

Transcript of Diary of Harold Stewart MacLeod for the year 1904

(prepared by Doug Yungblut, February, 2015)

The family would have been living at the Balachan (also spelled Ballechin) Farm on Mountain Road (Lot 26, Stamford Township, Welland County) at this point. This farm was possibly purchased around 1837 or 1838 by William Stewart, who made a special trip to Canada from England to purchase a farm for his third son John William Henry (JWH). The farm, including stock was purchased from a Mr. Peterson. William S. died in Canada July 3, 1838. His wife came to Canada with JWH and his wife (Mary Anne Lough). The farm name comes from the ancestral Stewart home of the same name near Dunkeld, Scotland.

JWH Stewart had 9 children, 3 of whom died very young. Doris Katharine was the youngest but she somehow inherited the family farm and married William Neynoe MacLeod (WNM) in 1879. The Balachan farm was purchased by Ontario Hydro in 1918 as a dumping site for fill from the first hydro canal. Mother remembers the orchard being in blossom when they started dumping dirt there. (It was subsequently the site of Fireman's Park and the Niagara Falls city dump.) At that time Harold purchased the farm on Thorold Stone Road (Lot 81, Stamford Township from a Mr. Embleton, named farm Elm Grove) and his father, WNM purchased a cottage in Stamford that he also called Balachan.

WNM and Doris had 4 girls (Marion Jean (1880), Muriel Lovel (1882, D 1886), Georgina Elizabeth (1884, he frequently refers to her as George or Georgie) and Doris Katharine (1892) and 2 boys (Keith Cawthorne (1886) and Harold Stewart (1889)). The woman Harold refers to as Mother would have been his father's third wife, the former Margaret Weyland. His biological mother, Doris Katharine Stewart died a month after the youngest daughter, also named Doris Katharine, was born in 1892. WNM then married Julia Weyland who died in or around 1896 after giving birth to Charles William who also died as an infant. He then married her sister Margaret in 1898 and they had one daughter, Margaret Norah in 1899 (died 1913).

Harold would have been 15 years old at the time of this diary. In 1917 he married Mabel Jane Gates and they had 7 children with Mother being the oldest.

The Prests and Mewburns were related to the MacLeods through the Stewart side. One of JWH's daughters (Eliza or Emily Issabella) married Percival Prest. One of their daughters (Arabella Mary) married Chilton Mewburn. (Mother says he is probably the person HS refers to as Mr. Chill.) Their farm was across the road from the MacLeod farm. There were no MacLeod relatives since WNM had come to Canada as an orphan. Arabella Prest, JWH Stewart and Julia Weyland were witnesses at the wedding of WNM and Doris Katharine.

Keep in mind that all of the local travelling and the field work would have been with horses. They would have used buggies or wagons in the summer and sleigh or cutter in the winter. They had horses named Jim and Sue as well as one named Nan who may have come along in the fall.

January

- 1 Did chores in the morning. Boys went calling in the afternoon. Stanley took the girls to Stewarts party. Flos Wynn and K Mewburn here for the night. We had seven callers in the afternoon. Nice day.

- 2 Did chores in the am. Dad and Keith went for a load of coal. George went to the village and took K Mewburn and Stanley. Left them there. Mean day. I did nothing in the afternoon.
- 3 Sunday Ray, Kid and I went to church in the morning. Keith and Dad did the chores in the morning. Dad took George to McNabb in the afternoon. Keith did nothing in the afternoon. I went up to Sodens in the afternoon. Sodens and Mr. Lampard here in the eve. Flos still here. Nice day but very cold.
- 4 Dad did chores and voted in the morning. Keith and I did chores in the morning. Dad, Doris and Flos went to St Kitts and brought Jean home from Homer. Ray went home. Keith went to Stamford in the afternoon. I did chores.
- 5 Did chores in the morning. Dad went to Clifton in the afternoon and left Mother at the Woodlands. Us kids went to the village in the afternoon. I did nothing in the morning. Dad went to Mr Chills in the eve
- 6 Did chores in the am. Dad and I went to Clifton left Mother at Murrays. Keith went for Mrs Stewart in the morning and took her home in the afternoon Doris went to Clifton with L.P.C. in the afternoon. I helped Dad to unload a load of coal in the morning
- 7 Did chores and drew wood in the morning. West was here in the morning. Keith helped Dad in the morning. Windy and I went to the Falls in the afternoon had a good time. Dad drove the team to the village in the afternoon. Dad did the chores in the eve. Rather warm day.
- 8 Did chores in the morning. Watson came and cut the horns off the cattle. Keith and Jean went to the village in the afternoon. Dad cut feed down at Mr Chills in the afternoon. I killed chickens in all day. ..? was here in the eve. George did not come home because there was a party at the Moltons(?)
- 9 Dad did chores in the morning. Keith did not do anything in the morning. Percy and I went to the Market. Dad went to the Falls and left Mother at the Motherwells. The 3 kids went down to the Falls in the afternoon Jean stayed at the Wynn's. I went to a hockey match in the afternoon down at St. David's. Nice day rather warm. Mr Alfred was in the eve
- 10 Sunday Mother, Doris and Keith went to church in the morning. Dad and I did the chores in the morning. Keith took the team down to Wynn's for Jean in the afternoon. Dad and Mr Chill went to old Mr Sturway's funeral in the afternoon. Stanley Prest was here for tea and spent the evening. I stayed home with Mother in the afternoon. Nice day rather warm Doris went to Sunday School.
- 11 Keith started to school. Dad and I drew some corn stalks in the morning. Did the chores. Mr Chill helped Dad to draw in stalks in the afternoon. Dad and Mother went in to the Mewburns for tea. Nice day
- 12 Drew straw in the morning Mr Chill helped us. Dad and I finished drawing straw in the afternoon. Dad and I went for a barrel of water at the Mr. Berrimans. Dad took Jean and Doris to the Motherwells for tea. Mother went to the D(?) for tea. Dad went for Mother in the eve
- 13 Did chores and drew straw in the morning. Drew another load of straw and got the cutting box up from Mr Chill in the afternoon. Mr Chill helped us all day. I went down to the Mrs Stewart in the afternoon. Florence Stewart stayed the night here. Nice day rather warm. Jean went to the (?) in the afternoon.
- 14 Keith did not go to school. Did chores in the morning. Keith and I did nothing in the morning. Cut a little feed in the afternoon. Mr Chill helped. Mean day. Mr Alfred here in the eve

