

**DIARY  
OF  
JAMES W. CARPENTER**

**1880 - 1907**



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This diary is printed as it was written with the addition of some punctuation to separate his thoughts for easier reading. The spelling of the names of people and places were corrected whenever possible. Errors and omissions are possible.



Dedicated to the Memory of  
James William Carpenter  
1854 - 1907



James W. Carpenter was born in a log house in Sombra Township on the 23rd of January, 1854. He was the only child of John Carpenter and Harriet Henry. His parents were newcomers to the area when they married on the 17th of January, 1853 at Port Sarnia, Ontario. Harriet, his mother, died on the 26th of August, 1855 and until John Carpenter's remarriage to Elizabeth Ann Henry in 1862, I believe that James was raised with the motherly influence of his Aunt Marilla Carpenter during those early years of his life. Because of this youthful association, I detect a closeness between James and his Aunt Marilla throughout the Diary. On the 19th of January, 1907 at his farm home in Ossineke Township, Alpena County, Michigan, James W. Carpenter died of heart failure. He was buried at the Wilson Township Cemetery next to his beloved wife Mary and in the same family plot as Aunt Marilla and Uncle John Van Alstine.

**"THANKS FOR YOUR MEMORIES"**

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John Carpenter 1823 - 1899	m-1853	Harriet Henry 1831 - 1855
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(Son)

James William Carpenter 1854 - 1907	m-1876	Mary Margaret E. Poland 1859 - 1890
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(Their Family)

William John Carpenter  
1878 - 1954  
Simon James Carpenter  
1880 - 1882  
Eva May Carpenter  
1883 - 1944  
Joseph Wellington Carpenter  
1885 - 1886  
Thomas Arthur Carpenter  
1887 - 1954  
Herbert Roy Carpenter  
1889 - 1959

(Second Marriage)

James William Carpenter 1854 - 1907	m-1893	Frances M. Doyle 1862 - 1943
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(Their Family)

Edna Carpenter  
1894 - 1894  
Esther Carpenter  
1894 - 1894  
Harriet Maria Carpenter  
1897 - 1961

(Second Marriage)

John Carpenter 1823 - 1899	m-1862	Elizabeth Ann Henry 1830 - 1875
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(Their Family)

Jane Maria Carpenter  
1864 - 1864  
John Edward Carpenter  
1865 - 1934  
Lucy Levina Carpenter  
1868 - 1938  
Harriet Fanny Carpenter  
1870 - 1870  
Mary Charlotte Carpenter  
1873 - 1884

(Third Marriage)

John Carpenter 1823 - 1899	m-1877	Emma F. (Hargrove) Wright 1834 - 1921
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Samuel Poland  
1837 - 1882

m-1858

Mary Grace Cowling  
1839 - 1919

(Their Family)

Mary Margaret E. Poland  
1859 - 1890  
William Poland  
1862 - 1930  
Simon "Sie" Poland  
1865 - 1906  
Jane Poland  
1868 - 1949  
Annie Poland  
1870 - 1960  
Margaret "Maggie" Poland  
1873 - 1953  
Thomas Poland  
1876 - 1952  
John Poland  
1879 - 1955  
Joseph Poland  
1881 - 1961

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1880  
Sombra Twp., Ontario

- 02 Aug Rained so that we could not harvest, went down town and settled with Andrew Smith for elm bolts, docked three quarters of a cord on twenty-four and a half. Went over to Marine City and bought rat poison and a rubber ball for Willie.
- 03 Aug Heard that the Council have been holding a Court of Revision on Garp Run ditch for the last two days.
- 05 Aug Settled with Delbert Youngs for drawing cord wood to Mr. Stanley, had two dollars and a half left for myself. Finished harvesting with Samuel Poland.
- 06 Aug Elizabeth Brown died at two o'clock AM. Sister in the Lodge of the Sons of Temperance, Bethel Church, Rivers Corners, Sombra.
- 07 Aug Finished binding Delbert Youngs oats, he paid me ten shillings for yesterdays work. Elizabeth Brown buried today.
- 09 Aug Would have finished Delbert Youngs stacking and ended his harvest had it not rained, have two more loads to get in.
- 12 Aug Went to Courtright after one thousand feet of lumber, paid eight dollars for it and one pair of boots for two dollars. Delbert Youngs finished his harvest Poland helped him one half day for me, he owes me now for two days and a half.
- 13 Aug Went to the village for nails for to make bins for oats and barley. Signed an order for two montmorency cherries at seventy-five cents each and also for one half dozen cuthberth raspberry at three dollars per dozen. M.A. Cox, agent, Rochester.
- 15 Aug Deposited the first list of Library Books M.E.S.S in Library.
- 16 Aug Made the bins for the oats and barley.
- 17 Aug Commenced to dig my potatoes in the forenoon, helped Delbert Youngs thresh in the afternoon, Thomas and George Mulligan machine.



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- 18 Aug Finished at Delbert Youngs this forenoon, had 677 bushels of grain, made cupboard for to hold clothes this afternoon.
- 20 Aug Bill Poland commenced to plow for fall wheat on my place, Thomas Audrick came to look at my horse, offered it to him for sixty-five dollars in cash, he said he would be back Monday forenoon if he did not make another bargain.
- 21 Aug Picked up sixteen and a half bushels of potatoes. Bill Poland intends to join the Sons of Temperance tonight and be initiated. He did.
- 23 Aug Took Willie down to the Doctor Merrison for to get some medicine for his eye. He would not give me any until next month or until his eye got worse. Delbert Youngs gave me four dollars for harvesting.
- 24 Aug Samuel Poland threshed the grain on my lower place, had two hundred and five bushels of fall wheat, 56 bush. barley, 54 bush. oats, as tallied from the machine.
- 25 Aug Would have threshed on the upper place but for the rain.
- 26 Aug Commenced to thresh on upper place.
- 27 Aug Finished at noon, had three hundred and thirty-nine bushel of oats and one hundred and thirteen bushels of barley.  
Number of bushels grewed on both places
- |        |            |                 |             |
|--------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| oats   | 393        | threshed @2 cts | 7.86        |
| barley | 169        | 3               | 5.07        |
| wheat  | <u>200</u> | 3               | <u>6.00</u> |
|        | 762        |                 | \$18.93     |
- 28 Aug Samuel Poland paid me for harvesting for him this harvest, helped him nineteen days @ \$1.00 per day \$19.00. Sold Bill horse to Sant Witherel for sixty-five dollars. He is to give me his note to be paid by the first of March 1881.
- 29 Aug Probationers taken into full membership at M.E. Church Bethel, Rivers Corners, Sombra. John J. Brown, Thomas Mulligan, George Mulligan, Thomas Broad, Mary Rivers, Alice Lapish. (Gilbert Brown refused)
- 30 Aug Went to Courtright and bought me a suit of clothes for thirteen and a half dollars at Cathcarts, bought bedstead at Noyles for three dollars. Polly has gone to sit up with Mrs. Eliza Eysers.
- 31 Aug Finished digging my potatoes, had about twenty bushels.

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- 01 Sep Commenced to thresh at Samuel Polands. Had a fearful time, the machine was throwing the grain in the straw stack, only threshed a little over one hundred bushels. (the key came out of the cylinder pinion)
- 02 Sep Finished threshing at Polands, he had 254 bush. barley and 41 bush. fall wheat as tallied from the machine. Threw off for dirt, 34 bush. of the barley and 47 bush. off fall wheat, total numbers; bush. 254 @ 3 cents \$7.62. Thomas and George Mulligan did the said threshing for Poland.
- 03 Sep Rev. W. Pierce has been holding special service in Bethel M.E. Church, Rivers Corners since the 30th of August. Split up the body of large soft maple into cordwood (cut last spring), went to town with Bill Evers, got 1 gal. of coal oil, had to pay 30 cents for it.



Bethel Methodist Church

- 04 Sep Helped Peter Rivers finish his threshing, had 534 bushels altogether.
- 05 Sep The minister from Wallaceburg preached in place of Rev. W. Pierce, AM. a missionary collection was taken up which amounted to about \_\_\_\_\_ and also a subscription was sent around which amounted to \_\_\_\_\_. Mary Rivers and Isabella Brown were appointed collectors, I signed 25 cents and paid it and gave 10 cents in collection.

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- 06 Sep Went over to other line to help Alonzo Lapish to thresh, the machine broke down, came home and went to help cut Polands hungarian grass on my lower place.
- 07 Sep Cut hungarian grass in the forenoon, rained in afternoon.



Typical Steam Threshing c1880  
from the Henry Photo collection

- 08 Sep Finished cutting the hungarian grass and commenced to cut corn.
- 10 Sep Helped Samuel Poland two days cutting corn, I was sick with the fever, Polly finished her quilt, Polly had a quilting. Mrs. S. Poland, Mrs. Charles Henry, Mrs. Peter Henry and Mrs. Warren Henry was to it.
- 13 Sep Had Dr. Merrison to see myself and Willie, he gave us both some medicine, had the bilious fever. William Eysers went down for the doctor for me.
- 14 Sep Had the fever all day, Willie was better. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Henry were up to see me in the evening. Father brought me up a bag full of apples.
- 15 Sep Fever broke on me this morning, Mrs. Peter Henry sent me a chicken. Simon Poland stayed with us all last night and

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went down to the doctor for some medicine for me, he gave him six powders and some other in a phial.

- 16 Sep First day out since I had the fever was down to Charles Henry's, has the steamer, was threshing, peeled pumpkins in afternoon. Polly has the fever today, taken the first medicine I got for Willie.
- 17 Sep Went down myself to see Doctor Merrison. He gave me some pills, went to Marine City spent about hour with Martin Henry in shoe shop, Mr. William H. Roberts has fever too.



Martin Nathaniel Henry

- 18 Sep Went to Charles A. Witherel got the note for Bill horse, Warren Henry was taken with fever. Father threshed with steamer.
- 19 Sep Went down town with Dr. Merrison for medicine for Mrs. Roberts and James Roberts, sent up one bottle for Fournie, left it at George Hargrove's, one bottle for my stepmother, two bottles for Charles and Sarah Henry and one for Warren Henry, two bottles and powder for Johnston's and two bottles for Mrs. W.H. and James Roberts.
- 20 Sep Went to Wilkesport for my mully cow, I milked Mrs. Robert's cow after I came back. Jane Bury came to Mrs. Roberts this afternoon. Samuel Poland and Bill and little Johnny Poland have fever.
- 21 Sep Went to Mrs. William Tweedles four miles up the east branch of the river Sydenham from Wallaceburg, walked there got there about four o'clock PM. Got an introduction

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to Mrs. Harrard wife of Rev. L. Harrard who preached on our circuit the last six months of last conference year. Went up to his place and spent the evening. He did not know me. He gave me a letter of introduction to his mother and brother-in-law, F.W. Haddin, Thamesville.

- 22 Sep Drove Mr. William Tweedle team to Thamesville with a load of cheese, 27 boxes. Put up team and got my dinner at Watts hotel, found out where Rev. Harrard folks live, first house north of the Hotel, were all well, spent half hour with them, gave me note to take back to Rev. Harrard. Got to Thamesville about eleven o'clock AM, there was four teams at moment out, we could not unload the cheese until after the four o'clock train came in from London. We left Thamesville about half past 9 PM, left note at Rev. Harrard's on the way home.
- 23 Sep Left Tweedles after dinner for home, got spade handle in Wallaceburg for twenty-five cents, came home by Wilkesport way, seen Alice Hardick. Her brother's wife gave me a parcel from Mrs. Tweedle, gave me a lock of Alice sister's hair for Alice Hardick. Got home ten minutes eight PM. My folks not at home.
- 24 Sep Went over to Polands cleaned up nine bushels of fall wheat sowed about eight bushels of it. Went to town to get some medicine for my wife. William Roberts let me have Dick horse.
- 25 Sep Helped Samuel Poland this afternoon to husk corn.
- 26 Sep Bishop Carman preached at Bethel Rivers Corners, Sombra, text 1 John chap. 5-18, Perfect love casteth out fear.
- 27 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me to cut under drain stuff on lower place were I live.
- 28 Sep Peter Henry drew the stuff for under drain this forenoon, commenced to dig this afternoon rain stopped me.
- 29 Sep Dug 33 ft. across the road laid the stuff and finished it up for under the drain.
- 30 Sep Completed 66 ft. of under drain.
- 01 Oct Completed 44 ft. of underdrain this forenoon, Simon Poland helped me to cut more stuff for to finish my under drain. Alonzo Lapish had an auction sale today.
- 02 Oct Warren Henry drew my under drain stuff for me and I helped

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him to load two loads of fire wood for it. Completed 30 ft. of under drain this afternoon.

- 03 Oct Officers were elected for 4 quarter for Bethel Sunday School held at 10 AM. Quarterly service held at Bethel, elder not present, Rev. W. Pierce preacher in charge and Rev. W. Dobbin of Marine City administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Rev. W. Dobbin preached from Romans first chapter sixteenth verse. John J. Brown baby was Christened.
- 04 Oct Dug out the channel for the under drain in the hole behind the stable.
- 05 Oct Made a shave horse in the forenoon, James Boylan and Matilda Jane Rivers were married today at twelve o'clock by the Rev. Pierce. Quarterly board met this afternoon in connection with the M.E. Church at Bethel Church Sombra, Rivers Corners. Official members present Elder Griffith, Rev. Pierce, P.C, James W. Carpenter, Parkinson, Warren Henry, D. Young, P. Henry, Martin Henry Sr., John Stover. Elder Griffith preached in the evening at special service in place of Rev. Pierce.
- 06 Oct Elder Griffith paid us a visit this morning with W. Henry. Started making shingles fore noon, commenced to chop this after noon. Elder Griffith preached at Bethel this evening.
- 07 Oct Helped Wallace Micks to butcher a cow at Malcolm Cameron, Wilkesport, bought heart for 15 cts, weighted 4 1/2 lbs.
- 08 Oct Went down for the doctor for Willie. He was not at home, left word for him to come when he got home. He did not come. Helped Peter Henry thresh buckwheat.
- 09 Oct Finished the underdrain, laid 121 ft. total length of drain 299 ft. Thomas Allum called stayed to dinner, sent word for him to tell Dr. Merrison to come and see Willie. He did this evening.
- 14 Oct Bill Poland helped me to saw cord wood this afternoon.
- 15 Oct Bill Poland helped me saw wood all day.
- 16 Oct I split wood today, shot three quails one shot.
- 17 Oct Aunt Marilla Vanalstine, fathers sister, was up to see us today from Alpena Mich., U.S. came down with Capt. Shaw in two nights, St. Stevens, Detroit, Mich. Went over to church with me and father.

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Marilla (Carpenter) Vernalstine c1880

- 18 Oct Aunt Marilla came up from fathers this morning and wanted me to go home with her, I promised to. Received from Samuel Poland fifteen dollars on rent for 1880.
- 19 Oct Went to Courtright this forenoon to see when the boat would be up, seen Capt. E. Shaws wife, she expects the boat up this after noon. We leave tomorrow forenoon health and providence permitting. Polly sick and throwing up.
- 20 Oct Went to Capt. E. Shaws, Courtright, the boat did not come.
- 21 Oct Boat did not come to Courtright yet. I started for home met the boat St. Steven at days mill dock town line. We set sail and sailed as far as days dock in Moore opposite his farm, came home in the evening the wind was so light for us to sail up the river, got home 10 o'clock PM, got to the boat 4 AM.



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- 22 Oct Waiting for fair wind at days dock now.
- 23 Oct Waiting at Capt. E. Shaws for the St. Stevens, helped him to set out his peach trees and shingle his out house. Went down to the boat in the evening and from that home. Staid at home all night reached the boat in the morning.
- 24 Oct Went from the boat to Shaws, staid there till evening went down to the boat, got a chance for a ride to Courtright, intended to get my carpet bag and go home, they coaxed me not to.
- 25 Oct Fair wind at last the vessel got in Courtright about 8 AM, left Courtright about 9:30 AM got in sand beach in the government harbor about seven PM, the wind was blowing from the south in the evening, fair for us and it was raining. Capt. Shaw thought it was best for to anchor in the side of the harbor, he was afraid the wind might change when we would be half way across the Saginaw Bay, it was well for us that we did.
- 26 Oct The wind was blowing a fierce gale from the north this morning, our vessel dragged her anchor and got foul of another vessel at our stern, Capt. pulled down his fly half mast and we were towed along side of the pier. Aunt Marilla thought it would be best for us to go ashore and take the steamboat to Alpena. Expected her up on the 27th, had to pay 1 dollar for 2 beds and 2 meals.
- 27 Oct Waited in Sand Beach all day, boat Pearl came in the night, we heard her whistle and got up and started, she left us, we were ten minutes late.
- 28 Oct Expected the Flora up today, she did not come, we watched all night, did not come.
- 29 Oct Expected her for sure today, never came. Watched all night again.
- 30 Oct Expected her this morning, C.L. Boyington from Oscoda got a dispatch that the Flora left Port Huron at 6:30 o'clock last night. I made up my mind to come home last night, told Aunt so gave her five dollars to pay her way up on the boat from Sand Beach to Alpena, fare up \$4.50. Took the cars at Sand Beach this morning at daylight and got in Port Huron about 10:30 o'clock, fare \$2.10. Took the ferry was in Sarnia at 11:00, fare 10 cts., got on board the Hiawatha and came down to Bury's dock, fare 50 cts. and walked home, got home just after bedtime. Money out of pocket by the trip, eleven dollars and twenty-six cts.



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Pearl



Flora

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- 31 Oct Slept the best part of the day. W.S. Howel was appointed in my place as librarian Bethel S.S, Rivers Corners on the 31st Oct. 1880.
- 01 Nov Moved our things home again, split wood in the afternoon.
- 02 Nov Split wood forenoon, filed my crosscut saw and went to the Village in the afternoon, traded out \$2.53 at P. Cattanachs. Sent a letter to Aunt Marilla, Alpena, Mich. U.S.

DRY GOODS, Ready-made CLOTHING, HATS & SHOES.		Sembra Cheap Cash Store.			
GROCERIES, HARDWARE, And Groceries.		P. CATTANACH, Jr., & Co.		1876	
TERMS—Four Months. INTEREST—1 per cent. per Month on all overdue Accounts.					
1876.					
Dec 10	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	90
" 16	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	40
" 18	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	112
" 23	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	107
" "	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	113
" "	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	565
" 24	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	121
" "	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	131
" 27	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	270
1876.					
Jan 13	To W. L. L. 40	10	10	10	

Store Ledger of Peter Cattanach Jr., & Co 1876

- 03 Nov Simon Poland helped me saw cord wood.
- 04 Nov Split wood this forenoon rained afternoon. Samuel Poland and wife went to Sarnia today, shot one black squirrel.
- 05 Nov Bought butter from Aunt Lottie, 25 cts. Piled elm harts and bark for stove wood.

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- 06 Nov Rained all day. Had to carry my firewood up on my back.
- 07 Nov Had to buy a pound of butter at Polands on Sunday on account of the rain yesterday, 25 cts.
- 08 Nov Under brushed and chopped a little cord wood. S. Poland got me out to drain this morning to see him to pay on a note. 1 gal. syrup 75 cts.
- 09 Nov Bill Poland helped all day draw hay for Albert Henry, xx figures in book which I belong to this. Simon Poland helped me saw cord wood in afternoon. Received of Samuel Poland fifty-five dollars due me on rent for 1880, gave him receipt for this and the other fifteen dollars in one receipt and he gave me up the receipt I gave him on the 18 of October for the fifteen dollars. Seen John Doran, he promised me a beef, part pay on note he owes me.
- 10 Nov Rained most all day, Thomas Stokes told Poland to bring the plow home that he bought of him last fall.
- 11 Nov Poland fixed my plow and took Stokes home.
- 12 Nov Under brushed afternoon, lent my crosscut saw to William Evers for to saw stove wood tomorrow.
- 13 Nov Went to see John Doran forenoon, chopped in afternoon.
- 14 Nov Milked night and morning, my cow is over to Polands other line.
- 15 Nov Had to fix my saw and make a beadle, split wood forenoon, Poland killed his old pig.
- 16 Nov Simon Poland helped me to saw in the afternoon.
- 17 Nov Getting up fire wood. Peter Henry team forenoon, Sie and Bill Poland team all day. Borrowed eighty-nine lbs. of flour of Samuel Poland until mine to the mill.
- 18 Nov Got letter from Aunt Marilla Vanalstine from Alpena, Mich. The letter was sent from Alpena the fifth of this month, it was not directed right, got 1 bushel of apples from C. Sheeran for twenty-five cts.
- 19 Nov Hunted all day got four rabbits and one partridge.
- 20 Nov Split wood part of day, lent S. Poland crosscut saw. John Doran sent me out one half of beef at 4 & 5, hind quarter weighed 110 lbs. front quarter weighted 112 lbs, gave him

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receipt for \$9.98 apply on note. Annie and Maggie Poland came over today to stay all night.

- 21 Nov Mary cooked rabbit pie, I could not eat it. Mrs. Poland was over, she liked it, we gave her the rest of the pie and rabbits.
- 22 Nov Spoke to Maria Brown to work for us, she said she would let us know at night whether she would come or not. She sent word by Jane Poland that she would be over Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Polly let her father have sixteen dollars to pay Sam Whitely. Helped Mr. Allen butcher.
- 23 Nov Brought my cow home from Polands. Sie Poland helped me to saw stove wood in the afternoon at house. Mrs. Allen brought us down 16 lbs. of fresh pork - \$.50. Maria Brown came over this afternoon and said she would commence to work tomorrow forenoon some time.
- 24 Nov Piled up cord wood forenoon. Was to Rev. Pierce stove wood bee afternoon. Maria Brown commenced work this afternoon. Paid her one dollar on work this evening. Mrs. Peter Henry called this afternoon.
- 25 Nov Went to the village in forenoon & spent \$1.48. Bill Poland helped me saw. Gave Sie Poland \$.25 for 10 lbs. sugar.
- 26 Nov Split and piled wood all day. Mrs. Peter Henry called fore noon, gave Mary a hogshead for mince meat. Aunt Lottie gave her some apples for mince meat.
- 27 Nov Tried to hoop a pork barrel that I got at fathers this morning for to salt my beef.
- 28 Nov Stayed at home all day. Poland came over and showed me the account that he got from Andrew Smith charging him for wood which he should have delivered Smith for \$1.
- 29 Nov Went down with Sie Poland to be as a witness in the settlement with him and Smith. A. Smith wanted of Poland some twenty nine dollars for damages for not drawing the wood. Smith sent Poland his acct. claiming some sixty dollars and some cents for which he took thirty dollars and sixty one cents and Poland gave him seventy five cents for interest on fifteen dollars which Smith had given him in cash. Smith gave Poland a receipt in full of his account without dating it as he should have done. Smith gave the receipt on this twenty ninth day of November 1880. Spent in P. Cattanaich store today \$1.35. Wrote a

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postcard to St. Catherines Saw Inc. This is a copy of a post card that I sent to R.H. Smith & Co. St. Catherines, Ont. to R.H. Smith & Co. have you any of the crosscut saws large in stock? If you have will you please answer this stating prices or what it would be by sending one by mail as I can't get one here.  
Yours Jas. W. Carpenter.

30 Nov Was to Mrs. Grant's stove wood bee in fore noon. Rev. and Mrs. Pierce and wife and one son called on us this afternoon. Mary Lapish drew a bolt of stove wood for the minister afternoon.

01 Dec Samuel Poland gave me ten dollars on borrowed money. Killed one rabbit and 1 quail today. Split and piled up stove wood. Samuel Poland got 55 cts. for his barley in Sarnia yesterday. Holland Shorts and his two brothers killed a buck deer yesterday on William Gilbert's place. This happened on the last day of November 1880.



Mrs. Grant  
Mary Elizabeth (Tomlin) Grant  
c1866

02 Dec Chopped all day in an old elm top back end of the place.

03 Dec Chopped and split some logs that was cut. Salted beef at noon.

04 Dec Went down town and went over to Marine City. Seen Alice Hardick. Gave her the parcel that her brothers wife gave me for her. Seen Staley about elm logs he told me to go on cutting, gave me the lengths of them. Got Willie a pair of shoes and some other things amounting to \$2.00 besides ferry .17 cts. Sent post card to St. Catherines for cross cut saw gauge.

05 Dec Was home all day. Maria Brown went out to S. Witherel's last night. Expect her home tonight.

06 Dec Chopped fore noon, filed my cross cut saw afternoon.

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Peter Henry sale afternoon. Pitted my potatoes last time  
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- 07 Dec Cut wood all day. Shot two partridges. Samuel Poland  
drewed his barley home from my place. Polly rode over  
home with him fore noon and back in afternoon. Mrs.  
Matilda Boylan and her sister called this afternoon.
- 08 Dec Bill Poland helped me saw cord wood. Poland went to  
Courtright with barley, had to bring it home again as they  
did not want to buy for a few days.
- 09 Dec Bill Poland helped me saw cord wood fore noon & helped me  
saw stove wood at the house afternoon. Polly expiled to  
be sick. Got the M.D. Merrison failed to ease. Gave M.  
Brown two dollars on work. Mrs. Emma Henry, Mrs. S.  
Ovland stayed until morning of the 10th.
- 10 Dec Split stove wood at the house in fore noon. Mrs. Peter  
Henry came at noon.
- 11 Dec SIMON JAMES CARPENTER Born 6:35 o'clock AM. Mrs. Peter  
Henry and Mrs. Allen were the women had Dr. Merrison got  
him at Barse one mile north Wilkesport. Mrs. Poland was  
over today and brought Polly a chicken & also Mr. Poland  
and my father was here. Set P. Henry's saw for him.  
Maria Brown was at Peter Henry's last night.
- 10 Dec Borrowed of Warren T. Henry 38 15/16 lbs. of flour. Got  
saw gauge from St. Catherines, Ont.
- 11 Dec Samuel Poland went to Marine City for a cross cut saw. He  
got it.
- 12 Dec Polly was too smart. Got up. Took inflammation set in.  
Had to get the doctor twice at night. Warren Henry went  
for him both times and Mrs. Warren sat up with her. Mrs.  
Poland was over in the day. Mrs. Delbert Youngs and Mrs.  
Charles Brown, Wm. John Allen & wife. The doctor got here  
the last time about 8 AM. Ordered hot flannels steamed  
over water & spirits of turpentine. He stayed until  
daylight. Bill Poland took him home on Monday morning.  
Dr. brought out 1 bot. Turpentine 20 cents.
- 13 Dec Bill Poland took doctor home. Brought me up oatmeal, 1  
lb. tea, 4 lbs. sugar. Mrs. Charles Henry & Mrs. George  
Mulligan called in afternoon. The doctor called twice.  
This evening I had to go down and see him at one o'clock  
AM. Mr. Bill Evers drove me down. Mary was a little  
better. Mrs. Peter Henry stayed with us all day. Mrs.  
John Allen & Mrs. Poland set up at night.

