N. L. Martin's here for dinner.
- 27. We filled 5Th & 6Th rings silo at D. Sauder. Rain a little PM.
- 28. We cleaned mangles for Sauder AM, & after supper. We filled 7Th ring silo, PM.
- 29. We helped to fill 8Th & 9Th rings silo at Da. Sauder.
- 30. We helped to fill 10Th & 11Th rings silo & cleaned mangles.

## **JULY 1910**

- 1. We filled 12Th ring silo at D. Sauder, AM. Moved 1 set rings & mixer to Menno L. Weber & sett them up, PM.
- Isaiah & I plastered silo at Dav. Sauder all day. Parents at funeral of Isaac H. Bauman, aged 79yrs. 10mon, 22days. Warm weather 95 degrees.
- 3. SUNDAY: Isaiah & Lydia at N.W. Meeting PM. I up too, I at Peter Martin's for super.
- 4. Eli & I at M. L. Weber, build 2 rings silo all day.
- 5. Isaiah & I build 2 rings silo at M. L. Weber, all day.
- 6. We moved outfit over to Manuel Martin AM., build 2 rings of silo, PM.
- 7. Isaiah & I build 2 rings silo at Manuel Martin.
- 8. I plastered in house of M. Martin & took off 1 sett silo rings, AM., I at M. L. Weber to plaster silo PM.
- 9. I at Manuel Martin to take off other sett rings & plaster silo & moved outfit to Enoch Bauman after sup.
- 10. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Eli & Lydia at Martin's Meeting AM. Young people got baptized.
- 11. I helped father all day, small jobs AM., helped at hay PM.
- 12.1 cleaned mangles, mowed grass with sycthe, etc. for N. L. Martin. Parents at Martin Shirk's (son of Peter) funeral, at Berlin. Some rain. No hay weather.
- 13.1 cleaned mangles & helped to put away hay, 1 day, for N. Martin.
- 14. I cleaned mangles & helped to put away hay, 1 day, for N. Martin.
- 15. I walked, before breakfast, to Reub. Bauman, mowed with scythe & helped to store away hay, all day.
- 16. I helped to put away hay in morn, then we had rain a little; I helped to remove earth for silo at Reub. Bauman.
- 17. SUNDAY: Martin Bauman's child's funeral, AM. We all at WW Meeting AM. Aaron M. Bauman's here for dinner & Ab. Brubacher's for supper, & some young folks.
- 18. I helped to put hay away & mowed weeds out of fence corners & bush at Reub. Bauman all day.
- 19. I sett up silo outfit at Enoch Bauman AM. Build 1 ring concrete silo PM.

- 20. Isaiah & I helped to build 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring at Enoch Bauman.
- 21. We helped to build 4Th & 5Th ring at Enoch Bauman.
- 22. We helped to build 6Th & 7Th ring at Enoch Bauman.
- 23. We helped to build 8Th & 9Th ring silo at E. Bauman, and shocked wheat about 3 hrs. PM.
- 24. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at A. W. Weber's for dinner & supper. Lydia at Enos Gingrich's for dinner & also at A.W. for supper.
- 25. Isaiah & I at Enoch Bauman to fill 2 rings silo. We removed earth for silo at Reub. PM.
- 26. We filled 12Th ring silo at E. Bauman & moved some stuff to Reub. & did some shoveling too.
- 27. We plastered silo at E. Bauman about all day, rain & hail storm, washed off some plaster, we re-plastered some.
- 28. Finished plastering at E. Bauman & moved down to Reub., AM. Set up 1 ring & filled it, PM.
- 29. We helped to fill 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring of silo at Reub. Bauman.
- 30. We helped to fill 4Th & 5Th ring of silo at R. Bauman.
- 31. SUNDAY: I at home all day.

## **AUGUST 1910**

- 1. We filled 6Th ring silo at Reub. AM. I worked for Reub., pitched wheat, made door frame, etc. PM. Rainy.
- 2. We helped to fill 7Th & 8Th ring silo at Reub. Bauman.
- 3. We helped to fill 9Th & 10Th ring silo at R. Bauman. Heavy thunder between 10 & 11 o'clock, PM. rain; we walked over to Dan Snider's barn, which was struck by lightning & burned to the ground.
- 4. We helped to fill 11Th & 12Th ring silo at R. Bauman.
- 5. We reaped barely with cradle in orchard & pitched wheat etc, for R. M. Bauman all day.
- 6. We lowered silo rings, cleaned them, & plastered silo at R. Bauman.
- 7. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I at Josiah Cressman's for supper.
- 8. I walked to Reub. before breakfast, moved silo out-fit to Paul Snider AM. Isaiah & I set outfit up PM.
- 9. We helped to build 1 st & 2 nd rings silo at P. Snider.
- 10. We helped to build 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4Th rings silo at P. Snider.
- 11. We helped to built 5Th & 6Th rings silo at P. Snider.
- 12. We helped to built 7Th ring silo & helped at harvest bal. of day.
- 13. We helped to built 8Th ring silo & helped at harvest bal. of day.
- 14. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. I at Enos Gingrich's for supper.
- 15. We helped to built 9Th & 10Th rings silo at P. Snider.
- 16. We helped to build 11Th & 12Th rings silo at P. Snider.
- 17. We plastered silo all day at P. Snider. We at David Cressman's flax bee in eve.

- 18. We mover to Menno S. Bauman, Floradale, AM. Set outfit up PM.
- 19. We helped to fill 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> rings silo at M. S. Bauman. Hy Lackner's Eddie got burried.
- 20.1 shocked grain AM. We filled 3<sup>rd</sup> ring. Daniel Gingrich's barn raised, old barn was struck by lightning.
- 21. SUNDAY: Lydia & I at S. Peel Meeting. (Is. & Eli there also) We at Jno. Hintz's for dinner at Amzi Snyder's for supper.
- 22. I helped father all day, fetched separator & sett AM. Thrashed grain, 2 of C. Esch helped, PM.
- 23. I loaded manure for father all day.
- 24. We helped to build 4Th & 5Th ring silo & laboured 2 hr for M.S.B.
- 25. We helped to build 6Th ring silo, & thrash peas PM.
- 26. We helped to build 7Th ring silo, & haul in grain, etc. PM
- 27. We helped to build 8Th ring silo, & haul in grain, for M.S.B.
- 28. SUNDAY: Young folks & I included at Menno Wideman's (widower) for dinner, at David Brubacher for supper.
- 29. We helped to build 9Th ring silo, & haul in grain, PM. for MSB.
- 30. We helped hauling in grain all day for M. S. Bauman.
- 31. We helped to build 10Th & 11Th ring silo at M. S. Bauman.

### SEPTEMBER 1910

- 1. We helped to build 12Th ring silo., lowered 1 sett rings & cleaned it & removed some rotten bottom of stave silo, 4 hrs.
- 2. We plastered silo & worked a little at old silo, at MSB.
- 3. I made models, etc, for bottom of stave silo all day, others filled space with concrete PM. I & a carriage load of young folks at Moses Weber's over night.
- 4. SUNDAY: We young folks at Martins' Meeting AM. at Levi Weber's for dinner, at Jacob F. Martin's for supper.
- 5. I made models nearly all day for silo at M.S.B.
- 6. I made models, etc, about 3 hrs. Moved silo outfit home PM.
- I removed models, etc, & plastered concrete bottom of stave silo all day at M. S. Bauman.
- 8. I helped father to build concrete foundations for woodshed etc.
- 9. I helped father to build concrete foundations for shed, 1 day.
- 10. I helped father to build concrete works. We at Sing school.
- 11. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Peter Martin's here for dinner, Aaron Weber's here for supper. I at Geo. M. Bauman for dinner, at Amos Gingrich's for supper.
- 12. I walked to Hy. Sauder, St. Jacobs to plaster old concrete silo; made a scaffold & plastered some, 1 day.
- 13.1 plastered bal. of silo & build a part of concrete floor. Eli & father at Jonas Martin to lay stable floor.

- 14. ls. & I at Jonas Martin, to finish stable & made a concrete porch floor, nearly all day.
- 15. Is. & I & outfit moved to Charles Ritter, set up & filled 1<sup>st</sup> ring silo. Harvest Meeting at W. Woolwich.
- 16. We helped to build 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring silo at C. Ritter.
- 17. We helped to build 4Th & 5Th ring silo at C. Ritter. Meeting at WW; Jno Kurtz, preacher, & Dan Burkholder, deacon of Lanc. Co., Pa. attended.
- 18. SUNDAY: I at N. L. Martin for dinner.
- 19. I plastered silo at C. Ritter & moved to William Beisel.
- 20. I build 5 ft. silo at Wm. Beisel.
- 21. I plastered silo & moved home from Wm. Beisel; AM. I cleaned silo rings PM.
- 22. I cleaned silo rings awhile & shingled on shed roof. Joe Gingrich's Jr. child's funeral. Father fetched new cutting box.
- 23. We sawed wood, (father, Is. & I) at M. Weichel & Son, ½ dy., AM. We sawed also some wood for J. B. Lein, 1 ¾ hours.
- 24. Father & I worked at woodshed all day. Rain & fog.
- 25. SUNDAY: Is. & Lydia at NW Meeting. I at Menno M. Bauman's for supper. Sam Reist & Amanda Eby here for dinner.
- 26. I prepared for cementing at N. L. Martin AM. I helped awhile, cutting corn at C. Esch & fixed at cutting box at home awhile.
- 27. Father & I prepared for cementing, etc, at N. L. M. all day.
- 28.1 all day, father & Is. PM. cemented at pig stable floor & front wall at N. L. Martin.
- 29. Father, Is. & I at N. L. Martin cemented floor & fixed pipes & burried them in ground, all day.
- 30. Father & I finished floor, built water-box, & pig-troughs. We butchered beef in eve. A quick & short thundering tonight at about 9.30, A. M. Bauman's barn struck by lightning and burned (Floradale)

## OCTOBER 1910

- Is., Eli & I cut off corn with boat about 3 ½ acres & hauled in mangles. Father & cutting box at David Hoffer. Parents at Aaron Bauman's after supper awhile.
- 2. SUNDAY: Lydia & I at Martin's Meeting, at Tobias Martin's for dinner, at Israel Martin's for supper. Noah Weber & I paid a call on Dan. Weber's Josiah.
- 3. I helped cutting corn, etc, for father, 1 day.
- 4. Father & I build pig trough, etc, about 1 day at N. L. M. Rainy.
- 5. Father & I leveled off new site for implement shed AM. I helped to build concrete foundation of shed at N. L. M., PM. Father at Hy. Horst to build cistern. Is. filled silo at A. Weber.
- 6. I worked small jobs at N. L. Martin AM., I bought old buggy for \$13 from Noah. I at home PM. Rainy all day.

- 7. I spread manure AM., build concrete foundation for shed at N. L. Martin PM.
- 8. We finished foundation & put in mangles. Levi Frey's child burried at S. Peel.
- 9. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. Young people of Martins' here dinner. Eli, I & Lydia at M. M. Weber's for supper.
- 10. I helped to make mangles out for father all day.
- 11. I helped to make mangles out for father, AM. I helped to cut corn at F. Weigel ½ day, PM.
- 12. Father & I masoned at Aaron M. Bauman all day.
- 13. Father & I masoned at Aaron M. Bauman all day.
- 14. Jno. Frey's dau. Leah of St. Jacobs got burried at C. Father & I masoned at A. M. Bauman all day.
- 15. Father & I masoned at A. M. Bauman all day.
- 16. SUNDAY: Parents at Conestogo Meeting, at Hy. Martin's, I at home.
- 17. Parents & I at A. M. Bauman's all day; helped to mason.
- 18. Father & I helped to mason & pointed out walls at A.M.B.
- 19. I pointed out on rough walls, etc, at A.M.B., all day.
- 20. I helped to saw logs at mill & haul them to A.M.B., 1 dy.
- 21. I helped the carpenters etc., at A. M. Bauman, all day.
- 22. I helped the carpenters, etc, at A. M. B. nearly all day. Rain evening; also had there been last night.
- 23. SUNDAY: Is. & I in S. Peel Meeting, at Martin Frey's for dinner, at Daniel Bauman's for supper.
- 24. I at A. M. Bauman's carpentering, etc all day.
- 25. I helped to put in lower part of barn (raising) & helped at saw-mills in eve. Etc. at A. M. Bauman.
- 26. I at saw-mills in morn, then helped at barn raising at A. M. B. Barn 78' x 58'; Ig. Posts s. to s. 29'; pitch 8 x 12.
- 27. I helped to fix some of inside of wash house for father 1 day.
- 28. I helped to lath ceiling for father AM. Father & I went to Annie Bauman at noon to built silo roof PM.
- 29. Father & I worked at solo, etc, all day. Cold & snow. I & other young folks at Geo. Musselman's over night.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at Martins' Meeting and Wm. Eby's funeral, aged 79 years, AM. at Sidney Martin's for dinner, at Allen Knor's for supper.
- 31. Father & I worked at silo, etc, all day at Annie Bauman.

## **NOVEMEBER 1910**

- 1. Father & I worked at silo, etc, all day at Annie Bauman.
- 2. Father & I worked at silo, etc, all day at Annie Bauman.
- 3. I helped at wash-house for father, AM. Father & I started to work at silo roof at Reub. PM.
- 4. Father & I worked at Reub's silo roof, etc, all day, except father being absent to buy 4 steers of about 1300# @ \$5.75 @ cwt.

- 5. Father & I worked at Reub's silo all day.
- SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. Moses Weber, Israel Brubacher, Aaron Rudy & Enoch Frey, & girls here for dinner. Lydia & I at Aaron Weber's for supper.
- 7. Father & I carpentered at silo at Reub. all day.
- 8. Father & I at Sol. Reist about all day, at silo roof.
- 9. Father & I carpentered at silo roof, etc, at S. Reist all day.
- 10. Father & I carpentered at hen-house at S. R. nearly 1 day; rainy.
- 11. I carpentered at silo at Sol. Reist all day.
- 12. I carpentered at hen-house at Sol. Reist all day.
- 13. SUNDAY: Is., I & Lydia at SP Meeting, at Joshua Bauman's for dinner, I at Dav. Martin's for supper.
- 14. I went in town in morn, then went to Paul Snider to built silo ¾ day. Isaiah helped PM.
- 15. I carpentered at silo roof, etc, at P.S. all day. Is. helped too.
- 16. I carpentered at silo roof, etc, at P. Snider, all day.
- 17. I carpentered at silo roof, etc; at P. Snider, all day. Wife of Jno. Hintz (dau. Of Dav. Martin) burried at S. Peel.
- 18. I carpentered at silo roof, etc at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 19. I carpentered at silo roof, etc at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 20. SUNDAY: I & Parents at home all day at home. Others at NW Meeting.
- 21. I carpentered at silo, etc, at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 22. I carpentered at silo, etc, at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 23. I carpentered at silo, etc, at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 24. I carpentered & ploughed, etc, at M. S. Bauman all day.
- 25. I helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman all day.
- 26. I filed saw & helped father to chopp AM. I pedled fish & ordered s. shoes at St. Jacobs; and in Elmira.
- 27. SUNDAY: I at Noah Bearinger's for supper.
- 28. I carpentered at silo at Dav. Sauder ½ day. Unpleasant weather.
- 29.1 carpentered at silo, etc, at Dav. Sauder all day. Wife of Chr. Frey (widow) of Peel burried at W. Woolwich.
- 30. I carpentered at silo; etc, at Dav. Sauder all day.

## DECEMBER 1910

- 1. I carpentered at silo at Dav. Sauder ½ day AM. I moved to Alvin Shantz & worked at silo roof, PM.
- 2. I carpentered at silo roof at Alvin Shantz all day.
- I awhile at N. L. Martin & in Elmira.
- 4. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM. Levi L Martin here for dinner, Isaiah & Lydia at N. L. Martin's for supper.
- 5. I prepared for my journey to U.S.; I in St. Jacobs to fetch shoes & in Elmira to get tooth filled.

- 6. Eli Horst & I left Co. Waterloo in morn. for the Niagara Falls, at Suspension Bridge for the night.
- 7. Eli & I took Great Gorge Route on Streetcar and got around to see falls & sceanary. Left this place in the afternoon for further.
- 8. Arrived at Blue Ball, in the forenoon, Lancastor Co., Pa., visited Jacob W. Horst's noon & night, at Peter Shirk, sup.
- 9. We at Dav. Martin's, call; Eli Z. Horst's call; Jacob Horst's Sr., dinner; Jno S. Wenger (blind) call at store; Hy. Weber's Sr., call; Frank Weber's Jr. supper; Isaac W. Horst's over night.
- 10. We at Frank Weber's Sr., call; Harry Martin's, dinner; Dav Horst's wife burried (maybe 9Th?); Joe Shirk's, call; Aaron Z Horst's, supper; Frank Horst's preacher, over night; Eli Weaver's (son of Chr.) arrived from Ind.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at "Weaverland" Meeting AM; Dav. Martin's, dinner; Frank Horst's for supper; at singing at widow Joe Martin's wife, after supper; at Aaron Zimmerman's, for night.
- 12. We at Jno. Martin's, dinner; Ab. Zimmerman's, call; Barbara Horst, call; Moses Sauder's, for supper; Jonas Martin for the night, son of Bishop Jonas Martin.
- 13. We at Hy. Martin's (son of Bish. J. M.), call; Bishop Jonas Martin's, call; Peter Martin's, dinner; Jonathan Martin, call,; David Zimmerman Sr., supper; David M. Martin's, night & sing'g.
- 14. We at Jno. Martin's, call; Martin Zimmerman's, dinner; Rufus Martin's, call; Ezra Sensenig's supper; Eli Z. Horst's, night, Eli is son of Isaac, was once in Can.
- 15. We at Dan. Hoover's, call; David Hoover's, supper (Sr.); Jno. C. Nolts, night, Mrr'd to a Musselman, father to Dan. In the morn we & Eli Z Horst went to East Earl with tabacco.
- 16. We at Eli Hoover's call; David Fox's Jr., dinner; Joe Brubacher, Once a "Stauffer" Bishop, call; Jno. S. Kurtz's supper, (preacher); David Burkholder's, night, father to Dav. & Lydia.
- 17. We at Hy. Martin's, dinner; David Burkholder's, call, visited Joe Hostetter; Jno. W. Weaver's, supper, father to Ida; Amos Witmer's at singing after supper; Hy. S. Snyder's, night.
- 18. SUNDAY: We at "Martindale" Meeting AM.; Jno. Eby's, dinner, father to Peter & Enos; Michael Nolt's, supper, father to Jacob, At Moses Shirk's over night, father to Davis & Hetta.
- 19. Aaron Burkholder's, call; visited Martindale shirt factory; Isaac Weber's, dinner; Menno Zimmerman's preacher, for supper; Maria-Preacher Menno's mother call; Menno, son of preacher, a call; Moses Burholder's night, son of deacon, her son Hy. Rutt lived here.
- 20. We at Weaver Burkholders, call; Dan. Burkholder, deacon, dinner; David Zimmerman's, call; Adam Zimmerman's supper, son of Menno; Levi Burkholder's, night, father to Noah.

- 21. We at Moses G. Horning's, preacher, dinner; Sam Musser's Jr., call; Benj. Horning's, supper; Frank Horning's, night, father to Dav.
- 22. We at Hy. Gayman's, call; Joe Horning's, dinner; Aaron Good's call; Dav. Horning's, call; Sam Musser's, supper, Deacon; Benj. Shirk's, night, father to Benj. & bro. to Moses, Joe & Peter.
- 23. We at Reuben Weaver's, call; Monroe Garman's, dinner; Noah Horning's, call; Christian Shirk's, supper,-bro. to Peter at Bridgeport, Ont; Christian Sauder's night.
- 24. We at Levi Martin's (son of Bish. Jno. Ind.) call; Aged widow David Shirk's wife (age, 98 yrs. On Feb. 23/11) call; Johnathan Shirk's, dinner; Levi Weber Sr., call; Geo. Weaver's, supper; Henry Martin's, night; father to Sam, son of Nathanel.
- 25. SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS: We at "Weaverland" Meeting; Levi Burkholder's, dinner; Chr. Sensenig's, supper; Peter Shirk's, Blue Ball, night.
- 26. Peter Shirk hauled us to East Earl, there we and Jno. B. Weaver left for Philidelphia, visited Memorial Hall and the Zoological Gardens; at Keystone Hotel over night.
- 27. We 3 visited Navy Yards, Mint, City Hall, Wonamaker's store, & crossed Delaware River over to Camden. Went back to Israel G. Horning's, over night, father to Moses.
- 28. We at Israel's yet for dinner; Martin Weaver's, call; Peter H. Nolt's call; Levi W. Nolt's, supper; D. G. Nolt's, son of Jac., night.
- 29. We at Jac. Nolt, Sr., call; Jacob Martin, Akron, call; Amos Horst's, dinner; Clemont Martin's Ephrata, call; Martin Zimmerman's, father to Amos & Mary, supper,-we & Amos & Mose Horning on spring waggon with a ass team, at a Dunkard sing school, after supper; Joe O. Wenger's, preacher, night; We also visited Ephrata's Knitting Mills.
- 30. We at Amos Martin's, call, Jr.; Sam Martin's dinner; Mahlon Nolt's, call; Hy. W. Weaver's, supper; Aaron Reiff's, night.
- 31. We at Eli H. Nolt's, call; Jno. H. Nolt's Sr., dinner; Dr. Michael Horst, Talmage, call; Aaron G. Nolts, deacon, supper, son of Jac., father to Joseph; Jonas Reiff's Sr., night, father to Mary.

# **DIARY 1911**

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. SUNDAY: NEW YEAR: We at "Groffdale" Meeting; at Jno. D. Zimmerman's bal. of Sunday, once in Canada. Rainy.
- 2. We at Dav. Hoover's Jr., dinner; Ab. Burkholder's, call; Jacob Metzler's, call; Jno. Martin's, supper, last fall in Can.; Elam Martin's, night, father to Jno., son of Jno.

- 3. We at Jno. Martin lives by son Elam, aged 83 yrs. Blind; Jacob Reiff's, call; John Horst's, dinner; Widow Jac. Rutt's wife, call; Dav. Groff's, supper; Jno. Weaver's, father to Aaron, night.
- 4. We at Joe Obberholzer's, call; Benj. F. Hoover's, dinner; Jac. H. Nolt's, call; Jno. Sensenig's, supper; Eli Hoover's, night, bro. to Dan.
- 5. We at Amos Martin Sr., call; Dav. Good's, call; Amos Martin's dinner, Jr. (singer); Visited Silk Mills at New Holland. Aaron Hoover's, supper & night, father to Noah,-6'1 ½" tall.
- 6. We at John H. Weber's, dinner; John M Weaver's supper;
- 7. We at Michael Nolt's for dinner & night; We met Sam Brubacher's girls of Can. here; Amon Weber's, supper. At the singing at Menno Zimmerman's after sup.
- 8. SUNDAY: We at "Weaverland" Meeting; Dav. Zimmerman's dinner; Frank Weaver's, supper; Jac. W. Horst's, Blue Ball, at singing & over night, Canadian girls here too.
- 9. We at Joe Weaver's, call; Sam Martin's, dinner; Adam H. Weaver's, supper; Dav. Martin's, night, (2<sup>nd</sup> time), father to Ab & Anna.
- 10. Eli Horst went off for home this morning. I was at Dav. Martin's for dinner yet; Dav. Burkholder's supper, visited Joe Hostetter; Joe Brubacher, night, (2<sup>nd</sup> time) visited Dan. Weber.
- 11. I visited Joe Martin's wife (widow), mother to Levi, dinner & supper; Harry Rutt, call; Isaac Bauman's, night, son of Sam.
- 12.I at Jno S.Kurtz's, dinner; Jno. W. Weaver's, supper; Sam Bauman's, night, father to Isaac & David, wife disabled.
- 13. I at Hy. S. Snyder's, dinner, father to Joe, (2<sup>nd</sup> time); Joe Martin's, call; Dav. Hoover's Sr., supper, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, father to 13 children; Jno. C. Nolt's, night, father to Dan & Mary, (2<sup>nd</sup> time).
- 14. I at Isaac Weaver's, dinner, (2<sup>nd</sup> time), father to Jno. who was with us in Philidelphia; Dav. Burkholder's, supper, (2<sup>nd</sup> time) father to Dav. & Lydia; At a funeral of Dav. Kurtz's baby, at "Martindale". Israel Brendle's, at singing & over night, father to Is, Susan & Will.
- 15. SUNDAY: Meeting was at "Martindale", I at Menno Zimmerman's dinner, (preacher) Jonathan & Allen Martin of Can. here too; Hy. Martin's, supper, (2<sup>nd</sup> time); Weaver Burkholder's, night, father to Dav.
- 16. I at Isaac Wenger's, saddler, Martindale, a call; Hy. Sensenig's wife (widow), dinner, Susana, her dau., once in Can.; Jacob Horst's Sr., supper, 2<sup>nd</sup> time; Jac. W. Horst's Jr., night, father to Emma.
- 17.1 started, in morning for further, departed Blue Ball at about 8.30 AM., arrived at Orrville, O. at about 10.35 PM., central time. The trip from Lancaster, Pa. To Orrville, O. is 404.7 mi. as per R'y guide.
- 18. I went to John Kilmer's, breakfast, son of Ph., Ind.; Hy. Kilmer, bro. to Jno., in from Ind., & I visited Orrville, AM., at Hy. Burkhardt's, dinner; Bishop Hy. Horst's, call; Noah Good's, supper; Sam. L. Weber's wife, (widow), night.

- 19. Hy. Kilmer & I at Jno. Martin, dinner, his son "Elmer" & we two visited & went into a coal mine; Jonathan Martin, (widower) Aged 86 yrs, father to Jno., Sam., Dav. Barb & Annie, his G children my 5Th cousin's, here for supper; Dav. Martin's; night.
- 20. Hy. & I at Dan. H. Eberly's call; Pares B. Horst's, call; John Buckwalter's, dinner; Sam W. Martin's, Dalton, supper; wife is a sister to Dav. Hoover Sr. of Lanc. Co., Pa.; Ezra Good's, night.
- 21. Hy. & I at Jno. Martin's, dinner; at horse sale in Orrville; at Peter Baumgartner's, supper; Jno. Eberly's, night, near by Burton City.
- 22. SUNDAY: Hy. & I at "Chestnut Ridge" Meeting, and at the funeral of Dav. Brennerman (Dunkard) at Martins' Church, AM.; Sam Lehman's, dinner, Burton City; Benj. Good's, Preacher, supper & night, son of Noah, married to a Rohrer.
- 23. Hy. & I at his Bro. Jno. Kilmer, again over night & the meals; Hy. & I at a singing at Noah Good's in the evening.
- 24. Eli Weaver's of Ind., Joel Weaver, Ind., & I started for further, left Orrville at 6.45 AM. on the C. F. & P. line. Arrived at Warsaw, Ind., at about 12.58 PM., took Interurban Ry. to Goshen where Eli's father fetched us to their home for the night.
- 25. I at Christian Z. Weaver all day, father to Eli, Eli is Married to Barbara Gayman. Chr. to a cousin of Jno. Wenger, Pa.
- 26. Eli took me to his bro. Menno for dinner; at his place for supper again; I at Aaron Reed's for the night. Drizzly.
- 27. I at Aaron Reed's also for dinner; at Preacher Martin Ramer's supper & night, married to Lydia Shaum; Father to Tobias & Will.
- 28. I at Martin Ramer's also for dinner; Jno. B. Weaver's, supper.
- 29. SUNDAY: I AT "Yellow Creek" Meeting; I at Sam. S. Wenger's bal. of day, father to Enos, who with Tobias Ramer were in Can. & Pa.
- 30. I at Harvey Martin's, dinner; Hy. M. Weaver's, supper & night.
- 31. I at Levi Hoover's, dinner & supper, married to Chr. Z. Weaver's sister; John M. Weaver's, night, son of Chr., m'rr'd to dau. Of Hy. Shrock.

#### FEBRUARY 1911

- 1. I at John W. Martin's, dinner; Amos W. Witmer's, supper, Wm. Hoover's, night; school teacher.
- 2. I at Eli Wenger's, dinner, father to Franklin, Eli is a bro. to Chr. Z. Weaver's wife; Dan. Warner's, supper & night.
- 3. I at Jno. Brown's funeral (River Brother) at "Yellow Creek", at Jno. M. Weaver's, dinner (2<sup>nd</sup> time); Bishop John Martin's, supper & night; father to Elias; Levi of Pa., Hy; Joe, Wm. & Amanda.
- 4. I at Wm. F. Holdeman's for dinner; Joe Musser's, supper; Christian Weaver's again over night.

- 5. SUNDAY: I at "County Line" Meeting; at Harvey Shaum's, dinner, Jno. B. Weaver's, night (2<sup>nd</sup> time), father to Joel. Snowstorm.
- 6. I at Deacon Levi Ressler's, dinner; Preacher Christian L. Ressler, supper; Dav. K. Ressler's, night, son of Deacon Levi.
- 7. I at the funeral of Jesse Lehman's wife, member of the "Funk" denomanation; Noah Ramer's, night, son of Sam.
- 8. I at Sam. Ramer's, call; Isaac Leinbach's, dinner; Jacob Bechtel's, supper; Philip Kilmer, night, father to Hy.
- 9. I at Noah Weaver's, dinner; Chr. Zimmerman's, call; Isaac Martin's, supper & night, deacon, father to Harvey, Ab, Reub. & Amos.
- 10. Isaac Martin's Reub. & Amos & I at Mishawaka & South Bend, visited Studebachers' Carriage Shop, Fire department & Court house, I back to Isaac's for supper, at their son Ab. for night.
- 11.1 at Wakarusa, at horse sale, nearly all day; Aaron Reed's supper; at a singing at Jno B. Weaver's; Levi Ressler's, night.
- 12. SUNDAY: I at "St. Joe" Meeting; Joseph Ramer's, dinner; Joe Shaum's wife (widow) supper & night, mother to Harvey & Mary.
- 13. I at Hy. Shrock's, dinner, preacher, father to Rosco; Chr. Hunsberger Sr., supper; John Shrock's, night, father to Hy.
- 14.1 at Elias Martin's, dinner, son of Jno.; Chr. Leinbach's supper & night, wife dau. of Bishop Jno. Martin.
- 15. I at Christian Z. Weaver's again, about all day. Muddy roads.
- 16. I started off for home at Wakarusa, at about 2.23 AM., central time, on the Wabash line to Detroit; then proceed on via, London, Woodstock, Guelph June, Guelph & Elmira, on the C.P.R., arrived at Elmira at about 7.20 PM. eastern time. Travelled about 400 mi. today as per Ry. Guide. Departure lasted 10 wks., 2 dys. Total cost of whole trip between \$50 & \$60.
- 17. I tinkered about at home AM. Was at Jones Martin's on buisness, visited N. Bearinger's for supper.
- 18. I down at Enos Bauman's for dinner, at Dan. E. Martin to see about silo building.
- 19. SUNDAY: I at funeral of Jno. Martin's wife (widow), lived by Noah B. Martin's, Yatton, aged 79 years old, at W. Woolwich. I at N. L. Martin's for both meals, he has blood-poison.
- 20. I looked after my property and wrote letters to the States.
- 21. I was out after silo jobs, at A. M. Bauman's over noon.
- 22. I helped Eli to chopp grain awhile, & worked my books.
- 23. I out on silo buisness, etc. all day.
- 24. I in Elmira AM. & with Eli at Reub. Martin's sale, PM.
- 25. I at my books, etc., AM., looked after a horse, inspected N. Bearinger's fence, PM. Fine weather. Jonas Bauman here to help in harness shop since Tue. morning.

- 26. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting, AM.; Urias Martin, Elias Wideman, & Ezra Bauman here for dinner; Hy. Bauman & Isaac Sittler here for supper. Sylvester Martin's here too.
- 27. I helped to thrash at Dav. Bauman's for N. L. Martin all day. Chr. Martin's wife (Frey) got burried at Martin's.
- 28. I at Dav. Bauman's to thrash 2 hrs. in morn., then did chorse, AM., J. Gingrich & I sawed firewood for N. L. M., PM.

## **MARCH 1911**

- 1. Josiah & I sawed wood, etc., for N. L. M. all day.
- 2. Josiah & I sawed wood, etc., for N. L. M., AM. I in Elmira.
- 3. I up near by Macton, in Floradale & Elmira on buisness.
- 4. I down between Bloomingdale & N. Germany at L. Spitzig to order a 1 horse-power. Menno Kock's house burned.
- 5. SUNDAY: Isaiah here last night, then he & I at Conestogo Meeting, at Dan. Cressman's for dinner, at David B. Martin's for supper. Snowfall in eve.
- 6. Father & I helped to butcher at N. Martin all day.
- 7. I fetched team from Geo., then Eli & I hauled manure from Jno. Steddick, Elmira, about all day.
- 8. I helped to fetch manure from Steddick for father AM.; Hy. Martin & I looked after horses out North PM.
- 9. Hy. Martin & I looked after horses, at Joe Snyder's for dinner, also down by Jac. Brox to see a mare.
- 10. Lat Floradale, AM, L. Martin after a horse PM.
- 11. I helped father to drive out 4 head fat cattle, av. Wt., 1437# at \$5.65 @ cwt. (bo't at \$5.75). I inspected Amos Martin's house & in Elmira PM.
- 12. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Parents at Jonas Martin's for dinner.
- 13. I at the Elmira fair all day. Nice weather.
- 14. I fetched a brown horse, rising 6 years old, for \$150. from Israel L. Martin AM. I fetched my old buggy from N. L. Martin, PM. Father patched harness at E. Martin.
- 15. I got my horse shod & took tools to Amos B. Martin, AM. I at Sarah Heckendorn's sale, bo't log chain 20' I'g & 26# in wt. for \$2.90, PM. Joseph Martin's (son of Peter) child's funeral.
- 16. I worked at inside of house at Amos B. Martin, 1 day.
- 17. I worked at inside of house at Amos B. Martin, 1 day.
- 18. I white-washed walls, etc, at Amos B. Martin, 1 day.
- 19. SUNDAY: Lydia & I at S. Peel Meeting, at Joshua Bauman's for dinner, at Amos Martin's for supper.
- 20. I fastened 1'ter r'ds, plastered patches on walls & white'washed rooms at Amos B. Martin, 1 day.
- 21. I whitewashed & filled cracks on walls, painted floors etc, 1 day.
- 22. I painted staircase & floors at Amos Martin, 1 day.

- 23. I white-washed kitchen twice, filled crack in walls with plaster paris & painted at Amos B. Martin's, 1 day.
- 24. I in bush, AM., painted floor, etc, PM at A.B. Martin, 1 day.
- 25. I wrote 10 letters, visited N. L. Martin who has a severe attack of blood-poisoning, I fetched tools from A.B. Martin.
- 26. SUNDAY: We all except mother at WW Meeting. Eli Horst & Nelson Martin here for dinner. I at Levi Hort's for supper.
- 27. I up at Floradale, fetched fence pickets (\$.02 a piece) for N. Bearinger, AM. I fixed at my buggy, etc. PM. Rainy.
- 28. I worked small jobs, prepared for cementing. Stormy.
- 29.1 worked at my sircingle, etc. Am. 1 at N. L. Martin, visited him & piled up lumber a little, PM.
- 30. I helped to worked at Noah Martin all day, got implements ready for seeding AM. Hauled and spread manure in orchard PM.
- 31. Filled bal. of orchard with manure, stored away sleighs & sawed old timber short for summer wood at N. L. Martin 1 day.

## **APRIL 1911**

- 1. I in St. Jacobs & Elmira & hauled fence stuff to N. Bearinger & did small jobs. No nice weather this wk. Sol. Gingrich's child's funeral at N. Woolwich.
- 2. SUNDAY: I at N. Bearinger for dinner & supper, N. Bearinger's wife here for supper. Geo. Bauman's & Grandmother here for dinner & supper.
- 3. I tinkered at small jobs all day, sowed grass seed for father.
- 4. I took funeral message of Israel Brubacher's child around in the neighborhood, AM. I studied at Physical Science book, etc, PM. Cold rain & sleet PM.
- 5. I took funeral message to Dan. Brubacher's & Joe Hoffman's AM. I wrote into this diary PM. Rain.
- 6. I was hostler at Israel Brubacher's child's funeral, aged 6 yrs, 8 mon. Muddy & a little rain in eve.
- 7. I wrote into this diary & white washed kitchen for mother. I have got a cold this week. Elmira Horse Show.
- 8. I fixed up garden fence at Noah Bearinger, 1 day.
- 9. SUNDAY: Lydia & I at S. Peel Meeting, at Sol. Bowman's for dinner, Elias M. Martin's for supper. Father visited N. L. Martin,
- 10.1 at Elmira Fair AM. Repaired fence at N. Bearinger PM.
- 11. I awhile at N. Bearinger to fix fence in morn; I fetched cement mixer from Aaron M. Bauman.
- 12. I helped to wash & oil harness (mine included) for father.
- 13. I helped to wash harness & put mine together AM. I in Elmira to buy silo goods, Rainy, PM.
- 14. GOOD FRI: I at WW Meeting AM., Noah Weber & I at Dav. Brubacher's (visited Ab. Bearinger) for supper.

- 15. I in Elmira AM., & at Waterloo & Berlin PM., at Enos Bauman's for supper and night.
- 16. SUNDAY: EASTER: I at Martins' Meeting AM., at Joe Brubacher's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper.
- 17. EASTER MON.: I worked awhile at mixer, repairing. Parents came home tonight from a visit at Martins since Sat. night.
- 18.1 at Elmira AM. Father & Eli helped to wash Meeting House.
- 19. Parents at funeral of Joseph S. Martin, Aged 77 yrs., 7 mon. 25 days, at Martins. I worked at mixer & in town.
- 20. I worked at mixer & hauled same to Elmira Foundry in eve. Others chopped grain. Nice weather.
- 21. I out to see about jobs AM. I received a load of hay from Geo. M. Bauman PM.
- 22. I prepared for cementing & fetched Isaiah from Enos M. Bauman PM. Father cut my hair.
- 23. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting AM., Menno Gingrich's Sr. here for dinner, Sol, Gingrich's here for supper besides some young folks.
- 24. Is. & I circled silo rings shorter & moved to Hy. Bauman & removed earth for water tank PM.
- 25.1 cut a silo curbing section into 2 & helped to mix concrete for tank 1 day, Isaiah helped too.
- 26. Is. & I mixed concrete ½ day AM. for Hy. Bauman. I prepared for painting at Amos B. Martin, Is. at Grandma, PM.
- 27. I prepared for painting outside trimmings of house, removed old putty, etc, at Amos B. Martin all day. Is. whitewashed rooms in house at Grandma.
- 28. ls. & I formed an arch over water tank at Hy. Bauman.
- 29. Is. & I built scaffold & painted windows, etc, at Amos Martin all day. Warm and nice week.
- 30. SUNDAY: Parents and I at funeral of Aaron Martin's wife, Aged 53 yrs, 3 mon, 7 days, at N. Woolwich, PM.

## **MAY 1911**

- 1. I fetched me a 1-h. Power (\$35) from L. Spitzig, N. Germany. Rain.
- 2. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at A. Martin, ¾ day.
- 3. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at A. Martin 1 day.
- 4. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at A. Martin 1 day.
- 5. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at A. Martin 1 day.
- 6. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at A. Martin 1 day.
- 7. SUNDAY: Amos & Aaron Rudy here for supper. Fine weather.
- 8. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at Amos Martin 1 day.
- 9. Is. & I painted outside wood material, etc, at Amos Martin 1 day.

  10. I painted veranda, etc, at Amos Martin 1 day. Isaiah fixed at cement mixer.

- 11. I out on buisness & fixed at c. mixer, Is. took power & mixer to Hy. Klinck. Rain & thunder in eve.
- 12. Is. & I. at Hy. Klinck to build foundation of concrete under a building intend to be a slaughter house for "beef ring", 1 day.
- 13. Is. & I leveled floor, then put in concrete floor & lowered building on walls, 1 day.
- 14. SUNDAY: I at Dav. Bauman's for dinner. Parents at Annie Bauman for dinner. Wendel Martin here for supper.
- 15. Is. & I built sidewalk a little over ½ day at Joe Ernst. Is. prepared for moving silo outfit. I plastered tank at Hy. Bauman.
- 16. I finished plastering tank at Hy. Bauman. Is. & I moved silo outfit to Dan. E. Martin and staked same up.
- 17. We filled 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ring concrete silo at Dan. E. Martin.
- 18. We filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at D. E. Martin.
- 19. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at D. E. Martin.
- 20. We filled 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at D. E. Martin. Warm weather at end of week.
- 21. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting, Daniel Cressman's & David B. Martin's here for dinner.
- 22. We filled 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at D. E. Martin.
- 23. We filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at D. E. Martin.
- 24. We plastered inside of silo all day at D. E. Martin.
- 25. ASCENSION DAY: Parents at Sol. Reist to help at funeral. Is. & Eli were hostlers, Lydia & I attend to funeral of Sol. Reist's wife, aged 45 years. I at funeral of Jno. O. Driesinger's wife, Elmira., PM.
- 26. Is. & I did concreting at D. E. Martin AM., then we moved outfit to Silas Bauman above Floradale.
- 27. We sett up, & filled 1st & 2nd ring silo at Silas Bauman.
- 28. SUNDAY: Funeral of Peter Musselman's wife (widow) lived by Amos Esch, burried at Martins'. I & others at Sam Brubacher's for dinner, at Dav. L. Martin's for supper. Operation of blood poison performed on N. L. Martin this eve.
- 29. Dan. Cressman's house burned to-day. We filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Silas Bauman.
- 30. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at Silas Bauman.
- 31. We filled 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at Silas Bauman.

## **JUNE 1911**

- 1. We filled 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at Silas Bauman.
- 2. We filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at Silas Bauman.
- 3. We plastered silo at S. Bauman and moved bal. of outfit to M. B. Bowman in eve, some put over last eve.

- 4. SUNDAY: I at Aaron W. Weber's for supper, I with others at Daniel G. Gingrich's for over night.
- 5. WHIT MON: I & others at Elora rocks at noon, at Joshua Brubacher's for supper. 40 young people up.
- 6. We filled 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ring concrete silo at M. B. Bowman
- 7. We filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Menno B. Bowman.
- 8. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at Menno B. Bowman. I at Reuben Snider, Conestogo, after supper.
- 9. We filled 7 & 8 concrete silo at Menno B. Bowman. Father & Reub. came home from Buffalo. Rain today.
- 10. We filled 9 & 10 concrete silo at Menno B. Bowman.
- 11. SUNDAY: Isaiah & I visited N. L. Martin after supper. Aaron W. Weber's here for dinner. Rain, storm & few hailstones.
- 12. We filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at M. B. Bowman. Norman F. Martin's child's funeral, drowned in tub.
- 13. We plastered silo at M. B. Bowman.
- 14. We moved silo outfit to Aaron Martin & put up 1 & 2 ring.
- 15. We filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Aaron Martin.
- 16. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at Aaron Martin.
- 17. We filled 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at Aaron Martin.
- 18. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Some young people here for dinner, Joe Hoffman's here for supper.
- 19. We filled 9 & 10 concrete ring silo at Aaron Martin.
- 20. We filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at Aaron Martin. Aaron's son Absolom fell 25' from scaffold on concrete floor with the result of his left leg broken.
- 21. We plastered silo at Aaron Martin.
- 22. Is. & I loaded outfit & then went to Reub. Snyder between Conestogo & Bloomingdale, digged gravel out in root cellar at place where silo is to be built, PM.
- 23. I removed gravel at site of silo a little over ½ day, filled 1<sup>st</sup>. ring concrete silo at R. Snider.
- 24. We filled 2 & 3 ring silo at R. Snider.
- 25. SUNDAY: Is. & I at Conestogo Meeting, PM., at Tilman Horst's for supper. Hy. S. Brubacher's here for dinner.
- 26. We filled 4 & 5 ring concrete silo at R. Snider. Warm.
- 27. We filled 6 & 7 ring concrete silo at R. Snider.
- 28. We filled 8 & 9 ring concrete silo at R. Snider.
- 29. We filled 10 & 11 ring concrete silo at R. Snider.
- 30. We filled 12 & 13 ring concrete silo at R. Snider.

