

# Diary of Minnie Florence Boothe: March 1898-December 1898

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The main section of the diary (March – December 1889) begins on Saturday March 12, 1898. The first few entries were written in the beginning of the diary *after* 1898.

## Osgoode April 24/03 (1903)

To the Honorable Council  
of the Township of Osgoode  
To removing 2 stumps on the road  
allowance of on November 13. 1902  
\$40.00 J.W Boothe

## Monday January 17

Jim Blake (your?) wife is dying came over the \_\_\_\_ tonight  
The news was brought to the office by a boy (nigh dead night?)  
He burst into the office crying his face was pale and white  
Sam (?) took the boy in his office. (Mother?) is dying tonight

## “2”

Jim Blake was our \_\_\_\_ driver he ran the Midnight Express  
He has handled his throttle and lever the most of his life & years  
And when I found that the (menage? nerage?) was for my comrade Jim  
you bet I sent it in a hurry over to him

## “3” (Tuesday January 18)

In less than half an hour the news came back from Jim  
Fell very ill met her at midnight and than(?) I am praying for her  
I left my son in the office took a message to his wife  
I found her lying \_\_\_\_ with scarcely a spark of life

## “4”

And \_\_\_\_ I entered her chambers she mistook me for Jim  
And fell \_\_\_\_ when she found that \_\_\_\_  
She turned her eyes to heaven her lips were pale and white  
And she said in a dying whisper You \_\_\_\_ the express tonight

## “5” (Wednesday January 19)

Open hills and dales and valleys on \_\_\_\_ the midnight train  
Like lightning streaming and flashing beneath her \_\_\_\_  
But Jim holds on to the lever and steers her crazy flight  
..... in the darkness God speed the express tonight

## “6”

In less than half an hour the train will be along  
But there comes another menage & \_\_\_\_ there is something wrong  
For the train has met disaster the engine is in the ditch  
The engineer is dying derailed by an open switch

## “7”

And still another message from the engineer it came \_\_\_\_  
Fell many(?) ill meet her in heaven not to wait for the midnight

## February 18 1899

B. due.

## Saturday March 12 (1898)

terrible soft today & raining snow just running away. Mr J Rowatt got  
dead under his sleigh today

## Sunday March 13

raining today a terrible flood the river higher than it has been  
for years bridges taken off every where. Bridge at Mr Boothes

moved 8 feet at one end today. Henry in Templeton today.  
a terrible high wind this evening

#### **Thursday March 17**

frogs croaking in the (beaver?) today.

#### **Friday March 18**

washed today & scrubbed & baked bread J.W away voting today  
J.W working at carriage house today.

#### **Saturday March 19**

baking for Sunday today not well enough to sew any. J.W splitting  
wood this after noon to bed 8:30 oclock

#### **Sunday March 20**

windy today Mr Boothe here this afternoon Henry in Templeton  
today & Pa came home from Uncle Jim's today.

#### **Monday March 21**

Churned this morning first in new churn Ethel come this afternoon.  
J.W helping Mr Waddell at his new stable this after noon

#### **Tuesday March 22**

rained a little in fore noon today. J.W and his father in town today  
Mrs Boothe here we went to Mrs Waddell's this after noon dyed carpet rags  
in fore noon. brought syrup barrel home today roads not to bad.  
eggs cheap on Market today 14 (price symbol) to bed 9 oclock

#### **Wednesday March 23**

Cold and windy today J.W cutting corn at his Fathers today  
feel miserable all day today Mrs Waddell took Lily to Doctor today  
Henry & Ethel at Mr Boothes's tonight Sam boiling sap

#### **Thursday March 31**

Windy & raw today J.W drawing logs for bridge at Waddells this  
forenoon. finished closet & working at bridge this afternoon Mrs  
Waddell here this evening & Ethel with her. Washed today. J.W churned  
this evening large churning. up 6 oclock to bed 9:30

#### **Friday April 1**

Windy and cold North West wind. J.W working at line bridge at  
Waddell's today. Pa here for dinner, down after took to Sam's this  
morning they were making timber these days. first Peddler came  
this morning. Mr Waddell got wagon tonight to go to Ottawa  
Printed (?) butter today had 17 lbs. ironed today, sewed a ball of 6 rags today  
up 25 after 6 this morning to bed 15 to 10. all fools day today.  
Mrs Waddell set over nice piece of fresh pork today

#### **Saturday April 2**

Cold and snowing at dinner raw all day scrubbed baked  
cakes. Jelly cake, pies and fruit cake today. finished wrapper tonight  
washed some socks & stockings out this evening. J.W working at  
line bridge today drawing logs into it. expecting Henry & Robert tomorrow  
still terrible cold tonight to bed after 11 up 6.30 oclock

#### **Sunday April 3**

very cold & windy yet turns warmer towards evening threatening a  
storm of something tonight. Sam, Florry & Nellie here this afternoon  
reading Catholic book today. up (8:15?) this morning to bed 9 oclock

#### **Monday April 4**

Ground white with snow this morning still snowing a regular snow  
storm turning soft this evening. Henry here for tea. brought sleighs home  
baby has measles coming out on him today. Waddell's had them too  
preparing for town. J.W churned this evening. 22 lbs butter for market.  
Mr Boothe here tonight. lovely moonlight night. to bed 9 oclock up \_\_\_\_

#### **Tuesday April 5**

very cold. J.W & his father gone to market today. Butter dear prints (illegible scribbles, possibly two numbers)

Nellie here today helping one sew to rags. C. Elliot & wife here this evening  
 Harry Beamish here today about factory his wife no better. (Cessor?) here today  
 eggs 10cts (cents) today. up 130 this morning to bed 9:15 oclock

### **Wednesday April 6**

Cold this morning this afternoon still colder with snow flurries.  
 ground froze 4 inches. C. Elliot's party tonight. we did not go. patterns came  
 from Mrs Waddells this morning. patched J.W's overalls today & sewing rags  
 all my spare time. J.W working at shop today putting in the posts  
 at Patterson's this morning with wheels. Went to see Maggie. Montgomery  
 in Ottawa with load of (s\_\_w? blurred out) up 6.30 oclock to bed 15:10 oclock.

