

Monday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

Cold Snowing Ther 2° below 0 Wm & I hauled load of hay and straw to stable & a load of fodder to barn a load of bolts to Buxton & half cord of dry wood to Lodge Father went up to see bolt man Wm Morhead got 1 cord of soft dry wood, Chas comenched to write Diary

Tuesday Feb 3

Cloudy Ther 24° above 0 Wm and I took sawdust out of woodshed & drove mice nell to Fletcher to see if ice on pool was good Father went to Buxton to see bolts measured

Wednesday Feb 4

Cloudy snowed and drizzled rain Ther 26° Father and Mother went to Chatham Wm and I hauled a load of bolts to Buxton and a load of ice from Fletcher

Thursday Feb 5

Clear, Ther 22° above 0 Wm and I hauled two loads of ice from Fletcher, Chas Simpson got a load of corn fodder Wm's mutes men started to haul hickory & white ash out of half next Paterson's

Friday Feb 6

Clear, cold, Ther 14° below 0 Wm and I took a few bolts to Buxton and brought back two loads of sawdust frie Wm drove colts to ninth concession

Saturday Feb 7

Cloudy, Ther 12° above 0, Father went to Ann Arbor to get medicine for himself Mother & Joseph Wm and I hauled two loads of bolts the last to Buxton

Monday Feb 8

Cloudy, rained all afternoon, Ther 20° above 0, Wm put new plunger in pump I went down and got a muck and bushed out some hickory wood

Tuesday Feb 9

cold blustery, Ther 1° below 0, Father came home from Ann Arbor with medicine from Dr White for himself, Mother & Joseph, we shelled 8 bushels of corn for grist

very cold blustery Wednesday Feb 11

Ther 16° below 0 chores, hauled couple bags of fodder

Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> 1885

Cloudy, Ther 10° above 7° bushed out cord wood, fanned corn to go to Merlin for grist

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Clear, cold, Ther 14° below 7° Wm and I bushed out all cut hickory wood hauled two loads of straw to stable and one of fodder to barn Father went to Merlin with grist but didn't get it ground

Saturday Febrary 14

Clear, cold, Ther 16° below 7° Father and Willie went to town and took 6 bu of wheat brought back 210 lbs of flour, I hauled up some tops

Sunday Feb 15

Cloudy, pleasant, warm, Ther 17° above 7°

Monday Feb 16

Cloudy, windy, turning cold, Ther 12° above 7° Wm & I thrashed beans in barn afternoon Father went to Merlin and got meal grist

Tuesday Febrary 17

Clear, cold Ther 10° below 7° Wm & I thrashed locans in the barn with horses Tim & George & Kate & vet, D. C. & Eliza rode horses

Wednesday Feb 18

Cloudy Ther 7° I thrashed beans in barn with horses

Thursday Feb 19

Clear, cold, Ther 2° below 7° we finished thrashing beans Father and Mother went to Burton took some yarn to Mama Kersay & and donation to Elder Brown

Friday 20 Feb

Clear, cold, changed the thermometer from porch to back of kitchen making diff of from 8 to 10° this morning 4° below 7° Father went to town with 30 bu of wheat for grist got due bill and brand Wm and I fanned up beans

Clear, Ther 13° below 7° Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Fe-

Father and I went to town took 50 bu of beans got .8500 per bu Wm & I hauled to some tops for wood a load of fodder to burn & hay to

Monday February 23, 1885

Clear, sun shining bright the avg about morn temperature 10° below 0° Willie and I hauled up wood for fires

Tuesday Feb 24.

Cloudy, warm Ther 1° above 0° thawing about noon Willie & I hauled load of hay and of straw to stable after dinner hauled two loads small logs to Kersay mill to get sawed

Wednesday Feb 25

Clear, pleasant sun shining bright Ther 8° above 0° reached 40° above 0° during day Willie and I hauled 3 maple logs to mill after noon Wm took up fourth log I got a load of sawdust

Thursday Feb 26

Cloudy, warm, thawing, Ther 20° above 0° Father and Moll picked beans Wm and I hauled out some hickory wood Wm hauled with Mic and Nell and some fodder to barn

Friday Feb 27

Cloudy snowing, Ther 30° above 0° Wm and I put some sawdust around ice and hauled up some fire wood

Saturday Feb 28

Clear Ther 20° above 0° Father and Alfred went to town took a 20 lb bag goat's cheese per cut. Willie and I sawed fire wood afternoon bushed out some hickory wood off of line Jane West began work this morning

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup>

clear snowed during night a little Ther 20° above 0° Wm Alfred & I hauled fodder into barn all day Chas Simpson got a load of fodder

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy. Snowing, blustering Ther 18° above 0° Father Mother and all picked beans in the forenoon Willie Alf and I hauled fodder in afternoons

Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>

Snowed a little in the morning Ther 30° above 0° Willie Alf and I hauled rest of fodder off of field Jane West left

Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Some scattered clouds Ther 24° above 0° Willie and I got load of sawdust each fine weather has a picked some beans of wheat the literary debate to night as usual. Chas. L. Miller & John

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

Clear Ther 12° above <sup>of</sup> Willie and I hauled out some hickory wood  
Father went to town got \$5 from bottman W<sup>m</sup> finished cutting pigs

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy little snow last night Ther 20° above <sup>of</sup> Father and Mother went to  
Chatham Willie and I hauled out some hickory wood did <sup>fixer</sup> had a calf this morn  
Mr Richard Peaker died this Evg at 20 min to 10 o'clock

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>

Clear cold windy ther 12° above <sup>of</sup> Father Willie and Alfred went  
to Mr Peakers funeral (Old Albie and Alie to Thorpe for \$20)  
Changed stals and fixed stable a little

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

Clear cold Ther 16° above <sup>of</sup> I went down and got aunt Mary and  
grandmother come and they rendered lard Willie and I began to saw  
stove wood to dry

Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

Clear Cold Ther 6° above <sup>of</sup> Father went to town Willie hauled  
out rest of hickory wood making about 2 1/2 cords

Thursday March 12

Cloudy cold Ther 16° above <sup>of</sup> Willie and I sawed stove wood

Friday March 13

Clear few clouds cold Ther 6° above <sup>of</sup> Willie and I loaded a  
load of hay put it in stable Father and W<sup>m</sup> salted up the  
fork snowed a little

Saturday March 14

Clear cold in morning rained in evening strong wind from South  
Ther 4° above <sup>of</sup> Father and I went to town

Monday March 16

few clouds cold Ther 6° above <sup>of</sup> W<sup>m</sup> and I sawed stove wood

Tuesday March 17

clear cold Ther 7° below <sup>of</sup> Willie and I sawed stove wood all day

Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 12° above <sup>of</sup> I hauled hard morning and evening W<sup>m</sup>  
& I hauled out hickory wood about last, making about 15 cords also  
some rails along western line fence Father went to Pekers to get

# Bull Account 1885

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Amer Cooper one cow to Bull  
 Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Amer Cooper one cow w Bull  
 Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Amer Cooper One cow to Bull  
 Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Amer Cooper one cow to Bull  
 Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Felix Shreve two cows to Bull

1886

March 11<sup>th</sup> one, John Orton 1 cow to Bull  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> Orton one cow returned  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Thomas Clark 2 heffiers to bull  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Patrick Forhan 1 cow to bull  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> Ernab E Clark 1 cow to bull  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Forhan 1 cow to bull  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> C Simpson 1 cow to bull  
 June 6 John Orton 1 cow to bull  
 June 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas Clark one cow to bull. C. Simpson 1 cow to bull also  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> Dennis Griffin 1 cow to bull account taken from Diary

1887 Dates of breeding of stock for year 1887

May 3<sup>rd</sup> breed Gin to Young Wonder, Wheeler & Smith's horse  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> breed Polly to Young Lord Haddo  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> breed Kate to Lord Haddo  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> breed Dolly Doll to Young Wonder  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> re breed Kate to Haddo

1888 Dates of births of Stock 1888

April 17<sup>th</sup> Doll mare had a horse colt Star  
 April 24<sup>th</sup> Kate had a colt mare colt  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> Gin had a horse colt & breed Doll mare to Dick  
 breed May 3<sup>rd</sup> Kate to Young Wonder & Gin to Dick  
 rebred May 9<sup>th</sup> Doll mare to Dick May 26<sup>th</sup> rebred Gin to  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> rebred Doll to Young Wonder

Cows to bull 1888 July 8<sup>th</sup> Dinah & blass cows to  
 Thomas Clark's bull July 18<sup>th</sup> a heffier to bull August 1<sup>st</sup> Dolly & a  
 heffier to T. Clark's bull; August 14<sup>th</sup> a heffier, Whiteridge  
 & C. bull

Dates of breeding and births of stock of 1886

- Breed March 26<sup>th</sup> one sow to John LeCocq's boar  
 " April 3<sup>rd</sup> Essex sow to John LeCocq's Boar  
 " May 10<sup>th</sup> breed Jewel mare to our Dick Colt  
 " May 12<sup>th</sup> Kate to Henson's horse at Fletcher's Aunt Beata's house  
 " May 14<sup>th</sup> Jim mare to Dick May 19<sup>th</sup> Aunt E Kate to Henson's horse  
 Births May 1<sup>st</sup> Jewel by colt bought at Filibury center last spring had a mare colt  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> Skinner Cow had a calf  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> Dinah Cow had a calf  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> Flower Cow had a calf  
 June 28<sup>th</sup> Rose Cow had a calf  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> 1886 breed Aunt E. Kate mare to our Dick

Return Breeding; jewel colt to Dick June 6

- " June 7<sup>th</sup> gin colt to Dick  
 " June 9<sup>th</sup> breed Kate to Henson's horse  
 first Breeding June 11<sup>th</sup> Joseph Rice one mare to Dick  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> breed a mare for John Orton to Dick  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> breed a mare for John Orton to Dick  
 June 26 breed a mare for Joseph Rice to Dick

Dates of Births of stock for year 1887

- March 7<sup>th</sup> a litter of pigs of Essex sow  
 April 11 a heifer got at Rice's sale had a calf  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> Bessie heifer had a calf  
 April 25 Skinner cow had a calf  
 June 15 Rose cow had a calf

October 4 Cherry heifer had a calf

2 sows had 13 pigs & 6 each; June 20<sup>th</sup> Essex sow had 13 pigs 3 died

Dates of Births of stock for the year 1888 X

February 12<sup>th</sup> Bessie cow had a calf February the 12<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup> Flower Cow & Pink heifer had a heifer calf each

May 20<sup>th</sup> Skinner cow of a calf June 20<sup>th</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 sows had 6-9 pigs Essex sow had 11 pigs 3 died

Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1885

Clear Cold Ther 1° below 7 Willie and I hauled 400 rails out around west and north lines

Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear Cold Snowed little during night Ther 4° at below 7 Willie and I chopped down and piled brush of small trees hauled loads

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>

Clear Cold Ther 10° below 7 Father went to town Willie went <sup>also</sup>

Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clear Cold Ther 5° below warming 24° about noon previous morning 10° below 7 Father went to town Aunt Emanaline Simpson went with him & Willie and I hauled out 482 rails

Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Warm Ther 26° above 7 Snowed some this after noon Willie went up and got Rachel James after Father and him went to Kennedy's Dale bought one 2 year old colt mare for \$78 and a bull \$35

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Clear cold Ther 9° Father went to town Mrs Peaker to town Willie and I went to Kennedy's and got the bull

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Warm Ther 30° above 7 rained during day to 52° above 7 Willie went down and drayed out rail cuts for grand father Alf and I hauled out 240 rails

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Cloudy Warm Ther 40° above 7 Jim Alf and I hauled a load of hay and of straw to the stable Father took Rachel James home

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Cloudy Ther 30° above 7 Father went to town Willie and made Travy bushed out wood out in afternoon

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed hard in morning Ther 26° above 7 Willie sharpened little crooked saw made two pitchforks for horses, a small handle

Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1885

Cloudy rained this morning Ther 36° above 7 Willie and I washed Dick Sam and Pet all over first with Tie then with disaffection

1885 Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Clear Ther 32° above 0° Willie and I took S. up potatoe  
 and saved some stove wood

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy Ther 33° above 0° Willie and I saved stove wood  
 rained in afternoon Rose Cow had a calf

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stormy snowed heavy Ther 28° above 0° Willie and Emal Clark  
 saved stove wood & shaves in afternoon rest picked beans

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 20° above 0° It's <sup>now</sup> Emal and I saved stove wood and

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Clear 34° above 0° Willie went to town for medicine for mother  
 and Joseph horse back I saved stove wood with Emal in shore  
 rest picked beans father let some water off the wheat

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy drizzling rain Ther 38° above 0° Willie Emal and I  
 saved stove wood in afternoon James & Harris began trimming apple

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 36° above 0° Willie Emal and I saved stove wood

Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 24° about 0° hauled road & straw out of stable  
 Willie and Emal saved January Ebar and I split stalks

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 22° above 0° got grist of corn ready Father took  
 it to Merlin got 100 bushels took out some for later

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Stormy snowed about 6 in during night and today  
 Ther 32° above 0° all picked up beans

Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustering snowed a little Ther 29° all day all picked up beans

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Clear Ther 29° above 0° Cloudy in afternoon snowed a little 1/2 in  
 and I bushed out some wood in forenoon fixed tie back Regan  
 X to place tryed them in field back of house in and January Eba  
 n began to pull brush James Harris finished trimming trees in young orchard

Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1885

Cloudy stormy sunned a little in morning rained nearly all day Ther 35° above 7 picked west of Beans Patterson helped working the bull father Willie and I sowed oats rest of day

Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 35° above 7 Willie took plow & points and cutters to Fletcher got them sharpened cleaned out some ditch in afternoon January Ebar piled brush in sloughing

Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snow all gone Father went to town Willie I D and I hauled load of straw and hay to stable Willie let some water off cornfield, plowed some Dottie cow had a calf