## **JULY 1911**

1. We plastered silo and loaded outfit for the move at Reub. Snider. Dry Weather.

- SUNDAY: I visited Absolom (with broken leg) at Aaron Martin over noon. At NW Meeting PM., at Jonas Martin's for supper. Susanna Spaeth & 2 of Simon Kinzie's girls here for the night.
- John Martin (father to Isaac & Dan.) burried at Martins. Is. & I went to Hy S. Bauman, staked up & filled 1<sup>st</sup> ring.
- 4. We filled 2<sup>nd</sup> ring silo & helped at hay-making at Hy. S. B.
- 5. We filled 3 ring silo & helped at hay. Light rain.
- 6. We filled 4 ring silo & helped at hay at Hy. S. B.
- 7. We filled 5 ring silo & helped at hay at Hy. S. B.
- 8. We filled 6 & 7 ring silo at Hy. S. B. Warm & dry weather.
- 9. SUNDAY: Wm. Spaeth's here for dinner & supper. Is. & I at Dan. Weber's for dinner, at Martin's Meeting PM., at Wendel Martin's for supper.
- 10. ls. & I helped draw in 10 loads of hay for father. Rain in eve.
- 11. I at Elmira AM., Is. & I filled 8<sup>th</sup> ring silo at Hy. L. Bauman.
- 12. We filled 9 & 10 ring silo at Hy. S. Bauman.
- 13. We filled 11 & 12 ring silo at Hy. S. Bauman.
- 14. We filled 13 & 14 ring silo at Hy. S. Bauman. A little rain. Elias Martin's wife (widow) burried at Martins', aged 80 years.
- 15. We plastered nearly all of silo at Hy. S. B. Rain in eve.
- 16. SUNDAY: Parents, Eli & I at WW Meeting AM. Is. visited Abs. Martin AM. Hy. B. Martin's here for both meals. Young people here for dinner. Dav. Horst here for supper; Two of L. Brox's children here for supper also. Rain today; the ground being dry for quite awhile.
- 17. We finished silo at Hy. S. B. & moved to Dan. B. Martin.
- 18. We filled 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring silo at Dan B. Martin.
- 19. We filled 4 & 5 ring concrete silo at D. B. Martin. Rain in eve.
- 20. We filled 6 ring silo AM. We pitched dung for father PM.
- 21. We spread manure for father 1/3 dy. Filled 7 & 8 ring silo at D. B. M.
- 22. We filled 9 & 10 ring silo at Dan. B. Martin. Josaiah Bauman's girl, aged 13 years, burried at Martins' AM. Oliver Lichty's wife burried at N. Woolwich PM. Dan. M. Bowman builds dam at present, at Floradale.
- 23. SUNDAY: I visited Abs. Martin AM. Lydia & I at S. Peel Meeting PM., at Amzi Snyder's for supper.
- 24. We plastered silo at Dan. B. Martin.
- 25. We moved outfit to Jacob Musselman AM. Filled 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ring concrete silo PM.
- 26. We build concrete front at barn floor & plastered silo & hauled rings & scaffold home; mixer and power to C. B. Eix near Hawkesville.
- 27. We prepared for cementing horse stable & cemented stalls & petition in pig stable.
- 28. We build hog troughs., etc.
- 29. We plastered hog troughs, concreted some in sty & horse stable.
- 30. SUNDAY: Dav. Cressman's Jr. here for supper. I at home.
- 31. ls. & I at N. L. Martin to build sidewalks, etc.

#### **AUGUST 1911**

- 1. We build sidewalks, porch floor, etc. at N. L. Martin.
- 2. We finished cementing at N. L. Martin at noon. We moved to Jno. S. Brubacher & prepared to re-roof house.
- 3. We removed old roof of house, replaced some new sheeting with Oshawa steel shingles on top at J. S. B.
- 4. We put steel shingles on roof, etc. at Jno. S. B.1 day.
- 5. We build concrete arch over some of Menno Gingrich's root-cellar besides a few small jobs. 1 day.
- 6. SUNDAY: Is. & I at Martins' Meeting, young people baptized, AM. We at Simeon Weber's for dinner, at Moses Weber's for supper.
- 7. Is. & I at Jno. S. Brubacher worked on house roof 1 day.
- 8. Is. & I worked at Jno. S. Brubacher's house roof 1 day.
- 9. Is. & I helped father to thrash AM. We helped to draw in grain at Aaron Martin's ½ day, PM.
- 10. We helped to draw in grain at Aaron Martin all day.
- 11. We helped to put away old horse, etc., AM., at A. Martin. We all at the funeral of Emerson Esch, aged 35 years, 7 mon. & 28 dys.,--killed by electric shock, Berlin.
- 12. I helped to hoe turnips, cut off peas, etc. at A. Martin.
- 13. SUNDAY: We all at the WW Meeting. I at Geo. Bauman's for supper.
- 14. I helped to store away grain nearly ½ day AM. at Paul Snider. Paul & I repaired culvert at F. Weigel, 6 hrs. PM.
- 15. Paul & I repaired culvert at F. Weigel, 6 hrs. PM. Rain AM.
- 16. I repaired at culvert at F. Weigel 7 ½ hrs. Some rain.
- 17. I worked at cistern & hard water well floors at G. M. Bauman.
- 18. I worked at cistern & hard water well floors at G. M. Bauman.
- 19. I worked at cistern & hard water well floors, etc, at G. M. Bauman.
- 20. SUNDAY: I at home, made a call at A. W. Weber's after supper. Is. Weber here for dinner. Parents at Abs. Martin's and Reub. Bauman's.
- 21. I worked at well floor, sidewalk, etc., at G. M. Bauman, 1 day.
- 22. I concreted porch floor, etc, at Mose Gingrich, 1 day.
- 23. I worked at porch floor, cistern top & waste water entrance. at M. Gingrich. Doctors operated on father, removed tumor.
- 24. I worked at sidewalks & concrete door cill, etc, at M. Gingrich. Hy. Brubacher's wife, widow burried at Conestogo (of St. Jacobs).
- 25. I looked after silo filling jobs & was at P. Ziegler over night.
- 26. I helped to remove earth at silo site, at P. Ziegler, all day.
- 27. SUNDAY: I at home. Wm. Jacobi's here for both meals. Levi Brubacher's here for dinner.
- 28. I filled 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ring concrete silo at P. Ziegler.
- 29. I filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at P. Ziegler.

- 30. I filled 5 ring concrete silo & build gangway floor at P. Z.
- 31. Peter & I at Floradale in morning. I fetched scaffold from home & cement from Elmira to P. Ziegler.

## SEPTEMBER 1911

- 1. I filled 6 & 7 ring concrete silo at P. Ziegler.
- 2. I filled 8 ring silo & prepared for next at P. Ziegler.
- 3. SUNDAY: Eli & I at S. Peel Meeting AM., at Amos F. Martin's for dinner, at Menno Frey's for supper.
- 4. I filled 9 & 10 ring silo & fixed cellar steps at P. Ziegler.
- 5. I filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at P. Ziegler. Rain.
- 6. I lowered silo curbings & cleaned them, etc., at P. Z.
- 7. I & Urias Martin carpentered at silo roof at P. Ziegler, 1 dy.
- 8. I carpentered at silo roof 1 dy, Urias ½ dy, at P. Ziegler.
- 9. I plastered silo at P. Ziegler all day.
- 10. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting, except mother. Noah S. Martin's, Isaac Gingrich's & Dan Hoffman's Jr. here for dinner.
- 11. I in Floradale & Elmira, oiled silo curbs, bolts, etc.
- 12. I did concreting jobs on outside of house at Jonas Martin.
- 13. I did concreting jobs on outside of house at Jonas Martin.
- 14. I at Harvest Meeting at W. Woolwich AM., I at D. M. Bowman fixed gate apparatus on dam wall, PM.
- 15. I worked at & prepared for water wheel at D. M. Bowman.
- 16. I worked at & prepared for water wheel at D. M. Bowman.
- 17. SUNDAY: Neighbors here to visit mother (in bed). I at R. M. after supper.
- 18. I helped to remove earth for water wheel at D. M. Bowman.
- 19.1 & Ab. Bearinger commenced our corn cutting season. We set up at M. Snider (rain) AM., cut corn PM.
- 20. We cut corn at C. Esch, AM.; Dav. Hoffer PM.
- 21. We cut corn at G. M. Bauman, AM; Rain PM.
- 22. We cut corn at G. M. Bauman, AM., F. Weigel, PM.
- 23. We cut corn at C. Wilken, AM.; Paul Snider, PM.
- 24. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Mary Cressman & Mary Martin here for dinner. Rain to-night. Mary Ann Weber was here to help Lydia do housework several days.
- 25. We cut corn at P. Snider, AM.; by my father ½ day, PM.
- 26. We cut corn at Aaron Weber.
- 27. We cut corn at Elias Martin, PM.; Rain AM.
- 28. We cut corn at Elias Martin, moved cutting-box home, AM. I at N. L. Martin & in Elmira & helped father, PM.
- 29. I in Elmira, helped father to cut some corn, made a silo roof draft & oiled silo curbings. Rainy AM.

30. I helped concreting casing around water wheel at D. M. Bowman, Floradale, 1 day.

#### OCTOBER 1911

- 1. SUNDAY: I at Menno Weber's for supper, Eph. Weber's here for supper.
- 2. I cemented at Anthony Gies, ¾ day.
- 3. I cemented at Anthony Gies, 1 day.
- 4. I at D. M. Bowman, Floradale, worked at tail race.
- 5. I cemented, etc, at tail race, at D. M. Bowman.
- 6. I cemented at tail race & helped a little at cider mill. Rainy PM. The last while we had rain about every other day.
- 7. I helped to set curbing & cemented tail race at D. M. Bowman.
- 8. SUNDAY: We nearly all at WW Meeting AM., Dan. L. Martins & Menno M. Bauman's here for dinner & also a few girls.
- 9. I helped to make out potatoes & loaded manure for father all day. Bright weather.
- 10. I helped to load manure all day for father.
- 11. I helped to load manure ½ dy for father; I at D. M. B., PM.
- 12. I helped to cement at water wheel, etc, at D. M. B.
- 13. I helped to cement at water wheel, etc, at D. M. B.
- 14. I helped to cement at water wheel, etc, at D. M. B.
- 15. SUNDAY: Jno. Geisel's here for dinner, Albert Lorch's here for supper. I at Joshua Bowman's for supper.
- 16. I helped to cement at water wheel at D. M. Bowman.
- 17. I helped to remove earth under mill ½ day for D. M. Bowman. Rain nearly all day.
- 18. I helped to cement, etc. at D. M. Bowman, 1 day.
- 19. I leveled off & cemented foundation wall for driving shed ¾ day at Receveous Martin.
- 20. I worked at shed foundations AM. Made cribbing for water trough PM., at Receveous Martin.
- 21. I build water-trough, etc, 1 day, at Receveous Martin. I & others away visiting at Amos Weber's over night.
- 22. SUNDAY: We young people at Allen Bauman's for dinner, at Jno. Brubacher's for supper. Rainy day.
- 23. I helped to lower shed on foundation & build some more wall under it & plastered trough at R. Martin.
- 24. I helped to finish bal. of foundation, etc, ½ dy, at R. M. I re-pointed out strawshed wall at A. Gies, ½ day.
- 25. I did concreting jobs at Anthony Gies 1 day.
- 26. I cemented foundation wall for ice-house, etc, at Rueben Bauman, 1 day.

- 27. I cemented at outhouse foundation & build root-cellar door at R. M. Bauman AM., I worked at silo roof at Dan E. Martin, PM.
- 28. I worked at silo roof at Dan. E. Martin all day.
- 29. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Elias B. Martin's here for supper.
- 30. I carpentered at silo roof at Dan. E. Martin all day.
- 31. I carpentered at silo roof at Dan. E. Martin all day.

## **NOVEMBER 1911**

- 1. I carpentered at silo roof at Dan. E. Martin all day.
- 2. I carpentered at silo roof at Dan. E. Martin, AM.; I carpentered ¼ day at Hy. Bauman PM.
- 3. I carpentered at silo roof at Hy. Bauman 1 day.
- 4. I carpentered at silo roof at Hy. Bauman 1 day.
- 5. SUNDAY: We all except Noah at WW Meeting. Jno. S. Brubacher's here for dinner. Mose & Leah Reist here for supper.
- 6. I carpentered at Hy. Bauman nearly all day.
- 7. I carpentered at Hy. Bauman nearly all day.
- 8. I carpentered at Hy. Bauman a little over ½ day. I at Isaac Gingrich awhile in eve. to work at stable.
- 9. I worked at horse stable, prepared for cementing at I. G.
- 10. I worked at horse stable, prepared for cementing at I. G.
- 11. I worked at horse stable, cemented at h. stable, 1 day, at I. G.
- 12. SUNDAY: Lydia, Noah & I at Geo. Bauman's (& Grandma) for dinner. Is. & Eli at WW Meeting House at funeral of Isaac Stauffer's wife, PM. Snow & stormy.
- 13. Is. & I awhile at Elmira Fair, AM. We started to build silo roof at Aaron Martin PM. Rough weather.
- 14. Is. & I worked at silo roof & chute at A. Martin, 1 dy. Snow in eve.
- 15. I prepared for cementing a calf stable, etc, at Isaac Gingrich all day. Is. carpentered at Aaron Martin.
- 16. I prepared for & cementing small petition wall & finished horse stable floor at I.G. Is: finished at A Martin.
- 17. I worked at stable AM. Layed bricks for a floor in house cellar at Isaac Gingrich PM. Stormy.
- 18. I cemented calf stable, etc, at I G. all day. Stormy.
- 19. SUNDAY: We all at home. Sam. R. Martin & sisters here for dinner. Sleighing commenced. Deep snow banks.
- 20. I worked at cistern, build brick wall in house cellar at Isaac Gingrich's 3/4 day.
- 21. I worked at cistern at Isaac Gingrich, 1 day.
- 22. I masoned in cellar besides cistern at I. Gingrich, 1 day. Pastor Schulz burried at Elmira.

- 23. I plastered inside of cistern AM., Set models for water-trough at I Gingrich's, 1 day.
- 24. I put second coat plaster on cistern AM., build water-trough at I. Gingrich, PM. 1 day.
- 25. I helped to build 2 water troughs & gangway floor at I. G.
- 26. SUNDAY: Parents at Martin's down yesterday already. Is. & Eli at S. Peel. I at home did the feeding.
- 27. I build foundation cribbing for cistern top at I. G. 1 day.
- 28. I build concrete floor on cistern at I. Gingrich, 1 day.
- 29. I carpentered at woodwork over water troughs at I. G., 1 day.
- 30. I carpentered at woodwork over water troughs at I. G. 1 day.

#### DECEMBER 1911

- 1. I carpentered at woodwork over water troughs at I. G., 1 day.
- 2. I carpentered at woodwork over water troughs at I. G., 1 day.
- SUNDAY: We all except father at WW Meeting. Aaron Gingrich here for dinner. I at N. L. Martin for supper. Isaiah & Eli at Henry Gingrich's for supper.
- I looked over my accounts & in Elmira AM.; I did a little carpentering at R. M. Bauman PM.
- 5. I worked at silo roof at S. K. Brubacher, 1 day.
- 6. I worked at silo roof at S. K. Brubacher, 1 day.
- 7. I worked at silo roof at S. K. Brubacher, 1 day.
- 8. I worked at silo roof at S. K. Brubacher, 1 day.
- I worked at silo roof at S. K. Brubacher, 1 day. Warm & mild weather; dirty roads.
- 10. SUNDAY: Parents at funeral of Frederick Westfall at W. Montrose, PM. I at Mose Reist for supper, paid a call on N. Bearinger. We boys inspected washed out dam race of D. M. Bowman's at Floradale.
- 11.1 at Reub. Bauman, layed cells for ice-house & cleaned wheat a little over ½ day. Rainy & wett.
- 12.1 helped to butcher for father all day. Reub. Noah & Mary Ann helped; butchered 3 hogs. Mild weather, snow gone. Some people plowed sod.
- 13. I helped to butcher for Hy. B. Martin, AM. by father. I worked at ice-house at Reub., ½ day, PM.
- 14. I worked at ice-house at Reub. all day.
- 15. I worked at ice-house at Reub. ½ day AM. I at auction sale at Menno Hoffman PM.
- 16. I worked at ice-house at Reub. all day. Sleet.
- 17. SUNDAY: Parents at David M. Martin's for dinner. Eli & Lydia at S. Peel Meeting. I did some feeding at home.
- 18. I at Elmira Fair, AM., at R. Bauman carpentering PM.
- 19. I carpentered at outhouse at R. Bauman 1 day.

- 20. I carpentered at outhouse & pump floor at R. Bauman 1 day.
- 21. I build concrete shoots in front of hog troughs at R. M. B., 1 day.
- 22. I fixed new bottom in chopp chist at R. M. B. ½ day, AM.
- 23. I did small jobs, at my books, etc. I with other young folks at Levi Weber's over night.
- 24. SUNDAY: We young folks at Martins' Meeting, at Aaron Brubacher's for dinner, at Moses Weber's for supper.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We all at WW Meeting. Tilman Bauman here for dinner. Three of Moses Bauman's children here for supper. Parents went to Ed. Spaeth for the night.
- 26. Parents arrived from visiting Ed. Spaeth. I worked at my books. I went to Enos M. Bauman to work there this winter.
- 27. Enos & I prepared for butchering, I made trussels.
- 28. Butchered 1 cow & 2 hogs; I, A. Knorr & W. Martin helped. Stormy.
- 29. We prepared for thrashing AM, thrashed grain, ½ day, PM.
- 30. I did chores, etc., AM. We chopped grain, PM.
- 31. SUNDAY: Simeon Martin & Amos Rudy here for supper.

# DIARY 1912

## ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR: I did small jobs, chores, wrote letters to Pa., & Ind.
- 2. We thrashed about 3/4 day & chopped oats a little.
- 3. I took g. engine to E. Martin & worked in barn AM; I at Allen Knorr to help to thrash ½ day PM.
- 4. I took saws to Shaeffer to get them filed, etc, AM. I fetched a load sugar beet pulp from factory with waggon, PM. Enos & wife in Berlin with my horse.
- 5. I fetched 2 loads of pulp from factory.
- 6. I fetched 2 loads of pulp from factory. I & Amos Rudy went to Ed. Spaith for the night. Cold.
- 7. SUNDAY: I & Amos at Ed. Spaeth over noon yet, then went to WM. Spaith, Berlin,f or supper & night.
- 8. I & Amos Rudy at funeral of Abraham Brubacher (preacher) aged 76 years, 5 days; burried at Conestogo. We by my parents for dinner, paid call at N. Bearinger. I at Joshua Rudy's for supper. Cold & stormy.
- 9. We did chores & small jobs, I splitt wood. Cold & stormy.
- 10. We opened drifted roads & made double door for calf stable.
- 11. We sharpened axes, etc, I fetched a load s. b. pulp, PM.
- 12. We worked small jobs, made way into bush & drawed wood.
- 13. I worked around in barn. Enos & I sawed wood in bush PM.
- 14. SUNDAY: All at home. Emmerson Martin's here for supper.

- 15. I hauled gravel on public road with beat, all day.
- 16. I in bush nearly all day; Enos, PM.
- 17. I in bush nearly all day; Enos, PM.
- 18. I splitt wood & trimmed cattle's tails, etc. Rain nearly all day after about 2 weeks cold weather.
- 19. I worked round by buildings AM. We in bush PM.
- 20. Enos Martin here with his engine,-he and we chopped grain. Levi L Martin's here for supper. I in St. Jacobs after supper.
- 21. SUNDAY: Enos, I & hired girl at Martins' Meeting. Some young folks & Hy. B. Martin's here for dinner. I at Tilman Martin's after supper. (got cutter smashed)
- 22.1 worked around in barn; Enos at St. Jacobs AM. We in bush.
- 23. I in bush AM., at A. Knorr to thrash PM. Enos's at Noah Horst's wedding at Joe Snyder's. Jno. Lichty here to keep old Levi company. Receveous Martin's here over night.
- 24. I chopped grain for about 1 ½ hours & monkied round with E martin at his g. engine, being out of fix. Snowfall.
- 25. I in bush nearly all day cutting firewood. Enos's to town.
- 26. We cleaned wheat AM., in bush cutting firewood PM.
- 27. Enos hauled wheat (test 61, price 90c) to St. Jacobs. We sawed elm, PM.
- 28. SUNDAY: I & hired girl at W. W. Meeting, at Aaron Weber's for dinner, I & Hy. Bowman at David B. Bauman for supper.
- 29. Henry Martin Sr. burried at S. Peel. I in bush AM. We worked small jobs, I mend robe; rainy, PM.
- 30. We sawed elm wood all day.
- 31. We sawed & splitt wood all day. I bought buggy, cutter and harness from Jeremiah Sitler, tonight.

## FEBRUARY 1912

- 1. I got saw filed at Jno. Shaeffer, by Erbsville, AM. I in bush splitt elm wood, Enos butchered at Ab. Martin.
- 2. I drawed 6 loads of wood out of bush. Enos in bush.
- 3. I drawed 5 loads of wood out of bush. Enos chored & in bush.
- 4. SUNDAY: Noah Horst's here for dinner. I stayed at home.
- 5. I in bush, AM., hauled heading to saw mill, PM. Enos's at funeral of Joesph Gingrich (preacher), aged 69 years, burried at North Woolwich.
- 6. I hauled heading & firewood; We sawed logs in bush, PM.
- 7. Enos & I sawed logs in bush, AM.; we at Benj. Hurst's sale, PM.
- 8. Enos & I sawed wood in bush, AM. We cleaned wheat at noon, then I hauled a load (price 95c, test 62) to St. Jacobs. N. L. Martin's here.
- 9. I hauled sawlogs to Levi Bowman's mill all day.
- 10.1 chored, AM., hauled sawlogs to mill. PM. 27 degrees below zero.
- 11. SUNDAY: Enos's at Dan. L. Martin's for dinner.

- 12.1 & Enos at Elmira Fair. Eli & I up North to see after silos, PM.
- 13. We in bush sawed saw-logs.
- 14. I hauled saw-logs to mill all day. D. L. Martin & Enos after horses.
- 15. I hauled saw-logs to mill all day. Enos's at Mrs. Rudy's sale.
- 16. I hauled saw-logs to mill all day. Mild weather these days.
- 17. I cleaned stables & did chores, AM., hauled saw logs, PM.
- 18. SUNDAY: Edwin & I at Martins' Meeting AM. Tilman Horsts, Moses C. Martin's & Joe Hoffman here for dinner; I at Josiah Shantz's for supper.
- 19. We cut down white ash tree & hauled logs to mill. Wet weather.
- 20. I helped to thrash at A. Knorr ¾ day, Enos ½. Enos in bush, PM.
- 21. I splitt wood in shed. Very stormy. J. Sitler off for West.
- 22. I splitt wood in shed, Etc. Very stormy. Trains blocked up.
- 23. We hauled snow out of sheds, AM. I had cold, kept stove co.
- 24. We cut down white ash tree, I hauled logs to mill. Soft weather.
- 25. SUNDAY: Enos's at Dan E. Martin's for dinner. I at Sol. Lichty for supper.
- 26. We & A. Knorr cut down large elm tree & sawed 1<sup>st</sup> log off & butchered a cow. Wet snow & sleet.
- 27. We & A. Knorr butchered 2 hogs.
- 28. Enos & I brought a large elm log in as far as to barn, AM. I helped to thrash ½ day at Wendel Martin PM.
- 29. We hauled saw-logs to mill-one 12' log containing 500' log meas.

## **MARCH 1912**

- Enos & I in bush cut up basswood tree-tops, AM. I hauled a load of 66 onefoot tiles (13c each) from Conestogo to Amos Shantz'.
- 2. I hauled 2 loads one-foot tiles from Conestogo to Amos Shantz.
- 3. SUNDAY: I & Lizzie Sauder by her parents for dinner, at Levi M. Bowman's for supper. Levi Weber's & Jno. M. Bauman's here for dinner.
- 4. I hauled 1 load of one-foot tiles from Conestogo to Amos Shantz, AM. We helped to thrash at Wendel Martin, PM.
- 5. I hauled 1 foot tiles from Conestogo to A. Shantz, AM. Enos & I at St. Jacobs fetched a load of feed & at cow sale, PM.
- 6. We cut wheat-straw & filled bed sacks & cleaned cistern.
- 7. We sawed basswood heading in bush.
- 8. I hauled heading to mill; Enos helped me in bush. Flurries.
- 9. I hauled heading to S. mill, AM. firewood home, PM.
- 10. SUNDAY: I at S. Peel Meeting AM., at Titus Bauman's for dinner, at Sol. Bowman's for supper, under parental roof for night.
- 11. I at Elmira Fair AM., looked after silo job, PM.
- 12. Enos & I in bush sawed & splitt firewood all day.
- 13. Enos & I in bush sawed elm topwood all day.
- 14. Enos & I sawed wood in bush, AM. We cleaned wheat at noon; Enos hauled wheat to St. Jacobs, I splitt wood in bush.

- 15. We cleaned seed grain & chored. Snow storm.
- 16. I shovelled & teamed away of yesterdays snow & fetched load wood in.
- 17. SUNDAY: Lizzie Sauder & I at Martins' Meeting. Levi L. Martin's young people here for dinner. Some young folks here for supper. Mild weather.
- 18. I hauled wood in from bush, Enos splitt wood, AM. I & Enos's at funeral of Simeon Good, aged 44 years, burried at Martins'. Levi Martin's (deacon), I. Gingrich & Hy. Bowman Sr. here for dinner, Dav. B. Martin's for supper. Very mild.
- 19. I hauled wood home from bush, Enos splitt wood, AM. We & E. E. Martin's boys opened public road for traffic. Mild.
- 20. We splitt elm wood in bush, AM. Cut down old path on public road, PM. A little cold to-day.
- 21. We cleaned wheat; Enos hauled wheat to St. Jacobs. I in bush PM. Snow storm AM.
- 22. Enos & I splitt wood about all day.
- 23. I hauled wood home, -6 loads. Enos's at Berlin.
- 24. SUNDAY: I at William Jacobi's of near Ebsville for dinner.
- 25. I fetched Enos Martin & his engine, then we chopped grain about 5 hours, some at rate of 60 bu. per hour.
- 26. Enos returned engine, then we cut wood short for old Levi.
- 27. We cut wood short for Levi & hauled in 1 load. Re-opened public road. Enos sold 4 steers, w't about 300 # @6 1/4c, leave last wk. in April.
- 28. We in bush cut wood short, AM. I at Menno L. Weber's sale, PM.
- 29. We in bush cut wood short for Levi & hauled in 2 loads.
- 30. I hauled wood home from bush all day. I moved home in eve.
- 31. SUNDAY: I at Hy. S. Brubacher for supper. Snow going.

## **APRIL 1912**

- 1. Eli & I felled maple trees in Grandma's bush ¾ day.
- 2. Eli & I fell & cut up maple trees in Grandma's bush 1 day.
- 3. We cut up maple trees in Grandma's bush 1 day.
- 4. Funeral of Jonathan Sitler's wife (widow) burried at Martins'. We cut maple trees in Grandma's bush 1 day.
- 5. GOOD FRIDAY: We all at the W. W. Meeting, I at N. Bearinger's for dinner, at Benj. Martin for supper. High waters.
- 6. We cut up maple trees in Grandma's bush 1 day.
- 7. SUNDAY: I at G. M. Bauman's for supper (visited Grandma). Rain last night.
- 8. I at Elmira Fair, AM., we in Grandma's bush, PM. Joshua Rudy here for dinner. Riggs with wheels out.
- 9. We (& Is. Weber ½ day) cut wood in Grandma's bush 1 day.
- 10. We & Is. Weber cut & sawed wood in Grandma's bush 1 day. Father hauled 13 pigs to Elmira at 8c per pound. Snow almost gone.
- 11. Is. Weber, I & Eli worked in Grandma's bush nearly 1 day. I in Elmira at noon.

- 12. I started to cement at a 4 cornered silo at N. G. Martin 1 day.
- 13. I cemented at silo at N. G. Martin 1 day.
- 14. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Dreary, rainy and thundering in eve.
- 15. I worked at concrete silo at N. G. Martin 1 day.
- 16. Funeral of Jacob S. Martin's wife,-aged 45 years, 4 mon., 20 days., buried at Martins. I helped father in bush 1 day.
- 17. I worked at concrete silo at N. G. Martin 1 day.
- 18.1 splitt maple wood in Grandma's bush for father 1 day.
- 19. I worked in Grandma's bush for father ¾ day. Bro. Noah & I at Wm. Schaner, Hawkesville, secured silo job in eve.
- 20. I moved mixer & power from I Gingrich's other farm to Hy. Horst & did small jobs at home. Warm.
- 21. SUNDAY: Parents at Eli M. Martin's for supper. Noah Bearinger, Eli Horst & Ab. Bearinger here for supper. We all at WW Meeting AM. Bro. Is. here for both meals.
- 22. I helped to recover porch roof at Dav. Cressman Sr. AM. I started to work at Hy. Horst, removed part of old house wall & placed door frame in; leveled site, PM.
- 23.1 at Hy. Horst, masoned door frame in & sett some cribbing. Windy.
- 24. I, Eli & Lydia, & Parents at funeral of Urias Gingrich aged 24 yrs, 10 mon, 4 days, buried at N. Woolwich, AM., died on fever in N. West. I set cribbing for house foundation concrete wall at Hy. Horst. PM.
- 25. Set mixer & build part of concrete cellar wall at Hy. Horst's.
- 26. Build concrete wall at Hy. Horst, 1 day.
- 27. Build concrete wall at Hy. Horst, 1 day.
- 28. SUNDAY: I at Conestogo Meeting at Daniel Horst for dinner, at Daniel Cressman's for supper.
- 29. We build partition wall in cellar at Hy. Horst.
- 30. We build cellar entrance sides, porch foundation etc. at Hy. Horst's.

## MAY 1912

- 1. I plastered walls on inside & outside at Hy. Horst.
- 2. I cemented at small jobs at Hy. B. Martin, 1 day.
- 3. I prepared for foundation for building to house etc at Hy. B. M.
- 4. I prepared & cemented at foundation at Hy. B. Martin.
- 5. SUNDAY: Lydia, Eli & I at NW Meeting, at Anson Gingrich's for dinner, at Daniel Gingrich's for supper. Rain tonight.
- 6. I took cistern rings down to M. Eby in morn. & concreted at Hy. B. Martin, 7 hrs. Israel Gingrich's helped PM.
- 7. I concreted at Hy. B. Martin 6 hrs. AM. Made cribbing for coal shed at Menno Eby, 4 hrs. PM. Is Martin & laborer helped.
- 8. I build cistern wall & foundation for shed at M. Eby: 1 day. Israel & Manassa Gingrich, & Philiph Knorr helped.

- 9. I prepared scantling frame for shed at Hy. B. Martin.
- 10. I raised frame & fastened siding, etc.; M. Horst helped, at Hy. B. M.
- 11. I worked at rafters & sheathing, etc., at Hy. B. Martin. Some rain. I took cistern rings to Hy. Horst in eve.
- 12. SUNDAY: Lydia & I at Jno. Nahrgang to see his dead corpse, PM. Parents at Levi Brubachers for supper. Dreary.
- 13. John Nahrgang's remains intermented in Wilmot aged 73 yrs, 2 mon. & 15 days. I plastered silo at N. G. Martin.
- 14.1 & father carpentered on Hy. Martin's building.
- 15.1 & Hy. Martin build chimney of his,-cement brick.
- 16. ASCENSION DAY: Hy. & I prepared plaster mortor, I prepared for ceiling AM., at Hy. B. Martin. Went home at noon. Rainy.
- 17. I worked small jobs. Rainy. I plastered cistern at Eby.
- 18. I plastered inside in additional part of kitchen nearly 1 day at Hy. B. Martin & plastered cistern at Eby. Rain in eve.
- 19. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. I took ill PM. Rain in eve.
- 20. I did a few small jobs, did not feel well. Parents & Eli helped at Dav. Brubacher's child's funeral, aged 7 mon. Rainy.
- 21. I was sick, made a call at Dr. Faulds, Elmira. Rainy & wet. Ground well soaked. Wm. Lorch of Iowa came to night.
- 22. I tinkered around, looked after jobs. Rain in morn.
- 23. Wm. & I build cistern floor at M. Eby AM. Put in cellar floor at Hy. Horst, PM.
- 24. Wm. & I put in cellar floor & build cistern 6 x 5' hight at Hy. Horst.
- 25. Wm & I worked on silo construction, build 5 ft., at Seth Bauman.
- 26. SUNDAY: (Whit) I, Lydia & Noah at Conestogo Meeting. Men nomanated for a preacher.
- 27. Wm. & I build 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4Th ring silo at S. Bauman. In the morning we first plastered cistern at Hy. Horst.
- 28. We build 5 & 6 ring of monolithic silo at S. Bauman.
- 29. We build 7 & 8 ring of monolithic silo at S. Bauman.
- 30. We build 9 & 10 ring of monolithic silo at S. Bauman. I attended meeting at Martins where Ezra Martin was ordained as preacher for the Conestogo district.
- 31. We build 11 & 12 ring silo at S. Bauman. Moved mixer to H. D.

## **JUNE 1912**

- 1. Wm. & I plastered silo at S. Bauman & loaded bal. of outfit.
- SUNDAY: Parents, Noah, & Levi Brubacher's up at N. Woolwich Meeting. Men nomonated for a preacher.
- 3. We set up & filled  $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$  ring concrete silo at Hy. Doerbecker.
- 4. We filled 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Hy Doerbecker.
- 5. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at Hy. Doerbecker.
- 6. We filled 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at Hy. Doerbecker.

- 7. We filled 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at Hy. Doerbecker.
- 8. We filled 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at Hy. Doerbecker.
- 9. SUNDAY: Lydia & Eli at Peter G. Martin for supper. I called on N. Weber.
- 10. We plastered silo at Hy. Doerbecker & loaded outfit.
- 11. We put conv\crete foundation in for bridge, 15' span & 14' wide on road by Jno. M. Bauman.
- 12. We worked at abutment at concrete bridge.
- 13. We worked at abutments at concrete bridge.
- 14. We worked at forms for concrete bridge.
- 15. We worked at forms for railing, etc. ½ day. Rain at noon.
- 16. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. I at Sol. Reist for supper.
- 17. We build concrete floor on bridge all day.
- 18. We build forms for railing all day.
- 19. We filled railing forms & loaded machine.
- 20. We staked & build 5' silo at Jacob S. Hahn, Hawkesville.
- 21. We build 2 ½' silo for Hahn; moved, staked & build 2 ½ ' for Wm. Schaner, Hawkesville.
- 22. We build 2 & 3 ring concrete silo at Wm. Schaner.
- 23. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Parents & N. L. Martin's at P. Ziegler.
- 24. We build 4 & 5 ring concrete silo at Wm. Schaner.
- 25. We build 6 & 7 ring concrete silo at Wm. Schaner.
- 26. We build 8 & 9 ring concrete silo at Wm Schaner.
- 27. We build 10 & 11 ring concrete silo at Wm. Schaner.
- 28. We build 12 ring silo & worked about silo PM.
- 29. We plastered silo at Wm. Schaner. Wm. Lorch quite working for me; 33 days; going home to lowa.
- 30. SUNDAY: I at N. Woolwich Meeting AM.; at Addison Gingrich's for dinner, at Jno. F. Martin's for supper.

## **JULY 1912**

- 1. I at Simon Martin built top on root cellar, 1 day.
- 2. I built 1st & 2nd ring concrete silo at Val. Otterbein, Heidelberg.
- 3. I built 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Val Otterbein.
- 4. I built 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at Val. Otterbein.
- 5. I built 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at Val. Otterbein.
- 6. I built 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at Val. Otterbein.
- 7. SUNDAY: I with other young folks at Enoch Weber's over night, at Noah W. Weber's for dinner, at Dan. W. Weber's for supper. Also at Martins' afternoon Meeting now starting.
- 8. I was up at Joe Gingrich's on buisness before breakfast. I built 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at Val. Otterbein.
- 9. I plastered silo at Val. Otterbein.

- 10. We loaded outfit & moved to Joe Gingrich's AM. I set up outfit. Some rain PM. Aug. Sauder's barn burned.
- 11. We built 1, 2 & 3 ring silo at Joe Gingrich's.
- 12. We built 4 & 5 ring concrete silo at J. Gingrich.
- 13. We built 6 & 7 ring concrete silo at J. Gingrich.
- 14. SUNDAY: All at WW Meeting except I Edwin Bauman & Ivan W. Martin here for dinner. I & Mary Cressman at South Peel afternoon Meeting, at Dan Bauman's for supper.
- 15. I helped to prepare & draw in 6 loads hay for father.
- 16.1 & others filled 8 ring silo at J. Gingrich. I mixed concrete & nearly filled the 9<sup>th</sup> ring myself PM.
- 17. We filled bal. of 9th ring at J. Gingrich. I helped father put away hay 34 day.
- 18. I helped put away hay for father ½ day & tinkered around a little at J. Gingrich's PM.
- 19. We filled 10 & 11 ring silo at Joe Gingrich.
- 20. We filled 12 & 13 ring silo at Joe Gingrich.
- 21. SUNDAY: I at Conestogo Meeting PM. At N. L. Martin's for supper.
- 22. I plastered at silo at Joe Gingrich.
- 23. I plastered bal. of silo & built chute walls at J. Gingrich.
- 24. Rainy nearly all AM. Loaded outfit & moved to Benj. Brubacher; staked in the evening.
- 25. We built 1, 2, & 3 ring concrete silo at Benj. Brubacher.
- 26. We built 4, 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at B. Brubacher.
- 27. We built 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at B. Brubacher.
- 28. SUNDAY: Noah Bearinger & I at NW Meeting PM., at Peter G. Martin's.
- 29. We built 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at B. Brubacher.
- 30. We built 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at B Brubacher.
- 31. We built 13 & 14 ring concrete silo at B. Brubacher.

## **AUGUST 1912**

- 1. Lowered rings & plastered silo at B. Brubacher.
- 2. We build concrete enclosure for pump in well at Benj. Brubacher & moved to C. K. Weber, Floradale, in eve.
- 3. We filled 1 & 2 ring silo of concrete at C. K. Weber.
- 4. SUNDAY: Noah Bearinger & I at Martins' Meeting AM & PM at Eli Horst's for dinner, Tobias Martin's for supper. Pa. folks round Preacher Frank Horst & his father & others.
- 5. We build 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at C. K. Weber.
- 6. We build 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at C. K. Weber.
- 7. We build 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at C. K. Weber.
- 8. We build 9 ring concrete silo at C. K. Weber. Rainy.
- 9. We build 10 & 11 ring concrete silo at C. K. Weber.
- 10. We build 12 ring concrete silo, at C. K. Weber, let ring down.

- 11. SUNDAY: I at WW Meeting AM & PM.; I at Jonas Martin's for supper, Joseph Snyder's & Dav. Sauder's here for dinner.
- 12. I plastered silo at C. K. Weber. Parents drove Pa. folks round.
- 13. We moved silo outfit from C. K. Weber to Wm. Water's, Glen Allen and set and built the first ring silo.
- 14. We filled 2 & 3 ring concrete at Wm. Waters.
- 15. We filled 4 & 5 ring concrete silo at Wm. Waters.
- 16. We filled 6 & 7 ring concrete silo at Wm. Waters.
- 17. We filled 8 & 9 ring concrete at Wm. Waters.
- 18. SUNDAY: I at Conestogo Meeting; Young people got baptized, AM. I at Daniel Horst's for dinner, at Amos B. Martin's for supper, visited brother Isaiah.
- 19. We filled 10 & 11 ring concrete silo at Wm. Waters. John Weaver's & Aaron Burkholder's made a call at Parents at home in morning, they are of Pa.
- 20. We build 12 & 13 ring concrete silo at Wm. Waters.
- 21. We build 14 ring concrete silo, lowered 1 set rings. I cleaned them then went home in the evening.
- 22. I prepared for Western trip on Harvest Excursion.
- 23. I departed Elmira for Saskatchewan. Departed Toronto at about 4 o'clock.
- 24. Travelled through Northern Ont, through Fort William.
- 25. SUNDAY: Arrived Winnipeg at about 7 o'clock PM. (Joseph Gingrich's barn burned)
- 26. Departed Winnipeg at 12 this morn. Changed at Brandon, departed at about 7:15 AM; Cent T., Arrived Drake Sask. at about 7:30 PM.; Mountain Time. I went to Jno. Steiner in eve.
- 27. I at Jno. Steiner's till eve, then went to my boss Albert Schroeder.
- 28. I wrote letters to friends. Wet weather.
- 29. Tinkered around. Wm. & I went to Drake PM.
- 30. I stooked wheat for Albert 1 day.
- 31. I stooked wheat for Albert 1 day.

## SEPTEMBER 1912

- 1. I stayed at Albert's all day.
- 2. I stooked wheat for Albert 1 day.
- 3. I stooked wheat for Wm. Schroeder 1 day.
- 4. I stooked wheat for Wm. ½ day. Rain PM.
- 5. I tinkered round all day. Wet. Jonas Good's wife burried at Martin's in the East.
- 6. Tinkered around. Chopped grain for Albert's father.
- 7. I stooked wheat for Wm. 1 day.
- 8. SUNDAY: Wm. & I to their church AM. Mary Sauder got burried at old Conestogo grave yard.
- 9. I stooked wheat for Wm. 1 day.

- 10. I stooked wheat for Wm. 1 day.
- 11.1 stooked oats for Wm. AM. Wm. & I each fetch a load of oats from Jacob Remple PM.
- 12.1 stooked oats for Wm. 34 day & for Jac. Schroeder 14 day.
- 13.1 stooked for Jacob Schroeder 1 hr. Rainy.
- 14. I stooked for Albert 1 day.
- 15. SUNDAY: I visited Paul Schroeder. Nice day. Frost.
- 16. I helped to make out potatoes, etc. 1 day.
- 17. Wm. & I a few miles above Lanagan to fetch small poplar trees for firewood. Wm. took gasoline, at 30c a gal. along from Lanigan. 7 lbs in a gallon gasoline
- 18. We 3 worked at erecting bins; butchered hog PM.
- 19. Raining, did small jobs. Wrote letters to East.
- 20. I helped Albert to select potatoes in cellar, etc. Some rain.
- 21. Albert & I chopped wood awhile. We 3 moved Cooper's buildings to another site with engine PM.
- 22. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Frost to-night.
- 23. I helped Albert to built bin, I to Drake fetched lumber.
- 24. I helped to built hay racks at G Ewert.
- 25. I stooked oats for Wm. 1 day.
- 26. I stooked oats for Hy. Bartel 1 day.
- 27. Snowfall, nearly all AM. I took gasoline tank to Jac. Remble.
- 28. Wm. & I each fetched a load of hay from their stack.
- 29. SUNDAY: I to church AM. Christian Endeavor PM.
- 30. We commenced thrashing at Jac. Remble 6 ½ hrs.

## OCTOBER 1912

- 1. Thrashed at Jac. Remble 1 1/4 hr. Nice weather.
- 2. Thrashed at J. Remble AM.; C. C. Jantz PM. 11 hrs.
- 3. Thrashed at C. C. Jantz & A F. Schroeder. 8 ¼ hrs.
- 4. Thrashed for A. F. Schroeder & Wm. D. Schroeder. 11 1/4 hrs.
- 5. Thrashed for Wm. D. Schroeder. 10 34 hrs.
- 6. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Wrote letters to friends.
- 7. Thrashed for Wm. & A. F. Schroeder, & Jac. Jantz. 9 hrs.
- 8. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. 2 1/4 hrs.
- 9. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. 9 hrs.
- 10. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. Snowed last night. 9 hrs.
- 11. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. 11 ½ hrs.
- 12. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. 10 ½ hrs.
- 13. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Wrote letters to East.
- 14. Thrashed for Jac. Jantz. 10 hrs.
- 15. Thrashed for C. C. Jantz. 11 1/4 hrs.
- 16. Thrashed for Jac. Remble/ J. E. & H. H. Jantz. 9 34 hrs.