- 15 Keith did not go to school. Did chores in the morning cut feed in the afternoon. Mr Chill helped us. Keith, Jean and Doris went to the village in the afternoon. Mr Alfred here for dinner Rather nice day cold Lots of snow.
- 16 Dad did chores in the morning. Keith and I went to the village in the morning. Dad drove Jean to Homer PM Keith got the mail Mitch (?) Miller H.S.M. is an unmitigated jackass so is day (?)
- 17 Sunday Doris and I went to church. Keith and Dad did chores in the AM. Dad did nothing in the afternoon. Keith went and called at the Mewburns. Doris went to Sunday School. Victor Jones and Mr. Alfred were here in the afternoon. Very cold.
- 18 Keith did not go to school. Dad was sick. I did chores in the morning. Dad and Mother went in for Doris. Us boys went to Clifton. Very cold.
- 19 Keith and Doris went to school. Dad was sick. I did chores in the morning. Dad and Mother went in for Doris. I did nothing in the afternoon. Rather cold.
- 20 Keith and Doris went to school. Dad and I did chores in the morning. Did nothing in the afternoon. Mrs Stewarts wash here. Mean wet day.
- 21 Mean day. Did nothing all day. Boys went to village in the afternoon
- 22 Mean wet day did nothing all day. L.P.C. here in the afternoon
- 23 Put up a grist in the morning Dad and Keith went to the mill in the afternoon. I did nothing in the afternoon. Marion Jones stayed the night here. Mr Alfred was here in the eve
- 24 Sunday Marion, Doris and Windy went to church. Dad and I did the chores in the morning. I went up to the Jones in the afternoon. Windy went to down to the Mewburns.
- 25 Did chores in the morning. I went coasting. Keith did not go to school. Keith and Doris went to the village I went over to Burton. Dad did chores in the afternoon. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Very cold Nice day
- 26 Keith did not go to school. Dad and Mother were very sick. Keith and I did the chores. Keith and Doris went to the village and then went to St. David's for the grist. Got the grist on the 26th day of January. I coasted for a while. Mean wet day Snow all day.
- 27 Keith went to school. Dad did chores in the morning. I did nothing. Dad, mother Doris and I went to Clifton in the afternoon. Nice day very cold.
- 28 Keith went to school. Dad did chores. Dad and I went to Clifton in the afternoon. Nice day very cold
- 29 Keith went to school. Dad took straw down to Herrit in the morning. I killed chicken in the morning. Dad went down for George. I did chores. Nice day rather cold.
- 30 Keith and I went to market. George came down with us. Dad did the chores. Dad and Keith cut in the afternoon. Mr Chill and Percy helped. George, Doris and I went to the ice bridge with the sleigh and had lots of fun. Mr Alfred took us. Mr Earnest was here in the eve. Mother and Dad went to the Woodlands in the afternoon. Keith went to St. David's for the rest of the grist. Nice day rather warm.
- 31 Sunday George, Doris and I went to church. Keith, Victor and I took George down to McNab. Dad and Mother read all afternoon. Dad and Mother went to church in the eve. Nice day rather warm