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Clear in morn cloudy afternoon Ther 40° above 7 Willie and I plowed in sod back of house rest cleaned trimmings of trees out of orchard

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear man cloudy very warm Ther reached 70° above 7 Willie and I plowed in sod sod Father sold locally sheep and lately heifer for \$45

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy very warm Ther reached 82° above 7 morn tems creature 54° above 7 Willie and I plowed in sod

Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Few clouds very warm Ther reached 81° above 7 Willie and I plowed in sod

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy very warm Ther reached 83° above 7 Father went to town sent doctor Springer out to see all other Willie plowed in sod I took out 2nd pit of potato pit of beats and some carrots

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>

<sup>Ther 62° above 7, noon 54° above 7 not up and last night</sup> Cloudy & rained shower in morning heavy mist Father went to town to attend Chancery Court Willie finished plowing sod plowed strip of sod in cornfield I took out carrots

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Willie went to town to spring Fair horseback Father and I harrowed clover fields I D rolled one east orchard watered other

1885 Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear beautiful Ther highest 02° above 7, Willie scraped the road in forenoon plowed and No 2 D finished rolling clover in No 5 began to roll sod in No 4

Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear in morning Cloudy windy shower of cold rain and had Ther 40° Willie sowed clover seed in part of N° 1 I harrowed it & D rolled it also for benefit of wheat, harrowed in N° 4, cleaned red oats in afternoon

Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cold windy clear frosty 3° Ther 30° Willie sowed rest of clover in N° 1 & 5 acres of N° 3 I harrowed & D rolled first part of N° 1

Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 32° Willie sowed barley spuds in N° 3 clover land I D harrowed and rolled began to sow Oats on sod in N° 4 a long continued rain began this evening Father got 20 lbs of hogs from Uncle Mack

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy Cold frosty little Ther 35° Father went to town got some flour and medicine Willie and I put a slide gate into cornfield fixed line fence between us and Lucy Lacocq

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

few clouds changeable cool Willie sowed oats in N° 4 I D and I harrowed them in

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

few clouds cool Ther 40° yesterday was cold froze some heavy frost rained in night, Father took up the school desks Willie and I took out the pit of seed potatoes Father and I took desks and other things over to new school house Willie plowed rest of N° 2 and garden removed fence off it to orchard

Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained showers Willie and I went down a hill amaracca and got two shoots bags & he wanted to buy it shelled 31 lbs of corn D and F he left

Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy & sprinkled rain a little Sat there until 4 P.M. at

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to town took Aunt Sarah Ann Willie and I washed Dick Sam & Bet with dissatisfaction put top rails on fence between us and Lucas.

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 50° rained heavily last night Willie and I plowed school lot for Emab, hung up the meat, Father let some water of wheat in it.

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy very cool, windy Ther 40° Willie and I ditched with spade in back of corn field No 6, D and G cut corn stalks, began cold rain this evening

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy & Snowy Blizzards, heavy but of short duration wind turned to rain and snow in afternoon Ther 39° Father went to town took 31 bu of corn got 50 lbs flour, had Bets teeth fit while Willie and I ditched up back of corn field

Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Clear pleasant frosty in morn Ther 34° Willie and I ditched up back of corn field to lane started up towards barn

Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy showered in after noo Ther 40° Father went off on one chickens Willie and I ditched in corn field

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> May

Clear foggy Ther 40° warm pleasant Willie and I finished the ditch in corn field up to barn forenoon plowed soil for future patch in young Orchard

Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>

Clear, hazy fog, Ther 39° reached 65° buds are beginning to unfold on apple trees Willie sowed few oats in N° 2 De harrowed it & cultivated it afternoon Wm fixed part of back line fence & I and harrowed sod for beans in N° 4 smallest bough of Uncle Mack died Father sowed garden seeds, beets, onions, I sowed Parsnips

Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 81° Father drilled in some carrots & parsnip seeds I got scapifer from Rices took & grandmother home continuing to help with potato patch Willie and I began to plow corn field N° 6

1885 Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached  $83^{\circ}$  Father went to town  
got some medicine for Mother and Sol, Willie plowed in corn  
field I put up Election Bills the Mr and I pulled stumps in  
afternoon

Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm Ther reached about  $82^{\circ}$  began a shower this  
evening Father and Willie held Election in Old School I got  
a load of sawdust from Button put on ice cultivated potato  
in garden I harrowed soil over again for Beans next 4

Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther  $52^{\circ}$  Father sowed carrots, Peas, <sup>Wm</sup> & C.  
I pulled out stumps and hauled them in corn field All

Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear, cool in morn, warm Ther  $42^{\circ}$  Father cut & planted  
potatos Willie De and I pulled and hauled stumps in cornfield  
finished pulled 200 or over.

Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>

Misty cloudy salty Ther reached  $78^{\circ}$  Father grubbed a  
tree and set some fire in cornfield Willie and I plowed scrap-  
ed down same hills in N<sup>o</sup> C Father and W<sup>m</sup> took Cat and Bed  
to Chinooks to young Wonder Were not in season

Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy rained, drizzled all day Father W<sup>m</sup> and I cleaned up  
rest of oats

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy Ther  $62^{\circ}$  to  $78^{\circ}$ , Father went to town I plowed  
with Cat and Set in corn field, Willie dug around curr-  
ant bushes

Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther reached  $76^{\circ}$  trees in full blossom Father raked  
garden burnt stumps in corn field Willie and I scraped down  
hills in A.M plowed P.M in corn field and scraped back ditch

Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>

Clear, few clouds, Ther  $50^{\circ}$  morn, to noon  $80^{\circ}$  Father burnt stumps  
Willie and I with gun and gunnall days plowed in corn field

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Sold Jim and George for \$170 dinahow had a bill  
Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther reached 75° Father took Gin and a colt to town  
to buy it Willie hitched up Pat and gin & colts <sup>Colt brought at Remmey's sale</sup> the first time  
drove around yard a while then harrowed a little in corn field  
I plowed with Kate and Bet in corn field

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy, cool, Ther 48° to 72° I plowed in corn until noon  
afternoon I planted potatoes in orchard W.A. took  
Kate & Bet up to Chinck's and put them to stallions  
Young Wonder owned by Wheeler & Smith. Father took  
a horse over to Pattersons Barn this morning

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 50° rained little I plowed in cornfield  
with Kate and Bet Willie harrowed with colts Pat and gin  
Father cut some potatoes sent to Boyton afternoon got the mail  
brought some of the Spring Wheat and some onions

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Variable Father went to town on the cars got Box with  
Provisions Oxygen and Medicine for Mother came out with us  
drove to the plains then walked in Bill harrowing with colts Pat  
and Gin. I Harrowing with Kate and Bet I planted some  
potatoes & shelled 8 bu of corn for grist and chop

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Clear, warm Father cut some potato worked in garden Willie  
(drove colts Pat and gin) to town yesterday brought out Aunt Sarah Am  
to day took grand mother home made a corn marker I plowed  
in cornfield

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Clear cool in morn Ther 42° to 76° Father and Willie took grist to  
Merlin with colts, worked in garden, marked off corn rows some  
After telegraphed for Dr Springer he got here before noon to  
see Mother I finished plowing for Corn Cross harrowed half of it

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy rain'd in showers all day. The girls harrowed some in corn field

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Father Willie and I picked and shelled seed corn, planted some potatoes

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained a little Father went to town got Kate and Bet shot some medicine for Mother buggy sprung we loaded &c Willie marked off some corn rows I planted sweet corn in potato patch washed Dick and Sam with soap suds

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained very hard last night Willie let off some water washed Dick and Sam with Disinfectant

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool in morn Ther 40 reached 72° Father went to town took Aunt Sarah Ann bought a pair of harrows "Supple Jachie" Willie and I piled manure in barn yard

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm Ther reached 88° and 90° Willie drove Kate to town for Doctor Springer he came out to see Mother

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy very cool drizzled rain in morn highest Temp 61° Wm made slide gate across the lane got seed corn to be from Lucas Father and I planted some potatoes, weeded in garden

Tuesday 9

Clear cool night I finished harrowing cross in corn field Wm marked it off long way with colts Father began marking off with chain Willie and I planted corn after him

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 70° now Father went to town to get some medicine for mother Bought 2 pumps & Martin, Wm and I planted corn & I marked off some tobacco planted 15 squash seed

Thursday 11

Clear Father marked off Ward I finished planting corn No 6 Wm took Kate and Bet to Cherrick horses either one in reason Father De and I planted 500

\* Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm Ther reached 90° Cultivated ha  
rrowed and drill in the beans W-H-V-04

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm rained little Father and Willie went to  
town took Aunt Sarah Ann she has been here 2 weeks brought  
Sussey De Fel and I worked in garden Grand Mother  
came this evening

\* Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Clear Ther reached 93° Dear Mother passed from this life  
at 15 min to 5 o'clock A.M. We got Aunt Mary and Aunt E  
meline also Mrs. Postlewait and H. Kersley Uncle Amicus sent  
Telegraph to Winsor to Rev. D. L. Smith and others, to Kenia

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Father went to town to make necessary arrangements  
for the funeral brought Aunt Sarah Ann out, Uncle Horace  
Black, brought out coffin

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained little Funeral started at 2 o'clock Rev. Seth D  
W. Smith preached sermon and performed services assisted by  
Elder Brown

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Willie De and I planted some potatoes

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Father went to town got kina baggy spring and other  
things on return stoped at Chinnicks full set to Young Wo  
nder second time Wm and I finished planting potatoes  
began to replant corn

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and I finished replanting corn A.M. hauled  
40 rails to back line fence finished fixing it

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained heavy P.M. Father went to town took Aunt  
Sarah Ann and Sussey home Wm and I finished fixing  
line fence West half began building summer kitchen

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Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882  
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few clouds cool in morn & ther 48°. Willie and I plowed  
sheol building summer kitchen &

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clear cool Ther 42° in morn Father hoed sweet corn Wm and  
I cultivated west half cornfield De and Flora uncovered

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool in morn Ther 48° to 78° Father went to town took  
Joseph to stay & took 5 bushels beans last an strawberries and  
Emmadine Wm began to cultivate beans I erected scarecrow  
in corn field replanted sweet corn

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Wm cultivated beans I, De, Flora and Gunno  
covered with cloes

Friday 26

few clouds Ther 76° Father hoed potatoes in garden Wm  
cultivated some beans him De Flora and I uncovered, rain

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Father went to town took Aunt Emmadine and in  
marketing Willie, De, Flora, and I uncovered beans

Monday 29

Clear cool Ther 46° yesterday turned windy & showered  
ther Ther 90° to 52°, Willie and I cultivated corn in morn  
cut field N 1/3 of clover

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool Ther 44° Wm and I cultivated corn in morn  
cut part of field N 1/3 of clover, Father and Wm cut  
fence corners

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Father took Aunt Emmadine and strawberries to town  
with oats & oats and give Wm De and I rather shocked  
orchard and part of clover in N 1/3 & hove up the rest

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Clear moderate Father Wm De and I struck rest of 3 N° and  
cut part of N 1/3 shocked part of N 1/3

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

Clear warm Ther reached 84° Father W<sup>m</sup> and I shocked hay rest of N<sup>o</sup> 3 part of N<sup>o</sup> 5 began to haul into barn P.M.  
7 loads

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

few clouds warm Ther reached 86° Father W<sup>m</sup> D<sup>r</sup> and I hauled rest of field N<sup>o</sup> 3 5 loads making 12 loads on N<sup>o</sup> 3 also 4 loads of N<sup>o</sup> 5 Alfred went to town to try 3<sup>rd</sup> Cram

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Clear hot in morn rained heavy P.M. I finished cutting N<sup>o</sup> 5 rest hauled up 3 loads

Tuesday 7

Clear warm Father took Scraper and Lard to Fletcher and shock out hay

Wednesday 8

finished shaking out and hauled in 4 loads of hay

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

finished Ther reached 94° hauling hay 3 loads making 14 bales in N<sup>o</sup> 5, hay in all 26 loads, 4 in stable, I recut down part of N<sup>o</sup> 5 W<sup>m</sup> eat fence corners

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 82° W<sup>m</sup> and I cultivated corn finished in morn  
in other & re raked fields of hay

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool Father went to town brought Alfred W<sup>m</sup> get and I hauled re raking and cutting & 3 loads red beans rest of day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

few clouds rained hard with heavy wind in afternoon Father cut fence corners W<sup>m</sup> and I cultivated corn till rain

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 76° Father W<sup>m</sup> D<sup>r</sup> & I weeded in garden

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm Father cut fence corners W<sup>m</sup> and I cultivated corn

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> finished cultivating beans

misty clouds Ther reached 84° Father cut fence corners W<sup>m</sup> and I finished cross cultivating corn. height of corn are  $\frac{1}{4}$  in

57°

Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1885

warm clear Ther reached 94° all hoed some beans, hauled in load of fence corner hay Father got Bradle fixed at 3<sup>o</sup> P.M. Ther cut bound and shocked a little lot wheat in N.Y.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

clear warm Ther reached 90° Father went to town Wm helped grand mother haul hay rest hoed beans

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear sultry warmest day this summer yet Ther highest temperature 98° Father began reaping wheat in N.Y. Wm & Grand & Young sold 3 bushel corn for \$2.50 went to town where met Mrs N Rosier at dock who commenced work in morning got 200 cwt of flour

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Clear cloudy threatened rain in afternoon, breezy all day Ther reached 90° hoed wheat in N.Y. Ther cut some fence corners Cultivated and hoed some corn Mrs N Rosier began work

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

few clouds warm Ther 88° Father cut some fence corners Wm and I cultivated corn All S.C. & hoed

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

few clouds Ther reached 88° Father cut some fence corners Wm and I cultivated L.A. & hoed corn, A.C. in P.C. all downed wheat Father cut

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm in morn cloudy rained heavy earth here crossed corn field Father reaped, while at 1/4, Wm & De Flia and I bound and shock it