### **Thursday April 14**

Nice warm bright day J.W ploughing along side of house this evening  
 Sam here this evening.

### **Friday April 15**

very hot day. J.W ploughing in big field. Mrs Boothe and (Jessy?) here  
 this evening. sending pail butter with Mr Boothe to market he got 20cts  
 for it per lb. Florry here she washes for baby every day

### **Saturday April 16**

very warm. J.W finished ploughing big field next Mr Boulons lane after dinner  
 making wire fence along our road after tea. Mr Boothe here on road for  
 Ottawa. Nellie here this evening. Henry & Wilmer here tonight.  
 Mr & Mrs J. Quail here tonight. Henry brought harness back. J.W's  
 finger very sore yet. has a boil on his back. Florry here yet  
 up very early to bed 11:30. filling up the week in my Diary that I was sick

### **Sunday April 17**

very warm but windy. got up today for first Nellie here this  
 morning Florry here Waddells's children getting better  
 up 7 oclock to bed 8:30

### **Monday April 18**

very cold today and windy. (ill?) on well tub last night Florry here washed today  
 J.W working at wire fence on our road this fore noon. (Dawn? Dan? Dam?) here  
 for seed this evening. Florry went home tonight  
 J.W not very well tired all over has boil on his back  
 up 6:30 this morning to bed 9:15

### **Tuesday April 19**

very cold & windy again today ½ inch ill (ink?) on well tub. J.W ploughing  
 in field next Waddell's today cows out in field for the first  
 today. baby good today J.W has sore back from boil & not feeling  
 well. I am was miserable all day too. up 6oclock this morning  
 Got 17 eggs today. boiled pot binseed for calves today.  
 milked cows this morning for first. rained tonight

### **Wednesday April 20**

Raining & cold sun showers in afternoon & rainbow  
 Mr Boothe here helping farm oats. Sam & Harry Beamish  
 here for wagon. J.W ploughing. boil getting better. I have  
 been sick all day lay on lounge & rocked baby  
 up 7 oclock to bed 15 to 11.

### **Thursday April 21**

Cold windy & misting rain. J.W went down home for a  
 load of trees. ploughing this after noon. Isaac Brown here  
 for oats. nice bright evening but cold baby sick. sick myself  
 too. up 10 after 6 this morning to bed 9:30.

### **Friday April 22**

Cold windy day very cold in evening. Mrs Boothe here this after  
 noon. Mrs Rodney here too. starting to wash today for first &  
 Mrs Boothe done it before she went home. J.W ploughing all day  
 baby slept all afternoon. feel better today than ever I was sick I got up  
 Berty (Betsy? Berry?) & Jessy just getting over measles.  
 up 5:30 this morning to bed 9:15

**Saturday April 23**

nice day bright & windy J.W. ploughing. scrubbed today  
baked pies and cakes baby pretty good. \_\_\_\_ hens nest in  
stable today.

**Sunday April 24**

Windy and cold. Henry here this afternoon. baby not well.  
Henry went to Metcalfe this evening. to bed 830.

**Monday April 25**

very nice bright day but cool east wind. J.W finished ploughing big field  
today. Churned this evening. Sam here for butter tonight  
Mrs Hall here to see baby tonight. cleaned & got eggs this evening  
Mr Boothe here this morning. Up at 6 oclock to be 10 oclock

**Tuesday April 26**

Lovely warm day. Mrs Boothe in town today. sent butter & eggs  
with her. butter down to 16cts eggs 10cts J.W sowed first oats today in  
field in front of house. Mrs Waddell here for first time this morning  
since the measles. I was not well all after noon very sick  
with cold tonight baked bread today.  
up 5 oclock to bed 15 to 9 oclock.

**Wednesday April 27**

Nice bright day but rather cool. Mrs Boothe here this  
morning. was so sick had to send for Mrs. Waddell to sweep  
& get the dinner. J.W harrowing round house after dinner  
very heavy frost this morning  
up at 5 this morning

**Thursday April 28**

frost this morning. cool East wind. Berty here for dinner.  
J.W finished house field today. Sewing a little \_\_\_\_ J.W's socks  
up 5:15 to bed 9:30

**Friday April 29**

damp morning. Turned out nice but very cold. J.W seeding  
Mr Miller here for dinner. Mr Boothe here this evening for  
(nets?) Churned at tea time. washed today. baby cross.  
up 5 oclock to bed 15 to 11 oclock

**Saturday April 30**

Bright. cool and windy. J.W finishing harrowing Waddell  
field. Sa, here for feeder at noon. sent butter to market with  
Mr Boothe today. up 5 oclock. I washed floor baked bread pies &  
cake, ironed. baby sick & cross all day. Henry here this morning  
brought harness home. brought rhubarb got anvil Ethel has chicken  
coming out today. to bed 10.