February

- 1 Keith went to school. Dad and I did chores all day. Nice day rather cold. Mrs. Stewart washed here. Eggs 5
- 2 Keith did not go to school. Did chores in the morning. Us boys went up to Drummondville in the afternoon. Wet bad day. Eggs 4
- 3 Keith went to school. Dad and I did chores all day. Uncle George was here for dinner. Mean cold day. Eggs 0
- 4 Keith went to school. Dad and I did chores all day. Doris went to the at Home (?) in the eve. Mean cold day. Lots and lots of snow. Eggs 3
- 5 We all did chores in the morning. I went to Clifton with Mr Chill. Dad and Mother went for a drive in the afternoon. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day heaps of snow Eggs 2
- 6 Did chores in the morning. Keith and I went to the village in the afternoon. Dad did nothing all day. George did not get home. Mr Alfred was here in the afternoon. Mean wet day. The (?) started to go. Eggs 4
- 7 Sunday Did nothing all day. Mean day rain and lots of water. Mr Alfred was here in the afternoon. Eggs 2
- 8 Keith did not go to school. Did chores in the morning. Dad chopped wood in the lowest bush. Keith went in for the mail. Doris and I went coasting. Dad went up to Soden's in the eve. Nice day very icy. Eggs 5
- 9 Keith went to the village. Dad and I drew stalks AM. Cut feed in the afternoon. Mr Alfred helped us. L.P.C. was here for tea. Nice day very icy. Eggs 3
- 10 Drew hay in the morning. Mr Chill helped us in the afternoon. L.P.C. was here coasting in the afternoon. Mother went and called at Cousin Allred(?). Doris went to school. Nice day. eggs 6
- 11 Drew stalks in the morning. Dad got the team shod and went to Clifton in the afternoon. Keith and I did nothing. Nice day cold Eggs 5
- 12 Keith and I went to the village. Cut feed AM. Dad drew straw into the village. Keith stayed the night at the Petits. L.P.C. went down for George. George went to the card party at the Petits. Nice day cold. Eggs 3
- 13 Keith came home. Dad went down to the Redheads with the sleigh. I coasted in the morning and afternoon. Jean came home and went back with flos in the afternoon. George went with them to St. Kitts. Dad met him in the eve in Stamford. Mrs Evenment(?), Mattie, Mrs Maagret and Miss Kate were here in the afternoon. Mr Earnest(?) was here in the evening. Doris and George went to the Mewburns in the eve. James Corbett ran away and broke cutter all in pieces. Nice day rather cold. Good coasting and skating. Eggs (?)
- 14 Sunday Dad took George down to McNab in the morning. Did chores and read all day. Did not go to church. Nice day cold. Eggs 3 *Notation Mr. William Allen, Homer, Ontario*
- 15 Keith went to school. Dad and I did chores and helped Mr Chill move the power(?) Dad and I helped Mr Chill to cut feed in the afternoon. Nice day rather cold. Jones got smallpox Eggs 4
- 16 Dad called on the Sodens in the morning and Mewburns in the afternoon. Keith did nothing all day. I called on the Woolans in the afternoon. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day very very cold. Eggs 3
- 17 Dad went down to Queenston in the morning. Dad went down to St. David's with Mr Alfred PM. I skated in the afternoon. Keith did nothing at all. Nice day cold. Eggs 3

- 18 Did chores and called on the Sodens in the morning. Keith got Bob shod in the afternoon down in St. David's. I skated in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day very cold. Eggs 3
- 19 Make a rack for drawing post(?) in the morning. Dad went to the village in the afternoon. Keith and I did nothing in the afternoon. L.P.C. went down for George. E.J. took him into the Motherwell in the eve. Dad called on Mr. Beriman in the eve. Nice day cold. Eggs 2
- 20 Dad drew two loads to Clifton. George and L.P.C. went to Clifton in afternoon. Nice day rather warm Eggs 5
- 21 Sunday Windy, Mother, George, Doris and I went to church in the morning. Mother stayed dinner at the Mewburns. Dad went in for her in the afternoon .LPC took George down to McNab. Mean wet day. Eggs 4

The next 4 days appear to be written in a different hand. Much larger writing. Was he sick or did someone else fill in those pages?

- 22 Very stormy. Keith went Drummondville did not do (?) Mrs Stewart washed. Drove the (?) to see Mr Simon (?) A little rough.
- 23 Snowed and blowed. Keith went to Niagara Falls south. Mr Simon came and stayed the night. Allie(?) called in eve
- 24 Boys took a load of posts to Clifton. FA(?) here to dinner. I went to Clifton with posts and got a load of coal. John Black called. Very cold in eve.
- 25 Drove Doris to school cut wood boys took 24 posts to Badgers I helped Chill to draw stalks. Very cold. Vincent had tea here.

Here the normal hand writing reappears.