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther reached 82° Father went to town to see Dr. Boyart the Surgeon Rest of day we and Wm worked after hoed road corn and potatoes

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear, cool morn Ther reached 89° Wm reaped W.M. 1/4 with nose & hand

Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Clear very warm Ther reached 84° Father Wm and I shocked rest of No 3 part of No 5 began to haul into the barn P.M hauled 7 loads,

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

few clouds very warm Ther reached 86° Alfred went to town to try examination Father Wm De Fila and I hauled hay into barn, loads,

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool in morn Ther 57° reached 93° Father helped Uncle Mack bind wheat Wm Al De and I bound rest of No 1 set most up now taken to Paterson's barn

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

few clouds rained little last night Ther sea 91° all big n to haul wheat hauled field Wm Al De, chosen wheat

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained last night little today Father went to town drove Kate and ging got bread for Bet rest cut Thistles and weeds in <sup>old</sup> Flashing those cows Gladstone

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

all clouds got Aunt Emma's Team and O'barlie to help draw wheat drawn all to one load and raking of No 1

August 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Cloudy rained little Father went to town drove Aunt Emma Kate and ours we finished hauling Wheat and raking into barn as our had 10 Pigs

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy showered heavy all night and today till about noon

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool in morn Ther 65° to 75° all moved fence around garden began to haul up stove wood rained little

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Father cut Aunt Emma's oats in clouds cool in morn Ther 60° to 74° all hauled stove wood

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cut spring wheat eat about 15 blocks tooo and fence around garden made some rails to ~~cut~~ in time slashin

Mary May 21

Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

Cloudy moderate Father bought a 2 year old colt from Theodore Marchan gave Tidy cow and \$40, all along fence line next woods of Starling.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father and I drove Kate in to town with the marketing rest loged Pelt turned Aunt Emmeline oats

Sunday warm heavy showers very wet Marchan who

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

few clouds, warm very wet ground Father and Willie went to Detroit on excursion, pescar, rest pelt was charred weeds out of onions and garden & potatoes

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> A Copper brought a cow to Gladstone

Clear warm Ther reached about 85° all picked up in clearing 1 in forenoon round and set up Aunt Emmeline's oats PM

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 84° Father and Wm went to Tilbury Center and got 2 year old colt bought off Marchan rest picked up in bush

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained in showers PM went around oats all picked up in the Starling.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy very cool Wm cut field 2 and most of 3<sup>rd</sup> with Kate and bet, rest eat weeds house yard and part field 4

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Clear very cool in morn Ther from 40° to 70° Father drove Kate and bet to town marketing, Wm took horses to Fletcher with colts to be repaired we found lots of 2<sup>nd</sup> and part field 4

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug

brought Sam colt age year 3<sup>rd</sup> up this morn took cows over  
Middle road back to town seat Dr Hall. I sent he died before arrival of us

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy moderate built log pit over all. Barn finished eating Cornfield 8 1/2 stand and set up one

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1885

Cloudy threatened rain Wm Alred & I got up and I found and set up  
Cats until 4 o'clock P.M. W. J. A. D and I went to see Fire works  
in Chatham

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear misty Ther from 65° to 78° Father took Mrs Peather to  
town. Willie took 25 bu of oats and 18 bu of wheat to town with  
and set, rest bound last of the Cats, field N° 4

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Father and Willie went to Fletcher and got plows and scra-  
per. Father went to Mrs Peathers to sell 25 ac ground W plowed  
P.M. plowed 4 ac with Kate & bet in stable & N° 5, W and A  
stacked Aunt Cummelines Cats. In the afternoon cut some weeds

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther 80° rained very heavy accompanied with  
strong wind and heavy hail. Father brought calves home from  
Burke's took 5 bu of crabs off Siberian trees cut some weeds  
22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy Father drove our Kate and Cummeline's Kate to  
town sent Dr Hall out to examine & get split wood cut near  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained heavy all night and in showers today Ther  
70° Cut 10 posts for a Waggon shed at Lucy & G. Elliot valued <sup>the</sup>  
my hutton track yesterday

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Wm Alred and I worked on timber hewed  
tauled up for shed

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther from 52° to 66° straightened up oats  
and worked on timber finished Father attended to his  
business for Mrs Workhead & G. Yarle bought a single  
buggy of J. Williams

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear & warm Cloudy too Ther 44° Wm Alred & I worked  
on timber also

Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 1885

Cloudy cool Ther 46° Wm Alf & De began to haul in oats with Kate Pat & I in feather, I went down and got Aunt Emma's Team ploughed PM with them

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father and I went to town drove Aunt Emma lines Team Wm Alf & I hauled in the rest of the Oats from field 61 1/4 & 21 Wm brought single buggy from J Williams

Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy cool heavy shower of hail and rain in evening Wm and I began to plow in No 5, W with Kate, Emma, Pat, I with Aunt Emma's team

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther reached 64° rained a shower Pella Falls went to town drove Kate Wm and I finished plowing in No 5 began in no 2

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Clear in morn cloudy Ther 40° slight frost Wm and I finished plowing lot No 2, began to E, at 11 AM Alf & De and Pella began to pull down what hay Father & Alf took the Democrat buggy to Shaws to be repainted

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy Wm and I plowed in No 5, De Alf and Pella painted beans

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained until noon all shelled corn until noon plowed a little PM with teams

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father drove Kate to town single I plowed with Aunt Emma's team Wm and rest worked at waggon painting

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. 7

Cloudy Sunday even clear frost Ther 37° Wm and I finished plowing stalks in No 4, we hauled work on waggon that raised Father bought a Wiser seed drill for \$94

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1885

Cloudy rained all day with short intermissions Willie drove Kate to town got some medicine for Aunt Carmelina, rest shelled corn

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy several misty showers Willie Alf Della & I finished raising the waggon shed

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy & hot 74° Father went to town for Aunt Carmelina we all worked at waggon shed sided it in

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> brought double buggy from Bud

Cloudy Wm Alf and I got rafters for shed out of bush worked at them and places for them D and F pulled beans

Saturday 12

Cloudy Father and I took 30 bu of dry shell corn got 52 Wm shaped and put up the rafters A, D and F pulled beans

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Clear Father went to town yesterday to Conference came out to visit Wm, Alf and I worked on siding and roofing shed

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Father got 12 bu seed wheat, Wm harrowed W 405 and lot N 2 A, D, F pulled beans, I went down and began plowing for Aunt Carmelina

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool Ther 50° Wm drilled lot N 2 and W 4 of N 5 in Wheat, A, D, C & F pulled beans, I plowed for Aunt E with team

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Misty cool Ther 38° frost some places Wm harrowed all day I with Aunt E team also until noon in N 4 rest pulled beans

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Wm got 12 bu of Oats from Paterson hauled in 2 loads of beans rest pulled beans I plowed for Aunt E

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear foggy cool nights Ther reached 75° Father drove Kate to town all hands pulled beans today

Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

Clear heavy dew warm I got Aunt Emmeline team and railed E.H. & Wm harrowed half of it with Kate and colts A.D. and F. pulled beans

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy Ther 66° Father went to town Wm and I harrowed afternoon Wm began drill in wheat in N.Y. followed with harrow De Alf & F. pulled beans

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy warm in morn turned windy cold Ther 40° Wm finished drilling wheat in N.Y. A.M. went down and plowed for Aunt Emmeline both teams, A.D. pulled beans

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool in morn Willie and I finished sowing Aunt Emmeline Alf, De and F. finished pulling the beans in N.Y.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

few clouds warm Ther reached 80° Willie and I harrowed ground down at Aunt Emmeline, Father and I got 16 bu of seed wheat

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

few clouds very warm Ther reached 90° Father went to town with Mrs Peakers horse Willie and I drilled and harrowed after 7<sup>th</sup> of wheat at Aunt Emmeline's A and D began to dig potatoes

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 28

clear warm Ther reached 78° Wm run out water furrows on wheat at Aunt E, A, D and I hauled in rest of beans with Kate and bate, both plowed P.M. in bean ground in N.Y. put a nice little pig in the pen to wean

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 29

clear warm Ther reached 80° Wm and I plowed in N.Y. A.M. Father helped Aunt Emmeline thrash A cut first of grapes

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

few clouds slight breeze warm Father Wm and I went to town to Fair took some marketing May

Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>

misty clouds, warm Wm and I plowed in N.Y. and harrowed

October Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

Cloudy moderate Ther 74° turned cooler Wm and I finished plowing in all field No 4 harrowed and began cultivating it

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy cool rained about noon till 2 Friday Father drove to town Wm harrowed and cultivated No 4 with Kate and Kate and Uncle A. D. and I cut corn first cut

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 37° rained slowly till noon we shelled corn sown seed wheat Wm and I sowed 4 bu of wheat for Aunt E brought team up

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 36° frost snowed little Father took grit for Aunt E and De Flav and Emma for Vaccination to town Wm drilled part of No 4 in wheat Alf and I cut corn

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 27° Wm finished drilling wheat in No 4 I harrowed with Aunt E team finished all furrows &c by 3 PM all cut corn rest of day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

few clouds &c rained heavy during night Wm Alf De and I cut corn

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Clear heavy frost Ther 29° Father went to D. Fletcher's Sale got 2 two grade and one Thoroughbred heifers price \$74, all cut corn

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Clear Frost and fog in morn Ther 34° Father drove Kate to town Wm De and I got 3 heifers from Fletcher's, hauled load pumpkins up for pigs, all cut corn rest of day

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father took single buggy wheel to Buxton and got it spen ded Wm Alf De and I finished cutting corn in No 6 sown 50 bu

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloud began raining last night rained nearly all day Wm and I put the gable end in wagon shed

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained drily in forenoon Father went to town drove Kate Wm and Alf and I greased gin and carts harness

Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> 1885

few clouds moderate Father and I & W<sup>m</sup> A and I put some roof on waggon shed

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

few clouds. Father and I took 39 bu of corn got 48cts per bu to town with Aunt E Kate and ours W<sup>m</sup> Cut some of clover for dad in N<sup>o</sup> 3

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

few clouds warm Ther reached 65° Father drove Aunt E team to town W<sup>m</sup> cut rest of clover in N<sup>o</sup> 3 and part of N<sup>o</sup> 5 and I hauled some corn hauled 2 loads pumpkins Aunt E Pat wear ed here De and F cut corn stalks

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained hard last night drizzled some today Father W<sup>m</sup> and I went down and cleaned 30bu of wheat for Aunt E Father went to town hall took a petition we began to haul manure on the N<sup>o</sup> 3

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool in eve windy Father drove Kate and beauty took 30bu of wheat to town for Aunt E, W<sup>m</sup> and I hauled manure with Kate and Bet, Went rest of clover in N<sup>o</sup> 5

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Clear cool, W<sup>m</sup>, Alf, De and I hauled manure all day on N<sup>o</sup> 3 with both teams, Kate beaut,

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy cool all hauled manure from barn yard, ice in morn

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy cool, Ther 32° in morn, Father and I went to Fletcher got 413ft of lumber for wagon & shed at 0, Father took 12 bu of corn to Oberlin to get ground did not get it ground, W<sup>m</sup> and Alf helped at Uncle Mack to Thrash in the afternoon

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear heavy frost last night Father went to town on the Democrat got 100<sup>dwt</sup> of flour settled Kennedy note Chas Alf and I put some roof on the shed and hauled in some dirt and turned some of the clover

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1885

Clear frosty in morn Father went to Ulleringot grist  
W<sup>m</sup> Alf and De went down and helped Uncle Mack  
to thrash I stayed up with vaccination

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Misty W<sup>m</sup> and Alf made general arrangements for thrash-  
ing Cleaned Barn, grainery hauled wood &c De and Fr  
gathered apples

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father went to town got <sup>necessary</sup> for thrasher  
rest tinkered about got engine and machine over and so

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained heavy last night and drizzled all day  
Stopped our thrashing W<sup>m</sup> made forks for colts

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool windy snowed all A.M. several hands gathered to thrash  
but failed Father and W<sup>m</sup> drove (Kate and Bet) to Buxton hauled  
our logs to gangway of Kersley Mill

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

Clear in morn cool Ther 20° Father went to town market  
W<sup>m</sup> A, D and I dug and pitted about 16 bu of carrots

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Cloudy Cool, one short shower, we began to thrash first whea  
at Clawson, Democrat, Reliable, resp, in all 286 bu, set for oats.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy Cool, hail last night Ther 37°, we thrashed oats 2 1/4 bu  
A.M., Father went to Buxton P.M. to get logs sawed failed

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained Father went to Buxton got a cart hook from  
haw we picked apples in Old Orchard pitted rest of carrots  
and beets

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained Continuous P.M. very muddy finished picking  
Apples in old orchard

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy to - next day Father piled lumber sawed a Kersley mill

Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1885  
we fanned up all of Reliable Wheat

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther 60° very muddy Father went to town  
single buggy W<sup>m</sup> and I went to Burton W brought back  
lumber to finish shed I remained and piled rest of shed  
lumber as sawed rest gathered some apples finished roofing W

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool, W<sup>m</sup>, Alf, De, Elmer, and I began to husk corn

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10

Cloudy Cleared off PM all husked corn

Wednesday Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 39° W<sup>m</sup> took Mrs Peaker 40 bu of corn AM  
drawed 40 in from field all began to turn clover over

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy turned windy and cool we turned over rest of sad clover  
in No 5 hauled in 3 waggon loads

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Cool rained during night we hauled up a load of squashes  
and pumpkins and 40 bu of corn turned clover in No 3

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 14

Cloudy Cool heavy blustering snow storms Ther 30° Father drove  
Aunt E team to town took 4 bu of Wheat for grist, we daubed stable

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool windy we shook up sad clover in No 5 and hauled  
in rest of it, 3 loads.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Clear AM cloudy PM warm Ther 24° reached 60° turned and hauled  
2 loads of No 3 sad clover Father sold all Elm on east side lane

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained nearly all day Father W and I measured and  
bined Reliable Wheat 118 bu fanned most of Democrat, hauled  
of hay to stable A sow had 9 pigs

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy moderate, Father and I made roads in slashing to some roads  
W got barrel of plaster from Rice, all husked some corn.

Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> 1885

Cloudy cool, all hushed corn

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy Ther 36° Father drove Kate and Pat to town market  
we all hushed corn

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy cool we hauled in 3 loads of corn

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool snowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch Wm went to town on Kate A, D, & I hushed corn

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool Ther 34° Snowed about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 in Wm with colts, I hauled out 400 rails <sup>between</sup> west between clearing and bush A, D, helped. J. Gamestarrin patched plaster in house

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy moderate we hauled out 329 rails from slashing

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool, we hauled out last of rails 57 rails and 19 poles hauled also 50 bu of corn P.M.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther 22° Father went to town single buggy Wm and I bushed out soft wood in slashing all hushed some corn P.M.  
Dr Barry's men began cutting Elm in slashing, all woods east of lane

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther 26° Willie took Kate to town started to take Bet got to Skippis on C<sup>on</sup> the corn A, D, and I hushed corn turned seed clover off

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy rained little in morn warm Father shoveled some in E line ditch rest all hushed

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy warm all hushed corn

& Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy windy cool we hauled in 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  loads of corn had the last of seed clover from no 3 Bet mare died at Skippis

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy, little snow in morn rained at night Wm D and I hushed corn Cousin Arminia and George came here from Windsor

Saturday December 5 1885

Stormy heavy blustery snow storm nearly all day Ther 22° and could not go to town Wm and I put stalls in stable rest picked

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Clear cold Ther 3° above 7 proceeding day very stormy heavy snow blizzards Ther 18° fell to 10° Wm and I hauled 2 loads of hay to stable Ther Shreve brought engine we began to thresh thrash Clover seed about 4 O'clock PM.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clouded in morn Ther 2° above 7 reached 34° snowed turned to sleet rain Father went to Chatham to attend court on Cooper vs Webb case We finished threshing Clover seed about 14:30 PM had about 13 bu from machine

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy moderate snowed some rained all night high water Father went to town to attend court Wm took 23 bu of Wheat to town got 80 cts per bu We cleaned barn after mill

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cooler windy Ther 28° Father stayed in town awaiting trial Cooper vs Webb Wm and Alf took engine out to H. Blacks with Kate and Aunt E. Kate We hauled 30 bu of corn

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 19° Father went to town on trial Cooper vs Webb Wm went to Buxton got a load of lumber saved for us at Kersley mill we haul out 167 rails trial came off Webb had damages to suit

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 10° evening 30° Father drove Pat and Jim to town Wm drove Kate and Jewel to Buxton got load of lumber AM hauled in 50 bu of corn to Barn

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed about 5 in yesterday and this morn hauled in some fodder

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Blustery Ther 16° Wm and I hauled 4 loads <sup>26 cu ft</sup> of lumber from Buxton hauled 2 loads of soft wood up to Hawkirk with teams (Pat and Jim Kate and Jewel).

Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> 1885

Clear in morn pleasant Ther 10° W in Alf and I hauled rest of 5 cord of soft wood to Newkirk's got a grist of 6 bu of corn ready

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther reached 40° we hauled corn fodder into Barn

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy little is now Ther 32° we hauled up fire wood all day Father took 6 bu of corn to Merlin for grist with pat and gin

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear in morn windy Ther 32° Father took 31 bu of wheat to town got 76 cts per bu with Kate Aunt E Kate, Wm went to Merlin and got yesterday's grist

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy turning warm we fanned up the last of Democrat when in all 81 bu and commanded on Clawson fixed one wood rack to haul on wagon (brought mare coming to Polly, home we got from Charleston)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther reached 50° Father drove Kate and Polly to town took 33 $\frac{3}{4}$  bu of wheat got 76 cts per bu hauled load of fodder into barn and a load of hay into stable and others chores

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

III J J

Cloudy, very muddy, we put up beams in shed wagons, put up rake plows &c got some white flint ready to pound into

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 28° Father took Cousin Arminia and Mrs Rosier to town, latter left, Wm went to Stockton for cider press did not get it, took 10 bu of apples to Rices got them ground

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Clear, warm Sun, Ther 14° Father and Alf went to town drove Kate and Polly team, Willie and I put up a crane in wagon shed fixed stye put in little pigs

I J J J

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 34° to 40° Father went to Buoton to meet Post C. I. Inspector We fanned up rest of Clawson in all 111 bu fixed other wood racks to haul on the wagon

Tuesday December 29th 1885-1886

Cloudy Ther 34° Father posted bills of sale of old home  
-Stead in south and north Buxton We hauled a load of hay  
into stable hauled part of manure pile in order spread  
it on N<sup>o</sup> 1

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 38° 48° in eve rained some Father went to School meet-  
ing ~~was elected trustee~~ <sup>slash</sup> ~~trustee~~ We culled corn in cribs piled and choiced it

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy Ther 40° We spread manure in N<sup>o</sup> 3

Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1886 AD

Cloudy We spread rest of manure on N<sup>o</sup> 3 Wm sharpened little cr-  
oscat

Saturday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy Ther 44° very muddy rained in eve Father went to to-  
wn We got up poles for wagon shed sawed some stove wood

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained nearly all day Ther 50° at 9AM 34° 6PM Father  
and Wm held Municipal election at old school Alf  
and I let off water culled some corn &c

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 30° snowed PM Father took election returns  
to Fletcher We took heated fodder out of snow sawed some stove wood and legume to  
fan clover seed

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 11° we began to thrash beans in barn with horse

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed little Ther 14° We thrashed beans

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clear in morn snowed little Ther 5° above We finished thrashing  
beans and fanned them about 42 bu

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustery Ther 9° Father and Wm went to town in sleigh  
I and Alf hauled a load of hay into stable &c

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustery Ther 6° below 0° snowed PM Wm and I  
hauled one load each of hickory wood to Buxton on sledges

Tuesday Dec Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

Clear in morn Ther 13° below we hauled hickory wood to Buxton on sleighs

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 4° below we hauled wood to Buxton <sup>wagons</sup> on wagons

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther 10° above we made 3 trips with hickory wood on wagons to Buxton

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy drizzled little in evening Ther 16° above reached 38° we made two trips to Buxton with wood with cousin Arminta Houghs to Fletcher to go home on mail

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther 38° rained considerable Father went to town with Aunt Emmaine We made 3 trips each to Buxton

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed little Ther 21° We made 3 trips each to Buxton with hickory wood

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed about 2 in Ther 14° Wm and I made one, last trip to Buxton all on wagons with hickory wood had in all 25½ cords got \$2.75 per cord, loaded one way ton with 20 in Beach

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustery turned to rain in evening Wm and I took load each of 20 in Beach for Dr Springer or to Chatham

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy little snow sleeted in night Ther 28° we shivered a few maple saw logs

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy blustery snow storm in eve Ther 14° Wm and Alf took rest of 20 in stove wood in all 8 single cords to Dr Springer or on the sleighs

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clear cold Ther 2° below reached 10° above Father went to town on sleigh Wm and Alf took a load of hay from barn to stable we drawn up some fire wood etc

Imp

Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> 1886

Cloudy moderate very little snow slatey roads Wm and Alf made 4 trips each to Fletcher with Maple saw logs to Barry

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy drizzled some Wm and Alf Father took rest of Maple logs to Barry's to be saved Father Wm and I went to Buxton PM and rolled three large White Oak logs up to the shidway of Kersey's mill Maple logs to Barry's 14

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 30° to 38° Father and Wm went to town on wagon took 7 bu 2 qbs of clover seed got \$6.50 per bu 15 lbs of beans got 65¢ per bu Alf and I bushed out some soft cord wood and fire wood

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy drizzled rain a little Ther 32° to 36° Wm and Alf bushed out 340 rails I finished bushing out soft wood cut by E. E. Clare

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 24° to 34° Wm and I got one load each of ice from Fletcher to pack

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>



Cloudy snowed about 2 in Ther 18° Father and Wm went to town Ordered ~~a~~ a Traction Engine built at D. Park and son Alf and I hauled a load of hay to stable built fence around cow yard

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1886

Cloudy moderate Wm and Alf packed ice I took 10 bu to Aunt Emma and 10 bu to Aunt Mary of beans brought a load of sawdust from Buxton

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy snowed about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in most yet to lay on road this winter Wm and I began to cut Maple logs to get saved by Barry

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Clear Ther 8° below 0 Wm and I saved rest of maple logs small 9 began to cut some elm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Clear Windy Ther 7° below 0 snow 4 above Wm and I hauled 8 maple logs to Fletcher

Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

Clear calm Ther 16° below 0° Wm and I hauled one maple  
last, making in all 23 maple logs to get sawed also 9 Elm logs for sale

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustery snowed about 3 in Ther 14° Father and Wm went  
to town & and I got up a load of limbs to heat kettle for hog killing.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clear, warm Sun, Ther 25° above reached 42° snow going fast  
A Father Wm Alf and I cut 4 Elm logs AM hauled them PM  
one tree had 1640 feet

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 18° reached 48° We killed our pigs 4 Wt 355-  
154-135-115 lbs respectively, hauled a load of hay to stable

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 30° to 42° Wm Alf and I hauled some corn hauled it in

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 38° to 42° Father and Willie cut up and salted pork got  
Aunt Mary who rendered lard; Wm and I sawed some cord wood

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained in night and AM misty very muddy Ther 40° to 44°  
Wm sharpened both saws

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy misty drizzled little Ther 38° to 40° Father went to town  
in buggy we sawed wood, starch, cord, and fire wood took <sup>load</sup> to Pattersons

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy snowed in windy Ther 26° Father Wm Alf and I sawed wood of  
all kinds and slashed and piled brush

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Clear cool Ther 8° Wm Alf and I sawed cord wood all day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 5° during night, 22° to 31 AM, We hauled a load of  
hay from barn to stable Wm got rest of hand picked beans from Aunt  
Emmaline some from Aunt Mary's cut cord wood. P.M.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther 40° little shift of snow - Wm A and I sawed cord  
wood

8 3

Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 1886

Cloudy rained Wm cleaned up Clock and Organ we picked beans Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy blustery Ther 4° above Father and Wm took 10 bu of bean hand picked got 1000 per bu we picked some beans got up some cord Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy Snowed yesterday little today about 3 in snow has not exceeded 4 in in depth this winter Father went to town in sleigh Wm and Alf hauled manure from stable and spread on wheat in Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clear, Cloudy in morn Ther 32° thawing AM Wm and Alf hauled manure from stable spread on wheat in field 7104 cut some wood E.P.M.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 10° reached 32 Wm and Alf hauled manure on 104

Thursday 25

Cloudy and very windy Jan 28° this morning but turned cold we hauled the last of the hay from the East barn off the barn and put it in the stable very muddy

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Clear little shift of snow very muddy windy Ther 8° above we hauled in a load of fodder cut cord wood PM

Saturday Friday 27

Clear warmer sun Ther 6° above Father and Alf went to town in the buggy I and I piled some cord wood, cut firewood

Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Clear windy at times Ther 4° above Father Wm Alf and I cut cord wood and rail cuts

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Clear windy Ther 8° above Wm Alf and I cut cord wood AM, sanded and shelled 6 bu of old corn for grit

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy Ther 12° above Father went to town in democrat to get 6 bu of corn got grit. Wm A and I cut cord wood

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 20° reached 36° We hauled in rest of corn fodder the ground is bare frozen dry, snow has not exceeded 4 in this winter

Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

Clear Ther 16° reached 40° We hauled the remaining corn shocks in to Barn Wm went to Rileys got 4 bu of seed corn from Elmer got rest of beans from atunts Marys

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 16° reached 40° Father took 25 bu of wheat for grain  
We sawed cord wood some stove wood also, to town

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Clear intervals skiffs of snow Ther 34° Wm and I hauled and spread manure on wheat in the AM all cut wood in slassing PM

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Some wind Ther 24° to 36° all hauled up fire wood AM Cut in PM

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 24° to 36° Father Wm Alf and I cut in slassing fire wood 6:30 PM Wm and I scattered blocks for fence around clearing hauled out 128 rails

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy windy Ther about 36° Father Will and Alf cut in slassing

Friday 12

Cloudy & cool Lem 36° slight skiff of snow this morning Father went to Fletcher Chaunwell we did not do much

\* Saturday 13

Cloudy Lem 38° Father went to Town put in a tender for the Shadd homestead of 3500 Chaunwell alf and I husked some corn in the barn etc

Monday 15

Clear and warm becoming very muddy Alf and I cut some stove wood in the woods Father helped us

Tuesday 16

Clear and warm Alf and I sawed some stove wood in the woods

Wednesday 17

Clear and warm Father and I went to town in the buggy roads very heavy

Thursday 18

Cloudy and raining I filed the saw we done not mch

March Friday 19 1886  
showered some this morning Alf and I hauled  
the first load of hay from west now to the stable  
Father went to Fletcher heavy thunder storm  
night before last

Saturday 20

Cloudy & showery very muddy Father scouring  
ditches Alf and I saved some stove wood

Monday ~~21~~<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy snowed about 2 in Wm and Alf wood sawed cord and sto

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

few clouds Father Wm and Alf sawed wood in lashing

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

few clouds  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr 40° to 50° Father Wm and Alf sawed wood

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

few clouds moderate Father Wm and Alf sawed wood

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy windy  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr 40° to 30° Father burned grass along line ditch  
Wm and Alf trimmed some trees in young orchard took out some carrots

Saturday 27

Cloudy Sun 28 Father Went to town where he \*  
found that his tender of 530<sup>00</sup> for the homestead  
was accepted Alf and Wm trimmed trees all day