SOMBRA TOWNSHIP

This is the most South-westerly Township in the County, and belongs to the Electoral Division of Bothwell for Legislative purposes. It contains 31,280 acres, of which 25,000 acres are non-resident. Total assessed value \$551,000. Population, 2,100.

	Gen. Ind.	Gen. Ind.	Gen. Ind.
Allen, Mrs. H. B. ....	10	Chapman, Jonathan B. ....	10
Allen, Alice A. ....	7	Crismon, Harriette F. ....	7
Allen, John A. ....	10	Cummings, James H. ....	10
Allen, Thos. ....	10	Coffey, John F. ....	6
Alvord, Chas. E. ....	8	Clark, Robert F. ....	6
Armstrong, Franklin L. ....	10	Craig, Thos. E. ....	6
Austin, Geo. C. ....	14	Cain, James E. ....	5
Anderson, Wm. ....	14	Carroll, Kramis ....	5
Anderson, Wm. G. F. ....	14	Carroll, Wm. E. ....	5
Arnold, Edward E. ....	15	Crockett, Geo. W. E. ....	3
Arnold, Alvin F. ....	15	Cox, Richard F. ....	3
Armstrong, Jas. J. ....	15	Coloso, James E. ....	1
Baird, Geo. ....	15	Cramer, Isaac E. ....	9
Brown, Wm. E. ....	16	Carpenter, Cramer F. ....	9
Brown, Francis E. ....	16	Carpenter, Nelson E. ....	10
Brown, Jas. J. ....	16	Carpenter, Paul E. ....	10
Bowers, Jas. ....	16	Carroll, Samuel L. ....	9
Brown, Joseph E. ....	9	Cauldwell, John E. ....	10
Brown, J. S. ....	8	Craig, Richard E. ....	15
Burr, Thomas E. ....	12	Cox, James E. ....	15
Burr, John E. ....	12	Cummins, Peter E. ....	15
Burr, Alfred E. ....	12	Coleman, John E. ....	11
Boylan, George E. ....	11	Coxley, James E. ....	6
Brown, Henry E. ....	11	Carpenter, John F. ....	11
Brown, Geo. W. F. ....	15	Cattaneo, P. & Co. met. ....	10
Brown, Andrew E. ....	15	Garnett, John E. ....	10
Brown, Jas. E. ....	15	Carroll, Alex. E. ....	10
Brown, Edward E. ....	15	Calk, Sam'l E. ....	2
Brown, Isaac E. ....	9	Cullen, Thos. J. ....	12
Blackburn, John E. ....	15	Cullen, John E. ....	11
Burdson, Richard E. ....	15	Chubb, Chas. E. ....	15
Burdson, Wm. E. ....	15	Cummins, Thos. F. ....	10

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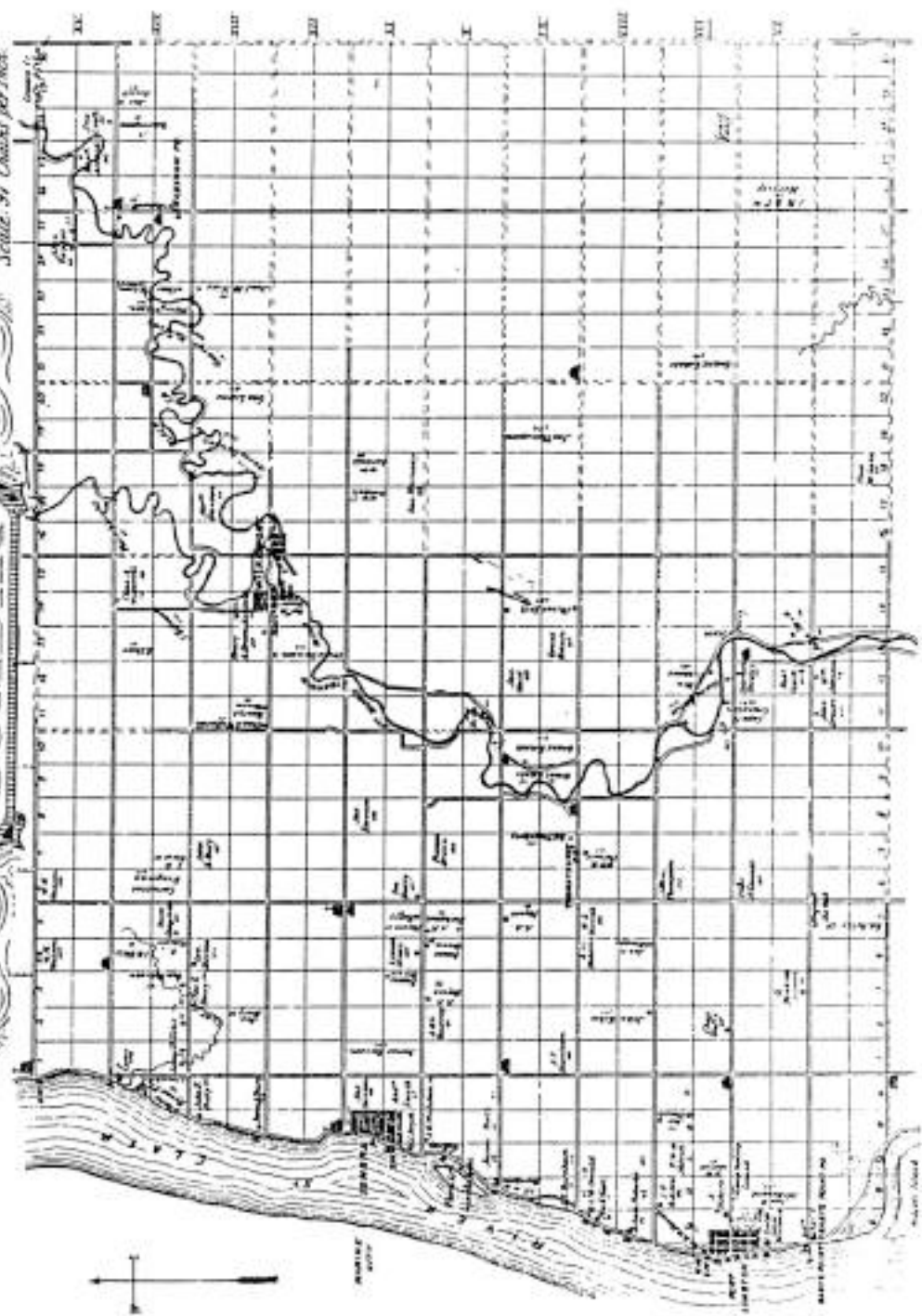
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Hague, Henry F.	15	3	McCormac, John F.	7	4
Hays, William H.	13	4	MacKay, Peter E.	16	1
Hays, Thos. S.	14	4	McKinnley, James G.	5	4
Holt, Jackson E.	10	8	McMillan, Alvin A.	5	4
Hoschorn, John F.	18	10	McDonald, Alex. R.	12	15
Hudson, James F.	14	21	McGregor, A. H. L.	18	11
Humphreys, Lawrence E.	18	12	McNee, John J. E.	13	13
Huff, George E.	15	15	McNee, John A. E.	13	11
Hilder, Allen E.	14	17	McNulty, James E.	15	4
Holmes, Fred C.	16	16	McNulty, Howard E.	13	13
Holmes, Truman E.	16	16	Maize, Conrad E.	9	9
Holmes, Wm. F.	6	6	Moore, David E.	8	8
Holman, Lawrence E.	12	8	Murray, Owen E.	5	5
Holman, James F.	12	12	Murray, John F.	10	7
Holman, David E.	7	7	Murray, John E.	3	3
Holman, James G.	7	7	Murphy, Peter E.	3	3
Hunt, James J.	1	1	Murray, Alex. A. E.	10	3
Kelly, Peter E.	1	1	Nichols, S. W. E.	10	8
Kelso, John F.	1	1	Nichols, John E.	8	8
Knight, Wm. F.	12	8	Nichols, Andrew E.	17	1
Knight, Peter E.	12	12	Nichols, James F.	17	4
Knight, George E.	13	13	Nichols, Frank E.	17	1
Knight, Peter G.	13	13	Nichols, James E.	17	1
Kerby, Alexander E.	14	14	Nichols, Andrew E.	18	1
Kerby, Nelson E.	14	14	Nichols, Hugh E.	18	1
Kirkland, Wm. (Kearney)	15	14	Nichols, Arthur E.	18	1
Kirkland, Melvin E.	8	18	North, Alex. E.	13	14
Lancaster, Wm. E.	9	5	Nowak, David E.	15	7
Lancaster, John E.	9	5	O'Brien, John E.	9	4
Lapack, Harry E.	10	1	O'Connell, John E.	5	13
Lark, James F.	15	18	Nolan, John E.	11	4
Lark, Arthur E.	14	18	Nowakowski, David T. E.	11	4
Leach, William E.	13	16	O'Donnell, Tim E.	7	4
Laughlin, S. A.	14	18	O'Donnell, Frank E.	7	4
Lefkoff, John E.	15	1	O'Leary, John E.	7	4
Leitch, John E.	15	1	O'Leary, Andrew E.	7	4
Leitch, Charles E.	15	1	O'Leary, William E.	7	4
Leitch, Albert E.	15	1	O'Leary, John E.	7	4
Leitch, Daniel E.	15	1	Palmer, Mel E.	15	1
Leitch, Alfred E.	15	1	Parks, Geo. M. E.	12	11
Leitch, John E.	15	1	Paterson, Geo. E.	12	11
Leitch, David E.	15	1	Pearce, James E.	13	1
Leitch, David E.	15	1	Perry, Thomas E.	14	1
Leitch, David E.	15	1	Perry, R. M. E.	15	1
Leitch, David E.	15	1	Pratt, Maud E.	15	1

	Dec. 1891	Gen. 1892
Perkins, Albert L.	13 10	
Phelps, James A.	4 11	
Quigley, Harry C.	8 1	
Quinn, Patrick E.	7 3	
Ramsey, George F.	14 11	
Rind, Math. E.	7 11	
Rind, Charles E.	3 11	
Rind, James T.	3 11	
Rind, John F.	2 11	
Rind, George F.	6 11	
Rind, John H.	9 5	
Rind, James T.	9 10	
Rind, Alexander E.	10 11	
Rind, John W. E.	18 10	
Ruddick, John E.	9 3	
Ruddick, Thom. E.	9 3	
Rork, Oscar F.	9 3	
Rustledge, Wm. G. E.	7 3	
Roodman, Henry E.	10 8	
Rivers, Peter J.	10 1	
Rubens, Wm. H. E.	13 10	
Ragan, Owen F.	9 8	
Roberts, George E.	14 3	
Richards, Joseph E.	13 11	
Richards, John F.	11 10	
Roberts, Adam F.	8 6	
Smither, Wm. E.	9 10	
Smither, John E.	10 10	
Say, John E.	10 10	
Searns, Wm. E.	10 10	
Seaton, Patrick E.	17 10	
Snook, George F.	8 8	
Snook, Robert F.	10 8	
Smith, Adam E.	11 8	
Sheppard, Charles E.	13 11	
Silman, Spencer E.	15 11	
Selwyn, Wm. E.	14 11	
Sagins, Wm. E.	15 11	
Sheppard, Henry E.	14 10	
Sheppard, David E.	11 11	
Shannon, George E.	5 11	
Shaylor, Solomon E.	4 11	
Shaw, Thomas E.	5 11	
Shaw, Robert E.	5 11	
Smith, Francis E.	10 10	
Smith, James F.	14 10	
Smith, Thomas F.	14 11	
Smith, John F.	15 11	
Smith, G. A. R. E.	14 11	
Stonner, Simon E.	11 11	
Sullivan, David N.	10 11	
Sturgeson, Joseph & P. E.	11 11	
Sullivan, Henry F.	11 11	
Swanson, John E.	14 11	
Swanwick, H. E.	11 11	
Shaw, Philip E.	13 11	
Stearns, Michael E.	11 11	
Talbot, David E.	11 11	
Talbot, John E.	11 11	
Talbot, James E.	10 11	
Thompson, W. E. E.	9 11	
Thompson, Edward E.	9 11	
Thompson, John E.	9 11	
Thompson, Wm. E.	9 11	
Tyoff, Edward E.	10 11	
Torrie, John E.	11 11	
Tyrril, Adam E.	14 11	
Tyrril, Wm. E.	14 11	
Taylor, P. & A. E.	15 11	
Thompson, John E.	14 11	
Thompson, Wm. E.	13 11	
Thompson, C. E.	15 11	
Underington, Archibald E.	14 11	
Watson, A. W. E.	14 11	
Watson, James E.	14 11	
Waters, Chas. E.	14 11	
Wedge, Samuel E.	14 11	
Wedge, John E.	14 11	
Wedge, James E.	14 11	
Wickman, John E.	14 11	
Wilkinson, Wm. E.	14 11	
Wither, Charles E.	14 11	
Wright, Asa E.	14 11	
Wright, Alexander E.	14 11	
Wright, Charles E.	14 11	
Wright, Paul E.	14 11	
Wright, Paul E.	14 11	
Wright, James E.	14 11	
Young, Charles E.	14 11	
Young, Jacob E.	14 11	
Young, Amos E.	14 11	



MAP OF  
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Scale: 97 Ounces per Inch.





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- 14 Dec Doctor came out morning and night. I got some articles at Peter Cattanaach got 1 bot. of turpentine maby .23 beef for tea. At Sam Henry's borrowed M.L. Burnhan's Syringes, got nursing bottle for baby at Peter Cattanaach 6/. Mrs. Allen stayed with near all day. Peter Henry came up in the day. Step mother came in afternoon. She used the syringes. The others were afraid. She brought some apples dried. Mrs. Peter Henry taken sick. Doctor gave her some powders, step mother and Mrs. Warren Henry set up. Went to Dr. about 1:30 am. Mary better, ordered hot salt for Mrs. P. Henry.
- 15 Dec Samuel Poland went to Sarnia with barley. Sent for bed pan and flax seed meal for poultice. Got them. Bed pan \$1.75. Mrs. Allen and Hannah Henry set up with Mary. Warren Henry went down to the doctors for me for medicine.
- 16 Dec Dr. here in the morning. Mary is better. Sent thermometer out by Thomas Mulligan. Polly better. Mrs. Mary Grant and Mrs. Charles Brown set up with us tonight.
- 17 Dec Went down town to see Dr. He came out and gave me a ride home. Got one gal coal oil, 1 coal oil can, 2 jersey shirts. Mrs. Allen came down and waited on Polly when I was away, coming down this afternoon. Lucy came up yesterday, staying for a few days. Maria Brown went home this morning. I shall send her away. Went down to Joseph Henry's to hire Hester Henry. She would not come. Then went over to Lyman Henry's hired a Miss Dunn. Promised to come tomorrow at nine o'clock AM. Mrs. Warren Henry & Mrs. Christopher Walker and my grandmother set up with us. Lucy did the work. Samuel Poland drew me up a drag of fire wood this morning.
- 17 Dec Had to keep hot flannels steamed in turpentine and water from 2 o'clock Monday morning to Friday afternoon. We had to make flannel bags filled with smart weeds with turpentine dropped on them put on her, hot. Miss Dunn did not come but Hester Henry came in her place.
- 18 Dec Hester Henry came today. Dr. Merrison in today. Mary is better. Father called. Maria Brown came and got her things. Lucy went home. I went and got Mrs. Allen to set up with Mary until twelve o'clock as I could not keep awake. Set up alone after.
- 19 Dec Went down and got some medicine for Mary. Hester stayed home Sunday. Mrs. A. came over and dressed the baby. Samuel Poland set up with me tonight until four o'clock AM.

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- 20 Dec Hester Henry told me at noon that she would not stay any longer. I paid her 35 cts. for her time. Mrs. Warren Henry & Miss Hannah Henry sat up until four o'clock AM. Jane Poland came over.
- 21 Dec Set Poland cross cut saw fore noon. Jane Poland stayed today and yesterday. Father sent Lucy up afternoon. I went out and hired Miss Mary Jones. Set up with Mary alone tonight. Jane Poland went home.
- 22 Dec Chopped fore noon. First work since Mary got sick. Went to town in afternoon brought some articles. Got notice from the Fanning mill man also a circular from E.G. Rideout, 10 Barclay, New York.
- 23 Dec Chopped today. Filed saw afternoon. Went to prayer meeting. Maria Brown got dialogue book.
- 24 Dec Wrote a letter to Aunt Marilla, Alpena, Michigan, U.S. Chopped all day. My shot flask will hold about 2 1/2 lbs.
- 25 Dec Christmas. Went hunting. Shot two rabbits. George Gilbert & Bill & Sieman Poland shot rabbit on Samuel Gallow ridge.
- 26 Dec Election of officers for Sabbath school Bethel Church, Rivers Corners. I was put in librarian and to act as secretary pro tem. Mr. & Mrs. Poland were over today. Mrs. Allen called.
- 27 Dec Nomination day for Counsel for 1881. Went over to Marine City. Sent an order to E.G. Rideout & Co. for \$1.42. I bought me a pair of boots & shirt for wife & 5 lbs. of sugar.
- 28 Dec Split wood. Was over to church. There was to be a trustee meeting. Was not. Stayed up all night and kept fire - it being awful cold.
- 29 Dec Helped my half-brother saw on Frank Bull's place. Old McGary called this morning as he was going to William Evers. Kept fire all night. Mary Jones & Jane & Margaret Poland set up till twelve. I set up rest of night.
- 30 Dec Bill Poland and I sawed fire wood for me. Bill bought 1 lb. of butter.
- 31 Dec Split wood in fore noon. Went down town afternoon. Was over to Marine City to see if package had come from E.C. Rideout & Co. Had not come. Jane & Maggie Poland went

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home with me. They came over on the 27 stayed till today.  
Bought lamp chimney 15 cts., 10 cts. worth of candy. Sent  
10 dollars to Manson Campbell for note for Fanning Mill.



Poland Family c1910  
Joseph, Thomas, Meggie (Blacklock), William Pauling, William, John  
Annie (Grant), Mary Grace (Cowling), Jane (Chartier)(Selman)

William Pauling (Poland) was a cousin from Petrolia who visited  
Carpenter's and travelled to the U.S.A and Europe as mentioned  
later in the Diary.

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1881  
Sombra Twp., Ontario

- 01 Jan Social held in Bethel Church from the remnants of tea meeting. Proceeds \$5. for the same purpose as the tea meeting - liquidate the church debt. Paid Mary Jones \$2. on work.
- 02 Jan Chosen librarian for the Sunday school for the first quarter 1881.
- 03 Jan Chopped fore noon. Went down town afternoon to election. Voted for J.S. Bury Dep. Reeve. Councilors Chas. A. Witherel, George Robinson, William Davis. Seen doctor for wife. Would not give me any medicine. He was going to Wilkesport. He would call when he came back. Went over to Marine City. Package not come yet. Went over to L.C. Cottrell. Bought a corn popper. Waited till the mail came in. The package came with the afternoon mail. The order was not filled. Wrote this letter on the 4 Jan 1881. Wrote a letter to E.G. Rideout & Co. about the order not being filled. Sent a post card to E.G. Gurney enquiring for back fire place of St. Nicholas stove.
- 04 Jan Poland posted letters to E.G. Rideout and Co., 10 Barclay St., New York. Chopped wood all day - chopping and under brushing for sowing. Killed a rabbit.
- 05 Jan Chopping and underbrushing all day. Helped Peter N. Henry and afternoon Jan 6, 1881.
- 07 Jan Received my note from Chatham for fanning mill. Answer from E.G. Gurney about fire wood back for St. Nicholes stove price \$3.00.
- 08 Jan Chopped fore noon and set my saw. Bill Poland helped me in afternoon. Sawed cord wood for me in fore noon. Bill Poland helped me & I helped him in afternoon. Marked the new books for the library for the M.E.S.S. Bethel forty in number. Total number of books 102 vols. in library. Samuel Poland brought me up a gal. of coal oil. S. Poland bought a fat pig of Waybrant. Paid six cents per pound for it.
- 09 Jan Took the new library books over to the Sabbath school.
- 10 Jan Chopped all day. Was to have helped Peter N. Henry saw logs.

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- 11 Jan Cold in the morning, did not get out to work until about 10 o'clock AM. Poland concluded not to draw my logs. Went over to see Sheeran's where they were to work on Peter Pierce. Helped them load up. Took until about 7 o'clock PM. When I was coming home I saw my house on fire at the ridge. I was at the back fence when I saw it. I run to the house, got up stairs and threw some hot water on it, there being no other in. Mary Brown was here, she went down to Lawrence Johnston's for him. He came. When he got here I had shinned up a pole unto the roof. He tied a pail of water to it and I pulled it up and put the fire out. I could only deaden it from the inside. Mary Brown & Mary Jones carried water for me. Chopped wood in the afternoon.
- 12 Jan Made a ladder to climb on roof of house. Also a tray on roof cut a larger hole in roof for the stove pipe. Mrs. Jones was here in the afternoon. Bill Poland commenced to draw my wood.
- 07 Jan 1871 -(Note on side of page) - Broke my arm and went to work on the 5 March 1871. Dr. Fraser set it. (James W. Carpenter)
- 13 Jan Chopped in the fore noon. Rained in the afternoon. Went down town and went over to Marine City to see if package had come. Got two instead of one. Got a pair of shoes for wife & 1 lb. of tea at P. Cattnach, and a letter from Aunt Marilla.
- 12 Jan Gave George Robinson & Peter Rivers the job of drawing my elm logs for 12/per thousand.
- 14 Jan Charles W. Witherel paid me note of sixty five dollars for Bill horse. Chopped all day. Bill Poland commenced to draw my wood. Stanley's, Charlotte A. Henry and Lizzie Johnston were here in afternoon.
- 15 Jan Went to Sarnia. Walked all the way there. Paid sixty five dollars on my place as rather give it in the savings bank as the payment was not due until July. Got a ride down from the Indian reserve with Thomas Heyland, Courtright. Walked down to town line, got a ride with Hog Watson down to Thomas Bury, the same line that I live on. Walked to Wm. Roberts old log house, got a ride with Arthur O'Malley home. Got home at 7:20 AM.
- 16 Jan Preaching in the fore noon at 10 AM. Sunday school at 2 PM.

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- 17 Jan Wrote a letter in the fore noon to Uncle Wesley and one to Aunt Marilla. Helped Peter N. Henry saw logs in fore noon. John E. Carpenter helped me saw elm logs in afternoon. Cut four logs. John helped 1/2 a day at 4/ per day. John got Polands 7 ft. saw.
- 18 Jan Filed saw in fore noon. Polands seven foot saw. We waited while I am cutting my saw logs. Patrick Sheeran commenced to draw them. Rivers & Robinson backed out. Give them 12/ per thousand. John helped me saw in the afternoon. Mary Jones time was out today. She went home. I paid her two dollars on work. Owe her 12/yet. She waits until logs out.
- 19 Jan John bought up 13 1/2 lbs. of pork. Borrowed of them until I get some from Sarnia or elsewhere. John helped me saw all day. Cut 12 logs. He stayed all night.
- 20 Jan Filed saw in fore noon and sawed two logs, tree we fell last night before it was no good. Cut six logs in afternoon. Helped Polly and the children, William John and Simon James down to Peter N. Henrys. John helped me all day.
- 21 Jan Snowed fore noon. Cut six logs in afternoon and went to Marine City and bought me a seven foot champion saw - cost me 45 cents per ft. and 40 cents for two handles. Marine City total cost \$4.80 duty and all. Borrowed \$5. off Samuel Poland.
- 22 Jan Filed new saw in fore noon. Gave Poland his saw, cut four logs with new saw in afternoon.
- 23 Jan I am 27 years old today. Samuel Poland drew me up a load of fire wood Sunday. He took Mary and the two boys over home and brought them back at night with the team. I was over to Sunday school. Came home and made me a fire.
- 24 Jan Heard that N. Staley did not want any more elm logs. Went over to Marine City to see. Saw him, he told me not to cut any more. He would take all I had cut. Fell basswood trees for bolts in afternoon.
- 25 Jan John helped to saw basswood bolts. Sold one oak tree to a man from Marine City - got six dollars for it. I had to cut it down butt and top. Got 8 6/16 lbs. of pork of S. Poland.
- 26 Jan John helped me to make basswood bolts. Gave S. Poland the five dollars I borrowed from him to get my cross cut saw.

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- 27 Jan John went to Sombra to get a pair of boots. Helped me in the afternoon.
- 28 Jan John helped me all day made basswood bolts. Yankee came for oak tree. Got 19 3/16 lbs. of pork from S. Poland. Polly went to W. Henrys.
- 29 Jan Bought a Singer Sewing Machine from Capt. E. Shaw for fifty dollars. Gave him five dollars down on it & gave my note for the balance one for twelve months for twenty dollars and the other twenty four months for twenty five dollars. John helped me 3 1/2 days this week. Borrowed five dollars from S. Poland to pay on sewing machine.
- 30 Jan Mr. E. Shaw & wife were down. Made a mistake in drawing notes - fixed it.
- 31 Jan John helped me all day to saw basswood bolts. Shot two black squirrels. Patrick Sheeran finished drawing my elm logs - total number of logs 39.
- 01 Feb John helped me saw bd. bolts & father helped to borrow them. Finished making bolts. Wrote two letters this evening. One to E. & C. Gurney, Toronto and one to Patent Clock, Terra Haute, Ind.
- 02 Feb Cut roads to basswood bolts and helped Sheeran load. Had 8 loads. Borrowed of S. Poland 43 12/16 lbs.
- 03 Feb Patrick Sheeran finished drawing basswood bolts cut of the woods - had 8 loads.
- 04 Feb Drew the basswood bolts over to Marine City - got \$2.88 per cord or 9 cts. per foot. Had 364 ft. to the cord. I gave P. Sheeran 8/per cord for drawing, paid 70 cts. for entrance fee at Marine City & 25 cts. for reporting at Sombra. Staley gave me a ticket for my elm logs that he had measured 8,008 ft. at \$3.25 per thousand amounting to 76. & also \$32.76 less 70 cts. entrance fee. Amounting in all 58.06. Paid Patrick Sheeran \$23.37 for drawing elm logs & basswood bolts, there is 5 elm logs yet to be measured. Bought John Carpenter a corn popper for turn on work 20 cts.
- 05 Feb Went down town with Chester Henry bought of Lyman Henry butcher shop at Sombra - 102 lbs. of pork at 10 cts. per lb. & 1 loaf baker bread at 5 cts. = \$10.25 & bought of Peter Stover 300 lbs. of flour @ 25/ per hundred. Staley was to finish measuring my elm logs. Weighted out the pork that I borrowed of Samuel Poland - total amount lbs.