**Sunday May 1**

Lovliest day came this spring. out for a drive this morning  
for first with baby. He was splendid all time we were out  
at Mrs Boothes for dinner. Nellie in bed with measles & Sam  
Russell & Florry not well. Mrs and Mrs ?? there. up 15 after 7. to bed 10.

**Monday May 2**

Nice day but windy. at Mrs Waddell's today for first with  
baby. J.W rolling house field today. Mrs Waddell gave me the makings  
of a quilt for baby. baby sick this evening  
up before 6 to bed 9:30

**Tuesday May 3**

Threatening rain all day, rained this evening. J.W finished  
rolling Waddell field at 3 oclock. took roller home four of them  
sick with measles. Berty here this morning.  
baby sick & cross all night. I raked some at yd. (yard?) this afternoon  
eating dinner 15 after 10 oclock  
up before 5 to bed 930

**Wednesday May 4**

drizzling rain this morning. warm sultry afternoon.  
 Mr Taylor here this morning. Jessy here till after dinner  
 baby terrible cross today J.W harrowing potatoes ground this  
 forenoon. took gate of line fence at Waddells after diner  
 planting willows at dinner. Henry here & Wilmer here tonight  
 J.W at Scarf's this evening but he was away.  
 up 5 oclock to bed 11. Set him today in cow stable loft.  
 planted flower seed at dinner. J.W cleaned door yard

**Thursday May 5**

Cool North wind, bright. Little peddler here today. started  
 to plough sod field today. I baked cakes today. baked  
 baby cross churned  
 up 6 oclock to bed 15 to 10.

**Friday May 6**

Cool bright morning froze water ¼ inch deep last night  
 J.W ploughing. Henry here for (oats?) washed. up 5 oclock to bed 10.  
 Mrs Waddell here last night

**Saturday May 7**

Frost this morning. picking & ploughing in sod field. Mr  
 Boothe here this evening with apple trees. Ida Waddell here  
 baked cakes & pies scrubbed. washed. baby cross. Up 15 to six  
 (Jenny?) calved this afternoon

**Sunday May 8**

bright cold & windy. Went for drive way round by Mr \_\_\_\_?  
 baby slept all time we were away. Montgomery & Maggie here.  
 Mrs Evan Cameron buried today at Bells Corners  
 up 7 oclock to bed 9 30

**Monday May 9**

Lovely cool sunny morning. Mrs Waddell in this morning  
 Mr Armstrong brought back auger. Mr (Corkin? Gorkin?) here for  
 oats today. baby cross. Lay on lounge all day with boils  
 up 15 after 5 oclock to bed 10 oclock. rocking & writing

**Tuesday May 10**

Nice day but threatening rain. Sam here for  
 farming mill this evening. Mrs Waddell gone down home  
 this evening for trees. J.W working with horse clearing  
 rained this evening. up 6 oclock to bed 10.

**Wednesday May 11**

Threatening rain. J.W picking up sticks & ploughing  
 baking today. baby good. sweep up stairs this after noon & tidied  
 it. chickens in stable loft came out today  
 Ethel & Ida here this evening.  
 up 15 to 6 to bed 10. writing & rocking baby

**Thursday May 12**

Threatening rain. rained before dinner. sent 2 pails butter  
 to town with Mrs Waddell today. Berty here this evening  
 Mr Boulon in this evening to see baby. J.W stumping  
 in sod field this forenoon plowing this afternoon finished  
 clearing corner of field. baby terrible cross today. taking  
 out silk of my blue dress to wash today. suffering with  
 with (written twice) boils have five on me. could not wash yet this week  
 up 25 after 5 to bed (empty)

**Friday May 13**

Warm & sunny. went for pigs to Patterson's this evening & then  
 to Maggie's. rained all the way home on us. J.W plowing.  
 Berty came to mind baby. staid till evening. washed today.  
 up 15 to 6 oclock to bed 11 oclock.  
 Mr Boothe here this evening brought us big pail soap & pork & syrup  
 going to town tomorrow.

**Saturday May 14**

beautiful day. Mr & Mrs Boothe in Ottawa today. Sent 19 Doz. eggs with them. Butter 16(?) per pail. very busy today baked, ironed & made pies baby cross. J.W finished plowing back field.  
up 530 to bed 930

**Sunday May 15**

Lovely sunny day but cool. suffering with boils all broke but one at my waist. Pa here this after noon. meeting in Metcalfe this evening.  
up 7 oclock to bed 930

**Monday May 16**

Threatening rain. heavy rain after tea rained till dark almost. Ethel Waddell here this afternoon. mending J.W's shirt baby cried all day. baked today. boil very sore  
J.W grinding at home this morning. picking brush of plowing ("before tea" is written after the next line and by itself, could be end of this sentence)  
up 530 oclock to bed 10.

**Tuesday May 17**

Cloudy & cool. drizzling rain today. Mr Sam Dempsey here for hay this afternoon. Sam here this evening. baby cried all day & sick. working at silk front on blue dress.  
up 5 oclock to bed 930.

**Wednesday May 18**

Frost last night heavy one too. lovely sunny cool day. Mr Harrison and Willie here this morning with cattle. Russell here at tea time for auger. J Henry here this evening looking for oats. Lily Waddell here this evening. J.W sowing oats in back field all day churned this morning went to Mrs Waddell's this evening for a few minutes. took R. there tonight. working at front of my blue dress.  
up 5 oclock to bed

**Thursday May 19**

Windy & cool. J.W harrowing. we went over home this evening for (seales?) Mrs Waddell here this afternoon. Mrs Jimmy bad with measles. baby good this evening.  
up 530 to bed 10

**Friday May 20**

nice day J.W rolling (?) field. went to Scarf's after tea for rig. I washed today baby terrible cross. milked after dark tried clean out this evening.  
up 5 oclock to bed 10

**Saturday May 21**

nice day but threatening rain this evening. J.W drawing out manure for potato field. I baked, scrubbed & churned this morning about 14 lbs butter baby cross finished front of dress & trimmed my hat tonight  
up 15 to 5 to bed 12.