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and showery Alf and Wm finished husking  
corn in the barn

Tuesday 30

Cloudy & damp Alf and W.A. hauled in a load  
of hay trimmed some trees &c

Wednesday 31

heavy frost Sun 22 clear & warm in the day  
Father & W.A. went to town in the Bugbee.  
Roads very muddy

Thursday 1 April

Snowing Raining &c W.A. hung up the pork

April Friday 2 1886  
Cloudy and Cool Alf and W.A. fixing up fences

Saturday 3

Clear but cool Father Aunt Emma and W.A.  
went to town in the Buggy roads very heavy

Monday 5

Cloudy and cool Father and W.A. sowed Clover  
chaff on lot No 2 Father went to Wilsons sale  
Alf and W.A. went to cut down & piled up 4 old  
apple trees & fixed fences

Tuesday 6

Snowed all day snow very deep over a foot  
we did not do much

Cool this 22 Wednesday,

Alf and W.A. hauled out some  
manure from the garden on to No 1

Thursday 8

Very cool this morning Alf and W.A. hauled out  
some manure on to No 1 got soft and we had  
to quit we then hauled out rails from garden  
fence onto the road Father went out to town hall  
to division court

Friday 9

Clear and warm ~~very~~ <sup>but</sup> huffy snow going fast  
we hauled some rails on to laundry like  
& hauled up some wood

Saturday 10

Clear Father and Aunt Emma went to town  
D' Hall took a large splint from Kates breast  
Alf and W.A. trimmed trees at upper place

Monday 12

Cloudy & showery Alf and W.A. lit off water  
took out Carrots parsnips & beets & shelled corn

Tuesday 13 1886

Clear Alf and W.A. hauled some hay to Aunt Emma's trimmed grape vines &c

Wednesday 14

Clear Alf and W.A. trimmed trees at upper place Williams, Moore, & Mathews cut wood

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Father, W.A. and I went to town Father trashed court on summons, I went to Doctor brought out 200 lbs of flour roads beginning to dry up some heavy yet

Friday 16

Clear very warm Ther reached 75° Father returned from town this evening Wm and Alf trimmed trees on upper place

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 72° W.A. and Alf trimmed trees on upper place

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm Ther reached 80° in shade Father took 22 bu of white wheat to town got 78cts per bu Wm and Alf fixed fence along front of place

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear AM rained a heavy shower PM Father drove colts to town took 24 bu of wheat got 78cts per bu Wm fixed fence on upper place Alf got Aunt Emma team bearing rolling meadow in No 1

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Clear Ther reached 78° Wm took  $\frac{10}{24}$  bu of oats and Drill to upper place and bed stead &c to cultivate and doo field Alf finished Rolling No 1 began No 5

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Clear warm Wm finished cultivating began to Drill in oats PM on upper place Alf and Alva gathered stones on clover on upper place PM Alf finished rolling clover in No 5 house AM

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

few clouds Ther reached 78° Wm Drilled oats and Web-Sprin wheat Alf and I finished gathering stones began to roll clo-

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1886

Intermittent clouds Father drove Aunt Emma's team to town took 30 bu of wheat got 80cts per bu Wm finished drilling oats & alf sowed clover on upper place

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Ther reached 65° Wm cultivated and drilled in oats for Aunt Emma and Alf and C. Simpson harrowed and rolled wheat on east side of lane on the upper place

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool windy Wm plowed, Alf harrowed, C. Simpson rolled wheat & rolled meadow also on upper place

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther 70° Wm harrowed wheat in No 4 home with Pat. gin and Dick, latter added today, C. Simpson finished wheat rolling on upper place began rolling in No 4 Alf plowed on upper place Father plow and I picked tree trimmings on upper place

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool windy Wm finished harrowing wheat in No 4 at 2:30 PM of No 5 C. Simpson rolled it Father sowed clover seed on lot #2 and E of No 5 Alf plowed on upper place AM began harrowing wheat down at Aunt Emma's

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cold drizzly rain all day Father sold all of the Elm and Basswood on upper place to P. J. Barry for \$300 to be taken off within 3 years from date April 30<sup>th</sup> 1886

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1886

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther 70° rained PM Father went to town Wm Alf scraped the road from townline to Dratherad with all & Aunt Emma's team

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cloudy Father sowed clover at Aunt Emma's Alf and C. Simpson harvested and rolled wheat down at Aunt E Wm plowed on upper place

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained PM Wm Alf and C. Simpson ploughed and harrowed on upper place Dick cold before and worked some this week

Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cooler Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed  
on upper place Father went to town

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Wm Alf and C Simpson Drilled in and harrowed  
and rolled oats on upper place Father and I burnt part of bush

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 78° Father and I finished burn  
ing brush trimmings in orchard on upper place Wm Alf and  
C Simpson plowed for oats down at Aunt E mmaline's

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clear Ther 76° Father went to town S buggy Wm Alf finish  
ed putting in oats at Aunt E mmaline's worked sick

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy heavy rain last night AM we loged up some  
log piles in slassing PM Wm and Alf plowed for corn at  
Aunt E mmaline's Oliver Higate put 24 head of cattle  
and calves in E bush on upper place to pasture one mon<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy AM Ther 70° PM Wm and Alf finished plowing for  
corn down at Aunt E mmaline

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 80° in shade Wm drove Pat to  
town to horse Doctor De Alf and C Simpson beg an  
to plow for corn in field No 6 vine garden potatoes plant

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 76° Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed in No  
6 for corn Father went to town Mr Hatchet's funeral <sup>chucks</sup> I picked up

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm Ther 76° rained heavy in eve and night Wm and Alf  
plowed in No 6 Kate and Dolly and Aunt E team

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained drizzily AM Father went to town Wm Alf Deard  
Flake Cleared up house and barn on upper place

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed for corn in No 6

To be right to make him work out the amount  
and consider it a christian act.

Argument on Slavery

Mrs I. D. Shadd's Argument on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 58 was that if she were to buy a Slave that she believes it to be her right to hold him under such time as it takes the Slave to remunerate her, and that if the Slave runs away that she would have him brought back, she said she would not sell him but she would scourge and whip him, this she considers Christianity and right, rarely admitting the right to buy men under all such circumstances. If a master was to sell a slave she has no right to keep him from going south but, won't believe it

Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1886

Clear & cool this and yesterday warm Ther 36° and 40. res  
Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed in No 6 Father burnt in slashing

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear Wm Alf and C Simpson finished plowing for corn  
in No 6 Father sowed and burnt in slashing I bagged up rest  
of the Closen Wheat 33 bu

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Wm Alf and C Simpson finished harrowing  
and marked off one way field No 6 began planting in evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Clear warm Father marked and planted all of field No 6 in corn  
C Simpson sowed part of it

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Clear very warm Ther reached 86° in shade Father went  
to town took 36 bu of wheat got 76 cts per bu  
Wm Alf and C Simpson & I finished rolling corn  
in No 6 and went to Aunt E and harrowed marked off  
and planted 4 acres for her

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Clear We began to move part of things to upper place all  
but Willie and Slave moved up, PM Wm and I plowed

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Clear Wm A and C Simpson harrowed oats Father took about  
of 25 bu got 76 cts for 5 bu left rest there in Chatham also 2 heavy  
hours for repair

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Clear Father went to Town hall to council meeting got assis-  
ment on upper place charged in to his name Wm got gin  
shad at Buxton brought road scraper from shaws C  
Simpson plowed

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy heavy shower last night Wm Alf and I hauled out  
278 rails from W Baish on upper place I plowed PM  
for summer follow C Simpson plowed also

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Scraped the road & fixed live fence etc <sup>of factory</sup>  
few clouds Wm C Simp and I finished plowing summer follow

Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1886

Clear Father and Wm went to town Alf and I planted some garden down home sweet corn &c

Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

Clear warm Father and Wm measured off upper field and layed off ditches Alf and I cleaned and white washed root house

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Clear very warm AM Father went to town brought out Mrs Ang<sup>a</sup> Carter Wm Alf and C Simpson began to ditch along line fence S E gate quarter next 8<sup>th</sup> cor

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy rained shower PM Father went to town and got Mrs Carters furniture Wm Alf and C Simpson ditched S E gate quarter next 8<sup>th</sup> cor

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

few clouds cool Father put away work Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed for beans on upper place De and I cut rubbish in fence

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 72° Father and I scraped road from 1<sup>st</sup> turn line to 12 and 13 side road Wm and I finished working ground and put it in beans AM W, A, C, S, D cut rye at Aunt E's wheat

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Clear AM rained shower PM Ther 74° Father went to town W, M, H and I ditched 2 teams, I replanted part of field N<sup>o</sup> 6 in corn

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

few clouds rained in morning Ther reached 80° Wm Alf and C Simpson ditched, hauled out 82 rails also I pt replanted some in N<sup>o</sup> 6 Father cut rye at Aunt E

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 71° Wm Alf, C Simpson finished the ditch on SW half line up here began to haul out manure on summer fall out I finished replanting corn in N<sup>o</sup> 6 down home Father finished rye at Aunt E

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

few clouds warm days hauled manure on summer fall out roled and harrowed it I replanted corn down at Aunt E manure

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1886

few clouds A, D and I hauled manure on summer follow AM  
W<sup>m</sup> Alf and I began to cultivate corn on lower place PM

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther reached 78° W<sup>m</sup> Alf and I finished culti-  
vating corn in N<sup>o</sup> 6 on lower place David T. uncover

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

few clouds warm father went to town we fixed fence for lot  
behind the barn for Dick

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

few clouds very warm Ther reached 89° in shade W<sup>m</sup> Alf and I hewed  
a track behind slashing for Ditch and fence

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

few clouds very warm Ther 89° Father went to town took  
iron plow for repairs brought out a hay Tedder, W<sup>m</sup> Alf and  
Alf began to cultivate corn in N<sup>o</sup> 6 I cultivated at Aunt E's

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Thomas Sullivan put 2 horses in lot to past

few clouds very warm Ther 90° W<sup>m</sup> Alf cultivated corn in N<sup>o</sup> 6  
C Simpson and I finished corn at Aunt C's in午  
Eunewillers brought horses

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy warm rained last night W<sup>m</sup> Alf De and I finished  
cross cultivating corn in N<sup>o</sup> 6 began to Ditch between slaching  
and bush on lower place

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy cool W<sup>m</sup> Alf De & I loged AM ditched PM along back  
of Slaching

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Ther 74° Father and W<sup>m</sup> went to town De and I  
finished ditch behind Slaching A pulled mustard from oats &

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy rained in showers PM W<sup>m</sup> went to town We cut some thist-  
les in old Slaching

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cloudy misty Father Alf and boys loged W<sup>m</sup> and I began fence  
around slaching on lower place

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1886

few clouds We put up some fence wagons some AM began cutting clover PM on lower place in No 5-

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy rained PM and night Wm and Alf cultivated corn in No 6 rest dressed and thinned corn & finished cutting clover PM in 3

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy <sup>rained</sup> some PM We fixed some fence cultivated some corn PM

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy AM Father went to town with Aunt Emma's team Wm and Alf began cutting clover in No 1 AM all raked and shocked up clover in No 5 - Wm got mowr of Aunt C's <sup>dog</sup> feed

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear Father went to town got feed for horse sake etc Wm and C Simpson finished moving No 7 we raked and cocked part of cut Saturday hauled in clover in No 5 to barn

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Clear Father tedded and raked EH of No 1 We began to haul to barn and stable w H pot Isadore E. care moved into house

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Clear We hauled rest of No 1 in AM C Simpson raked stubble PM Wm and Alf began cutting on upper place PM

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Clear Alf and De moved rest of clover on upper place Wm and I cut fence corners C Simpson tedded all raked some PM

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Misty Sultry all worked at hay hauled to old stable PM shock and cocked some

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

few clouds warm Ther 80° Father drove Pat and Jim to town C Simpson helped all to work and haul clover on upper place

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Clear warm Ther reached 90° in shade We finished raking up clover on upper place and hauled it in

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1886

Clear very warm We cut fence corners and old orchard in No 1  
cut new orchard also Also cut and bound Wheat in lot No 2

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm The 700 mrs all cultivated and hoed corn  
in bush place in No 6

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clear Father and rest of us hoed corn Alf and Wm cutting

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Clear very warm Wm and Alf cultivated corn Father and rest hoed

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

few clouds Wm went to town Father and rest hoed corn Alf finished  
shed cultivating corn in No 6 Lucas Levee put 2 cows in bush  
to pasture

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy Father took Democrat to Fletcher to buy a set  
Alf began cutting Timothy hay on upper place rest finished  
hoeing corn in No 6 finished Timothy and cut fence corners around

Tuesday 13

Cloudy little shower in evening Father went to Fletcher  
and got load of fence lumber at Barry Mill rest hauled  
in Timothy hay part to barn on lower place Thomas Sod  
liver put 7 head of cattle in bush to pasture

Wednesday 14

Clear this morning heavy rain this eve. Wm Cultivated  
beans until noon Chas & Father ground knives and  
cradle rest hoed beans afternoon we commenced  
cutting wheat in No 5<sup>th</sup> was

Thursday 15

Clear but damp we set up wheat maul soon  
when we finished cutting No 5<sup>th</sup> and cut some  
in No 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday 16

Clear we finished cutting East half of no 4<sup>th</sup>  
and commenced cutting Aunt Emma's

Saturday 17 July 1886

Favorable Clear Father, Aunt Emma Mrs Carter and I went to town boys cut thistles  
 19 in the Evg we cut some wheat at Aunt Emma's  
 Monday I finished cultivating the beans and cut some  
 fence corners Father and Chas cut fence corners  
 Slave raked timothy stubble and we hauled  
 the rakes in, rest hewed beans