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40 1/16. Gave him 40 lbs. & 13/16 and I also weighed the pork fat, the meat that John brought up 13 1/2. Paid S. Poland the five dollars I borrowed of him to pay on the sewing machine. Maggie & Annie Poland came over in the afternoon to stay all night. Bill Poland drew me up a load of fire wood. Levi and he brought it all on the way home.

06 Feb Warren Henry got up and went home. P. Henry was exhorting. Mary was over home today for a visit.

07 Feb Split cord wood all day. The sewing machine would not work on the 5.



Lyman Henry family c1885  
Mr. Alvin, Rory, Lyman, Orville  
Lorenzo, Mary Ann (Bowles), Lyman, Amos

08 Feb Worked on the sewing machine all fore noon. Got it to work at last in thick cloth or any thing. Polly and the babies went over to her MOTHER to be gone for a day or



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two. She is going to help her mother sew. Mrs. Eliza Eyers came down for yeast. She got it.

- 09 Feb Rained today and yesterday. Filed Poland's cross cut saw and made Polly's Uncle a shirt quilted on machine. Paid John 4 dollars on work and sent the pork I borrowed of father 13 1/2 lbs. by John.
- 10 Feb Split and piled wood that was down under the snow. Took Poland's cross cut saw home and brought mine home.
- 11 Feb Helped Bill Eyers saw stove wood part of the fore noon. Poland's boys drew 2 loads of oat straw home. Poland sent away the money for Boylan's note to Dresden.
- 12 Feb Went out to work. Snowstorm came up and I went home.
- 13 Feb Bill & Simon Poland Mary and the babies home. I was over to Sunday school.
- 14 Feb I went over to Marine City to settle with Staley about elm logs. He was not home. I got my picture taken - cost 2 cts and bought Alice Hardick about 5 cts. candy and baby powder 15 cts, 1 bottle red ink 5 cts. paid V.C. Maybee 60 cts. for three 20 ct. bottles of turpentine which I got when wife was sick and 5 cts. candy V.C. Maybee. Posted one letter for circular fire lighting clock, Terra Haute, Ind.



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- 15 Feb Opened potato pit in fore noon. Sawed drags for fire wood afternoon. Simon Poland helped me.
- 16 Feb Drawed up fire wood all day. Bill Poland helped me with his team. Polly quilted cradle quilt on sewing machine. First cradle quilt ever made.
- 17 Feb Chopped in afternoon. Set S. Poland's cross cut saw in fore noon and split some c. wood.
- 18 Feb Snowed in fore noon. Made William John Carpenter pants. He had them on for the first time in pants. Went over to Marine City, Mich. settled for elm logs 9,250 ft. all together. There was \$4.05 coming to me. Bought 1 lb. butter 20 cts., 9 yd. print, 2 lbs. sugar, 2 yds. cotton, 2 yds. cottonade 50 cts. Got a letter from E.C. Gurney about my stove from Toronto. Got Uncle James Carpenter's address from the post office in Marine City, Mich. Got a patent saw set for cross cut saw for \$6. Polly went down to P.N. Henry's a little while this afternoon Mrs. Eliza Evers came down to borrow some castor oil. Got it. Wrote a letter Buena Vista post master seeing if I could find Uncle James Carpenter.
- 19 Feb Helped P.N. Henry in fore noon to cut roads for round timber. Paid P. Sheeran balance due him for drawing logs 1.87.
- 20 Feb Went to Sabbath school and stayed until after preaching.
- 21 Feb Helped Samuel Poland saw cord wood.
- 22 Feb Helped father saw cord wood on Frank Bull place. Polly visited Mrs. John Allen. Rode up, walked home, I carried Willie back.
- 23 Feb Went to Sombra bought 1 gal coal oil 35 cts. 1 file 25 cts. 1 letter book 10 cts. posted a letter to post master Buena Vista P.O., Clinton County, Iowa to see if I could hear from Uncle James Carpenter. Had prayer meeting at our house, Peter Henry led. Mrs. Essie Evers & Mrs. William Evers, Maria Brown and her mother, Mary Rivers, Charlotte Ann Henry, Isabella Brown, Mrs. George Mulligan.
- 24 Feb Chopped for myself fore noon. Helped S. Poland in afternoon.
- 23 Feb V.C. Maybee has run away - took \$1300.00 from township treasury. Peter Cattnach & James Dawson his bonds men (so report says) his store is shut up.

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- 25 Feb Helped Samuel Poland all day. Got circular from Terra Haute Patent Clock Works about fire lighting clocks and a postal card from E.G. Rideout & Co., N.Y.
- 26 Feb Helped Samuel Poland saw cord wood all day.
- 27 Feb Was over to Sunday school. There was no preaching - had class meeting.
- 28 Feb John Carpenter helped me fore noon. Made him an axe handle and called it square, it being to wet in the bush to work.
- 01 Mar Chopped all day in down timber cut about 1 3/4 cords.
- 02 Mar Went to M. Stanley. Got wood measured had 24 cords @ 91cts. - 21.60. He gave me three grand trunk pens. Went down to Sombra. Paid Dr. Merrison \$20. and a note for twenty dollars balance of acct. up to date. He gave me a receipt in full. Bought 70 cts. worth of goods at Peter Cattanch & Co. Was over to the church to be present at the meeting of Trustees of Bethel Church. All present except Chairman. I was chosen to act as chairman pro tem. Paid John Carpenter 50 cts. bal. due him on work.
- 03 Mar Filed Charles A. Brown's & Samuel Poland's cross cut saws. Settled work account with S. Poland. I owe him one day to date.
- 04 Mar Sent an order to E.G. Rideout & Co., N.Y. for outfit of house hold guest magazine and American Businessman and practical bookkeeper guide 25 cts. & 1 sample Lloyds combination pen holder 25 cts. for the house hold guest magazine 50 cts. \$1. in all. Polly went down town, posted my letter to E.G. Rideout & Co., 10 Barclay St., N.Y. Had it registered. Helped S. Poland saw. Him and I are square. Polly traded \$1.05 at Peter Cattanch.
- 05 Mar Cut wood for Pastor W. Pierce. Polly stayed at her father's last night. I rode home from the village with P.N. Henry. He came out school house line and brought Polly and babies home, through the woods. Annie Poland came over to stay a week.
- 06 Mar Was over to Sunday school. I acted as superintendent Testament Class Teacher, Librarian & Secretary.
- 07 Mar Helped Samuel Poland cut cord wood all day.
- 08 Mar John E. Carpenter helped me all day sawing cord wood, went to lodge at night.

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- 09 Mar John Allen had chopping bee - had 30 cords of soft wood cut. I was there. Mary shortened Simon James Carpenter, was visiting to Charles Henry's
- 10 Mar Split wood for Samuel Poland, helped me fore noon, went to the village in afternoon. Bought 1 onion weighed 1 lb. 5 cts., and 1 lb. fruit crackers 1 ct. and candy 2 cts.
- 11 Mar Split wood. Simon Poland helped, afternoon Bill Skidey cut my wood.
- 12 Mar Chopped wood fore noon. Stormed afternoon. Went to village to see if my outfit had come, not yet. Bought 1 bar of soap 10 cts.
- 13 Mar Went to Sabbath school. P.N. Henry and preacher Rev. Pierce quarreled.
- 14 Mar Filed worn saw fore noon 30 cts., chopped 2 cords soft wood in afternoon.
- 15 Mar Filed Charles Henry's saw fore noon and got out a bag of potatoes out of pit, and filed my saw and went to the village in afternoon. Got my outfit from E.G. Rideout. Big Buds and Blossoms, Now I am Mamma, The Return Fugitive & the Recording Angle.
- 16 Mar Helped John Carpenter saw cord wood all day.
- 17 Mar Canvassing for house hold Guest Magazine (got none).
- 18 Mar Canvassing for house hold Guest Magazine (got one).
- 19 Mar Went to Wilkesport, posted two letters - one to Detroit D.M. Ferry & Co. seen merchants for circular and one to Ingal & Son publishers Montreal for Agency.
- 20 Mar Was over to Sabbath school Quarterly meeting and love feast in fore noon. Quarterly Board met on 19 at Bethel in afternoon.
- 21 Mar Canvassed for the House Hold Guest Magazine all day, got no sub.
- 22 Mar Filed S. Poland's cross cut saw, split stove wood in afternoon. Polly went down to William Brown's with W. Henry to Temperance social.

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Simon Poland

- 23 Mar Went to Sombra Village. Sent E.G. Rideout & Co., 10 Barclay St., N.Y. \$2.20. Split wood in afternoon. Stove wood at the door.
- 24 Mar Simon Poland helped me all day to saw stove wood at the house. Drove the mully cow to lower place. Simon and I cut off 1 elm log 22 inches through in 30 sec. & another one 20 inches through in 45 sec.
- 25 Mar Split stove wood and filed John Edgar Bury cross cut saw. Helped Samuel Poland split cord wood and cut the big elm.
- 27 Mar Was over to Sabbath school. Elected officers. I was chosen Librarian again. Had Dr. Merrison in to see Willie, got an answer to the letter I sent Buena Vista from Uncles brother in law Wm. C. Knight. Wrote a letter to William C. Knight, Buena Vista in reply to the one he sent me. He gave me my cousin Wesley Carpenter's address, Baxter Spring, Cherokee Co., Kansas. Wrote to him.

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- 28 Mar Filed George Robinson cross cut saw fore noon. Cut 1/2 cord soft wood and went to village in afternoon. Got 1 gal syrup at P. Cattnach 75 cts. and 40 cts. worth of beef at Levi Henry's for Willie. Sick with bilious fever. Got medicine for Willie from doctor.
- 29 Mar Filed Charles Allen's cross cut saw fore noon and tuned nine afternoon.
- 30 Mar Cutting and sawing trees for sawing tomorrow. Mostly hard wood.
- 31 Mar Simon Poland helped me to saw cord wood, mostly hard wood.
- 01 Apr Snowed, split afternoon, borrowed S. Poland's overcoat to get to Sarnia.
- 02 Apr Went to Sarnia, rode up with Peter N. Henry. Drawed \$15. from my bank acct. with W.J. Gurd and sent \$4. with eleven dollar order to E.G. Rideout & Co., N.Y., 10 Barclay St.
- 03 Apr Was over to Sabbath school. Did not stay for preaching.
- 04 Apr Split wood fore noon. Albert W. Henry sent for me to go for Dr. Merrison for him as he was getting worse. I went. Dr. was not at home when I got there. Left word at the house to be sure and go right out as soon as he got home. He got part way out when he got word he was dead. The subscription Chromes had not come. Sold my six foot saw to John E. Carpenter for chopping 4 cords hard wood.
- 05 Apr Helped Polly and the children over home. Her Mother had a son before noon. Mrs. Mary Grant and Mrs. Jones were women. Went down town & got the Chromes for subscription house hold magazine. Delivered Mrs. Jacob Young's on the way home. Split wood part of the day.
- 06 Apr Went to Albert W. Henry's funeral. First corps brought in Bethel Church, Rivers Corners, Sombra. There were 18 teams in the procession and Rev. Wm. Cousins preached on text . Albert followed his first wife 10 years and 4 days. Pall bearers were Albert Brown, Walter Shortt, Joseph Fournie, George Hargrove, James Gallow, Jacob Young, Patrick Sheeran. Team took corps. Went out to Wilkesport. Delivered John Hitchcock his chromes. He paid me one dollar on his subscription. Owes me 12 cts. Bought of Wallace Micks 7 1/2 lbs. pork \$1.05.
- 07 Apr Split wood fore noon. Helped Polly and the babies over to her Mother's to help wash. Was to Albert Henry's widow

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cutting stove wood bee. Had about 14 cords cut. Polly & children to prayer meeting.

- 08 Apr Split stove wood all day. John has put up 1 1/2 cords wood for saw.
- 09 Apr Got another circular and combination pen holder. Split wood in the fore noon. Went down town in the afternoon. Got seed annual and circular from D.M. Ferry, Detroit. Went over to Marine City to see if my stuff had come - did not. 30 cts. for ferriage.
- 10 Apr Went over to Sunday school. Stayed to preaching. Rev. William Pierce preached his farewell sermon. It was a temperance sermon from 5 Chap. of Ephesians 18 verse. Warren T. Henry resignation as class leader was not excepted.
- 11 Apr Chopping cord wood all day. Stayed in with the children while Mary went down to Warren T. Henry's for some vinegar. John E. Carpenter finished chopping 4 cords of hard wood for his six foot saw payment.
- 12 Apr Simon Poland helped me saw hard cord wood all day.
- 09 Apr Sent an order of \$2.25 to George Pritchard for 1 bush Netches and bag.
- 13 Apr Split wood in fore noon. Went over to Marine City to see if by stuff had come. It had not. Cost me twenty five cents for ferriage. James Bury had a stove wood cutting bee on Jacob Young's place. Had 25 to 30 cords cut. James Hargrove broke his sledge.
- 14 Apr Went down town in the evening. Seen ferry man. Stuff had not come. Split stove wood at the door. S. Poland's Netches came freight charges 40 cts. Not paid yet. I carried them as far as my fathers. Polly set up with Mrs. Peter Henry's - sick with congestion of lungs.
- 15 Apr Split stove wood at door. Went down town to see ferry man. Stuff had not come yet.
- 16 Apr Wrote a letter to E.G. Rideout & Co., 10 Barclay St., N.Y. about not receiving order. Will post it tonight if order does not come (did not do so, order not come yet).
- 17 Apr Over to Sabbath school. Did not stay to class meeting. Came home so that Mary could go down to Peter N. Henry's to see Mrs. Henry - sick with congestion of the lungs. Mrs. John Allen and Mrs. John Carpenter and Mrs.



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Christopher Walker are going to set up tonight. Easter Sunday. Had six eggs only two for Polly, two for Jimmy, 2 for Willie and 3 in cupboard.

- 18 Apr Split stove wood in fore noon. Mrs. Albert Henry had a sale in afternoon. James Dawson bought her team and yearlings \$160.40. I bid on a kit of tools up to \$15.75. Charles Henry had them bid in for him \$16. I went down town to see if my stuff had come from New York. I could not get across the river. Bought of Arthur A. Rattray 13/4 maple sugar. Mary went down to Peter N. Henry's to set up with Mrs. Peter Henry. Wrote a letter to London Free Press and Schuyler Smith & Co. both London, Ont. Probably I will post them tomorrow at Wilkesport.

NOTE on side of page: Mrs. Peter Henry died.

- 19 Apr Went out to Wilkesport - posted 2 letters to London. John Hitchcock 50 cts. being the balance due me on subscription House Hold Guest Magazine. Went down to Sombra in the afternoon and was over to Marine City (ferriage 20 cts.) to see if package had come. Had not. Posted a letter to E.G. Rideout about it. Bought of Peter Cattnach - 2 pass books 5 cts., 1 packet knol rabi. Have been expecting a letter from Wesley Carpenter, Kansas.
- 20 Apr Split wood and cut down willow tree in front of house. Father helped me to saw it down. He was up to Frank Bull getting the wood measured that he chopped for Frank last winter. Wrote a letter to cousin Wesley Carpenter, Kansas. Wife went over to her mother's with the children. Willie walked, she carried baby. I have eight cords and one quarter of stove wood cut and I want to see how long it will last.
- 21 Apr Went down to father's to get my half bushel - it has been there ever since one year ago last fall. He gave me my saw handles that he borrowed yesterday. Took the dirt of my potatoes pit - there is a good many of them froze - 2 bushels out of sixteen. Went down town. Bob McBray said my package had come. I went over but it had not come. Sample copy and subscription list came from the London Free Press. Patrick O'Hare and William Evers sowing barley.
- 22 Apr Plowed for Samuel Poland on my lower place, cow jumped out of front field.
- 23 Apr Plowed for S. Poland, answer to my letter came from John Dougal & Son, Montreal and from Schuyler Smith & Co.,



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London, Ont. Was down to Jacob Young's to the fish net - got one sucker.

- 24 Apr Went over to Samuel Polands in the morning. Got a circular from Case Bros. and Bowman, Toronto, Nurseryman that my order from them would reach me in a few days. Mary went over home. I went to Sunday school - 37 books brought back. Delbert Youngs is very sick with gathering in his hand.
- 25 Apr Plowed for Samuel Poland. Went out to Clay Creek to fish. Net at Jacob Young's - got one fish.
- 26 Apr Went down town and over to Marine City. Got my package of goods. I paid \$8.20 more on them, cost me 75 cts. for ferriage. Sold 55 cts. before I got home.
- 27 Apr Was peddling - sold \$3.10. Was through Wilkesport.
- 28 Apr Was peddling - sold \$3.55 around home. Made up an order to E.G. Rideout & Co., 10 Barclay St., N.Y.
- 29 Apr Was peddling - sold \$3.14. Was down through Thornyhurst.
- 30 Apr Was over to Delbert Youngs. He is very sick and not expected to live. Mrs. Albert Henry had her plowing bee. Around home in the afternoon. Set up with Delbert Youngs tonight. Polly & I had Christopher Walker's and his wife and Delbert's mother.
- 01 May Came home and went to bed. Slept all day.
- 02 May Going down town this forenoon. Posting a letter and order to E.G. Rideout & Co., 10 Barclay St., N.Y. for \$10.50. Bought goods of P. Cattnach Jr. & Co. to the amt. of \$1.88 and of Levi Henry - 12 cts. built a board fence around my garden. S. Poland turned my cow out on the road.
- 01 May Was not over to Sunday school or church as I set up with Delbert Youngs, slept all day.
- 03 May Spaded up my garden in the fore noon and set out 103 strawberry plants fore noon. Went down to Port Lambton to see about license for peddling. Got no information amounting to anything. Wrote to Hugh Smith, County Clerk, Port Sarnia. Rode down with Capt. Shaw and back with Levi Henry, butcher.
- 04 May Sick all day with sore throat and heavy cold.

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- 05 May Finished planting out my strawberries - had 148 plants from the six I set out last year. Went down town in afternoon. Bought out of Maybee's Old Store - 6 1/2 lbs. dried apples for 30 cts. and received sample copies of the Witness Publication. Sowed 2 paper black onion seeds.
- 06 May Finished spading up my garden. Peddled in afternoon - sold nothing. Went down town (Sombra) & got nursery stock that I ordered - 6 cuthburt raspberry, 2 montmerency cherries.
- 07 May Put out raspberries and cherry trees and ground my axe. Went to Mrs. Albert Henry's plowing and sawing bee. Had 12 acres plowed and sowed. There was sixteen teams in afternoon - 2 sowing and 2 men picking up.
- 08 May We went over to Samuel Polands. I went to Sabbath school and church. My wife had the fever and ague at her father's, S. Poland.
- 09 May Sowed my knol rabi seed and chopped in afternoon, set fires and gave Samuel Poland 1/2 bushel of potatoes. Went fishing in the evening - got one mud cat.
- 10 May Chopped in the fore noon. Mary sick with fever. Mrs. Warren Henry borrowed my hoe. Went down town in afternoon and got some fever medicine for wife. Brought up for Delbert Youngs \$1.90. Wrote two postal cards to Chicago - 1 to Chas. Simmons, Land Agent and one to David C. Cook Publisher, 1437 Madison St.
- 11 May Went to Sarnia. Started 1 AM. and got in Sarnia 8:15 AM. Draw \$10.00 of my bank account with W.J. Gurd Savings, Sarnia. Got peddlers license for \$6.00 from town clerk, Sarnia. Got a ride home from Mooretown with Patrick Sheeran. Sent a post card to James Leer, 1120 Post Office Box, Montreal, Que. and sent 2 p. cards to Chicago that I wrote last night.
- 12 May Was out peddling - was south of Wilkesport - sold \$1.55.
- 13 May Was out peddling. Went north. was up in Moore - sold \$1.87. Stayed all night on the Jenkin's Line at Witherels.
- 14 May Came home by north of Wilkesport. Sold 41 on the road home. When I got home, Mary gave me a post card that E.G. Rideout had sent me when he shipped my package. Went down got postal card E.G. Rideout & Co. that they had shipped second parcel, went over to Marine City. They had not come.

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- 13 May Father left Marine City by boat for Alpena.
- 15 May Was over to Sunday school. There was no preaching or class meeting.
- 16 May Was out peddling. Was down the creek as far as Lambton Line. Went out the line to Lambton Village, up the river, home. Sold 84 cts., paid custom house office \$1.20 - bal. due him on first order.
- 17 May Split rails for line fence between Stratton and me. Went up to Mickey Stanley's - he was not home.
- 18 May Went down town, borrowed \$2.00 from Patrick Johnston and 50 cts. from Warren T. Henry. Went over to Marine City, got a postal card that package was in St. Clair - due on \$6.11. Left the \$6.11 with p. master and 25 cts. for to pay mail man to bring it down to Marine City (7 days). Got circular from David C. Cook, Chicago, Ill. Split rails in afternoon. Samuel Poland finished seeding on my lower place.
- 19 May Piled up cord wood that Simon Poland and I sawed early in the spring. Went to Sombra, asked the ferry man if stuff had come. It had not. Polly stayed at her father's all night. FIRST TIME I USED COLD WATER PEN - MAY 19.
- 20 May Underbrushed in fore noon. Went to Marine City in afternoon. Package came by mail, cost me 10 cts. to get it. S.P. Turned out his yearling to pasture. Got a post card from father stating he got in Alpena on 15 May 1881.
- 21 May Are a going to help Wallace Micks saw stove wood in fore noon. Gave me 50 cts. Marked my goods afternoon and underbrushed part of afternoon. Wrote a letter to Father to Alpena, Mich. Wallace Micks telegraphed to Brigden for Dr. Merrison for W.T. Henry.
- 22 May Went over to Sabbath school. Martin N. Henry insulted members of the class, went out and stayed until after class meeting was over. Mary stayed home all day.
- 23 May Helped Warren T. Henry plant corn all day, John E. Carpenter & Chas. Allen. Mary washed fore noon. Visited Peter N. Henry folks. Reported that John Cullen is drowned - found boat with oars in between Samuel Whitely's & M.L. Burnham's dock, Sombra. He came from Marine City last night. Borrowed from Aunt Lottie her garden hoe. Sold Charles Allen 1 cold water pen and 1 pen holder 15 cts. Warren T. Henry went to Wilkesport. Wrote to Dr.

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Merrison for medicine for his wife. Posted a letter for me to my father, Alpena, Mich.

- 24 May Warren T. Henry plowed my potato field for me this fore noon. I planted 1 bushel potatoes this afternoon. Wife went over home. Warren T. Henry telegraphed to Bridgen for Dr. Merrison to come and see his wife. Went to lodge tonight. This was open lodge. Rev. was there. Maria Brown gave me our visiting cards & Charlotte A. Henry's.



Visiting Cards of James and Mary Carpenter



- 25 May Planted two bushels of potatoes today. Charlotte A. Henry was here in fore noon, stayed to dinner. Mrs. Albert Henry was here visiting in afternoon. I went over to Samuel Poland's for some butter & eggs. Wife went down with her as far as P.N. Henrys.
- 26 May Peddled all day - sold \$1.77 worth of goods - profit 57 cts. Went North of Wilkesport then North to James Kimble Crossings, then went to Courtright, then home. Got home about 2 o'clock AM. on the 27th. Was offered a job chopping for 50 cts. per cord 3/4 store pay by Dennis Cain.

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- 27 May Court today at Sombra. Peter N. Henry has a lawsuit with Baby of Sarnia. Baby sues Henry for \$200. or \$199.99 for barb wire fence (a fraud). Peter N. Henry's case did not come off owing to Baby receiving sunstroke on yesterday. I was to court today. Judge Elliot presiding, Malcolm Cameron sued owner of the horse Draymon (stallion) for price of mare killed by negligence of groom. Plaintiff got judgement for \$40. for his mare and all costs incurred. Polly was visiting Mrs. John Allen this afternoon. Wife sold Charles Allen 1 cold water pen and case for 1 gal. syrup.
- 28 May Finished planting my potatoes - five bushels where I cleared last spring. Polly borrowed 11 1/4 lbs. flour from Mrs. William Evers yesterday afternoon.
- 29 May Was over to Sunday school. Stopped to class meeting. Martin N. Henry Sen. refuses to act as Bible Class teacher, so he told John Brown's wife. Went over home.
- 30 May Finished planting beans, popcorn, squash, and got two ripe strawberries. At noon burned brush out side of fence opposite my potato patch and set pasture field. Borrowed of John E. Carpenter or father 69 3/4 lbs. of flour - bag and all.
- 31 May I am going to St. Clair to look for a job today (James E. Carpenter). Polly paid back Eliza Evers her flour 11 1/4 lbs. Was over to St. Clair, could not get a job of work. Spent 20 cts. Ferriage, 10 cts lb. of crackers and postal card 10 cts.
- 30 May Got map from Chicago from Chas. F. Simmons about Dakota & Minnesota.
- 01 Jun It commenced to rain last night - a long felt want as we have not any rain for a long time. I sent a postal card to Omaha, Nebraska to Thos. L. Kimbal general pass. & ticket agent for maps and information of Idaho, Montana, Colorado, & Black Hills. Posted at Courtright.
- 02 Jun Chopped and underbrushed all day. Went over to Church for prayer meeting & trustee meeting. There was no trustee meeting. Got my own letter back that I sent to my cousin at Baxter Springs, Kansas. S. Poland finished planting. Sent Apr. 20, 1881 returned June 3, 1881.
- 03 Jun Wrote a letter to P.O. master Baxter Springs, Cherokee Co., Kansas inquiring for cousin Wesley Carpenter.

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Delbert Youngs moved from Thomas Stokes to William Robert's house in front of us.

- 04 Jun Chopped wood fore noon, went Peter River's raising. Raised frame shed and horse & cow stable.
- 05 Jun Was not over to Sunday school (cause no boots). Was down to father's, have not heard from him yet. Wrote a letter to Wm. C. Knight, Buena Vista, Clinton Co. I owe return envelope with a stamp.
- 06 Jun Chopping fore noon and afternoon until 5 PM. Went down town after supper. Bought of P. Cattnach Jr. & Co. -1 pair of boots \$3.50, 1 box oil blacking 15 cts. = total \$3.65.
- 07 Jun Rained all day. Went out to Bear Creek fishing - caught 1 mud cat and broke my hook.
- 08 Jun Cow calved fore noon (mully cow) Simon Poland helped me saw in the afternoon. Slashed down a lot of trees in one heap. Worked part of the time in the rain.
- 09 Jun Sawing and splitting cord wood. Simon Poland helped me all day.
- 10 Jun Peddled all day. Went to Brigden - sold 86 cts. worth. Hired with John Hewer of Brigden for 10 shillings and I board myself or 18 cts. per month and board.
- 11 Jun I worked for John Hewer today. I was spreading the clay for the brick molding machine.
- 12 Jun Was over to Sunday school. Was to Samuel Poland's for supper, Mary was over home.
- 13 Jun Started from home to John Hewer's, Brigden 12:30 at night. Got in Brigden at 4:30 AM only worked 3/4 of a day - lost 1/4 on account of rain.
- 14 Jun Worked all day making brick.
- 15 Jun Worked all day making brick. Sent a letter home tonight. Sent it by train.
- 16 Jun Worked all day making brick.
- 17 Jun Worked all day making brick.
- 18 Jun Worked all day making brick. Bought Polly a pair of shoes for \$1.