- 17. Thrashed for H. H. Jantz. Light rain. 3 1/4 hrs.
- 18. I at G Ewert last night, went to Albert, Carpentered a little PM.
- 19. We set out with machine to move over to Benj. Lichty; got stuck & broke spindle, removed pieces & went to Drake.
- 20. SUNDAY: I visited Benj. Lichty, there for dinner & supper. Snow fall today.
- 21. Wm. & I looked round in country for old binder wheel.
- 22. Wm. & I fetched another binder wheel to that of yesterday's. The blacksmith in Drake fixed these wheels on the Separtor hind 8" wheels with 6" extention. I hauled 1 load oats.
- 23. Albert & I took a load wheat to elevator. We took repairs to machine; Benj. Lichty & I fixed machine in eve, 6 hrs.
- 24. We fixed on Separator & thrashed for Benj. Lichty. 8 ½ hrs.
- 25. Thrashed at B. Lichty & Hy. Jantz. 9 1/4 hrs.
- 26. Thrashed for H. H. & Val. Jantz.
- 27. SUNDAY: I at home all day. Wrote to East.
- 28. Thrashed for Val. & J. E. Jantz. 11 hrs.
- 29. Thrashed for J. E. Jantz. 11 1/2 hrs.
- 30. Thrashed for H. H. Jantz. 8 ½ hrs.
- 31. Thrashed for Bob Taylor. 11 1/4 hrs.

#### **NOVEMBER 1912**

- 1. Thrashed for Bob Taylor. 7 ½ hrs.
- 2. Thrashed for Bob Taylor & Slottery. 7 ½ hrs.
- 3. SUNDAY: I at home by Albert's all day. Wrote to East.
- 4. We thrashed for Alex. Burns. 7 hrs.
- 5. Thrashed for Alex. Burns. Chr. Martin Sr. burried at Martins. 9 1/4 hrs.
- 6. Thrashed for G. Ewert & Frank Gibney. 8 hrs.
- 7. Thrashed for Frank Gibney. 7 hrs.
- 8. Thrashed for Frank Gibney. 5 hrs.
- 9. Thrashed for Frank & James Gibney. 5 % hrs.
- 10. SUNDAY: I at John Steiners for supper. Snowfall.
- 11. We thrashed at Ph. Leopard & Archie Elder. 7 hrs.
- 12. Thrashed at Hy. Bartel, stacks. 5 hrs.
- 13. Thrashed at Hy. Bartel, stacks & stooks. 8 ½ hrs.
- 14. Hy. Bartel got thrashed to-day, stooks. 13 3/4 hrs.
- 15. Thrashed stacks at Hy. Bartel. 5 hrs.
- 16. Thrashed stacks at Hy. Bartel, Engine broke. ½ hr.
- 17. SUNDAY: I at home at Albert's all day. Last Sunday's snowfall disappear fast today. I bothered with boils.
- 18. Albert took engine apart,-found broken exhaust valve.
- 19. I simply had to tend to my boils the last 3 day.

- 20. Started to thrash at Hy. Bartel but exhaust valve on opposite cylinder broke in a pretty short time. Stooks dry again now. My boil turned. Albert & I visited old man's machine.
- 21. I splitt wood, etc. AM.
- 22. Replaced new valve, started engine, inlet valve broke.
- 23. Thrashed for Hy. Bartel with our Sep. & Jac's engine. 4 hrs.
- 24. SUNDAY: I at home by Albert's all day. Nice weather these days.
- 25. I prepared for departure. Albert took me to Lanigan. Took 13.35 train for Carstairs Alta. During thrashing season I acted as Separator operator for A. F. & W. D. Schroeder at \$5 per day.
- 26. Arrived Wetaskwin in morn. Took leave at about 10 AM., arrived at Carstairs at 1422. Found Urias Martin in evening.
- 27. Having decided to see country till Urias is ready, I left Didsbury for Calgary & visited Simeon Snyders, 15Th Ave. East No. 119 for supper & night. (Ab. Brubacher's wife burried at Conestogo.)
- 28. Left Calgary for Field B.C. in the rockies, back to Calgary.
- 29. Left Calgary for Aldersyde by Elias Bucker's for dinner, at Syrannes Shantz's for supper, back to Calgary.
- 30. At Sim. Snyder's last night & for breakfast. Left Calgary at 8 AM. arrived Olds at 10.15 AM. Walked out to nearly all way to Jno. Lehman, Mayton, Alta, there for supper & night.

## DECEMBER 1912

- 1. SUNDAY: I with Jno. Lehman's at their church by Mayton, at Milton Sitler's for dinner, supper & night visited his brother Isaac.
- 2. I with Orlo Blosser & Ab. Wideman out rabbit shooting (I got 14) I at Ab. Wideman Sr. for dinner, supper. Jeremiah Sattler here over night with me.
- 3. I at Wilhelm Wideman's for dinner. I started for Olds, got auto ride, so I & Amos Bauman's son Noah lodged together there.
- 4. I met Urias Martin here, departed for & at Edmonton over night.
- 5. We visited city of Edmonton & Strathcona, left here for Wetaskiwin (attended Salv. Army Meeting) Left Wetaskiwin at 23.15 for Saskatoon.
- 6. Came to Saskatoon at noon, visited city here overnight.
- 7. Left Saskatoon at 7.15 AM., arrived at Guernsey 9.45 AM. In town over noon, at Ira Gingrich's for supper & night.
- 8. SUNDAY: Urias & I with Gingrich's rig at their church, at Aaron Biehn's for dinner, at Simeon Gingrich's for supper & night. Wife of Wendel S. Bauman (who comitted suicide as did her husband) got burried at W. Woowich, aged 48 years.
- 9. We left Simeon's at Ira's for dinner. Left Guernsey at about 15.10 for Winnipeg.
- 10. Arrived Winnepeg 8.20 AM. visited city. Left city in eve via Canadian Northern Ry.

- 11. We arrived at Duluth late at noon, departed on Chicago Nor. Western at 6.15 PM., bound for Chicago III.
- 12. Arrived at Chicago at 8.20 AM., stock yards & canning Factory, Zoo; took leave for Detroit in evening.
- 13. Arrived at Detroit in morn. Urias left me here early noon for Baden, Ont. I visited Amos Rudy, Windsor Ont. I left Detroit at 10.30PM. via G. T. R.
- 14. I arrived at Berlin a 5.00 AM., visited market place. Took noon train for Elmira, came home in afternoon.
- 15. SUNDAY: Lydia, Eli & I at NW Meeting, at Sol. Gingrich's for dinner, visited Absolom Martin there for supper. Wm. & Amanda Martin & Onea Bare of Ind. here over night.
- 16. I took Ind. young folks on a visit tour at Wendel & Ab. Martin's for calls, at Josiah Bauman's for dinner, thence to Enos Martin's. I with others at Amos Webers over night.
- 17. N. Weber, Ivan Martin, Dan. Gingrich, Josiah Gingrich, Til. Bowman, N. Bearinger & I, with 4 girls Lydia Gingrich, Leah & Lydia Bauman & Mary Ann Weber. The above got return tickets, while Sid Weber with 3 Ind. folks (for Pa.) took a trip to Niagara Falls. We eleven stopped at Toronto overnight.
- 18. We visited stores etc. in Toronto, took leave at 1 pm. arrived Berlin at about 4. We boys visited Sugar Factory.
- 19. I around at home all day. Snowfall last night about 5 ".
- 20. Eli & I at Amos Martin in bush hauling out logs. Father helped to butcher at Enoch Wideman's.
- 21. I at my books & in Elmira on buisness. Snowfall.
- 22. SUNDAY: I at Martin's Meeting, at Enos Martin's for dinner, at N. G. Martin's for supper. Sol. Lichty's child burried at W Woolwich.
- 23. I fixed on & made a pair log bolsters on father's sleigh.
- 24. Eli & I each hauled 2 loads saw-logs to Floradale Mills.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We except Lydia at WW Meeting. I at Amos B. Martin's for supper.
- 26. Eli, I & Noah Weber hauled logs to Floradale all day.
- 27. Eli, I & Noah Weber hauled Maple logs, of father's to Floradale saw-mills. A little snow last night.
- 28. I helped father to saw logs in Grandma's bush & in Elmira.
- 29. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. I at N. L. Martin's for supper.
- 30. I wrote letters, in Elmira & St. Jacobs, etc. Snowfall AM.
- 31. I wrote letters & fetched clothes I send off in West from depo.

# **DIARY 1913**

## ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEARS: Noah & I at Conestogo Meeting, at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner, at Geo. M. Bauman's for supper, by Grandma.
- 2. Father butchered,-I, Noah L. Martin & Mary Ann Weber helped. Butcherd 4 hogs.
- 3. Eli & I fetched father's lumber home from Floradale sawmills; at books PM.
- 4. Is. & I in Elmira & at N. Bearinger's for a call; etc.
- 5. SUNDAY: I at Daniel Bauman's all day.
- 6. I wrote in this book nearly all day.
- 7. I wrote 6 letters, etc.
- 8. I helped to butcher at Menno Weber's nearly 1 day.
- 9. I mend my Imt. Robe & worked about my stuff.
- 10. I wrote 2 letters, & worked about my stuff.
- 11. I drove round inviting relatives & friends to our wedding. I at Dan. Bauman's for dinner; Leah & I at Dan. E Martin's for supper. Levi Weber's for night.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at Joshua Rudy's for dinner, Reub. Bauman's for supper. Stormy.
- 13.1 & J. Gingrich helped father to butcher & dress 14 hogs.
- 14.1 studied at books. Father & Eli took 14 dressed hogs to MacCoutcheon, Berlin—2338 lbs. @ 11c.
- 15. I helped to dig grave for Josiah Cressman's child AM. I at Norman Beisel's sale PM.
- 16. Parents & Eli attended to services of J. Cressman's child's funeral, aged 3 years, 1 mon. & 23 dys, at W. Woolwich. Is. & Lydia at funeral at Meeting house. I studied at books. Sultry.
- 17. I studied at books. Mild, snow disappearing.
- 18. I studied at books all day.
- 19. SUNDAY: I & Leah at David B. Bauman's for dinner; then by my parents.
- 20.1 at books. Cut straw, etc. Davis Shirk of Pa. here.
- 21.1 & Davis Shirk at Mose B. Reist, dinner; a call on N. Bearinger's & Mose Eby's; Emanuel Martin's for supper. I took Davis to N. L. Martin for over night.
- 22. I fixed lids on 2 store boxes. Mother & I in Elmira PM.
- 23. Our wedding day at Dan. Bauman's,-8 couple young folks, my grandma & 12 couple old folks, also Jesse Bauman, lowa, being present.
- 24. I awhile at Dan, then went home AM. I cut up treetops in A Martin's bush PM. Silas Bauman burried at No. Woolwich, aged-51 yrs., 4 mon., 25 days.
- 25. I cut treetops at A. Martin's bush all day. Dan Bauman's here by my parents for supper.

- 26. SUNDAY: We visited my Grandmother over dinner; Eli H. Bauman's for supper. Young folks by my parents.
- 27. I awhile at books; At St. Jacobs to fetch clocks & footwear.
- 28.1 & wife moved on one of my father-in-law's farms,-Eli & Lydia helped.
- 29. Dan & I built Jar-shelf, etc. AM. Urias & I cemented in house cellar.
- 30. I helped to thrash at Dav. all day. Wife was along too.
- 31. Dan & I built potatoe bins, etc. AM. Jesse & I cemented in house cellar by me PM. Rain AM. & a little snow PM.

## FEBRUARY 1913

- 1. I took a load grain to Elmira to get chopped. Cold.
- SUNDAY: We at S. P. Meeting. At home rest of day. Cold.
- 3. I helped to thrash at Dav. about all day.
- 4. I helped to thrash at Simon Martin all day.
- 5. I at Elmira AM. Cut wood in J. Schweitzer's bush 4 ½ hrs.
- 6. I cut wood in Schweitzer's bush 7 1/4 hrs.
- 7. I helped Urias to haul wood into shed; took thrashing Separator apart.
- 8. I worked at t. separator AM. Worked in building PM.
- 9. SUNDAY: My parents here for dinner.
- 10. Dan & I at Elmira fair AM. I in Schweitzer's bush 3 ½ hrs.
- 11. Wife & I helped to butcher at Dan's all day.
- 12.1 worked at t. machine AM. In Schwitzer's bush 4 ¼ hr.
- 13. I worked at t. machine & got grain chopped at Dan. AM. N. Bearinger & Davis Shirk here for dinner. I bagged grain.
- 14.1 with a load of grain over to Dan & chopped AM. I in Schweitzer's bush 4 ¾ hrs. PM. Not so very cold today.
- 15. I did chorse AM. In Schwitzer's bush 5 ¼ hrs. PM.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at Martins' Meeting, at Sylvester Martin's for dinner, at John M. Bauman's for supper. Roads for either rig.
- 17. I in bush helped to make saw-logs.
- 18. I at N. F. Martin's to thrash 34 day.
- 19. I in bush to help to make logs AM. Hauled logs PM.
- 20.1 in bush AM.; Jesse & I cemented bal. of cellar floor PM. Jacob Fries burried at Heidelberg, aged 39 yrs, got killed in bush by accident. Soft weather,-dull.
- 21. I down in bush about all day, I fetched my buggies to here from my father.
- 22. I tinkered about buildings. Some rain, thunder PM. I hauled logs to Floradale PM. Sleet.
- 23. SUNDAY: We at W. Woolwich Meeting AM.
- 24. I hauled logs up to saw-mill & lumber home AM. In bush PM. Good sleighing again.
- 25. I hauled 2 loads sand from Lubutski & in Elmira...
- 26. I helped to set machines at Dan., etc, AM. I helped to thrash there PM.
- 27. I down in bush cutting up treetops. Wife at David's.

28. I hauled 2 loads wood up to Dan AM., chopped there PM.

#### **MARCH 1913**

- 1. I did chores & in Elmira AM. In Schweitzer's bush 5 hrs. PM.
- 2. SUNDAY: Sol. Bowman's here for dinner. Stormy.
- 3. I did chorse, cleaned cattle AM. Helped to cut straw & clean wheat over by Dan. Stormy AM.
- 4. I in Schwitzer's bush 7 1/4 hrs.
- 5. I over by Dan. to chopp AM. At Sid. Snider's sale PM.
- 6. We at funeral of David Frey, aged 42 yrs, 15 days, at W Woolwich, AM. I did small jobs PM. Very Stormy.
- 7. I chored & did small jobs; 2 hrs. in Schwitzer's bush. Simeon Weber's child's funeral a Martins. Cold.
- 8. I did chores & tinkered at pump AM. In Schweitzer's bush 4 ½ hrs.
- 9. SUNDAY: Benj. Lichty Sr. burried at Conestogo. Noah Weber & lover here for supper.
- 10.1, Jesse & Urias at fair AM. I in Schwitzer's bush 3 ½ hrs.
- 11. I helped to thrash at Dan all day. Mild weather.
- 12. Father & I up in his swamp to cut poles. Wife at my Mother's quilting. Sleighing just about gone.
- 13. Dav. & I cleaned apple trees all day. He had his family here.
- 14. I cleaned apple trees all day. Very mild.
- 15. I skinned a sheep & chored.
- 16. SUNDAY: My brethren,-Eli, Lydia & Noah here for dinner; Anson Martin here for supper.
- 17. Jesse, I & Bro. Eli, with 2 teams up in father's swamp & fetched them 36 poles which I & father had cut.
- 18. I helped to chopp at Dan about all day. 2 loads of hre.
- 19. Wife of Jonathan Martin got burried at N. Woolwich, aged 42 yrs. I in Schwitzer's bush 1 hr.-cut my foot.
- 20. I cleaned a few apple trees. Warm weather.
- 21. GOOD FRIDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM. Rain AM. High Winds PM. which tore holes in our roofs; also wrecked D. C. (d.) shed.
- 22.1 chored AM. Dan & I hauled orchard brushes to bush.
- 23. SUNDAY: EASTER: We at WW Meeting, at Abs. Martin's for dinner. Wife's sister Mary Ann here for supper. Heavy rain & thunder this night,-many culverts washed out.
- 24. EASTER MON.: I & Dav. at Hy. Brubacher's sale (1 mi. N. of Elmira). Wife at David's PM. High water.
- 25. Worked small jobs AM. Fetched leather, etc. from father then patched harness awhile at Dan. Sleet.
- 26. I patched & mend harnesses at Dan. about all day. The trees heavily laden with sleet.

- 27. I patched & mend harness at Dan about all day. Snow. Trees still under burden.
- 28. I patched & mend harness at Dan about all day. He sold cattle. Ab. Bearinger got kick from a horse,-bad condition.
- 29. I patched harness, at Dan about all day. Warm.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Widow of Joseph Burkhardt burried at N. Woolwich, aged 76 years.
- 31. I mend collars, etc. at Dan. Rain in morn, colder in eve.

## **APRIL 1913**

- 1. I over by Dan, cleaned wheat & timothy seed. J. Fries's sale.
- 2. I shingled on S. W. corner of barn roof at Dan. Wheat worth 93c.
- 3. I did chores & small jobs. Raining nearly all day.
- 4. I did chores; worked in granary AM. Down in bush PM.
- 5. I at Dan to stake garden off AM. Down in bush PM.
- 6. SUNDAY: Brother Isaiah here over dinner.
- 7. I patch up Dan's barn roof, etc., AM. Hauled apple-tree brushes into bush, etc. PM. N. Weber & I were at Daniel Horst's to wait on Ab. Bearinger (got kicked awhile ago).
- 8. I took a load grain over to Dan & helped to chopp AM. I patched Dan's house roof PM. Clear weather, a little warm.
- 9. I removed old shingles on S. side of house here; replaced new ones about all day; the other boys helped me.
- 10.1 awhile in bush. Rain over ½ day. Bro. Noah here for dinner.
- 11. I down in bush AM. Jesse & I in near by bush PM.
- 12. Jesse & I in bush nearly all day. Dan took out 10 head of cattle av. Wt. 1395# (gain 158#) at \$6.90 a cwt.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at Martins' Meeting; at Enos M. Bauman's for dinner, home for supper. Fair weather.
- 14. Jesse & I cut wood in bush AM., then put new shingles on N. side of house here. Fair weather.
- 15. Jesse & I placed new shingles on N. side of house here. Leah helped to wash out Meeting house. Ab. Bearinger improving.
- 16. Jesse & I finished house roof & patched barn roof all day. Dan at James DeKay barn raising. Warm weather, dry roads.
- 17. I at Dan to dig post-holes & set posts all day.
- 18. I helped to put up garden wire fences at Dan. Rain & thunder in eve.
- 19.1 fetched chaff from Dan. AM. I took a load grain over & helped to chopp. I in Elmira in the evening.
- 20. SUNDAY: We at W.W.Meeting. At Menno Weber's for supper.
- 21. I helped to chopp grain at Dan. AM. Jesse & I picked small stones from grass field PM
- 22. Jesse & I picked off small stones from grass field about all day.

- 23. I awhile in bush AM. Ganged in furrows PM. Rain & thunder last night.
- 24. I disced up land and sowed oats.
- 25. I sowed a few rounds oats in morn. then disced upland.
- 26. I sowed mixed grain nearly all day. Rain in eve.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. Young folks (8 buggies) here for supper.
- 28.1 in bush split wood AM. Disced awhile & sowed barely.
- 29. I disced AM.; Sowed barely & oats PM. Cool AM.
- 30. Eve Brubacher residing at Daniel Brubacher, buried at Conestogo, aged 82 yrs. I sowed barely & oats, picked stones, harrowed.

## MAY 1913

- 1. ASCENSION DAY: We at Conestogo Meeting AM, by my parents for supper.
- 2. I picked stones from seeded fields.
- 3. I hauled manure into fruit garden; spread & planted potatoes in same patch. Israel Bearinger's here over night.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at NW. Meeting, at Mose Gingrich's for dinner, at Aaron Bauman's for supper. Warm weather.
- 5. I pitched manure on Dan's yard all day, hauled about 48 loads.
- 6. I pitched manure on Dan's yard all day, hauled about 47 loads.
- 7. I pitched manure on my yard AM., about 18 loads. We spread manure PM.
- 8. We spread manure, etc., AM. Chopped grain, of mine too, at Dan.
- 9. We removed earth for cellar at Dav., an addition to house. Dan brought 6 pigs over to me for to feed. Cool.
- 10. I at Dav. to level & sq. proposed foundation & removed earth.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Wrote a letter to Wm. Lorch, Iowa.
- 12. WHIT MON: We at funeral of Isaiah Martin's Israel, aged 24 yrs., 6 mon., 15 dys, at Conestogo, (he was afflicted with palsy.) I in Elmira & fetched mixer from father to David.
- 13. I build cribbing at David's cellar walls, etc., all day.
- 14. We filled cribbings with concrete about ½ ways up.
- 15. I build cribbing at Dav's cellar wall all day. Rain to-night after a dry epoch.
- 16. Build cribbing & filled them up at Dav.
- 17. I build cribbing. Others filled up; finished outside walls & started at petition wall in eve at Day. A little rain.
- 18. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting AM; at Isaac Martin's child's funeral aged 10 mon., at N. Woolwich, PM.
- 19. We built petition concrete wall in Dav's cellar, etc.
- 20. We built concrete stair-block; prepared for & made floor.
- 21. I helped to fix horse stalls & prepared to build a concrete sill at barn doors over by Dan. about all day. Rain.
- 22. We built barn door sills of concrete, also a pier for a post over by Dan. all day.
- 23.1 repaired chimneys at Dan. AM. Build concrete cellar stair, here by me, (outside entrance)

- 24.1 repaired chimneys here by me & also a concrete window case. Moved mixer to Arthur Klink.
- 25. SUNDAY: We all day at home. Nice weather.
- 26. I commenced at Art. Klinck's silo,-set machines & forms & filled 5 ft. Proposed to be built 10'x30'. Cool.
- 27. We build 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Art. K. Cool.
- 28. We build 5 & 6 ring concrete ring silo at Art K.
- 29. We build 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at Art K.
- 30. We build 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at Art K.
- 31. We build 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at Art K. Funeral of David P. Martin, aged 63 yrs, 2 mon, 13 days. Warm.

#### **JUNE 1913**

- 1. SUNDAY: We at N. W. Meeting, at Daniel G. Gingrich's for dinner, at Menno M. Bauman's for supper.
- 2. I lowered rings & plastered silo at Art Klinck.
- 3. I & Art loaded outfit in morn. I went home & built a concrete window case (for cellar window).
- 4. I built concrete cellar window case & sills, etc, here.
- 5. Funeral of Jno. B. Bowman's child at W. Woolwich, aged 2 years, 3 mon. I started to built concrete silo at Aaron M. Bauman-built 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ring.
- 6. We filled 3 & 4 ring silo at Aaron Bauman.
- 7. We filled 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at A.M.B. A little rain last night. Cool today.
- 8. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. Mary Ann Weber here for dinner. Young dau's of N. L. Martin's & Hy. Brubacher's here for supper.
- 9. Carpenters arrived at Dav. to erect balloon frame for house. I helped all day.
- 10. Carpenters put up rafters & sheathing. I helped 1 dy.
- 11. Carpenters up on shingles & some inside boards, I helped all day. Aaron Snyder's barn burned this afternoon with about 14 steers & about 50 pigs. Fire supposed to have originated from engine sparks. They were chopping grain. A little south from Floradale.
- 12. Carpenters put in flooring & inside boards etc. I put on the latter chiefly today.
- 13. I build 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at AMB.
- 14.1 build 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at AMB. Funeral of Joe Brubacher's child at Martins'. David Martin ordained as deacon at S. Peel. Cyrus Eby's wife burried in Michigan. Dan delivered 10 steers at 6 cents & 10 at 6 ½ cents to Brox, Elmira.
- 15. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. A little shower rain in morn. & more tonight, after a long dry epoch. Thunder is supposed to have struck & burned barn on farm Isaac B. Martin lately lived.
- 16. We build 11 & 12 ring silo at A. M. Bauman.
- 17. We build 13 & 14 ring silo at AMB.
- 18. We build 15 & 16 ring silo at AMB.

- 19. We lowered rings AM. I plastered about 10 ft. on top of silo. Rainy today, washed some plaster off today.
- 20. I lathed at Dav's house. Rainy, unfit to plaster silo.
- 21. I plastered silo complete inside & removed scaffold.
- 22. SUNDAY: We at father-in-law's for dinner; at Conestogo Meeting PM.; at Manassa Martin's for supper.
- 23. My father & I began to prepare for & layed bricks around David's balloon-framed addition to house.
- 24. Father & I layed bricks at David.
- 25. Father & I layed bricks at David.
- 26. Father & I layed bricks at Davids.
- 27. Father & I layed bricks at Davids.
- 28. I did masonary at David. Father away visiting.
- 29. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting AM. My brethren,--Is., Eli, & Lydia here for dinner. We at SP Meeting PM.
- 30. Sol. Martin & I layed bricks at Dav. all day. My parents & Jonas Martin's in Wilmot visiting these last days. We called on Pa. Folks at Hoffman's after supper.

#### **JULY 1913**

- 1. Father & I layed bricks at Dav. Chr. Warner burried.
- 2. Father & I layed bricks at Dav.
- 3. Father & I layed bricks at Dav.
- 4. Father & I layed bricks at Dav.
- 5. I built East chimney, also helped father build up West gable end, at Dav. Mary Shirk, Pa, died—100 yrs old.
- 6. SUNDAY: We was at home all day. Urias here for dinner.
- 7. I build West chimney & helped father put on cornice at Dav.
- 8. We put on bal. of cornice & a coat paint on same AM. I helped to clean turnips PM.
- 9. I put cement water shedding cuffs on chimneys at Dav. also painted cornice AM. Cleaned turnips PM.
- 10.1 cleaned turnips all day. I delivered 17 chickens weighing 26# @ 16 cents to Hollinger, Elimra, tonight.
- 11. I picked cherries here; painted cornice, helped to remove scaffold, filled out scaffold openings in wall at Dav's, etc.
- 12. I painted cornice here by me; etc; Some rain.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM. at Elias Wideman's for dinner, at Levi Martin's for supper.
- 14. We stored hay away here by me, 10 loads.
- 15. Funeral of Joe Martin's wife (widow) burried at Martins, aged \_\_\_\_\_., Dav. & I at Aaron Snyder's barn raising, 70' x 82'.
- 16. I helped to do carpentering at Aaron Snyders sty.

- 17.1 helped to prepare for cementing a barn door sill at Aaron Snyder's. Some rain.
- 18. I helped to cement sills, etc, at Aaron Snyder.
- 19. I prepared to build concrete porch floor at Dav.
- 20. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting at Martin Frey's Jr. for dinner; also paid a call on a neighbour Hy. Martin's wife, widow, at N. F. Martin's after supper. Some rain.
- 21. I build front porch floor etc at Dav. Father prepared plaster mortar at Dav.
- 22. I prepared mortar; helped a little at cutting wheat.
- 23. Father, I, & Sol, Martin plastered in lower flat at Dav. all day. Also floated some.
- 24. Father, I, & Sol. Martin plastered & floated some at Dav.
- 25. Father & I floated plaster & prepared mortar at Dav.
- 26. I lathed & prepared rooms for plastering, etc; Father made a enclosure for clothes, at Dav.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at Amzi Snyder's for dinner.
- 28. Father & I plastered all day at Dav.
- 29. Father & I floated plaster & plastered all we could for present.
- 30. I helped to haul in wheat at Dan. & Dav. Warm weather.
- 31.1 & others cleaned turnips AM. Hauled material & scaffolding to Dan's house & hauled in rakings.

## **AUGUST 1913**

- 1. I helped to thrash wheat at Dan. AM. I plastered some of East gable end of Dan's brick house, PM.
- 2. I plastered bal. of gable end of Dan's house, etc.
- 3. SUNDAY: We at home all day. A little rain sprinkle.
- 4. I rebuilt brick wall at Dan's root-cellar all day.
- 5. Dav. & I cut grain & shocked down by him.
- 6. Dav. & I cut grain & shocked down by him.
- 7. Frank Houser's wife died the other day & her corpse was taken down to Cayuga for interment. Dav. & I cut & shocked grain. I to Elmira to call in V. S. (sick horse).
- 8. Dav. & I cut & shocked grain. Horse died,-we skinned & b'r'd him.
- After a long dry epoch we got rain last night & this forenoon; I worked small
  jobs AM. I worked at cellar steps at Dav. PM. Hy. Brubacher's child's funeral
  at Conestogo.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting (baptize service). Thunder & rain last night. Bro. Noah & 5 neighbour boys here for supper.
- 11.1 scuffled mangolds AM. Reshocked blown over shocks PM.
- 12. I worked at Dav's cellar steps AM.; haul in grain at Dan, also a few loads into barn by me PM.
- 13. I reshocked sheaves AM. We hauled out 10 lds. manure, here, PM.

- 14. I ploughed AM.; then we hauled in grain at Dan. PM.
- 15. Funeral of Sol. Gingrich's child, aged 15 mon., at N. Woolwich. We hauled in grain (19 lds.) mostly all by me.
- 16. We hauled in grain by Dan AM., & Dav. PM. 23 I'ds altogether today. Pretty warm weather these days.
- 17. SUNDAY: We by my parents for dinner & supper.
- 18. Dan delivered to Elmira 5 lambs, w't 380# @ 6 ½ cents. We hauled in grain at Dav. 17 loads.
- 19. Hauled in grain by Dav. 4 l'ds, by Dan 14.
- 20. I erected mailbox on road. We hauled manure at David.
- 21. We hauled out manure at Dav. & spread some AM.; hauled out manure at Dan PM.
- 22. Rain in morn. I worked at Dav's cellar steps.
- 23. We hauled out manure at Dan all day.
- 24. SUNDAY: We at NW Meeting, at Addison Gingrich's for dinner, at Anson Gingrich's for supper.
- 25. We hauled manure in morn; I spread manure awhile, harrowed & plowed, -- prepared for wheat seeding.
- 26. I built 1st & 2nd ring silo (of concrete) at Aaron Snyder.
- 27. I build 3 & 4 ring concrete silo at Aaron Snyder.
- 28. I build 5 & 6 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 29. I build 7 & 8 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 30. I build 9 & 10 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 31. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. Young folks here for supper.

#### SEPTEMBER 1913

- 1. I built 11 & 12 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 2. I built 13 & 14 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder. Levi Bowman's saw-mill burned down tonight.
- 3. I did patchwork,-lathing & plastering at Dav. all day.
- 4. I built 15 & 16 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 5. I built 17 & 18 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 6. I built 19 & 20 ring concrete silo at A. Snyder.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting; Nancy Bowman here for dinner. Wife's sister Mary Ann here for supper.
- 8. We lowered rings & loaded outfit at A. Snyder's then I worked at porch floor at Dav.
- 9. I set outfit and build 5 ft. silo at Al. Heipel, Heidelberg.
- 10. I plastered ½ silo at A. Snyder.
- 11. I plastered bal. of silo, we also applied cement cream.
- 12. I applied cement cream on silo (inside), removed & loaded scaffold. I cemented awhile at Dav.

- 13. We at funeral of Jno. F. Martin's child, aged 3 days, at S. Peel, AM. I built concrete window case at Dav.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at Conestogo Meeting AM., at Levi Martin's (son of Jac.) for dinner.
- 15. I at Albert Heipel, --erected scaffold & another 5' silo.
- 16. I cemented small jobs AM., loaded manure at Dav. PM.
- 17. I helped to clean out ditch at Dav. A little rain.
- 18. I helped to clean out ditch at Dav., AM., helped to chopp grain at Dan., PM.
- 19. I helped to haul out manure at Dan., AM. Then we hauled out manure here by me PM.
- 20. Hauled out manure about 34 day & spread bal. in eve.
- 21. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. David Bauman's here for supper. Rain last night, also yesterday eve.
- 22. I helped to cut corn at Elias Martin, 1 day.
- 23. I started to do fall planting all day.
- 24. I built 5 ft. concrete silo at Geo. Musselman all day.
- 25. I plowed all day. Ground pretty dry.
- 26. I plowed nearly all day. Rain a little before noon.
- 27. I plowed all day. We at Elmira after supper.
- 28. SUNDAY: We at Martin's Meeting, at Joshua Rudy's for dinner, at Hy. B. Martin's for supper (St. Jacobs).
- 29. I plowed all day.
- 30. I helped to thrash at N. F. Martin all day.

#### OCTOBER 1913

- 1. I plowed all day.
- 2. I delivered 6 hogs (those we fed here) & others, -Dav. also helped, at \$8.75 per cwt., to Elmira. I plowed PM.
- 3. I plowed AM. We hauled 9 loads mangolds to Dan PM.
- 4. We dug out 2 loads potatoes. Nice weather.
- 5. SUNDAY: We attended WW Meeting AM. Eszra Bauman & Malinda Sitler here for dinner.
- 6. We dug out 2 loads potatoes; & hauled away bal. of mangolds with the exception 1 load.
- 7. I plowed AM., helped to pick apples at Dan. PM.
- 8. I plowed AM., helped to pick apples by me PM.
- 9. I plowed AM, helped to pick apples by me PM. Warm these days. Dan's at funeral of David Martin (bachelor), aged 75 yrs. at Martin's.
- 10. I plowed AM., picked apples by me, PM.
- 11. I plowed nearly all day. Some rain, -cooled off a little.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting, my parents here for supper.
- 13. I plowed AM. I hauled a load manure from Dan to strawberry patch here. I had the gripp.

- 14. I helped to thrash at Dan AM., to chopp PM.
- 15. I plowed all day.
- 16. I plowed AM., at Tom Bulmer's strawshed raising.
- 17. We at funeral of Chr. Wideman's wife, aged 68 yrs, 1 mon, 10 days, at W. Woolwich. I tinkered about,--rainy, PM.
- 18. I plowed AM., hauled in wood to Dan & me PM.
- 19. SUNDAY: We made a call at N. Bearinger's after noon, at Eli S. Martin's for supper. First snow tonight.
- 20.1 tinkered around, build window lids for cellar. Wet snow AM. I helped other boys in their field to plow.
- 21. I removed rail fence over on jopp in line for a new one.
- 22. Wife of Peter G. Martin, aged 59 yrs. burried at N. Woolwich. I hauled fence rails all day.
- 23. Some rain in morn. I worked small jobs, hauled pieces of old fence over to Dan on a pile.
- 24. I started to break jopp nearly all AM. I to Elmira & to father PM. Rainy.
- 25. I ploughed jopp all day.
- 26. SUNDAY: We at Josiah S. Martin's for dinner.
- 27. I ploughed jopp all day.
- 28. I ploughed jopp nearly all day. A little rain in morn.
- 29. I ploughed all day. A little rain.
- 30. I ploughed AM; at Simon Martin to thrash, PM.
- 31. I ploughed jopp all day. Snow last night.

#### **NOVEMBER 1913**

- 1. I & others hauled away about 21 loads turnips.
- SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Nice day.
- 3. Jesse & Annie & O. Bearinger brought 5 girls of Lanc. Co., Pa., for a call in morn., namely—Annie Martin, Lizzie & Susanah Burholder, Barbara Sauder, & Mary Shirk, I & others hauled away turnips.
- 4. We hauled away turnips AM. I also plowed jopp.
- 5. I hauled stones from jopp all day.
- 6. I hauled stones from jopp all day. Wife & her parents in Elmira.
- 7. I hauled stones from jopp all day. Gathered roots, etc. PM.
- 8. I did odd jobs, some rain AM. I finished plowing job. Jesse finished 1<sup>st</sup> discing too (on jopp).
- 9. SUNDAY: Aaron W. Weber's here for supper. Wet snow & sleet.
- 10. Prepared for & stabled cattle, chopped grain at Dan awhile.
- 11. We at funeral of Hy. S. Bauman's child, aged 3 mon, 8 days, at W. Woolwich. We fetched 20 head of cattle from Fenton, Wallenstein, av. 714# (425# to about 1000) at 5 ½ cents.
- 12. I at Dan to chopp AM., & thrash PM.

- 13. Dan & I cleaned wheat, others chopped grain AM. We set machines by me PM.
- 14. We thrashed here by me 3/4. Nice weather.
- 15. Chopped grain here by me about all day; & tore down old sty.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nice weather.
- 17. We chopped by me AM. I helped to thrash at Elias Martin ½ day PM.
- 18. I carpentered at chopp chists at Simon Martin AM. 4 ½ hrs. I helped to thrash at Dav. PM. Rainy in eve.
- 19. I worked small jobs. Rainy.
- 20. I cleaned away rubbish, etc, of old sty. Nice weather.
- 21. I build yard rail fence AM., helped Dav. on his culvert.
- 22. I hauled dung from old sty site out on sod; Jesse helped AM. A little rain in eve. Warm weather a few days.
- 23. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. My brethren Is., Lydia & Noah, also Titus Bauman's here for dinner.
- 24. Hauled manure (from old sty site) & wood ashes on sod.
- 25. Jesse, Urias & I made zig-zag rail fence in jopp.
- 26. I did a few small jobs AM. Eli H. Bauman's & Dan's wife here for dinner. I helped to thrash at N. L. Martin.
- 27. I hauled 100 cedar rails from Elias Martin to Dan's jopp & some stakes to same place AM., helped to build fence PM.
- 28. I carpentered at pig stable 9 ¼ hrs. at Simon Martin.
- 29. I carpentered 8 hrs. at Simon Martin.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. N. F. Martin's & some young folks including Amos Rudy here for supper. Mild weather to-day.

## **DECEMBER 1913**

- 1. I shovelled gravel in M. F. Martin's pit for road, 1 day.
- 2. I shovelled gravel in M. F. Martin's pit, for on road, 1 day.
- 3. I shovelled gravel in M. F. Martin's pit, for on road, 1 day.
- 4. I shovelled gravel in M. F. Martin's pit, for on road, 1 day.
- 5. We with Dan's young folks on carriage at funeral of Isaiah Martin, aged 23 yrs., 10 mon., 17 days, at Martins. Jesse & I disced jopp awhile PM.
- 6. Jesse & I disced jopp nearly all day.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 8. I & wife at Elmira fair, AM. Worked small jobs PM.
- 9. We helped to butcher 6 hogs at Dan all day.
- 10. I shovelled gravel at M. F. Martin's pit for concreting barn foundation here by me next summer.
- 11. I shovelled (cement) gravel at pit, others hauled.
- 12. I shovelled (cement) gravel at pit, others hauled.
- 13. I shovelled (cement) gravel at pit, others hauled.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at S Peel Meeting AM. At home rest of day.

- 15. I shovelled (cement) gravel at pit, others hauled.
- 16. I shovelled (cement) gravel at pit, others hauled. We hauled now 80 loads gravel to me from M. F. Martin for cementing.
- 17. I shovelled sand at M. F. Martin's pit all day.
- 18.1 shovelled sand at M. F. Martin's pit all day. (20 lds. in all).
- 19.2 Teams of Dan's & 1 of Simon's hauled earth from the latters manure yard to barn-bank here by me; I shovelled.
- 20.2 Teams of Dan's & 1 of Simon's hauled earth from & to the same places as that of yesterday; I shovelled. 53 lds. earth these 2 dys.
- 21. SUNDAY: Simon Martin's & family here for dinner.
- 22. I did carpentering work in stable, 7 3/4 hrs at Simon Martin.
- 23. I helped to thrash at David at day. Snow-fall.
- 24. I helped to thrash at David ½ day, AM. I helped to move machine from David to Dan PM.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We at WW Meeting; by my parents for dinner; at Menno Frey's for supper.
- 26. I worked out sticks of wood for barn in reduced scale.
- 27. I helped to fetch horse-power from Dav. to Dan, thrashed at Dan PM.
- 28. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. David B. Martin's & Isaac Martin, (the former's father) here for supper.
- 29. I helped to butcher at Elias Martin.
- 30. I helped to thrash at Dan all day. Moderate weather.
- 31. I carpentered at Simon Martin's 8 hrs.

# DIARY 1914

## ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEARS: I wrote into this Diary.
- 2. I helped to clean wheat at Dav. AM. We in St. Jacobs & Elmira PM.
- 3. I helped to thrash at Noah F. Martin ¾ day.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM. Amos W. Bauman's here for supper.
- I & Dan measured timber out from a pile here AM. Isaac B. Bauman of Iowa here for dinner & PM.
- 6. I helped to clean wheat at Dan AM. I to Elmira, etc. PM.
- 7. I worked a little over in Dan's barn & got my sleigh out AM. I at Sid Snider's sale at Hawkesville. PM.
- 8. I fetched a load shingles from Elmira (altogether 80 sq. at 1.85). Dan & I at Tom Fenton's sale, Yatton, PM.
- 9. I fetched my silo rings from Heuhn, South of Heidelberg & Dan was along to Wm. Herzog, St. Clements.

- 10. I took team over for to chopp grain; I spliced log AM., Dan & I made sawlogs in his nearby bush PM.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at home. Menno Weber's & family here for dinner.
- 12. I put mostly of small scaled barn together. Stormy.
- 13.1 shovelled snow, etc. AM. I, Jesse & Dav. fetched cedar rails from one Bush, St. Clements (100 on a ld.). Severely cold,-reported 28 degrees below 0.
- 14. I in nearby bush of Dan's, cut down trees. About 12 degrees below 0.
- 15. I in nearby bush made logs & cut up treetops. Mild.
- 16. I in nearby bush made logs etc. Mild, wet snow PM.
- 17. I in nearby bush made logs & cut up treetops.
- 18. SUNDAY: My brethren, Eli & Lydia here for dinner.
- 19.1 in nearby bush, cut down trees, cut logs & topwood.
- 20. I in nearby bush, cut down trees, cut logs & topwood.
- 21. I in nearby bush, cut down trees, cut logs & topwood.
- 22. I in nearby bush AM. At David's bush made logs PM.
- 23. I in Dav's bush nearby all day, made logs.
- 24. I chored AM. In David's bush PM. Mad dog at large in St. Jacobs.
- 25. SUNDAY: We at SP Meeting. Bro. Isaiah made a call in eve.
- 26. I sharpened knives & chored AM. I David's bush PM.
- 27. We helped to butcher hogs at Simon Martin's all day.
- 28. I drove wife to my parents to "quilting" & was there myself for supper. I in David's bush, made logs.
- 29. I in David's bush about all day. Poor sleighing; snow thawned considerable today. Had mild weather this week so far.
- 30. I cut topwood in Dav's bush AM. Dan & I reviewed timber bills.
- 31. I chored in Elmira, etc. Sleet, snow & stormy all day. Poor sleighing—about ½ rigs on roads are those of wheels.

## FEBRUARY 1914

- 1. SUNDAY: Noah L. Martin's here for dinner.
- 2. I helped Dan to butcher a cow of his & grinded beef.
- 3. We helped to butcher 6 hogs at Dan all day. Mild weather.
- 4. I cut logs & treetops in David's bush all day.
- 5. I helped to work up treetops in Dav's bush all day. N. H. Bearinger died this morning.
- 6. I worked up treetops in Dav's bush nearly all day. Snowstorm PM.
- 7. We at funeral of Noah H. Bearinger, aged 55 yrs. 2 mon. 1 day, at W. Woolwich AM. Blinding snowstorm nearly all day. I chored PM.
- 8. SUNDAY: Bro. Isaiah, & Jesse Bauman with their girls here about all day. Snowstorm all day.
- 9. I at Elmira fair AM. Set up power & chopper here PM.
- 10. Jesse, Urias & I chopped grain here all day. Cold.