Tuesday 20 we cut fence corners &c until noon after  
 noon we finished Aunt Emma's wheat and  
 21 cut some on upper place

Wednesday Cool night, clear day, we finished cutting wheat  
 at lower place & cut one at upper place

Thursday 22 Clear we hauled in wheat from No 5 & finished  
 cutting wheat this afternoon

Friday 23 Clear we stacked Aunt Emma's wheat  
 and hauled in some from No 4

Saturday 24 Clear Father went to town we cut fence corners  
 and hauled in some wheat

Monday 25 Showery this morning Chas and Alf cut  
 fence corners & weeds Father shot a Black  
 squirrel & Weasel. after noon he sowed some  
 turnips in the garden and helped us lay  
 some

Tuesday 26 foggy this morning we finished hauling in  
 our wheat and hauled some fence corner hay

Wednesday 27 Clear Alf & I commenced ploughing this morning  
 in No 4 with Kate & Pollie, and Aunt Emma's team  
 Chas loaded & I hauled out & spread manure on  
 No 4 Father & Slave turning in clearing

Thursday 28 A shower this afternoon we hauled out  
 manure and ploughed in No 4

Friday 29 Clear we hauling manure & ploughing in  
 No 4 Father turning

## August

- Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1886 Clear and warm  
Father drove Kate to Chatham in single  
buggy. Cha<sup>r</sup> Alf & I hauled manure.  
I D ploughing in No 4
- Monday<sup>2</sup> Clear and cool Cha<sup>r</sup> Alf and I hauled  
manure on to No 4 I D ploughed in No 4  
Father turned in the clearing
- Tuesday<sup>3</sup> Clear and cool Cha<sup>r</sup> Alf and I hauled manure  
I D ploughing not Father & Alf turning in the clearings
- Wednesday Clear and cool Father went to town in the  
buggy took 4 bushels & 6 bushels of grain also  
took the hay ladder in and got another I hauled  
some stone some dirt &c to bull stall and  
ploughed some with Kate & Marshall Cha<sup>r</sup>  
& Alf hauled some manure
- Thursday<sup>5</sup> Showers all day I built a stall in the  
shed at the barn and a feed trough
- Friday<sup>6</sup> Clear and cool we I D and I ploughed in  
No 4 all day I drove Kate and Marshall cow back
- Saturday<sup>7</sup> Father Aunt Emma & I went to town in buggy  
other boys hauled manure on to No 4
- Monday<sup>8</sup> Clear Father cut some oats at Aunt Emma's  
and attended Old Mrs Hipes Funeral this Evng  
Cha<sup>r</sup> & Alf hauled manure I D turned & I  
ploughed in No 4 with <sup>our</sup> Kate & Butie.
- Tuesday<sup>10</sup> Father cut some oats at other place  
Cha<sup>r</sup> and Alf bound I D ploughed until noon  
afternoon I D and I went down and bound  
oats at Aunt Emma's
- Wednesday<sup>11</sup> very warm Tem 94° Father cut some  
Oats Cha<sup>r</sup> Alf I D and I bound oats
- Thursday<sup>12</sup> Father went to Council I D ploughed rest  
finished binding the oats & I spread some  
manure Red Fletcher Laffer Calver
- Friday<sup>13</sup> it was heavy shower this morning we logged all  
day in the clearing.

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Clear and warm Father Aunt Emma and I went to town boys hauled some wood ploughed and harrowed some in summer fallow upper place

Monday 16 Rained some this morning we set up some oats Father commenced cutting after noon we ploughed some in Richard

Tuesday 17 Clear we bound oats most of the day Father finished cutting oats

Wednesday 18 Cloudy this morning we did finish binding our own and almost finished Aunt Emma's Father put up Aunt Emma's clothesline posts

Thursday 19 Clear & warm we commenced hauling in oats today hauled the spring wheat Father got a job of ditching on the Shadel farm which was sold to day

Friday 20 Clear we hauled in oats most of the day Chas and Alf ploughed some this morning in summer fallow

Saturday 21 Tolerable clear Father Aunt Emma & I went to town in the democrat this morning Father took 1/2 bu of plums got 10<sup>0</sup> per lb

Monday 23 Tolerable clear we finished hauling in our oats and laid out a ditch through the center of the upper place

Tuesday 24 Cloudy but warm we ~~stacked~~ hauled in Aunt Emma's oats and commenced work on the center ditch

Wednesday 25 Clear and warm we worked all day on the center ditch with 3 teams

Thursday 26 Clear and very warm we worked all day on the center ditch on the upper place

Friday 27 Clear and warm we worked all day on the ditch except that Chas hauled some water for Aunt Emma Father went down and cleaned out her kool

Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 1886

Very hot some heavy showers in afternoon  
Father, Aunt Emma, Ada and I went  
to town in the democrat Cha & Alf and  
I D worked on the ditch

Monday 30 Cloudy and damp we rained nearly all night  
and some this morning we finished the  
first piece of centre ditch and scraped some  
in the pond but there was too much water  
Clean it out

Tuesday 31 Clear and Cool we worked at the Centre  
Ditch all day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1886 Clear  
and cool I D harrowed all day in no 4  
aff & I cut clover seed with mowers Cha  
& Father worked in the clearing

Thursday Clear and cool Alf and I cut clover until  
noon I D harrowed, after noon Cha and Alf  
finished cutting clover I D sulky raked  
& Cha Sampson have horses & I cocked it up

Friday 3 Clear aff & I finished harrowing No 4  
well cleaned up balance of old wheat 25 bu  
& then cocked up clover seed

Saturday Clear Father, Aunt Emma & I went to  
town in buggy took 5<sup>bu</sup> 15<sup>lbs</sup> fl wheat  
got 218<sup>lbs</sup> flour boys harrowed summer fall  
& put up balance of clover

Monday 6 Clear and warm we hauled in clover  
seed all day Father dug some in Aunt  
Emma's pool and thus helped in clover

Tuesday 7 Clear and warm we scraped mud  
out of pond until noon and then finished  
hulling in clover

Wednesday 8 Clear and very warm we scraped  
mud out of the pond all day with 3 teams

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Thursday 9

Clear & shower this eve we finished scraping  
the mud out of the pond and commenced  
harrowing No 4 I commenced drilling reliable  
wheat on it 1 bu per acre also sowing timothy  
6 lbs per acre

Friday 10

Clear & shower this eve I finished harrowing  
& I finished drilling half took 10 bu of wheat Father  
measured the field  $9\frac{5}{8}$  acres all and Father went  
for water down the townline Chas & others pulled beans

Saturday

Clear & pleasant Father Aunt Emma and I went  
to town boys hauled 2 loads water & piled some  
lumber at Fletcher we drilled lot front of house  
on upper place this eve in reliable wheat 28<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> bu.

Monday 13

Clear & cool a shower this eve we helped  
Aunt Emma thresh she had 196 bu oats  
& 102 bu of wheat

Tuesday

Clear & cool Chas and Al got a load of  
water this morning I run out farrows  
in No 4 After noon we ditched on Centre  
ditch

Wednesday 15

Clear we ditched until noon after  
noon Father Clegg & Morris went to help  
Uncle Mack thresh rest hauled in  
two loads of beans & ditched some

Thursday 16

Showery Chas & Al hauled two loads  
of lumber from Fletcher Father helped Uncle  
Mack thresh I went to town in single  
buggy to get some harness fixed

Friday 17

heavy rain last night we cleaned up  
a load of wheat this morning afternoon  
we ploughed some at Aunt Emma's

Saturday

Tolerable Clear Father and Aunt Emma went  
to town in the buggy I took 26 bu wheat  
in it weighed 27 bu got 72<sup>c</sup> per bu

- Monday 20 September 1886 Clear we ploughed and harrowed at Aunt Emma's all day for wheat
- Tuesday 21 Clear Sodilled into two of reliable wheat at Aunt Emma's 1 bu per acre, I D finished harrowing Alf ploughed on upper place afternoon we all worked on centre ditch Father helped Uncle Mack thresh Chat cut some corn
- Wednesday 22 Clear We worked on the Centre ditch All day
- Thursday 23 Clear Father went to Old Mr Cooper's funeral he was 100 years old we finished the front part of Centre ditch and commenced ploughing rest of summerfallow for wheat
- Friday 24 We scraped a flat ditch across summerfallow and I commenced to drill reliable wheat on it 7 half picks per acre
- Saturday 25 Father went to town this morning in democrat I finished drilling Summerfallow took 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  bu After noon Chat and I went to town in single buggy Alf got in rest of beans I D ploughed
- Monday 27 Father and I went to town took 44 bu of oats for Aunt Emma Also 17 bu wheat got 26 bu oats 70 bu wheat Alf & I D ploughed After noon some Chat cut some corn
- Tuesday 28 Cloudy Drizzled rain after noon we commenced ploughing for wheat in no 5 with 3 teams
- Wednesday 29 Tolerable clear & cool we ploughed in no 5 most of the day with 4 teams I working Dick and Pollie
- Thursday 30 Frost last night cool Alf harrowed some on upper place rest ploughed in no 5 Pat had colic & noon did not work after

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1886

Rained some last night Cloudy & Cool. I drilled 2½ bu heavy wheat on Centre ditch bank & 1 bu large & common drilling in No 5 Alf & I harrowed in No 5 & Cha' finished ploughing it

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Clear & cool Father went to town Alf and I finished harrowing No 5 Alf run out furrow & I drilled in 9 bu of heavy wheat on it had not quite enough to furnish C 1 bu per acre Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloudy & showery I finished drilling this morning we then commenced hauling manure from back of barn up upper place on to field beyond the house Alf commenced ploughing in it Father went to Woods & sold and bought 6 pigs £6.75 each

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Father went to town in single buggy Alf ploughed rest hauled manure from behind Old barn

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Clear & cool Alf ploughed rest hauled manure

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> clear and pleasant Father Cha' Alf and I went in Chatham to the fair I D hauled up some pumpkins &c

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Clear we threshed a flooring of beans after noon we ploughed & harrowed some on upper place beyond the Orchard

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Clear and warm Father and Aunt Emma Went to town in single buggy I took on a load of wheat 26 bu & 10 bu of beans also took our iron plow & other plow irons to get fixed Alf harrowed on upper place boy hunted a lost pig

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Clear and pleasant we hauled up wood water &c for threshing Father got 3 lambs from J Sullivan for £2.75 each I also hauled in 14 bu of corn from Henrys

Tuesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

Clear & pleasant we commenced thrashing about 9 o'clock at upper place Louis Grandison Isaac Williams Uncle Mack John Price & others helped us finished at upper place and thrashed at had 180 bushels of wheat also thrashed oats at lower place had 205 bushels of oats

Wednesday 13 Clear & pleasant we finished thrashing I had 225 bushels of wheat at lower place

Thursday 14 Rained a little this morning heavy wind this after noon Father took 40 bushels of wheat to town, blew front barn doors off and blew down a great deal of fence &c we sanded up some wheat after noon I took 7 bushels of wheat down to Uncle Macks for seed he paid me \$5.00 for it

Friday 15 Clear and windy we fixed up fence all day

Saturday 16 Father Aunt Emma & Mrs Carter went to town in the democrat I took 40 bushels of wheat got 68

Monday 17 Clear & cool we husked corn all day

Tuesday 18 Clear & cool we husked corn until noon after noon we hauled in 35 bushels corn & 30 bushels Father measured the field 12<sup>acres</sup> 18<sup>bu</sup>  
Wednesday 19 Clear & pleasant Father and I went to town to see my engine tried took 36 bushels wheat got 68 bushels hauled by boys

Thursday 20 Clear we put in a bridge at upper place over the road ditch

Friday 21 Clear and cool we husked corn all day

Saturday 22 Clear and cool we hauled in corn all day Father went to town in the single buggy

Monday <sup>25</sup> October 1886

Clear & cool Father went to town took  
A load of Oats for Aunt Emma we  
husked corn all day

Tuesday <sup>26</sup> Cloudy & cool Chas & Father assisted  
the Surveyor Mc George on the line ditch  
between us and McCart rest husked corn

Wednesday <sup>27</sup> Cloudy rained all the afternoon we  
husked corn until noon after noon I  
boarded up a stall for sick in shed by the  
barn

Thursday <sup>28</sup> Cloudy & damp we husked corn most  
of the day

Friday <sup>29</sup> Cloudy we hauled in Corn 200 bu of good  
corn & 65 bu Culls Father went to Rockwood  
Sale this afternoon

Saturday <sup>30</sup> Clear and pleasant Father Aunt Emma  
and I went to town in the democrat took  
4 bu of Old Corn to grain also 1 bushel of  
Oats got 200 per bu boys husked corn & hauled  
in 30 bu Culls

Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> clear we straightened up  
the corn cribs <sup>at upper place</sup> and hauled up 50 bu of Ebeis  
husking and put in them

Tuesday <sup>2d</sup> Clear and pleasant we husked corn all  
day

Wednesday <sup>3</sup> Clear & pleasant fodder very dry we  
husked all day

Thursday <sup>4</sup> we finished husking about noon after  
noon we hauled in balance of Ebeis husking  
he husked 219 bu

Friday <sup>5</sup> we finished hauling in our corn had 1057  
bu off the field 539 bu good Corn 99.3 culls  
And 225 bu unculled