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- 19 Jun Was over to Sunday School. Was to Samuel Poland's for supper.
- 18 Jun Got a cheque from John Hewer for work for \$5.
- 20 Jun Started for Brigden at 1:30 AM & got in Brigden at 4:30 AM.
- 21 Jun Worked in brick yard all day digging clay.
- 22 Jun Worked in brick yard all day digging clay and wheeling clay in wheel barrow. Heavy frost last night.
- 23 Jun Worked in brick yard all day digging clay and wheeling clay in wheel barrow.
- 24 Jun Worked in brick yard all day digging clay and wheeling clay in wheel barrow. Had an attack of bilious fever. Worked all day, got a cheque from John Hewer for \$4.00. Bought myself a pair of shoes for \$2. and a pair for Willie 90 cts.
- 25 Jun Went to Dr. Merrison for medicine. Gave me 8 powders and a bottle of medicine.
- 26 Jun Was not over to Sunday school, was down to fathers. They got a letter from father on Wednesday. He is 20 miles back of Alpena. He is talking of buying 80 acres of land on Wolf Creek for \$1.25 an acre.
- 27 Jun Went down to Sombra. Posted a letter to father, Alpena, Mich. Sold 1 cold water pen to Glen Fulton.
- 28 Jun Walked to Brigden. Got there 15 min. to twelve AM. Worked in afternoon, sent letter home to wife at night.
- 29 Jun Worked all day making brick or in brick yard for John Hewer.
- 30 Jun Worked all day in brick yard for John Hewer.
- 01 Jul Worked only 1/2 day. Other men refused to work in afternoon - it being Dominion Day. I settled up with John Hewer - had \$2.87 coming to me. Traded it out with Dawson & Armstrong - got wife new hat \$1.60, 3 yds. linen for Willie's pants - 20 cts. per yd. 60 cts., 1 doz. buttons 12 cts., baby Simon pair shoes 30 cts., 2 pair hose for myself 20 cts., candy 5 cts. = total \$2.87.



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- 02 Jul Went to Sarnia today, got a ride up with Lawrence Johnston. Rode back with mail man, paid him 25 cts. and gave him one cold water pen. Drew money that I had in bank and paid it on place. Spent \$1.07 and \$40. interest = total amount paid \$41.00 Got one bottle of Scots Emulsion of cod liver oil and hiposfiter of lime and soda for Willie.
- 03 Jul Was over to Sunday school quarterly meeting held in Sarnia today in M. E. Church. Wrote a letter for Samuel Poland to John Bailey Travelling Warbstow Lasiston, Cornwall, England. Wrote out an order for trial of his Sunday school papers forth grade for 3rd. quarter of 1881 July, August and September, David C. Cook, 46 Adams St., Chicago.
- 04 Jul Went out to Brigden fore noon. Hired with George Hunt in John Hewer's brick yard. Worked 1/2 day in Brigden 10:30 AM.
- 05 Jul Worked all day in brick yard. My eyes are getting sore.
- 06 Jul Worked all day in brick yard, my eyes are getting sore. I quit working in brick yard on account of my eyes being sore and some other causes. Came home after night. Got home next morning. I bought at Brigden Book store, 1 copy New Testament revised edition. Presented it to my wife 15 cts. Pack tickets Sunday school.
- 07 Jul Went over to Samuel Poland's for his spade and grubber, got them. Went down to Chester Henry to see if he wanted to hire a man this harvest. He was not at home. Was to Thomas Bury's raising. I left word with his wife to let me know tonight. Weed in garden part of the afternoon. Polly went over home to cut Willie's pants.
- 08 Jul Cleaned out old well fore noon. Went down to Chester Henry's to hire for harvest. Got work from him to get going wages to set price after two weeks. Came home and went down in the bush to pick berries found a colony of bees hanging to a black ash sapling. After sunset hived them, after dark by moonlight, Charles Allen and Mr. Poland helped me.
- 09 Jul Went over to Poland's with wife and children. Bees were in hive all right. I came back. I went to where bees were. They did not look all right and so I watched them. They left the hive and started off in a south east by south direction. I followed them to a large elm on William Eyer's near the line between him and me. Polly or wife went down town bought a hat for Willie, trimmings for



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Simon's hat 31 cts., bar of soap and some other things amounting in all to \$1.12.

- 10 Jul Wife, I and children were over to Sunday school and class meeting. Was to Samuel Poland's for supper. Rode through side road with Chester Henry.
- 11 Jul Commenced to work for Chester Henry. Worked all day haying. Rained afternoon.
- 12 Jul Worked 1/2 day for Chester Henry haying, rained fore noon.
- 13 Jul Worked 1/2 day for Chester Henry haying, rained fore noon.
- 14 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry. Commenced harvest. Cut field fall wheat.
- 15 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry. Wife down town spent \$1.18 - got me a new brown jane shirt.
- 16 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry. Finished his haying at 3:40 PM. Uncle Levi Henry's youngest son died - diarrhea. 1 year, 6 months, 14 days - Wellington Henry.
- 17 Jul Was over to Sabbath school. Wife and children were with me. First Sunday school papers given out in our Sabbath school at Bethel Rivers Corners Church, Sombra. Stopped to preaching and class meeting. Was to S. Poland's for supper.
- 18 Jul John E. Carpenter and myself dug grave for Uncle Levi Henry's boy on father's place. Rev. Wm. Pickard preached funeral sermon. Uncle Levi was not there, he is in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He went there a short time ago. Worked for Chester Henry this afternoon. Was binding wheat in front of orchard and also commenced his barley.
- 19 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry binding wheat in front orchard.
- 20 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry binding wheat in front orchard. Frank Bull team and himself was helping us.
- 21 Jul Worked all day at Chester Henrys. At Frank Bull's cutting and binding 18 bushel sowing of fall wheat.
- 22 Jul Wrote two post cards - one to A. Norman, 4 Green St., Toronto and one to Gurd & Son, London, Ont. Worked 1/2 day for Chester Henry binding fall wheat for Patrick Sheeran.

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- 23 Jul Worked for Chester Henry all day. Stacked part of his fall wheat and drew in 5 loads of barley. Polly came down and was there for supper. Frank Bull helped with team.
- 24 Jul We was over to Sunday school. There was no preaching. Stopped to class meeting. Poland's for supper.
- 25 Jul Gave Albert Henry's widow a days work binding fall wheat.
- 26 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry binding fall wheat and cradling around barley field. Chester went to Wallaceburg for his steam engine for threshing - it was not finished repairing.
- 28 Jul Helped Chester Henry in fore noon and after supper finished drawing in his barley and some fall wheat. Frank Bull helped us with his team. Wife came down at noon for me to go for a or take Willie to the Doctor. I took him down to the new doctor (Dr. Knight). He pronounced it scarlet fever. He gave me some powders and some stuff in a bottle to swab his throat out with and some medicine for Simon for diarrhea. Got 100 lbs. flour of Patrick Sheeran at Sombra Grist mill. Chester Henry gave me his horses and buggy to take the children to the doctor (Dr. Knight) - call tomorrow. Wrote a letter to Percival Lowell, Gen pass agent for rates of fare and other particulars over Burlington & Quincy rail roads. (I am setting up with Willie).
- 27 Jul Helped Chester Henry all day. Stacked Frank Bull's fall wheat and finished cutting his. Willie was sick in the afternoon with heavy fever.
- 29 Jul Worked for Chester Henry all day. Was cradling barley at Frank Bull's and cocking. Dr. Knight called in to see Willie, he said he was better. Samuel Poland commenced to draw in his barley from lower place. Chester Henry and Frank Bull went to Wallaceburg for steam threshing machine. Wrote a letter to W.J. Gurd about payment on place.
- 30 Jul Worked all day for Chester Henry plowing out potatoes and was painting steam engine. I was taken with pain in my right breast so bad at night I could hardly move my arm.
- 31 Jul Rode down town with Dr. Knight. He said it was brown chitis that caused the pain in my left breast. He gave me a bottle of liquid medicine and said I was to put a mustard plaster on my breast and then a poultice.

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- 01 Aug I was not able to work. Went over to the river, borrowed Capt. William Rattray boat. Got some bee oil - cost me 31 cts, bought a scribes book for the Sons of Temperance Lodge, River Corners - cost 2 cts. Chester Henry commenced to thresh today for the first at George Robinson's. Made a box to hunt bees with this afternoon. S. Poland finished stacking barley.
- 02 Aug George & Thomas Mulligan got a new engine for threshing yesterday in Sarnia. Got it from Stephens, Turner & Burns, London, Ont. Helped Chester Henry all day. Commenced to cut his oats.
- 03 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day. Finished drawing in his fall wheat and took reaper to F. Bulls. George & Thomas Mulligan are trying their new iron horse.



Mrs. Delbert Youngs  
Martha Isabel Hardick  
Age 16 1872

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- 04 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day at Frank Bull's, cradling oats.
- 05 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day binding oats at Frank Bulls. Killed mad dog at Delbert Youngs. Came in front of my place. Mrs. Delbert Youngs thought the dog was only dry, she offered him some water and he would not notice it, the dog followed her in the yard, she shut the front door, when she shut it the dog tried to get in at the window but she was too quick for him. The dog then went around to the back door, shoved it open and Mrs. Youngs shut herself in the bedroom with her two children. They shot the dog three times before they killed him. I was working out at Frank Bull's, Patrick O'Hare, Gilbert Brown, Curtis Wright, Delbert Youngs, Charles Henry, Samuel Poland, his two sons, Simon & Bill.
- 06 Aug Helped Chester Henry threshing oats all day.
- 07 Aug Was not to Church or Sunday school. Was over to Samuel Poland's in the afternoon. Wife and children were there.
- 08 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day. Was threshing oats and drawing in oats. Simon and Bill Poland and Alex Chartier were in Mrs. Broad's orchard last Saturday night, she found out it was them and came to Simon and scared him into telling the whole affair. She was a going to give him clear and punish the others. Bill Poland and A. Chartier left for Uncle Sams. Samuel Poland has got his 45 15/16 lbs. of flour that I borrowed of him.
- 09 Aug Helped Chester Henry one half day at Frank Bull's cradling and binding oats. Finished Frank's oats the cutting. Chester Henry's steamer is threshing for Samuel Poland on my place.
- 10 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day binding oats. Frank Bull was there with his steamer. Chester Henry finished threshing Samuel Polands fall wheat and barley on my place. Had 95 bushels of fall wheat & 250 bushels barley.
- 11 Aug Commenced to work for Chester Henry by the month at \$15. per month. Worked all day, got 6 oz. of woolen yarn for socks at 6 cts per pound (drawing manure and cleaning up fall wheat for a grist).
- 12 Aug Worked all day for Chester Henry drawing out manure.
- 13 Aug Worked all day for Chester Henry drawing out manure. Father got 100 lbs. of flour of Chester Henry on work at

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26 cts. per lb. Stepmother got a letter from father last night - he has left Alpena and to St. Joseph to a land island. John Collins address Tenly Bay Post Office, Algoma, St. Joseph Island.

- 14 Aug Wife was over to Marine City today - spent \$1.12. Samuel Poland and wife were over today - cooked two kolrabi.
- 15 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day. Frank Bull's stacking oats all done.
- 16 Aug Paid John Carpenter 69 3/4 lbs. flour bag and all. Helped Chester Henry all day drawing in oats and finishing cutting.
- 17 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day binding and drawing in manure.
- 18 Aug Had Samuel Poland's team to draw water - drew three loads. William Poland came home this afternoon.
- 19 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day drawing manure.
- 20 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day drawing manure.
- 21 Aug Was over to Sunday school. Stayed to church. Was over to Samuel Poland's for supper.
- 22 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day threshing at Frank Bulls. Frank had 266 bushels oats and 150 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels barley. Mrs. Sherky made me a steeple straw hat for 25 cts. Paid her for it yesterday.
- 23 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day drawing manure and cleaned up 5 bushels of wheat by weight 43 lbs. \$1.25 per bushel - \$5.32. Served Mrs. Stratton with a notice not set any fires near my line fence that I would hold him responsible.
- 24 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day, gang plowing. W.W. Coles show Sarnia today.
- 25 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day. Finished gang plowing and finished drawing oats. David Stratton served me with a notice that he intended to burn his fallow and that I was to take care of my stuff and that he would not be responsible for it. Cleaned up 10 bushels of fall wheat to pay Daniel Grave's wages.
- 26 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day at Lawrence Johnston's. My father came home from St. Joseph's Island.

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- 27 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day threshing at Lawrence Johnson's. Plowing at Chester's in afternoon. Mary was down town fore noon, bought me two new shirts.
- 28 Aug Father and Samuel Poland was here in fore noon. I went down to Chester Henry's and Father's in afternoon.
- 29 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day drawing water. Drewed one load for myself.
- 30 Aug Helped Chester Henry all day threshing at Alonzo Lapish. Had 480 bushels in all together. Fires raging hard. I came home and watched all afternoon. Patrick O'Hare had a large fire in his front field. Samuel Poland drew his wheat home, he was afraid it would burn up as fire was coming from the south very fast. Polly bought me 1 pair suspenders.
- 31 Aug I had to stay home and watch fires. Raining afternoon.
- 01 Sep Helped Chester Henry all day plowing.
- 02 Sep Helped Chester Henry all day plowing. Polly made me a broom out of \_\_\_\_.
- 03 Sep Helped Chester Henry all day plowing.
- 04 Sep Was over to Samuel Poland's for dinner. Went to Indian Creek for wild grapes.
- 05 Sep Helped Chester Henry on half day. Came home to fight fires.
- 06 Sep Helped Chester one half day. Came home to fight fires. The fire came up in east corner of front field. Burned about 30 rods of fence.
- 07 Sep Bill Poland helped me draw part of cross fence away from front field. Fought fires all afternoon. Hired John E. Carpenter for half month in my place to plow for Chester Henry while I am fighting the fires. He is to take my place as soon as they are done threshing at Mrs. Albert Henry's. Had a bilious attack afternoon. Mrs. John Whaley was over getting some sewing done on the sewing machine.
- 08 Sep Watching fires all day half sick. Polly has gone over to Charles Brown's. Bill Eyer's threshing.
- 09 Sep Helped Mrs. Albert Henry all day threshing.

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- 10 Sep Helped Mrs. Albert Henry all day threshing. She had 470 bushels oats, 134 bushels barley, 86 bushels fall wheat. Cut the bee tree that I found on Bill Eyer's on the 9th of July and I cut on halves, had about 8 lbs. of honey. Mrs. Peter N. Henry taken sick. Sent for Peter at Mrs. Albert Henry's threshing. Was out of her head.
- 11 Sep Polly was down to Peter Henry's all day. I stopped home with Willie.
- 12 Sep Helped Warren Henry clean fall wheat fore noon. Drewed 2 loads of water afternoon with Warren's team. Borrowed of Samuel Poland 46 lbs. flour. Polly was over to Robt. Stokes to get crab apples. Got a basket full for nothing. Stayed all day.



Warren F. Henry & wife Lydia (Bradshaw) c1875



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- 13 Sep Helped Warren Henry clean fall wheat fore noon. Went up to Mr. Mickey Stanley to sell him my cord wood. He was not at home. I weighed on Robt. Stoke's scales 184 1/2 lbs. in shirt sleeves. Polly was over to her mother's - washed and carried our clothes over.
- 14 Sep Commenced to dig my potatoes. Was over to Henry Lapish's to see Thomas & George Mulligan's new separator. Polly went to town afternoon.
- 15 Sep Polly stopped over home at her father's last night. She got home today 9 AM. Dug potatoes fore noon. The fires raged after it got in and old slashing I made last spring, then it got in William Hargrove's. Sent down for him. Him and I, George and father came up.
- 16 Sep Rained all day. Curtis Wright brought us up a basket of apples.
- 17 Sep Helped Chester Henry 3/4 of day. Sowed 3 1/2 bushel fall wheat on middle side. Frank Bull got Chester Henry's fanning mill and 8 bushels wheat. Cleaned up 11 1/2 bushels for Chester for seed sowed 3 1/2, cleaned 16 1/2 bush. Leaves 8 bushels yet to sow. Pat Sheeran got 46 lbs. of hay and 10 bushels fall wheat for John \_\_\_\_\_. I got two little pigs from Chester Henry.
- 18 Sep Was down to Father's for dinner. Was to Chester Henry's in fore noon. Was back in Chester Henry's field getting some grapes to eat. Polly was up home.
- 19 Sep Helped Chester Henry all day. Borrowed for him of Peter N. Henry 6 bags fall wheat from machine, 11 3/4 bush. when cleaned up for Chester Henry, 8 1/2 bush. Grown on summer fallow and oats stubble.
- 20 Sep Digging potatoes. Eliza Evers here in morning. Fire in S.W. corner of front field. Bumagilard heap on fire where I live or own on lot 6, 12 con. Sombra. Mary went over to her mother's with Mrs. Eliza Evers to get some tomatoes from Mrs. Evers.
- 21 Sep Sowed 2 1/2 bush. wheat for Chester Henry. Finished digging my potatoes. Mary went to town - sold her butter to Miss Alice Lapish 25 cts. per pound. Got 8 cts. worth sugar, 2 lemons, 1 lb. shot for me.
- 22 Sep Simon Poland helped me 1/2 day sawing for brush fence for the cross fence that burned partly. Fixed brush fence afternoon. Mary was over home.



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- 23 Sep Mary washed over home. Finished making brush fence. Shot 2 partridges at noon, cleaned them. Bill Eyer's home, machine broke down.
- 24 Sep Helped S. Poland cut corn all day. Mary sold 2 lbs. butter to Mrs. Thomas Moshier for 50 cts.
- 25 Sep Rev. Mr. Gifford preached 3 sermons in Bethel Church. I heard two of them.
- 26 Sep Cleaned out bush well for water for house use. Helped Delbert Youngs clean up oats for Mrs. Albert Henry. We was to meeting at Bethel afternoon.
- 27 Sep Went down to river. Mr. Catton hired me to help him thresh afternoon. Stopped at Catton's all night. Rained all night.
- 28 Sep Helped Catton fore noon. Helped him all together 1 day. He owes me one dollar. He paid me. Went down town bought me 3 1/2 yds. brown duck for 70 cts. We was to social at night.
- 29 Sep Was over to Peter Sherkey's fore noon to help him raise up granary for home. Afternoon was down to see Thomas Bury for a job in shanty. Got promise of one. He gave me a job of cutting stove wood for 3/ until I go to shanty. Mrs. Holland Shorts buried Bury grave yard. I got 60 1/2 lbs. flour from Chester Henry. Found my beetle rings at Poland's.
- 30 Sep Made a beetle. Found my iron wedge. Marked logs for stove wood.
- 01 Oct Rained fore noon, shot two partridges, sawed stove wood. Simon Poland helped me 1/2 day. Simon Poland helped me in afternoon.
- 02 Oct Rained all day Sunday. Was over to Poland's twice. Down to Delbert Youngs once. Bury told me that I could do chopping soon as I liked. Poland's was to my place fore noon.
- 03 Oct Delbert Youngs and I were out to look at the place where we are going to chop. Shot two partridges.
- 04 Oct Was over to Samuel Poland's. Borrowed one window sash, brought home wife's wash tub and fixed brush fence fore noon. Delbert Youngs and I went out to Mr. Rathburn's. Stayed all night so we could get to work early at building the shanty.

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- 05 Oct Raised the body of our shanty and got out to Rathburn's before sun down.
- 06 Oct Made basswood trough and covered our shanty forenoon. Cut the road out and walked home before sun down.
- 07 Oct Borrowed James Hargrove's lance saw and old stove. Got Peter Henry to take us out to the shanty on Monday.
- 08 Oct Cut corn for Peter Henry part of fore noon until 1 o'clock PM. Helped Samuel Poland thresh afternoon.
- 09 Oct Mary was over to Sunday school. I went over to church. The preacher did not come, had prayer meeting.
- 10 Oct Peter N. Henry moved Delbert Youngs and myself to shanty. Got there about 11 o'clock AM. Hung door. Made floor and bedstead afternoon.
- 11 Oct Sawed fore noon. Cut 1 1/2 cords. Corked shanty with moss afternoon. Rained that night.
- 12 Oct Rained fore noon. Sawed afternoon. Filed saw fore noon. Had 3 1/2 cords, piled it tomorrow afternoon.
- 13 Oct Cut wood all day. Thomas Bury was to our shanty for dinner.
- 14 Oct Cut wood fore noon and part of afternoon. Wallace & Christopher Micks, John Goodman & Ben Booth came to shanty for dinner. We came out home with them by Reid's ferry. Rained afternoon.
- 15 Oct I went down town. Chester Henry gave me five dollars on wages. Delbert Youngs and I went over to Marine City for a new cross cut saw. Got a six and one half foot saw for 40 cts. per foot = \$2.60, 2 files 35 cts., duty on saw 90 cts. Got 27 lbs. flour from Chester Henry. Samuel Poland paid Chester Henry his threshing bill. Filed part of new saw. Got new pair boots at Peter Cattnach's for \$3.75. Gave him my note for \$28.64 payable 1 month from date. I bought four lemons for wife to make preserves at 5 cts. each = 20 cts., ferrage 15 cts.
- 16 Oct I was down to Delbert Youngs. Took dinner at Peter Henry's. Polly went over home. I went after her.
- 17 Oct Simon Poland helped me fore noon draw rails for fence which burned up just after harvest. Delbert Youngs helped near all day. James Bury two crosscut saws to file for

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him. Laid up cross fence. Finished filing our (Delbert Youngs & mine) new crosscut saw (partnership saw) and tried it.

- 18 Oct Filed two crosscut saws for Thomas Bury fore noon. Father helped me in fore noon lay up fence. Delbert Youngs and I went to shanty afternoon. I shot a partridge in lot 19 on the way out.
- 19 Oct Delbert Youngs and I sawed, split and piled 3 1/4 cords of hard wood.
- 20 Oct Rained fore noon and part of afternoon. Delbert Youngs and I sawed & piled 1 1/2 cords from wood in afternoon.
- 21 Oct Delbert Youngs and I sawed and piled 5 cords of wood all day. Filed saw at noon.
- 22 Oct Delbert Youngs and I sawed and piled 1 1/2 cords of wood fore noon. We came home afternoon. I shot one quail and one partridge on the way home. Paid us five dollars today on cutting wood.
- 23 Oct I was over to Samuel Poland's in morning, asked them over for dinner. They came. I signed a note of \$43.25 to Fawcett Livingstone Bankers, Wallaceburg, Ont. for six months. Willie went over in the morning with me, stayed all night.
- 24 Oct Went out to our shanty. Bought pork backenrons. Paid 14 12\ cts. per pound. Sawed part of afternoon. Indian came to us, lost, we put him on the right direction. Filed saw in afternoon.
- 25 Oct Put up 2 1/2 cords hickory fore noon. Examined timber and shot 2 partridges afternoon.
- 26 Oct Put up 7 1/4 cords white ash, making five dollars between us.
- 27 Oct Put up 4 1/4 cords of white ash. Came in at noon to put up shanty below us. They stayed in the Indian camp all night.
- 29 Oct We went down to Lambton Line to get clerk to measure our wood. Could not find him. I stayed until near noon. Went back to shanty, got home 3 PM.
- 30 Oct Backed a joint note for Samuel Poland to Brigden Bank for \$40.00 for six months dated Oct. 24, 1881. Was over to class meeting in afternoon. Family was over to Poland's

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for supper. Mr. Poland and two of his girls were over to dinner.

- 31 Oct Went out to shanty fore noon. Allen Grant went out with us. He was going to Burguay's to get work. Cut  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cords of wood afternoon. Found notice on shanty that if we wanted money to go to house on Lambton Line tomorrow.
- 01 Nov Cut  $1\frac{1}{4}$  of wood fore noon. Went to Lambton Line afternoon, we got \$10.
- 02 Nov Cut  $2\frac{1}{4}$  cords of wood. Wallace & Christopher Micks and Ben Booth moved out to there shanty last night.
- 03 Nov Cut  $\frac{3}{4}$  cords of wood. Came home afternoon.
- 04 Nov Helped John Allen butcher fore noon and filed his saw afternoon (cut up his hogs at night).
- 05 Nov I helped Samuel Poland all day fixing up a place to hang up beef. Killed one beef afternoon. John Allen gave me 13 lbs. of pork of helping him.
- 06 Nov Was over to church (all of us). Was to Samuel Poland's for supper. I gave one dollar cash to the missionary fund.
- 07 Nov Killed a beef for Samuel Poland fore noon. Delbert Youngs and I sawed stove wood.
- 08 Nov Delbert Youngs and I went to shanty fore noon and down to Lambton Line afternoon to see Edward Tulloch about price of wood cutting. Gives us 90 cts. for hickory.
- 09 Nov D. Youngs and I cut  $3\frac{1}{4}$  wood and filed saw. Ed. Tulloch gave us ten dollars yesterday.
- 10 Nov D. Youngs and I cut  $1\frac{1}{2}$  wood fore noon. Came home in afternoon.
- 11 Nov I went over to Samuel Poland's in morning. He gave me twenty dollars on rent. I went down town and paid Peter Cattanach \$25. on note and bought of him 1 overcoat \$11., 2 pair drawers \$1.50/4,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yards of cloth for over shirt \$1.75/4 = total \$14.25. He gave me six months time to pay it.
- 12 Nov I went out to see John Doran morning. He was not at home. Was to Frank Campstown Contway Funeral. Shot 1 partridge, split stove wood and banked house afternoon. Was down to father's in evening. He gave me his old clock (Bachelor

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clock). I took it home and fixed it up (it was the clock (eight day clock) my mother picked out for him before they were married.)

- 13 Nov I was down to Delbert Youngs fore noon. Was over to Poland's afternoon. D. Youngs was out to my place afternoon. I was not at home.
- 14 Nov Clock has run all right since father gave it to me after I fixed it. Delbert Youngs and I went to the shanty fore noon. Put up 2 1/2 cords wood in afternoon.