- 26 Keith took Doris to school. Dad chopped down a tree in Sodens. Keith and I drew posts to Poter's in afternoon. Dad and Mother went for a drive. LPC went down for George. Nice day.
- 27 Drew wood in the morning. Keith went to Clifton in the afternoon. Dad and I cut feed down at Mr Chills. Doris had a sleigh riding party here in the afternoon. George went up to Petits in the eve. Nice day very soft.
- 28 Keith and I took George down to McNab in the afternoon. Dad and Norah went to the village. Mean wet day. WE HAD A THUNDERSTORM THIS MORNING
- 29 Took off a load of coal and killed rabbits in the morning. Dad and Keith went to Clifton in the afternoon. Meanest day of the year. Had thunder and lightning in the eve.

March

- 1 Drew wood in the morning and drew the log to Thorold in the afternoon. Nice day
- 2 Drew wood in the morning. Dad went to the (?) bee in the afternoon. Keith and I did nothing. Nice day very soft. The F Mewburns were here for tea and spent the eve.
- 3 Did nothing all day. Dad and Keith went to the village, Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Wet in the morning and cold in the afternoon.
- 4 Drew wood out of the front bush in the morning. Mother and Dad went to Thorold in the afternoon. Keith and Doris went to McNab for Georgie. I dressed hares in the afternoon. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day rather warm.

- 5 Keith took the cutter to Thorold to be mended. George and Doris went to St. Kitts in the afternoon. I went to market. Dad and Mother went to Clifton in the afternoon. Brought the girls from the car(?) EJ was here in the eve. Nice day warm.
- 6 Sunday Keith took George down to McNab in the morning. Doris and (?) went to church. Mr Alfred was here in the afternoon. Mean wet day.
- 7 Put the stove up in the outer kitchen in morning. Dad and Mr Chill went to get a horse(s)(?) Keith and I went to the village in the afternoon. Mean wet day.
- 8 Cut wood all day. I did not feel well. Keith went to the mill for Mr Chill. Doris went to school. Dad went up to Sodens in the eve.
- 9 Cut wood in the morning. Dad went up to Drummondville with Mr LPC in the afternoon. Keith went to the village for Doris in the afternoon. Nice day cold.
- 10 Keith and I cut wood all day. Dad trimmed all day. Nice day.
- 11 Dad went to Clifton in the morning. Keith and I cut wood all day. Dad trimmed in the afternoon. George did not get home.
- 12 Dad trimmed in the morning. Keith and I cut wood AM. Keith and Dad cut feed down at Mr Chill in the afternoon. I went to Stamford in the afternoon. Nice day.
- 13 Sunday Kids went to church in the morning. Miss Dora was here for dinner. Dad and Mother took her home in the afternoon. Nice day rather soft.
- 14 Keith and I went to Thorold in the morning for the cutter but did not get it. Was not done. Dad went to the village in the morning. Drew in a load of stalks in the afternoon. Mean afternoon.
- 15 I went to Clifton in the morning. Dad and Keith drew stalks. Cleaned out the calf pen in the afternoon. Nice day soft.
- 16 Drew manure in the morning. Cut and drew posts in the afternoon. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day rather warm.
- 17 Cut and drew posts to Pettit in the morning. Mr Bell helped us. Drew a load of posts and did chores PM. Dad went with Mr Chill to get a horse(s)(?) in the afternoon.
- 18 Mean morning did nothing. Keith took Doris to school and went to St. Davids AM. Drew a load of manure PM. Keith went for Georgie. I went to Stamford for Doris. Dad and Mother went to Clifton in the eve. Mother called on Mrs Murray. Nice day. I got a pair of rubber boots paid 3.50
- 19 Dad and Mother went to Clifton AM. Keith and I went up to Gray's for five pigs. Dad went to Mr Henry Dees funeral in the afternoon. Keith and I drew a load of manure and did chores in the PM. Got five pigs from the Grays Montrose. Ont. Paided (?) Nice morning mean wet afternoon. Sodens were here in the eve.
- 20 Sunday Dad and us kids went to church. Windy did chores. Keith took George to McNab PM. Mr Bowman was here for dinner. Doris went to Sunday School. Dad and Mother to the village in PM. L.P.C., Mr Alfred and C. Mewburns were here in the eve. Nice day very soft. Daisy had a roan calf gentlemen calf
- 21 Cut feed in the morning. Mr. Bell helped us. Dad took Mother and Doris down to the Station in the afternoon. They went to Hamilton. David Allen and Jean were here for tea. Windy and I did housework PM. Nice day rather soft.
- 22 Dad trimmed grapes all day. Blew and blew all day. Windy and I did chores. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day very windy.