**Sunday May 22**

threatening rain at 5 this morning. raining at 8 we were just ready to go to Metcalfe & had to stay home. went down home this after noon. Pa in town yesterday. Clarence came home with us baby good today. up 15 to five this morning to bed 15 to 10.

**Monday May 23**

Cool. J.W drawing manure to potato ground & plowed some choring today baby cross. Sam brought turkeys over this morning.  
Tuesday instead of today up 530 to bed 10.  
Sam brought turkeys.

**Tuesday May 24**

Cool today. J.W finished potato ground & I planted 6 pails baby not well Jon Quails dog poisoned last night

Set hens in loft in stable  
up 15 to 5 to bed 10 oclock

### **Wednesday May 25**

Lovely & cool today finished planting potatoes in front of house  
Lily Waddell helping us. Ethel here today. Churned this  
evening had 22 lbs of churning, picked gobbler. very tired  
J.W over home for wagon this evening. baby cross  
to bed 1130 up 530

### **Thursday May 26**

drizzling rain this morning. up 530. J.W finished covering  
potatoes in front of hose & sowed parsnips, cucumbers &  
pop corn. Made box for butter this evening made 59 lbs  
butter in 2 weeks for market. going to market tomorrow 5 pails  
butter. fixed wearing dress bands after tea. took Mrs Waddell's pork  
home. Ethel Waddell here this evening. Armstrong here for chisel this  
evening. Clarence here. Made butter box & shod bill?  
Henry & Hugh Rodney here tonight.

### **Friday May 27**

nice day. J.W in town today 59 lbs butter 33(83?) bushel oats & the gobbler  
oats 35 (\*\*) butter from 14 to 17. got \$1.15 for gobbler brought me wearing  
boots & good ones for himself. I washed today not well up 10 after

### **Saturday May 28**

Terrible hot day J.W ploughing corn field. washed buggy fencing  
calf pen this evening. not feeling well. I scrubbed, baked, made  
butter, ironed a big washing of clothes & made Clarence's(?) blouse.  
up 530 to bed 1130

### **Sunday May 29**

threatening rain raining at dinner. Henry here this evening.  
Clarence here yet went to Metcalfe this evening left baby  
for first with Mrs Boothe.  
up 630 to bed 11 oclock

### **Monday May 30**

Cool this morning. J.W drawing out manure. put calves out  
Pa here this after noon with anvil. Mrs Waddell here this  
evening. up 630 to bed 930

### **Tuesday May 31**

terrible warm today. J.W finished drawing manure & is  
plowing corn field farming mill Peddlar's here this evening.  
making bed tick for Ethel this afternoon. Russell here with plough,  
poultry this evening. churned this morning 2 pails butter  
up 530 to bed 930

### **Wednesday June 1**

Terrible warm day. J.W plowing & at the raising at Mr  
Armstrong's barn in the afternoon. old black peddlar here  
this morning. Sam here for (Cedar? Seeder?) at dinner. Mr Sam  
~~Johnston~~ Johnston buried today. Clarence here & sick today  
young Armstrong here at noon. Mr Taylor here this  
morning. writing with baby on knee.  
up 6 oclock to bed 930

### **Thursday June 2**

Cool this morning but very warm day. J W plowing corn  
field. trying to work at Ethel's dress very sick all day.  
baby good. J W not well Clarence here writing with baby on knee.  
J.W up to Armstrong's for old iron at noon  
up 5:30 to bed 9.30 oclock

### **Friday June 3**

Breezy today & rather cool. washing. baked 4 pies Mrs. Waddell  
in this afternoon not well all day bad headache. baby good today  
Clarice (Clarince?) here yet got 16 eggs today. very tired tonight.  
Up 5:30 this morning to bed 9:30 ("width 2.5 in, length 4.6 ½ in" written on side of page)

**Saturday June 4**

Very cool & dull this afternoon. bright after dinner. J.W finished harrowing corn field & planted 3 rows potatoes & the beans Clarince (Clarice? Clarence?) here. scrubbed, baked bread & cakes. put band on Ethel's dress finished Clarince's (?) blouse put cuffs on his shirt & ironed & done up 3 white shirts very tired baby splendid today up 15 after 5 to bed 15 to 10.

**Sunday June 5**

Terrible warm day left baby with Pa & Ethel while we went to (Horner's?) Church. took Clarence home today up 630 to bed 930 Mr Stewart looking for cattle today

**Monday June 6**

Threatening rain Maggie Damey (?) & Sarah Harrison here today packed 2 pails butter this evening. Maggie made baby's ~~cap~~ hood today. very busy this morning. baby has sore mouth. J.W planting corn with corn dropper. up 530 to bed 1030

**Tuesday June 7**

Very warm today. J.W in town pail butter 14.15 eggs 10 (\*\*) potatoes 45:50 oats 33.34. baby very sick today with sore mouth Lily Waddell here this afternoon. Ethel helped me carry baby over. two men here weighing pork. strangers. J.W brought home lovely geraniums & pansies up 15 to 2 to bed 15 to 11