Eight Day Clock c1853  
Now owned by Richard Staza  
Great Grandson of James W. Carpenter



- 15 Nov Delbert Youngs and I sawed and split wood all day.
- 16 Nov Delbert Youngs and I put up 4 1/2 cords of wood.
- 17 Nov Delbert Youngs and I commenced to put up the addition to our shanty afternoon. Sawed fore noon.
- 18 Nov Delbert Youngs and I finished addition to shanty all excepting corking with moss.
- 19 Nov Delbert Youngs and I put up 2 1/2 cords of wood. I was down to Lambton Line to get some money. Got none. Came home afternoon. Snowed last night - first snow of this season.
- 20 Nov I was over to Samuel Poland's fore noon. Got 1 pound of tallow from him to grease my boots. Delbert Youngs and I went to shanty afternoon Sunday.
- 21 Nov Delbert Youngs and I sawed and split wood all day.

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- 22 Nov Delbert Youngs and I put six cords of hard wood.
- 23 Nov Delbert Youngs and I put up 2 1/2 cords of wood and filed our saw.
- 24 Nov Delbert Youngs and I put up 1 3/4 cords of wood. I went down to Lambton Line for money with Christopher Micks, got none.
- 25 Nov Tulloch clerk brought us up \$15. and gave me \$15. for Mr. Booth. Delbert Youngs and I put up 2 cords wood before we came home. I bought 1 gal syrup & 4 panes of glass 4/50 cts. for two weeks as I was coming home.
- 26 Nov I hired Jas. Roberts to help me saw fire wood fore noon. Gave him 25 cts. D. Youngs helped me 1/4 day saving fire wood. Killed pig for D. Youngs in afternoon and went down town. Bought 1 bush. beans for 16/, bought cap for Willie 6/. Bought a pig from Samuel Poland weighing 257 lbs. at 7 3/4 per pound and also a pork barrel 8/.
- 27 Nov I was over to class meeting. We was to Poland's for supper.
- 28 Nov Went to shanty fore noon. Sawed part of afternoon and filed our saw.
- 29 Nov Filed Mick's saw. They helped Delbert Youngs in my place, we put up 2 cords in afternoon.
- 30 Nov Sawed fore noon. I was sick afternoon. Gave Del 25 cts. for my part of the afternoon work. Put up one cord.
- 01 Dec Fixed our shanty 3/4 of day. Put up 2 1/4 cords of wood.
- 02 Dec We put up 2 3/4 cords of wood.
- 03 Dec We put up 2 3/4 cords of wood. Ed Tulloch gave us \$20. on chopping and we came home at night.
- 04 Dec I was over to church. Stayed to class meeting.
- 05 Dec We went to shanty fore noon. Sawed part of afternoon. I filed saw, Del put in window.
- 06 Dec We put up 2 1/4 cords of wood.
- 07 Dec We put up 3 1/2 cords of wood.
- 08 Dec We put up 2 1/4 cords of wood. I filed saw.

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- 09 Dec We put up 3 1/2 cords of wood.
- 10 Dec We put up 2 1/4 cords of wood. I filed saw. Came home at night. George Johnson gave me \$10. on chopping.
- 11 Dec I was out to Wilkesport to quarterly meeting fore noon. Was over to Poland's afternoon.
- 12 Dec Helped Del. Youngs saw stove wood part fore noon. Started for shanty, got as far as Albert Shaw's shanty on lot 18 11 con where Walter Shortt's and Ben Savoy are chopping. Stayed with them all night.
- 13 Dec Ben Savoy and Walter Shortt went out to our shanty with us. Ben shot two partridges on the road out. They had dinner with us.
- 14 Dec Del. and I cut 1 3/4 cords of wood.
- 15 Dec Del. and I cut 2 1/4 cords of wood (Dec. 12 I bought 1 bottle of Jacob's oil at Parkinson's for 50 cts.).
- 16 Dec Del. and I cut 1 1/4 cords of wood.
- 17 Dec Del. and I cut 3 3/4 cords of wood. I filed saw. Came home tonight, got home 8 o'clock.
- 18 Dec All of family were over to church. Went through the bush. Came back round by the road.
- 19 Dec Filed my saw fore noon. Went to Mrs. Albert Henry's stove wood bee afternoon.
- 20 Dec Went to shanty fore noon. Sawed wood afternoon. Spitted rain.
- 21 Dec Delbert Youngs and I went down to Township fore noon. Shot 1 hare rabbit afternoon. I hunted and shot 1 partridge.
- 22 Dec Rained all day. I hunted, shot 2 hares. I seen Mrs. Craig at her school at noon.
- 23 Dec Sawed part of day. Went down to Lambton Line for money - got none. Was to send it out by Thomas Bury on Saturday.
- 24 Dec Split and piled 2 3/4 cords of hickory wood and came home in afternoon.



James W. Carpenter  
Diary - 1881

- 25 Dec Samuel Poland family were over to spend Christmas with us. Bury brought us \$10. in money from E. Tulloch.
- 26 Dec Sawed stove wood fore noon. Went to shanty in afternoon. Sent \$1. in money to Chatham to pay for my fanning mill.
- 27 Dec We put up 2 1/4 cords of wood. I filed my saw all but setting it.
- 28 Dec We put up 1 1/4 cords of wood.
- 29 Dec Sawed part of day. Delbert Youngs went down for Johnson to measure the wood. He came and measured part of it.
- 30 Dec I and Johnson measured up balance of wood. Delbert piled up 1 1/2 cord that we had cut yesterday. Went down to Lambton Line for our money, settled with Tulloch. He paid us as of at the rate of 90 cts. per cord for hickory & 50 cts. for white ash. We had 84 cords of hickory & 22 cords of white ash. We sold our share of the stuff to highest bidder. Delbert got my share saw for \$1.40, files 15 cts., syrup 37 1/2 flour 48 3/4 cts. soda and paper 4 1/2 cream tartar 5 cts. = total \$27.23. I got the vinegar for 1 1/2 cts.
- 31 Dec We came home fore noon. I went down town afternoon. Got slate for Willie and one for Annie Poland. Paid Peter Cattanach \$3.65 balance due on note, got my note from P. Cattanach. Chester Henry gave me \$9. on work. Sent one dollar forward on Mrs. Chester Henry.



Emma Line Henry c1910  
Mrs. Chester Henry



James W. Carpenter  
Diary - 1882

1882  
Sombra Twp., Ontario

- 01 Jan We were over to Poland's to spend New Years. I went to church and Sunday school. Was put in superintendent this quarter.
- 02 Jan Settled with Samuel Poland for my rent. He paid me \$28.98 balance due me. I was down to election and was over the river to see Staley about logs. He offers \$3.50 per thousand. I bought gun warmer, iron side for heel of boots in Marine City. In Sombra 1 broom 20 cts., 1 pocket rule for 25 cts.
- 03 Jan I went to Courtright to pay sewing machine note for \$20. at the American Express Office. Bought 4 sticks of braid 20/5, 5 yds. straw ticking \$1.00/20, 2 lbs. crackers 10 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts.
- 04 Jan I went over to our shanty to get the rest of my things that I left there. Sold Delbert Youngs my pail for 20 cts.
- 05 Jan Jas. Stubbs came after me to make bolts for him. Gives me one dollar per cord. John E. Carpenter is going in with me. We get our board at Langworth log house on Side Road, lot 16 con 11 for \$2.50 per week. John E. Carpenter helped me saw stove wood afternoon and I asked for bee hands for tomorrow afternoon to cut stove wood.
- 06 Jan Stormed part of fore noon. I filed Poland's cross cut saw. Sie & Bill Poland, Charles Allen, John & James Roberts, & John Carpenter were to my bee afternoon. Cut about 7 cords.
- 07 Jan I set my saw this morning. Broke one tooth out. Sie & Bill Poland and team were over drawing me up some fire wood part of day. John helped me in afternoon. I helped Poland put side in jumper 1/2 day.
- 08 Jan We went over to Samuel Poland's. I was down to Sunday school. I was late.
- 09 Jan John and I went out to cut bolts for Jas. Stubbs and John Heyland - cut 1 1/2 cords.
- 10 Jan John and I cut 2 1/4 cords of elm bolts today on lot 17 11 con for J. Stubbs and Heyland

James W. Carpenter  
Diary - 1882

- 11 Jan John and I cut 2 1/4 cords of elm bolts today. I filed saw in the morning.
- 12 Jan John and I cut 2 cords of elm bolts today (Jan 14 we got done on Sat). Afternoon at 2 PM. waited at Parkinsons until Stubbs and Heyland came out to pay us. They gave us \$12.
- 13 Jan John and I cut 2 1/2 cords of elm bolts today.
- 14 Jan John and I cut 1 1/2 cords of elm bolts today. I bought me a pair of felt boots at Parkenson's for \$3.50. John and I paid our board \$4. I got by beattle rings fixed for 10 cts.
- 15 Jan We were all over to church and Sunday school. Crassy man preached.
- 16 Jan John Carpenter helped me saw rail cuts. Broke axe handle. Ground axe at night and put new handle in it.
- 17 Jan Split rails part of day. Went down town afternoon. Traded at Peter Cattanach tick \$2.60.
- 18 Jan Split rails all day. Finished splitting rails for cattle yard.
- 19 Jan I filed Poland's saw fore noon. John Carpenter helped me saw elm bolt logs afternoon.
- 20 Jan Sie Poland drew rails for cattle yard all day. I went over to Wilkesport with two iron wedges to get drewed out - cost 30 cts. 15 cts. each. Set saw - made 5 cts. Got home 9 o'clock PM.
- 21 Jan Set Poland's crosscut saw and filed Pat O'Hare's crosscut saw. Charged 2/ and 4/. Hunted path afternoon - got nothing. Filed John Allen's crosscut saw no charge. Polly got 12 needles for machine from Shaw.
- 22 Jan I was over to Sunday school. I was late. Stayed for class meeting. Got letter from Buena Vista.
- 23 Jan Mary posted a letter to cousin M.E. Hickox, Skagit City, Whatcom Co., Washington to be returned in sixteen days if not called for. John helped me all day make bolts. We made 1 1/4 cords elm bolts.
- 24 Jan John helped me all day make bolts. We made 1 1/2 cords elm bolts. Filed my saw in afternoon.

James W. Carpenter  
Diary - 1882

- 25 Jan I went to Wilkesport fore noon. Got 50 lbs. flour \$5.25 per hundred - cost \$1.63, 1 file 25 cts., 1 hair pin 8 cts. It rained afternoon. John and I hunted. Cut elm bolts 1/4 cord.
- 26 Jan Rained all day. John and I hunted. Cut maple bolts 1/4 cord. I filed Poland's saw afternoon.
- 27 Jan Gilbert Brown's stove wood bee. John went fore noon. Helped me part of afternoon.
- 28 Jan John helped me afternoon. I sawed alone fore noon. Cut maple bolts 1 1/4 cords. Total this week 5 1/2 cords bolts.
- 29 Jan I was over to Sunday school. Stopped to class meeting. There was no preaching - travelling minister preaching funeral sermon at Pt. Lambton.
- 30 Jan John helped me all day making bolts, cut 1 1/4 cord elm bolts.
- 31 Jan John helped me 1/2 day making bolts, cut 1 1/4 cord elm wood bolts. I went to town afternoon. Got on credit \$2.57.
- 01 Feb John helped me all day making bolts, cut 2 1/4 cord elm bolts.
- 02 Feb John helped me 1/2 day making bolts, cut 1/2 cord elm bolts. I filed Ed Tomlin's saw fore noon. He worked in my place.
- 03 Feb John helped me 1/2 day making bolts, cut 2 cords. I filed my saw afternoon. Got a letter from Aunt Marilla. Mary got a book mark from cousin Lizzie McKay. There was a dance last night at George Hargrove's.
- 04 Feb John helped me 1/2 day making bolts, cut 1 1/2 cords = total this week 8 3/4 cords. Mary had a bad tooth ache, ear ache and sore face (cause suppose).
- 05 Feb I was over to Poland's for dinner. Went to Sunday school and class meeting afternoon.
- 06 Feb John helped me make elm bolts all day, made 1 1/4 cords. I got out some potatoes in morning. Was down town in morning before daylight. Posted post card. Number of cords rendered 14 1/4/.

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Diary - 1882

- 07 Feb John helped me make bolts 3/4 of day. Elm cut 3/4 cord. Peter Henry gave me \$10. on bolts in woods. Samuel Poland got 22 lbs. shots for my pig 8/ per hundred.
- 08 Feb John helped me make elm bolts 3/4 day, made 3/4 cord. I filed Poland's saw. Sie worked in my place.
- 09 Feb Gave John 2/ on work. Yesterday he was to dance at Joe Fournie's. I put up 1 1/2 cords alone. Crossed split and piled them.
- 10 Feb I got S. Poland's team to go to Wilkesport to get some flour. Got 300 lbs. for myself, 100 for Poland, 100 for Mrs. John Whaley at 3.5 per one hundred. I used 85 cts. of Poland's money and 10 cts. of Mrs. Whaley's for myself. I filed William Robert's saw afternoon. He helped me saw back to pay for filing it.
- 11 Feb Split bolts fore noon. Went to Wilkesport afternoon to take Miller's bag back. Posted a letter to Aunt Marilla Vanalstine.
- 12 Feb Was over to preaching and Sunday school. Wife and children were there.
- 13 Feb Curtis Wright helped me 1/2 day (PM) sawed I piled up 3/4 cord after Curtis went home.
- 14 Feb I filed Poland's crosscut saw fore noon. P. N. Henry measured my logs - gave me \$20. on them per Nomer Staley. I found bee tree in the bee tree we had cut down for bolts. Sawed it off so that we could bring it home tomorrow morning. Curtis Wright helped me 1/2 day PM. cut 1 1/4 cords of maple bolts. 20 cords to date P.N. Henry. Mary went to church tonight.
- 15 Feb Curtis Wright helped me all day cut 1 cord of elm and oak red. Samuel Poland brought over his team to draw home my bee tree that I found yesterday. Mrs. P. Henry had a quilting. Got them home all right.
- 16 Feb Filed my saw afternoon, cut 1/4 cord bolts.
- 17 Feb Curtis Wright helped me 1/2 day cut 1 cord elm bolts.
- 18 Feb Curtis Wright helped me all day. Sawed all day, gave him 25 cts. Borrowed 25 cts. from John E. Carpenter to pay Curtis Wright.
- 19 Feb I was over to Sabbath school and stayed to class meeting.

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- 20 Feb John E. Carpenter helped me 1/2 day cut 3/4 cords elm bolts (concert town hall - Catholic)
- 21 Feb I filed Charles Allen's & William Robert's crosscut saw and cut the drag of my own. Made a beetle. Got map of Eastern Washington Territory with books.
- 22 Feb Filed Samuel Poland's saw. John 1/2 day cut 1/4 cord elm bolts. Went to Sombra in afternoon. Bought me 1 new pair of boots for \$2.75, 1 file 25 cts., gave John \$3.50 on work. Went to auction sale. Bought cloth brush 20 cts., 1 pair hose 15 cts., bedcord 912 copy books each 24 cts., 1 pocket book 10 cts., 2 bundles shoe laces 10 cts. P.N. Henry gave me \$10. on bolts.
- 23 Feb John and I went to Delbert Youngs cutting bolts bee on Thomas Stokes place lot 9.
- 24 Feb John helped me all day cut 2 1/2 cords of elm wood bolts. Allen's borrowed my saw late today.
- 25 Feb John helped me all day cut 1/2 cord of elm wood bolts. Filed Jack Moran's crosscut saw.
- 26 Feb Samuel Poland and wife were here for dinner. I was to Sabbath school class meeting and preaching.
- 27 Feb I filed my saw fore noon. Sawed for father afternoon on John Ecclestone's place. 27 1/2 cords bolts to date.
- 29 Feb John helped me all day cut 1/2 cord elm bolts. I filed Joseph Dupuis' crosscut saw. Bill Hargrove's sawing bee. Rained afternoon. Heard blue bird, first blue bird. Fowlers Shaw school home
- 01 Mar John helped 1/2 day cut elm bolts 1 cord. Was to Bill Hargrove's bee afternoon.
- 02 Mar John helped 1 day cut elm bolts 1/2 cord. I filed P.N. Henry's saw and Bill Eyer's saw per Bill Robert's.
- 03 Mar Sawed at father's all day on John Ecclestone's place. Got notice of note due Dr. Merrison, Brigden.
- 04 Mar I went to Brigden paid \$20. for Dr. Merrison note. Note was in St. Thomas. Got a receipt for the note. Note to be sent to me by mail on Monday following. Got 1 patent saw set 4/. Sent \$1. to E.G. Rideout & Co. for subscription for Household Guest Magazine. Candy 15 cts.

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05 Mar I was to Sabbath School. Stayed class meeting. I was to Poland's for supper. Gave Poland his 35 cts. for flour.

06 Mar John helped me all day and father too. Cut 3 1/4 cords elm bolts. Afternoon I filed their saw.

07 Mar John helped me all day  
cut 1 1/4 cords elm  
bolts. Sie Poland  
drawed fire wood for me.  
Pd. Mrs. Whaley 10 cts.  
for flour.

08 Mar I helped father 1/2 day.  
I went down town  
afternoon. Got 1/2  
bush. beans at Andrew  
Smith's for \$1., dry  
apples 5 lbs. 40 cts.  
M.L. Burnham got hat at  
auction sale 75 cts.,  
15 yds. wincy 90 cts.  
Got a letter from cousin  
Ellen Hickox, Skagit  
City, Whatcom County,  
Washington Territory.



Andrew Smith, Merchant  
Sombra

09 Mar Rained all day. I filed my saw.

10 Mar Snowed fore noon. Got a pot from Emmaline Henry for 4/. Turned in work. I went to Wilkesport after to see W.A. Fowler to get him to lecture at Bethel. He promised to come and charge nothing - to get money for Sunday school papers.

11 Mar Helped father 3/4 day. Went down town afternoon and got \$1.13 worth of goods at Peter Cattanach.

12 Mar I was to Sunday school and class meeting afternoon. Was to Warren H. Henry's for supper.

13 Mar I helped father all day. Filed Jack Moore's saw afternoon. He worked in my place.

14 Mar I was out to Wilkesport to get Fowler to come out on Friday to lecture. He promised to come. I sent letter to cousin Ellen Hickox, Skagit City, Whatcom Co., Washington Territory. Helped father 1/4 day.

15 Mar Helped father 1/4 day. Went to town afternoon. Got 3 pair shoes at \$3.75 - total for Simon 8/ for Willie 8/

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- wife's \$1.75. Filed Bill Robert's saw fore noon and split stove wood at door. Went down town afternoon.
- 16 Mar Filed Charles Allen's saw. He worked in my place. Helped father 1 day, saw I worked afternoon.
- 17 Mar Filed my saw fore noon. Helped father saw all day.
- 18 Mar Rained all day. I went to town - bought at auction sale 2 guernsey shirts for wife. Warren Henry bought 2 cords of my wood in side line for \$1.50 per cord. Shirts for wife 30 cts. each.
- 19 Mar I was over to Sunday school and class meeting. Annie Poland was over to my place all day. Wife and I was over to Poland's for supper. Bill Poland came to our place for dinner.
- 20 Mar I sawed at father's all day. I gave 10 cts. for help towards paying boat fare for Mrs. Duncan McDonald to Port Lambton.
- 21 Mar I filed S. Poland's saw and Allen Grant's and set Charles Allen. Gave Poland cup ginger tea. Wife was up to Pat O'Hare's in afternoon. Poland bought 3 ton of hay from Joseph Richards, Wilkesport.
- 22 Mar John helped me 1/2 day saw stove wood. Sold him 1 rubber font 14/ six sheets note paper 5 cts. and 1 box cold water pens 5 cts. per pen \$1.75.
- 23 Mar Helped wife over to Poland's fore noon. Afternoon I split stove wood.
- 24 Mar I tinkered around house. Went to village afternoon. Got 12 yds. print \$1.50, 1 gal coal oil 2/, 1 pair shoes for Willie 8/, 3 yds. cotton 27 cts., 2 lbs. currants 10 cts., 5 cts. nutmegs.
- 25 Mar Was over to quarterly meeting Bethel. Tinkered around house afternoon.
- 26 Mar I went to quarterly meeting. Wife went over to her father's. Annie Poland stayed with our children. Meeting was held fore noon. I came home by sideline. Wife got home from her father's. I went over there. Poland was worse. They had sent for Dr.. Wife came shortly, she left Willie with Mrs. Robert's.
- 27 Mar Samuel Poland died this morning at 1 am. I went and got Peter River's and Alonzo Lapish to lay him out. They came



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and Edward Tomlin with them. I went down town fore noon to see when we could get coffin and get Minister. I was to father's in the morning and told him that Mr. Poland was dead and asked them to go over. They did get things for the funeral at Peter Cattanch's for Mrs. Poland and for myself and family. These things, thus 10 yds. Lustre 2/, 2 1/2 yds. waist lining, 18 3 yds. cambric, 2 spools 5 cts., 1 1/2 crepe 8/.

- 28 Mar I went down town with Simon Poland for the coffin. It was done. (Timothy Green made it.) He charged \$12. for it. The funeral was preached in Bethel Church at River's Corners by Rev. Pickard. Text - Job chap 14, verse 10. Patrick Conlin, Peter Rivers, William Fallace, William Roberts, William Evers, Francis Bull (Avery Tomlin took the corps) were the pall bearers. My Father and John Tomlin & Jas. Bury dug the grave. The funeral sermon was preached at 1:30 PM. Jas. Gallow drove mourners down. There was no teams beside as the roads were very bad, excepting Peter River's team. Me and wife stayed all night with Mrs. Poland.

TEXT AT SAMUEL POLAND'S FUNERAL: Job 14:10 - But man dyest and wasteth away. Yea man giveth up the ghost and where is he.

- 29 Mar Wife stayed with her mother and helped her wash. I went to father's fore noon and got my crosscut saw. Went to hunt fish in Clay Creek afternoon - got none.
- 30 Mar Wife and I and children stayed with Mrs. Poland last night. Came home this fore noon. John E. Carpenter helped afternoon to make bolts. Made 1 cord. Mrs. Roberts our place for supper.
- 31 Mar John E. Carpenter and father helped me all day make bolts - 1 3/4 cords and 1 cord of stove wood. Cut 1 1/2 cords maple and elm.
- 01 Apr John & father helped 1/2 day each. Cut 1 1/4 cords elm bolts. I filed my saw and William Robert's in afternoon.
- 02 Apr I was over to Sunday school. We elected officers. I am Bible class teacher and Ass. Superintendent for next three months. Stayed to class meeting. My family was to Poland's for dinner and supper.
- 03 Apr I got two pigs from John Ecclestone for 8/ each. Split stove wood in afternoon. Split 1 1/4 cords, piled it.



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- 04 Apr John E. Carpenter helped me all day. Father 1/2 day and 2 cords - 1 cord elm and 1 cord black ash. I have 40 1/2 cords made up to date.
- 05 Apr Rained all day. Made some cough syrup. Was down town afternoon and got 1 pint vinegar 5 cts., 7 lbs. sugar 70 cts., 5 lbs. currants 50 cts. and 1 comb 15 cts.
- 06 Apr Commenced to underbrush. Broke my axe handle. Made two and cut 3/4 cords stove wood.
- 07 Apr John and Father helped me all day cut 2 cords elm bolts.
- 08 Apr John helped me all day saw stove wood and bolts black logs. I was to Alonzo Lapish barn raisin. Frank Bull & William Fallace chose sides. Bill's side won.
- 09 Apr Went over to Mrs. Poland's in morning. I went to Sunday school. Stayed to preaching but not to class meeting.
- 10 Apr Wife is going to stay with her mother a few days to help her sew. I went down town fore noon. Was going over the River to get some money on my bolts. Could not get across river.
- 11 Apr I stayed at Poland's last night. Stayed around house most of the time. I was to father's PM.
- 12 Apr P. Henry came to my place to file his saw. I was waiting for Staley for some money. Got none. Went down town afternoon. Visiting cards had came at Mullen's. Duty 2/. Stayed at Avery Tomlin raisen on the way home. Wife came home with me through the bush.
- 13 Apr I sawed at father's all day. Frank Bull was plowing there.
- 14 Apr I sawed at father's all day. Frank Bull was plowing there.
- 15 Apr I went down town and over to Marine City with order from P.N. Henry, M.S. Co. for \$25. Got P.N. Henry is to get \$3. of it for himself. I get \$22. of it. I bought 1 bot. mucilage 10 cts., sent letters from Marine City - 1 to Conn P.O.M. order \$1.30, other Chicago P.O.M. \$2., cost of orders 26 cts., Ferrage 15 cts. Bought at P. Cattanach - 12 3/4 yds. print for wife's dress (second mourning) 1/per yd. \$1.59, 1/2 quire foolscap 2/ 13 cts., candy 5 cts., 1 lb. tea 25 cts. Came home from school house line, came home through bush from Poland's. Wife down to P.N.

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Henry's visiting. Jane Poland stayed at our place  
afternoon and tonight.

- 16 Apr I was over to Sabbath school. Stayed to class meeting.  
All family over to Poland's
- 17 Apr I helped father saw all day. Paid him for two pigs that  
he paid John Ecclestone for me which was \$2. Gave P.N.  
Henry \$3. of \$25. got from store at Marine City, Mich.  
Bill Poland commenced to sew on my place where I live.  
Sewing barley on west side of place.
- 18 Apr I filed Bill Poland's saw & my own fore noon. Polly went  
down town. I took care of children until noon. Bill &  
Sie are seeding here today. Wife had \$2. in money when  
she went to town to get 2 yds. lustre 50 cts., 5 postal  
cards 5 cts., 2 spools thread 10 cts., 3 straw hats at 2/  
1 for 20 cts. 70 cts. I helped father 1/2 day sawing elm  
bolts. Finished on Ecclestone place.
- 19 Apr I underbrushed fore noon. Fished afternoon. Caught one  
mud cat. Rained afternoon. Gilbert & A.C.H. Brown came  
home from Manitoba.
- 20 Apr Underbrushed fore noon. Bill & Sie Poland finished  
seeding this morning where I live lot 6 con 12. Sowed 22  
bushels of barley. Rained afternoon. Saw G.A. & C.H.  
Brown this morning.
- 21 Apr I underbrushed all day.
- 22 Apr Bill Robert's helped me all day to underbrush. John  
Roberts 3/4 day.
- 23 Apr I was to Sunday school. Stayed to preaching & class  
meeting. Rev. Moffat Presby. preached.
- 24 Apr I helped Bill Roberts saw all day on Pat O'Hare's place  
for elm bolts. Old Mrs. Duncan died this afternoon at Pat  
Conlins.
- 25 Apr I underbrushed fore noon. Burnt brush afternoon. John  
Roberts borrowed 16 1/2 lbs. flour.
- 26 Apr I underbrushed fore noon. Mary went to Mrs. Alonzo  
Lapish's to get her hat trimmed. Could not until Friday  
next. Bill & Simon Poland finished sewing on lower place.  
Sowed 24 bushels oats. Was two days putting it in.
- 27 Apr I underbrushed all day. Went over to prayer meeting.