- 11. Jesse & I moved power over to Dan, then fetched a load logs AM. Dav. & I cut up treetops PM. Wife of Amos Cressman, widow, Wilmot Tp., funeral today. Cold.
- 12. I in Dav's bush about all day.
- 13. I in Dav's bush about all day. Paul Moesser & his house burned at an early hour this morning, at St. Jacobs.
- 14. I helped sawing logs in David's bush nearly all day. Cold week.
- 15. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 16. I made logs in David's bush AM. I & Dav. Snider's hired man (Enoch Bauman) dug grave for Hy. S. Bauman's boy at W. Woolwich graveyard PM.
- 17.1 attended funeral (wife at house) of Hy. S. Bauman's son, Amos, aged 11 yrs, 3 mon. at W. Woolwich AM. Cleaned cattle PM.
- 18. Funeral of Philiph Algier, aged 76 yrs., at N. Woolwich. I drove Isaac B. Bauman out to G.T.R. Station, on way to lowa. I helped to make sawlogs for lathing in Dan's bush nearby.
- 19. Dav & I cut lath saw logs in nearby bush AM., then treetops in his PM.
- 20. Dav. & I cut up treetops in his bush.
- 21. Dav. & I cut up treetops AM. I took team over to Dan to chopp PM. Cold week, but not in the extreme.
- 22. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM.
- 23. I cut up treetops in David's bush all day.
- 24.1 cut up treetops in David's bush AM. We visited by Grandmother (& in Elmira) who is at present ill, PM.
- 25. I cut up treetops in David's bush all day. Cold.
- 26. Martin Bauman's Jr. child's funeral, aged about 6 mon., at Martin's. I helped cutting sawlogs for lath & treetops in Dav's bush.
- 27. I helped to work up 2 treetops in Dav's bush AM., felled 2 maple trees & made logs thereof PM.
- 28. I helped to thrash at N. L. Martin a little over ½ day, took account of lumber & timber here, etc. PM. Thawning today.

## **MARCH 1914**

- Funeral of widow Menno Reist, aged 58 yrs., 2 mon., 10 days at W. Woolwich AM. We visited Noah M. Weber's over dinner; we at N. F. Martin's overnight, --the widow Hy. Martin (Noah's mother) died this night after a few days of illness.
- 2. I at N. F. Martin's to prepare for funeral. High winds.
- 3. I at N. F. Martin's to wait on Daniel (Noah's bro) nearly all day.
- 4. We at funeral of my grandmother, --widow Geo. H. Bauman; aged 75 yrs., 7 mon., 13 days, at W. Woolwich.
- 5. We helped at house of N. F. Martin's for the funeral of his mother, widow Henry B. Martin, aged 72 yrs, 11 mon, buried at S. Peel.
- 6. I did small jobs AM. I helped to cut logs, etc, in Dav's bush.

- 7. I did small jobs AM., cut up treetops PM.
- 8. SUNDAY: We at N. F. Martin's about all day to wait on sick.
- 9. I separated some turnips & worked few odd jobs; I had cold.
- 10. We helped to butcher 2 hogs for David's at Dan's all day.
- 11. I in bed all day with great heat in head, mind unbalanced. Perhaps I had a slight attack of pleurisy.
- 12. I in bed all day, --head more balanced, heat decreasing. Wife's parents here awhile; N. F. Martin paid a call too.
- 13. I was up, out of bed all day, improving. A good week's sleighing.
- 14. I mostly yet in house, did evening chores. Mild weather.
- 15. SUNDAY: My father here for supper. Sleighing about gone, mild.
- 16. I chored, cleaned cattle, etc. Mild weather; wheel rigs out on roads.
- 17. I chored, cleaned cattle, whitewashed bedroom. Mild.
- 18. I fixed spirit-level & a chair, chored, took my team over to Dan for to chopp. A great part of time in house for cold's sake.
- 19. I cleaned cattle & brushed some lard (warm) & cod oil on them. I a call on Daniel, at N. F. Martin's, who is still in bed.
- 20. I chored; & helped to work up treetops in David's bush PM.
- 21. I chored, etc, cut up treetops in nearby bush awhile.
- 22. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. We at Hy. S. Bauman's for supper.
- 23. I cut wood in nearby bush AM. Urias & I hauled grain over to Dan PM.
- 24. I worked small jobs AM. Cut firewood in nearby bush PM. Bishop Paul Martin died last night. Thawning today.
- 25. I mend harnesses, etc, at Dan all day about.
- 26. We at funeral of Bishop Paul Martin, aged 65 yrs., 1 mon., 9 days, at Martins'. I mend harness' a while at Dan PM. Soft weather, muddy roads; a rain shower.
- 27. I patch & mend harnesses at Dan all day. Rainy.
- 28. I patched harness at Dan AM. Cut wood in nearby bush PM.
- 29. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM. Called at N. F. Martin's after supper.
- 30. I awhile in Dan's shop mend harness etc. AM. Cut wood PM.
- 31. I in nearby bush worked at firewood, & burried laths in straw.

#### **APRIL 1914**

- 1. Daniel F. Martin died a little before 5 o'clock AM. I awhile there AM. I mend harness at Dan PM.
- 2. We over at N. F. Martin's at his brother Daniel F. Martin's funeral PM, aged 47 yrs., 5 mon., 36 days, burried at S. Peel.
- 3. I cut up gables AM, at auction sale of Hy. B. Martin's estate, household effects, at N. F. Martin's PM.
- 4. I chored, etc. AM., cut firewood in nearby bush PM.
- 5. SUNDAY: We at N. F. Martin's for supper, their baby ill.
- 6. I worked at firewood in nearby bush AM. Got waggon out, cleaned cattle.

- 7. I worked at firewood in nearby bush AM., fetched roll wire fence & a wind pump & derrick from Elmira PM.
- 8. I fetched cedar sleepers from A. D. Schmidt, Elmira AM., worked in woodshed etc. PM.
- 9. I worked small jobs, did chores. We to Elmira PM.
- 10. GOOD FRIDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM., by my parents for supper.
- 11. I enwalled well (south of barn) with bricks against the wooden curbing; boys helped. We waited on the sick child of N. F. Martin's this night.
- 12. EASTER SUNDAY: Hy. F. Bowman's here for supper. Wife awhile at N. F. Martins.
- 13. EASTER MONDAY: I wrote into this Diary & 2 letters. Wife at S. Martin's quilting.
- 14. I sowed clover seed & took team over to Dan to chopp AM. I enwalled bal. of well with bricks PM.
- 15. I fixed gate, etc., AM. Boys & I tore off old sheep stable.
- 16. Urias & I moved hen stable a few feet South. Jesse fetched cement. We at N. F. Martin's this night, -baby died a little after midnight. Wendell B. Martin's child's funeral, aged 2 yrs.
- 17. Prepared for water-tank, south of barn.
- 18. I worked on old pump, put a piece under stalk; etc. AM. Prepared for & cemented a little at tank. Warm week.
- 19. SUNDAY: We helped at house, at N. F. Martin's child's funeral,-aged 8 months, 1 day. Rainy.
- 20. I cut top-wood short in shed, fixed bucksaw, etc; Rainy.
- 21. I resett a pair of doors & helped to pile maple lumber at Simon Martin, A.M. N. Hoffer here to put up wind pump; I dug holes for derrick's feet.
- 22. We prepared for raising derrick A.M., raised same after dinner, -neighbours helped; put in pipes for tank, etc. P.M.
- 23. I made cribbing for water-tank, others mixed A.M. Jesse & I filled in cribbing with concrete tank P.M.
- 24. Urias & I completed the tank-walls (8 ½ x 6') worked at it all day. Jesse started cultivating. Dan's at funeral of Hy. M. Martin's wife (resided at Eph. Betgner's) aged 65 yrs, 5 mon, 29 days.
- 25. I did chores & small jobs; We by my parents for supper, then to Elmira after that.
- 26. SUNDAY: We were at Jacob W. Martin's for supper.
- 27. Wm. Herzog & 7 hands here to frame timber, 1 day. I helped.
- 28. Wm. Herzog & 7 hands here to frame timber, 1 day. I helped A.M. I helped father to put up cribbing for his house in Elmira ½ day P.M.
- 29.1 waited on carpenter's a little, plastered water-tank. Wm. Herzog & 7 hands, cut rafters & mortised in old barn frame 1 day.
- 30. Wm. Herzog & 7 hands here to frame timber all day. I tore off at old granary, etc. A.M. Helped father to put cement into cribbing at his cellar wall in Elmira, ½ day P.M.

#### MAY 1914

- 1. I helped father to erect cribbing for cellar wall in Elmira 1 day.
- 2. I helped father to erect & remove cribbing, etc, for cellar wall in Elmira, all day. Others filled cribbing with concrete.
- 3. SUNDAY: Anson Martin, Nancy Bowman, Mary Martin & wife's sister Annie here for supper, more here after supper.
- 4. I fetched chopp & hay from David, shower rain, A.M. I seeded about 4 acres in mixed grain P.M.
- 5. Funeral of late Wm. Eby's wife, widow, at Martins; resided at Tobias Martin's. I sowed mixed grain & harrowed a little in eve. Light rain in morn.
- 6. I harrowed A.M.; Sowed mixed grain P.M.
- 7. I sowed mixed grain, & picked stones off seeded field A.M. I scrapered hills off & filled hollows in jopp which we had plowed last fall.
- 8. I scrapered hills off & filled-in hollows in jopp all day.
- 9. I scrapered hills off & filled-in hollows in jopp all day.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting A.M. Mose Gingrich's Sr. here for dinner. A sprinkling rain.
- 11. I took team over for to help chopping grain, I brought a load home; I also scattered timothy seed along new fence A.M. I scrapered in jopp P.M.
- 12. We at S. Peel Meeting; Bishop Daniel Brubacher, Mich., officiated. Rainy, did small jobs P.M.
- 13.1 cultivated turnip patch A.M. I fetched seed peas & oats from N.F. Martin & scrapered in jopp P.M.
- 14. I scrapered in jopp A.M., fetched a little hay from Dav. at noon; hauled stones & stump-roots from jopp P.M.
- 15. I hauled stones & stump-roots from jopp A.M. I helped Dav. to load & spread manure P.M.
- 16. I helped to drive fat cattle up to Wallenstein, 7 I fattened here, 11 from Dav. & 6 from Dan. Those by me sold at 7 ½ cents a lb., bal. at 7 cents, A.M. I planted potatoes P.M.
- 17. SUNDAY: We at W.W. Meeting AM; at Menno Wideman's for supper.
- 18. I sowed barely at poor places in wheat patch, AM. Boys & I sett end posts for a wire fence in jopp to fence off pasture.
- 19. I placed stakes for wire fence & helped to place wire fence also gate at line fence in lane between us & David. Warm.
- 20. Jesse, Urias, & I hauled manure on, & spread same on prepared turnip patch all day. Very warm.
- 21. ASCENSION DAY: Enos Gingrich's here for dinner. We at David's for supper, paid a call by my parents after supper.
- 22. I build cribbing in tank & also build a concrete top on same, nearly all day; Some rain AM, cooled off.

- 23. Jesse, Urias & I hauled manure out on grassfield AM. I fixed a trough & stable for young pigs, etc, PM
- 24. SUNDAY: N.F. Martin's here for Supper. Some rain in eve.
- 25. I laid water pipes temporary & took cribbing out of tank & fixed lid on.
- 26. We at funeral of Menno M. Weber's child, aged 1 mon., 3 days. Burried at W. Woolwich. I scrapered earth from driveway into barn for a new root cellar.
- 27. I helped my father about 3/4 day laying concrete floor in cellar. Some rain.
- 28. I helped my father to finish yesterday's job, ¼ day. Brought cement mixer along to here AM. Urias & I scrapered earth away from root-cellar site PM.
- 29. Urias & I hauled large & small stones to proposed wall. I also started at cribbing. Storm & rain in eve.
- 30. Set mixer & power. I made cribbing for barn-wall.
- 31. SUNDAY: We at S.P. Meeting AM. Geo. M. Bauman's here for dinner. Joshua Rudy's & Menno S. Frey's here for supper.

#### **JUNE 1914**

- 1. We build concrete wall at South end of root-cellar & some on West.
- 2. We build concrete wall at West side of root-cellar.
- 3. We build concrete wall at N. West corner of barn.
- 4. Rain last night,-a good soaker, I worked small jobs, AM. We build wall on N. end of barn PM.
- 5. We build concrete wall at N. end of barn all day.
- 6. We build concrete wall at N. end of barn & levelled off for straw-shed foundation wall.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at Martins' Meeting, at Edwin Snyder's for dinner, at Amos Brubacher's for supper. Some rain after supper, and lightning, -Joe Snyder's large stump pile burned.
- 8. We squared off for proposed strawshed wall, dug out earth for same, & filled some with concrete.
- 9. We build 2 piers for posts to carry barn, I made cribbing, etc. We build South wall of straw-shed.
- 10. We build E. & N. wall of straw-shed foundation, 1 pier under barn, also 2 for lintel
- 11. I helped by my father at house in Elmira to raise a balloon frame & joists for 2<sup>nd</sup> flat all day.
- 12. I helped at father's house, nailed on siding, etc. all day.
- 13. I helped at father's house, nailed on siding all day.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at W.W. Meeting. Urias Martin's here for supper.
- 15. I helped at father's house, nailed on siding & cut rafters, 1 day.
- 16. I helped at father's house, raised rafters & put sheathing on, 1 day.
- 17. I helped at father's house, put on some cornice, & cedar shingles.
- 18. I helped at father's house, put on cedar shingles all day. David Ernst's wife burried at old Conestogo Meeting House.

- 19. Rainy AM. I helped father at house, boarded up 3 gable ends, etc. Frost tonight—a little damage to crops.
- 20. I helped at father's house, made concrete sills under cellar-window frames, made some mortar, set door frame.
- 21. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Day for voting for a Bishop, at Conestogo.
- 22. Rainy in morn. I helped father at house, set 2 door frames; placed corner strings as guide for brick wall & laid some bricks ¾ day.
- 23. Funeral of Isaiah Martin's wife (nee Brubacher) burried at Conestogo. I worked at father's house, made concrete caps over cellar window frames & laid bricks.
- 24. I laid bricks at father's house, 1 day. A little rain.
- 25. I laid bricks at father's house, also set w. frames in 1<sup>st</sup> flat.
- 26. I laid bricks at father's house, on W. side of main house.
- 27. I laid bricks at father's house, on E. side of main house
- 28. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Some rain.
- 29. I helped at father's house laying bricks, etc.
- 30. I helped at father's house laying bricks, etc.

#### **JULY 1914**

- 1. I helped at father's house laying bricks, etc.
- 2. I helped at father's house laying bricks & c. caps on windows.
- 3. I helped at father's laying bricks, & c. caps on windows.
- 4. I helped at father's house, laying bricks, c. caps on win. & door. Jesse & Urias tore roofing off barn here & hauled it away.
- 5. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nice & warm today.
- 6. I helped at father's house, laying bricks & set door frame. Boys took down rafters from barn here.
- 7. I helped at father's house laying bricks, etc, all day.
- 8. I helped at father's house laying bricks, etc, all day.
- 9. I helped at father's house laying bricks & build window caps.
- 10. I helped at father's house laying bricks on East gable end of main house & set window frame in kitchen upstairs.
- 11. I laid bricks around kitchen E. & S. sides, 1 day, by father.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at W.W. Meeting AM., Aaron & Malinda Rudy here for dinner. We at S. Peel Meeting PM.
- 13. Rainy AM. I picked cherries & cleaned turnips PM.
- 14. Wm. Herzog & 3 hds. here worked on barn frame all day. I helped too.
- 15. Four hands of Wm. Herzog here putting in 2 beams, a couple of sills, and matched some siding. I made a 48' table in lawn; I helped also put uppers up on beams, laid some joists, etc. Warm.
- 16. Raising here, put up framework of a mow, enlarged barn over new root cellar, strawshed & lintel; about 80 men here, mostly here already AM. Herzog & 4 men here. Tyrannes Shantz of Alta. here too. Warm.

- 17. Herzpg & 3 hds. (Anson Martin helped, AM) here all day, matched siding & nailed of same on building. I helped on the above job all day.
- 18. Herzog & 3 hds. here all day, matched siding, & nailed of same on building; I helped on above job also.
- 19. SUNDAY: Noah Weber's & we at Tyranus Martin's for dinner at Israel Bearinger's for supper. Nice weather.
- 20. Herzog & 5 hds. besides Anson & Jno. Martin nailed on laths, also bal. of rafters (upper) & bal. of siding on S. side. Dan & I waited on them all day.
- 21. Herzog & 5 hds. besides Anson & Jno. Martin here (old Herzog from 11 o'clock on) nailed on bal. of laths, placed shingle bunches on roof, put on cornice boards & started to shingle on West side of barn. I helped chiefly in handling laths & shingles.
- 22. Herzog & 3 hds. Besides Anson & Jno. Martin & I shingled on East side of barn . Some rain.
- 23. Herzog & 3 hds. (Elias Martin 6 hrs.) besides Jno Martin & I shingled on East side of barn. Some rain.
- 24. Herzog not here today, but his 5 men besides Jno. Martin & I shingled on east side of barn & on shed.
- 25. Herzog & 5 men besides Jno & Anson Martin shingle bal. of shed, put on ridge boards, layed joists & barn floor planks, put up ladders, work some on granary, made a pair new barn doors, patched old doors up, I helped carpenters AM. I helped haul in 9 lds. hay here PM.
- 26. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nice day.
- 27. I helped Hoffer to clean out well by house here; I helped Jesse to get binder in motion to cut wheat. I did some yard cleaning, etc. Rain shower in morn.
- 28. I worked by fater in Elmira, laying bricks all day.
- 29. I helped at father's house laying bricks & 2 window caps. Aug. Herzog laid barn floor here.
- 30. I helped at father's house, build nearly 2 chimnies on main house. A. Herzog & Dan. worked at granary here.
- 31. I helped at father's house, laid bricks on South end of kitchen, etc. A. Herzog worked on granary.

## **AUGUST 1914**

- 1. I worked at father's house, build kitchen chimney & brought roof against the chimnies. A. Herzog here all day. I & Hy. Wideman were by his father (who is low) to wait on him last night. Chr. died today.
- 2. We at S. Peel Meeting AM. Tyranus Ziegler's here for dinner. We at funeral of Israel Cressman's Susanna at W. Woolwich; aged 10 yrs., 28 days.
- 3. I helped put on cornice on father's house
- We at funeral of Christian Wideman; aged 70 yrs, 4 mon, 19 days, burried at W. Woolwich AM; wife stayed at house over noon. I helped father put on

- cornice; put on ridge boards & put cement water sheds at roof, on chimnies, PM.
- 5. I helped father fit in house doors AM., helped his boys to haul in wheat, also barely PM.
- 6. I windproofed end of joists & layed flooring, 1 day.
- 7. I laid flooring all day; father helped PM. Warm.
- 8. Father & I laid flooring at his house all day.
- SUNDAY: We at W.W. Meeting AM & PM.
- 10.1 cleaned cistern here this morning. Rain in morn. I laid flooring in father's house & helped him in field to cut grain nearly 1 day.
- 11. I laid flooring in father's house, worked a little in field.
- 12.1 & father finished laying floors & erected studs in lower flat. Dav. Martin's (preacher) wife died last night.
- 13.1 & father build platform  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down in cellar & build a flight of steps up & down from it. Rainy.
- 14. Wife & I at preacher David Martin's wife, helped at house, she was burried at S. Peel, aged 68 yrs, 3 months. I helped at father's house, worked on studdings PM.
- 15. Father & I papered & stripped for lathing in main house, 1<sup>st</sup> flat.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at Simeon Martin's for dinner, (Wife's Aunt). Young people baptized at Conestogo today.
- 17. Father & I papered & stripped for lathing in kitchen, etc.
- 18. Father & I placed stairs from kitchen to 2<sup>nd</sup> flat, etc.
- 19. Father & I placed studs & cellar beams, etc, 2<sup>nd</sup> flat.
- 20. Father & I placed studs for petitions upstairs. Rainy these days, ground soaked. Others lathed these days.
- 21. Father & I papered & stripped upstairs, etc.
- 22. Father & I worked upstairs; I built petitions above kitchen, fixed another corner off over stairs, lathed.
- 23. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting, AM. Manassa Martin's here for supper.
- 24. I lathed at father's house, upstairs, all day.
- 25. I helped to thrash AM. & helped to haul in oats PM, by father.
- 26. I helped to lath AM., helped drawing in oats PM by father.
- 27. I lathed, upstairs, at father's house, all day.
- 28. I lathed upstairs, at father's house, all day.
- 29. I lathed a little, placed bolts through brick & board wall of house to attach porches to on outside; also connected pieces of silo rings together for storing up plaster mortar. Rain.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at Ezra M. Bauman's for dinner, at Israel Cressman's for supper.
- 31. I helped to load manure at Dan. all day.

#### SEPTEMBER 1914

- 1. I started to sow fall wheat, but was soon hindered by rain, then I filled up under proposed hog floor with Id. mortar.
- 2. I set horse stall posts & prepared for cementing hog stable.
- 3. I made a hole through wall from feed going into root cellar & made door frame for same; also placed another door frame on N. end of root cellar & cribbing for wall. Rain shower in PM.
- 4. N.F. Martin & Michael Fries Jr. here to help me put in hog-stable floor, etc., 1 day. (floor 3 to 4" thick, mixed 1x6, about 9bbls)
- 5. M. Fries & I build bal. concrete wall on N. end of root cellar in morn. I helped to pull peas then; helped to unload 4 loads peas, & worked around under barn.
- 6. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM, at Jonas B. Martin's for supper, at Nancy Bearinger (visited Noah) for supper. Rain at noon.
- 7. I helped to plaster at father's house, upstairs, all day.
- 8. I helped to plaster at father's house, up & downstairs, also brought saw dust from Wallenstein mills to father's house.
- 9. I helped to float plaster which was applied on the last 2 days, we also plastered kitchen in eve. Solomon and John Martin helped now each 3 days.
- 10. We at WW Harvest Meeting, AM. I made a concrete hog trough, etc, PM. A cool week.
- 11.1 made cribbing for and build alone 33' concrete hog troughs, for same I used between 4 & 5 bags cement, mixed 1x4 ½.
- 12. I helped to thrash at Elias Martin's ½ day AM., I was over to Dan to fit on arms to his new H. Power PM.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM., Moses Weber's here for supper.
- 14. I worked on fittings on horse power again AM., helped to thrash at Dan.
- 15. Urias & I placed broad studs between new horse mangers, AM. I cemented the bottom of mangers PM.
- 16. I cemented the bottom of mangers & door frame in at root-cellar; placed petition studs over hog troughs. My wife & her sister Annie helped father to whitewash his new house.
- 17. I made swing fronts at hog stalls, etc.
- 18. I made a small hog stall allround closed & finished, also applied a cement cream on hog troughs & prepared horse-stable for cementing.
- 19. Jesse, Urias, & I cemented most of horse stable.
- 20. SUNDAY: David Bauman's & we went visiting together in their carriage, at Moses Gingrich's for dinner, at Anninias Martin's for supper.
- 21. Jesse, Urias & I cemented the 5 stands for horses, dug a trench for concrete wall at lintel, etc.
- 22. I worked at hog stable, fastened 3 doors, made a petition, etc. Rain & thunderstorm a little before supper. Past week warm & dry.

- 23. Sprinkle rain AM. Dan & his boys over here to work on barn. I build a hog-stable-wire fence petition; the lower 2' of concrete.
- 24.1 (& wife along too) helped to cut in corn by father, 1 day.
- 25. I made cribbing for concrete wall under lintel.
- 26. Urias & I, & Jesse awhile, build concrete wall under lintel.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at Solomon Bowman's for dinner.
- 28. Jesse & Urias build up on concrete wall under lintel, etc. I made cribbing for the above job & prepared for nailing on siding on N. side of hog stable. Frost held out till to about the last few nights.
- 29. I loaded manure at Daniel's all day.
- 30. I loaded manure at Dan. AM., prepared for the siding on hog stable by me PM. Also took off lintel wall cribbing.

### OCTOBER 1914

- 1. I filed hand ripp saw; then put on matched siding on N. & E. of hog stable.
- 2. I nailed on siding on E. & S. of hog stable, patched 2 hog stable doors, chiseled outlet over concrete wall for manure fluid.
- 3. I build a 2-piece main door between barn & shed on N. side.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at W.W. Meeting AM. Enos B. Martin's here for dinner. Elias Martin's Lavina here for supper.
- 5. I started building 2-piece stable door under lintel.
- 6. I fastened together things on the door I started on yesterday, put bal. of hog stable siding on & build some part of door on N. of barn.
- 7. Finished door on North side of hog stable. Tore some old wall down of old lintel & build 3 concrete piers.
- 8. I cleaned out old cow stable, etc, Tore bal. old lintel stone wall down & build 1 pier (foundation for post).
- 9. I removed old lintel post to a different place and build a new concrete pier underneath it, also prepared for another post. Jesse & Urias tore old horse stable away here PM. Rainy PM.
- 10. I gathered & fetched in 12 bags apple for the pigs & cleaned their pens AM. Jesse, Urias & I build 2 piers PM. Rainy PM.
- 11. SUNDAY: Elias B. Martin's here for dinner, also my parents. Elias B. Martin's Esther here for supper.
- 12. I prepared for cementing cattle trough bottoms AM. Wife & I helped Dan. to dig out potatoes. I put ½ waggon box full in our cellar.
- 13. I prepared for cementing –trough bottoms; lifted temporary laid water pipes a little up in order to cement underneath; fitted window-sashes into frames. Cold breezes.
- 14. I prepared for cementing cattle trough bottoms AM. I helped to top mangles & load some of same.
- 15. I helped to dig out potatoes AM. Light rain at noon. I prepared for cementing cattle-trough bottoms & between sleepers E. of straw-shed.

- 16. Jesse, Urias & I dug in stable posts & removed some stone laid flooring; Drizzly weather.
- 17. Urias & I cemented cattle-trough bottoms for double stable & cemented spaces between straw shed slippers.
- 18. SUNDAY; We a N. W. Meeting AM., at Sol. B. Martin's for dinner.
- 19. I topped off mangles nearly all day.
- 20. I helped to load mangles AM., removed cribbing from trough bottoms & prepared for cattle concrete floor, helped to butcher a hog which became ruptured here, in the evening.
- 21. Jesse & I prepared for cementing double stable floor—filled up & took off on ground. Urias hauled a couple loads of wood into our shed here (firewood).
- 22. Jesse, Urias & I cemented at double stable floor; 20 stands 3" thick, a fraction less 1 bag cement per stand.
- 23. Jesse, Urias, & I cemented gutters & walk between gutters & the area between hog stable & cattle stable mostly. Nice.
- 24. Jesse & I cemented a double stand in back stable, & 2 feed allies.
- 25. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM. My brethren Eli & Lydia here for dinner. Anson Gingrich's here for supper.
- 26. I laid, with 3 mixerfuls concrete, the floor between hog & horse stable at North maine door, filed saw, & started at box-stalls.
- 27. Dan & I worked at making boxstalls AM. I started at cattle stable, carpentering, PM. Ground frozen too hard to plough AM.
- 28. I dug out foundation for water-trough & back-stable door sill AM. I placed door jams of back-stable forth to besides the water-trough and worked at water-trough inside model in eve. August Herzog here worked at cattle stables all day. Dan helped him AM., then he fetched 12 head of cattle from Creekbank, bought of Brox at 7 ½ cents/lb. & sold back at 9c here to me.
- 29. I concreted water trough bottom & door sill. A. Herzog & Dan build cattle & horse stalls. Most of this week drizzly or wet snow.
- 30. I build concrete water trough, etc. A. Herzog carpentered here 1 day. Levi Brubacher's Jr. child burried at W. Woolwich.
- 31. I worked small jobs AM. We thrashed here PM. A. Herzog here ¾ dy. Nice.

#### **NOVEMBER 1914**

- 1. SUNDAY: We at W. W. Meeting AM. Amzi Snyder's & Martin Frey's here for supper.
- 2. I filled spaces between slippers in root cellar with brick & c. mortar, evened root cellar floor, removed cribbing from water-trough & topped turnips. Urias hauled in 1 load.
- 3. I did finishing ups in cementing & carpentering. Raining in morn. Boys & I hauled in 10 loads turnips. Nice weather PM.
- 4. Jesse & hauled in 16 loads turnips, others helped. Nice weather. Jeremiah Martin's child burried at Martin's.

- 5. Jesse & I hauled in 6 ½ loads turnips AM. I hauled 3 loads from M.F. Martin's to here. Hauled 30 ½ loads turnips to me, 3 over.
- 6. I made another water trough cribbing for the horses, AM. I did small jobs in afternoon, piled turnips back, dunged stables.
- 7. I mixed concrete, filled cribbing to form a trough, & a part stable floor., in back stable, etc. Frost last night. Warm today. Chopped grain here.
- 8. SUNDAY: We at Menno F. Martin's for dinner.
- 9. I ploughed AM. Removed cribbing from water trough, etc.
- 10. I worked on water-trough, large one, enclosing with wood work, over above. Dan took out to Elmira, 8 hog at 7 cents, which I fed here. Sale of home & household effects of the late Chr. Wideman.
- 11. Dan & I worked on swing lid for water trough AM. I ploughed PM. A short wet snow shower PM.
- 12. I ploughed about all day. I started to feed regular 19 steer. Nice.
- 13. I ploughed a little AM., fitted swing for water trough & placed water-float in position. Helped Dan a little at hog chopp-chest.
- 14. I did stable work & ploughed at turnip & rapes patch. Nice today.
- 15. SUNDAY: Brother Isaiah here for dinner; Noah Weber's here for supper. Drizzly.
- 16. I helped to finish ploughing, being just in time, AM. Boys & I hauled out manure from here to orchard. Snowstorm; freezing PM.
- 17.1 filled out spaces between joists at lintel & on N. end of barn. Jesse helped, helped 1 day, Urias PM. Dan build horse stalls.
- 18. Dan & Jesse chopped grain here all day. I filled joist space & made a hangon-below-bin-chute PM.
- 19. Dan & I chopped grain here AM. I in Elmira PM.
- 20. Boys chopped here PM. I fixed a slide lid on the hang-on-below-chute, made cribbing for another hog trough, etc.
- 21. I chored AM., helped to thrash at David Bauman PM. Funeral of Menno B. Bowman's wife at N. Woolwich, aged 38 yrs, 2 mon.
- 22. SUNDAY: We at home all day. 11 Votes taken for a preacher at Martin's.
- 23. I fixed manure yard fence & did small jobs in carpentering.
- 24. We at Martin's Meeting, Urias Martin was ordained a preacher AM. I chored PM. Some sleighs out.
- 25. Funeral of John Heer's child at Martin's. I helped to thrash at David Bauman <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> dav.
- 26. I chored AM., helped to thrash at N.F. Martin, PM. Mild night.
- 27. We thrashed here by me all day.
- 28. We thrashed here ½ day, AM. I chored PM.
- 29. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM. Aaron M. Bauman's here for dinner.
- 30. Dan & boys here to clean up surroundings. I build hog trough, etc.

## DECEMBER 1914

- 1. I took pump out, at barn, & repaired on same. Addison Freeman brought Hy, Ruth, & D. Z. Burkholder of Pa. to here for dinner. Sultry.
- 2. I chored, worked on pump. We to Elmira, PM. Muddy roads.
- 3. I opened small ditch on N. E. corner of s. shed, etc. Boys hauled stones to water trough under lintel to fill up, PM.
- 4. Boys here to chopp about all day; I helped some & chored.
- 5. Boys here to chopp PM. Dan & I carpentered on hog stable; I chored.
- 6. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting. Menno M. Wideman's here for supper.
- 7. I at fair, AM. Prepared a little for butchering, etc.
- 8. We over at Dan's to help to butcher 4 hogs, I helped only AM. I trimmed my cows & heifer at tail, back & head.
- 9. I put double windows on at house, on buisness over by my parents, etc. Several days wind from East, now also snow.
- 10. I chored AM., helped to thrash at Dan. PM.
- 11.1 chored, and made 2 slide doors at straw shed opening, took team to and from Dan where they were engaged at chopping.
- 12. I took team to and from Dan. I chored.
- 13. SUNDAY: We by my parents for dinner. Snow falls.
- 14. I chored, cleaned a few cattle. Jesse cut my hairs. Stormy.
- 15. I chored, cleaned 15 head of cattle, took clock apart. Stormy.
- 16. I chored & did several other small jobs. Cold & a little stormy.
- 17. I chored; in Elmira; worked a little in woodshed, etc. Cold.
- 18. I chored; build a slide lid for straw-hole in pig stable.
- 19. I chored; boys over, then we dehorned 7 head of cattle.
- 20. SUNDAY: We ate N.F. Martin's for dinner. Some young neighbours here for supper.
- 21. Funeral of widow, Christian Snyder's wife, burried at Martin's. I fixed a latch on door above barn stairs. Stormy.
- 22. I build a chop chest in hog feed gangway, etc. Stormy.
- 23. I cleaned 10 cattle & chored, fetched 3 roosters from M.F. Martin. Shovelled snow. Stormy awhile PM.
- 24. I chored & in Elmira PM.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We with Dan's to W.W. Meeting AM. We by Dan's for dinner.
- 26. I chored AM. Wrote into this diary PM. Cold.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting. Jno. W. Martin here for supper.
- 28. Chored & prepared feeding for the morrow, sheared hairs off back & cleaned 7 head young cattle. Moses Bauman brought Enos Eby & Frank Horst of Pa. here for supper.
- 29. I helped to thrash at N.F. Martin's all day.
- 30. I build supports under joists of box stalls, besides feeding.
- 31. I completed supports under joists & placed iron pipes in front of horse mangers. Did today's chores & partly for tomorrow.

# **DIARY 1915**

## ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: We at David B. Bauman's for supper.
- 2. I did the Saturday chores & some for tomorrow. Stormy.
- 3. SUNDAY: Wife's sister Mary Ann here for supper.
- 4. I cleaned 22 head of cattle besides chores.
- 5. I at St. Jacob's creamery & in Elmira AM., Chored PM. Nice day.
- 6. I chored AM. Helped to thrash by Dan PM. Drizzly.
- 7. I helped to thrash by Dan about 34 day.
- 8. I chored AM., took team to Dan for to chopp. I fixed grain spout on separator.
- 9. I chored AM., took team to Dan for to chopp. Urias & I cleaned 20 bags peas by me.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 11. David & I at Elmira fair, AM. Boys & I cleaned peas PM. Jesse exchanged a load of peas for corn at Klinck's Elmira. Peas worth \$1.30. Gave 1 pound peas for 1 pound corn & 1 cent.
- 12. Jesse exchange grain like yesterday. Urias & I cleaned wheat AM. Boys & I moved & set power over to here. Fine sleighing & weather.
- 13. Boys here to chopp nearly all day. I cleaned cattle & chored, etc.
- 14. Dan's boys here to chopp nearly all day. I at Alfred Shantz's sale 1 mile West of Hawkesville; went up in forenoon already.
- 15. Boys here to chopp nearly all day. I cleaned cattle, chored, etc.
- 16.1 chored AM. Jesse & I moved power over to Dan. Sawed & split wood. Nice week, scarcely any snowfall or storm.
- 17. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Mild weather.
- 18. Boys over here to help me clean wheat. Mild.
- 19. Jesse hauled wheat, which we cleaned yesterday, to St. Jacobs. Urias & I sawed pieces of timber short AM. I made a door, with hinges on, in barn siding, from barn floor out to manure yard. About 5" snowfall last night.
- 20. Besides chores, I build a required extension on back stable door.
- 21. Besides chores, I made a root-cellar door & fastened it, also made a chop chest in back feed gangway & stable door traps. Colder.
- 22. Besides chores I made a pig walk for loading them & a step-stand for use in granary; fastened bal. required pipes on front of horse mangers, also chains on top board of mangers. Urias & I cleaned about 150 bushel seed oats here by me PM.
- 23. Did general Sat. chores AM. Urias & I placed 3 iron connecters from beam to beam across long posts. I fixed a window into barn siding so as to admit some light on barn floor. Jesse hauled my mixer & power to my father's farm.
- 24. SUNDAY: Martin H. Bauman's funeral, at Martins', aged about 80 years.

- 25. I chored, etc. Snowfall last night.
- 26. I chored & cleaned 15 head of cattle.
- 27. I chored. My parents here for supper. A son born to us.
- 28.I chored; fetched some household effects from Dan. Annie started to work here (wife's sister). Funeral of Christian Martin's (son of Christian Sr.) child at Martins'.
- 29. Funeral of Isaac Martin's child (residing in Elmira) at W. Woolwich. I cleaned stove pipes, chored. Stormy.
- 30. Harvey Rick's (Susanne Spaeth) & my sister Lydia here for a call PM. I did Sat. chores AM. In Elmira PM.
- 31. SUNDAY: Parents here for a call. Mary Ann here in Annie's stead. Sleet.

#### FEBRUARY 1915

- 1. I chored, did a few small jobs. High winds.
- 2. I chored, cleaned 9 head of cattle. Stormy & high winds.
- 3. I chored; looked over papers. Nice Day. N.F. Martin's wife called in.
- 4. I chored; did some reading. Nice day.
- 5. Funeral of Henry Weber, aged about 61 yrs, burried at Martins'. Funeral of Simeon Brubacher, Berlin, aged 52 yrs., 9 mon., 6dys. I chored & cleaned cattle, etc.
- 6. We drove 12 head of fat cattle, which I fed this winter, to C.P.R. Elmira, for Brox, total wt. 14,430#, av. gain about 180#. Cattle market dull; feed dear; Elias Martin's paid a call.
- 7. SUNDAY: I at S. Peel Meeting AM.
- 8. I at Elmira fair AM., took team to Dan to chopp awhile PM.
- 9. I chored AM. I helped to get father's sale bill out over by him. Cold.
- 10. I helped to butcher at Dan's all day. Susie here in Annie's stead today & for tomorrow.
- 11. I chored AM., tooked team over to Dan & I too helped to chopp.
- 12. I chored AM. Fetched wild cherry bark from Enos M. Bauman.
- 13.1 did Saturday's chores AM. In Elmira PM. Simeon Weber's child burried at Martin's.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at home all day. David Bauman's here for dinner. Enos Gingrich's here for a call PM.
- 15. I at Jacob Bricker's sale nearly all day.
- 16. I chored and wrote, etc.
- 17. I helped to butcher at David Bauman.
- 18. I chored, etc, AM., at Connolly's sale, by Macton, PM.
- 19.1 in Elmira, AM. Chored, also some for tomorrow.
- 20.1 at sale of Peter Allgier's property, etc., bought & drove home a white hiefer, M.F. Martin took my team home.
- 21. SUNDAY: I & Mary Ann at WW Meeting AM. Levi B. Martin's & Sylvester Martin's here for dinner. Mild.

- 22. Chored, etc, AM. At Dan. G. Gingrich's sale, 2 mi N. of Floradale. Practically nice weather in Feb. –up to date save Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 23.1 chored & read. All day raining.
- 24. I chored in morn. At Menno S. Bauman's sale. Bought hiefer & brought her along home.
- 25. I chored & read. With N. F. Martin to Scott's sale, by Macton PM. Getting colder after mild period.
- 26. I with mother-in-law in Elmira & at funeral of Manassa Bauman's child, aged 1 yr., 2 months & 13 days, at W. Woolwich AM. I at Dechert's (Jr.) sale, E. of Linwood, bought 2 calves. Stormy. I ordered a Frost & Wood binder; also twine.
- 27. I did Saturday chores AM., by my parents, took some fruit jars over PM. Cold. Mary Ann here 1 wk; I took her home.
- 28. SUNDAY: Jesse & I at S. Peel Meeting AM. Brother Noah & sister Lydia here for dinner. Lydea & Daniel Gingrich here for supper.

#### **MARCH 1915**

- 1. I chored; went over to Dan to load a hog (Wt. 325#) which Jesse took over to my parents to be slaughtered for us. Later I helped wife do washing; I at Isaiah F. Martin's sale PM. Also at Conestogo to examine a coalheater.
- 2. Urias & I loaded manure, here by me, Jesse drawed out.
- 3. Urias & I loaded manure, here by me, Jesse drawed out.
- 4. I fetched butcherware from N. L. Martin and took a few other item along to my father's farm. I & team helped to chopp at Dan, then drawed chopp over to here PM.
- 5. Mother-in-law & I helped to butcher 2 hogs (1 from father-in-law, & 1 from my father) by my parents.
- 6. I did Sat. chores. Jno Schwitzer's here for a call PM.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nobody here.
- 8. I at Elmira fair AM. Fetched coal heater, \$10.00, from Ebel, Conestogo.
- 9. I cleaned cattle AM. Attended Stroh's sale, East of Elmira, PM.
- 10.1 chored about AM. Helped father to get stuff ready for auction sale, PM.
- 11.1 & family at father's sale, which aggregated \$1693.50. Mine account ran up to \$944.65.
- 12.1 chored, & paid a call on Eli Bauman of Iowa, who were last night by father-in-law's. Jesse & I hauled a load of our household effects over to my parents, PM.
- 13. I took team over to Dan to help chopp. I over by my parents to get parlor stove & coal heater in order & their pipings connected to chimneys' I also in Elmira.
- 14. SUNDAY: Rebecca & Louisa Martin, & Louisa Bauman, Lavina Gingrich, and Anson Martin' here for dinner.

- 15. Eli B. Bauman's of Iowa at Dan's, last night. I over & paid a call on same; & chored AM. I & Jesse moved a load of household effects to father's farm PM.
- 16. Dan's people helped us to move to father's farm, Jesse with team, also David, and Noah Martin's with teams. The latter's wife helped also. Parents moved to Elmira.
- 17.1 at Daniel Hoffman's (Sr.) wife's funeral at Conestogo, aged 74 yrs., 2 days, AM. I got surroundings more in shape PM.
- 18. Lydia here over noon & AM. Noah, wife & I in Elmira to buy 1000# coal & some hardware; We hanged up hams. Bad roads.
- 19. Made order in shop & repaired several articles. Nice week.
- 20. I worked small jobs. I in Elmira PM.
- 21. SUNDAY: Noah & I at WW Meeting, Snowing at noon.
- 22. We took 20 bags oats down to father AM. Cleaned wheat, etc., PM. Widow Dav. Brubacher burried at Old Conestogo, aged 94 yrs.
- 23. Noah & I cleaned seed grain nearly all day.
- 24. We Measured oats & hay & did other odd jobs.
- 25. I in Elmira & fastened table legs more securely.
- 26. Noah & I made leaf table for in kitchen. Dehorned heifer, etc.
- 27. I finished the 2 tables I worked on recently. I in Elmira. Also placed 2 pieces fire-crates in brick kettle stove.
- 28. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Snow storm to-night.
- 29. I helped wife to wash; I in Elmira fetched emery grinder, etc. Stormy.
- 30. I figured at f. books etc. Stormy.
- 31. I fetched flour & feed from St. Jacobs mill; took a little wheat along down, of father's, price \$1.25, has been \$1.50 already this winter. I down in Berlin, fetched 2 pieces oak 4"x4"x12' (@8 ½ c per ft.)

## **APRIL 1915**

- 1. Enos Martin's child burried at Martin's, aged about 15 mon. I prepared a blood purifier from roots & barks. I in Elmira.
- 2. GOOD FRIDAY: Noah & I at WW Meeting AM. I read PM.
- 3. I fetched seed corn in Elmira from Hoffman; also feed corn.
- 4. SUNDAY: Amos B. Martin's here for dinner.
- 5. EASTER MON: Dan Bauman's here for dinner. I wrote into this book.
- 6. Noah & I cleaned cistern AM. Washed cutters & stored them up-up in driving shed. Took old buggy apart.
- 7. Noah & I in Elmira to fetch a new Frost & Wood binder. Stored bob sleigh away. Took concrete mixer apart.
- 8. I took father's 2 hogs to Elmira, Wt. 310#, price \$8.60. I awhile over at Cressman's Sr.,-she has died yesterday. I worked on mixer frame. Noah washed & oiled harness.
- 9. I worked on mixer frame, & helped to dig grave for Dav. Cressman's wife. A little rain in eve. Warm. Spring-like.