**Wednesday June 8**

Threatening rain. J.W planted turnips & carrots & finished planting corn. down home this morning for turnip seeder. Pa here this evening to take it home. Sent Clarence's hens home tonight. wed flower beds today rained all after noon working at Ethel's wearing dress waist. baby sick. young Armstrong here with Ground auger Pa looking for Stewart's cattle today. up 5 to 10 to bed

**Thursday June 9**

Very warm J.W to Metcalfe with lumber for kitchen Mr Waddell here this afternoon. little peddler here. J.W went to Armstrong's for old iron brought lovely flowers from home with him. working at Ethel's waist. very tired up 5 oclock to bed 10:30

**Friday June 10**

Very cool today. Washed J.W working at express. young Armstrong here getting cultivator lever fixed. working at Ethel's waist very tired. baby good four men killed on new railroad this evening up 5 to bed 9:30

**Saturday June 11**

dull and raining a little down home this morning with Ethel's waist. left baby with J.W slept all time I was away. baked bread, pies & cakes scrubbed & iron. J.W went to Metcalfe for lumber for kitchen this afternoon. soaked express whick in oil today Sam here for scraper to work at his cellar. up 5:30 to bed 10:30. baby splendid

**Sunday June 12**

Raining all day watching for Silas & Maryanne they did not come faired up near dark. up 6:30 to bed 9:15

**Monday June 13**

Cool and threatening rain this afternoon. J Regan died this morning at 5 oclock. had five doctors. J.W fixed mower today Mr Boothe here all day. made baby lawn(?) hood today. Henry and Wilmer here tonight brought up boxes of express. Churned this morning up 5:30 to bed 11:15



**Tuesday June 14**

Threatening rain this morning J Regan buried this morning  
hemmed butter towels & working at baby's dress  
churned this morning. up 6 to bed (blank)

**Wednesday June 15**

Very cold. J.W working at express box. Mrs Weddell & I at T. Quails  
today. J.W drove us there & tom brought us back  
set pet hen in barn tonight & hen in manger. to bed 11 up 5.  
baby cross today.

**Thursday June 16**

Warm today. Pa and Mrs Potter here this afternoon. I was  
down to pattersons & Maggie's this morning. baked cakes today  
J.W finishing & painting express box. Sam & Evert Beamish here  
tonight Evert selling \_\_\_\_\_ soap we took 35cts worth.  
up 4:30 to bed 9:30.

**Friday June 17**

Very warm Mrs Waddell in town today. got this for baby today making cake & \_\_\_\_  
Sam and Berty here this evening. Mrs ~~Waddell here~~ Boothe here on  
road from T Quails. Mr Boothe here all night going to town with J.W  
Mr Quails baby born this morning. Sam come to help Sam (rats?)  
up 6 oclock to bed 1030

**Saturday June 18**

Warm today. J.W & father in town today. butter .4cts oats 33 (\*\*)  
Jessy here all day (Grety?) Waddell here this afternoon.  
washed floor. baked cake, pies & ironed. (Aunty? Arty?) sick again.

**Sunday June 19**

Cool today. over home this forenoon. Mrs Boothe & I were  
to see Mrs Quail this evening. J.W & Mr Boothe minded baby  
while we were away. to bed 9 up 7

**Monday June 20**

Cool J.W working a kitchen (foundation?) Pa & Mrs Potter here for  
tea. working at J.W's shirt. up 530 to bed 10 oclock

**Tuesday June 21**

Very cool. J.W grinding. I went over with him to cut out shirts  
Mr Scharf died ("fell dead" added in above) at Harrison's today. Sam away to McDols bee  
today. Mr Boothe here this evening heavy shower rain after tea  
J.W working at kitchen. I made baby cashmere stockings  
up 5 oclock to bed 15 to ten

**Wednesday June 22**

Nice day J.W working at cook-house. Jessy here this evening with  
J.W's shirt + needles. baking bread.  
to bed 10 oclock

**Thursday June 23**

Very windy. washing. J.W working at cook house.  
up 6 to bed 1030

**Friday June 24**

Very windy. put stove out before dinner churned  
Mrs Waddell in. Flory & Nellie here brought lovely dish  
strawberries. J.W farmed 23 bushel oats for market this  
evening preparing for town. to bed 10 up 530

**Saturday June 25**

Lowry and threatening rain heavy shower in evening  
J.W did not go to town put up coal stove in dining room  
scrubbed baked pies cakes & ironed. swept door yard.  
up 530 to bed 930

**Sunday June 26**

Up 7 oclock left baby with Mrs Boothe & went to Metcalfe this evening

home 10 oclock

### **Monday June 27**

Raining little Mr Robinson here for tea Sam getting frames made for his cellar in fore noon & him & J.W howing potatoes in afternoon. churned this evening going to market tomorrow up to 5 oclock to bed 930

### **Tuesday June 28**

Threatening rain it came on about 1030 & rained nearly all day got 14 & 15 for butter. got screen doors today & brought home hay press. eggs 11cts baby very cross. Mr Armstrong here to bed 10 up 1230 to bed 4 up 6 oclock

### **Wednesday June 29**

Terrible hot day. J.W putting up track for hay fork at Mr Armstrong's. ~~Pa & Clarence here this after noon fixing shoes & rake teeth~~ ~~Jessy here all day. John Hall & peddlar here at tea.~~ Mr Harrison & wife here this evening Mrs Waddell & girls here tonight up 530 to bed 10 oclock Clarence staying till Sunday. I have blind(?) headache today.