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- 28 Apr I was to Mrs. Albert Henry's bee putting in spring crop. Sowed 16 bushels barley & 24 bushels oats. Had 14 teams with their drivers and had 8 men besides picking up, cleaning furrows and sowing. Bill and Sie Poland began to draw their elm bolts to river from my place.
- 29 Apr Father & Bill Poland helped me all day working in fallow. Father got a letter from Uncle James Carpenter, Skagit City, Washington Territory and I got one from Aunt Marilla Vanalstine to send to Uncle James Carpenter, letter from Alexander Carpenter, Imlay City, Mich.
- 30 Apr I was to Sunday school and class meeting. Wife was there too.
- 01 May I picked up and burned. Rained after supper.



John Edward Carpenter c1885  
Photo enlarged from locket

- 02 May I was to William Eyer's logging bee. Wrote a letter for Emmaline Henry to London. Wife gave her cold water pen

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and I sold one to Mrs. Albert Henry 5 cts. I gave her pen holder. Snowed last night.

- 03 May I filed Bill Robert's saw. John E. Carpenter & I went over to Marine City to get our picture taken. Got 2 taken for 20 cts. each. I am going to send mine to Cousin Ellen Hickox, Washington Territory. Spent in Marine City ferrage 15 cts., candy 10 cts., picture 25 cts, tin type postage 11 cts, 13 lbs. pork \$1.63, glycerine 10 cts. At P. Cattanaach 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 1 lbs. rice 12 cts., 4 lbs. dried apples 40 cts., nutmegs 5 cts. At Smith's 4 lbs. currants 10 cts.
- 04 May I got 2 bushels oats 80 cts. at Jacob Young's. May at father's. Asked bee hands in afternoon for a logging and plowing bee. Frank had his plowing bee.
- 05 May I had a logging and plowing bee. Had a good chore done. They done a good chore for me. Logged and plowed about 2 1/2 acres. Teams W.T. Henry & George Hargrove fore noon. Afternoon Simon Poland, Alonzo Lapish, Charles Henry. Mary Roberts and Jane Poland helped wife.
- 06 May I got up fire wood and filed part of my saw fore noon. I plowed with Warren T. Henry team for him.
- 07 May Sunday school class meeting after preaching.
- 08 May Planted strawberries fore noon. Fished afternoon. Rained afternoon.
- 09 May I was to Warren T. Henry's barn raising. Got done at 3 o'clock PM. Got my package of visiting cards from Conn. Mourning for Mr. S. Poland.



Samuel Poland Mourning Card

- 10 May I spaded garden fore noon. Went fishing with Bill Poland afternoon in Bear Creek, caught 5. Rained afternoon.

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- 11 May Rained fore noon. I went down town afternoon with George Hargrove. Wrote two letters for him. Sent for some more visiting cards and book. Had to go to Marine City to get post office money order for \$1.25. Order and postage 13 cts., ferrage 15 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., currants 25 cts. I heard from George Hargrove that John Collins had been burned out and two of his children burned so that they died next day. Two girls that died were Mary & Eva. They lived in St. Joseph Island, north of Lake Huron.
- 12 May Rained all day. I made churn cover and writing desk.
- 13 May I ditched my corn ground where I had my logging bee.
- 14 May I was to Sunday school class meeting. Gave Peter Rivers and Mrs. Grant one each of Samuel Poland's mourning cards.
- 15 May I finished planting my strawberries and ditched some.
- 16 May I commenced to plant my potatoes. Simon Poland harrowed my corn ground for me. Got done at supper time.
- 17 May Ditched and finished planting my potatoes - planted 3 bushels.
- 18 May I helped Bill Poland pile bolts. Piled 40 1/2 cords River St. Clair. Commenced to plant my corn at home.
- 19 May I planted corn for Bill Poland 3/4 of day. Charles Henry & Warren T. Henry corn planter.
- 20 May I planted some corn, undertook to make a corn planter - did not succeed. I went down town afternoon. Staley measured Bill Poland's elm bolts. Docked 9 cords for culls. I got 1/2 lb. powder 3 cts., 1 box caps 10 cts. Sie Poland got me 50 lbs. flour \$1.75. Wife went to Courtright with her mother for Bill clothes.
- 21 May I went to Sabbath school and prayer meeting. Wife and children over home.
- 22 May I finished planting my corn and planted citron and carrots and muskmelons.
- 23 May I planted beets and spinach & rhubarb seed & top onions. Shot 8 black birds and 1 red headed woodpecker.
- 24 May I made elm bolts. Sawed them alone 1/2 cords, 42 1/2 cords bolts to date of this line.

James W. Carpenter  
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- 25 May I saw some and filed Bill Poland's saw. Went down town afternoon. Sold Robert Stoke's wood in side line for 6/ per cord dock measure. He paid me for 10 cords \$7.50 if there is anymore he pays me where he draws the wood. I bought of P. Cattanach 10 lbs. currants \$1., 1 1/2 yds. bleached cotton 18 cts., 1 spool 5 cts., 1 paper redash, posted a letter 6 cts., one registered 5 cts. total 6 cts.
- 26 May Bill Poland helped me saw all day. Made 1 1/2 cords elm bolts and 1 4 cord wood. Wrote a letter for father to David Vanalstine, his nephew and done up some V. cards too.
- 27 May I fished 3/4 day. It rained all day. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Poland.
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- 28 May I was to Sunday school and stayed to class meeting.
- 29 May Father and Simon Poland helped me all day cut 1 cord bolts.
- 30 May Father and Bill Poland helped me all day cut 1 3/4 cords bolts. One cord was brush.
- 31 May Rained all day. I made card receiver for wife.
- 01 Jun Looked around brush fore noon. Went down town afternoon. Got 1 cross cut saw file at Andrew Smith 25 cts. and P. Cattanach 3 1/2 yds. b.denim 70 cts., 1 yd. cotton 10 cts., 1 spool cotton 5 cts., 1 wash board 25 cts., 1 lb. shot 15 cts. and 100 lbs. flour at the grist mill for \$3.50 from T. Barker.
- 02 Jun I fixed up some scare-crows on corn field. Cut roads afternoon.
- 03 Jun Rained fore noon. I made card receiver and fixed Bill Poland's umbrella. Wrote two post cards - one to Ottawa, Canada and other to Detroit, Mich. and posted them and got one broom 30 cts, 1 umbrella \$1., candy 2 cts. Paid Wallace. Rained best part of afternoon.
- 04 Jun Wife went over to her mother's fore noon. Her mother came back with her and stayed afternoon. Her and Mrs. John Allen were to our place for tea. I went to Sunday school and preaching and class meeting.
- 05 Jun Knocked around part of day. Went down town afternoon and got my saw handle at Mays Bk. Shop and bought at Peter Cattanach 1 pr. slippers \$1.25, 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts. Gave Andrew Mullins 2/ to pay duty

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on visiting cards when they came and he was to send them out to me.

- 06 Jun I was sick with bad cold. Fixed my saw handle.. Woods in morning. Filed Bill Robert's saw afternoon. Wife went up to John Allen's afternoon. I kept children, would not file Jack Dunn's saw as they would not bring any file.
- 07 Jun I filed my saw afternoon. Wife went over to her mother's. I was sick with cold.
- 08 Jun Bill Poland helped me saw fore noon. I had to quit at 11 am., sick with cold. Bob Stokes sent me out 100 lbs. flour. I went down to Warren T. Henry's and got some medicine from Dr. Merrison.
- 09 Jun I am sick and not able to work yet and did not do anything. Polly went down town. Took 2 lbs. butter and got 21 cts. per pound for it. Got herself 1 pair hose 2/.
- 10 Jun I had to go to bed. Was in bed all day. Polly went down town for medicine that Dr. Merrison was to send me by mail from Briden. It did not come. She bought at village - earthen crock of mustard 40 cts., 2 lbs. cheese 25 cts., 1 bot. coal oil 10 cts., smoked herring 5 @ 5cts. each, candy 1 lb. fruit crackers 13 cts., 1 cake maple sugar 5 cts., 1 box caps for Willie toy gun 1 ct., quine 2/. The books maps that I sent for to Ottawa and Detroit came.
- 11 Jun I was sick and not able to get over to Sunday school. Father and Mrs. Poland was over to our place for dinner.
- 12 Jun I was over to Mrs. Poland's fore noon. Went down town afternoon. Medicine had not come yet. I bought a bottle of Bosheess german syrup @ 6/ from Peter Cattnach Jr. & Co. and bought 1 pack shelled corn from Arthur A. Rattray for 20 cts. to plant mine over which rotted. Wife went down to Hannah Henry tonight - sick.
- 13 Jun Planted part of my corn over again. It had rotted owing to too much rain.
- 14 Jun Split and rosed basswood bolts. Wife sat up with Hannah Henry last night.
- 15 Jun Chored around house fore noon. Cut 2 pigs, planted over corn afternoon. Got Warren T. Henry's corn planter. Gilbert Brown smashed a buggy wheel against P.N. Henry's milk stand.



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- 16 Jun Finished planting corn over. Wife went over home with children. I went down town seen Bob Gormley about dragging my bolts. He would when roads get good. Bought 1 pen at P. Cattnach's for \$1.
- 17 Jun Picked potato bugs off from potatoes fore noon. Cut welts to my bolts that is part of them. Jacob Young warned me about doing statue labour Monday.
- 18 Jun I and whole family was over to Sunday church and class meeting.
- 19 Jun I went down to James Hargrove to do road work. Rained, I came home. Cleared up at noon. I cut roads to my bolts afternoon until supper. Hoes potatoes after supper. Corn that I planted June 13 is up to 2 1/4 inches high.
- 20 Jun I worked on the road fore noon. Afternoon I went down town and voted for Mills M.P. Grand mother's books and maps of Manitoba. Held scraper for Solomon Shortt's team.
- 21 Jun I worked on the road all day. Held scraper for John Broad's team. Had dinner at George Hargrove's. Rev. Mr. Coats was at Peter N. Henry's (Free Methodist preacher). Wife was there, they had prayer meeting.
- 22 Jun I worked on road fore noon. Hoed potatoes and cleaned out well afternoon. Wife went down town with William H. Roberts. She bought at Peter Cattnach Jr. & Co. - 2 straw hats \$1., 1 fine comb 10 cts., 1 pair of mesh hose 20 cts., 2 spools cotton 10 cts., 3 yds. lace 12 cts., 1 yd. lustre 10 cts., 2 stick tape 8 cts., 1 darning needle 1 ct., 1 1/2 yds. muslin 30 cts., 2 yds. print 20 cts., 3 yds. cotton 30 cts., 3 yds. linen 66 cts., 3 yds. shirting 60 cts., 1 lb. ginger snaps 16 cts. on tick 2 cts. worth candy cotton.
- 23 Jun I hoed potatoes fore noon and got up fire wood. Helped Sie Poland afternoon. Wife, I and Mary Roberts went down to Mrs. Charles A. Brown's to get some tomato plants, got none.
- 24 Jun I was to Charles Henry's logging bee. Rained at 4 o'clock PM. until about half past five PM. Wife and Mary Roberts went down to see or set up with Hannah Henry. I kept children, they are to come back if there is anyone else there. They stayed all night.
- 25 Jun I was over to Sabbath school class meeting. Elected officers. I was chosen asst. Bible class teacher by W.T. Henry.



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- 26 Jun I finished hoeing my potatoes. Hired to Martin N. Henry to cut bolts for 6 days at 3/ per day to begin Thursday morning.
- 27 Jun We had first mess of our tame strawberries. I had hoed strawberries fore noon. Wife went down town fore noon. I kept children. She bought at Peter Cattanach's - on tick 2 1/2 lbs. currants 25 cts., 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 1 bar victo soap 10 cts., 10 nutmegs 10 cts., 1 lb. tea 25 cts., 5 sticks of candy 5 cts., 1 pair hose 18 cts., 1 pair child's hose 14 cts., 2 handkerchiefs 10 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts. I was hoeing corn afternoon. Wife washed in afternoon after she came back from village.
- 28 Jun I hoed corn all day. Wife went over home afternoon. Annie Poland was over to our place all day. Gave her cold water pen and Jane & Mag Poland a cold water pen. I had four large strawberries off from my vines this morning which measured the following No. 1 - 4 1/2 in. largest place around, 1 1/2 in. long, 1 1/2 in. through largest place, 1 in. through smallest place. No. 2 - 4 1/2 in. round in largest place, 1 1/2 in. long, 1 1/4 in. through. No. 3 - 4 in. round in largest place, 1 1/2 in. through, 1 1/2 in. long, 1 in. through smallest place. No. 4 - 3 3/4 in. round in largest place, 2 in. round in smallest place, 1 1/2 in. long.
- 29 Jun I helped Martin N. Henry saw and make bolts. Brought his saw home to file it.
- NOTE ON TOP OF PAGE: Look Sept. 12, 1881. Flour, Polands July 1 & 11th. James Hargrove's sale. They are going to Manitoba.
- 30 Jun Filed Martin N. Henry's saw. Fixed our sewing machine. Cleaned clock father gave me, runs all right. John Allen borrowed 22 1/4 lbs. flour from us. Rained 3/4 day. Picked mess of strawberries for breakfast - our tame ones. 4 messess altogether.
- 01 Jul I helped Martin N. Henry all day. Picked a mess of our tame strawberries for tomorrow. Have picked about 7 quarts from our vines to date. Mrs. Poland got 15 lbs. flour, pail and all.
- 02 Jul Wife & Willie went over to Church & Sunday school. I stayed home with Simon.
- 03 Jul I hoed corn all day. Had a mess of strawberries for breakfast. Wife and Simon went up to Allen's afternoon.

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Willie stayed with me and picked a mess of strawberries for breakfast tomorrow. 9 quarts of strawberries to date.

- 04 Jul I finished hoeing my corn at 2 PM. Cut roads to bolts afternoon. Wife gave 50 cts. to Mrs. Albert Henry towards tea meeting. I got 6 rings to put in pigs nose from Peter N. Henry 1/2 ct. each. Wife borrowed \$1. from Mrs. William Roberts. Mrs. Poland got 15 1/2 lbs. flour, pail and all. Jane got it.
- 05 Jul I sawed all day for Martin N. Henry. I borrowed pig ring pinchers of Nathaniel Henry.



M. Nathaniel Henry & wife Ann (Hubbel) c1873

- 06 Jul I helped Martin N. Henry all day making bolts, stopped to tea meeting on my way home at Bethel Church. Speaker present Rev. Mr. Hubbel, Elder Griffith chairman, Rev. Pickard. Proceeds of evening \$17.50 to have a social tomorrow night. Jane Poland stayed with our children. Wife and I were at tea meeting.
- 07 Jul I gave Jane Poland 3 handkerchiefs, one for her and one for Mag, one for Annie and 30 cts. to take them to social.

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- Helped Martin N. Henry all day making bolts. Social at church tonight 10 cts. each. Finished working for him.
- 08 Jul Rained fore noon. I put my young pigs out on the road. Proceeds of social last night \$3.20. Proceeds of tea meeting and social to apply on minister's salary. I went down town afternoon to Quarterly Board. Rode down with and back Warren T. Henry. James Hargrove's sale.
- 09 Jul I stayed home. Wife went over to her mother's. I kept children.
- 10 Jul I helped Simon Poland make bolts. Broke my axe handle.
- 11 Jul Sie Poland helped me cut Alex Chartier hay 2 acres. Got \$2., got done at 4 PM. Mrs. Poland was over to our place sewing, Tom and Annie with her. Mrs. Poland brought back 13 1/4 lbs. flour. Alex Chartier paid him \$1. Filed Poland's saw after supper.
- 12 Jul I helped Sie Poland cut bolts all day. I brought Mrs. Poland's crosscut saw gauge over to my place. Wife and children was over to Mrs. Poland's for supper.
- 13 Jul I went to Sarnia. Walked to Courtright, then got on the steamer Eclipse and went to Sarnia and back to Thomas Bury dock for 50 cts. I went to Sarnia to get payment extended on my place until Oct. 1st. Got at Geary's 25 cts. sperm oil 5 cts. ounce, at Clement's 5 cts. extract assividity at W. Johnston's, candy 5 cts.
- 14 Jul I helped Sie Poland cut bolts. I went to creek to fish with assividity. Got no fish.
- 15 Jul I helped Warren T. Henry hoe all day for 8/ per day. I owed him 30 cts. Borrowed, money 16 cts. on hymn books and 54 cts. in cash.
- 16 Jul My family and I were over to Sunday school and church.
- 17 Jul I helped Sie Poland all day. Sie found a swarm of bees on their place afternoon. Hived them twice and took them down to Poland's house. Martin N. Henry paid me for work. I was down to Bill Lancaster for prayer meeting.
- 18 Jul Chored around the house. Rained afternoon a little. Fixed my cradle (grain) and the striking part of old clock. Polly went down town afternoon. Bought at Peter Cattanach - 1 porcelain kettle \$1.10, 10 lbs. sugar \$1., 1 gal. vinegar 25 cts., cloves 5 cts., cinnamon 5 cts., 1 ball done black lead 42 cts., peging awls 4 cts., 1 box

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coffee 15 cts., candy 5 cts., gum 1 ct. = total \$4.14.  
Wife gave Mrs. Roberts \$1. in pay for borrowed money.

- 19 Jul Done nothing much fore noon. Peter Chartier came over for me to help him afternoon. I went and worked late. He gave me \$1.00/8/ for it. Mrs. Chartier gave me 4/.
- 20 Jul Done nothing. Mrs. Poland, Mrs. Christopher Walker, & Mrs. Peter Henry were visiting at our place. Wife washed fore noon.
- 21 Jul Fixed Bill Poland's cradle and went to bush and got some cradle finger. Shaved them out and put them in back to dry. Father came up to get me to help him stack hay tomorrow.
- 22 Jul I helped father all day drawing in hay. John E. Carpenter, George Hargrove stacked, Bill & Sie Poland commenced to cut their barley.
- 23 Jul I and my son, Willie, were to Sunday school and class meeting. Wife and Simon were over to her mother's. We were all there for supper.
- 24 Jul I commenced harvesting for Bill & Sie Poland. Finished cutting barley on their own place and cut some for Joseph Dupuis. Helped Bill and Sie Poland all day.



Courtright c1890

- 25 Jul Cut barley at my place. Mrs. Roberts was confined. Wife was there. She had a young daughter. Wife stayed longer than she had ought and her and I had a perfect row. Put a

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slot in my cradle finger and ground Sie Poland's cradle scythe.

- 26 Jul Finished cutting barley on my place where I live and stacked two loads of barley at Poland's own place. Mrs. W.B. Evers was at our place all day visiting.
- 27 Jul I helped Bill & Sie all day stacking barley. 1 load got out. Wife was over home afternoon.
- 28 Jul I helped Bill and Sie all day. We cut wheat on my lower place.
- 29 Jul I helped Bill and Sie all day. Bill finished reaping. I & Sie have round and set up east side ditch.
- 30 Jul Wife and Willie were over to Sunday School and church. I stayed home and kept Simon with me.
- 31 Jul I helped Bill and Sie all day binding wheat fall on my lower place. Rained about six o'clock - did not finish binding them.



Hannah Maria Henry c1881

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- 01 Aug Wet all day. I did nothing. Wife went down to Hannah Henry's. I kept children. I got dinner. Mrs. Ellen Evers borrowed my sewing awl for her husband to fix harness.
- 02 Aug I did not do anything much fore noon it being wet. Worked for Bill and Sie from 11 am. to 4:30 PM. binding wheat on my lower place and turning barley on upper place.
- 03 Aug Wet fore noon. Barley growing in the bunch as left by reaper. I helped Mrs. Albert Henry mow barley afternoon.
- 04 Aug I helped Mrs. Albert Henry from 8 am. to 11 am. Rained all of fore noon. Helped Bill Poland fix his reaper afternoon. He was to my place for dinner and supper.
- 05 Aug I done nothing fore noon. I helped Bill & Sie from 3 PM. to 8:30 PM. We were turning barley for the second time. It is growing very bad.
- 06 Aug Wife and Willie went over home. Bill and Sie Poland drew in barley on my place where I live. Sunday Joseph Declare helped them.
- 07 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland all day drawing in barley. Rained at 6:30 PM. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach Jr. & Co. for cash - 5 yds. brown denim \$1., 1 bib for Sie 15 cts., bluing 5 cts., 1/2 lb. starch 6 cts., 3 bars eclipse soap 25 cts., candy 2 cts., 1 towel 12 cts., 3 yds. blue denim 60 cts.
- 08 Aug Rained this morning. I helped Bill and Sie afternoon. Spread and cocked barley and finished stack at their place. Mrs. George Mulligan and Jane Poland were at our place afternoon. Polly was to Mrs. John Allen's fore noon. Got some cucumbers.
- 09 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day. Finished stacking barley and commenced to stack fall wheat. Got in three loads of wheat.
- 10 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day stack fall wheat from my lower place. Bill Poland bought me 100 lbs. of flour.
- 11 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day stack fall wheat from my lower place. Polly and Mrs. Allen went to pick blackberries - got none.
- 12 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day - finished stacking their fall wheat and went and stacked Joseph Declare's afternoon.

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- 13 Aug Wife went over home in morning with Jane. Jane stayed at our place all last night.
- 14 Aug I helped Charles Henry all day bind oats.
- 15 Aug I helped Charles Henry fore noon. Helped Bill & Sie Poland afternoon.
- 16 Aug I helped Bill & Sie all day thresh at my place. We threshed 290 bushels fall wheat and 131 bush. barley.
- 17 Aug I helped Bill Poland thresh fore noon. Fixed up my chaff and bag grain afternoon. They threshed of wheat 290 bush. & 260 of which was growed on my place. Thomas & George Mulligan's Steam threshing machine.
- 18 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day bind and cradle oats fore noon on my lower place. Stacked oats for Peter Chartier after for Bill & Sie Poland.
- 19 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day bind oats on my lower place.
- 20 Aug Polly went over home. I got a letter from cousin Ellen.
- 21 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day. Threshed at George Mulligan's best part of the day. Cradled around stumps balance of day.
- 22 Aug I sent \$4.37 to M.D. Dawson to pay arrears, Weekly Herald, London. I went down town fore noon. Mrs. Samuel Poland gave \$2.50 on work per Bill & Sie. I missed the children. Afternoon wife went blackberry - got some.
- 23 Aug Rained fore noon. I bound oats for George Broad afternoon 10/ per day. Warren T. Henry threshed George and Tom Mulligan.
- 24 Aug I helped George Broad all day. Cradled afternoon. Sister Lucy came home today from Lexington. They paid me \$2. for 1 1/2 days work. Chester Henry helped them too.
- 25 Aug Wife and I and Mary Roberts and Annie Poland left children at Mrs. S. Poland's and went blackberrying in Ira Henry & Sam Gallow's ditch. I went down town and got me 1 pair of boots \$2.50 on tick. 1 straw hat 25 cts., 10 lbs. sugar \$1., 1 first book 5 cts., paid cash. Lucy came up to our place afternoon. Warren T. Henry agreed to draw my bolts 60 cts. per cord.



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- 26 Aug Warren Henry and I skided 14 1/2 cords of my bolts. I cut roads and helped him load up. Lucy stayed at our place last night.
- 27 Aug All of us were over to Mrs. Poland's for dinner. Went home, Went to Church and Sunday school, preaching and class meeting afternoon. Rained coming home.
- 28 Aug I cut roads to my bolts. Mrs. Poland was over to our place in the afternoon.
- 29 Aug I helped Robert Stokes thresh all day 9/per day. Thomas & George Mulligans machine.
- 30 Aug I helped Robert Stokes thresh one half day. I settled up with him in full to date. He owed me \$1.93, he paid me. I went down town and bought me an axe handle at A. Smith for 90 cts. One axe handle at M.L. Burnham's 15 cts. Went over to Marine City - ferrage 15 cts., potato pounder 5 cts., 1 funnel 5 cts., 2 coudo 60 cts., 2 sets of boot heal braces 20 cts. Warren Henry has 13 cords of my bolts out.
- 31 Aug Hung my axe and ground it some and helped Warren Henry with drawing my bolts. Wife paid Andrew Brown \$1.42 acct. in full to date. Charles Henry caught coon out of my corn.
- 01 Sep I cut roads and helped Warren T. Henry load my bolts in bush. The letter I sent to Uncle Wesley came back to me today. Miss Samantha Beach & Lucy Carpenter were visiting at our place.
- 02 Sep Helped Warren T. Henry skid my bolts fore noon. Wife and Mrs. Allen were picking blackberries - got 8 quarts. Rained part of afternoon. Peter Cattnach sent in his account amounting to \$49.22.
- 03 Sep I was over to Sabbath school. I taught class, no class meeting.
- 04 Sep Warren T. Henry finished drawing my bolts. I helped him load in bush and piled up some stove wood. Wife got 1/2 bushel barley of Mrs. Poland for pigs.
- 05 Sep I went over to Marine City to see Staley to measure my bolts. He measured them in afternoon. I had 52 1/4 cords in all.
- 06 Sep I piled stove wood fore noon. I went over to Marine City for my money. I had \$94.75 coming to me. They paid me.



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I got 1 hand saw \$1. and squire \$1.25 at L.C. Cottrell. Ferrage 15 cts., duty on saw and squire 60 cts. 1 brace stock 30 cts. at M.L. Burnham. 11 lbs. sugar \$1., candy 5 cts. I paid Peter Cattanaach \$25. on account. Post Office order to W.J. Gurd, Sarnia \$25. fee and postage for same 23 cts. to apply on payment of mortgage. Paid Warren T. Henry \$31. for drawing my bolts. Mrs. John Allen, Miss Laura May & Warren T. Henry, fell from saw log on trucks owing to pole slipping out of bolster that log was chained to by James Hargrove's old place. Mrs. Allen was hurt very bad, the others escaped with slight bruises. They had a narrow escape from death if truck had upset. George Hargrove jumped on hind wheel and kept truck from upsetting.