- 10. We at funeral of David Cressman's (Sr.) wife, at WW Meeting house, aged 64 yrs, 10 mon, 27 dys. We then by mother for dinner; Noah was hostler at Cressman's. Muddy roads.
- 11. SUNDAY: We all at home. Noah at Parents for supper.
- 12.1 helped wife to wash AM; fetched 6 bu. Goosewheat at \$1.50 per bu. from David Hoffer, & 47 gallons gasoline at 19c.
- 13. I at Meeting house to fix up things AM. Chopped grain & worked at mixer frame PM.
- 14. I helped wife to white-wash 2 rooms AM. I fetched bolts at noon & put mixer frame together & painted same.
- 15. I placed drum on mixer frame & repaired on the former. I fetched silo rings from Dan Bauman & took mixer & power all up to Ab. Bauman.
- 16. I worked small jobs, Noah let team shod, AM. I took 9 bbl. cement from Elmira to Ab. Bauman & set machine.
- 17. I helped to build 5 ft. silo at Ab. Bauman. My power broke. Hy. Gies's wife burried at Conestogo.
- 18. SUNDAY: Noah & I at WW Meeting AM. Addison Gingrich's & Noah Bearinger here for supper.
- 19. We put up 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ring concrete silo up at Ab. Bauman.
- 20. We put up 5 & 6 ring c. silo at Ab. Bauman. Noah picked stones, etc.
- 21. We put up 7 & 8 ring c. silo at Ab. Bauman. Noah ganged in furrows.
- 22. We put up 9 & 10 ring c. silo at Ab. Bauman. Noah cultivated, I in morn.
- 23. Noah & I sowed, harrowed & roled about 7 acres, (?B & O)
- 24. Noah & I ganged awhile; then cultivated sod, sowed 32 acres, oats. A warm week. Grass growing; Spring came gradually; little flooding.
- 25. SUNDAY: Wife's sister Mary Ann & Amos & Eli Gingrich, and Norman Martin here for dinner. Wife's brethren, Mary Ann, Annie & Urias, Isaac Bauman, Lizzie Bearinger & my sister Lydia here for supper.
- 26. I harrowed sod, sowed peas & rolled same. Noah ganged, -I sowed oats, & some goosewheat.
- 27. Noah cultivated AM. I did small jobs, worked in garden. Hail & rain storm PM. Ground soaked after warm period.
- 28. I worked small jobs about silo at Ab. Bauman.
- 29. I destroyed caterpillars on apple trees AM. Noah & I sowed oats, & some goosewheat.
- 30. I harrowed that what we had sown yesterday. Cultivated & drilled barely, mixed grain, and grass seed with the two. Noah piled up wood in jop & harrowed. Cool & dreary these days.

## MAY 1915

- 1. Noah cultivated AM. I did small jobs AM. I sowed oats & harrowed.
- 2. SUNDAY: We at Daniel Bauman's for dinner & supper.

- 3. I at funeral of Ezra L. Martin's wife at Conestogo, aged 55 yrs, 6 mon, 29 days AM. Noah sowed about 2 acres, finished, AM. Noah & I planted a few potatoes, harrowed & rolled.
- 4. Noah, team & cultivator down by father in morn, I cultivated root field awhile AM & Noah PM. I piled up wood etc. Dreary.
- 5. We put up 11 & 12 ring c. silo at Ab. Bauman. Noah plowed root field.
- 6. I in Elmira, worked in garden, & ridged some for mangles.
- 7. Rain 1 day. Noah & I divided turnips AM. I sick PM.
- 8. We put up 13 & 14 ring c. silo at Ab. Bauman. Rain in eve.
- 9. SUNDAY: We at Noah Weber's for dinner & supper.
- 10. I lowered silo rings at Ab. Bauman, also prepared for plastering. Also worked 3 hrs. squaring & levelling proposed strawshed foundation at Daniel B. Martin.
- 11. I plastered silo at Ab. Bauman. Noah sowed mangles.
- 12. We at funeral of Titus Bauman's wife (nee Salina Gingrich) at W. Woolwich, aged 27 yrs., 1 1 mon. AM. I in Elmira PM. Noah was also at funeral AM. then rolled PM.
- 13. ASCN'N DAY: We at home all day. Noah afishing.
- 14. I set power & mixer & helped to dig out earth & filled same with concrete for strawshed foundation walls, at Dan B. Martin, 1 day.
- 15. I made cribbing all day at Dan. B. Martin; Others put in croncrete.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Ezra Bauman's & some young folks here for supper.
- 17. I made cribbing all day at Dan. B. Martin; Others put in concrete.
- 18. I made cribbing ½ day AM at D. B. Martin. Prepared for building silo at Levi B. Bowman PM.
- 19. We build 1, 2, & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring concrete silo at Levi B. Bowman.
- 20. We build 4 & 5 ring c. silo at L. Bowman & set up mast.
- 21. We build 6 & 7 ring c. silo at L. Bowman. Rain at noon.
- 22. We build 8 & 9 ring c. silo at L. Bowman.
- 23. SUNDAY: David Bauman's & we at Eli H. Bauman's & David Martin's for dinner. David's then here for supper.
- 24. We build 10 & 11 ring c. silo at L. Bowman, also some flooring.
- 25. Amos Rudy here on a visit from last night till today noon. I in Elmira. Chopped grain. Planted potatoes. Rain in eve.
- 26. I build 12 & 13 ring c. silo at L. Bowman & 1 horse stall.
- 27. I build 14 ring c. silo at L. Bowman, also lowered, outside ring AM. Planted potatoes PM.
- 28. I lowered rings & plastered silo at L. Bowman.
- 29. We made corn patch in shape & sowed corn & planted a few potatoes & rolled above said patches yet.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 31. I destroyed tent caterpillars on apple trees. Noah & I divided roots in cellar apart. I in Elmira. Made chicken pen. Noah drove my heifer to C. Esch's pasture, in eve.

#### **JUNE 1915**

- 1. I at N. L. Martin, put in concrete floors in 2 cellar apartments under his house, etc, 1 day.
- 2. I helped to make walls & floors, etc at N. L. Martin, 1 day.
- 3. I hauled 3 loads of nut coal home. Noah & I patched at fences. Father had my team to haul sand to his house.
- 4. I worked 3 days statue labour by hauling 5 loads gravel.
- 5. We drove father's cattle to C.P.R. Elmira. I put in 2 days statue labor by hauling earth AM & 2 loads gravel PM. Noah worked small jobs. Warm.
- 6. SUNDAY: We at Martin's Meeting, at Hy. Bowman's for dinner (Len Weber's); at Moses Weber's Jr. for supper. Nice Day.
- 7. I helped to build a re-inforced concrete wall around old cistern & build cellar steps at N. L. Martin.
- I helped to prepare for & cemented some for wood-shed foundation, etc, at N. L. Martin.
- 9. I helped to build wood-shed foundation at N. L. Martin.
- I helped to build cement porch walls, plastered cistern on outside, etc, at N. L. Martin.
- 11.1 at Bernhardt Rudisuela to rig up silo outfit, & build 5' in height of concrete silo wall, 1 day.
- 12. I in Elmira; sowed turnip; Noah prepared land for same.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM; Bro. Isaiah, Jno Martin (son of Enos), Absolom & Eliza Martin, & Nancy Bowman here for dinner. Bro. Eli, Nancy & Susie Bauman here for supper.
- 14. Noah & I cut thistles. Father had my team to drive around Jonas Martin's & Joe Wenger of Pa. Martin Sauder's & Geo. Webers here around same place & time.
- 15. Thunder & rain last night, a nice soaker. I took wife to her parent's home. We cut thistles in eve, etc.
- 16. We cut thistles about all day, Eli helped awhile PM. Peter Zieglers kitchen & woodshed burned down. Compressed boiled oil supposed to be originator of fire.
- 17. I helped to put up wire fence, dig post holes, etc, at WW Meeting house.
- 18. Noah & I cleaned 4 rows mangles & cut thistles, Father helped.
- 19. Noah & I cleaned mangles & cut thistles; Father helped PM.
- 20. SUNDAY: We at funeral of Emanuel Martin's child, burried at W Woolwich, aged 2 yrs, 6 mon, 7 days, in afternoon. Bishop John Martin, Ind, officiated at Conestogo Meeting today.
- 21. Noah scuffed corn, then he helped me clean mangles & cut thistles after supper.
- 22. Noah, I (& father awhile) cleaned mangles, cut thisles in 2 grassfields. Cool.
- 23. We cut thistles, etc. Cold.

- 24. Wm. Moeser & Eph. Reist here to erect new binder AM. We cut thitles for 2<sup>nd</sup> overrun. Pulled yellowdock.
- 25. I in Elmira AM., at Dan B. Martin, put in c. flooring PM.
- 26. I at Dan. B. Martin, put in concrete floor 1 day.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at N. Woolwich Meeting AM., at Aron M. & Amos Bauman's for dinner. Amos & I at NW Meeting PM.
- 28. Father & I masoned nearly all day at Peter Ziegler.
- 29. Father & I up at P. Ziegler. I helped to build cylinderic concrete cistern 6'2" wide. Noah scuffled corn.
- 30. Noah scuffled awhile, then helped me to do hoeing.

### **JULY 1915**

- 1. Noah & I cleaned corn about all day.
- 2. Noah hauled in summer wood, I in Elmira; then hoed corn.
- 3. Noah & I hoed corn about all day. Light rain at noon.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM., at Ab. Bearingers for dinner, at Dan. Bauman's for supper.
- 5. Mixer at Aaron Bauman to build c. wall for D. shed.
- 6. I hoed 2 rows corn, then turnips. Noah scuffled corn, etc.
- 7. Noah & I hoed turnips AM. Noah & I up by Elias Martin to see fixture on his g. engine, etc. Rainy PM.
- 8. I build concrete hog trough & c. petition at Dan B. Martin, 1 dy.
- Wendel Martin's child funeral at Martin's. I at Dan. B. Martin to build @ petition in hogs stable & 10 c. hen's rests, rebuild top of a chimney, etc, 1 day. Noah mowed grass.
- 10.1 fetched beef in morn. Chopped grain. Prepared for & hauled in 6 loads hay. Father helped. Warm day.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting AM; Josiah B. Martin's Sr. & Hy. B. Martin's here for dinner. Noah at PM Meeting.
- 12. Noah scuffled corn, I cleaned turnips in morn. We stirred up & hauled in 2 loads hay, father helped. Some rain. Cut next piece of grass in eve.
- 13. Noah scuffled corn & hoed turnips AM. We stirred up hay & hauled in 3 ¼ loads hay, father helped ½ day.
- 14. Father & I mowed grass with mower & scythe in orchard in morn. Noah scuffled awhile roots, then we all stirred up hay till noon; hauled in 5 ¼ loads hay.
- 15. Father here to splice hay rope, I worked small jobs, a little rain, AM. I made concrete hen's nests & hog stable petition ½ dy. PM, at Dan. B. Martin.
- 16. Noah hoes potatoes & turnips AM. We hauled away 3 loads hay, Eli helped a little PM.
- 17.1 in Elmira, pulled yellow dock & mullen in jop, mowed fence corners out. Noah raked hay & fetched in in, also mowed.

- 18. SUNDAY: We at Dav. B. Bauman's for dinner at Ivan Martin's for supper. Rain to-night.
- 19. Noah & I hoed mangles awhile AM. Drizzly in morn. I & wife out by Dentist to get some of her teeth pulled & 1 nerve killed (preparatory for artificial teeth. 2 Boys from near Elora brought silo outfit, home which Rudisuela's had lented.
- 20. I applied paris green on potatoe plants, then Noah & I picked cherries AM. Hauled 2 loads hay to fathers barn & 1 in mine, father had helped too. I got about 21 loads.
- 21. I hauled 12 loads manure out on old sod & spread some after supper. Noah helped me a little & scuffled potatoes & turnips & mowed thistles.
- 22. I mowed grass with mower in the Exhibitton grounds all day. Noah spread manure & hoed mangles. Shower rain.
- 23. I spread manure in morn, & raked hay in Ex. Grounds AM. We hauled 6 loads hay & unloaded 5 into Wm. Moeser's barn. Wm. Moeser was in his barn. Geo. Reuter raked hay. Suppered at Wm.
- 24. We dumped a load hay into G. Reuter's barn, hauled 2 more to Moeser's barn, AM. Noah plowed sod. I cleaned mangles, up by Aaron Bauman to load c. outfit, prior enroute to Hy. B. M.
- 25. SUNDAY: We at Eli Horst's near Hawkesville, for dinner, Elias B. Martin's for supper. Rain in eve.
- 26. Rain in morn. Noah plowed sod. I cleaned mangles. We all to Elmira PM. Heavy rain PM. Hy. Martin fetched old binder of father's, was here over noon.
- 27. I helped to excavate earth & build walls of concrete for cistern. Set mixer. 1 day.
- 28. I helped to lay cellar concrete floors, ¼ dy, at Hy. B. Martin.
- 29. I helped to lay cellar concrete floors, & concrete top on cistern & plastered cistern inside & put a floor in same, 1 day, at Hy. B. Martin, Conestogo.
- 30. We worked small jobs; prepared for, bindered, & shocked wheat.
- 31. I fetched beef in morn, then we cleaned mangles, & turnips.

#### **AUGUST 1915**

- 1. We at Daniel G. Gingrich's for dinner. Noah at Martins (Baptism)
- 2. I made concrete manhole lid on cistern, prepared for & made some sidewalks at Hy. B. Martin ¾ day.
- 3. I made model for cellar window concrete frontage; build one of them & build concrete floor in stable, etc. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> dy at Hy. Martin. Rainy. Water standing in fields.
- 4. Noah & I picked raspberries in morn. I build side walks ½ day at Hy. B. Martin.
- 5. I build sidewalks at Hy. B. Martin, 1 day, loaded outfit.
- 6. I spreaded manure 2/3 day at Dan. Baumans.
- 7. I in Elmira, picked mulberries, etc. Cool.

- 8. SUNDAY: Aaron B. Weber's Jr. here last night. Enos M. Bauman's for dinner. We were all at WW Meeting (Young people the last of 2 parties got baptized). Michael Brubacher's son here for supper. Thunder & rain in morn.
- 9. We worked small jobs; I took cream out to Elmira. Wet.
- 10. Noah & I build sidewalk's by father. We cut & shocked barely.
- 11. I in Elmira, then we chopped grain, AM. Father helped us to haul in wheat PM. I fetched 7 Rock rooster from I. Brubacher.
- 12. Rain last night. I wrote letters, etc.
- 13. I helped wife in house, etc; Wife had summer complaints.
- 14. I helped father to build sidewalks 1 day, Noah helped PM.
- 15. SUNDAY: We at home; Nobody here on visit.
- 16. We cut grain; father helped about 34 day.
- 17. We cut grain; father helped about 34 day.
- 18. Noah ploughed wheat stubles; I harrowed lately plowed sod & that what Noah plowed, AM. We hauled in 5 loads barely PM.
- 19. We cut oats nearly all day, father helped to binder.
- 20. Noah plowed; I harrowed & sowed some rapes AM. We hauled in 6 loads grain PM. Nice week.
- 21. I fetched beef. Noah finished plowing & harrowing wheat stuble patch; I sowed balance in rapes. I did small jobs. Dreary.
- 22. SUNDAY: Dan. Bauman's here for dinner. Hy. Brubacher's here for supper.
- 23. I rake grain stubles & fetched apples from Dan Bauman's; Noah ganged AM. Father bindered & we shocked oats.
- 24. Noah cultivated recently plowed sod; I pulled weeds in corn, AM. We hauled in 1 load oats at noon, -thunder & rain at noon after we had the load in. Then Noah ganged & I raked.
- 25. I helped to thrash grain at Sol. Reist ½ dy. AM. I hauled separator from Geo. to here. We prepared for thrashing, PM.
- 26. We thrashed ¼ day in morn, -Father, Geo. M. B., Esch, & Reist helped. Took separator back to Geo. AM. Father bindered oats and a patch goosewheat, we shocked. Hauled in 2 l'ds grain.
- 27. Noah & I hauled in 8 loads oats & 3 mixture, father helped.
- 28. Noah & I hauled in 3 loads oats & 9 mixture, father helped. Nice.
- 29. SUNDAY: Jesse Bauman, Dan. Gingrich, bro. Isaiah and their lady companions here for supper.
- 30. I took wife to my parents. We rake stuble land. Cold.
- 31. I helped to thrash at Geo. Bauman. AM. I pulled peas PM. Noah ganged stuble land about all day.

#### SEPTEMBER 1915

- 1. I pulled peas. We hauled in 3 loads oats & 2 rakings. Nice.
- 2. I pulled peas. We hauled in 4 loads goosewheat & 3 peas. Nice weather.

- 3. I pulled balance of peas, raked about 7 acres stubles, Noah cultivated sod, then we also spread ashes on same sod patch on highest altitudes. Hauled in ¾ load rakings & 1 ½ peas. Done harvesting.
- 4. I helped to haul in grain about ¾ day at Hy. Brubacher. Noah sowed wheat & harrowed same & hauled in 1 ld. wood.
- 5. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. Syrannes Martin's here for dinner. Wife's sister Annie here for dinner & supper.
- 6. Rain last night. I inspected steers in Geo. M. B's pasture. Noah chopped grain. I dunged out stables, etc. Noah ganged. One of Jno. Sauder's twin babies burried at Conestogo.
- 7. Noah & team plowed ¾ day at Dav. Bauman. I worked small jobs.
- 8. I picked mulberries AM.; I in Elmira also AM. Noah burried rubbish under earth. Did other odd jobs. Heavy rain last night.
- 9. HARVEST MEETING: Wife & Noah at Harvest Meeting; I helped to thrash at C. Esch, AM. Noah harrowed PM. I helped to shock grain at Dan. Bauman.
- 10. I helped to shock grain at Dan. Bauman ¾ day.
- 11. I pitched sheaves at Dan. Bauman 3/4 day.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at Menno Weber's for dinner. Heavy rain. Rivers high.
- 13. Noah & I at Elmira fair. I bought steers for \$108.00, judged av. wt. about 550 lbs, from Wm. Bauman. We fetched them in afternoon.
- 14. I helped to thrash at David Bauman AM. for Dan. Bauman. I helped a little mowing grain in Dan's new land; helped Dav. at w. fence.
- 15. I took some silo curbing to Amos Eby where I helped to build a 1 foot high stand for a wooden silo AM. I did a few smal jobs yet at home. Noah started fall plowing. Geo. Holzwarth funeral this afternoon. Light rain.
- 16. I helped to build cistern walls at Josiah Schmidt, AM. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher PM. Noah had helped at F. Weigel AM. & then ¼ day at Hy. Brubacher, PM.
- 17. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher, ¾ day & Noah ¼ day. I in Elmira in eve. Rain last night.
- 18. I made cribbing for West end of Israel Bearinger's silo all day.
- 19. SUNDAY: Levi W. Martin's here for dinner. Noah away.
- 20. I pitched sheaves at Dan. Bauman about ¾ day. Noah plowed, AM. Noah helped to harvest grain at Hy. Brubacher ½ dy. PM.
- 21. Noah plowed all day. I worked small jobs. Rainy & windy.
- 22. I took 8 hogs, wt 1560#, price 9 ¼ c per lb., to Elmira. Noah & I plowed each awhile. I at Dan Bauman pitching sheaves ¾ day. Noah helped to harvest grain at Hy. Brubacher, 6 hrs.
- 23. I pitched sheaves at Dan. Bauman ¾ day. Noah helped at Hy. B.
- 24. I pitched scythe mowed grain in Dan. Bauman's new land, PM.
- 25. Noah & I drawed out 20 lds. manure. Noah spread of some. Some farmers finished harvesting this wk. Some 2<sup>nd</sup> crop hay.
- 26. SUNDAY: All at home. Rain this morn & last night that tangled corn badly.

- 27. I gathered blown down apples, spread manure. I helped to cement at I Bearinger PM. Jno. Reist burried at N. Woolwich.
- 28. I was up by Ab. Bauman trying to engage cutting box, then spread manure. I helped to thrash at D. Cressman PM. Noah plowed.
- 29. Noah & I drawed out 26 loads anure. Nice weather.
- 30. Noah & I hauled out 15 I'ds manure & 1 I'd mangles in in eve.

#### OCTOBER 1915

- 1. Noah helped to thrash at Menno Weber ½ dy. AM. Noah got a horse shod in Elmira PM. I spread manure & made out some mangle of which we fetched in 1 ¾ l'ds. Enos M. Bauman fetched c. mixer. Fine rain PM.
- 2. I helped to build 5 ft. high cistern & build cribbing for woodshed foundation at Enos Bauman, 1 day. Noah spread manure.
- 3. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting; Menno M. Bauman's, & Nathan & Rebecca Martin here for dinner; Sol. Bauman's for supper.
- 4. I was up at Ab. Bauman to see after cutting box, then we made out & hauled in 5 loads mangles, Eli helped, Rain in eve.
- 5. We made out & hauled in 9 loads mangles.
- 6. I helped to cut in corn at Sol. Reist. Noah & Eli cut off corn.
- 7. Noah & I cut corn off by hand AM., Joe Ernst & I PM. Noah & team helped to cut in corn at C. Esch PM. Cutting outfit came here.
- 8. We set corn cutting outfit, -M. C. Martin's engine (steam) & M. C. & Eli S. Martin's cutting box. We put in all day. Cut awhile with M. C. Martin's engine, -engine gave out, -put my gasoline on then. We practically filled up silo. The foll. helped: -Dav. Bauman & team, C. Esch & team & 1 more man, M. Weber, Hy. Brubacher, 2 of Geo. & team, 2 of Sol. Reist & team, 1 for D. Hoffer; Eli & parents.
- 9. Noah ploughed. I chored about, dunged stables, etc.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at Menno Wideman's for dinner.
- 11. I helped to cut corn at Dav. Hoffer nearly 3/4 day, at Geo. 1/4 day.
- 12. Noah helped to cut corn with team by Geo., AM., ¼ day at S. Reist. Noah & I ploughed potatoe patch, found 2 pailsful. Eli & I at James MacCormicks sale, Macton, & brought home from Sam Bowman 7 pigs, 5 wk. old, for \$3.50 each, PM. Nice Days.
- 13. We made out & hauled in 3 loads mangles; plowed bal. of potatoe patch, potatoe crop exceptionaly poor -rotten. Fetched in wood.
- 14. Noah ploughed, I picked apples, etc.
- 15. Noah plowed; I picked apples PM & fetched gasoline pump from M. F. M.
- 16. Noah plowed. I at funeral of Joseph Martin (son of Jacob) at Conestogo Meeting House, AM, aged 42 yrs, 10 mon, 15 days. Wife & I at funeral of widow Jno. Nahigang (nee Cressman), aged 75 yrs, at W. Woolwich, PM. Noah & I fetched some oats at 35 c a bu. from Hy. Brubacher after sup.

- 17. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting, at Aaron F. Bowman's for dinner, at Dan. M. Bauman's for supper.
- 18.1 at fair, -bought 10 pigs, 7 weeks old for \$4 AM. I took wife to Elmira & also fetched 3 bags potatoes along home, 90 lbs for \$1.35 from Klinck's. Noah ploughed. Rain.
- 19.1 fixed fence & spread manure AM. I fetched flour & millfeed from St. Jacobs Mill PM. Noah plowed. Nice.
- 20. I helped to thrashed at D. Hoffer nearly 1 dy. Noah plowed.
- 21. I plastered cistern & laid maple flooring at Enos Bauman, 1 dy.
- 22. I worked on tile ditch, -outlet for sink & cistern at Enos B., 1 dy.
- 23. I spread manure, fetched potatoes from A. S. Gingrich, Elmira. 4 bags for me & 4 for father. We chopped grain. Noah plowed. Urias Beuhler's son's funeral, aged 22 yrs, 6 mon, at Conestogo. Nice.
- 24. SUNDAY: We at Noah Horst's for dinner. Frost in morn. Nice weather.
- 25. I loaded manure at Peter Bowman all day. Heavy frost last night.
- 26. I at funeral of Samuel Reist, aged 90 yrs, 8 mon, at W Woolwich AM. Noah was hostler at Reist". I loaded & spread manure at P.B., PM.
- 27. I helped to thrash at F. Weigel ¾ day, Noah helped ½ day for Peter Bowman. Noah topped turnips, PM. We hauled in 2 l'ds.
- 28. We hauled in 5 ½ loads turnips. Sol. Reist's barn burned, started about 7 PM. from an upset lantern. We over.
- 29. I helped to thrash at P. Bowman ¾ day. Noah fetched in turnips & plowed. I in Elmira in eve.
- 30. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher 1 dy. Noah plowed awhile in eve, -Was also with father to Berlin.
- 31. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Josiah S. Martin's here for dinner.

#### **NOVEMBER 1915**

- 1. I helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher ¼ dy in morn. I awhile at Sol. Reist removing old walls, & fetched 410# blackstrap at 2 ½ c per lb. from Klinck's. Noah plowed. Nice weather.
- 2. I helped to cement porch, etc. at Enos Bauman ¾ dy.; also took can of cream to St. Jacobs creamery. Noah plowed. Rough.
- I chored about. Chr. Heckendorn's brought Jesse Bauman's of Iowa to here over noon. I helped to mason at Sol. Reist a few hrs. PM. Noah plowed. Jno. Sauder's other twin child burried.
- 4. I tightened chopp chists, etc, in Elmira. Noah plowed. Sleet.
- 5. I masoned on Reist's barn foundation wall. Noah plowed.
- 6. Noah plowed. I worked at Reist's masoned & carpentered at hog stable.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at Noah L. Martin's for dinner.
- 8. I helped to shingle pigstable roof & turn bore-machine at Sol. Reist ¾ day. Noah plowed. Nice weather.

- 9. I hauled 2 loads of mill feed from St. Jacob's mills to here, Also took wife up to & from her parents. Noah plowed.
- 10. We unloaded mill feed & fetched a load manure from father AM. I helped to frame on timber awhile at Reists. Noah plowed. After supper we fetched 2300# oats @ 1 c from Hy. Brubacher. David Sauder was ordained as Deacon for Conestogo District.
- 11. I dunged stables & in Elmira. I helped to thrash at C. Esch, PM. Noah plowed all day.
- 12.I helped to thrash at C. Esch AM. Noah finished up plowing. I fetched 2 bags wheat for hens from Dav. Bauman & 1700# oats @ 1 c from Hy. Brubacher, (for father). Rain last night.
- 13. Noah & I brought father 1400# oats, then at Sol. Reist's barn raising. Nice weather except a little cold wind. A. Lorch got hurt.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at Geo. M. Bauman's for dinner. Nice weather.
- 15. I chored about. Eli cut my hair AM. I helped preparing barn siding at Sol. Reist PM. Noah plowed at Reist. Colder.
- 16. Noah plowed at Reists. I fetched heifer from C. Esch's pasture, etc.
- 17. Noah plowed at Reists. I shaped up stables for cattle, etc.
- 18. Noah plowed at Reists. I shingled on Reist's barn roof. Cattle confined to stables.
- 19. Noah & I build pig pen in horse stable. Rain.
- 20. Noah fetched a load cleaning ups from father's lot. We chored, etc.
- 21. SUNDAY: We at Martins' Meeting, at Urias Martin's for dinner, at Enos Martin's for supper. Wet snow showers.
- 22. Noah fetched plow from Reist. Opened silo. Trimmed awhile.
- 23. We at Dan. Gingrich's wedding, by my parents. Some sleighs out.
- 24. We chored About, I helped to shingle on Reist's roof. Milder.
- 25. I helped to thrash at M. Weber 1 day, Noah helped to thrash at David Cressman 1 day. Snow melting, slush.
- 26. I helped to thrash at D. Cressman about 1 hr. in morn. till crank broke. Noah helped to thrash at M. Weber AM. I in Elmira on buisness PM. Slushy.
- 27. We chored & did small jobs, chopped grain awhile. Rain.
- 28. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. Dan. Gingrich's here for supper.
- 29. We chored about. Noah got horse shod. I helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman ½ dy., PM. Colder.
- 30. Noah & team helped Lydia or rather Dan's fam. to move furniture to their home near Winfield. I helped in morning to load. I chored about. Cold wind & snow.

### DECEMBER 1915

- 1. I paid taxes in Elmira & by father.
- 2. I helped to thrash at D. Hoffer ¾ dy, and paid "fire damage" at W. Woolwich Meeting house for 2 church members.

- 3. I helped to thrash at Geo. M. Bauman all day.
- 4. I helped to thrash at Geo. M. Bauman all day.
- 5. SUNDAY: We at home. Jonas Martin's Norman here for dinner.
- 6. We moved g. engine to Joe Ernst & set up ready for thrashing AM., -thrashed PM., Noah, I & engine present.
- 7. We helped to thrash at Joe Ernst AM. Moved outfit home to me, Joe teamed 1 load up & helped a little in setting.
- 8. We thrashed 1 day. The foll. helped: --Geo. 1; Cressman 1; Esch 1; Hoffer 1; J. Ernst 1; M. Weber 1; Hy. AM & F. Weigel, PM.
- 9. We thrashed 1 day. The foll. helped: --2 from Geo; Esch 1; Cressman 1; D. Hoffer 1; J. Ernst 1; F. Weigel 1; M. Weber 1; P. Bauman 1.
- 10. We got separator, etc, ready to move, chored AM. Reuben fetched separator, Noah took other load down to the former's place. I drove Sussie home who helped here over thrashing.
- 11. We dunged stables & worked small jobs.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at home. Noah at parents for supper.
- 13. I helped wife to wash AM. Eli & Levi Gingrich brought Harvey Weaver of Pa. here for over noon.
- 14. Wife & I helped to butcher 4 hogs at Dan. Bauman all day. Henry M. Martin burried today, lived near Conestogo.
- 15. I took poultry out to Elmira, took wife to Dentist to get artificial teeth measured & in store. Nice sleighing.
- 16. We prepared for & cleaned wheat & bagged same.
- 17.1 sheared hairs off of cattle's back & took wife to Dentist. Jno. Spaeth burried. Sleet & Rainy.
- 18. I took 31 bush. wheat, test 60, price 98 c, to Conestogo mills & brought a ton middlings home. AM. Got horse shod PM.
- 19. SUNDAY: We at Day. Bauman's for dinner.
- 20. I took 26 bu. wheat, test 59, standard price 98 c to St. Jacobs, & 1290 lbs. bran home, Noah & I hauled up hardwood which father made short in Geo's bush, into our shed, 4 I'ds.
- 21. I fetched 2 loads sand for garden & 1 for chickens from M. Snider AM. Noah & I at Mrs. Louisa Brubacher's sale, PM.
- 22. I helped to thrash at Evan Martin for Hy. Brubacher 1 day. Noah chored & hauled 2 loads gravel into J. Cressman's lane.
- 23. We prepared for & chopped a few hrs, grain. I fetched gasoline from Elmira. Wet from above.
- 24. We dunged stables out. Cleaned cattle, put lard & coal oil on them.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: Noah & I at WW Meeting.
- 26. SUNDAY: Alvin & Mary Bauman (children of Orvern in Mich.) & Jesse here; they & Noah M. Weber's here for dinner. Peter Brubacher's wife burried at Conestogo. Wife's sisters Mary Ann & Annie here yesterday.
- 27. Chored. Wife & I by Dentist, PM.
- 28. We inspect potatoes & apples, at Ab. Weber's sale PM. Nice sleighing.

- 29. I fetched 7 bags potatoes @ 1.25 from Enos Bauman. Bishop Risser of Markham burried. Noah chored. Snowstorm, PM.
- 30. Noah & I took a bed straw sack to parents, chored, etc.
- 31. Noah hauled 1 I'd gravel for J. Cressman & 1 to here. I chored & in Elmira.

# DIARY 1916

## ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR DAY: We at home. Noah at Dan Gingrich's.
- 2. SUNDAY: Martin Bauman's baby burried at Martins. I read.
- 3. I started to make a lounch, framework, Noah, a manure sleigh.
- 4. I took wife up to her parents in morn. & fetched her in eve.
- 5. I finished lounch frame, took same to father & got works for same also to father. Got horse shod. Rainy, snow going.
- 6. I worked at works on lounch by father under his supervision, AM. I & team went with Hy. Brubacher to Yatton to fetch hay for his barn; Hy. & his brother Benj. each a load too. Stormy.
- 7. I helped Hy. Brubacher to unload a load hay in morn. Then he & I fetched each a load hay again from & to same place as yesterday. Sleighing icy & then on high gradings. Cold.
- 8. We loaded some chaff in morn; Noah hauled same to Sol. Reist AM. We loaded a load straw & hauled it to father PM.
- 9. SUNDAY: We at Daniel Gingrichs, Bro.-in-law for dinner. Amos Bearinger's here for supper.
- 10. We at Elmira fair. I took wife up to her parents PM.
- 11. We at Amos Bearinger's Wedding all day.
- 12. We butchered a cow, --Father & M. Weber helped a little.
- 13. N. L. Martin, my parents, wife's parents, & wife's sister Mary Ann helped, Elihere too, butchered 3 hogs.
- 14. I helped to butcher at M. Weber all day. Wife's sister Mary Ann here yet, to paint (grain) corner cupboard. Cold.
- 15.1 in Elmira AM. I took Mary Ann home & cow hide, to Hawksville, 71# @ 15c. PM, Roads practically for wheels.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Stormy.
- 17. We chored about. I took cream down to parents. Cold & Stormy.
- 18. I worked at my lounch, by father, he helped a little. Stormy.
- 19. I helped to butcher at Ivan Martin all day. Weather milder.
- 20. Wife & I down by parents. I & father put surface cover on lounch.
- 21. Noah & I chopped grain, etc. Fine rain, then very Spring like.
- 22. I in Elmira & fetched lounch home, etc. Sleighing gone.

- 23. SUNDAY: Noah & I at W Woolwich Meeting. 2 boys here for dinner, Samuel F. Bowman's here for supper.
- 24. I fetched dehorner, then we dehorned & 9 head of cattle. I at funeral of Mary Snider, widow of late Hy. Snider, aged 82 yrs., burried at W. Woolwich. David Bauman's here for supper. Warm.
- 25. I fetched (Sold) flour \$4 per cwt., 100# chopped corn, 2300# middlings from St. Jacobs mill. Soldiers marched from Waterloo to Elmira today. Nice weather. I fetched 2 bags corn at 82 c @ bu. from Elmira. Father's health not better past while. Mother has inflamation of the bladder.
- 26. Noah & I sifted corn meal from corn chopp; cleaned wheat; unloaded middlings. Practically no freezing past nights.
- 27. We cleaned goosewheat, etc. Rainy AM. Mild.
- 28. Cleaned barely & oats mixture, also some peas.
- 29.1 in Elmira. Helped J. Cressman dehorn cattle. Cold.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at Hy. Brubacher's for dinner. Sam Brubacher's boys here for supper. Light rain.
- 31. We cleaned peas. I & family by her parents over noon; --then Dan & I at Enoch M. Bauman's sale near Wallenstein.

#### FEBRUARY 1916

- 1. We cleaned barely AM. J. Cressman brought Anninias Bauman, lately of lowa, to here for a call.
- 2. I took to Elmira 18 hens, wt. 91# @ 12 c, 495# peas @ \$1.65 per bu., 249# Goosewheat at \$1.15 per bu. AM. I fetched mill feed from St. Jacobs.
- 3. I took wife to Dentist AM. I up by Enoch Burkhard to buy 2 sows PM. Cold & stormy.
- 4. We did the chores, etc. Noah in Elmira PM.
- 5. I in Elmira. I & Geo. in his bush to pick out firewood trees for me.
- 6. SUNDAY: Aaron W. Weber's and Isaiah Weber here for supper.
- 7. Noah & I in Elmira, took out 43 hens, 29# @ 12c. Wife's mother here to help boil soap. Stormy.
- 8. Wife's mother here to help boil soap, I took her home after dinner, then I was in Elmira. Sleighing by night time.
- 9. I fetched 2 young sows at \$22.00 each from Enoch Burkhard. Noah took 2 bags goosewheat to I. Brubacher, Elmira, at \$1.20 per bu., AM. We cut down & in pieces 2 maple trees in Geo's bush, PM.
- 10. We hauled home those 2 trees in Geo's bush, which we cut.
- 11. I in Elmira & paid a call on parents. We cut short tree top.
- 12. We dunged out stables, AM. Sawed treetops PM.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Noah away for supper.
- 14.1 fetched 7 small pigs from Dav. Bauman for \$27. AM. I took cream down to parents. Noah cleaned cattle. Cold.
- 15. We chored about, sawed wood, & other small jobs.

- 16. We sawed logwood short. I painted lounch legs. Milder.
- 17. We chored & sawed wood. Nice weather, --thawed a little.
- 18.I in Elmira. We worked odd jobs. Stormy. Daniel Weber, burried at Martins, he lived about 2 miles N W from St. Jacobs.
- 19. We did the Sat. chores. Noah visited parents PM.
- 20. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Noah at WW Meeting.
- 21. I helped wife to wash AM., took cream down. Cold.
- 22. Chored. Noah at Geo. Herman's sale, East of Elmira. I read.
- 23. Chored. Sawed & splitt some wood.
- 24. Chored. Wife's mother here, her father also for supper. I read.
- 25. Chored. I in Elmira. I read books.
- 26. We did Sat. chores. I read books. Noah in Elmira; Stormy.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Very Stormy.
- 28. I took cream down & fetched child's rocking horses from Amos Weber.
- 29. Ephraim sick from teething; I fetched doctor in. We let grain chopped.

#### **MARCH 1916**

- 1. Noah at Addison Snyder's Sale, near Floradale. I read, etc. Nice.
- 2. I in Elmira, Chored & read. I helped in house these days.
- 3. We chored & read.
- 4. We did the Sat. chores; Mixed hog feed; etc.
- 5. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 6. I helped wife to wash. Noah & I took cream down to parents. Sleet, stormy; thunder & lightning in eve.
- 7. We chored & read. Wife's mother here today. Amos Bearinger's moved to "Old Bearinger's homestead". Milder.
- 8. Sale at Joe Snyder. Jno. Sheidel, Deacon, burried at Martin's, aged 84 yrs. 25 days. I read. Stormy.
- 9. I read. Chored. Leah B. Bauman here on a visit.
- 10. I took 20 doz. eggs to Elmira, etc, Leah Bauman visit here.
- 11. I fetched 1 ton middling, from A. S. Gingrich, Elmira and drove Leah Bauman up to Dan Bauman's. Chored.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 13. Noah at fair. A still-born baby boy was born to us. I fetched wife's mother in morn. Thawed a little.
- 14.1 & Dav. Cressman Sr. searched out burial site at W. Woolwich graveyard. I by parents. I fetched Leah B. Bauman as hired girl from now on. Eli & I burried dead child at above named place. Doctor called in. Cold.
- 15.I took C.P.R., Elmira, --5 hogs, wt 820#, & 6 hogs, wt. 990#, price 10c a lbs, for Auman. I had another one along but it got legs broke, so we butchered it PM. Doc. called.
- 16. I in Elmira; took mother-in-law home. Cold.
- 17. Noah sorted good mangles from bad ones. I waited on wife & child.

- 18.I in Elmira & by parents AM. A. Lorch here to asses farm etc. Wives of Dan.& Dav. Bauman & Hy. Brubacher here. Cold.
- 19. SUNDAY: Noah & I at WW Meeting. Wife's sister Mary Ann here for sup.
- 20.1 in Elmira AM. I fetched 400 four-inch tiles from Conestogo to M. Eby, to be used as a drain for father's house cellar. Amos Bearinger's paid a call in morning. Wet snowfall.
- 21. I fetched 400 four-inch tiles from Conestogo re father's house-cellar drain AM. I at B. Rudisuela's sale PM.
- 22. I helped to wash clothes AM. Prepared for chopping, etc.
- 23. Laced belting, etc. Noah & I at Gideon Snyder's sale. I bought cow for \$89.00. Noah brought her home. Nice weather.
- 24. Peter Bowman here to exchange barely chopp for mixed seed grain. We cleaned mixed grain for Dav. Bauman, etc.
- 25. I in Elmira fetched 5 gal. Gasoline @ 33c. We chopped grain. Eli up at same time while we chopped. Mild. Levi Cress Burried at St. Jacobs, aged 79 yrs, 28 days.
- 26. SUNDAY: Josiah Cressman's & Noah Bearinger & Ezra Weber here for dinner. Aaron B. Martin's child burried at NW.
- 27.1 fetched ½ ton corn @ 82c per bu. We chopped grain awhile PM. Very mild, rain, high water. Roads bad. Hy. Brubacher's (son-in-law of Hy. Weber) child got burried.
- 28. Noah & I cut straw, etc, AM. Dav. Bauman & I at Titus Bauman's sale, PM. Bauman & Letson's sash factory burned this afternoon. Sleighing now gone.
- 29. Noah & I filled bed straw sack. I took him down to father to work awhile there now making harnesses. Widow of late Dan. Bowman burried at N. Woolwich, aged 92yrs. 10 days. Snow going fast. I wrote letter to A. Rudy.
- 30. Wife of Sidney Weber (nee Barbara Sauder) burried in Lancaster Co., Pa. I chored & cleaned apple trees. Warm.
- 31. I fetched 473# salt at 35c per cwt. from Hy. Brubacher at Elmira. Amos Martin's child burried at S. Peel. I chored.

### **APRIL 1916**

- 1. I did Sat. chores. I up at Linwood, C.P.R. yards & fetched home 2 calves at \$6 & 11.50 each. Bad roads & weather.
- 2. SUNDAY: My brother Isaiah here for dinner; Jonas Bauman's for supper.
- 3. I chored about, etc. Nice weather, but muddy roads.
- 4. I chored & cleaned trees.
- I chored & in Elmira.
- 6. I chored AM., at sale by West Montrose, --bought & fetched desk \$3.35 (?)
- 7. I chored and cleaned some at desk I brought yesterday.
- 8. I did Sat. chores, AM.; In Elmira PM.
- 9. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nice weather.
- 10.1 at fair. Fixed desk. Noah back from father. Nice weather.

- 11. I had team out to draw water for others to wash out WW Meeting house, -- hired girl helped to wash. We made shingle stool.
- 12. Scrubbed & washed my desk, did the women folks. I took to C.P.R. Elmira, for Auman 4 hogs, wt. 690#, price 10.75. Then we washed harnesses, I took some of harness to father to get mend.
- 13. We oiled harnesses. I cleaned apple trees, etc., PM.
- 14. I prepared for & sett end batch clucks. I at sale of late Daniel Bowman's household effects. Noah worked on harness.
- 15. I cleaned trees AM & Noah PM. I at sale of late Levi Cress household effects, St. Jacobs. I bought some articles. Some soft rain.
- 16. SUNDAY: Noah & hired girl at WW Meeting. Dan Bauman's & Isaac (bro. to hired girl) here for dinner. Israel Shantz's, & Jacob, son of Enos Martin, here for supper. Thunder & rain in evening.
- 17.1 helped to build a temporary roof, etc, at Bauman & Letson's new building site, Elmira, PM. We cleaned appletrees.
- 18. We cleaned apple trees, etc., Wife & I took child to Dr. Heist, Elmira; Paid my mother a call. Windy.
- 19. I helped to shingle on a new roof on house of Peter Bowman, 1 dy. Noah chored & cleaned appletrees. Nice Weather.
- 20.1 fixed cellar stairs, cleaned apple trees, etc. Some rain. New Post Office, in Elmira, rings out the hours these days.
- 21. GOOD FRIDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. Jesse & Mary Ann Bauman (wife's brethren) & Hannah Martin here for supper. Rain in eve.
- 22. We chored about. I worked on silo bolts, repaired corner chisel.
- 23. EASTER SUNDAY: We at Amos Bearinger's for dinner. Noah & Leah at S. Peel.
- 24. "MONDAY: I wrote into this Diary. Wife & hired girl at Dan. Bauman's quilting.
- 25. Women folks down by Israel Bauman's doing housecleaning. Father here. We repaired corner chisel, step ladder, horse eveners, etc.
- 26. We finished up cleaning apple trees.
- 27. We sawed & cut apple tree branches. I in Elmira.
- 28. I hauled 3 loads of gravel from I Bearinger's pit to Bauman & Letson's new planning mills. Land drying off.
- 29. I hauled 2 loads of gravel from I. Bearinger's pit to Bauman & Letson's new planning mills AM. I helped to shingle on Peter Bowmans house roof. PM. Noah chored.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at N. Woolwich Meeting AM., at Seth B. Martin's for dinner, at Aaron B. Martin's for supper. Nice day.