- 23 Dad trimmed grapes in the AM and chopped posts in the PM. Keith and I did chores in the AM. Windy went to the PM(?). I cut wood in the PM. Nice day very warm.
- 24 Cut wood in the morning. Dad trimmed in the AM and chopped posts in the PM. Windy went for the grist PM. I sawed wood PM. Nice day very warm.
- 25 Did chores and house work and opened the turnip pit AM. Dad and Mr Bell chopped posts all day. Windy and I bagged turnip and potatoes for market PM. Mr Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day rained in the afternoon.
- 26 Keith and I went to Markets. Dad chores AM cut wood and did chores PM. L.P.C. was here in the eve. Nice day rather soft.
- 27 Sunday Windy and I went to church and stayed dinner at F. Mewburn and spend the afternoon at the Woodlands. Lloyd was here for tea and spent the eve. E.J. was here in the eve. Dad had a lame back. Nice day snowed in the afternoon.
- 28 Dad trimmed grapes all day. Keith took the team and helped to draw the Prest post. I did chores all day. Stanley was here for dinner. Nice day rather soft in the afternoon.
- 29 Drew a load of straw to Herritt(?) in the morning. Jean came home in the afternoon. Mr R was here for tea. Keith and I put(?) a load of straw in the afternoon. Nice day.
- 30 Took a load of straw to the village AM. Dad and Mr Bell trimmed grapes in the PM. Drew stalks PM cut feed in the afternoon. Nice day rather soft.
- 31 Did nothing in the morning. Mean wet day in the morning. Keith went down for Georgie. Dad went down to meet Harry Gerrard. David Allen and Flos Wynn were here in the afternoon and stayed tea. Mean wet day.

April

- 1 Good Friday. Did nothing in the morning. Dad trimmed grapes in the afternoon. Keith and I went took pork up to Berriman(?) in PM and bagged potatoes. Nice afternoon.
- 2 Went to market. Dad did chores in the morning. Dad went to Hamilton in the afternoon. Jean went down with Dad and brought Ray back. E.J. and Stanley were here in the eve. Nice day.
- 3 Easter Sunday. Jean, Keith and Ray went for early service. Georgie, Harry, Ray and I went to church. L.P.C. was here for dinner. Flos was here. Keith and Harry went down to the Falls PM. Harry and Jean went to church in the eve. Nice day very cold.
- 4 Keith and I cut wood in the morning. Dad and Mother came home from Hamilton AM. Dad went to Clifton PM. Harry and I went to the Glen PM. Jean and Ray went to a paper chase at the Wynn's. Nice day.
- 5 Keith went to St. Kitts and Harry went with him to the Station. Dad did chores all day. Flos Wynn was here for tea. Girls went to the Woodlands for a dance. I did not feel well. The white cow had a roan calf.
- 6 Dad and Keith sowed grass seed in the morning. We all cut feed in the afternoon. Mr. Chill helped us. Nice day.
- 7 Keith and I went to Drummondville to get shoes. Dad trimmed grapes. Dad trimmed grapes all day. Keith plowed in the afternoon. I did chores. Kids went to a concert in Queenston in the eve. Mr Alfred here in the eve.
- 8 Keith plowed in the morning. Dad trimmed grapes in the morning. I went to the village AM. We all cut feed at Mr Chill. Ej and Mr Alfred were here in the eve. Nice day.

- 9 Dad and I trimmed grapes in the morning. Windy plowed am. Dad went to the village PM. Finished the grapes. Took off grape brush in the afternoon. Rather a nice day.
- 10 Sunday Jean, Windy kids and I went to church. Stayed dinner at the Woodlands. David, Flos and Mart(?) were here for tea. Jean went to church in the eve. Nice day rather cold.
- 11 I took George down to McNab. Keith plowed in the morning. Dad went Niagara took Mr. Frank's horse down. Keith got Bob and Lucy shod down in St. David's. I took Ray to the car in the afternoon. Jean went to the Woodlands.
- 12 Keith plowed in the morning. Dad went to Queenston in the afternoon. Keith and I did chores.
- 13 Drew manure in the morning. Dad went to Clifton in the afternoon. Mean day. Windy and I did chores in the PM.
- 14 Drew out manure all day. I went to the village for Doris.
- 15 Drew out manure in the morning. Dad plowed in the PM. Windy went down for George. Marion Stewart and David were here in the eve. Marion stayed the night. David went to Sodens. Mean day snowed.
- 16 Did nothing in the AM. Went to the village in the PM. Dad went in to see Mr French. Keith went and met Jean in the afternoon. Nice day about 2 feet of snow fell. Brown went to Clifton in a sleigh.
- 17 Sunday Mother, Georgie, Windy and I went to church. Mother stayed dinner at the Woodlands. David, EJ and Stanley were here for dinner. Mr and Mrs Murray were here for tea and stayed the eve. Doris went to Sunday School. Dad took her and brought Mother back. Rather a nice day lots of snow.
- 18 Keith took Georgie down with the team. Dad and I cut wood in the morning. We all cut wood in the afternoon. E.J. and L.P.C. were here in the eve. Mean day snowed.
- 19 Dad went to Deboices (?) sale PM and AM. Windy and I did chores. Mean day snowed and snowed.
- 20 Wet mean morning. Cut feed in the afternoon. Mean day.
- 21 Dad was sick all day. Did chores in morning. Dad and Mother went to Clifton and then went to the South (?) Windy and I cut wood in the afternoon.
- 22 Plowed all day. Windy did chores. I tied grapes in the afternoon.
- 23 Cut feed in the morning and plowed in the morning. Keith and I tied grapes PM. Dad and kids went for a drive in pm. George came home. Lyodd(?) Gert and the Sodens were here in the eve. Nice day warm.
- 24 Sunday Us kids went to church in the morning. Dad and Mother went to church in the eve. Rain nearly all day.
- 25 Keith went to McNab. Dad plowed. I cut wood and tied grapes AM. Dad plowed in the afternoon. Windy and (?) did chores drew out manure. Dad and Mother went to the village. Rather nice day.
- 26 Dad plowed in the morning. Keith and I spread manure in the morning. Keith rolled the wheat in the back field. Dad started to fence. Keith and Jean went to South in the eve. Nice day rather warm.