- 07 Sep I paid John E. Carpenter \$5.53 and \$1.25 of that is for Curtis Wright for making bolts. I helped George Hargrove thresh for Charles Henry. He had 250 bushels fall wheat, 100 bushels oats and 70 bushels barley.
- 08 Sep I helped Jacob Young thresh for Charles Henry. Threshed 357 bushels in all.
- 09 Sep I helped Jacob Young thresh for Warren T. Henry. Threshed 123 bushels barley, 515 bushels oats. Wife was down to Bob Stokes.
- 10 Sep Wife and Willie were over to Sunday school and church.
- 11 Sep I helped Jacob Young thresh all day at Chester Henry's. We threshed 297 bushels of fall wheat and 100 bushels barley, and 387 bushels oats.
- 12 Sep I helped Jacob Young 3/4 of day at Chester Henry's threshing. Threshed 75 bushels barley. I helped Mrs. Albert Henry 1/4 day thresh 57 bushels fall wheat.
- 13 Sep I helped Mrs. Albert Henry thresh 1 day. Threshed 91 bushels fall wheat, 125 bushels of barley and 235 bushels of oats. Coyle steamer machine.
- 14 Sep I helped Charles Henry thresh for Warren T. Henry. He had 130 bushels of fall wheat and 137 oats, 121 bushels barley. Charles Coyles steamer.
- 15 Sep Helped Lawrence Johnston all day for Warren T. Henry. He threshed 87 bushels barley, 284 bushels oats, 105 bushels fall wheat. Moved the machine over to other place and threshed 332 bushels fall wheat.

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- 16 Sep I helped Lawrence Johnston thresh for Warren T. Henry. Threshed 193 bushels fall wheat. I made a horse for to stand up and went down to father's afternoon. Was there to supper. They sent up some grapes to wife and children. Warren T. Henry agreed to draw my wood for 4/ per cord.
- 17 Sep We were at home all day. Jane Poland and Mary Ann Chartier and William Poland were at our place in the afternoon. Wife is not very well, has not been for a week.
- 18 Sep Warren T. Henry commenced to draw my cord wood. I helped him load in bush. I commenced to cut my corn. I went down town after 4:30 PM. I got at Peter Cattanach's - 2 3/4 lbs. cheese 34 cts., candy 1 ct. At M.L. Burnham's - 1 loaf bread 7 cts., 5 apples 2 cts., 12 smoked herron 5 cts. Paid cash. Jane Poland commenced to work for us until wife gets better. Got 1/2 bushel barley from Bill Poland.
- 19 Sep I cut corn most of day. Commenced frame for grindstone. Helped W.T. Henry with two loads of wood.
- 20 Sep I cut roads to cord wood fore noon. Cut corn afternoon. Robert Stokes offered me 12/ shillings per cord for softwood and 16/ per cord for hard wood. Had 1 ripe watermelon and 1 m. melon.
- 21 Sep Simon Poland helped me cut corn all day. I helped Warren T. Henry load three loads of wood in bush. He has my hardwood all out. Raining tonight. They killed another wild cat at Patrick Flynn's last night. Bill Poland brought me over 1 bag flour weighed 100 lbs. Bill Poland commenced to plow for all wheat on my place where I live.
- 22 Sep I worked at grindstone frame fore noon. Cut corn afternoon. Wife sick yet.
- 23 Sep I finished grindstone frame excepting for legs. Finished cutting my corn -shucked 1 shock. Wife went down town afternoon. She got at S.Green - beef 32 cts., at M.L. Burnham's - 6 apples 2 cts., ginger cakes 5 cts. and candy 3 cts.
- 24 Sep I was to Sunday school and preaching and class meeting. Warren T. Henry went to Bridgen for Dr. Merrison for his baby. The doctor had no hopes for him. He has diarrhea.
- 25 Sep Warren T. Henry's baby died 4 am., name Robert James Henry. Charles Henry brought me 100 lbs. flour. I husked corn part of fore noon. Dug grave for Robert James Henry.

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- 26 Sep I was to Robert James Henry funeral, Warren T. Henry's baby boy. Rev. Mr. Pickard and Elder Griffith were present. Born March 28, 1882. I cut corn for Charles Henry afternoon.
- 27 Sep Dug well fore noon. Helped Warren T. Henry load 4 loads. I cut 1/2 cord stove wood afternoon. Warren T. Henry has my wood all out of the bush. William Poland bought a horse from Edward Stubbs for \$100. and turned him out. Stock amounting to \$82.
- 28 Sep Warren T. Henry finished drawing my wood 22 cords. I sold wood to Robert Stokes for \$2. per cord for hardwood, 13 3/4 \$27.50; 12 1/4 softwood at 12/ \$12.37. I went down town and got \$1. worth of sugar, 2 w pails 40 cts., ginger 9 cts., cloves 5 cts., allspice 5 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., 5 lbs. nails 20 cts. at Peter Cattanch's. 8 lemons 20 cts. at M.L. Burnham's. I husked corn afternoon - 4 1/2 bushels. I paid Warren T. Henry for drawing wood and ten nights in barroom.
- 29 Sep I have commenced to fatten my pigs. I husked corn all day - husked 9 bushels. Preserved citron - 26 lbs. of citron with pound for pound sugar and lemons.
- 30 Sep I husked 8 bushels corn and carried it up to the house.
- 01 Oct I was over to Sunday school. Got money from Warren T. Henry and John J. Brown for S.S. papers. We are going to for papers 1 year \$7.92.
- 02 Oct I went down town fore noon. Sent Post Office money to David C. Cook for \$7.92 for Sunday school papers - order 10 cts., postage 3 cts. 1 bottle lemon 10 cts. I husked corn afternoon - 7 bushels. Mrs. Allen got her citron.
- 03 Oct I husked corn all day - 12 bushels. Brought it up to house.
- 04 Oct I helped Warren T. Henry clean up fall wheat 3 parts of day - 60 cts. 54 bushels. I husked corn balance of day - 3 bushels. Warren T. Henry fell short by weight 6 bushels.
- 05 Oct I received post card from E.C. Gurney about stove. I husked corn fore noon - 6 bush. Went down town. Sent letter with six dollars p.o.mo. to E.C. Gurney for three pieces for my stove. Wife was down town too. She got 3 bars soap 25 cts., 1/2 lbs. soda 5 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. currants 15 cts., 3 smoked herron 3 cts., candy 4 cts.,

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1/2 crackers 5 cts., apples 3 cts.

- 06 Oct I husked corn all day - 9 bush. Clara Beach and Mrs. Peter Henry and Miss. Charlotte Henry spent evening with us.
- 07 Oct I husked corn all day - 9 bush. beside seed corn. I paid Jane Poland 50 cts. balance due on work.
- 08 Oct I was over to Sunday school and class meeting. The officers were elected for the Sunday school 4th. quarter. I was elected librarian.
- 09 Oct I fixed cow yard and husked 6 bush. corn.
- 10 Oct I husked 9 1/2 bush. corn and went down to Thomas Bury dock to see if pieces for stove had come - had not. Mr. Peter Stover was killed in Fort Gratiot - cars run over him - cut both legs off.
- 11 Oct I helped Charles Henry fore noon clean furrows. I went down town afternoon. Bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 box Fowlers extract wild strawberry 37 cts., salts 5 cts., 2 pens 2 cts. Wife and I were over to tea meeting at Bethel - proceeds of tea meeting \$20.27. I was doorkeeper, Indian choir and Rev. Jacobs Indian Missionary, Walpole Island & P.C. in charge. Jane Poland stayed with our children. She commenced to work for us the second time on the 9th.
- 12 Oct I was sick all day. Wife went to Peter Stover's funeral at 1 PM. Shortt's are threshing at Father's today fore noon and at Robert's in afternoon. I cleaned up my little clock.
- 13 Oct Father helped me husk corn fore noon - 9 bush. He helped Bill & Sie Poland butcher a pig. Rained part of afternoon. I fixed striking part of my clock.
- 14 Oct Father helped me all day husk corn. Bill Evers threshed afternoon. Silvanus Green got 4 1/2 bush. corn @2/ \$11.28 and bargained for 25 bush. @ 50 cts.
- 15 Oct I was to Sunday school. Free Methodist held service in our Church.
- 16 Oct I threshed at Patrick O'Hare's for Warren T. Henry. Threshed 155 bush. barley, 130 bush. oats, 157 bush. fall wheat. Jas. & Joseph Stubbs machine.

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- 17 Oct Rained part of fore noon. Bill Poland paid me my rent \$70. I went down town got 1 bot. extract wild strawberry 37 cts., 1/4 apron linen 6 1/2 cts., candy 5 cts., nuts 5 cts. Peter N. Henry is threshing.
- 18 Oct I husked corn 8 1/2 bush. and went down town afternoon. Got 2 bbl. salt at Andrew Smith \$1.50, 1/2 lbs. soda biscuit 5 cts., 4 1/2 lbs. sugar 45 cts.
- 19 Oct I husked corn - 1 bush. and helped Bill & Sie Poland clean up barley. Silvanus Green came and got his corn 25 bush. at 50 cts. \$7.50. He paid all but 36 cts.
- 20 Oct Husked corn, Delbert Youngs helped me. Finished husking my corn 138 1/2 bush. beside my seed corn. Clara Beach and Charlotte Henry visited our place this afternoon.



Delbert Youngs Family c1897  
Delbert, Belle, Andy, John, Thomas, Martha (Hardick)  
Howard, Joseph, Frank

- 21 Oct I went to Sarnia. I walked up, got there 8:30 am. I made payment on my place \$68.75 and got gun lock fixed 3/ 1 butcher knife 4/ powder 1/ Wife's coat \$6., 2 rolls heavy paper and 5 box tacks \$7. (tacks 10 cts. each, paper 5 cts. per pound), 1 lb. fruit crackers 14 cts., candy 10 cts., fish 5 cts., 1 pocket book 30 cts., I walked to Sarnia in five hours - left home 3:30 am.

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- 22 Oct I and family were to Sabbath school and church and class meeting. I gave \$5. in cash to help pay on church and 25 cts. collection missionary. Wife signed 50 cts. to be paid in March.
- 23 Oct Delbert Youngs dug potatoes for me all day. Bill Poland helped me stack my corn stalks with his team 3/4 day. I wheeled balance of corn on wheel barrow - 16 bush. Butchered black pig. Warren T. Henry paid me 8/ for day I threshed for him at Pat O'Hare's.
- 24 Oct Cut up pig - weighed 127 lbs. Down to Thomas Bury's with Charles Henry. Got two rolls paper that I sent down on boat from Sarnia (bill pd. 15 cts.). I dug 3 bush. potatoes. Wife was down town. Bought 1 pair shoes for Willie \$1., candy 3 cts., fish 3 cts., 3 lbs. yellow sugar 24 cts., 1 scrubbing brush 2/.
- 25 Oct I helped Delbert Youngs hew down house at Alexander Meyers.
- 26 Oct I helped Delbert Youngs hew down house and cut out door, Meyer's same place.
- 27 Oct I finished digging my potatoes, dug 3 1/2 bush. and got them all up to the house - 13 bush. in all told. Pitted 10 bush. for winter. Dug my beets - had 5 bush., pitted 4 1/2. Bill Roberts borrowed my fanning mill, Thomas Bury scale.
- 28 Oct I helped Bill and Sie Poland thresh. Threshed 130 bush. barley, 175 oats.
- 29 Oct I was home all day. Sisters, Lucy and Mary, were up on visit afternoon.
- 30 Oct I was down town fore noon. Sent letter to E.C. Gurney about stove. Revival meetings at Bethel. Jacob Young paid 75 cts. balance due me on threshing. I pd. 50 cts. on work. I split wood part of afternoon and set some fires.
- 31 Oct Tacked some paper on wall and put Ochre on chamber floor. I was at Charles Henry logging bee after I got my corn meal home.
- 01 Nov Tacked on paper all day. Polly went down town afternoon and got 3 paper tacks 22 cts., lamp black 5 cts., peanuts 5 cts., glycerine 5 cts., 1 towel 1/, 1 gal. vinegar 30 cts., candy 4 cts., gum 2 cts., apples 1 ct., paper safety

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pins 10 cts., 1 yd. elastic 10 cts., linseed oil 22 cts.  
Sie Poland came over to stay all night. He and I are  
going to shanty tomorrow.

- 02 Nov Simon Poland and I were down to Morris's and Clancy  
shanty. Their shanty is full. Was to Loughheed shanty -  
hired to him for \$20. per month to cut wood (hickory) and  
elm logs. I and Sie went to Sombra after we came home. I  
went for the castings for my stove. They were at M.L.  
Burnham's. Freight on them 55 cts, paid it. Went to  
auction sale and bought 1 tin pail with cover on it 3  
quarts for 15 cts., 6 teaspoons iron 6 cts., 5 papers  
tinned carpet tacks 8 cts., smoked fish 5 cts. M.L.  
Burnham's I got at Wilkesport 1 pt. whiskey 10 cts.,  
camphor gum 10 cts.
- 03 Nov Put in stove backs and bottom. Put yellow ochre on under  
chamber floor and tacked on paper.
- 04 Nov Finished putting on yellow ocre and tacked on paper fore  
noon. Peter N. Henry sent his team and boy afternoon to  
draw fire wood for me. Sie Poland brought me up 3 papers  
of tinned carpet tacks. Drew up seven loads of firewood  
making about seven cords. I made a bed stead at night for  
right room.
- 05 Nov I hunted all fore noon for cow - found her on Peter  
Prier's her and Mrs. Poland were to our place for dinner.  
I went down town afternoon for Dr. Anderson for Willie.  
He was sick, he came, pulse 140 fever 101. He left four  
powders for him.
- 06 Nov I helped Peter N. Henry husk corn. Dr. Anderson came out  
to see Willie. Mrs. P. Henry was at our place for supper.  
I was over to Church - no preaching.
- 07 Nov I tacked on paper fore noon upstairs. Simon Poland and I  
went out to Tully shanty to saw wood for Loughheed. Got  
off the road in the bush and did not get to shanty until  
after dark. Bought axe handle at Kimballs for 1/3.
- 08 Nov Sie and I cut 2 1/2 cords hickory. Wife sent Bill Poland  
down town in morning for Dr. Anderson for our Simon, he  
came, Sie was better. I broke my axe handle, Loughheed  
blocked me out one.
- 09 Nov Sie Poland and I cut 2 cord hickory and one of white ash.  
Little Simon was better.
- 10 Nov Simon was taken worse in the night, sent Jane Poland to  
get Mary Roberts to go with her for Charles Allen to go



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for Doctor for Simon. Mary could not go and so Bill Roberts went for Charles Allen and Mrs. Allen. They came. Charles Allen took Bill Poland's horse and went for Dr. Anderson and they came out to shanty for me. He could not find me until about 10:30 am. Simon Poland and I had 1 1/2 cords hickory cut when Charles Allen found me. I went right home, got home about 1 PM. Simon was worse. Doctor had no hopes of him. I sent Bill Poland after Doctor as soon as I got home. He came, he said there was no hopes of him getting over his sickness. Mrs. Poland, Mrs. Warren Henry were at my place afternoon. Mrs. John Allen and Mrs. Warren Henry set up with us. Simon kept getting worse and worse. After eleven he knew nothing or nobody apparently. He never spoke to me after I came home and when I spoke to him he would only look at me but say nothing. The last word he ever said was YES. This is how it was - his mother put a cloth dipped in ice water on his head, she said "Simon does this feel better, say yes." He said YES but after eleven PM. he did not notice anything. Jane Poland was taken sick in the night. Throwing up and chills. Bill Poland gave me two dollars on work. I went down town for ice.

- 11 Nov I got Peter N. Henry to go after Doctor early in morning. He met Doctor coming in. He said Simon would not live long - only a few hours maybe not one hour. His temperature was 106, the same as it was last night and he was breathing 96 times a min. The Doctor gave Jane Poland some medicine. MY SIMON DIED between 10 & 11 am. My Uncle Chester W. Henry, Mrs. Warren T. Henry, Simon's grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Poland were with us when he died. Mrs. William Roberts and Mrs. Warren Henry laid him out. My father ordered the coffin and seen the minister about preaching funeral sermon. Warren T. Henry and my half brother, John E. Carpenter, dug the grave. I went down town after he died and got me a suit of clothes and some other herein mentioned on time - 3 yds. black cotton 35 cts., 2 yds. book muslin 30 cts., 2 handkerchiefs 20 cts., 1 1/2 yds. crepe 15 cts., 1 gal coal oil 25 cts., 1 lamp chimney 10 cts., 1 lb. tea 50 cts., 1 suit clothers for myself \$15. When I got home there was quite a few at my place. Charles Allen and William Poland went out to shanty for Simon Poland with team and brought him back.
- 12 Nov Sarah Henry and Half sister, Lucy Carpenter, Mary P. Roberts, Charles Allen, Bill & Simon Poland, William Roberts set up all night. Stepmother and father set up part of last night. I went down and seen Father about him getting teams for drawing corpses and mourners. Warren T. Henry and half brother, John E. Carpenter, went down after coffin (price \$7.50). Mrs. John Allen and stepmother put



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Simon in coffin. Funeral procession left house about 12:30 PM. Rev. Mr. Pickard preached funeral sermon from Revelation 22 chap. part 5 verse (and there shall be no night there). The lesson he read from was 1 Kings part of 4 chap. from 18 to 26 verse. When the procession left Bethel Church, Rivers Corners, there was 8 teams and rigs in procession. Minister's team, William Roberts with pall bearers, Fred Young, Charles Allen, Curtis Wright and Harry Whaley, P.N. Henry took corpse, Patrick Sheeran's team took chief mourners (myself, my wife, Mrs. Poland, Annie Poland and Maggie Poland), Warren T. Henry team next, William Evers next, John J. Brown buggy next, William Hargrove and three on horse back. We buried Simon in Burying Ground at Thomas Bury's along side of his grandfather, Samuel Poland, on the south side. Mr. Sheeran brought us home as far as his place and then we rode balance of the way home with Bill Evers. Mrs. John Allen and stepmother kept Willie home and straightened up house and had supper for us when we got home. Mrs. Allen took supper with us. Stepmother would not stay. Simon was 1 year and 11 months old.

13 Nov I went down with John Roberts and got two barrels of water at river to wash with. My stepmother and mother-in-law washed for us. I fixed step back door. My wife and stepmother went up to Mrs. Allen's at night and stayed until 11 o'clock. I got uneasy and got John and Mary Roberts to stay with Willie and I went up and met them. Stepmother stayed at our place all night, slept with Willie. I promise Mrs. John Allen to help him butcher tomorrow.

14 Nov I helped Mr. Allen butcher fore noon. Wife went up with me. I filed Bill Robert's saw afternoon and went over to see how Jane Poland was - she was better. Bill Poland gave me \$6. and 100 lbs. flour on work money - is to pay on Simon's coffin. I heard George Hargrove is going crazy again - Nov. 14, 1882.

15 Nov I went down town fore noon and paid William Hamilton for making Simon's coffin \$7.50 and took receipt for same. The receipt was dated one day ahead. Bought at Peter Cattanaach store 3 yds. tweed 3.45, 1 doz. buttons 10 cts., 1 spool 5 cts., 2 combs coarse and in one 13 cts., one 10 cts., 1/2 yd. blue denim 10 cts., 1 bot. castor oil 20 cts., 1 box boot grease 25 cts. I filed Mr. Allen's saw in afternoon. Wife was down to see Hannah Henry and get a pattern for Willie's coat. The three yards is for Willie's coat.

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- 16 Nov I split and piled up stove wood about 4 1/2 cords. Hunted some in afternoon.
- 17 Nov The first appearance of snow this fall - just a few flakes passing in the air. I split and piled up stove wood about 5 cords. George Hargrove was arrested and taken to Sarnia by Joseph Stover, Chester Henry and Fredrick Young for being insane and not safe to be at large. When taken, he had a five shot revolver loaded, 1 razor and one butcher's knife.
- 18 Nov I was to Mr. John Allen's raising and plowing bee. Raising was a cow shed. Wife and Willie were there all day.
- 19 Nov I and wife and son, Willie, were down to father's all day. Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. Hargrove, William Hargrove and wife, young George Hargrove, Curtis Wright and I went down to see Delbert Youngs. He was worse - rheumatism.
- 20 Nov I butchered 2 of my pigs - 1 weighed 164 3/4 lbs., the other 152 lbs. I fixed boards over my corn. Cut my pigs up at night. Wife went to Church tonight.
- 21 Nov I put brine over my pork and went to shanty to work for Robert Loughheed. Sent letter to A.A. Henderson, town clerk, to register Simon James Carpenter's death (MY SON) and post card to R.H. Smith & Co. for cross cut saw gauge for R. Loughheed. Got to shanty at noon. Worked with Allen Grant and Dan McRae cut 2 1/4 of hickory.
- 22 Nov I worked almost all day with Bill Vye and Walter Shaw cut 6 cords of white ash.
- 23 Nov I worked fore noon with Bill Vye cut 2 1/16 cord of white ash. Rained. I worked with Allen Grant pile 1/2 cord of white ash.
- 24 Nov I worked with Allen Grant cut 3 cords 1 1/8 hickory rest was white ash. I filed saw afternoon.
- 25 Nov I worked with Allen Grant cut 3 cords 1 7/8 was hickory, rest was white ash. We went to shanty 3:30 PM. got lunch. got home 5:30 PM. Loughheed crosscut saw gauge came tonight at Wilkesport.
- 26 Nov I went and got some elecompain roots and boiled some for a cold that I have. Simon Poland and Mrs. Poland were to my place for dinner. J. & Allen Grant went to shanty. Left my place 3:30 PM. and got to shanty supper time.

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- 27 Nov Allen was sick last night. Went home this morning for medicine. Annie Poland commenced to work for us at 4/ per week. I worked with Walter Shaw fore noon 1 1/2 hickory. We had Vye with us afternoon cut 2 1/4 white ash. I filed saw afternoon.
- 28 Nov I worked with Walter Shaw fore noon cut 2 1/4 cords white ash. I worked with Allen Grant afternoon cut 1 cord hickory. Filed saw.
- 29 Nov I was sick all night and night before with heavy cold. I started for home this morning. Alexander McRae paid me \$3. on work on the way home. I bought 1 bottle of honey 10 cts., and pen holder 12 cts., Perpetual calendar, 1 bottle McQuarries lung balsam 50 cts., 1 fire shovel 10 cts., 1 boy scarf 15 cts. I got home at noon or a little before. I put heel braces on my new boots and greased them. Wife got them for me last Monday, Nov. 27.
- 24 Nov Wife was down town and got the following articles 3 yds. brown jane \$1., 4 yds. brown denim 80 cts., 1 yd. red flannel \$1.05, 1 neck tie 45 cts., 1 cloud 10 cts., 3 yds. cottonade \$1.05, 5 yds. cotton 45 cts., 1 spool linen thread 15 cts., 1 doz. buttons 18 cts., 1/2 lb. soda 5 cts., 1/2 lb. pepper 13 cts., 2 towels 25 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts. She sold 57 cts. butter.
- 27 Nov I sent note to wife by Allen Grant from shanty for her to go down town and get 2 pair guernsey drawers and shirts. She did. They cost \$3. each and also 1 pair of boots \$4., 1 1/2 yds. tablecloth \$1.13.
- 30 Nov I went down town fore noon and bought at Peter Cattnach 1/2 gal. syrup 50 cts., 1 ball shew thread 12 cts., 1 box matches 10 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts., and paid 35 cts. balance due him on bottle Scots emulsion cod liver oil, 1 lb. swan shot 10 cts. Tax collector here today - my taxes lower place \$5.98. Albert Rattray died yesterday and buried today (typhoid fever) at Cattnach & Rattray's family burying ground, Sombra. Mrs. Alonzo Lapish visiting us in afternoon. Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Lapish, George Hamilton at our place for supper. Candy pull at Bill Robert's last night.
- 01 Dec I was sick with heavy cold. Hunted part of fore noon - got nothing. I fixed wife's shoes afternoon. I got a letter from cousin Robert McLeod, Alpena, Michigan offering me \$3. per month all winter. Aunt Marilla's daughter Jane husband. Mrs. Allen called afternoon. Indian killed wild cat back of Eagles on Frank Bull's.

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- 02 Dec I fixed wife's shoe and Annie Poland's fore noon. Pitted my potatoes for last time. Mrs. Albert Henry's stove wood bee. John E. Carpenter got my crosscut saw for the bee. I wrote two letters afternoon - one McLeod, Alpena, Mich. and one D.A. Jones Beaton Weare, Barrie, Ontario for bee circular.
- 03 Dec I was home all day. Wife went up to see George Mulligan's baby. He is sick with croup and worms. I went up after her. Father and Simon Poland were at our place for supper. John E. Carpenter and Charlotte Henry spent the evening with us. I wrote a letter for father to James Carpenter, Washington Territory.
- 04 Dec Bill Poland drew 3 loads of rails to help make a cow yard. I put my fanning mill in bin under the straw over stable and made cow yard. Filed Bill Poland's saw. John Roberts drew me 8 barrels of water from bush well and put it in well at home. Commenced at 3 PM. and quit before 6 PM. I made some medicine for my cold from alchemy pain cyine pepper, ginger, honey, sugar turckel. Pat Sheeran borrowed my saw set and gauge.
- 05 Dec Simon Poland and I went to shanty fore noon and cut 1 3/4 cords of wood in afternoon - 3/8 hickory balance white ash.
- 06 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 2 3/4 cords of wood - 7/8 white ash balance hickory. Fixed saw.
- 07 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 2 1/2 cords of wood - hickory.
- 08 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 2 3/4 cords of wood - 5/8 white ash balance hickory. I filed saw.
- 09 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 17 elm logs. Sie, Allen Grant and I came home after supper. Got home 9:00 PM.
- 10 Dec I was home all fore noon. Burnt some lard for my boots. Bill Poland drove us out part of the way to the shanty. Allen Grant, Old Chartier, Simon Poland and myself got there before dark.
- 11 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 23 elm logs.
- 12 Dec Simon Poland and I cut 11 elm logs fore noon. Allen Grant, Simon Poland and I cut 16 elm logs afternoon. Allen's mate went away.
- 13 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 14 elm logs afternoon. Rained. Simon Poland went home sick afternoon.

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- 14 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 23 elm logs all day. I filed saw.
- 15 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 16 elm logs all day.
- 16 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 11 elm logs. I filed saw. Came home - we got a ride from Walker's old stream with Gurd's team.
- 17 Dec Wife and I were to Church Sunday School and class meeting. Allen Grant came to my place to stay all night for to go to the shanty in the morning. Father lent wife one dollar. I wrote a letter to cousin Ellen Hickox, Ellen is dead.
- 18 Dec Allen Grant and I started for shanty at 2 am. and got there before 5 same morning. I froze my ear same morning. Allen Grant and I cut 26 elm logs.
- 19 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 18 elm logs.
- 20 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 17 elm logs. Began to rain afternoon.
- 21 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 7 elm logs. Rained fore noon. I filed saw afternoon.
- 22 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 6 elm logs and 7 red oak logs. Came home at night. Alex McRae paid me \$15. on work.
- 23 Dec I was over to Marine City fore noon. Wife was down town. She bought 1/2 lb. candy, 5 cts. worth apples. I spent 20 cts. for ferriage and 5 cts. for tin horse fiddle for Willie.
- 24 Dec I was over to Sabbath school and took Willie. Wife went over to her mother's.
- 25 Dec Simon Poland and I hunted fore noon. Jane and Thomas Poland and Simon Poland were at our place for dinner. I hunted in afternoon. I shot a owl - shot him twice before I got him.
- 26 Dec I filed Warren T. Henry's saw and set Bill Robert's saw. I broke a tooth out of Bill's saw and filed part of my own. Allen Grant and I and Simon Poland went out to shanty afternoon. Sie went after his pay - he stayed all night.
- 27 Dec Allen Grant and I cut 13 red oak logs fore noon. I and A.