#### MAY 1916

1. I worked on chicken pens, fetched pole from Geo's bush & prepared same for a cultivator tongue. Rain towards eve.

- 2. We chopped grain. Wife & I with child by Dr. Heist, by my parents for sup.
- 3. We prepared chicken pen & repaired hog pen. Some rain.
- 4. Wife & I had Ephraim in Berlin by Dr. Hagmier's in X-ray machine.
- 5. I in Elmira & chored about. Noah plowed sod a little then drawed apple tree brushes on a pile.
- 6. I took a "thin" steer to C.P.R. Elmira for Auman Wt 470# for \$30.00. Got seed corn from D. Hoffman. We drawed brushes out of orchard. I dunged stables. Light rain PM.
- 7. SUNDAY: Noah & hired girl at Eli S. Martin's for dinner, at N. Martin's for supper. I called on Hy. Brubacher's to inquire after sick girl. Wife's parents here for supper. Nice day.
- 8. Rain & thunder in morn. We burned brush pile. Plowed sod. I in Elmira PM. High Winds.
- 9. We teamed rails & stakes along rail fences AM. Windy. We repaired rail fences PM. I took wife & child to Dr. Heist.
- 10. We repaired rail fences. Chopped grain till chopper broke.
- 11. We repaired rail fences nearly all day.
- 12. We picked stones from & rolled grassfield AM. Noah ganged in furrows. I worked small jobs & in Elmira.
- 13.1 cultivated nearly all day, sowed peas a little. Nice Weather.
- 14. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. John M. Bauman's here for dinner, Isaac Martin Sr. here for supper. Rain PM & tonight.
- 15. I took chopper to Elmira Foundry to get repaired, then fetched a calf for \$7 from Levi Horst. Noah put up fence south of orchard. Aaron Hoffman's child's funeral at Conestogo, age 27 mon.
- 16. Noah & I drawed out 4 loads manure & spread same on grassfield. We also cleaned seed oats, Rainy, PM. I & women folks put finish paint on my desk & on cradle. Wife & child by Dr. Heist.
- 17. Hired girl & I helped preparing for funeral at Peter Bowman's. We fixed up fences when I came back.
- 18. Wife & I at funeral, at house, at Peter Bowman's, --I drove the coffin carriage; aged 1 yr., 1 mon., 27 dys. Noah & Leah at Meeting House.
- 19. We hauled out 8 l'ds manure on grassfield & for proposed goosewheat.

  Rainy PM. Wife by my parents, --I fetched her in eve. Father getting weaker & has now Ericyplyes on forehead, --his right eye swollen in.
- 20. We hauled out 3 loads manure & spread. Noah cultivated PM. I got 17 bags grain chopped & did other odd jobs.
- 21. SUNDAY: We at Dan M. Bauman's for dinner, at David B. Bauman's for supper. Hired girl at M. M. Weber's for dinner. Nice weather.
- 22. We sowed & harrowed about 3 acres goosewheat, & sowed about 3 acres oats. Rain after dinner. I in Elmira & by parents, PM.
- 23. I got 2 of my teeth filled in Elmira AM. We patched up rail fences.
- 24. I took 8 hogs to C.P.R., Wt. 1400#, price \$10.50 for Wm. Auman. Noah cultivated hoe crop field. I treated oats for smut, etc. Nice.

- 25. We harrowed proposed hoeing field, sowed oats & harrowed. Nice.
- 26. Cultivated & sowed oats. Nice Warm weather.
- 27. Wife & child & I by my parents greater part of day. Rain in Morn.
- 28. SUNDAY: We down by parents nearly all day. Nice weather.
- 29. I took wife down to my parents, --she helped to wash. Noah plowed. I fixed fence, took a load chopping to Elmira. Rain in eve & night. Wet as ever.
- 30. Noah helped C. Esch to drive cattle along with mine up to his pasture. Wife & I had Ephraim by Dr. Heist D. O.; I did odd jobs.
- 31. Martin Bauman's child's funeral at Martin. I destroyed tent caterpillar's by soaking their nests with coil oil. We fixed fences, etc.

#### **JUNE 1916**

- 1. ASCENSION DAY: I at NW Meeting AM. I tilled some of hoe land. Wife & child & hired girl called on Eli H. Bauman's. Amanda Bowman died, --dau. of Henry by Floradale. Nice weather. Father weaker. Brubacher's child still low. Dan Gingrich filled up in face, otherwise as the last while.
- 2. I tilled mangle patch & also sowed about 1 acre B. & Oats. Rain towards evening. We loaded some hay intended for father's horse.
- 3. I at M. Oswald's sale, Elmira, bought leaf table, also took hay to father. Jno. M. Bauman's waited on parents latter part of week.
- 4. SUNDAY: We by parents nearly all day. Noah & Leah at Martin's Corners. Raining in the evening. Isaiah waited on father tonight.
- 5. Noah fetched chopper from Foundry. I waited on dad PM & tonight.
- 6. Wife helped to wash by parents nearly all day. I helped there AM. I sowed B. & Oats PM. I waited on father over night.
- 7. I sowed B. & Oats & harrowed AM. & a little after noon till rain came; I went to father in afternoon & stayed over night.
- 8. I by father AM, --he had a severe spell of pain. Dad summoned for doctor. Jno. Bauman's on duty again by parents. I fetched a morris chair from Dan Gingrich's Sr. for father to sit in when he so wishes to, PM.
- 9. I in S. Peel Meeting, --Mose Horning & Frank Horst officiated, they being both from Lancaster Co. Pa. Rain & thunder at noon. I to Parents in afternoon.
- 10. I fetched "beef Ring" beef in morn, then today & night by parents.
- 11. SUNDAY: I waited on father all day (he had exceeding pain). Rain in afternoon. Isaiah waited on father tonight.
- 12. I offered young pigs for sale at Market place AM. I by dad PM. Dan Gingrich (bro.-in-law) waited on my father tonight, I there too. Rain PM.
- 13. I waited on father nearly all AM & tonight. Helped to plant potatoes.
- 14. I waited on father today, --N. L. Martin tonight, I there too. Widow of late preacher Peter Martin burried at W. Woolwich, aged 93 yrs., 6 mons. Rain in afternoon.
- 15. I waited on father nearly all day. Isaiah came too in afternoon there for the night. Preacher F. Horst & Bishop M. Horning & wife, David Horning & Jonas

- Martin's who drove these people of Pa. paid a call on my parents in afternoon; at same time a storm raged outside consisting of heavy rain, thunder & lightning, --also a cyclone showed up coming from South of Elmira visited East part of Elmira & played havoc on buildings & trees.
- 16. I sowed grass seed & worked other small jobs. Noah & wife in Elmira.
- 17. We took 7 head of cattle to C.P.R. for Auman, Wt 6150# @ 8 ½ c. Eli S. Martin from yesterday noon till today noon waited on father. I by father PM. & night. Jonas Martin there too over night. Rain PM.
- 18. SUNDAY: I by father all day & night. Dan Gingrich there to wait tonight. Women folks awhile at Hy. Brubacher's. Some rain today.
- 19. I waited on father all day. Jno. M. Bauman's came to parents PM. Reuben M. Bauman there too over night. Father vomited about 1 cup blood, also some yesterday.
- 20. We all at funeral of Hy. Brubacher's child, Lydia Ann, aged 11 yrs., 2 mons., burried at W. Woolwich, all others at Hy's over noon. I sowed about 1 acre mixed grain yet, tilled land & sowed same in corn & mangle seed. I & Geo. B. waited on dad. (Jno's there too).
- 21. Noah tilled up turnip patch. I walked through wheat, etc. We sowed turnips & mangles. Is. Brubacher & I by dad over night. Jno. Bauman's helped during day time. No Rain.
- 22. I by father all day & night. Brother Isaiah there too over night. Noah worked up another patch for turnips. No Rain.
- 23. I by father AM., Eli S. Martin PM & night. He ate his last spoonful of nourishment (beef juice) today. Noah & I cut awhile thistles, Noah took a load silo outfit to Elias Martin Sr. PM.
- 24. We cleaned silo rings etc., AM. Noah took silo rings to Elias Martin Sr. I by dad PM & night; Jonas Martin also tonight.
- 25. SUNDAY: I by father all day & night. Dan Gingrich's & Isaiah also tonight.
- 26. I by father all day & tonight. Reub. & Jno's there too over night, --the latter there also during daytime.
- 27. Father died this morn at about 5.10 oclock AM. I helped to prepare for the change about the house all day. Eli Martin helped about all day too. Dan. Gingrich's there over night.
- 28. I was summoned to Elias Martin Sr. to inspect silo building operations engaged there, then to my mother to help there.
- 29. We all at funeral of my father, aged 56 yrs., 3 mons, 9 dys. Burried at W. Woolwich.
- 30. I helped to build 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ring concrete silo at Elias Martin Sr.

#### **JULY 1916**

1. I helped to build 8 & 9 ring silo at Elias Martin Sr. Warm weather. Noah sowed some oats & a little corn mixed under for pasture.

- 2. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Ephraim sick all past week. Noah & Leah away.
- 3. I build 10 & 11 ring silo at E. Martin Sr. Noah rolled land etc.
- 4. I at E. Martin Sr. erected 12 ring silo & prepared for plastering. Noah performed statue labor by hauling 5 loads gravel.
- 5. I plastered silo at Elias Martin Sr. Noah performed statue labor.
- 6. I build 1 & 2 ring concrete silo at Oliver D. Snyder.
- 7. I build 3 & 4 ring silo at O. D. Snyder.
- 8. I build 5 & 6 ring silo at O. D. Snyder. Sol. Lichty's child's funeral at W. Woolwich today.
- 9. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. Dan Gingrich's (sister) Eli Horst's, Samuel Bowman's Jr. here for dinner. Some young folks also here for dinner. I at PM Meeting.
- 10. Mary & Ada Martin of Akron, Pa., here last night & today. I build 7 & 8 ring silo at O. D. Snyder. Noah & Leah cut thistles.
- 11. Noah mowed grass. N. L. Martin & I made an inventory & prepared same & will for to be put on record in registry office. Noah & I are appointed executor for my father.
- 12. Noah mowed grass in morn while I prepared for hauling in hay. We hauled in 5 loads of hay.
- 13. Noah mowed grass with mower & I with scythe. Hauled in 5 1/4 I'ds hay.
- 14. Noah & I mowed grass in morn. We hauled in 5 ¼ I'ds hay. We all at funeral of Menno Frey's wife (nee Leah Martin) aged 32 yrs, 8 mon, & 6 days at W. Woolwich.
- 15. We hauled in 3 ½ loads of hay here & I down to mother. Wife went to her parents. Hauled away in all 20 I'ds hay. Hot weather all wk.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at Sol. Bowman's for dinner, at Simon Martin's for supper. Bishop Jonas Martin Sensenig's funeral in Pa. Noah & Leah away.
- 17. Fetched in I'd summer wood. N. L. Martin & I by H.W. Zillax re executor's affairs. I took waggon to D. Hollinger to get retired. We cut thistles.
- 18. Noah scuffled hoe crop. I made fences more piggy proof, etc. We cut thistles PM. I fetched waggon from Hollinger's. Hot.
- 19. Noah & I cleaned mangles & turnips all day. Hot weather.
- 20. I cut grass with team & mower in Elmira Exhibition Grounds 1 dy. Noah mowed weeds in fence corners. Seth Bauman's funeral, aged 64 yrs, 7 months, at Martin's.
- 21. Noah & I hauled a I'd hay from Exhibition Grounds to Moeser's barn Elmira AM. I by Ivan Martin to help put away hay; --after supper I went home & fetched team & waggon & took a load hay home from Ivan.
- 22. We hauled hay out of Exhibition Grounds to town barns. Whole wk. without rain in this vinicity, but had some up North. Hired girl helped to work by mother.
- 23. SUNDAY: Reub. Bauman's young folks here for dinner. We by my mother for supper. I paid a call at Ed. Spaeth PM.

- 24. I helped to haul hay out of Exhibition Grounds to town barns AM. I helped to put hay away at Eli M. Martin PM.
- 25. I helped to put away hay at Eli M. Martin ¾ dy. Noah cleaned turnips. Mary Bauman, dau. of Elias, of Pa., here for a call.
- 26. I build 9 & 10 ring silo at O. D. Snyder. Noah & my wife (& child) up to Dan Bauman cleaning turnips.
- 27. I build 11 & 12 ring silo at O.D. Snyder. Noah & my wife (& child) up to Dan Bauman cleaning turnips.
- 28. I build 13 & 14 ring silo at O.D. Snyder. Noah in town, chopped awhile & cut wheat.
- 29. Lowered silo rings & plastered silo at O.D. Snyder. Noah cleaned cistern & shocked wheat. Hired girl helped my mother. Hot wk.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at Martin's Meeting AM., at Joshua Rudy's for dinner, at Alvin Weber's for supper.
- 31. I got things ready for the move of silo outfit to Elias Martin Jr., AM: I set outfit, filled 1<sup>st</sup> ring at E. Martin Jr., PM.

# **AUGUST 1916**

- 1. I helped to build 2,3 & 4 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. Noah fetched mill feed from St. Jacobs Mills. Wife had child by Dr. Heist.
- 2. Funeral of Peter Martin, aged 71 yrs, less 7 days, at N. Woolwich. I build 5 & 6 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. Noah & hired girl fetched in 3 l'ds wheat. Great fire in N. Ontario's forests.
- 3. Aaron Weber Sr. burried at W. Woolwich. I build 7 & 8 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. AM., I in Elmira & worked small jobs PM. Noah pulled w. oats.
- 4. I build 9 & 10 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. Noah chopped grain & pulled w. oats.
- 5. I helped to build 11 & 12 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. Naoh in Elmira & pulled wild oats. A few rain drops in morn, --yet very dry.
- 6. SUNDAY: We at W Woolwich Meeting AM. Hired girl to S. Peel Meeting PM.
- 7. I build 13, & 14 ring silo at E. Martin Jr. Noah cleaned turnips.
- 8. I plastered silo at E. Martin Jr. Women folks at D. Bauman's quilting. Noah blistered "Dick" for sidebone. Light rain last night.
- 9. I helped to cement a little & prepared mixing outfit for the move at E.M., AM Prepared for & cemented some part of foundation for a concrete bridge in Hy. Horst's lane, PM.
- 10.1 made bridge cribbing, etc at Hy. Horst 1 dy. Noah cut barely.
- 11. N.L. Martin & I secured probate of father's will & excuted some of the executor's duties AM. I helped at Hy. Horst's bridge PM. Noah shocked barely. Wife hoed mangles & corn.
- 12. We set silo outfit & build 1 & 2 ring silo at Emil Snyder near Heidelberg. Noah fetched "Beefring" beef, hoed corn, blistered "BiAy".
- 13. SUNDAY: We at Edward Spaeth's for supper. Noah & Leah at Conestogo Meeting.

- 14. I helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at E. Snyder. Noah hoed turnips.
- 15. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at E. S., AM. Ezra Weber's barn, of near Winterbourne burned, fire mysterious originated. Noah & I chopped grain & hauled in barely. Cool last days.
- 16. I helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at E. Snyder. Noah scuffled hoe crop AM., Pulled peas PM.
- 17. I helped to build 9 & 10 ring silo at E. Snyder. Noah hauled in peas.
- 18. Noah & I bindered & shocked oats, & goosewheat.
- 19. I helped to build 11 & 12 ring silo at E. Snyder. Geo. Fries funeral.
- 20. SUNDAY: David Bauman's & family here for dinner. Paul M. Martin's barn burned from curious origination.
- 21. I helped to build 13<sup>th</sup> ring silo at Emil Snyder, also let down rings & prepared for applying cement cream. Noah at Geo. ¼ dy. thrashing.
- 22. Let down ring, white washed inside of silo with a cement cream at Emil Snyder. Emil hauled 1 I'd of outfit to Ab. Gingrich. Noah bindered 2 acres mixture. Dark clouds, little rain, cooled off.
- 23. I hauled 7 hogs, Wt. 1150, at \$11.75 to C.P.R. for Auman, then I bindered mixed grain. Finished bindering. Cool.
- 24. We hauled in Goosewheat, also oats, wife helped. I fetched 1 I'd of silo outfit from E. Snyder after supper. Some rain.
- 25. Noah & I hauled silo outfit load to Ab. Gingrich in morn. We set outfit & filled 1 & 2 rings silo. Noah scuffed corn.
- 26. I helped put in 3 & 4 & 5 ring silo at Ab. Gingrich. Noah & wife hauled in 4 loads grain; Eli helped on 1 load.
- 27. SUNDAY: Enoch Bauman's child's funeral at Martins', PM. We with Dav. Bauman's & Hy. Brubacher's at Hy. B. Martin's for dinner, at Jno. S. Frey's for supper. Isaiah here for supper.
- 28. I helped to build 6 & 7 ring silo at Ab. Gingrich. Noah & I hauled out & spread 7 loads manure PM. Noah plowed sod.
- 29. Noah & I hauled 7 I'ds manure AM. I helped put in 8 & 9 ring silo at Ab. Gingrich PM. Noah hauled out 4 I'ds manure.
- 30. I helped to build 10 & 11 ring silo at Ab. Gingrich AM. Noah plowed sod.
- 31. I helped to build 12 ring silo at Ab. Gingrich AM. Noah plowed sod AM. We hauled in 3 large loads of grain PM.

#### SEPTEMBER 1916

- 1. The name of Berlin Ont. officially tranferred to Kitchener. I plastered silo at Ab. Gingrich. Noah fetched Middlings from Klincks 1100# @ \$32 per ton, then plowed sod; Cool tonight.
- 2. I helped to build 1, 2 & 3 rings silo at Louis Brox.
- 3. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. Young folks here for supper. Frost last night, some corn damaged.
- 4. I helped to build 4 & 5 ring silo at L. Brox. Noah plowed sod.

- 5. I helped to build 6 & 7 ring silo at L. Brox. Noah fetched Middlings.
- 6. I helped to build 8 & 9 ring silo at L. Brox. Noah hauled 1400# Middlings from Klinck's also 100 bu. oats @ 58 c per bu., to here.
- 7. HARVEST MEETING: We all at WW Harvest Meeting AM. We a while by wifes parents. Noah fetched 54 bu. oats from Klinck & plowed sod awhile.
- 8. I plastered silo at Louis Brox. Noah raked stubbles & hauled in wood.
- 9. We raked stubles & hauled in rakings & more wood. Fetched a load manure from Mother. Wife's parents here for supper.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at Conestogo Meeting, at Manassa Martin's for dinner.
- 11. We fetched a I'd manure from mother, at Elmira Fair, AM. Noah helped to thrash at F. J. Weigel about 4 hrs. PM. I attended a tiling meeting by Mose Eby, and examined my ditch.
- 12. Noah & I re-opened ditch in Geo's & J. Ernst's bush. I & wife took (our hired girl) Leah Bauman to G. T. Station to give her a send off together with wife's parents on their departure for Pa. I at Manassa Bauman's house where a funeral proceeded there from to Martins' for burial, --It was the widow of late Isaac Sitler, aged 67 yrs. 8 mons, 27 dys. We at Amos Bearinger's for supper.
- 13. Noah helped to thrash at Hy. Brubacher AM. I worked on ditch nearly all day, Noah PM.
- 14. I helped to make tile ditch by D. Hoffer & M. Eby all day. Rain in eve.
- 15. I made tile ditch put in tiles & covered said up again across highway said being for a better outlet for mother's cellar toll. ¾ day; Isaiah helped ½ dy. I examined & bought pigs from A. Martin.
- 16.1 & Noah cleaned ditch in our bush. I prepared for & laid tiles by M. Eby ½ dy., PM. Cool these days & night.
- 17. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting AM., at Martin Frey's Jr. for dinner, at Anson Martins for supper.
- 18. I fetched 6 pigs for me & 2 for Noah from Aaron Martin @ \$2 each. We worked awhile on ditch, AM. I helped L. Brox to move silo outfit & fetched 25 cement tiles from Hy. Shantz to be used by M. Eby. Noah helped to thrash at Sol. Reist ½ day, PM.
- 19. Frost last night-got corn. I laid tiles for M. Eby nearly all day. Noah helped to thrash at J. Ernst 4 hrs. & worked on ditch.
- 20. Noah & I cut clover with mower & platform attachment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> man to shuff heaps there from on rows, we cut this proposed seed clover on J. Ernst's land, nearly all day. Nice.
- 21. Noah, I, O. Esch & Amos Bearinger build 1 & 2 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbauer. Rain between 11 & 12 o'clock.
- 22. O. Esch, A. Bearinger & I build 3, 4 & 5 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbaum.
- 23. O. Esch, A. Bearinger & I build 6 & 7 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbauer.
- 24. SUNDAY: We all at home. Nobody here.
- 25. O. Esch, A. Bearinger & I build 8 & 9 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbauer.
- 26. O. Esch, Noah & I build 10 & 11 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbauer.

- 27.O. Esch, Noah & I build 12 & 13 ring silo at Hy. Stadelbauer. Rigged up mixing outfit & moved same home in eve. Rain in eve.
- 28. I fetched separator from J. Ernst to here AM., took wife to mother, then fetched flour & feed from Conestogo Mills. Rain.
- 29. Noah & I lowered silo rings & applied cement cream on silo at Hy. S.
- 30.1 finished up silo at Hy. Stadelbauer ¾ dy. Noah plowed. Magnificient Northern Lights this evening. Nice weather.

### OCTOBER 1916

- 1. Sunday: We all at WW Meeting.
- 2. We scrapered out ditch, part in chob & part in field.
- 3. I fetched gasoline 1 Bbl @ 30c per gal. Set machines. We fetched a load clover from J. Ernst & thrashed it, fetched 1 I'd more.
- 4. We thrashed clover several times over; fetched more in evening.
- 5. We finished thrashing clover AM. Cleaned clover & set separator PM. prepared for thrashing grain.
- 6. We and neighbours thrashed here ¾ dy's grain.
- 7. We scrapered with team at ditch AM., Noah plowed, I in Elmira & Floradale.
- 8. SUNDAY: We and my mother visited Eli H. Bauman's over dinner; we at Solomon Reist's for supper.
- 9. Noah & I hauled out 12 loads manure, etc. Rain in morn.
- 10. Noah & I hauled out 11 loads manure. I took Wife & Ephraim to Dr. Heist. I brought J. Ernst's share of clover which we thrashed.
- 11. We hauled out 12 I'ds manure. I made out mangles while Noah unloaded.
- 12. We hauled out 14 I'ds manure. I made out mangles while Noah unloaded. We hauled in also a load of corn on shocks.
- 13. I helped to thrash at Menno Weber ¾ day, & gathered in some apples. Noah plowed; unloaded corn & chopped a little. Cold & a little rainy.
- 14. I fetched beef in morn, apples in from orchard & spread manure. Noah plowed.
- 15. SUNDAY: I paid a call on Dan G. Gingrich AM. My mother here for dinner then she along with us paid a call on Peter Bowman's (she's ill)
- 16. I at fair, then spread manure rest of day. Noah plowed.
- 17.1 spread manure & Noah plowed AM.; hauled out 6 I'ds manure. Sleet.
- 18. We hauled out 7 I'ds manure & I I'd from Mother; hauled in 1 ½ I'd mangles, etc.
- 19. We dispatched a tubercular calf, skinned & burried him. Moved stove into winter quarters. I in town. Rainy & drizzly all day.
- 20. Noah & I plowed nearly all day. Rain over noon. Dreary.
- 21. Noah & I plowed all day with 2 teams. Ground is now more moist.
- 22. SUNDAY: We at Dan Bauman's for dinner and super. Nice.
- 23. We plowed all day. Beautiful day.
- 24. We plowed all day. Dreary.

- 25. We plowed all day. A little rain.
- 26. We plowed all day. Colder.
- 27. I to Floradale to buy applebutter, but obtained nothing. Noah plowed awhile in morn, --Noah & I to Elmira AM. We plowed PM.
- 28.1 fetched 2423# Middlings from St. Jacobs' Mills, paid Edward Spaeth's a call AM. I fetched 15 bags potatoes from Klinck @ \$1.40 per bag. I bought haystack from Jno. S. Frey.
- 29. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Solomon B. Martin's here for dinner, Lydia Bennerman & Lydia Shirk both of Pa. here with Jesse & Mary Ann Bauman & Elias Martin, for a call PM. Thomas Risser and Freeman Rittenhauser took part a Meeting services.
- 30. Noah & I plowed all day.
- 31. Noah plowed nearly all day. I patched roofs on buildings & finished up ditch we recently cleaned out. I in Elmira in eve.

#### **NOVEMBER 1916**

- 1. I cleaned out stables, etc. & cleaned wheat. Noah plowed.
- 2. Noah plowed nearly all day. We chopped grain ¼ dy. I plowed etc. Thunder & lightning and a little rain in eve at 6 o'clock.
- 3. I plowed & topped turnips turn about AM. Noah also plowed AM. Noah & I prepared for & hauled in 2 I'ds turnips PM. Frost in morn.
- 4. I cleaned out stables & topped turnips. Noah plowed all day. Dreary.
- 5. SUNDAY: We at Amos B. Martin's for dinner.
- 6. Noah plowed AM. I made out turnips, etc. AM. We hauled in 3 ½ I'ds turnips PM.
- 7. Noah plowed, I got "Roy" shod & made out turnips AM. Noah & I hauled in 2 ½ I'ds turnips PM.
- 8. Funeral of Dan Ernst's wife PM. I took 25 bu. wheat, test 63, price \$1.75, for Klinck to Wallenstein. I worked at Irvin Martin, patch work in front of stable PM. Noah plowed.
- 9. Rainy & drizzly nearly all day. David Cressman Sr. brought Martin Ramer's to here for over dinner, --the former also stayed for dinner, --the latter I visited when enroute through Ind. I took Ramer's to preacher Dav. Martin for a call, to deacon David Martin for supper, to Dan Hoffman's overnight.
- 10. I worked on front of stable by Irvin Martin nearly all day. I paid a call on wife of Simeon Snyder of Alta., at M. Good's. Noah plowed.
- 11. I completed job, by Irvin Martin; I in Elmira. Noah plowed.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at N Woolwich Meeting AM., at Noah Weber's for dinner.
- 13. Noah plowed. I at fair, took 1 ¼ ton Bran along home at \$30 @ ton from A S. Gingrich. C. Esch & I fetched our pasture cattle.
- 14. I helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman all day. Noah plowed.
- 15. I helped to thrash at D. Cressman awhile in morn. then about ¾ dy at Chr. Esch. Noah dunged stables.

- 16. We hauled out 7 I'ds manure with sleigh AM. Noah plowed under the above mentioned manure on sod. I in Elmira.
- 17. Eli gone to Hospital for a rest cure. Noah plowed sod. I did small jobs & in Elmira.
- 18. Noah hostler at David M. Martin's for Eli H. Bauman's funeral. We, mother & Amanda Eby attended funeral of above, at house and Meeting house at W. Woolwich, aged 87 yrs, 1 mon., 24 dys.
- 19. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting, at Elias W. Martin's for dinner, at Enos Gingrich's for supper. Nice weather.
- Funeral of Joe Shoemaker's wife at N. Woolwich. We sawed wood in our bush AM. I helped to thrash at Eli S. Martin PM.
- 21. Martin Good's funeral at Martins'. I ditched at Geo. M. B., AM; helped to thrash at D. Hoffer PM. Noah got grain chopped.
- 22. Hy. Steckley's child's funeral in Haye. I ditched at Geo. AM; helped to thrash at D. Hoffer PM. Noah chored about.
- 23. Noah & I helped to thrash at D. Hoffer ¼ dy each; Chored about PM. Mother here today and yesterday. Drizzly rain.
- 24. George Koenig, Elmira, burried. I took mother home. Noah fetched cement, -we made concrete edge at shed pavement.
- 25. We made concrete edge at shed pavement, chored. Snow storm.
- 26. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting AM. No visitors, Noah away.
- 27.1 made "baby proof" self locks on sink & cupboard doors.
- 28. We repaired soft-water pump, put double windows on house.
- 29. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist all day. Noah & mother at B. & W. Hospital visited Eli. Soft weather prevails the last days.
- 30. Noah helped to thrash at Sol. Reist all day. I at Dan Gingrich's Sr. Sale, Winfield; took mother up to Lydia. Colder.

# DECEMBER 1916

- 1. I on buisness in Elmira AM., helped Geo. put in tiles PM. I paid by taxes also settled for mother's.
- 2. I let grain chopped & brought home 1 ½ ton Bran. Noah Hostler at D. Hoffer. I attended funeral of D. Hoffer's wife (nee Shantz) aged 50 yrs, at Elmira, PM. Thawed some, cold at night.
- 3. SUNDAY: Reub. M. Bauman's & Noah F. Martin's here for dinner. Noah visited Eli at B & W. Hospital. Weather milder.
- 4. I unloaded bran. We cleaned seed peas; & mixed grain. Cloudy.
- 5. Funeral of David Ernst, St. Jacobs. Noah & Orval of Guelph, I in Elmira, bought feed, worked small jobs.
- 6. I took wife up to her parents & fetched her again. We cleaned seed goosewheat, also barely. Prepared for drawing hay. Windy.
- 7. Noah & I hauled 2 I'ds hay from Jno. S. Frey, --1 to here & 1 to mother.
- 8. We unloaded hay by mother AM., fetched another I'd hay, PM.

- 9. We unloaded hay here. I fetched Middlings & scorched corn from Geo. Klinck PM. Snowstorm.
- 10. SUNDAY: We at David Bauman's for dinner. Colder weather.
- 11. I at fair; we fetched last I'd of haystack from Jno. S. Frey PM.
- 12. We unloaded hay by mother AM.; I sorted potatoes PM.
- 13. I helped to thrash at Geo. M. B. all day till in eve when Noah took my place & I waited on visitors at home viz: --Dan Bauman's, & Owen Bauman's, Mich., here for supper.
- 14. I in Berlin, also at Hospital to see Eli. Sleighing again. Stormy.
- 15. I helped to thrash at Geo. AM., Noah PM. Mose Gingrich's brought Jesse Baumans of Pa. here, all here over dinner.
- 16. Noah helped to thrash at Geo., AM; I fetched 40 bu. corn @ \$32.00 a ton which I had order in fall, AM. Amos Bearinger's & wife's sister Mary Ann here for dinner. Noah drove Mary Ann home in eve. We dunged stables PM.
- 17. SUNDAY: We at Dan M. Gingrich's (Lydia) for dinner. Noah by Eli (B & W H)
- 18. I paid corn bill at Klinck's AM. Etc. PM.
- 19. We helped (wife & I) to butcher all day by Dan Bauman.
- 20. I in Elmira AM. I with A. Bearinger per R. R. \* 3, PM.
- 21. I took summer sauage @ 35c per lbs. to Ruppel & Co. & lard to Mrs. D. Martin.
- 22. I fetched bag seed potatoes from A. Bearinger, AM. I paid Ed. Spaeth a call, also Va. Hahn Heidelberg re silo erecting.
- 23. I visited Josiah Schmidt re silo erecting AM.; I visited Dan G. Gingrich; & Amos Weber at Aaron W. Weber's, --whose wounds are about healed up after an operation performed on head re palsy at Guelph Hospital.
- 24. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting, AM., David Brubacher's here with Elias Gingrich's & family of Pa., Amos Brubacher's, Levi Weber's & Hy. Bauman's all for dinner; Ab. Bearinger's for supper.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We all at WW Meeting. Isaiah & Jesse Bauman with their intenandts-to-be here for dinner.
- 26. We did small jobs. I fetched 109# beef @ 10 ½ c (fore q. of cow) from Dav. Brubacher, then cut up some. Trees got laden with ice.
- 27. We butchered 2 hogs; Dan Bauman's & bro. Is. helped. Mild.
- 28. Did the after butchering look-afters; by Mother. Amos Rudy here for supper & night.
- 29. A. Rudy here awhile in morn' I with him by mother for dinner.
- 30. We chored about, etc. Wife & I by mother for supper. I by R.M.B.
- 31. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting, at Amzi Snyder's for dinner, at Ezra Bauman's for supper. Simeon Weber's child's funeral at Martin.

# **DIARY 1917**

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: We at NW Meeting, at Franklin Housser's for dinner, at Daniel B. Martin's for supper. Josiah Schalhorn's boy died, & burried at S. Peel.
- 2. I helped to butcher at M. Weber's all day. Noah got pig sleigh in order, etc.
- 3. Wife & I helped to butcher at Dav. Bauman all day. Soft weather. Noah hauled 8 hogs, Wt. 1250# @ \$11.60 per cwt, to C.P.R. Elmira for Wm. Auman.
- 4. I helped to do carpentering work by Reub. Bauman ¾ day. Mild.
- 5. I fetched 1 ton scorched corn @ \$34.00 from Klink. Rainy AM.
- 6. I helped to close up lintel sheds at Reub. Bauman ¾ day.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at NW Meeting, at Aaron M. Bauman's for dinner, at Isaac Gingrich's for supper.
- Noah & I at fair I exchanged 2 bags potatoes at Dan Bauman (so as to secure home raised potatoes for planting purposes) and Russian seed oats I got by Dav. Bauman.
- 9. I did carpentering work at Reub. Bauman ¾ day.
- 10. I helped to butcher at Ivan Martin all day. Wife of Jno. Snyder Alta. paid my wife a short visit.
- 11.1 helped butcher at N.L. Martin nearly all day, discussed over Executors affairs in eve. I also fetched sausage casings from here to N.L. Martin & fetched his scholar.
- 12. We chored about. Cold. Snow tonight.
- 13. I took cow, Wt. 1270# @ 6 ½ c, to C.P.R. for Wm Auman. Banker Dav. Ratz died. I worked on my acct. books.
- 14. SUNDAY: We all at home. Wind drifted snow last night.
- 15. I worked on I.M. Bauman estate book's AM.
- 16. I took wife & child to my mother to visit AM.
- 17. I read in a doctor book; etc.
- 18. We chopped grain, etc. Stormy.
- 19. I took 9 roosters & 15 hens out to Manassa Bauman (15c per lb.).
- 20. We chored about. I in Elmira PM.
- 21. SUNDAY: We (Noah & I) in WW Meeting AM. Ephraim teething hard.
- 22. I drove mail team; Elmira R. R. #3. Stormy & roads heavy.
- 23. I drove mail team, Elmira R. R. #3.; I drove wife to & from Dan Bauman's.
- 24. I drove mail team, Elmira R. R. #3; Jonas Martin's sale. Nice day.
- 25. I drove mail team, Elmira R. R. #3; Stormy & roads heavy.
- 26. I drove mail team, R. R. #3; I read, etc. Snow flurries.
- 27. I drove mail team R. R. #3; Stormy, -I wrote off from doctor book.

- 28. SUNDAY: George M. Bauman's here for dinner. Nice day.
- 29. I conveyed mail for Elmira R. R. #3. Damp & Rainy.
- 30. I took wife to my mother, "quilting". I conveyed mail for Elmira, R. R. #3.
- 31. I helped to prepare for funeral at Aaron Weber's & conveyed mail, Elmira, #3.

#### FEBRUARY 1917

- 1. Noah took wife to A. Weber's, --I kept Ephraim company, AM. Chored, etc., PM.
- 2. Wife & I & Noah helped at Aaron W. Weber's all day, at funeral of Daniel G. Gingrich, aged 38 yrs., 4 mon., 11 days; Getting Stormy.
- 3. Snowstorm & cold all day. I paid a call at Mother. Isaiah and Jesse Bauman back from Pa. after a visit.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at Dan M. Baumans, dinner & supper; wife stayed over night.
- 5. We took Elias Gingrich's to Hy. Gingrich's for dinner, then drove them to his bro. Mose; stormy.
- 6. I took cream down to Mother AM. We chopped grain PM. I took about 19 hens to O. Hollinger, --94# @ 15c, in eve.
- 7. I, Dav. Cressman & Hy. Gingrich at Toronto, --Dav got a "surgical truss" for his rupture, I visited Eaton & Simpson stores, also stockyards. Isaac Weber burried at Martins (75 yrs).
- 8. We chored. Wife & I on buisness in St. Jacobs & Elmira; I copied items of herb department from a doctor book.
- 9. I in Elmira. Chored about, etc.
- 10. I wrote from doctor book. Cold Week.
- 11. SUNDAY: Noah Horst's here for supper. Cold & nice.
- 12. Noah & Lat Fair. 20 below zero. I worked on books.
- 13. I worked on books & took wife to & from my mother's quilting. Noah at Balthaser Israel's sale PM.
- 14. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist 3/4 day. Nice day.
- 15. I placed grain & chopp in order AM., worked on books PM.
- 16. I wrote from doctor book, I had cold. Noah in Elmira.
- 17. I had cold. Dan Bauman brought Sussie in afternoon.
- 18. SUNDAY: We all including Sussie at WW Meeting AM.
- 19.1 helped wife AM in house; Ab. Gregory, Mich., here with Ivan Brubacher for supper. Sleet in eve.
- 20. I took cream to Mother, wife along too, --at her quilting. I fetched flour at \$4.00 per cwt. from St. Jacobs.
- 21. I helped to butcher at Hy. Brubacher nearly all day. Hogs \$13.50.
- 22. Wife & I in town. Dan Bauman's here for dinner & supper. Dan & I to Hy. Brodhecker" sale, N-E. of Elmira. Nice PM.
- 23. I took 7 doz eggs @ 50c to Elmira, & did reading. Thawed.
- 24. I fetched a bag of flour from St. Jacobs, etc.
- 25. SUNDAY: We at Amos Bearingers' for dinner, at Jos. Cressman's for supper.

- 26. Noah & I at Carl Weber's sale, E. of Elmira, PM. Nice & mild.
- 27.1 & family at Sol. Martin's childs funeral at NW aged 6 mon., 3 days. Noah & I cut 3 trees in Geo's bush PM.
- 28. We all at funeral of Manassa Martin's child, aged 11 days, at WW. Noah & I weighed pigs, made road to trees in Geo's bush & cut topwood. Nice day. Hogs worth \$14.25.

#### **MARCH 1917**

- 1. I and family at Jesse Bauman's wedding, at M. F. Martin's.
- I helped Hy. Brubacher unload salt at G.T.R. I bought some salt at 42c per cwt, --course salt.
- 3. I took a "tubercular" cow to Elmira for Auman for \$38. I cut maple topwood, Noah hauled same home. Nice day.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Ephraim not well. Noah away.
- 5. Snowstorm last night & today. I in Elmira, & did reading.
- 6. We hauled firewood logs from Geo's bush to here.
- 7. I took wife to & from her parents, I there for supper. I bought fertilizer from Hy. Brubacher at Elmira. Wet snow.
- 8. I helped to butcher at Geo. M. Bauman ¾ day.
- 9. We separated inferior grain from black barely. Stormy.
- 10. We sawed, split & piled up wood we fetched from Geo.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Noah away. Slushy roads.
- 12. Noah & I at fair AM., Chopped grain PM. Nice.
- 13. Noah & I worked on firewood. Mother here today.
- 14. Noah & I sort seed black barely from inferior grain. Colder.
- 15. Sol. B. Martin's & Judith Gingrich brought Enoch B. Martin and family of West Can. to here for dinner. We took pump apart, I in Elmira. A little rough weather.
- 16.1 churned butter. I took to O. Hollinger, Elmira, 21 hens, wt. 118# @ 19c, then fetched a load middlings from St. Jacobs.
- 17.1 dunged hen stable, shoveled snow, etc. We piled up wood. Noah in Elmira. Rain and later snowstorm.
- 18. SUNDAY: Noah at WW Meeting AM. Ivan Brubacher here for supper.
- 19. We hauled 12 loads manure out on proposed corn patch.
- 20. We hauled 2 loads manure up from mother, put same with 4 loads of ours on grassfield.
- 21. We drawed 8 loads manure out.
- 22. We drawed 4 loads manure out. Rebecca born to us, I took mother home. Thawing.
- 23. I helped about in house. We fixed hay rake, weighed pigs, dreary & rain at noon. Bad roads. Thunder in eve.
- 24. I helped about in house. Noah & I opened roads. Doctor called in.

- 25. SUNDAY: Amos Bearinger brought Mary Ann & took wife's mother to his place as they too have a boy born to them. Wife's mother here since Thursday. I called on doctor. Wheels out.
- 26. I in Elmira AM. Waited on wife, --she has childbed fever (septicemia), temp. 105, pulse 135. Doctor in.
- 27.1 waited on wife. Doctor in. Rain in morn, snow & wind PM.
- 28. My mother here today. Noah & I fixed parts of waggon & mower. Doctor paid a call.
- 29. Dan Bauman's here for a call. Noah made 1 pair new horse-rocker soles, etc. Wife's temp. 102, pulse 115.
- 30. Wife low last night & this morn., temp about 105, pulse 150. Noah fetched wife's mother AM.; Doctor in, I there in eve.
- 31. Wife a little better. I worked about in house & in Elmira AM. Doctor called in in eve.

#### **APRIL 1917**

- 1. SUNDAY: I at Doctor's offices in morn. Ivan Martin's, Menno Widemans & David Baumans and Dan Bauman here for dinner. Wife worse again, doctor in, Temp. 104. My mother here; also wife's mother till eve.
- 2. I by doctor in morn; wife better again. I helped Mary Ann to wash. We washed & patched harness. Rainy.
- 3. Doctor in, AM. We oiled harness. Wife's mother boiled soap here today. Wife practically over fever now.
- 4. I rigged up waggon, etc., fetched boar from Dan Bauman. I took wife's mother home in eve, Noah made harness together.
- 5. I disinfected hen's nests & set a few clucks, I in Elmira & did other odd jobs. Rain & snow.
- 6. GOOD FRI: Noah & I at WW Meeting, AM.
- 7. I at Noah Martin on buisness AM. I helped about in house PM. Mary Ann had grippe.
- 8. EASTER SUNDAY: Nobody here. Mary Ann had grippe badly.
- 9. Noah & I at fair AM., at Joe Ernst's sale PM. Wife of late Daniel Gingrich here for dinner.
- 10. Noah & I by my mother nearly all day, other brothers & Dan Gingrich's & N.L. Martin there too, to divide property up of fathers. Nice day.
- 11.1 sold 2 hogs to Auman, Elmira, Wt. 330 # @ 15.25. Also took 2 hogs of Noah's along AM. I did carpenter work at D. Cressman's house PM.
- 12.1 whitewashed our bedroom AM., I at D. Cressman build part of a chimney, etc. PM. Colder in eye.
- 13. We hauled out 6 I'ds manure AM. Noah hauled out 2 PM. I & N.L. Martin by mother PM., re estate work.
- 14. We hauled out 3 I'ds manure on grassfield, changed hogs, etc.
- 15. SUNDAY: Noah & Mary Ann at WW Meeting AM. F. Weigel low, ill.