(There is a drawing of a person labelled as Windy.)

- 27 Keith plowed in the morning. Dad and I spread manure and did chores Am. Keith plowed in the PM. Dad got Jim shod. I did chores. Rather a nice day very cold. Set 2 hens in the woodshed.
- 28 Mean wet day. We all took rotten potatoes out of the cellar. I went in for Doris. George did not get home.
- 29 Dad, Mother and Windy were sick. Windy and I drew out manure in the morning. Keith went to the mill in the afternoon. I did chores. Rather a nice day.
- 30 Dad went to Clifton with Mr Alfred in the AM. Keith drew out two loads of manure in the garden and then plowed. I drew out 3 loads of manure with Jim and then cut limbs off the apple trees AM. Cut feed for a little while. Keith went to the mill with our team and Dad plowed the garden with Mr Chills team. I did chores and trimmed trees PM. David and Jean went to the village PM. Nice day warm.

May

- 1 Sunday Jean, Windy, Doris, David and I went to church in the morning. Willie Allen was here for dinner. Dad and Mother went for drive. PM. The Frank Mewburns were here to spend the afternoon. Jean went into the Woodlands for tea. David went to the Frank Mewburns for tea. Dad Mother and Doris went to church in the eve and brought Jean home. Very very nice day warm.
- 2 Dad plowed in the morning. Keith and I did chores. Keith went to the village AM. Took rotten potatoes out of the cellar. Wet cold day.
- 3 Tied grapes etc. Hal and Jean went to town. Keith plowed for oats. Dad went to the South with Mr Chill.
- 4 I tied grapes in the morning. Watson was here. Keith harrowed on the hills. I tied grapes in the afternoon. Dad went down for seed barley at Joe Ellis but did not get it. Nice day rather warm.
- 5 I tied grapes all day. Dad and Mother went to see Dr. Greenwood. Keith plowed.
- 6 Dad and I tied grapes in the morning and afternoon. Keith sowed the back field. George did not get home.
- 7 Dad and I tied grapes. Keith spring tothing and sowing.
- 8 Sunday Dad did chores. Us kids went to church. Lloyd was here for dinner. Victor and I went to the Glen. Rained in the afternoon.
- 9 Tied grapes. Keith plowed. Nice day.
- 10 Dad and I built fence in the morning. Dad and Mother went to Clifton PM. Keith plowed all day. Very very cold.
- 11 Dad was very sick. Keith harrowing and spring tothing. Nice day very cold. Bred Susan.
- 12 (Ascension Day) Dad took Mother to church. Mother spent the day at the F Mewburns. Dad did chores but did not feel very well. Keith sowed oats. Finished seeding.
- 13 Dad did chores. I finished the grapes. Keith rolling oats. George came home.
- 14 Did nothing but chores. Rained all day.
- 15 Sunday Dad Mother and 3 kids went to church. Aunt Grace was here. Mr. Motherwell was here. Mrs. Jones was here. Mr. Lampard and his English Man were here for tea. Stanley was here.