### **Thursday June 30**

Very windy. Pa & Clarence here fixing shoes & rake teeth. Tess(?) here all day John Hall & peddlar here at tea Mrs Waddell & girls & Mr & Mrs Harrison here tonight Clarence staying till Sunday took blind headache today. Up 5 to bed 1130

### **Friday July 1**

hot day. J.W & Mr Waddell working at road work churned this morning baked cakes, bread & washed very tired. up 6 oclock to bed 930.

### **Saturday July 2**

Very hot day plowing up potatoes & went to the raising of Mr Boulon's barn in afternoon went to Maggie's for little pigs tonight got home 11 oclock washed buggy(?) after we came back up 530 to bed 12 oclock

### **Sunday July 3**

Hottest day came yet left baby with Ethel Waddell & took Clarence home & went to Farmers(?) Church. Bill Sharp & Bell (H\_\_\_?) married about 3 weeks up 7 to bed 10. Pa came home with hens(?) it rained & he stopped all night.

### **Monday July 4**

Very cool Pa fixing rake teeth before he goes home J.W plowing up potatoes & cultivating corn churned this morning I painted dining room floors up 530 to bed 930

### **Tuesday July 5**

Cool very cool. washed today & painted floor again J.W took express Wheels to patterson's & working over home at hay in afternoon Mr Boothe hoeing potatoes this fore noon & here for dinner. J.W ordered horse rake from Mr Blair up 530 to bed 11

### **Wednesday July 6**

Cool J.W mowing horse rake to come tomorrow Berty here. writing with baby on knee up 530 to bed 930

### **Thursday July 7**

Warm today John Hall here today for first horse rake did not come Mr Armstrong here about hooks for his hay fork. J Blair here rake to come tomorrow

Flory here with their rake have Gerty(?) Waddell hired for 3 days to mind baby. here today for first her Aunt & Grandma to come today.  
up 15 to 5 to bed 10 oclock

#### **Friday July 8**

Another warm day threatening rain Blair here this morning with rake. rained & J.W could not work at hay went to Patersons for express. churned this evening getting ready for market. Gerty here  
up 5 to bed 1030

#### **Saturday July 9**

Rainy markets little brighter than last time eggs 12 butter packed 14.15. John Hall here after dinner very heavy rain before dinner

#### **Sunday July 10**

cooler Aunt (?) & Harry down at house today  
Henry here this evening J.W not well  
Young Brittons (Brittous?) out in full dress at Church tonight.

#### **Monday July 11**

Nice & cool. terrible busy baked churned ironed finished baby dress & hood & made a bib Ethel here helping me. John Hall here  
up 430 to bed 1140

#### **Tuesday July 12**

Beautiful cool morning hotter in afternoon  
went to walk at St Helena today.  
up 15 to 5 to bed 930  
Henry came home with us

#### **Wednesday July 13**

very warm baby & I sick after the long drive  
John here up 5 to bed 930

#### **Thursday July 14**

Working at hay very warm John here

#### **Friday July 15**

warm working at hay John here  
went to Miss Diggews (Biggews?) lawn social this evening  
Henry came round.  
up 5 to bed 220.  
this way for pail butter. Pa not well.

#### **Saturday July 16**

Working at hay John here very busy washed & baked churned & ironed. up 530 to bed 10

#### **Sunday July 17**

Raining did not go any where Mr Boothe here for tea. up 7 to bed 9

#### **Monday July 18**

Very warm Jess here brought over big dish fresh honey John here after dinner worked till 3 drawing in finished stack then went over home but did not put up any to green. very heavy rain.  
up 530 to bed 930

#### **Tuesday July 19**

bright but threatening rain rained very heavy after dinner. Ethel & Mabel Potter here for tea came this morning & went home again  
J.W made pen for big pigs & put them in today  
up 530 to bed 10 oclock

**Wednesday July 20**

hot. J.W starting to cut again. John here 2 ½ hours  
this afternoon threatening rain still  
up 530 to bed 9.

**Thursday July 21**

Rather cool washed this fore noon & paris-greened (?)  
5 ½ bugs this afternoon Mrs Hall here. Flory & Nellie  
here this evening brought me lot of berries  
up 5 to bed 930.

**Friday July 22**

Cool wind J.W finished cutting hay this forenoon  
John here this afternoon. I went to pattersons for  
sugar this evening left baby with Mrs Waddell  
up 530 to bed 1030

**Saturday July 23**

Terrible warm John all day here. drawing in all  
day finished haying big storm this evening  
up 5 to bed 930

**Sunday July 24**

Very hot baby very sick. Pa here he went for Mrs Boothe  
Sam Len & Ida here too. took Pa home.  
to bed 1030

**Monday July 25**

Threatening rain J.W cutting hay at Hall's rained  
very heavy this evening. flattened oats bad  
Mrs Waddell got 3 lbs butter this morning. baby still  
not well very sick myself with boil  
up 5 to bed 9 oclock

**Tuesday July 26**

Cooler this morning J.W finished cutting Hall's  
hay John got wagon this evening Flory here  
paris greening bugs. Conlon's cows broke into our oats  
Up 6 to bed (empty)

**Wednesday July 27**

J.W & Russell farming oats & weeding turnips in fore noon  
& working at home at hay in afternoon churned this  
morning bad boil

**Thursday July 28**

Terrible warm J.W & mother in town today busy & tired  
washed Dick & Flory here for (mother?) this evening  
lecture in Methodist Church tonight  
up 630 to bed 930

**Friday July 29**

Terrible warm ~~J.W & mother in town today~~  
~~butter raising a little~~ very busy. washed baked & scrubbed. J.W went  
over home this morning to fix up binder just started  
when rain came on. Dick & Russell came over with him  
to work at grind stone. Isaac Brown here getting iron  
made for buggy top.  
up 6 oclock to bed 10 oclock

**Saturday July 30**

J.W down to Maggie's this morning before he went home  
cut grain home at dark. Pa here & Henry this evening  
got pail butter 8 ½ lbs in it. Mrs Waddell 3 lbs this morning  
up 530 to bed 12 oclock

**Sunday July 31**

Rather cool up to late to go to Metcalfe & went Blair's(?)