- Saturday November 1886  
 About 2 inches of snow fell this morning  
 Father went to town in Democrat  
 We hauled up some wood cleaned up in  
 some wheat & corn growing again this Evg
- Monday 8 Cloudy and damp we laid a bridge across  
 Center ditch in cross lane & loged up some  
 in bush preparing for work on our part of  
 Mc Cart drain
- Tuesday 9 Cloudy and damp Chas Alf & I hauled 14 loads  
 of lumber from Fletcher I ploughed some with  
 Dick & Pollie in the Evg we cleaned up some  
 wheat Father put in some window glass etc
- Wednesday 10 Clear Father went to town took 36  
 bu of wheat got 70<sup>c</sup> Chas D and I commenced  
 ditching on the Mc Cart drain Alf grubbed  
 some in some root
- Thursday 11 Cloudy we finished ploughing and harrowing  
 a piece of ground for timothy seed just beyond  
 the house used Aunt Emma's team afternoon  
 we ditched some with two teams
- Friday 12 Tolerable pleasant we ditched all day  
 with 4 teams
- Saturday 13 Cloudy & damp Father drove Kate and Pollie  
 to Chatham I.D. took Aunt Emma's team home  
 I got 32 bu of corn from Henry's field  
 Hauled up some pumpkins wood &c afternoon  
 I went to town Alf ploughed some with <sup>Pat & Sam</sup>
- Monday 14 Tolerable clear we ditched all day with 4 teams
- Tuesday 15 Tolerable clear we ditched all day with 3  
 teams Father went to the plains to a trustee  
 meeting this Evg
- Wednesday 16 Rained all day we cleaned up some wheat &c
- Thursday 18 Cloudy and blustery occasional snow  
 squalls we ditched some in the afternoon

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- Friday 19 Cloudy we ditched on the Mac Cart ditch all day with 3 teams
- Saturday 20 Tolerable Clear, Muddy Father went to town in the democrat we ditched with two teams after dinner I went up to buy ton and got some plaster for patching alf ploughed
- Monday 22 Cloudy and frosty we finished scraping on the Mac cart drain
- Tuesday 23 Cloudy we ploughed most of the day on upper place rained this evg and we had to quit
- Wednesday 24 Cloudy and cool very muddy we ploughed on upper place beyond the house finished front
- Thursday 25 Cloudy we ploughed over behind the orchard on upper place finished about 7 acres
- Friday 26 Cloudy and crusty we hauled in 12 loads of fodder from No 6
- Saturday 27 Cloudy Father went to town in democrat we hauled in 12 loads of fodder from No 6
- Monday 29 Cloudy snowed some this morning we ploughed most of the day in sod field on upper place
- Tuesday 30 Cool and windy frozen too hard to plough Father and I went to town took 21 bns of wheat boys hauled in the balance of the fodder out of our field
- Wednesday 1 December snowing & blustery all day we cleaned up some timothy seed &c
- Thursday 2 Cold and windy I m 4 we got two loads about 900 ft of white oak lumber from Kersey's Mill which was sawed from our logs on shares Kersey got 700 ft for sawing
- Friday 3 Cold tm 14 we bushed out wood sleds in hauled 3 cords of ash for Copfield
- Saturday 4 Clear & cold Father went to town & finished hauling out wood and hauled 4 loads of fodder from Harry's field

- Monday Clear & pleasant I D & I went down  
and helped Cha Simpson haul in his foden  
all & Cha hauled up some wood water &  
Tuesday Clear & pleasant we commenced threshing clover  
this morning with Gilliland's Machine Thresh  
all day & got 2 1/2 bags Father went to Mrs  
Jarnes Steele's funeral this afternoon  
Wednesday Clear & cool we finished threshing clover had 7 1/2  
bags I took the engine over to J Dillons this evg  
Thursday Clear Father took James Harris 6 bu of corn over  
we cleaned up the barn floor put some chaff in  
the mow &c  
Friday 10 We killed Woods Hogs 5 & one other woods hog  
weighed 977 lbs and other one 213 also  
Cleaned 26 bu wheat & shifted other hogs into the pen  
Saturday Clear & pleasant, muddy, Father went to  
town took 28 bu of wheat we hauled 55  
bu of corn from Henrys field and I took  
5 hogs down to Fletcher this evg weight 989 lbs  
got 3.50 per dat largest hog weighed 216  
Monday 13 Very muddy Father rode off to the  
council we ground & prepared wheat &c  
Tuesday 14 Tuesday froze up during last night Isaac  
moved away up to sleds we commenced getting  
out timber for a shed to go on the west side  
of the barn Father set up a hog  
Wednesday 15 snowed some last evg Father went to  
town took 20 bu of wheat for grist got 6 bags  
of brand also got a draft for 20 to be sent  
Munn & Co. we hewed a piece of timber for the  
shed and cut some wood  
Thursday Cold we framed some at the shed  
Friday 17 Cold Temp 4° below we finished framing at the  
writing of shed and set up 4 posts Mrs Carter left  
Diary by Cho Father took her over to Rives  
Saturday 18 Father went to town diary written by C W

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Took 20 bu of wheat to town for grist

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Father took some wheat to town got 73cts per bu  
Wm De and I worked on shed (took 30 bu)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Father took 20 bu of oats to town for flour  
Cannaline. We worked & hauled up some firewood

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Wm De and I sawed some & hauled on lower place worked on shed PM

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> All sanded up clover seed about 10 bu when clean  
Father went up to council meeting got \$44 back tax on shadd drain 70cts on Derry Rica train

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Snowed heavy Father went to town to get market

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> we cut a few Elm logs hauled up some fire wood

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Cold Ther 4° above Father held the Provincial  
Election at E Elizare of div 2, Wm and I cut down  
Elm logs in bushes on lower place

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> snowed some Father attended school

Meeting Wm and I finished cutting down Elm logs

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Father and I D, C and De made 2 trips 2 teams  
to Fletcher with Elm logs Wm and I cut road to log

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Snowed and blew heavily today Father and De  
made one trip to Fletcher with logs Wm sharpened saw

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Snowed heavily heavily Father took took 30  
bushel of wheat to town got 79cts per bu not linked

Now 2<sup>nd</sup> Father and Wm held Municipal Elect in south end  
of house De and I hauled 4 cords of soft wood to Pen  
Wharf

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Father went to town I took two loads of logs to Pen

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> De and I hauled logs to Fletcher made 3 trips

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Father and De finished drawing down elm logs to  
Pen Wm and I cut a small log of the 2 white oaks in  
NW corner on lower place

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Clear cold Ther 12° below 0 Father and De took  
two white oak logs & tree to Chattanooga had woolly pt 97 per  
thous and Wm and I cut 3 red oak and 1 making 1 white oak log

Satu 7<sup>th</sup> cold Ther 18° below 0 Father went to town with De and E

- Wm & Alf took 1 white oak 3 red oak logs to Chath.  
got \$6 per thousand all around
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> cold windy killed 9 of big hogs Wm Gibbs and AB  
upper helped Aunt Mary and Emma with sided entrance
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Father took 23 28 lbs of pork got \$5.75 per cut to  
town Wm and De took 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  cord 40 in wood to Dr. Spring
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Father and De took 3 cord of dry wood to W. Murray  
Wm and I cut down last large white oak in lower place
- Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Father and De took two white oak logs of 817 ft cts vs  
got A. Clark to cut up the tree. Wm and I cut 4 red oaks
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> warmer drizzled rain AM snowed PM Father went to Fletcher
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Father went to town to market took 4 bu of corn  
for grist Wm and De took 11 red oaks had 9 8 ft
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> snowed blustery Father and De took 2 more white oak  
logs of tree to town had 1175 ft got \$8 per thousand  
Wm and I cut 3 red oak logs in upper place
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> blustery 1 hr 0° all hauled out fire wood and took  
3 red oaks for Chatham
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 1 hr 13° above Father & De took 3 red oaks to  
Chatham Wm & I cut two maples
- Thur 20<sup>th</sup> warm 1 hr reached 45° above of Father 1 pm  
De and Uncle Amasius Cooper bought out  
4 loads of 300 brick from Chatham to afford
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> warm 1 hr 24° above in morn shovelled Father and Wm  
went to Chatham brought out 1100 brick
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> warm 1 hr reached 52° above Father took 6.5  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu of cl.  
over seed got \$5 per bu 100 timothy seed got \$3.50 Wm &  
De took two maple logs 90 ft to town
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> thawed some snow gone from roads Father went to  
Fletcher to settle with Barry Wm De and I worked  
working at barn shed at lower place
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Father went to Fletcher Wm De and I worked  
at barn
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Father took first load of hay Wm De and I  
broke out of barn and started them worked in field  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Father left town all ground not plowed

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saw went to Little Bush River to cut black and  
gray brush

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Clear 38° above rained in evening. Cut and stacked  
4 maple logs on lower part of back hill. Dashed

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Father reached 42° Father went to town to work.  
Wm Do and I took lot of board fence to front gate and re-  
paired it had to

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Cloudy & hazy & has not been all day. Hauled up lot of scoured  
dust

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1887

Cloudy & hazy & has not been all day. Teams and  
hauled 10 maple logs to water for Aunt Emma

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy Wm Do and I fanned 40 bushels of oats for work  
market with slab hill and piled brush on top of bush

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloudy I and Wm Do cut rail cuts & hauled them to

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & hazy & has not been hauled 10 maple logs together, 12  
16, 18 these dimensions 20, 22, 16, 22 in

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Cloudy snowed PM at 40° Father and Wm went to town  
Wm Do and I hauled some wood up to house. Wm Do  
a load of hay from barn there to stable on top of hill

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained showers all day I went down got feed and  
Mary to wash Wm Do and I fanned up oats at

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained heavy in showers all day

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Clear Thu 26° warm very high water Father and all  
cut, dashed and piled brush on top of

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Cloudy moderate & piled 5 little six pgs. 10° cool and  
I large one for Aunt Emma at 35° A. Gibbs 1 elg. tree

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained Father cut up the pork

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & hazy & has not been Wm Do and I cut and dashed

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained PM at 40° Cut & dashed Father got feed  
Mary to render lard

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Father sanded some of pork we get out timber for a door  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> fair Father finished salting pork Wm Do and I  
cut & dashed and piled brush

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Clear Ambridge Father with 36° of salt to do 100 lbs to  
do Wm Do and I sand, cover and clean up the salt. P. H. and W. P.  
P. John Carter and family were out to dinner and P.

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rain and sun PM Father and I cleaned house & washed

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- we hauled a light load of hay and a load of oats to  
Hill 14 m. b. some water etc.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Cloudy cold Father went to town to have pot ash  
and corn seeds in 100 lbs.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Cloudy 11<sup>th</sup> snow clear seed on rest of 134 bags in  
11<sup>th</sup> Sat and I hauled a load of corn in 150 bushels  
in equal proportion 1/2 acre of fence.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy & other hill filled & cleared. North 1/2 crop  
1/2 majority for fall 51,000 bushels each grain 114<sup>th</sup>

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> brought up feed and up some paths down up some

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloudy horses raised the 15<sup>th</sup> took 42<sup>nd</sup> feed to trumpet  
25 bushels of oats came out with thin stand bare as well

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> This 17<sup>th</sup> we and I saved some cord wood after a cold day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Cloudy from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. and sand ridge stone being 11<sup>th</sup>

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> cloudy rain at 1 P.M. Father went to town and brought  
38 bushels of feed all up out of trumpet 1/2 acre to pump

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Clear & cloudy beginning to be 9 in evening all scattered and  
1st house broken up and left

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Father took 366<sup>th</sup> of corn to be in yet 14906 bushels  
11<sup>th</sup> We and I hauled 3 loads of hay from Hill 14<sup>th</sup>

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Cloudy when 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. we and I took the 3 loads of oats to Hill 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Fair to overcast 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. we and I cut sandstone for little bush  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Cloudy 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> cut and piled in little bush

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Cloudy 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. worked all day began sawing stones  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Father 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. took out 1/2 acre bush drew a load of stones  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 1000 ft. of stone and 1000 ft. of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 1000 ft. of stone and 1000 ft. of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 1000 ft. of stone and 1000 ft. of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
Cloudy warm 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. the cut stone stone and took to 11<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. hauled a load of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. we and I hauled a load of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a.m. we and I hauled a load of sand stone piled up in fence 11<sup>th</sup>  
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- Cloudy & cloudy Thru 20° from 8 AM to 1 PM  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Fair Thru 19<sup>th</sup> weight reduction of 400 lbs in Mar  
ton cut some wood 8 & 9 PM
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> fair cool 77° in pm. Father picked up along W side of  
town 2 P.M. Father got top lot of soil off Linnman  
Thur 17<sup>th</sup> windy 60° I sowed clover seed in west field 11 A.M.  
Richard 10 M. S. in back field. meadow grass & barley  
and oats sown out in bush field
- Fri 18 Cloudy cool weather in town, water about back  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Cloudy Father went down took wooden barrel from  
repaired stone clover m. & t. in front of house 11 A.M.
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Cloudy cool 35° to 48° snowed evening Father scraped the  
two trimmed trees in front of house 2 C.P. 20 M. S.
- Fri 21<sup>th</sup> Cloudy wind 30° to 77° in pm. Father skinned can AM at 1 P.M.  
out and s. loaded in bush at 7 P.M. P.M.
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Clear Father sowed some of old winter rye 11 A.M.  
L.S. I finished sowing the first of 2000 lbs of rye  
but cool and dashes the last
- Thur 24<sup>th</sup> cloudy began rain in evening - no accident but
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> fair cool Father and boy of last 1/2 mile from  
field worked by the lesson of 12. 17<sup>th</sup> and I loaded the  
rest of rail cuts 1000 lbs out and 1000 lbs in
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> fair cool Father 8 A.M. to town. 8 M. S. Father - 1000  
lbs 18<sup>th</sup> cloudy Wind to 77° 11 P.M. David & son work home  
wood out by C.P. and 11 A.M. cut 1000 lbs. Bedlam
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 1st of selected 6 am
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> cloudy blue sky R.M. Father 8 A.M. to town 11 P.M. Father  
cutting Elm logs of barges in little bush out rail cuts 1000
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> cloudy all bushed out east end and front east end  
near bridge out. The rail is down timber in front back
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> fair moderate 1000 lbs cut out rail cut out in pond along 8th corner and cut these in little bushes in single  
bridges. At 10 A.M. 1 P.M.
- Sat 31<sup>th</sup> fair warm out 1000 lbs out Bedlam  
Cloudy began to split rails
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 1000 more cut. Went to town to get

- Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1857
- X Clear warm windy Wm DeGraff began to plow & in field N° 3 L P
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> cloudy blustery Ther 18° above 11<sup>m</sup> I plowed 1 m at L P De and I hauled a load of manure on garden 11 P all day at a walking PM. UP
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> fair windy cool Wm DeGraff finished to headland plowing N° 3 L P, I rolled part of wheat in N° 4 AM
- Thur 7<sup>th</sup> clear warm Wm dug at trough De and I plowed in N° 1 P
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm De plowed in N° 6 I rolled N° 4
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> clear Ther reached 75° Father went to town Wm De spread manure on garden Wm plowed L P, De plowed in N° 1 P
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> fair warm & cool Wm plowed in N° 6 De harvested wheat. I rolled in N° 5 I began & rolling clover in N° 7
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> fair cool Father put in a trunk at road in center ditch L P, Wm & I plowed in N° 6, I finished rolling field N° 1 P
- Wedn 13<sup>th</sup> 1 and 2 lot garden at L P was plowed yesterday harvested fair Ther reached 58° Wm De plowed in N° 6 Father harvested at garden I finished rolling wheat on UP Father sown onion seed in garden at L P
- Thur 14<sup>th</sup> fair windy Father planted some Beets Turnips Parsnips & Carrots in garden at L P Wm De and I finished plowing field N° 6 L P AM began plowing on L P in clover next back field PM sold Rice before he has workhead for 15
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> cloudy cool showered a little 11<sup>m</sup> De and I plowed in clover next back field L P
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> cloudy drizzled little rain now Father went to town bring hot iron plough from Wm D. & stones brought at sale 37<sup>m</sup> G. I plowed in clover field L P I finished digging water bar
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> cloudy windy Ther 23° Wm De & I plowed in field next to back field
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> clear Ther 23° AM Wm De G. finished plowing field next to back field I plowed part of garden on N° 6 Wm De & I plowed in N° 9 before the horses pull in N° 6 L P I plowed in N° 10 before the horses pull in N° 9 Wm De & I plowed in N° 11 before the horses pull in N° 10

Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1887  
 fair Father went to St. Peter got some Aminta hay  
 Wm and I went to get lumber sawed at Baug's Mill  
 oats D and I harrowed most of

22<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy cool showers some Wm finished drilling in C  
 D and I finished harrowing and run out furrow  
 in 8 A.M. 1 P.M. Father sat in a truck

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> cloudy windy Father went to town Wm & D plowed  
 1/2 A.M. in fall plowing E side of center ditch

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> cloudy Wm & G finished plowing front field west  
 house & side of C ditch all harrowed at 8 A.M.

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> fair showered little Wm drilled E side center ditch  
 field in oats D & G harrowed field 103 L.P.

Wedn 27<sup>th</sup> fair warm Fire reached 84° Father and  
 Wm went to town D & G finished harrowing 103  
 L.P. A.M. D plowed front field E side of same I sold Ed

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> cloudy rained heavy all shelled some corn at 2 P.M.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> cloudy windy cool Father took 25 bu of corn got  
 full load but Wm & I went via auto to get engine to fair round

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> fair Father started 84° Father went to town & Fair  
 & market Wm & D plowed E side front field W.M.

Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> cloudy rained little rained very heavy yesterday  
 we shelled some corn all together at 1 P.M.

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> fair warm Wm & I took mares going off to  
 St. Peter to Young Horner who was in  
 season & bad Father & Wm weighed out a ton of  
 hay to Wm of rice all greened horses

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father went to town took 25 bu of corn  
 got 45¢ per bu Wm & D & G remodeled stone board fence  
 along back of yard U.P. Presid. Polk 100

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & G worked away at station to in  
 track ditch behind clearing 8 M.P. lagged in it P.M.

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> fair Father worked 7.9° Father and all lagged in clearings 11

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> fair warm rained in evening Father went to town  
 Wm drilled & harrowed field 1723 ft. & oats

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1887

- fair warm Wm & I got up in clearing 80° F D  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father and all helped by Isaac  
 Williams and Job Pierce, in clearing 80° F P  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Clear warm Father and all helped AM helped by Isaac  
 Williams & Job Pierce latter and Wm hauled manure PM  
 Thur 12<sup>th</sup> clear warm Ther reated 80° Wm hauled manure on  
 ridge for potato patch & Job Pierce loaded it D and I  
 harrowed in back field next 80° corn field for peas  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father & Job Pierce finished shearing sheep  
 AM Wm drilled in Persson field next 80° corn field 2 hours  
 and I plowed potato & corn patch on ridge harrowed & it  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> fair cooler wind Father went to town Wm plowed  
 & harrowed east front field finished, for corn 76°  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> clear Ther reated 76° Wm went to town AM I rolled  
 pea ground in back field next 80° corn field & D Cross  
 harrowed corn field both finished it PM, Wm washed it  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> cloudy rained little PM Wm finished cross marking  
 corn field I planted part of it Wm & D plowed  
 part of front field west side of center ditch  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I plowed rest corn field west  
 of center ditch Father and I planted some potatoes  
 Thur 18<sup>th</sup> fair warm Ther about 80° Father and Wm went to  
 town to bring out traction engine but got there  
 at 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> bridge I finished planting corn in field  
 E of lane to R, D harrowed W side of center ditch  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> clear warm all went and got engine out of brid-  
 ge and ran it home helped by Job Pierce & W Morhead  
 Sat 20<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father went to town Wm marked it  
 off & S center ditch field D and I planted part of  
 Mon 21<sup>th</sup> clear Ther 85° Wm & I finished W S center ditch  
 field in corn plowed & harrowed garden put in some  
 sweet corn and squash I planted pumpkins in cornfield  
 Tues 22<sup>th</sup> clear & cloudy PM rained heavy shower Father went to  
 Mr. Rhoads funeral Wm & I harrowed part of soil  
 in back corn field I planted some onions and potatoes

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Cloudy showered little evening Father weed in garden at L P, I planted some melons, cucumbers & potatoes Wm double cultivated soil in part, D, G, I, harrow

Then 26<sup>th</sup> Cloudy showered PM Father went up to town hall to council meeting Wm cultivated D harrowed in soil for corn in back field next & confirmed

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Cloudy showered some in evening I finished cultivating D finished harrowing & Wm marking off back field next to a field I began planting corn in W P A

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> fair 5 AM 47° to 73° Father went to town W D began to plow clearing at L P, 11 AM I finished planting corn in back field next to corn field U P

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> fair AM cloudy began to rain in evening Wm & D plowed down in clearing fixed fence around clearing PM, L P I rolled corn ground in back field next to corn field

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained most of day D & I greased 1 set double harness and single harness Wm shelled some corn

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy rained all AM Wm D and I greased other set double harness, shelled corn PM Father culled it

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> fair rained toward evening Father & I plowed in clearing 11 AM Wm & D cut blocks to go under fence

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> fair Father took some reynets of wheat L P D & I plowed in clearing Wm worked at fence

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Clear warm Father worked 86° Father went to town D and I plowed in clearing Wm & I finished laying fence along back of clearing 11 AM

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained PM Wm D and I plowed in clearing

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father took Park 200 bushels back to town Wm & D plowed in clearing & I replanted field 100 U P.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Clear AM rained PM Wm D & I finished back of clearing

- Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1887  
ing LP planted part of it PM  
Thur 9<sup>th</sup> fair turned cooler Father & I worked in garden  
in Wm & I planted part of clearing, LP  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I finished planting plowed part  
of corn field N<sup>o</sup> 1 LP D don't cultivate bean  
ground W.H.P.  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father went to town Wm & I cultivated  
corn on R.C. field W.H.P.  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I finished sowing corn in N<sup>o</sup> 1 W.H.P.  
D harrowed bean ground Father Wm & I planted bean  
s PM in field N<sup>o</sup> 2 W.H.P.  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father Wm & I finished planting LP  
beans in N<sup>o</sup> 3 W.H.P. D finished sowing corn W.H.P.  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I cultivated corn N<sup>o</sup> 3 W.H.P.  
D plowed for sorghum in garden patch  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup> fair warm Father and all loged in clearing N<sup>o</sup> 1 W.H.P.  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> fair warm Ther 85° all loged in clearing N<sup>o</sup> 1 L.P.  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> clear warm Ther 90° Father went to town to make  
out rent finished loging in clearing L.P.  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> cloudy showered in evening Wm plowed in clearing  
L.P. D & I cultivated corn in field N<sup>o</sup> 2 W.H.P.  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> cloudy rained AM Father took slate to Fletcher to  
get shoe adjusted Wm plowed in corn field  
N<sup>o</sup> 2 L.P. for beans I began to plant beans PM  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> fair show warm Father got some beans of Hatchet  
Wm & D plowed I planted Father helped PM  
Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> cloudy cool heavy shower is gone tail D finished  
planting for beans Wm & I finished planting N<sup>o</sup> 2  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> fair cooler Father cut fence corners etc Wm & I  
I cultivated corn in N<sup>o</sup> 1 & 2 E.H. N<sup>o</sup> 2 W.H.P.  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> fair Ther 50° to 74° Father went to town Wm & I  
cultivated rest of corn in L.P. N<sup>o</sup> 2 & part N<sup>o</sup> 3 W.H.P.  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I don't cultivate corn N<sup>o</sup> 1 W.H.P.  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I & I cultivated corn in N<sup>o</sup> 2 E.H. N<sup>o</sup> 2  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> fair warm Wm & I & I cultivated corn in AM W.H.P.

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Wed 29<sup>th</sup> to cut hay in No 182 L P.

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Father went up to Town Hall to Council got \$30  
830 for engine going through bridge Wm D & I finished  
cutting clover pay in no 182 L P rates down checked  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

fair warm Father & all hauled hay into barn 1 P  
P. & C. & Emma & Eliza helped us. 1 P

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> clear warm Ther reached 95° in shade Father went to  
town rest hauled rest of hay into barn 1 P  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Wm D & I finished cultivating beans field No 6 210  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Clear Wm D & I finished corn way in No 210  
began cultivating in No 182 P

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> fair Father cut & paid Emmaoline's clover Wm  
D & I cradled around N<sup>o</sup> 4 wheat L Pals 1 P 100  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> fair all out raked & shocked Timothy hay in N<sup>o</sup> 4  
1 P

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> fair warm Ther reached 95° all round Timothy 1 P

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> clear & cloudy rained heavy PM Father went to town  
& Star cut Wm D & I bound wheat part of N<sup>o</sup> 4 L P

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> after Father cut wheat took Alfred to town in  
evening to try examination all bound wheat N<sup>o</sup> 4 P  
P. C. & S. as son helped (finished field)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> all shockell wheat N<sup>o</sup> 4 L P began to cut N<sup>o</sup> 3  
1 P

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> finished cutting & binding N<sup>o</sup> 3 and lot in  
front of house

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> all cut down & shocked wheat of N<sup>o</sup> 3 cultivating

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Father cut rest found (C. Simpson helped) part of N<sup>o</sup> 5  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Father & Wm went to town Alf returned 1 P 8.9

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> finished cutting weeds & Shocked wheat in N<sup>o</sup> 3 L P

clear very warm Ther reached 102° yesterday all hauled  
wheat N<sup>o</sup> 4 L P Father began to dig a well by hand 1 P

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> low & rain to brights come up from Windsor

Father finished digging well by hand all haul  
wheat into barn 1 P Barn field N<sup>o</sup> 4 C. A. helped

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1887  
 Wm went to church & Aunt Emma to examine wheat A.M.  
 rest took brick out of well behind orchard UP Father  
 layed them in pond well, all finished stacking wheat  
<sup>Aunt C</sup>  
 Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Cloudy all hauled wheat (our share) from 8 acre field of H.  
 Parsons to LP barn. Hauled wheat out of W. 8-2 P.  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy rained during night. W. cultivated cane  
 rest hoed it. Father cut some fence corners  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Clear Father & Cow Gramma went to town rest out  
 fence corners UP & LP H DC  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Cut some fence corners & hay lot in 8 acre field  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> hauled hay from back 8 acre field & wheat stalkings  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Father began to cut oats in W. 3 UP rest  
 hauled hay up LP wheat fields.  
 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Father began to cut oats for Aunt Emma  
 rest bound & shocked 110 3-2 UP  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Father finished cutting oats for Aunt  
 Emma all tied part of hers.  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Father & I began to cut oats in  
 W. 6 LP rest finished binding for  
 Aunt Emma.  
 Sun 1<sup>st</sup> August 1887  
 Clear warm Father cut rest bound in W. 6 oats  
 Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Clear warm Father cut oats rest bound & shocked  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Clear & hot about 93° in shade Father cut in  
 rest bound & shocked 6-6 up from self of  
 Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Clear warm all bound & shocked oats in W.  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained P.M. Father finished cutting oats in  
 W. 3 rest finished binding & shocking 110 611  
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> fair Father went to town rest bound little in W. 3  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> dear Joseph died at 8-15 this morning Father wen  
 t to town made arrangements for funeral  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Funeral took P.M. services conducted by Rev. C. A. W.  
 ashington  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> all bound & set up oats in W. 3 & P.  
 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Father got tires set on wagon & rest

west

- finished oats AM LP cleared out fence UP

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> all began to haul oats from field N<sup>o</sup> 6 LP

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Father & R Hughes went to town rest  
hauled rest of oats from N<sup>o</sup> 6 LP

13<sup>th</sup> Monday cloudy rained AM Father took 26 bu of corn to town  
got 50cts per bu PM and F Shreve took Engine  
up on middle road to thresh rest built fence around  
orchard removed fence between 384 LP

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> hauled some oats in from N<sup>o</sup> 3 UP filled stones into  
well at pond 8c

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Cloudy rained PM finished hauling oats out of N<sup>o</sup>  
3 UP C Simpson helped preceding week and the