- 16 Keith took George down to McNab. Dad took Mother to St Kitts in the morning. I did chores in the morning. Keith and I took out peach trees in the afternoon.
- 17 Keith disked in grapes AM. I went to the mill with grist and did chores. Dad went to St Kitts to see Mother and stayed the night in Homer. Keith and I drew off peach trees and drew manure PM.
- 18 Dad went to the village AM and helped us to draw out manure. Dad went to St Kitts in the afternoon. Keith got the grist and washing. I did chores PM.
- 19 Keith plowed. Dad went to village in the morning. Dad did chores PM. I herded the cows and cut the lawn. Nice day.
- 20 Keith plowed. Dad and I dug post holes. AM. I fixed fence around the lower bush. Dad and Keith did chores PM.
- 21 Drew out manure and washed the spindle (?) AM. Dad and Doris went to St Kitts in the afternoon. Keith disked in the grapes and I spread manure and washed the Gladstone (?) PM. Willie Allen, Flos Wynn and the two Sodens were here in the eve. Dad went to the school meeting in the eve. Nice day very warm.
- 22 Sunday Doris, Keith and George went to church. Dad, Norah and Jean went to see Mother in St Kitts. Gart(?) was here for dinner. Keith took George down to McNab in the eve. Nice day warm.
- 23 Dad cleaned cellar AM. Keith drew out manure at Mr Chills. Dad went to Clifton and called at the Wynn's and Mrs. H.B. PM. I did chores. Nice day. Pew took the roan steer for fifty dollars. Ray took the calf for five dollars.
- 24 Dad went to St Kitts to see Mother. AM. We all went to the races at the Falls PM.
- 25 Dad harrowed and marked for corn. Keith plowed all day. I planted corn. Dad and Mr Alfred went up for seed potatoes.
- 26 Keith harrowed for corn. I did chores. Dad and Miss Dora went to see Mother. Flo Stewart came back with them. Rained in the eve.
- 27 Dad went down to the ?? for a few grape vines. I planted them. Keith plowed in the orchard PM.
- 28 Marking for corn. Keith and I planted corn and plowed in the orchard PM.
- 29 Sunday Us kids went to church. Dad and Nora to see Mother. Victor Jones and Stanley were here for tea. Nice day.
- 30 Keith took George to McNab. Rained all day. Did chores.
- 31 Rained all day. Did chores. Plowed a little.

June

- 1 Rained in the morning. Keith plowed in the grapes. Jean and Norah went to St Kitts.
- 2 Rained a little. I did chores. Dad and Mr Alfred went to the south. Keith plowed in the grapes. Us kids went to the village in the eve.
- 3 Keith and Dad plowed in the grapes AM. I went up to the South for a lawn mower AM. Keith finished plowing the grapes. Dad went to St Kitts. I mowed the two lawns. Flos Wynn and the Motherwell girls were here for tea. Willie Allen and Mr Alfred were here to spend the evening.
- 4 Plowed in the orchard morning. Dad and Norah went to St. Davids and Stamford PM. Us kids went to lacrosse (?). Nice day.

- 5 Sunday Jean and I went to church. Dad and Norah went to St Kitts to see Mother. Lloyd Prest was here for tea. George, Jean and Doris went to church.
- 6 Keith went to McNab. Dad single plowed in the grapes. I did chores AM. Dad painted the rig. Keith single plowed with Bobs in the grapes. I washed the rig. Nice day.
- 7 Dad painted. I helped Mr Chill to plant corn. Keith disked all day in the orchard. I worked in the orchard. Keith went to St. Kitts.
- 8 Dad went to St. Kitts. Keith worked the potato ground up. I chored AM. Rained in the afternoon.
- 9 Dad went to Clifton AM. Keith and I cleaned up the yard. AM. Dad grape hoes in the grapes. Keith painted the dining room floor. I white washed the cellar.
- 10 Dad went to Thorold to get some lumber to build a hay rack. I churned, mowed the lawn and worked in the garden. Keith cultivated the corn. Keith went for George. I whitewashed the chicken house.
- 11 Dad plowed. Keith and I dropped potatoes all day. Mr. Alfred was here in the eve. Keith and Doris went to St. Davids for bread. Nice day.
- 12 Sunday Kids went to church. Dad and Norah went to St. Kitts. We kids went for a drive in the afternoon. Nice day very warm.
Now skip forward to July

9 Hatched 6 chicks form on setting of 13 eggs. Pure Bred Ringlet Barred Rocks.

November

24 Keith went on the road half day. E.J. put a manure door in the horse stable. Dad and I helped him and got a load of water from Mr. Tom's. Dad plowed in the afternoon and Keith and I worked on the him(?)

25 Keith went on the road all day. Dad finished plowing on the hills. I did chores. AM. Dad and I got the cattle home and tied them up. Mr. Alfred was here in the eve. Nice day cold.

26 Keith went on the road. Jean took the fruit (?) up to town. Dad and I boarded up the horse stable in the morning. Dad and I did chores PM. George brought the horse home from St. Kitts. Jean stayed the night at Homer. Nice day snowed a little in the night.

27 Sunday George, Doris and I went to church. Dad and Keith did chores. Stanley spent the day here. I went to Homer for Jean PM. Dad, Mother, Nora and George went down to the Mewburns. George stayed tea. I went down for her in the eve. Not a very nice day. Snowed a little in the afternoon.

28 Keith went on the road. Dad took George down to McNab. I did chores AM. Dad went to Lucie Bell's funeral PM. Pew came for the roan heifer. Nice day very cold.

- 29 Did chores in the morning. Keith and I put apples down cellar AM. Dad put the double windows in and did chores in the house. Keith and I drove Nan to Stamford. Mean day. Blew like the ___
- 30 Keith and I drove Nan into Stamford. Keith and I went to St Kitts in the afternoon. Dad did chores all day. Mean day.

December

- 1 Cut feed all day. Mr Chill and Jabby helped us. Nice day. Keith went in the village for Doris.