Church on stone road in afternoon. Clarence here yet Mrs & Mr Waddell Mrs Burrets(?) & Leafy (?) here this evening up 7 to bed 930.

#### **Monday August 1**

J.W cutting over home rained & Russell & him fixing up press up 530 to bed 930

#### **Tuesday August 2**

Rainy J.W went over & had to come back Russell & him pressing straw churned up 530 to bed 1030

#### **Wednesday August 3**

Rained today after dinner. J.W went over to cut but had to come back again. R. & him pressing straw rest of day. baking today. writing with baby on knee up 6 oclock to bed 9

#### **Thursday August 4**

Cool & very windy (shelf?) of rain at 3 oclock J.W binding over home. Russell churned this morning long days cutting up 15 after 5 oclock to bed 9.

#### **Friday August 5**

Terrible windy & a regular gale about 2 after dinner Sussy(?) Sarah & Willie with Flory here this morning shortened baby's pink dress & made a petticoat for him fore dinner writing with baby on knee & him scratching at book he learned how to squeal today & lay in cradle & yelled all day very good today took a spoon in hand for first this week Henry here for their lumber tonight brought shirt for one to starch. up 530 to bed 1030. J.W working at home first bringing binder over as storm came on Russell here all night

#### **Saturday August 6**

Beautiful cool day. J.W cutting grain behind barn Russell stooking(?) J.W over home tonight for load of wash Berty here with white shirts. I baked bread pies cakes & roly poly up 15 to 6 to bed 10. ironed & finished Clarence's shirts

#### **Sunday August 7**

Very warm J.W not well Pa here this afternoon Clarence here yet. meeting in Metcalfe tonight up 7 to bed 930

#### **Monday August 8**

Threatening rain rained after dark J.W cutting in house field churned this morning. Sewing baby good up 530 to bed 930

#### **Tuesday August 9**

Warm & sultry finished house field at tea time working in North field after tea. washed. Mr Lemon here this morning took 9 lbs tea from him Milburn's ~~for~~ 4 months old today up 15 to 6 to bed 1030

#### **Wednesday August 10**

Warm & breezy. J.W cutting with binder in the North field Mrs Boothe Mrs Summer's & Miss Dempsey here this afternoon. Willie Potter here too. Mr Sullivan took W. Harrison's big steer away this evening Mrs Waddell paid for butter this evening. Russell here stooking churned this morning. baking today up 530 to bed

**Thursday August 11**

Warm & windy J.W finished cutting North field  
 Mrs Boothe here at tea Clarence here yet  
 baked pies cakes & sponge cakes this afternoon  
 went over home with J.W to sew on frill of Ethel's  
 dress went for load of water drawing all the water  
 we use drew can full for cows tonight too  
 up 530 to bed 11.

**Friday August 12**

Very warm J.W cutting on Sam's place I went  
 to Mrs. Quails & carried baby this afternoon spitting  
 rain & threatening hard all after noon. Henry & Wilmer  
 here for pail butter 11 lbs Clarence went home tonight  
 J.W went to Pattersons for binder, knives & to Maggie's  
 for turnip writing & rocking baby. Russell here tonight  
 baby took bad crying fit tonight up 5 to bed 11:15

**Saturday August 13**

Terrible windy J.W finished Sams field this afternoon  
 & went over home to cut baking ironing baby cross  
 scrubbed house & cookhouse. cut out a piece in back of neck  
 of J.W's black coat. up 530 to bed 10.

**Sunday August 14**

breezy rather warm after dinner quarterly meeting in  
 Methodist Church out this morning & down to the  
 Church this evening left baby with Mrs Waddell large  
 crowd Henry came home with us  
 up 530 to bed 1030.

**Monday August 15**

Very warm. J.W cutting over home. I was sick & vomiting all  
 day very heavy. to sick to get cows & they were  
 not milked tonight J.W home late.  
 up 530 to bed 9.

**Tuesday August 16**

warm & breezy J.W finished field at home grain to wet  
 to cut till after dinner. I went over with him not better yet  
 Sam took load pressed straw into J. Peterkin. Russell here all night  
 heavy rain about 430 this morning could not cut till after  
 \_\_\_\_\_ started field below house this evening Russell here tonight  
 up 530 to bed 830 threatening rain

**Wednesday August 17**

Heavy rain about 430 this morning could not cut till  
 after dinner. Henry here this morning for anvil Ethel W. got 9 lbs  
 butter this morning Russell & J.W pressed straw till dinner  
 sick still churned this morning Little Peddler here this  
 morning. baby good baked cakes & sponge cakes Russell here tonight  
 up 6 to bed 9.

**Tuesday November 22**

Nice day. Mrs (Low) Quail here today Doctor Wallis here  
 got medicine for my headache.

**Sunday December 25**

over to Mrs Booths for Xmas beautiful day Mrs Wallis  
 buried today J.W & Sam went to funeral

**Monday December 26**

Lovely & bright not very cold. J.W & Father in Metcalfe this  
 afternoon Nomination Day

## Memorandum

First butter sold.