- 16.1 at funeral of Levi W. Martin's Urias, aged 3 mon, 15 days, at WW. I fetched 788# feed oats No. 1 at 82c, 1000# middlings for \$22.50, from Elmira. We cleaned seed oats.
- 17. Meeting house got washed out, I there AM. I build bal. of chimney & prepared plaster mortor at D. Cressman PM.
- 18. We cut straw & filled a bed strawsack. Chopped grain. Hauled ashes out on land, picked stones off grassfield. Warm.
- 19. Noah picked stones AM. I at Weigel's preparing for funeral AM. We spread some manure. Rain in eve. I at Weigels over night.
- 20. Noah spread manure & plowed sod. I worked on executor books, and in Elmira.
- 21. Noah & I plowed awhile AM. Noah acted hostler at Weigel's over noon & PM. I drove a carriage load of mourners at funeral of Fred. Weigel, aged 48 yrs. Funeral held at Elmira. Dan Bauman exchanged girls, brought Sussie & took Mary Ann.
- 22. SUNDAY: Sussie & I at funeral of Amos Bearinger's child, Enoch, aged 26 days, at W. Woolwich; we there over noon. Snow tonight.
- 23. I at Jesse Bauman to clean & plaster cistern, also worked at house waterwell. Wheat worth 2.25.
- 24. I plastered at kitchen at Dav. Cressman. Cool & nice.
- 25. I brought Dan Bauman his boar & a sow he bought of me, in morn. Then we cultivated, sowed oats, & peas. Cold, high winds.
- 26. I floated plaster walls at D. Cressman's kitchen, AM. I settled acc'ts with Geo. Bauman & cleaned silo rings. Noah plowed sod for proposed corn patch. Some rain & cold.
- 27. Noah cultivated, then sowed oats, 3 acres, harrowed it, then cultivated in the far field. I worked on silo bolts, etc.
- 28. Noah cultivated AM., harrowed PM. I sowed mix. grain.
- 29. SUNDAY: Henry S. Brubacher's here over dinner; Amos Bearinger's called.
- 30. Noah sowed 1 acre B. Barely and mixed grain & harrowed. I helped to work in garden, etc. Very nice weather.

#### MAY 1917

- 1. I spread manure on grassfield. Noah finished up plowing sod for corn. Rainy. I took cream down to mother, etc.
- 2. I cleaned & cut dandelion roots for medical purposes, worked on books & visited David Bauman. Snowstorm in morn. Windy.
- 3. Noah cultivated sod for corn patch, sowed a little grain and harrowed. I worked small jobs. Cool.
- 4. Noah cultivated & sowed 7 acres oats. I treated seed grains with formalin, for smut, etc. Land in fine shape.
- 5. Sprinkling rain. I in Elmira. Noah painted buggy.
- 6. SUNDAY: Menno Weber's here for dinner. Noah & Sussie away.

- 7. We carried straw out on raspberry patch in morn, I at fair. Noah cultivated, & harrowed about 7 acres.
- 8. Noah cultivated AM., sowed oats & harrowed. I fetched fertilizer drill from Hy. Brubacher & sowed with it 7 acres in barley, and goosewheat, some with fertilizer.
- 9. Noah harrowed AM., then prepared potatoe patch. I rolled 2 fields. In eve we planted 5 rows early potatoes.
- 10. We worked up mangle patch, I fetched sower from Geo. Noah ridged land & I sowed mangles.
- 11. I in Elmira bought 925# oats @ 86c, finished sowing mangles. Noah rolled mangle & oat patches. I worked in garden by my mother awhile. PM.
- 12. Noah & I rolled land each a while. I took heifer to C.P.R Elmira, for Auman, Wt. 930# @ 11c and another wt 780# @ 10 ½ c AM. Wife of Hy. Brubacher brought wife of Moses Ortwein to us for a call. Sussie & I washed my 2 buggies. Holding hard back for rain & cool.
- 13. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Aaron M. Baumans here for dinner. Aaron Rudy's here for supper.
- 14. We drawed out 13 I'ds manure for top dressing on grain.
- 15. We drawed out 2 I'ds manure & spread 15 loads.
- 16.I hauled 10 hogs, wt. 1620 @ \$16.25, to C.P.R. Elmira, for Auman, whitewashed kitchen; Got brown team reshoed & brought 2900# nut coals home, \$9.00 per ton. Smokey air. A little warmer now.
- 17. ASCENSION DAY: We, Sussie & my mother at Dan Bauman's for dinner & supper.
- 18. Noah & I hauled some of silo outfit to Josiah Schmidt & cistern rings to Joseph B. Martin & then I worked on cistern by Joseph.
- 19. Noah & I & team helped at Geo. M. B. drawing out manure nearly all day. Heavy rain and thunder started at 5.30PM and worked havoc around Winfield, --Warm with high winds before.
- 20. SUNDAY: We at Jesse Bauman's for dinner, at Sam M. Bowman's for supper.
- 21. I went abroad to collect mandrake & bloodroot. Rain in eve.
- 22. We worked small jobs, I took Sussie to Dav. Bauman to help clean their house. I also in town. Rainy.
- 23. Noah & I repaired silo scaffold, etc. I in Elmira. Rainy.
- 24. Noah & I worked small jobs. Wet snow in morn. I helped to remove earth for silo at Josiah Schmidt ½ dy. PM.
- 25. Noah repaired mixer horse-power; I at J. Schmidt removing earth.
- 26. Noah took steer, wt. 680# @ 9c to C.P.R. for Auman, Elmira. I hauled a load silo outfit to J. Schmidt, build 1 ring concrete silo.
- 27. SUNDAY (Whit): Noah Bearinger, Jonas Martin's Sarah here for dinner. Amos Bearinger's here for supper.
- 28. WHIT MON: We & all my brethren at mother's place, divided father's clothes.

- 29.1 helped to build 2 & 3 ring silo at J. Schmidt. Noah prepared for & planted 8 rows potatoes.
- 30. Noah hauled gravel per statue labor AM & sowed corn PM. I & wife planted potatoes, etc., AM. I helped to build 4 ring silo at J. S.
- 31. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at J. S. Noah hauled gravel on road all day.

#### **JUNE 1917**

- 1. Rain in morn. I to J.S., erected scaffold & put seventh ring silo. Noah painted my buggy. Amos Rudy here tonight on a visit.
- 2. I helped to build 8 & 9 ring silo at J. Schmidt.
- 3. SUNDAY: We paid a call on Eli H. Bauman's widow, at Jonas Bauman's for supper.
- 4. I helped to build 10 & 11 ring silo at J. S. Noah piled up wood in bush.
- 5. Noah & Sussie helped at funeral of Levi Brubacher's wife in Elmira. We at funeral too, AM. I helped to build 12<sup>th</sup> ring silo at J.S.
- 6. I helped to build 13 & 14 ring silo at J. Schmidt.
- 7. I plastered silo at J. Schmidt. Noah fetched hay from mother.
- 8. I at J. Schmidt in morn to load outfit, --moved to Val. Hahn, Heidelberg, set up & filled 1 ring silo. Noah put cattle in Esch's pasture.
- 9. I helped to build 2 & 3 ring silo at Val Hahn. Noah fetched shavings (wood).
- 10. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting; Joshua Rudys & Dan Gingrich's here for dinner.
- 11. Peter G. Martin's child burried at S. Peel. I helped at Val Hahn to build 4 & 5 ring silo. Noah tilled hoe patches.
- 12. I helped to build 6 & 7 ring silo at V. Hahn. Noah sowed turnips.
- 13.1 helped to build 8 & 9 ring silo at V. Hahn. Noah drove a carriage load of mourners at Jac. Peppler's wife's funeral. Rain and thunder in eve, and then yet frost.
- 14. I helped to build 10 & 11 ring silo at V. Hahn. Noah scuffled mangles, etc.
- 15. I plastered silo at Val Hahn. Noah worked in mangle patch, etc.
- 16.1 rigged up & build 1 & 2 ring silo at Charle Busch, St. Clemens. Noah worked in mangle patch.
- 17. SUNDAY: We and wife's sister Mary Ann, Amos Bearinger's & Josiah Cressman's & family at Serranes Martin's for dinner, at Serannes Ziegler's for supper, I had team in. Nice day.
- 18. Noah & I cut thistles nearly all day, Sussie helped PM.
- 19. I helped to fill 3 & 4 ring silo at Ch. Busch. Noah & Sussie cut thistles. I took my wife to Dav. Bauman in morn. Noah fetched her.
- 20. I helped to build 5 ring silo & walls at Ch. Busch. Noah & Sussie cut thistle.
- 21. I plastered silo at Ch. Busch, moved to Jno. M. Brubacher & made silo floor in eve. Noah & wife cut thistles.
- 22. I helped to build 1 & 2 ring silo at Jno. Brubacher. Noah cut thistles, etc.

- 23.1 helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at J. B. Noah fetched beef & cut thistles. Rain.
- 24. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Noah & Sussie away.
- 25. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at J. B. Noah took Sussie home and cleaned mangles.
- 26. Rain and thunder last night and greater part of day. I in Elmira. Noah & I cut thistles in eve.
- 27. I helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at J.B., --also a water trough. Noah cleaned mangles all day.
- 28. Mother & I at funeral of Israel L. Martin, at Martins, aged 42 yrs, 7 days, AM. Noah cleaned mangles AM. Some Rain PM.
- 29. I plastered silo, etc, at J.B. Noah cleaned mangles. Rain in morn.
- 30. Noah & I cleaned mangles & cut thistles. I in town at noon.

## **JULY 1917**

- 1. SUNDAY: Heavy rains & high floods in morn. Jonas Martin's here for dinner.
- 2. I helped to build 1 & 2 ring silo at Manassa Martin.
- 3. I helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at M. M.
- 4. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at M. M.
- 5. I helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at M. M. also at Hy. Sauder's barn raising awhile. Noah scuffled corn. Mother by our place yesterday & today.
- 6. I helped to build 9 & 10 ring silo at M. M.
- 7. I helped to build 11 & 12 ring silo at M.M. Rain PM.
- 8. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Moses Weber's Jr. here for supper.
- 9. I lowered silo rings & prepared for plastering silo at MM. Rain PM. Noah fetched 2 I'ds shavings from Elmira.
- 10. I plastered a little of silo, rain, replastered again as rain washed it off, at Manassa Martin.
- 11. I finished plastering silo at M.M. rigged up and moved from Manassa to Merdard Martin, N. of Elmira; Rain in eve.
- 12. Rainy in morn, I picked potatoe bugs off plants, took beef ringer to Hy. Klinck, in Elmira, worked on executor books. Noah & Mother in Conestogo & St. Jacobs.
- 13. I helped to build 1 & 2 ring silo at Merdard Martin. Noah cleaned turnips & fetched oats from Elmira (80c).
- 14.1 helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at Merd. Martin. Noah cleaned turnips. Rain every day this week.
- 15. SUNDAY: David Bauman's & family here for dinner & supper.
- 16. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at Merd. M. Noah cleaned turnips. Dav. Bauman's Lizzie spends holidays here.
- 17. I helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at Merd. M. Noah cleaned turnips.
- 18.1 helped to build 9 & 10 ring silo at Merd. M., Noah helped me AM at Merd. M. Noah hoed corn PM. Wife at Dan Bauman.

- 19. Noah hoed corn all day. I helped to fill 11<sup>th</sup> ring silo & lowed other ring at Merdard Martin.
- 20. I plastered silo at Merdard Martin, we then also load outfit.
- 21. I helped to rigg up & fill 2 rings silo wall at Amos M. Martin, Yatton. Noah scuffled corn & mangles. Warm.
- 22. SUNDAY: David Bauman's, my mother and we at NW Meeting, at Anson Gingrich's for dinner, I took mother to Dan Gingrich's, we others at Addison Gingrich's for supper. Exceedingly hot weather, reported to be 100 degrees in shade.
- 23. I helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at Amos Martin. Noah cut grass in orchard, some wild oats, & awhile in Show Grounds.
- 24. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at Amos Martin. Noah mowed grass in show Ground all day.
- 25. We put in 1 load orchard hog & I I'd green feed & cocked some. We hauled 5 loads of hay from show Grounds to town.
- 26. We hauled away bal. of hay in show Grounds to town AM. We hauled 3 loads of hay away by us. Threatening to rain, at noon. Very hot weather these days.
- 27. We hauled away 4 ½ loads hay. Noah mowed grass. I picked bugs.
- 28. Noah raked hay, I picked bugs, etc, AM. Hauled in 4 I'ds hay. I mowed grass in eve, Noah raked hay.
- 29. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Warm weather. Threatened to rain last eve.
- 30. We hauled in 4 l'ds hay. (We got in all 13 timothy, 5 ½ green feed).
- 31. We hauled in 1 I'd green feed. I picked bugs. Noah hoed corn.

#### AUGUST 1917

- Menno Horst burried at Martins. I at Amos Martin to help build 7 ring silo.
   Noah fetched 1 I'd hay from Dan Bauman. Heavy rain & thunder.
- 2. I helped to build 8 & 9 ring silo at Amos Martin.
- 3. I helped to build 10 & 11 ring silo at Amos Martin, I hoed corn in eve. Noah fetched 2 I'ds hay from Daniel Bauman.
- 4. I helped to build 12 & 13 ring silo at Amos Martin. Noah scuffled.
- 5. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Eli B. Martin's Jr., Noah Weber's, & some young folks here for dinner. Isaiah here for supper.
- 6. I plastered silo at Amos Martin. Noah hoed potatoes.
- 7. I helped to build 1 & 2 ring silo at Chr. F. Martin. Noah worked on hoe crop.
- 8. I helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at Chr. Martin. I took wife to & from Dan Bauman's. Rain early in morn.
- 9. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at Chr. Martin. Noah plowed sod at Dav. Bauman. I destroyed some potatoe bugs. Cool.
- 10.1 helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at Chr. Martin. Noah plowed sod at Dav. Bauman AM. We cut some barley PM.
- 11. I plastered silo at Chr. Martin; & picked bugs. Noah shocked barley, etc.

- 12. SUNDAY: Absolom Martin's & Josiah Cressman's here for dinner.
- 13. I helped to rigg up outfit & built 1 & 2 ring silo at Jac. D. Johnson. Noah hoed turnips and picked cherries. Mother here today, --Noah drove her.
- 14. I helped to build 3 & 4 ring silo at J.D. Johnson. Noah hoed turnips.
- 15. I helped to build 5 & 6 ring silo at J. Johnson. Noah hoed turnips. We hauled in a load black barely.
- 16. I helped to build 7 & 8 ring silo at J. Johnson. Noah hoed turnips & hauled in 2 I'ds barley; We fetched another one in eve.
- 17. We hauled in 2 I'ds barley in morning. Noah cut mixed grain. I helped to build 9 & 10 ring silo at Jac. Johnson.
- 18. I helped to build 11 & 12 ring silo at J. Johnson. Noah cut grain, etc.
- 19. SUNDAY: We with Amos Bearinger's at Isaac B. Martins for dinner, at Josiah Gingrich's for supper.
- 20. I plastered silo at Jacob D. Johnson, Noah cut grain.
- 21. Noah cut grain and I shocked of same. Dry weather.
- 22.1 fetched heifer from C. Esch's pasture & shocked grain. Noah shocked, AM & bindered PM. Hogs worth about \$18.80.
- 23. Land rain started last night & continued all day after dryspell. I took wife to my mother for over dinner, I did buisness in town.
- 24. Noah & I picked mulberries, & made room for oat sheaves in barn. We also shocked grain. Drear, cool & some rain.
- 25. I fetched beef, in town, raked barley stubles AM., at Geo. to thrash PM. Noah shocked grain & ganged barley stubles, etc. Dreary, drizzly.
- 26. SUNDAY: We and David Bauman's and my mother at Martins Meeting, at Israel Gingrich's for dinner, at Joe Snyder's for supper.
- 27. We cut oats, and goosewheat and shocked some of same.
- 28. Rain in morn. Noah ganged & harrowed. I nailed shingles on David Bauman's driving shed roof, & spliced rope PM.
- 29. I shingled on Dav. Bauman's driving shed roof ¾ dy. Noah picked mulberries AM. Cut oats PM. Cool weather.
- 30. We shocked grain in morn; finished bindering, AM, --used about 105 lbs. twine. We hauled in 5 loads mixed grain. Nice day.
- 31. We hauled in 7 loads mixed grain. Sprinkle rain tonight.

# SEPTEMBER 1917

- 1. We hauled in 4 loads mixed grain & 2 goosewheat. Hogs \$16.80.
- 2. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Aaron F. Bowman's here for supper. Rain in morn.
- 3. We hauled in 8 loads mixed grain. (Labor Day).
- 4. We hauled in 7 loads oats & 2 Goosewheat. Cool weather.
- 5. We hauled in 8 loads oats & 1 goosewheat. A little wind & cloudy.
- 6. HARVEST MEETING: We all at WW Meeting AM. We cut peas with mower & hauled in 2 loads oats, PM.

- 7. I, family, mother & David P. Martin's widow, at funeral at Martins, of Tobias Martin, preacher, aged 57 yrs, 5 dys. Noah & I raked stubleland, hauled in 3 loads oats; Sheaves all in.
- 8. We raked stubleland & hauled in 2 loads rakings. I in town.
- 9. SUNDAY: We at wife's parents for dinner & supper. Very cool.
- 10. Noah & I put in overhead floor in barn & fetched in 1 load rakings & 2 peas, took a load firewood to mother. Noah mowed thistles.
- 11. Funeral of Eli Horst's wife at Martins. Noah, I & team hauled in grain at Dav. Bauman nearly all day. Cool.
- 12. Noah &" I & team hauled in grain at Dav. Bauman nearly all day.
- 13.1 & team hauled in grain at Dav. Bauman AM. I pitched sheaves in field for Dan Bauman PM. Noah helped to thrash at Geo. Nice.
- 14. Noah & I helped to thrash out of field at Hy. Brubacher ¾ day, etc.
- 15. Noah & I hauled out 15 loads manure & I spraed nearly all of it too. I fetched beef in morn & in town. Elmira Fall Exhibition. Nice day.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nice Day.
- 17.1 helped to thrash all day at Hy. Brubacher. Nice Day. Noah started to work for Amos Bearinger in morn.
- 18. I hauled out 13 loads manure. A sprinkle rain.
- 19. I fetched mixing outfit to here from J. Johnson AM. Helped to set silo rings at Geo. H. Eisenbach, PM, on top of part old silo.
- 20. I helped to fill 1 & 2 ring silo at Geo. H. Eisenback, --he had a man at my stead to help thrash at C. Esch, 1 day.
- 21. I helped to fill 3 & 4 ring silo at Geo. H. Eisenbach.
- 22.1 helped to fill 5 & 6 ring silo at Geo. H. E. Noah came home from A. bearinger in eve, after 1 week there. Funeral of an old widow Rudy, burried at Martin's. A long dry weather.
- 23. SUNDAY: We by mother for dinner; Dan Gingrich's there too. Nice.
- 24. Funeral of Isaac G. Martin at Martins, aged 42 yrs, 7 mon. Noah helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman AM., dug out potatoes PM. I helped to fill 7 & 8 ring silo at Geo. H. E.
- 25. I helped to fill 9 & 10 ring silo at Geo. H. E. Noah dug out potatoes, picked off beans, & thrashed at Weigel's ¼ day.
- 26. I plastered silo at Geo. H. E. Noah thrashed at Weigel's all day.
- 27. I helped to move mixing outfit to Nathan Clemmer in morn, then we rigged up & build 1 & 2 ring silo. I went home in eve. Noah helped to thrash at Weigel's <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> day & picked beans.
- 28. I put in 3 & 4 ring silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed.
- 29. I helped to fill in 5 & 6 ring silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed & in town.
- 30. SUNDAY: Amos & Malinda Rudy here last night. We all at WW Meeting. Jesse B. Bauman's here for dinner.

#### OCTOBER 1917

- 1. Funeral of late Benj. B. Martin's widow, residing by her son Elias, burried at Conestogo, aged nearly 75 yrs. I helped to fill in 7 & 8 ring silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed & fetched oats from Geo.
- 2. I helped to fill 9 & 10 ring silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed.
- 3. I fetched a load gravel from A. Muttasch AM & 50 gal. gasoline & 2 bbl cement from K & Ahrens. We put concrete bottom in our silo. Drizzly rain.
- 4. I helped to fill 11 & 12 ring silo at N. Clemmer.
- 5. I helped to fill 13 & 14 ring silo at N. Clemmer. A little rain.
- 6. I plastered 22 ft silo at N. Clemmer. Noah heped to cut in corn at Solomon Reist all day. Frost tonight.
- 7. SUNDAY: My brother here (Eli) for dinner, Dan Bauman's for supper.
- 8. I helped to build 15 & 16 ring silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed.
- I plastered bal. of silo except top 5 feet where we left rings on yet, took scaffold out, build approach walls to silo at N. Clemmer. Noah plowed AM., helped awhile cutting corn at Geo. PM.
- 10. I drove in morn from N. Clemmer to N. L. Martin, for breakfast by him, discussing re selling I. M. Bauman farm. I engaged auctioneer Class to sell farm and at Printing office to get farm published as for sale to the public. I bought 2 steers 1720# @ 9c S. Weber & O'Neill. I repaired on our silo, etc. I took Mary Ann home after helping my wife to sow some while. Noah helped to cut corn at Geo.
- 11. Funeral of Israel Martin, son of Levi L. (who got killed on traction engine) at Martins, aged about 21 years. We made out 14 rows potatoes. We got in all 2 even boxesful.
- 12. Rainy day. I fetched in 2 loads mangles, top & all. Chored about. Fetched those 2 steers from S. Weber, I had bought latley.
- 13.1 fetched beef, & 100# Dr. Hess stock Dorie for \$7.00 AM., plowed PM. Noah plowed all day. A little rain at noon.
- 14. SUNDAY: We at NW Meeting, at Josiah Martin's Jr. for dinner, at Amos Bauman's for supper.
- 15. I fetch cutting box from Geo. Eisenbach & oats from Geo. (lent) Noah & I (& Dav. Bauman PM) cut corn off by hand. Nice day.
- 16. Noah cut balance of corn off, I fetched separator from Geo., etc., AM, We made out mangles & hauled in 4 loads PM.
- 17. We made out & hauled in 8 loads mangles (Turnips 16c 50lbs.)
- 18. We cut corn ¾ day, some strangers helped too. A little rain at noon.
- 19. We thrashed all day, some strangers helped. (Hogs \$17.50)
- 20. We thrashed all day. Some strangers helped.
- 21. SUNDAY: We & mother at Josiah S. Martins, visited "Aunt" Sussie, for dinner, at Aaron W. Weber's for supper.
- 22. Noah plowed all day, I plowed AM. & fetched in 2 I'ds mangles.

- 23. Noah plowed all day. I got grain chopped AM & topped turnips PM. Funeral of Jno. M. Brubacher of Elmira, burried at Berlin.
- 24. Noah plowed all day. I topped turnips done, pulled beans, etc.
- 25. Noah plowed all day. I replaced loaned oats at Geo's. and helped to thrash at Sol. Reist, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> day, buckwheat. Nice PM.
- 26. I made turnips out by hand all day. Noah plowed, AM & hauled 4 loads turnips into house cellar. Rainy in eve.
- 27. We hauled in 7 loads turnips & prepared room for same. Rain towards evening. I in town.
- 28. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Hy. & Solomon Bowman's & their wives here.
- 29. Rainy nearly all day. We prepared for, AM, & thrashed PM., neighbors helped. Noah plowed awhile in morn.
- 30. Noah & I plowed all day. Snow splurts once in a while.
- 31. Noah & I plowed 34 day, --frozen so hard that it just went so.

## **NOVEMBER 1917**

- Chr. Esch, N.L. Martin & I up in fathers swamp to examine same. Noah plowed all day; --I plowed PM. Men of Military age Class I called out to P.O. to register for service or exemption, --time to Nov. 10 inst. (Hogs about \$15.25)
- 2. I fetched steer from C. Esch's pasture in morn, then I plowed, --Noah plowed all day.
- 3. Noah & I plowed nearly all day, fetched in a few turnips. Nice.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at Christian Esch's for supper. Nice day.
- 5. I at Dan Gingrich to build smoke house ¾ day. Noah plowed about all day. Foggy & Frost AM., nice PM.
- 6. Noah plowed. I shingled at Dav. Bauman's shed 34 dy.
- 7. Brother Isaiah & I up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Peel to examine farms of Sam. Switzer & Mary Lawson. Nice Day. (50 lbs. Turnips 19c)
- 8. I at funeral of Jacob Bauman's Eldon at W. Woolwich, aged 6 mon, 9 days, AM. Noah spread manure & plowed; I plowed PM. Fog in morn.
- 9. I & N.L. Martin by H. W. Zilliax re drawing papers for selling. I. M. Bauman farm. Noah plowed all day, I PM.
- 10. I re-examined Lawson farm AM., plowed PM; Noah plowed all day.
- 11. SUNDAY: We at Dan Bauman's for dinner. Nice day.
- 12. We all at my mother for dinner. I attended sale of I. M. Bauman farm (at Elmira fair) sold by auction to Christian Eschs for \$6350.00, I bought at same time & place 2 acres swamp N. E. from Elmira for \$20.00, I in Elmira PM. Noah plowed PM.
- 13.1 examined Jno. Mahon's farm 6<sup>th</sup> of Peel AM. I plowed PM. Noah plowed, dunged stables, opened silo.
- 14. I helped to build silo roof at Amos M. Martin, Yatton. Noah plowed.

- 15. I helped to build silo roof at A. Martin, Yatton. Noah plowed.
- 16. I helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman all day. Noah drawed wood from this farm down to mother.
- 17. Noah helped to thrash at Dav. Cressman ¾ day. I chopped grain AM., I hauled wood to mother, in Elmira, at Aaron Bauman.
- 18. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Noah at Martins.
- 19. Noah started working in Elmira Foundry. I drawed 3 loads wood to mother; helped to thrash at D. Hoffer, PM.
- 20. I helped to thrash at D. Hoffer 1 day. Nice weather till now in Nov.
- 21. I helped to thrash at D. Hoffer 1 hr. in morn., then at Peter Bowman balance of AM. I dunged stables PM. Noah Bearinger, N.L. Martin's & Noah Shirk's of Pa. here for supper.
- 22. I changed chopp about, dunged henstable. Rain last night.
- 23.1 & Dan Bauman up to see Lawson farm AM., I chored PM.
- 24. I up West of Glenallan to buy farm from Mary Lawson, AM. I chored PM. Premier Borden held meeting at Kitchener (disorder).
- 25. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting. Enos B. Martin's here for dinner.
- 26. I at N.L. Martin & Dan Gingrich's on buisness AM., chored, PM.
- 27. Menno Shantz (deacon) burried at Martins, aged 81 years, 7 mon, 8 days. I chored AM. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist PM. Intended to meet Mary Lawson in eve at Elmira, but she seemingly misunderstood affairs & was not there.
- 28. I helped to thrash at Menno Weber all day. Fair weather.
- 29. I helped to thrash at Menno Weber 3/4 day. Fair weather.
- 30. I up to Mary Lawson to rearrange affairs for signing agreement, which she did, this afternoon, --I bought her farm for \$4200.00, 100 acres, East ½ of Lot 15, 5<sup>th</sup> Con. Of Peel. Paid down \$400.00. Ivan Martin here to fetch pigs & hens.

# **DECEMBER 1917**

- 1. I did chores, etc., fetched holstein cow for \$105 from Ivan Martin.
- 2. SUNDAY: We at Amos Bearinger's for dinner. Oziah Bauman's here for supper.
- 3. I & J. Cressman dehorned some of my cattle, I twice in Elmira.
- 4. Put double windows on. We in St. Jacobs & Conestogo on buisness.
- 5. Cleaned some grain, sorted rotten potatoes. Nancy Bowman here.
- 6. N.L. Martin & I worked in interest of I. M. Bauman Est. Nice day.
- 7. I took cutting box home to Geo. Eisenbach, & chored about.
- 8. I chored about & worked small jobs. Storm from East.
- 9. SUNDAY: Jno. H. Schmidt's wife burried at W Woolwich, --services at Elmira Luthern church. Bad snowstorm from West.
- 10. I took 18 pigs to Elmira fair, sold to several parties.
- 11. Eli & I chopped grain PM. Dan Bauman's here for supper.

- 12. I helped to thrash at Geo. Bauman all day.
- 13. I helped to thrash at Geo., PM. I chored & in Elmira.
- 14. I helped to thrash at Geo. all day. Cold these days.
- 15.1 at Dan G. Martin to secure beef-ring share, examined buildings on my Peel farm. At Hy. Klinck's beef ring Meeting. I arranged to procure seed grain from M. Schwitzer.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Nobody here.
- 17.1 hauled 3 loads wood from Geo's bush to mother & fetched salt from Hy. Brubacher, G.T. R. Station, at 65c per cwt. & 1 crown 2-furrow plow from Wm Moeser. Nice Day.
- 18. I hauled wood stuff to mother, etc.
- 19. I cleaned stables, chored, made a Eaton order bill out, on my farm measuring proposed wire fences.
- 20. Chored, trimmed cattle tails, etc. Aaron Bauman's team & man fetched a load ensilage from this silo. Mild.
- 21. I made an Eaton order out, look after binder re repair.
- 22. I helped to drive 4 head of cattle of mine up to Aaron Bauman, --weighed them at Sam Weber, the 2 I got from him weighed 1870 lbs @ 10c, gain 150#; the others wt. 1540# @ 9c. Wheels on road again. I fetched repair for on binder, etc. PM.
- 23. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting; Seth Martin's here for dinner.
- 24. I sheared backs of young cattle & put on some lime & ashes. Noah cleaned them & did chores. Aron Bauman's team fetched a load ensilage. Noah & I sorted potatoes & took a I'd straw to mother.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We at WW Meeting AM.
- 26. I prepared quarters in horse stable for a hog. Mary Ann here. Mary Ann & wife at Dav. Bauman's; I fetched wife in eve.
- 27. I prepared quarters in steer stable for hogs, moved grain about.
- 28. I chored AM., at Sol. Reist to thrash PM ¼ day. Very cold.
- 29. I in Elmira to fetch Eaton Goods & took cream out. Cold.
- 30. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Amos Bauman's child burried at N. Woolwich.
- 31. Aaron Bauman's team fetched a load ensilage. I in Elmira.

# DIARY 1918

# ANGUS S. BAUMAN JANUARY

- 1. NEW YEARS: We at Dan Bauman's for dinner & supper.
- 2. I paid a call on Ph. Beisel AM. Balanced up I.M.B. Est. books.
- 3. I at Ezra Fords' sale PM. I in Elmira, Eli fetched a little grain.
- 4. I helped Hy. Brubacher to fetch a pr. of colt from C. Ford.

- 5. A.M. Bauman's team fetched ensilage. Eli & I up in my swamp to cut posts, etc. PM. whole week cold. (Hogs \$17.50)
- 6. SUNDAY: We at home all day.
- 7. I at fair AM. & repaired harness tug, etc. PM.
- 8. I helped to butcher at N.L. Martin nearly all day. Brought butcherware to here from Noah. Eli chored.
- 9. I up in my swamp all day, cut poles, posts & firewood. Eli chored. Aaron Bauman's team fetched ensilage & brought 2 hogs for Mose Eby & 1 for mother to be butchered here.
- 10. We butchered 1 hog of ours, dressed 1 for mother & 2 for M. Eby; Mose & Eli helped me. I worked awhile on my meat & awhile by mother worked at hers. Elias Brubacher's woolen mills of Baden burned. Stormy.
- 11.1 cut firewood, mostly poplar up in my swamp ¾ dy. Eli chored & fetched galv. pipes of Eatons from station.
- 12.1 moved jars about in cellar, chored. S.W Gale, -very stormy.
- 13. SUNDAY: We at home all day. S. W. Gale, -very stormy. Proposed meeting at Martins postponed (re storm).
- 14. I drove Mary Ann home after sowing 1 week here. I shoveled snow, & in Elmira. Eli chored here AM.
- 15.1 cut wood in my swamp ¾ dy. Eli chored here. Aaron Bauman's team fetched ensilage. Hogs worth \$18.00.
- 16. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist 1 day. Eli chored here. Aaron Bauman's team fetched some grain. Enoch Bauman died.
- 17. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist 1 day. Eli chored here. I paid a call at Ph. Beisel's, --he died yesterday. Continually cold.
- 18. I helped to thrash at Sol. Reist till 11 o'clock. Eli chored AM. I at funeral of Ph. Beisel Sr., PM.
- 19.1 cut poplar firewood & sawlogs & poles in my swamp, ¾ dy. Eli chored. Aaron Bauman's team fetched ensilage. Cold.
- 20. SUNDAY: I at WW Meeting. Jacob Martin (son of Enos) here.
- 21. I chored AM. Eli & I in swamp PM. Cold last while.
- 22.1 chored AM & at Stange's sale, upper Woolwich, bought disc for \$25.50, 40 rds wire fence @ 45c PM.
- 23.1 in swamp cut poles & firewood. Eli chored.
- 24. I chored AM., & at Elias Brubacher's sale PM.
- 25. I in swamp. Eli here to chore PM.
- 26. I in Elmira, & at C. Esch discussing re swamp. I in swamp PM.
- 27. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Cold.
- 28. I cleaned black barley, also peas. Very stormy.
- 29. I helped Eli to wash harness AM., he & I chopped PM.
- 30. I helped to butcher at Aaron Weber all day. Nice but cold.
- 31. I hauled a load poles from swamp to Peel farm.

#### FEBRUARY 1918

- 1. I made cedar posts ready to team in swamp nearly all day, --C. Esch & I considered locality of swamp too.
- 2. I hauled 35 posts from swamp to Peel farm PM. I in Elmira.
- 3. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Very cold.
- 4. I hauled 32 posts, etc from swamp to Peel farm & chored.
- 5. I hauled 20 posts from swamp to Peel farm & 3 poplar sawlogs also from swamp to Floradale saw mills. (26 below zero) Very cold.
- 6. I hauled a few posts & firewood from swamp to Peel farm. Wet.
- 7. I in Peel by G. Steenson discussing over his hay in my barn. Worked a little in granary. Dan Bauman's paid a call. Cold.
- 8. I chored about AM & in Elmira on buisnes. PM.
- Wife of Peter P. Martin burried at Conestogo. I dunged all stables, etc.
  Factories & buisness place closed by order of Gov't re coal shortage (today & next Mon.).
- 10. SUNDAY: We at Hy. S. Brubacher's for dinner. Tree laden with ice, --also the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 11. Aaron Bauman's team fetched a load mixed grain AM. I at Dav Hoffer's sale PM. 1<sup>st</sup> thaw for this year, today.
- 12. Elmira fair today, I was there; Chored PM. Rainy. Roads bad.
- 13. I cleaned barely about all day, also bagged 62 bu. of same.
- 14. Icleaned barely AM. Urias & Isaac Bauman, Pa. here. Thawing.
- 15. I drawed 3 small loads barely & some peas to A. S. Gingrich's store sold barley at \$1.50 a bu. & peas 6c a lb. & fetched front quarter beef at 17c from Dav. S. Brubacher. Cold.
- 16. I chored, cut up beef, got sorrel team sharpened at hind shoes.
- 17. SUNDAY: I at WW Meeting AM; Menno F. Martin's here for dinner. Isaiah and his intended to be wife here for supper.
- 18. We butchered 3 hogs, -Dan Bauman & his Mary Ann, Menno M. Weber & Geo. Bauman's hired man (Oz. G.) helped. Nice day. Cold. Aaron Bauman's team fetched a load grain.
- 19. Soft & rainy; I in Elmira, rubbed curing mixture on hams, sorted hens.
- 20. I took 41 hens & 2 roosters @ 23c a lb. to M.B. Bauman, Elmira; also 15 pullets for Amos Bearinger, I smoked sausage. Cold.
- 21. Mother & I attended wedding of Isaiah Bauman's at N.B. Martin's. Wife waited on Rebecca who had cold. Jacob Bauman's Liva burried at W. Woolwich, aged about 15 years. Sharp cold wind.
- 22. Aaron Bauman's team fetched a load grain. I took that roll of wire fence I got from Stange's sale & posts, etc., from here to Peel farm.
- 23. I took a cow to Elmira for Auman, Wt 1070# for \$105. Aaron Bauman's team fetched a load grain. I hauled a load cistern rings, etc, to Peel farm PM. Road getting bad. Isaiah came to work here.
- 24. SUNDAY: David Cressmans here for dinner.

- 25. I hauled 2 loads of oats, hayrake & cutting box too, to Peel farm. Damp.
- 26. Snowstorm AM. We took root pulper's knives out. I took oats up to Peel farm, PM., storm wrecked some wind mills.
- 27. I hauled 2 loads grain up to Peel farm. Isaiah fixed pulper. I got sorrel team sharpened at front shoes at Yatton. Nice day.
- 28. I took 2 loads grain, boxes & some kegs of nails up to Peel farm. Wet snowfall. Sleighing a good deal better.

#### MARCH 1918

- 1. I took a load plows etc. to Peel farm AM. O. Esch took drill, disc & cultivater, while I had binder, to Peel farm. Isaiah along too. Nice day & nice roads.
- 2. I took engine up AM., Hay loader, roller & mower PM. Nice.
- 3. SUNDAY: We at Dav. Bauman's for dinner, at Dan. Bauman's for supper.
- 4. Isaiah brought his wife to us to start to work. I took butcherware to N.L. Martin & chopper to Foundry. I took a load of planks, etc. to Peel farm.
- 5. I took 2 loads old timber, & lumber up to Peel farm. Isaiah helped me to load same & chored, etc. Misty.
- 6. Wife & I helped to butcher at Dan Bauman all day. Isaiah took a load lumber, etc. to Peel farm.
- 7. Is. & I took 2 loads hay to Peel farm. Wife along to see Peel house.
- 8. Is. & I took 2 loads hay up to Peel farm. Nice day. Good sleighing.
- 9. Is took 1 load greenfield to Peel farm, then he & I tore off old wall paper & fumigated Peel house with 5# sulphur. I at Dan Gingrich's for dinner. Peter Bowman, deacon, burried at N. Woolwich, aged 71 years, 4 mon, 6 days.
- 10. SUNDAY: All at home. Stormy.
- 11. Is. at fair. I, wife, Hannah, & Mary Ann Bauman cleaned house in Peel.
- 12. Is. took a load small lumber up to Peel farm AM. I at Paul Snider's sale ¾ dy. PM. Thawed.
- 13. Is. hauled 2 loads gravel (Isaac Gingrich's team also 2 today and also Noah Martin Jr. 2 loads yesterday.) to Peel farm. I took dinner up to Peel farm, & worked there. Bishop Josiah Martin burried at Mich, -brother to late Paul Martin, today. Mother here.
- 14. Is., Aaron Bauman's team, Menno Weber each 1 load gravel and Mose Gingrich's teams delivered 4 loads to Peel farm. I helped to shovel at pit in morn, spliced rope at Dav. Bauman, worked small jobs at home. Trees iceladen. Some rain. Is. worked on Peel farm.
- 15. Good sleighing. Aaron Bauman fetched 9 young pigs at \$6 each. The following hauled gravel from N. Snider to Peel farm, --Is., Geo Bauman's team 2 loads; Aaron Weber 2, Aaron Bauman's team 2, Dan Bauman's team 2. N.L. Martin & I received bal. of pay on farm, from Chr. Esch, at H.W. Zillax's office AM., at mother over dinner & supper, --We executors distributed legacy to heirs of I.M.B. Est. Is. awhile there too.

- 16. Geo. Bauman's team hauled 1 load gravel to Peel farm. I, Hannah & Mary Ann Bauman cleaned house on Peel farm. I hauled about 1 ton coal & maple firewood, & a load lumber to Peel farm.
- 17. SUNDAY: We all at WW Meeting. Isaiah's father-in-laws here for dinner.
- 18. Is. hauled a load lumber & firewood to Peel farm AM. We loaded 3 stoves on my sleigh; and a load furniture on Dan Gingrich's waggon which he took to his place for storage, --he & his brother Anson here for dinner, then to Amos M. Martin's sale & bought his mail box for \$2.50 for me.
- 19. We moved from I. M. Bauman farm to our Peel farm, --Some neighbors helped us to haul household effects, etc, and to drive cattle. Is. fetched 3 head of cattle with team yet PM. Roads rough, --wheel out again. Mild weather.
- 20.1 fetched 2 hogs from Woolwich farm & 1 cow from Dan Bauman, for \$100, AM. Is. fetched 1 load household effects, my carpenter chist etc., RM. I took beef sausage to Dan Gingrich's to smoke them. Thaw.
- 21. I fetched contents of shop, & carriage from Woolwich farm AM. I fetched another load of lumber, harness, manure & gravel planks PM. Urias Bauman fetched a load greenfeed from there to Peel farm, Warm.
- 22. I took goosewheat out to Gingrich's store, got 17 bags grain chopped at Klincks & hauled same & 15 bundles shingles home.
- 23. Menno Weber & Dav. Bauman brought turnips & a little firewood up to us from Woolwich farm, --I some hay, pig chute stand, gasoline tank, fanning mill, etc. & another load potatoes, lumber, etc.
- 24. SUNDAY: We at Dan Gingrich's for dinner & supper. Noah Martin Jr. here for supper, visited Isaiah's.
- 25. We sawed summer wood AM., Cut trees down for winter wood, PM.
- 26. We & Isaiahs at Eli Bauman's wedding at Joshua Bowmans.
- 27. We stored our cutter in Jonathan Martin's driving shed; stove & furnitue at Dan Gingrich's; also worked other odd jobs.
- 28. I fetched c. mixer & power from Nathan Clemmer, there over noon, at Reub. Bauman for supper, in Conestogo to fetch flour, left mixer at Dan Martins Floradale.
- 29. GOOD FRIDAY: Isaiah's at Geo. & Reub. Bauman's. We at home all day.
- 30. I fetched 6 cedar end posts \$5.00 from Serranus Martin, there over noon, then in Elmira, brought pump along from A. M. Bowman who rigged up same for 24' lift for proposed temporary use in old well. Is. worked about buildings.
- 31. SUNDAY: We at NW Meeting. We at M.M. Bauman's for dinner. Josiah Gingrichs here for supper.

## **APRIL 1918**

1. I paid Balance on farm to Mary Lawson & Sam Weber at H.W. Zillax's office, Elmira. I by mother over noon. I fetched seed grain from Jno. W. Schwitzer & chopper from foundry. Rainy.

- 2. I & Cyrus Martin sawed firewood all day. Isaiah topped trees out ¾ day & Jonathan Martin splitt wood ½ dy. Nice.
- 3. I & Cyrus sawed firewood all day, while Is. handled the ax.
- 4. Is. took grain to Floradale Chopping Mills, then fetched from Elmira 30 bundles laths & some scantlings, etc. Frank Housser here, --he & I worked in kitchen, made a shelf for cupboard, put roofing (asphalt) on sides of kitchen, made trap door to cellar.
- 5. Is. fetched choppings from Floradale & piled lumber in barn. F. Housser & I fitted door to staircase in kitchen, knocked board—partitions out in maine house, finished putting roofing on kitchen walls.
- 6. Is. chored, fetched scaffold brakets from Mose Martin, drawed lumber from house to barn. Housser & I removed board ceilings, 1<sup>st</sup> flat maine house, proped up 1<sup>st</sup> flat in cellar, & prepared to prop up 2<sup>nd</sup> flat with a new partition. Nice days of late.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at Amos Bearingers for supper.
- 8. F. Housser & I put up partition studs in 1<sup>st</sup> flat & 2<sup>nd</sup> flat & cut a opening out West for doors from 2<sup>nd</sup> flat. Dr. Bechtel doctored heifer.
- 9. We worked on door entrances. (Housser & I) 2<sup>nd</sup> flat maine house, stripped and lathed some. Is. sorted & piled lumber, etc. Cold wind.
- 10. Housser & I lathed all day. Is. & my wife in Elmira. Is. & I skinned heifer which was sick.
- 11. Housser & I finished lathing upstairs & tore old celler and upstairs cases & all away, tore old chimney down. Is. hauled 2 loads sand from M. Snider.
- 12.1 build floors over old staircase openings, closed old stovepipe hole & made different one in floor, nailed upstairs floors. Is. fetched 1 load sand AM. Put glass panes in windows.
- 13. I helped Is. to start plowing sod, --he plowed nearly all day. I piled up lumber in barn, etc. PM. Warm. Roads dusty & dry. Gov't put "Daylight Saving Bill" in effect tonight, --1 hr. ahead.
- 14. SUNDAY: Jonathan Martin's here for supper. Dry & warm.
- 15. I drove over to Ed Martin, Weisenburg, to secure drilling out—fit for here, -wife to Elmira, we at Elis for dinner, I took beef hide to Hedrich, Elmira at 8c
  re 20c of last winter. Is. plowed sod & fired old hay on grassfield, --he &
  Cyrus had to watch fire from spreading. Is. harrowed in front field PM. Warm.
  Seeding commenced. Housser lathed in bedroom, etc., all day. Heavy
  fighting going on in France these days.
- 16. Is. harrowed & sowed 7 acres barley. I worked in connection with seeding AM. Housser lathed AM, --He & I tore old shingles off on E. side of house & started reshingling same PM.
- 17. Is. got a load grain chopped, AM. Housser & I lathed, etc, all day. Rain & thunder last night & PM. Hogs worth about \$19.00, recently \$20.00.
- 18. ls. patched harness, dunged stables. Housser & I tore old walls away and build shaft for a dumb waiter all day. Cool & some snow.