- 2 Keith and I took a load of grist to Thorold AM. Dad and I cleaned up the barn and did chores. I went to McNab for George. Dad and Keith helped to take the horns off the cattle. Nice day very cold.
- 3 Dad and George went down to Clifton AM. Keith and I did chores. Keith and I cut feed down at Mr. Chills. Dad took the rig down to Russels to get fixed. Nice day. E.J. and Lloyd were here to spend the eve.
- 4 Sunday George, Jean, Doris and Keith went to church. Dad and I did chores. Keith and I went to the Woodlands in the afternoon. Nice day.
- 5 I took George down to McNab. Dad and Keith cleaned the spring out in the lower bush. Keith and I drew stones from the back of the barn. Dad did chores in the afternoon. Nice day. Keith started to skate.
- 6 Keith and I drew stones. Dad underbrushed AM. Dad, Mother Jean and Nora went to Clifton. Keith drew wood to Stamford. I did chores and cut wood PM. Dad went to the South in the eve. Nice day.
- 7 Keith and I drew wood in the morning. Dad went to Clifton in the afternoon. Keith and I did chores PM.
- 8 Drew wood in the morning. Dad and I chopped in the lower bush. Keith did chores. L.P.C. and the Sondens were here for dinner. Willie Allen got a load of posts.
- 9 Drew wood in the morning. Keith went to McNab. Dad and I finished drawing wood and fired the stumps in the bush. Nice day. Dad went into the village for Doris.
- 10 Dad dug the spring out in the lower bush AM. Keith took the team to be shod. Took the shoes off Jim and had them put on Susan. Turned Jim out for the winter AM. Jean and George went over the river. I took them to the car AM. We all went down to cut feed at Mr Chill's. Keith went into the village for the girls in the eve. E.J. was here in the evening. A mean cold bleak day. Willie Allen came for posts and stayed dinner.
- 11 Sunday Dad, Mother, George and Doris went to church. Dad went down to McNab. Jean and I went to church in the eve.
- 12 Keith went on the road. Dad and I took washing down and got a load of water for Mr. Tom's. Dad and I drew out manure in the afternoon. Nice day.
- 13 Keith and I drove Nan and Susan to the village. Did chores. Keith and Dad went to Clifton for the cutter and some potatoes and apples to the Motherwell's. Mean day half a foot of snow.
- 14 Dad and Keith went to the village and put the stones (?) up. Dad cleaned and oiled the harness in the afternoon. Keith and I got a load of water out of lower spring in the lower bush. Had a sweet time. Keith took the rest of the stuff (?) into Motherwell's and brought Doris home. Mean a foot and a half of snow.
- 15 Dad, Mother and Doris went to St. Kitts. Keith and I drew a load of water and did chores in the morning. Drove the colts in the PM. Jean and I went to the Woodlands to spend the eve. Nice day very cold
- 16 Keith took Doris in the school with Nan and Susan AM. Got a load of water AM. Did chores and fixed the cow stable door. Dad went into the village for Doris. Nice day cold.
- 17 Dad went to Clifton and to the South AM. Keith and I did chores AM. I skated in the afternoon. Keith took Jean down to the Wynns with Susan and Nan. Nice day rather warm.

- 18 Sunday Mother, Doris and I went to church. Dad and Mother went down for Jean. Keith went up to see Mr and Mrs Emmet in the afternoon and stayed tea and went to church. I did chores. Nice day rather warm.
- 19 Keith went down for greens for the church. The Prest boys helped him. Killed two pigs in the afternoon. Dad went in for Doris. Dr. Dee and Harriett were here for tea. Lloyd spend the eve here.
- 20 Keith took Doris into school. Dad and I cut the pigs up. Did chores AM. Mean afternoon. Keith went in for Doris. Cold day.
- 21 Keith went into the village in the morning. Got a load of water and fixed the outer kitchen AM. Keith and I went into Clifton and brought Doris home PM. Keith and I trimmed the church in the eve. Brought Jean home.
- 22 Did chores and got a load of water AM. Dad and Keith went to buy hay but did not get any. Doris and Jean went to McNab and stayed the night. I did chores PM.
- 23 Did chores and got a load of water. The girls came home from McNab. Keith and I went up to Dr. Watson to see about little Sandy. I killed four chickens. Dad did chores. A mean wet windy day.
- 24 Dad went to Clifton. Keith and I did chores and got a load of water. Did chores and cleaned the calf pen out. Mean day.
- 25 Mother, Dad and Jean went to church in the morning. Mrs. Corry and Ray came in PM and stayed the night. Keith, Ray and I went to church in the eve.
- 26 Did chores and went for the mail AM. Had a big dinner. E.J., L.P.C., Willie Allen and Mr Alfred were here. Went skating with Victor in the afternoon. Dad and Mr Alfred went up to the South. Willie, LPC and Keith called on the C. Mewburns. Nice day.
- 27 Did chores AM. Keith took the girls into Woodland for tea. Dad went down to the C Mewburns. Mean wet day.

The end for 1904