Month	Date	Butter account for 1897	Price	\$	cts
Oct.	9 <sup>th</sup>	6 lb at	22 cts	1	32
..	..	1 pail 11 lbs at	20	2	20
Oct	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 pail 10 lbs at	18	1	80
Oct	28 <sup>th</sup>	2 pails at 13 lbs each at	19	4	94
Nov	11 <sup>th</sup>	2 pails 12 & 13 ¼ lbs each at	20	4	85
Nov	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 pail 11 lbs at	20	2	20
..	..	11 lbs prints at	18	1	98
Dec	22	3 lbs prints at	20		60
..	..	1 pail 10 ½ lbs at	20	2	10

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Jan	15	1 pail 7 ½ lbs at	16	1	20
Feb	19	10 lbs prints at	20	2	00
Mar	8	15 lbs prints at	19	2	85
March	22	11 lbs prints at	21	2	31
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	22 lbs prints at			
April	16 <sup>th</sup>	1 pail butter 11 lbs at	20	2	20
April	26 <sup>th</sup>	1 pail butter 11 lbs at	16 ½	1	82
..	..	.. 11 ½ ..	16	1	84
April	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 pail butter 13 lbs at	17	2	21
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	2 pails butter 23 ½ lbs at	16	3	76

May	27 <sup>th</sup>	5 pails butter 59 lbs at	15 & 16	9	23
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 pails butter 43 lbs at	14 & 15	6	13
..	18 <sup>th</sup>	6 .. 66..	14	8	24
..	28	5.. 2 rolls 57 lbs at	14	7	98
July	9 <sup>th</sup>	6..1..63 lbs at	14 & 15	8	82
..	28 <sup>th</sup>	5..2..56	14 & 15	6	20
		Mrs Waddell got butter	14 & 15	1	00
		Pa got butter at	14	2	00
		Mrs Waddell butter at	15		90
		Mr Waddell sold 2 pails	15 ½ & 16		
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	4 pails 42 lbs at	15 & 16	6	63

Sept	18 <sup>th</sup>	3 pails butter 36 ½ lbs at	18	6	57
Sept	30	2 pails butter 21 lbs at	17	3	57
Oct	28	3.. 28..	19	5	32
		Sent to town pail with Mr Boothe		1	70
Nov	29	8 pails & 5 rolls _ lbs at	18	8	28

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First year married.

Month	Date	Eggs & fowl account for 1897	Price	\$	cts
Nov	11 <sup>th</sup>	2 ½ dozen eggs at	12		30
..	..	4 ½ prs chickens at	20 & 25	2	15

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Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 3 ½ dozen at	25	00	87
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup>	6 dozen eggs at	25	1	50
Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 pair at 25 each fowl			50
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup>	1 ½ pairs fowl at each	25	00	75
Feb	19 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 3 dozen at	18	00	54
March	8 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 6 dozen at	18	1	04
March	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eggs 12 dozen at	9 & 10	1	12

April	5 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 15 dozen at	10	1	50
April	26 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 15 doz at	10	1	50
May	26 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 19 doz at	10	1	90
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 9 ½ dozen at	10		95
June	28	Eggs 7 dozen at	11		77

Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 3 ½ dozen at	25	00	87
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup>	6 dozen eggs at	25	1	50
Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 pair at 25 each fowl			50
Feb	11 <sup>th</sup>	1 ½ pairs fowl at each	25	00	75
Feb	19 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 3 dozen at	18	00	54
March	8 <sup>th</sup>	Eggs 6 dozen at	18	1	04
March	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eggs 12 dozen at	9 & 10	1	12



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Month	Date		Grain Account for 1897	Price	\$	cts
Nov	11 <sup>th</sup>	Oats	16 ½ bushels at	25 cts	4	13
Nov	30	Oats	54 bushels at	24	12	96
Dec		Oats	68 bushel at	22	14	96
Dec	22	Oats	22 bushels at	23	7	26

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Jan	15	Oats	45 bushel at	25 ½	11	48
Feb	4	Oats	33 bushels & 14 lb Mr Armstrong bought	30	10	00
Feb	19	Oats	49 bushels at	31	15	19
April	21	Oats	20 bushels at J. B. Brown got	30	6	00
May	6	Oats	12 bushel Henry got at	30	9	00
May	9	Oats	12 bushel (?) got at	35	4	20
June	18	Oats	.. at	32	7	36
..	28	Oats	23 .. at			
July	28	Oats	40 bushel at	29 ½	6	49
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	Oats	22 bushel at			
Sept	18	Oats	23 bushel at			
Sept	30	Oats	52 bushel at			
Oct	28	Oats	40 bushel at			
Nov	29	Oats	_ bushel at			

Month	Date		Hay sold in 1897	Price	\$	cts
Dec	14 <sup>th</sup>	Hay	\$10 per ton load came to		11	85
Dec	15	Hay	\$10 per ton load came to		12	75
Dec	20 <sup>th</sup>	Hay	\$8 per ton load came to		8	00
May	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hay	\$7 per ton load came to		9	50

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Month	Date	Potatoes sold in 1897	Price	\$	cts
Oct	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 bags at	45	3	15
Dec	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 bags at	50	5	00
Dec	28 <sup>th</sup>	20 bags at	50	10	00

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Mar	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 bags, 2 at 45 rest at	50	2	90
Mar	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 bags potatoes at	50	2	00
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	4 bags ..	40 & 45	1	65