- 19. I in Elmira to fetch laths, etc., AM. Housser put roofing on inside of house walls, etc., AM. Housser & I lathed PM. Dan Bauman's here for dinner.
- 20. Housser & I finished up lathings, etc. I burried heifer, cut wood, etc.
- 21. SUNDAY: Rain in morn. Dan Gingrich's & my mother here for dinner & supper.
- 22. F. Housser worked on dumb waiter, doors for same, etc., Wife & I in Elmira, fetched parts of dumb waiter, plaster hairs & cement. AM. I in Elmira to get 1860# lime @ 65c per cwt., secured deeds for farm & swamp. Is. chored, made a mortarbox, etc.
- 23. Is fetched 10 bbl cement from Jno. Klinck, Elmira, & chored. Hannah with J.P. Martin's to help to wash out NW Meeting house. Housser & I alacked lime, shingled E. of houseroof, worked on waiter, all day. Dav. Bauman brought a load gravel. Wind & rain.
- 24. Housser & I worked on dumbwaiter, build props in cellar to support above floor, etc, I helped us some & did other small jobs. I removed lightning rods from barn & shed in eve. Frozen this morning.
- 25. Mose Martin here to hunt water for a well. Housser made hair mortar, I fixed cistern ring together to store mortar in. I helped Isaiah to take binders (old) apart to secure bolts.
- 26. We put works in order at dumb waiter, slacked lime, made stand for chimney upstairs & started bucking chimney. Is. took 2 old binders to Elmira for Max Bierman & brought shingles from Elmira and lumber from Floradale sawmills, of my poplar logs.
- 27. Housser masoned around dumb waiter & I build chimney etc. Is. sowed about 4 acres barley.
- 28. SUNDAY: We all at NW Meeting. Eli Bauman's here for dinner.
- 29. Housser & I worked in barn, reinforcing frame work with new pieces of timber & started build new grain bins. Is. sawed awhile. Windy.
- 30. Houser & I build grain bins all day. Is. sowed barely, & oats.

#### MAY 1918

- 1. Housser & I build grain bins all day. Is. plowed sod.
- 2. I plowed & harrowed. Is. cultivated & drilled 2 acres goosewheat.
- 3. Isaiah sowed grain & cultivated too. Housser bolted timbers to barn frame & started shingling on house, --I help him some.
- 4. Is. harrowed & sowed oats & grasseed. I rolled, disced etc. Is. sowed peas. Housser shingled on house all day.
- 5. SUNDAY: Isaiah's at Amos Baumans & by her parents. Warm.
- 6. Housser & I prepared for & plater upstairs. I sowed a few acres & harrowed.
- 7. Is. got grain chopped at Floradale & fetched lime from Elmira, I rubbed plaster walls of yesterday. Put pump into well, but a part slipped down so we left pump out & dipped water as before.

- 8. Housser & I plastered balance of upstairs AM. Housser slacked lime & made plaster mortar. I cleaned oats, build concrete top on chimney. Is. disced all day. Mose Gingrich's (Jr.) child's funeral at W. Woolwich.
- 9. Isaiah's & I at WW Meeting AM. Urias & Mary Ann here. Dan Brubacher elected for Bishop.
- 10. ls. sowed oats & I harrowed. Housser plastered bedroom, 1st flat.
- 11. Is. plowed sod in orchard; & disced behind bush PM. Housser & I plastered other room on 1<sup>st</sup> flat & rubbed walls of bedroom besides.
- 12. SUNDAY: We at Dan Bauman's for dinner & supper. Isaiah's at Josiah Gingrich's for dinner. Wet day.
- 13. Housser & I rubbed large room on 1<sup>st</sup> flat AM. set mixer & prepared for cementing part floor in kitchen. Is. plowed sod in orchard & hauled manure into garden. Damp, rain in eve. 12 apple & 2 pear trees were brought tonight I had bought of Len Weber. Norman Bearinger called to London by Military authorities.
- 14. Housser & I mixed concrete & build floor with same in kitchen and ½ floor of cellar. I plowed garden, rolled land, disced & sowed oats.
- 15. Housser patched barn roof AM. I harrowed AM & Is. sowed oats. Is. & I hauled 3 loads stones off fields PM. Hannah rolled a field PM. Housser put woodwork fitting on in inside of house.
- 16. Housser put woodwork fittings on in inside of house & put up small cupboard in our bedroom. Wife & I in Elmira to fetch lumber, etc. We planted appletrees. I tilled orchard sod & sowed peas in same.
- 17.1 & Is. hauled 3 loads stones off fields AM., Is then rolled land. Housser did finishing up carpentering upstairs, --I helped him PM. Warm.
- 18. Housser did finishing up carpentering work all day, I helped him to make a clothes room AM. Is. disced new land. We harrowed, sowed turnips & mangleseed & planted a few potatoes.
- 19. SUNDAY: Isaiah's at Conestogo Meeting, at Peter Brubacher for dinner at Ab. Bearinger's for supper. Mose Gingrich's Sr. here after supper.
- 20. Rain & thunder early in morn. I trimmed off fence posts; Is. patched harness, etc.
- 21. ls. & I dug in fence posts.
- 22. We put in fence posts. Rain in morn.
- 23. We put in 2 end posts & others & put up barbed wire fence. Housser did inside finishing up carpentering on 1<sup>st</sup> flat.
- 24. Wife & I in Elmira, wife by doctor, --she has excema on hand. I brought doors & lumber from Elmira. Is. put in posts, I helped PM. Housser did finishing up carpentering on 1<sup>st</sup> flat.
- 25. Rainy AM. We chored about AM. & put in 2 end posts. PM. Housser worked on clothes cupboard all day.
- 26. SUNDAY: We at NW Meeting. Isaiah's at S. Peel Meeting PM, at Josiah B. Martin's for supper. Neighbor Noah Lichty's here for supper.

- 27. Is. split & hauled wood in to house. Is. & I put in 2 end posts & others besides. Housser did finishing up carpentering on 1<sup>st</sup> flat.
- 28.I in Elmira & Floradale to fetch 100 rods new wire fences, got grain chopped, bought lumber, borrowed fence stretcher from Aaron Bauman, also about 14 rods all fencing from J. Ort. Housser did carpentering work all day, --I helped him on cornice PM. Is. dug in posts.
- 29. Is. & I stretched up wire fences, rained then, so we worked other small jobs. Housser did inside carpentering work in house ¾ dy. Jacob Burkholder of Pa., paid us a call at back of farm with Mose Martin.
- 30. Is. & I stretched up wire fence all day. Housser did odd carpentering about house ¾ day. Isaac Gingrichs & Mose Martin's brought for a call to us, folks of Pa., --Jno. Kurtz's & Jno. C. Nolt's.
- 31. Is. fetched a load of hay from Jesse Bauman, I tore bush fence down, AM., -- then we put up wire fence W. side of bush PM.

# **JUNE 1918**

- 1. Is. & I put up line fence at far end W. side. Is. put in posts PM. I & family at Sylvester Martin's for supper, at Jno. Bauman's for the night.
- 2. SUNDAY: We at Martin's Meeting AM, at Edwin Snyder's for dinner at Aaron B. Weber's for supper. Voted for a deacon.
- 3. We worked on fence far end. Hannah helped us plant potatoes.
- 4. Is. plowed fallow nearly all day. I worked on wire fences AM. Wife & I at funeral of Isaiah F. Martin's child at S. Peel, aged 3 days. Wife to Elmira while I was at S. Peel House. Joe Martin made deacon.
- 5. Is. plowed fallow all day. I dug in posts & smothened upstairs floor in house. Aaron Bauman fetched mortar.
- 6. Is. & I plowed fallow done, then he cultivated & I disced on same. Mary Ann & Sussie here to women folks to get upstairs floors ready and paint some of same. Rain in eve.
- 7. Is. hauled wood together in bush, I dug in posts, AM. We hauled stones off of N. end of farm PM.
- 8. We hauled stones off fields nearly all day. I harrowed fallow in eve. Dau. of late Isaac G. Martin burried at Martins, aged about 15 years.
- 9. SUNDAY: Isaiah's at WW Meeting AM & PM. Military official interviewed young boys intending to join church.
- 10. Is. hauled wood together & helped me in morn to move barbed wire to new build up fences where I worked on.
- 11. Is. hauled 4 l'ds gravel on road per statue labor. Rain & thunder in eve. I did carpentering work, etc, to Floradale. Mother-in-law & Mary Ann here to help wife.
- 12.1 did finishing ups about house. Is. dunged stables, etc., AM Is. & Dan Gingrich prepared horse box stall & pig stall. S. W. Corner PM. Lydia came with Dan to help women folks.

- 13. I worked on house cornice, finished bal. of cellar floor,--Dan Gingrich & brother Noah helped Is. to bring in concrete for cellar floor, also for made floors in stalls they had got ready also started foundation for piers under strawshed all day.
- 14. F. Housser & I build 2 piers, concrete pig trough, kitchen floor patches, etc. Is. hauled 3 loads gravel on road, & wood out of bush.
- 15. Is. cultivated & harrowed fallow & dragged wire grass roots on heaps. Housser & I screwed up barn & shed more level, etc. all day.
- 16. SUNDAY: We at Conestogo Meeting AM at Dav. B. Martin's for dinner, at Jesse Bauman's for supper. Isaiah's at SP Meeting, at Aron F. Bowman's for dinner.
- 17. Housser & I made ready for & cemented at foundation for strawshed AM. We knocked down old shed wall where we latter build a concrete water trough, --a small sliver stone flew into his eye, turn out to be fatal later, -he got eye removed & glass one put instead. Is. fetched 50 bags cement from Elmira, & burned twitchgrass roots. Lydia helped women folks at house painting.
- 18. ls. cleaned roots & scuffled. I at St. Jacobs to fetch shorts, got team shod. Paid a call on Ed. Spaeth's St. Jacobs.
- 19. Is. I & Hannah cleaned roots about all day. Lydia painted PM.
- 20. Is., I (& Leah awhile) cleaned roots; Is. & I pulled mustard awhile. Mose Martin hunted water for well awhile PM.
- 21.1 & Noah Lichty cemented some at strawshed foundation wall & made more cribbing for same. Is. & N. Lichty's son tore old pig stable out under barn & hauled stones in for filling up. Some rain.
- 22. I, N. Lichty, & Enos Gingrich cemented at strawshed foundation wall etc, all day. Is, & N. Lichty's son filled up & made back stable ready to cement all day. All inhabitants between ages 16 & 60 were to register at schools, etc, in Canada, we obeyed same. Beef ring started at D.M.
- 23. SUNDAY: We all at N. Woolwich AM., David Bauman's & family & Israel B. Martin's here for dinner. Nelson, Allen & Edna Martin & Aaron Gingrich here for supper.
- 24. I, Is, Enos Gingrich, N. Lichty & son put in back stable floor & backed earth back on E. side of proposed tank & removed earth for tank all day. Mary Ann & Sussie helped women folks all day.
- 25. Is. & I, E. Gingrich & N. Lichty helped removing earth for tank, prepared for & laid a few water pipes from tank. Is. cultivated fallow PM. I & strangers pulled yellowdock & mustard after supper.
- 26. ls. & I & Gordon Metzger made floor & side of water tank 11' x 5' r'd. I fetched 10 bbls. cement & 650# oats from Elmira.
- 27. Is & I & G. Metzger build about 25 ft concrete pig troughs & plastered tank PM. Is., Hannah & G. Metzger planted potatoes AM.
- 28. Is. & Dan cleaned ditch all day. Noah & I prepared for a water trough, laid pipes, etc. Dan Bauman's here for dinner and supper.

- 29. Brother Noah here all day to dung stables, disced removals of yesterday ditch cleanings, search run away cattle, etc. Is. washed carriage etc. AM. Isaiah's & Dan Gingrich's went to Jno Bauman's visiting PM. I in Elmira got pipes fitted up, made a support intank for lid, etc.
- 30. SUNDAY: Isaiah's visited around at Martins. We at Noah Weber's for dinner, at Solomon B. Martins for supper.

### **JULY 1918**

- Noah & I rested strawshed & shed on walls & piers, started cribbing for water trough. Is fetched a load of hay from Jesse Bauman, & worked at hog stable. Cold wind. Light rain in eve.
- 2. Is. worked on hog stable all day. I finished water trough cribbing & then filled same with concrete; Noah also had helped Is. Hy. Brubacher's team brought a load gravel. Nice. H'gs \$17.25.
- 3. Alvin Weber's child burried at Martins, aged 5 months. Noah cultivated fallow AM. Is. worked on fallow too. I removed watertrough cribbing, made one for to build a top on tank. G. Metzger & Jesse cleaned up under strawshed. Urias helped Is. to unload hay, screwed up S. W. corner of leanto AM. Jesse & Urias, Gordon, Noah & I mowed thistle heads S. of barn PM.
- 4. Josiah Martin & I got tank top ready to be cemented then & few others helped to put concrete on top. Jesse bro't a load gravel along up. Urias bro't 10 bbls. cement up. Gordon & Noah put wire grass roots on heaps in morn, -Is. burned them in eve. Jesse & I pulled mustard PM. Others topped thistles. Warm.
- 5. I worked on leanto all day. Is & others topped thistles. Warm.
- 6. I in Elmira bought oats at 80c, etc, AM. Josiah Martin & Jesse helped Is. to nail on barn boards etc AM. then they topped thistles PM. I build manhole on tank, nailed board fast. Jno. Stahlbaum here to hunt water for well. Drillers came.
- 7. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting, at Geo. Bauman's for dinner, at Abs. Martin's for supper. Young people got baptised.
- 8. Is. & Urias fetched casings from near Rumelhardt. Drillers rigged up their machines. I cleaned out tank, etc. Wife & I fetched beds from Dan Gingrich's.
- 9. Wife at her parents quilting. Drillers sank well about 15'. Urias brought his load casings & helped us lay sleepers over root cellar. I looked for wanter tank at Amos Bauman & bought 2422# oats at Hugh Campbell at 75c @ bu. Is. fetched tank & oats; & water at J. P. Martin.
- 10. Drillers sank well 30' more. We prepared for cementing sills of barndoors & set sleepers. I renail boards on barn. Is. changed pigs about. S. Moyer put up eave troughs & condutors to tank at barn nearly all day.

- 11. Drillers sank well about 10' more, -bored through stone, S. Moyer here to put up eave troughs & conductors all day. We cemented some barn door sills, I helped tinsmith. Women folks hoed potatoes PM.
- 12. I waited on small pigs to nurse them and was by the drillers who had struck a spring, at about 60 ft. down from top; water raised half aways. Is. fetched a tankful of water & cultivated fallow. I cemented barndoor sills done & made S.W. corner of leanto wall higher with concrete.
- 13. I fetched beef from Dan G. Martin & furniture from Dan Gingrich. I & family at Elis for dinner, I at N. L. Martin on executor's buisness. I was on the way to Hospital to visit F. Housser but met him then in Elmira, -he has now an artificial eye his natural eye was wounded by a stone sliver while working by us. Is. scuffled hoeing crop, etc. Drillers worked on well. Warm.
- 14. SUNDAY: Isaiah's at Conestogo Meeting. Amos Bearingers here all day. Amzi Snyder's, Menno Weber's & Martin Bauman's widow here for supper.
- 15.1 in Elmira on executor's buisness & fetched old tin. Is. fetched water. I looked after well while being tested, pumped water 5 gal. per min., went down.
- 16. Dan Bauman's here for dinner. Drillers downed 30' more. I made float box, etc. Is. & women folks hoed potatoes & turnips
- 17. Drillers sank well a little further & put in 5 in. casing into the 6". Is. fetched a tankful of water from Dav. Martin, AM. I dunged pigstables etc. AM. We worked on barn floor, put tin between sills & b'd. Rain last night & dreary today, AM. Bought grain from R. Kelly 6<sup>th</sup> In.
- 18. Is mowed grass. I worked on grain bins. Drillers on their job.
- 19. I laid flooring above pig stable. Is. fetched Noah Martin's waggon for hauling in hay, & raked hay. I helped him hauling in hay, 4 loads. Drillers down a little over 100 ft. with 5" casing. Very warm.
- 20. I laid flooring above pig stable, etc. Is. fetched water from Dav. Martin & raked hay, fixed mower knives. We fetched in ½ load hay. Is. mowed grass after dinner. Drillers down about 132' with drill & put in 4" case.
- 21. SUNDAY: We at S. Peel Meeting & Isaiah's at NW Meeting AM. Noah B. Martin here for dinner, Elam Gingrich's here for supper. Very warm weather.
- 22. Is. mowed grass & raked hay on rows. I made a hay-hole in corner of granary AM. We hauled in about 4 l'ds hay. Drillers down about 2 ft. Hannah at Sam F. Bowman's to pick raspberries.
- 23. Is. mowed grass in morn. I fetched wood up to drillers engine, and raked hay. We fetched in 4 loads hay, Cyrus Martin helped PM. I fetched water from Conestogo River in eve. Is. & Cyrus put straw out of mow.
- 24. I fetched 50'—4" casing at Wallenstein. Drillers endeavored to get drill out of well which broke off yesterday & slipped down 150'., AM. then went home. Is. mowed grass a little then he & Cyrus raked hay. I laid floor over 1<sup>st</sup> team in horsestable AM. We fetched in 5 ½ loads hay in eve. I raked. Cyrus here ¾ day.

- 25. Drillers including Albert Martin himself here all day trying to get drill out but of no avail, as far at eve as at morn. Is. mowed grass AM. Dan Bauman here to see how drillers get along. We hauled in 4 I'ds hay. Cyrus here ¾ day.
- 26.I mowed grass, etc., Is. mend harness & fetched water from Dav. Martin, AM. We dunged pigstables at noon. Fetched in ½ load hay when rain chased us. I picked potatoe bugs after supper.
- 27.1 cleaned 8 rows roots. AM. Is. chored about AM. We fetched in 3 large loads of hay. 25  $\frac{1}{2}$  loads for the season.
- 28. SUNDAY: We at Dan Bauman's all day. Isaiah's at Dan Gingrichs for dinner.
- 29. I fetched 2260# mix. grain @ 2.40 @ cwt from R. Kelley on the 6<sup>th</sup> line. Is. mowed fence corners & cultivated at fallow till it rained PM.
- 30. I at St. Jacobs to fetch 240 # flour (20% substitute is to be used to wheat flour, rye flour etc., per regulations of law). Fed horses at Ed Spaeth at noon, in Elmira to pay debts, got grain chopped in Floradale. Is. got up wood for drillers, etc. Drillers worked all day at drill raised it by driving smaller casing over it & raised both together.
- 31. Is. scuffled potatoes & roots, & I hoed of them & mowed thistles. Is. culti. fallow.

# **AUGUST 1918**

- 1. Is. harrowed fallow & piled twitch grass roots on heaps & burned them & drawed stones from fallow too. I picked raspberries AM. etc PM. F. Housser fetched his tools PM. Drillers back again tonight.
- 2. I fetched 2 bags potatoes from Aaron Bauman. Is. cut 7 acres barley & I shocked. Drillers put in 4' casing again & removed about 35 feet filling up from well. Cool nights for awhile.
- 3. Is. & I cemented a concrete bracket against wall of barn driveway in root cellar. Drillers on their job.
- 4. SUNDAY: We at home all day. Isaiah's away.
- 5. Is. bindered & I shocked barley about 7 acres. No drillers today.
- 6. Is. bindered & shocked mix grain. I fitted a outside granary door on AM & Cemented about in root cellar, etc. Drillers on job. Great fire in centre of Elmira.
- 7. I helped to thrash at Amos Bauman ¾ day. Is. cultivated & harrowed fallow, etc., drillers on job AM., fetched water glass PM.
- 8. I helped to thrash at Amos Bauman AM. Is. fetched up wood for drillers & waggon from J. P. Martin. We fetched in 2 loads barley. Had rain & thunderstorm. Is. plowed sod. Drillers in fine sand & water.
- 9. Is. & I plowed sod. Dan Bauman here to see how drillers get along. Drillers declared 2<sup>nd</sup> spring shut out & are through a streak hard pass.
- 10. I took choppings to Floradale, Is. cleaned stables; we finished plowing sod. Is. reshocked grain sheaves. Drillers on job all day. I measured well with a

- string tonight about 178 ½ ft. clear, water up within 60 ft. from top, Casings in from top (even) 182'.
- 11. SUNDAY: Eli Bauman's here for dinner. Isaiah's at J.P. Martin's for supper. We at Conestogo Meeting, at Menno Wideman's for dinner, at Levi Martins for supper.
- 12. Is. fetched up wood & water for drillers. Is. disced & Hannah rolled sod PM. Drillers here to test well, -pump at it for 5 hours at a rate from 4 to 5 gallon per min., spring lowered about 4 ft. Paid \$3.00 a foot for 182 feet (about 2' less for joints for actual depth) later on I put a few pailsful of gravel into well. (4' casing in).
- 13. I helped to thrash at Amos Bauman ¾ day from field. Is. cut oats & some mixed grain.
- 14. We hung tank on an apple tree & fetched in 8 loads barley & mixed grain & shocked oats. Drillers moved away after dinner.
- 15. We fetched in 3 loads of barley, Is. cut oats. I fetched 2 bags oats from A. B.
- 16.1 & Is. cut 2 acres peas & about 2 acres goosewheat & cut oats, & shocked.
- 17. ls. bindered oats nearly all day. I shocked & I helped after supper. Nice week.
- 18. SUNDAY: We all at NW Meeting; Israel Bearinger's, Jesse Bauman's here for dinner; Ezra Bauman's, Israel Cressman's & young folks here.
- 19. We thrashed from field here. I helped Amos Bauman to move outfit up AM; thrashed peas, oats, mixed grain & goosewheat PM.
- 20. Amos & I thrashed 4 hrs. at J. P. Martin, at E. Gingrich 5 ¼ hrs. Is. got grain chopped, etc.
- 21. Amos & I thrashed at Ananias Martin AM., Sam Switzer PM. 3 ¼ hrs. in field till it rained, --Is. helped at Sam too. Mother here today on a visit. Is. helped to thrash at N. Martin ¼ dy.
- 22. A. B. & I thrashed at J. Gingrich 4 ½ hrs., at Jac. Musselman 5 hrs. Is. harrowed sod. Heavy short shower PM.
- 23. Is. helped to thrash at N. Martin ½ day AM, raked stuble land & started to gang. A. B. & I thrashed 5 hrs. PM at Mose Gingrich, Rain.
- 24. I fetched beef in morn, on buisness in Elmira, at Dan. Bauman's for dinner; unsettled weather AM but cleared up PM.
- 25. SUNDAY: Isaiah's at Martin's Meeting. We at home all day.
- 26. Is. ganged. Amos Bauman & I at Yatton to bushout chaff blower boxings AM. I finished it up & fastened in position again, etc.
- 27. I pulled peas in orchard & reshocked oats a little & fetched waggon from Floradale blacksmithshop. Is. ganged; we fetched in 1 I'd oats.
- 28. We fetched in 1 I'd oats & unloaded 2. Is. mend harness, got sorrel team reshoed at Winfield, helped to thrash at C. Israel 1 ½ hrs. I prepared on pump. Rainy. Noah fetched mother to Daniel's in eve. Rain tonight.
- 29. Is. helped to thrash at C. Israel ½ day. AM. & ganged PM. I helped to thrash at M. Gingrich 5 ½ hrs. & moved to An. Martin.

- 30. Is. ganged & harrowed AM. Is. & 1 of women folk hauled in 4 loads oats PM. I dug out for well-room, etc. AM., helped to thrash at An. Martin PM. Rain tonight.
- 31. I went to Amos Eby to set machines AM. Thrashed & cut straw 5 hrs. PM. Is. haul in 1 load oats, dunged stables, etc. Cool.

#### SEPTEMBER 1918

- 1. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting, at David M. Martin's, visited wife's grandmother, for dinner, at Oziah Bauman's for supper. Isaiah's at Aaron Bauman's.
- 2. I pushed shocks over & Is. turned peas over, etc, AM. We hauled in 7 loads oats & 2 l'ds peas. A. B, hired man & team helped PM. Finished except rakings. Dreary towards night.
- 3. I took 3 hogs to Wallenstein for C.C. Diefenbachers, wt. 550# @ 19c & brought 1 H.P. mogul engine from station (\$90.00). Dug out top of well & cemented 2 ½' wall in same. Is. ganged & let grain chopped.
- 4. I fetched beef ringer from Jno. F. Martin; then at Amos Bauman to thrash, & gathered wild plums there PM. Got rainy PM. Is. ganged fallow done & some other besides (stuble land).
- 5. HARVEST MEETING: Isaiah's at S. Peel Meeting, he ganged PM. We at WW Meeting AM., at Chr. Heckendorn's for dinner, at funeral of Levi W. Martin's child at W. Woolwich PM., aged 5 mon. & about 23 days.
- 6. Is. ganged about all day. I fetched 750-3" tiles from Conestogo.
- 7. Is. cemented bal. of well-wall, etc, AM. He & Cyres helped to thrash peas at Amos Bauman PM. I fetched 800—3" tiles from Conestogo, also hauled in raking yet.
- 8. SUNDAY: Isaiah's by her folks both meals. We at Eli's for dinner. At funeral of Serranes Martin's child, aged 3 yrs., 4 months, at WW.
- 9. I fetched 800-3" tiles from Conestogo. Is. fixed up back cross fence, etc.
- 10.1 fetched 800—3" tiles from Conestogo. Is. started to plow.
- 11.1 fetched 600—4" tiles from Conestogo. Is. plowed awhile & then cleaned out in root cellar. Rainy PM.
- 12. Rainy nearly all day. I got top piece of casing cut off by drillers at Lesly Peterson, AM. Is. finished cleaning out root cellar. We removed some goods from granary to kitchen upstairs.
- 13. Is. got grain chopped at Floradale & at Elmira. I worked on 1 HP Mogul.
- 14. C. Hahn brought pump jack in morn; I fetched beef in morn & measured on pump works, painted out some rough cast wall in root cellar. Is. dunged stables AM & plowed PM.
- 15. SUNDAY: We all at N W Meeting AM. We at (neighbors) Noah Martin's for supper.
- 16. I fetched a carriage load of apples from Joshua Rudy. Is. plowed. Rain.

- 17. Is. plowed. I shook apples off trees & gathered up of them into bags, etc. Hannah at Israel Martin to fetch 13 pumpkins.
- 18. Is. fetched 450 tiles from Conestogo. Wife at her parents to fetch elderberries (from Dan E. Martin) I helped to saw wood & chopp grain at Amos Bauman nearly all day, --chopped some for me too.
- 19. Is. fetch that load of choppings from A. Bauman. I bagged some apple yet, etc. We put pump into well at noon. I got apple butter made at Floradale, -17 sugar bags full of apples gave 72 gals. Cider (45c worth Bi-carb of soda into cider) 13 crocks full of apple butter; 7c per gal. to boil cider down to apple butter) \$5.49. Boiled almost to hard down, --stiff thick, 10 pailsful of pumpkins in.
- 20. ls. fetched 110—4" tiles & 150—6" from Conestogo. I prepared for building top on well & build. Headstone for our dead child.
- 21. Elmira Fall Fair Is. plowed out potatoes, etc. We at N. Bearinger's for dinner, at Enos Bauman's for supper, at Joshua Rudy's night.
- 22. SUNDAY: At Martins Meeting AM., at Amos Brubacher's for dinner, at Titus Bauman's for supper. Ezra F. Martin's here.
- 23. I build concrete top on well, etc. Is. plowed. Rain in eve.
- 24. I build concrete lid on top of well, dunged stables, cleaned old lumber. Is. fetched 150—6" tiles from Conestogo.
- 25. I fetched a load gravel from M. Snider AM. & 1 from N. Snider
- 26. Is. fetched 2 loads gravel from N. Snider. I attended funeral of Wm. O'Donnel's child at Macton RC Church AM. I fastened doors under N. side of strawshed & drove beef ringer to D. G. M.
- 27. Is. fetched a load gravel & I plowed Am; Is. plowed & I worked on barn doors PM. Nice & cool weather.
- 28. I fired engine at Amos Bauman to cut corn AM. I plowed PM. Is. fetched beef & took beef hide to Hy. Klinck, fetched cement & shingles.
- 29. SUNDAY: We all at S. Peel Meeting. We at Ab. Bearinger's for dinner.
- 30. I fetched from Elmira a load shingles, & hauled in 2 load firewood into barn for storage. Is. plowed.

## OCTOBER 1918

- We hauled 2 loads wood into barn then Is. plowed with 4 horses hitched on. I piled wood. I fired engine at Elam Gingrich to cut corn PM. Nice Day. Heavy frost last night.
- 2. We re-hooked barn doors, etc. a little rain in morn, -then Is. plowed. I fired engine at M. Gingrich cutting corn PM.
- 3. I fired engine at M. Gingrich cutting corn a few hours & dunged pig stables AM. I cleaned out part of double stable preparatory for cementing PM. Is. plowed with 4 horses all day. Nice Day. Bulgaria surrendered to the Allies the other day.

- 4. I fired engine at Amos Eby cutting corn ¾ day, I moved engine & separator to Wm. O'Donnell in eve. Is. plowed with 4 horses, 2 abreast.
- 5. Is. plowed with 4 horses, -2 abreast. I prepared stable for cementing. Sam F. Bowman brought to us 4 barrels apples at \$3.00 each. Hannah there this week helping at the apples.
- 6. SUNDAY: We at Dan Bauman's for dinner, at N. B. Martin's for supper. Jno. F. Martin's here for dinner.
- 7. Funeral of wife of Daniel B. Martin (nee Hoffman) at Conestogo, aged 50 yrs, 7 mon. I fetched 240 # flour from St. Jacobs & at brickyard, Conestogo, re tiles. Is plowed.—We cemented cattle troughs.
- 8. I fetched 340-5" tiles & 270-2 ½" from Conestogo. Is. plowed.
- 9. I fetched 200-5" tiles & 530-2 1/2" from Conestogo. Is. plowed, etc.
- 10. I fetched 400−2 ½" tiles & 220−5" from Conestogo. Is. worked on ditch.
- 11. I fetched 440—5" tiles & 155—2 1.2" from Conestogo. Jonathan along too, to fetch tiles for himself, he brought 50 tiles for me too. Is. made potatoe bin in cellar & prepared stable for cementing. Fine day.
- 12. We drove & hauled two brood sows away & cemented stables. Some rain.
- 13. SUNDAY: We all at NW Meeting AM. I at funeral of Martin Bowman's child, aged about 6 mons. At N. Woolwich PM. Isaiah's also at funeral at Hy. M. Gingrich's then. Smoky in morn.
- 14. Is. & I at NW Meeting House to pay into the Sailor's Fund AM., Is. plowed PM. I carpentered on cattle stalls PM.
- 15. ls. plowed with 4 horses, I worked on stables, pulled mangles.
- 16. Hannah, Is. & I made out & hauled in an even boxfull of potatoes. Nice.
- 17. Hannah, Is. & I made out a little potatoes, Is. & I hauled in a load mangles with tops at noon & then drawed out 9 loads manure on s. fallow.
- 18. We hauled out 17 loads manure, I spread some of it. I attended a sub. Meeting (prior to 22<sup>nd</sup> of month) at Moses Martin re: considering "Victory Bonds".
- 19. We hauled out 11 loads manure, I spread some. Amos Bauman & I expanded flues, etc. on engine by Wm. O'Donnell AM., Is. fetched sows.
- 20. SUNDAY: Dav. F. Martin's here for dinner. Jonathan Martin's and Anson Gingrich's here for supper. Soaking rain last night.
- 21. We dunged stables (Hannah,--hen house), bathed 23 pigs & castrated some. Is. spread manure, PM., I tore some of old cowstable out PM.
- 22. I prepared thrashing outfit for service at Wm. O'Donnell and at Meeting at W. Woolwich re "Victory War Loan" bonds, Is. prepared cowstable for cementing & cemented manger bottoms. I erected Headstone fo our child at W.W.
- 23. ls. & I thrashed for Wm. O'Donnell all day, moved outfit to J. Gingrich.
- 24. We hauled out 3 loads manure then filled up in stable with earth & cemented 1 side of stable. Funeral of Ezra Martin's (son of Nath.) child at Martins. Threatening for rain all day, a few sprinkles.
- 25. We hauled out 17 loads manure & spread some. Sultry.
- 26. We hauled out 5 loads manure A.M. & fetched in 4 loads turnips. PM.

- 27. SUNDAY: Dan Bauman's here for supper. Isaiah's at Jesse Bauman's nearly all day. Meetings cancelled by order of Board of health on account of Influenze.
- 28. Rainy AM. I build cowstalls AM & Is. at it PM. I fetched 2200# mix grain from Ray. Kelley at \$2.40 per cwt., & hauled same to chopping mills. Dr. Faulds died today in Elmira. All sick with the "flu" at Ivan Martin, -she's low.
- 29. We cemented gutters for double stable, & part of wall due W. of shed. I fetched choppings from Floradale in morn.
- 30. We cemented small jobs, AM. We fetched in 6 loads turnips PM.
- 31. We hauled in 2 loads turnips in morn, then Is. plowed. Wife & I on buisness in Elmira & fetched ditching plow from Dan Bauman.

#### **NOVEMEBER 1918**

- 1. Is. & I plowed AM. We all at funeral of wife of Ivan Martin (nee Mary Ann Weber) at W. Woolwich PM., aged 25 yrs, 10 mons. A short sermon delivered at grave, as no gatherings are allowed yet in churchs, etc., -she had died from flu & complications (1<sup>st</sup> one in our church)
- 2. I up the 4<sup>th</sup> line to look for oats & then fetched 860# oats @ 80c from H. Freeman in eve. I plowed in orchard. Is. plowed in field N. of orchard.
- 3. SUNDAY: We at Dan M. Gingrich's for dinner, at Dan G. Martin's for supper.
- 4. Is. plowed some, I weighed oats & fetched water from Jonathan, & then we started on tile ditch.
- 5. We worked on tile ditch,-I laid some in in morn, -Enos Gingrich helped all day & Josiah Martin PM. Moses Martin & I surveyed front field. Enos Bauman here to see gasoline engine, & to lent money from I. M. B. Est.
- 6. Is. plowed with 4 horses. I worked on tile ditch all day. Josiah Martin & Enos Gingrich helped 1 day & Mose B. Martin PM. Nice days.
- 7. Is. plowed with 4 horses. I & G. Metzger worked on tile ditch al day, Josiah Gingrich, PM. False report of Armistice in France, --whistles blew. Market price of hogs \$17.00 per cwt.
- 8. J. Gingrich & I worked on tile ditch AM., Is. plowed AM., Rainy PM. Is. & I carpentered on cowstalls & floatbox lid.
- 9. Is. dunged pig stables & I sawed wood in morn, then we carpentered on cowstalls AM. Is. plowed PM. I, J.G, & 2 of J. Martin on tile ditch PM.
- 10. SUNDAY: We all at NW Meeting. Isaiah's at Israel B. Martin's for supper.
- 11. Is. plowed with 4 horses. I & Amos Bauman & J. G. all day & 2 of Jos. Martin on tile ditch PM. Hy. Bauman ordained preacher for S. Peel. Armistice signed by Germany in France to end world war 1914—1918. Whistles blew, etc, in that regard.
- 12. Is. helped to plow up ground between pump & lane AM. & then plowed in field PM. I & E. Gingrich all day, 1 of Jos. Martin, AM & PM on ditch.
- 13. Is. & E. Gingrich plowed all day. I, A. Bauman & G. Metzger on ditch 1 dy.

- 14. Is. & E. Gingrich plowed AM, I yet PM. I & J. Gingrich all day, & Enos Gingrich & Amos Bauman PM. worked on ditch, --tiles in to middle of lane.
- 15. Amos Bauman & I each fetched a load of oats from Jno. Walter Con. 5 Lot 3, --I had 111 bu. @ 70 ½c. Peter Bowman, J. Gingrich & Is. worked on tile ditch S. of house all day, I helped awhile at eve.
- 16. I, Is., J. Gingrich & A. Bauman on tile ditch all day. Neighbors have "Flu". Alex Strome's boy's funeral yesterday. P. Beisel's child died at Winfield.
- 17. SUNDAY: We at David Bauman's for dinner & supper. Levi Gingrich's visited Isaiah's.
- 18. I ditched ¾ day., Is. worked about barn. Dan Gingrich helped to thrash for me at Dav. F. Martin ¾ day for me. A little rain.
- 19. I, Dan Gingrich & A. Bauman on tile ditch all day; & Is. AM, plowed PM.
- 20. I, A. Bauman, Is. & bro. Noah on tile ditch all day. Finished putting 5" drain Amos Bauman & I paid a call on F. Housser after supper.
- 21.1, Is., & Dan Gingrich worked on tile ditch all day. Snowed a little.
- 22. I, Is., & brother Noah on tile ditch all day; I attended beef ring Meeting after sup.
- 23. I, Is., & Dan Gingrich's worked on tile ditch all day.
- 24. SUNDAY: We at WW Meeting, at Levi W. Martin's for dinner, at Jonas B. Martin's for supper. Cold. Ground frozen.
- 25. Amos Bauman & I rigged up thrashing outfit at J. Gingrich & thrashed PM.
- 26. A. Bauman & drilled stub bolt out of engine crank bearing, AM, & thrashed, PM at Josiah Gingrich. Is. hauled wood & experienced on pump works.
- 27. Funeral of 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Menno S. Frey. We thrashed at J. Gingrich ¼ day, then at F. Schill. Is. repaired granary & filled in ditch. O'Donnell has "Flu".
- 28. A. B. & I thrashed at F. Schill ¾ day & a little at Chas. Israel. Is. worked on granary, etc.
- 29. We thrashed at Chas. Israel all day. Is. let grain chopped at Floradale.
- 30. We thrashed at Chas. Israel AM, at Sam Switzer PM. Is. worked about barn, etc. S. Western snowstorm in eve.

### DECEMBER 1918

- 1. SUNDAY: Mother here, also yesterday. I chored some at O'Donnell's, he's ill. Rest at home.
- 2. A.B & I thrashed at Sam Switzer all day. I pumped water for thrashing.
- 3. We thrashed at Sam Switzer and moved to here AM. We thrashed here ½ day PM. Neighbors helped us.
- 4. We thrashed here till 11 o'clock, neighbors, helped. Moved separator to J.P. Martin at noon. Is. & Amos chopped grain here PM. I got "flu".
- 5. I in bed al day with "flu", wife to Floradale on buisness. Amos & Is. thrashed at J. P. Martin AM. Is. chored here PM. Nearly all of J.P. Martin's family laid up with "flu".
- 6. Is. & Amos thrashed at J.P. Martin and Elam Gingrich. I chored at noon.

- 7. I dunged stables, etc. Dan. Bauman paid a call here. Is. & Amos thrashed at Elam all day nearly.
- 8. SUNDAY: All at home today, -had cold.
- 9. A.B. & I finished thrashing at Elam & then thrashed at Mose Gingrich's 2<sup>nd</sup> barn a little over ½ day. Mild weather.
- 10. A.B. & I thrashed at M. Gingrich AM., bar on platform of engine broke, got it fixed & thrashed awhile at Amos Eby. East Wind. Is. to Floradale to pay my taxes \$79.83 & contributions at N.W. Meeting House for the Government. A.K. Snyder badly scalded on an engine.
- 11. A.B. & I thrashed at A. Eby all day, moved to Jac. M. Is. helped his wife to wash, chored, etc. My wife in bed on "flu" yesterday & AM.
- 12. A.B. & I thrashed at Jac. Musselman all day. Is. in Elmira to fetch gasoline, etc. got engine ready too. Wife of Manassa Martin (nee Maria Frey) died shortly. Nice days.
- 13. A.B. & I thrashed at Jac. Musselman ¾ day, moved to Amos for machines winter quarters. Is. got gasoline engine into shape, etc.
- 14. We chored, etc., AM. I helped to chopp awhile at Amos PM., also helped him to clean engine boiler. Is. took gasoline engine to An. Martin & set for action. Manassa Martin's wife burried at WW, aged 21 yrs.
- 15. SUNDAY: Urias, Mary Ann & Sussie here for dinner. Isaiah's away.
- 16. Is. operated gasoline engine at Ananias Martin about 3 hrs., had bother to keep pulley on separator. I placed window at W. end of shed. Is. also shovelled some ground at different places in eve.
- 17. Is. operated g. engine at An. Martin all day. I worked on building a hog stable at W. end of shed. Alvin Bauman, Mich., son of Owen, burried.
- 18. Is. operated g. engine at An. Martin, AM., then moved engine to M. Gingrich's other barn & fetched 25 gal. gasoline @ 37c from Floradale. I helped to butcher at Jonathan ¾ day.
- 19.1 all day & Jonathan Martin ¾ day dug ditch between well & barn for water pipes. Is. chored AM., & operated engine to chopp at M. Gingrich 3 hrs. PM. Nice weather this week. "Flue" around Floradale.
- 20. Jonathan & I worked on waterpipe ditch all day, -put pipes in tiles, (4" tiles) from pump to close to barn. Is. in bed with "flu". One of twin babies of Menno Burkhardt's burried at WW. Amos Bauman has "Flu" a few days, the Gingrich's on the 6<sup>th</sup> also.
- 21. I chored about barn AM. Wife & I in Elmira PM. Is. in bed.
- 22. SUNDAY: Is. in bed. We paid a call on Dan Gingrich's, Mother there while too.
- 23. I worked at odd jobs in morn. I went to Amos Bauman a little before dinner to chopp grain PM. Is. started choring again in eve.
- 24. Nurse waiting on Amos Bauman, I there to thrash awhile & chopp grain. Is. chored about barn.
- 25. CHRISTMAS: We at Amos Bearinger's for dinner & supper, at Dan Bauman's overnight.

- 26. We at Dan Bauman's for dinner & supper. I chored at Dan's at noon, -others at house over noon by J. Cressman, -we also at Josiah's wife's funeral, (nee Lucinda Bauman) aged 35 yrs, 9 mons., at W Woolwich PM. I waited on A. Bauman at night.
- 27. I waited on Amos Bauman all day & night.
- 28. I waited on Amos Bauman all day. Is. chopped grain at M. Gingrich, 4 hrs.
- 29. SUNDAY: We at Josiah Gingrich's for dinner, Isaiah's at Conestogo Meeting.
- 30. ls. operated g. engine at M. Gingrich, thrashing 9 hrs; I fetched lumber & salt.
- 31. Is. moved engine to Israel Shantz AM., thrashed with engine PM. Funeral of Dan Hoffman's girl, aged 12 yrs, at Conestogo AM., & Wendel Martin's Ivan, aged about 21 yrs, at Martins PM. I worked on I. M. B. Est. books, etc.