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Grant and Sam Brown cut 10 elm logs and 2 red oak  
afternoon. Sie Poland went home without his money.

- 28 Dec Loughheed set us cutting hickory. Allen Grant and I cut 1  
1/2 cords and then quit. Waited until after supper for  
Loughheed (he went down to Rae Buche). He did not come and  
then we came home. We had hickory bark torch part of the  
way. I got home after 9 PM.
- 29 Dec I finished filing my saw. Wife and I went down town. I  
went over to Marine City for \$20. Staley promised me Dec.  
23, 1882 - I got it. I paid 20 cts. for ferriage. Wife  
bought at P. Cattanach's - 2 1/2 lbs. prunes 25 cts., 1  
lb. dust tea 25 cts., 2 lbs. currants 25 cts., 2 1/2 yds.  
print 25 cts., 1/2 gal. coal oil 15 cts., candy 15 cts.  
Paid cash for the above. She got at Green's - 1 candy  
walking stick 3 cts., 1 prize box 1 ct.
- 30 Dec I carried up some stove wood fore noon. I sent out by  
Allen Grant and Sie Poland for balance of money due me on  
work. They got theirs and mine too. I was to Delbert  
Youngs stove wood bee. He got about 4 cords cut. Wife  
went down to set with Hannah Henry to night.
- 31 Dec I was over to Sunday school. Was chosen Librarian for  
first quarter of 1883.

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- 01 Jan Charles Allen and I hunted fore noon and part of afternoon. We were all over to Mrs. Poland's for dinner.
- 02 Jan I carried up some wood fore noon and went to Courtright afternoon to pay sewing machine note for \$25. I walked up bought 5 cts. worth of candy. Came down on the boat to Bury's dock - fare 2/ 25 cts.
- 03 Jan Hannah Henry died this morning. I hunted axe handle timber part of fore noon. I was over to Bill Poland's to draw fire wood in the afternoon. Blocked out two handles fore noon. Bill Poland drew fire wood for me in afternoon. I blocked out two handles in afternoon. Finished 4 axe handles tonight. Wife went down to Henry's to help them sew as Hannah Henry is dead. She took Willie with her - is not back yet 11 PM.
- 04 Jan I and brother, John, and Curtis Wright dug Hannah Henry's grave fore noon at burying ground at Bury's. I came back as far as W.T. Henry's and got my dinner and went back to burying ground and waited for funeral procession. Funeral sermon was preached at Bethel Church, Rivers Corners, Sombra, Ont. at 2 PM. by Rev. Pickard. Bob Stokes, Bill Fallace, Patrick Sheeran, Bill Roberts, Bill Evers, Patrick O'Hare were the pall bears. Jacob Young took corpse. Thomas Stokes took pall bearers. My wife stayed at W.T. Henry house with Mrs. John Allen. Wife set up there all night - came home in the morning and left Willie there until she went back.
- 05 Jan John E. Carpenter commenced to work for me at 4/ per day. He helped me all day. We cut stove wood at house fore noon. Cut 10 drags of stove wood for to hand tomorrow and cut roads to some stove wood I have cut in the bush.
- 06 Jan Chas. Henry and Warren T. Henry drew up fire wood with their teams all day. Drew the fire wood up in drags. John E. Carpenter helped me in the fore noon.
- 07 Jan I was over to Sabbath school. There was no class meeting. I was down to father's after school. Lucy came home from Bill Cattnach for visit at father's.
- 08 Jan I butchered a pig for Mrs. Poland fore noon. John E. Carpenter helped me afternoon cut 10 logs - 3 maple, 7 elm. Snowed in fore noon. I was over to other line to



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get someone to help draw my logs - could not. I was to see Bill Poland and Alonzo Lapish.



Lucy Carpenter c1885

- 09 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me all day saw logs - cut 19 elm logs. Warren T. Henry has promised to draw my logs for 12/ per thousand. I am to cut the roads and help them load. Clara Beach and Ida Wright were over to our place for a visit.
- 10 Jan Warren T. Henry and Chas. Henry commenced to draw my elm logs. They drew 11 logs today. John E. Carpenter brought me up a crosscut saw file 2/. I killed a rabbit. I filed my saw. I lent Bill Evers my saw afternoon.
- 11 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me all day saw. We sawed stove wood for Warren T. Henry after 3 PM. We sawed 6 elm logs and helped Warren T. Henry load. I broke my axe handle and had to put in another at noon. Wife washed.
- 12 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me 1/2 day sawing elm logs, cut 12 logs. I went down town afternoon. I got 1 peck of beans at M.L. Burnham's at 16/ per bushel 50 cts. and 2 1/2 lbs. currants at 25 cts. at Peter Cattanch's.

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- 13 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me all day. We cut 8 elm logs and 1 cord of wood and cut roads. Helped Warren T. Henry and Chas. Henry load. They drew 10 logs.
- 14 Jan I was over to Sabbath school. Stayed to class meeting and preaching I went over Sabbath School books - two missing.
- 15 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me all day saw elm logs - cut 13 and cut down twin buttonwood. Warren T. Henry and Chas. Henry drew logs. Warren 3 loads last night and Chas. 2. In all today 9 logs. Chas. Henry's wife had a daughter last night.
- 16 Jan Warren and Chas. Henry drew 9 logs today. I cut roads and partly filed my saw. Chester Henry came to see me.
- 17 Jan William Broad leg broke. Wife had a quilting today. She had quilt all finished. Mrs. William Evers, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Warren T. Henry, Mrs. Samuel Poland, Mrs. William Robert's were to wife's quilting. Snowed most all day. I was down to Sombra fore noon. Gave Peter Cattanch my note for \$68.83/100 for seven months at 10 per cent interest until paid. Warren and Chas. Henry drew six logs. John E. Carpenter helped me 1/4 day. We cut down one maple tree and helped them load. I finished filing my saw. Chester Henry got the job of cutting elm logs. He was to see me about William Broad - had his leg broke twice (or in two places below knee) in side road between Bethel Church and Warren T. Henry's. A load of poles for rails upset and fell on him yesterday - Jan. 16, 1883.
- 18 Jan John E. Carpenter helped me all day saw logs. Cut 3 soft maple and 5 buttonwood and cut roads for Warren and Chas. Henry. They drew 14 logs. Finished drawing elm and maple and drew two buttonwood. John E. Carpenter set up with William Broad last night.
- 19 Jan I cut 4 buttonwood logs and two maples. Chas. Henry helped me saw two. I sawed two alone. Sie Poland helped me saw the two maples. Warren and Chas. Henry finished drawing my logs - 62 elm, 85 maple, 9 buttonwood. They finished fore noon. I went over to Marine City and got Staley to measure my elm logs - I had 10,932 ft. coming to \$40.99. I got 3.75 per thousand. Staley gave me an order on Marine City Stave Company for \$20.99. Balance due me on logs. I bought at Peter Cattanch's - 2 spools thread 10 cts., 1 package bluing 25 cts., 1/4 lb. hops 10 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 27 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1 gal. coal oil 30 cts., 1 yd. cotton 9 cts. Bill Poland and Peter

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Chartier were to my place. They got supper, left him Bill horse.

- 20 Jan I and Chester Henry commenced to cut logs for Mat Porter on lot 6, 14 con. Sombra. We cut 26 logs today. Peter N. Henry measured my logs (maple 8 logs 1,972 @ \$7.88) (buttonwood 9 logs 1,863 ft. @ 5.00 per thousand \$14.31). He sent down by William Hargrove to Lambton for money for me. He did not get it as old gent was not at home. I was down to William Hargrove's at eve.
- 21 Jan I was over to Sunday school. Rained yesterday. Freezing hard - you need an overcoat.
- 22 Jan Chester Henry and I cut 26 elm logs for Mr. Porter. I froze my nose twice.
- 23 Jan Peter Henry paid me for my maple and buttonwood. I went over to Marine City for balance of money on elm logs \$20.99. I bought a ready reckoner at Hurd's, Marine City 30 cts., and at Peter Cattanaach's 1 gal syrup 50 cts., 2 1/2 lbs. currants 25 cts., paid acct. of last week \$1.31. Paid Warren T. Henry for drawing my logs 10,932 at 12/1639, 4.835 maple and buttonwood @ 14/ 8.46 - being a total of \$24.85. I filed my saw. I sent to Sarnia by mail for bottle Scot's emulsion for Willie. I gave Peter Cattanaach 50 cts. per bottle and 10 cts. for carrying.
- 24 Jan Chester Henry and I cut logs for Mat Porter - cut 24 elm logs.
- 25 Jan I was sick all night. Chester Henry and I cut 29 elm logs for Mat Porter. I was not very well all day. Dr. Merrison sent in his bill for doctoring us \$5.
- 26 Jan I was sick all night. I went down and over to Marine City to see Dr. Baird. He gave me one bottle of medicine, 3 pills and a little vial croton oil - charge 75 cts. I bought 25 - 1 ct. postage stamps at Spinkes 25 cts., 1 automatic pencil 25 cts. Paid P. Cattanaach 50 cts. bal. due on Willie's bottle of emulsion. Paid Dr. Merrison his acct. in full to date \$5. John E. Carpenter came home from shanty. He went out last Sunday, he said he got his discharge.
- 27 Jan I was sick all day. I filed Warren T. Henry's crosscut saw. I broke one tooth out of it and cut my Sunday wood.
- 28 Jan I and Willie were over to Sabbath school and church.

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- 29 Jan I was down to Sombra this morning. Bought at Peter Cattanaach \_\_\_\_\_ 10 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., varnish 15 cts. Tried to make a log rule. My automatic pencil did not work. I gave Silvanus Green 8/ for him to get me a bottle of Warner's Safe Liver & Kidney cure when he went to Sarnia.
- 30 Jan I chopped a little in fore noon. Went to Marine City afternoon. Got 1 bottle of indelible ink 25 cts. S. Green did not get my medicine - could not find it in Sarnia. He gave me my 8/ back.
- 31 Jan I put figures on log with indelible ink fore noon. Rode down town with George Mulligan. Went over to Marine City for a bottle of Warner's Safe Liver & Kidney cure - last bottle \$1.25 @ Hurd's. I bought paint brush at Smith's for 25 cts. George Mulligan and I and Warren T. Henry brought organ from Sombra Church to our Church for tea meeting tomorrow night. George and Warren got dishes at Lambton, I varnished my log rule. I have it all finished now.
- 01 Feb Chester Henry and I cut logs for Porter 1 w. oak 31 ft. long 14 circ., 193 ft.; 2 soft maples & 13 elm logs. Chester Henry was to the Catholic concert held in the Sombra town hall last night. Wife went over to the meeting at Bethel. I and Willie stayed at home.
- 02 Feb I filed my saw and helped Chester Henry grind his axe. Snowed all day. I sold P.N. Henry my log rule for 1/2 day with his team to draw up firewood. Wife got letter from her Uncle from Bowmanville saying that his wife was dead. Died Jan. 23, 2 PM. - Apoplexy.
- 03 Feb Chester Henry and I went up to cut logs. Rained all day. We cut 3 logs, 1 maple and 2 elm. It rained all day and part of the night and froze as it fell making a crust of solid ice on the snow 1/4 inch thick - would hold me up in some places.
- 04 Feb I was over to Sunday school. Wife and Willie were over to her mother's.
- 05 Feb Chester Henry and I cut logs for Porter. Cut 16 elm logs. Chester broke his saw. Mat Porter gave me \$5. on cutting logs. Wife and Willie were down to Warren T. Henry's. She got 2 lbs. feathers 2/50.
- 06 Feb I made a beetle and was over to Peter River's to get a job of cutting elm logs. Got it at 6/per thousand fore noon.

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Chester Henry and I cut 6 elm logs afternoon - 3 of them will measure 2,690 ft. by Doyle's rules.

- 07 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 16 logs for Mat Porter - 12 elm, 4 maple. Filed part of saw.
- 08 Feb I finished filing my saw. Chester Henry and I cut 11 elm logs for Peter Rivers.
- 09 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 26 elm logs for Mat Porter s. 1/2 6 - 14 con cut 5 there on the 7th. Feb.
- 10 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 17 elm logs for Mat Porter. Chester Henry and I went down town with P.N. Henry's team. I bought of 1 bushel of beans for 14/, 2 lbs. currants 20 cts. at Andrew Smith's, 1 pair of shoes for wife 8/, candy 5 cts.
- 11 Feb Wife was over to Church. I stayed home with Willie. Sister, Lucy, was up to see us, I got supper.
- 12 Feb I helped Chester Henry fore noon. Filed my saw and cut stove wood afternoon. Wife was down town and over to Marine City. Was gone all day - spent \$1.64.
- 13 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 26 elm logs for Mat Porter s. 1/2 lot 6-14 con.
- 14 Feb I was over to Marine City. Bought 3, 3 cornered files for 22 cts. Paid at Cottrells. Paid Mullin's 50 cts. duty on bottle of patd. medicine Warners Safe Liver & Kidney cure \$1.25 a bottle. Bought at Green's butcher shop 1 lb. butter 25 cts., and 3 apples 3 cts. in afternoon. Wallace May made me a saw set 5 cts. I made saw sets fore noon and gumed 4 of drags in my crosscut saw and broke one of my saw sets.
- 15 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 30 elm logs for Mat Porter s. 1/2 lot 6-14 con.
- 16 Feb I finished gumming my saw and filed it. Rained most all day. I was down to Father's and Chester Henry's in the afternoon.
- 17 Feb Chester Henry and I cut 25 elm logs for Mat Porter. He stopped us today unless it snows some more. We brought all of our tools home.
- 18 Feb I was over to Sunday school and class prayer meeting.

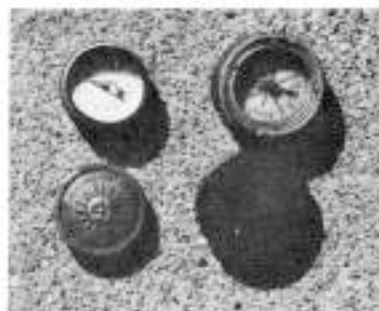
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19 Feb I helped P.N. Henry fore noon saw and pry up the two oak logs. I chopped on my own place afternoon - cut 1 cord.



H.L. Bunnham, Merchant  
Sombre

20 Feb I helped Peter N. Henry fore noon cut logs - 8 logs. I helped Chester Henry cut logs afternoon until I cut my foot. Cut 3 oak and 4 elm logs. I cut my foot in the instep - a chip stuck on my axe and when the axe struck the tree it glanced off and struck me in the instep and cut it quite deep. I had my foot done up at Chester Henry's. Warren T. Henry brought me home. I fainted away shortly after I got home. Wife went over to her mother's after Sie. He was not at home. Jane Poland came over. I slept on the floor all night. Wife and Jane kept the fire going. Walter Shortt and Solomon Shortt and George Hargrove Jun., William Roberts and wife and Chester Henry called in evening. I got Sun Dial and Compass from E.G. Rideout, 10 Barclay St., New York. Warren T. Henry brought it. I saw Alice Hardick now Mrs. William Scott, Mitchell's Bay at Pat Sheeran's.



James Carpenter's Compasses

21 Feb Wife had a quilting bee - Mrs. Nathan Doan, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Peter Henry, Mrs. Samuel Poland, Mrs. Chester Henry, Mrs. Warren T. Henry. I had to stay home all day - my foot was very sore.

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- 22 Feb Delbert Youngs washed and dressed my foot for me. Wife finished her quilt today. I have been in house all day.
- 23 Feb Sie Poland split some stove wood for me. Chester Henry was here to see me about logs at Porter's. Ida Wright, Mary Carpenter, and Mrs. Eliza Evers were at our place afternoon with Annie and Mag Poland. I fixed Willie's hand sleigh and set Sie Poland's saw for him. I filed my own saw.
- 24 Feb Wife was down town. Bought at Peter Cattannach - 1 gal. oil 30 cts., 4 lbs. sugar 36 cts., 1 pair boy's shoes \$1.25, 1 sponge 5 cts., 1 cake Castle Soap 10 cts., nutmegs 5 cts., electric oil 25 cts., 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., candy 5 cts. Sie Poland cut some stove wood for me. It rained all of the afternoon. Wife got wet through and got her mother's dress to put on until she got hers dry.
- 25 Feb I was home all day. Chas. Allen, John E. Carpenter, Mrs. Albert Bowen, and wife were in to see me. Albert Bowen was on his way to shanty. John E. Carpenter to Gray's.
- 26 Feb I made me a pair of crutches. Chas. Allen brought sticks for them for me. Sie Poland cut some stove wood for me and put top link stove pipe that the wind blew off yesterday. I found a hole in stove pipe between c. and f.
- 27 Feb Warren T. Henry came after me and took me down to vote and brought me back. I voted for T.B. Padree. I bought at Peter Cattannach - 6 links in stove pipe \$1.20, 1 gal. vinegar 30 cts., 2 doz. pearl buttons 25 cts. Chester Henry got \$8.25 amount due us for cutting logs for Peter Rivers and \$10. from Mat Porter. He came up to my place and gave me my share. P.N. Henry and Sie Poland cut some stove wood for me.
- 28 Feb P.N. Henry helped me fore noon draw up stove wood. Sie Poland helped him. Jane Poland helped wife wash. I fixed Jane's shoe. Wife went over home.
- 01 Mar Wife went over to Marine City and got a cart for Willie 25 cts. Bought at Peter Cattannach's - 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., postage on letter 3 cts. at Burnham's, 3 saucers 10 cts. at Hurd's, 1/2 doz. glass saucer dishes 30 cts., 1 glass plate 10 cts., 6 boxes to caps 5 cts., candy 2 cts., apples 4 cts. It thawed fearfull all day and was very sloppy.
- 02 Mar Chester Henry took out some potatoes out of the pit for us. We gave him a market basket full for himself. Heard



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robin and blue bird this morning. I filed my crosscut saw. Peter N. Henry brought us 50 lbs. of flour from his place. Sie Poland fixed cattle yard so the cattle could not get to straw stack.

- 03 Mar I put up 4 new links of stove pipe in place of those worn out. I sawed 8 blocks of stove wood. Annie and Maggie and Tom Poland were over to our place in the afternoon.
- 04 Mar I was home. It snowed most all day. Bill Evers and Mrs. Samuel Poland were in the afternoon.
- 05 Mar I was in the house all day. Father came here and ground his axe. Chester Henry was here. He got bill of elm logs we cut for Mat Porter. We cut for Porter 67,376 ft. at 4/ per thousand \$50.53.
- 06 Mar It snowed all of the fore noon. Charles Allen came and got 1 bushel of pig corn for his pigs. I went down town with Charles Henry and got 200 lbs. flour at \$5.50 at grist mill and 1 1/2 yds. table oil cloth 75 cts., 2 1/2 lbs. sugar 25 cts. Chas. Henry brought me home. I walked down to Warren T. Henry. Seen Peter N. Henry and got bill of maple logs we cut for Porter - 3,155. Got some yeast at Warren T. Henry's for wife. Warren T. Henry gave me my dictionary. I weighed on the grist mill scales - 211 lbs.
- 07 Mar I was to Courtright with Warren T. Henry. I got 4 boards for bee hives 1 1/4 in. thick, 12 ft. long, 64 ft. at \$17. per thousand - cost \$1.08. Warren T. Henry brought me home. I bought 5 post cards 5 cts. M. Porter gave Chester Henry \$10. on cutting logs. Chester Henry gave me \$5. I was down to his place afternoon. First work that I have done since I cut my foot.
- 08 Mar Chester Henry and I cut logs for Porter - 16 hickory, 1 white oak, 4 white ash.
- 09 Mar Chester Henry and I cut logs for Porter - 6 hickory, 2 white oak and 9 white ash.
- 10 Mar I made 4 gal. of soft soap. Wife got 1 1/2 lbs. butter from Mrs. Allen. I got seed annual from D.M. Perry & Co., Windsor, Ont.
- 11 Mar I and Willie were home all day. Wife went over home to her mother's.
- 12 Mar I boiled soft soap over again. Looked through my bush and filed Lawrence Johnston's crosscut saw.

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- 13 Mar I cut rail cut. Sie Poland drew them for me. I heard ground bird singing.
- 14 Mar I cut rail cuts. Sie Poland drew them fore me. Chester Henry helped me to cut them all day. Sie Poland is to draw rail cuts for me and I build the line fence between me and Bill Eyers which Polands have to build.
- 15 Mar I finished cutting my rail cuts and Sie Poland finished drawing them fore noon. I went down town afternoon. I bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 pair of boots \$2.50, 4 lbs. nails and 1 box electric oil 25 cts. I was in to see Billy Broad when I was coming home I stopped to Prayer Meeting. I weighed on Mill scale 209 lbs. I put my heavy boot on my cut foot for the first time since I cut my foot. Seen first black bird.
- 16 Mar I helped Charles Henry all day saw fire wood at his home. Chas. Allen got one bushel pig corn. Willie has taken cold.
- 17 Mar I went over to Mat Porter's to settle with him expecting 4 oak logs. There was \$20.50 coming to us. I gave Chester Henry \$10.25. I went down town and got Willie's medicine. I did not get home until after dark. Annie Poland stayed all night at our place.
- 18 Mar I and Willie were home all day. Wife was over to her mother's fore noon. It commenced to snow this afternoon with high winds.
- 19 Mar It snowed most all day. Willie is sick with cold going around. I made 4 bee hives - 3 of them have small boxes on top of them. We put onion drafts on Willie's feet.
- 20 Mar Wife and I set up with Willie by turn. He is some better now. I went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1/2 gal. linseed oil 50 cts., candy 5 cts. Got sample of Canadian band of Hope and Happy Hours. I was at father's for dinner. Willie is getting better.
- 21 Mar I was to Mrs. Albert Henry's stove wood bee. Chester Henry and I sawed together. We were best sawers. She had between 10 and 15 cords cut.
- 22 Mar I painted windows out doors fore noon, filed my saw afternoon and cut log of buttonwood. Nomination of 2 counsellors & Reeve & Deputy Reeve for Sombra Township owing to those members in January not being able to qualify.

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- 23 Mar Andrew Johnston helped me saw stove wood fore noon. Father brought up my paper and a letter from wife's Uncle, Bowmanville, Ont. I went down town afternoon. Bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 box emulsion of cod liver oil 50 cts., 1 spool 5 cts., candy 2 cts., 1 first part first book 5 cts., postage on a letter to wife's Uncle William, Bowmanville, Ont. 3 cts. We had the worst storm of wind and snow we had this winter.
- 24 Mar I shelled corn all day. Shelled 8 1/2 bushels. Annie and Thomas Poland were over this afternoon.
- 25 Mar I was over to Sabbath school, preaching and class meeting. Wife was over to her mother's in the fore noon. Willie and I stayed home.
- 26 Mar I finished shelling my corn and fanned it and filed Bill Poland's crosscut saw fore noon. Bill Poland let me have his team to take my corn down to the mill. I had 10 bushels - got 60/ per bushel \$6.38. Sold it to Thomas Parker at Sombra grist mill. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1/4 lb. glue 6 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts.
- 27 Mar Glued and put new rungs in chairs fore noon. Wife and Willie went over to Mrs. Poland's fore noon. I split stove wood part of afternoon. Chas. Allen borrowed my carpet bag for 2 weeks. Blocked out axe handle for Sie Poland. I went over home with him. Bill Poland has a party tonight - it being his birthday. He is 21 years old. His father died 1 year ago this morning.
- 28 Mar Wife, Willie and I were over to spend Bill Poland's birthday last night. Wife and Willie stayed all night. I got home at one AM. Bill Poland and Alexander Chartier had their liquor taken from them and hid from them so they couldn't get any to drink. I helped Delbert Youngs fore noon saw cord wood for Warren T. Henry. I made axe handle and beattle afternoon. Wife went up to Mrs. John Allen's to get some yeast - could not. Got some at Eliza Eyer's.
- 29 Mar I split wood part of fore noon and brought up axe handles stick. Went down town afternoon and voted for Parkinson, Gibson for Reeve, Oliver Dell and Downs for councilors - this was an election of four men owing to disqualifying of four men that were elected in January last. I bought at P. Cattanaach's - 4 lbs. sugar 36 cts., 1 lb. crushed sugar 12 cts., 1 bot. lemon 10 cts. I went down with Warren T. Henry and came back with him. I sent order for some seeds to Geo. McBroom Prize Medal Seeds man, London, Canada - order \$1.30.

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- 30 Mar I went to Brigden - I walked up. I bought 1 wash boiler 20/, 1 pair of shoes for Jane Poland \$1.25, 1 jack knife 10 cts., mirror 45 cts. I walked all the way up and got a ride coming back from James Kimball to Wilkesport with Ora Bishop. Got home 5:20 PM. Jane Poland stayed with wife. She stopped at our place last night.
- 31 Mar Fooled around fore noon. Made 2 axe handles afternoon and took out some potatoes out of pit and split some stove wood.
- 01 Apr I was down to Chester Henry's fore noon. I had dinner there. Wife and Willie were at home. Sie and Mrs. Poland were at our place for dinner. I was to Sabbath school and class meeting. Father and sister, Mary, and stepmother called in to see us. Wife is sick with cold or distemper going around. I was chosen Librarian and asst. Bible class teacher by Sabbath school at Bethel Rivers Corners, Sombra.
- 02 Apr I was down town. I bought 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 6 nutmegs 5 cts., candy 5 cts., 1/2 lbs. soda 5 cts., 1 lb. raisins 10 cts., 4 lbs. oatmeal 16 cts., picture frame eyes per pair 5 cts. Postage on a letter 3 cts. I commenced to split rails afternoon. Split 90 rails.
- 03 Apr Mrs. Albert Henry was visiting at our place all day and doing some sewing for herself on our machine. I split rails all day - split 173. Wife has been in bed this last two days with the distemper going around or bad cold.
- 04 Apr I split rails all day - split 117. Father bought us up 4 1/2 lbs. butter 99 cts. Father commenced to underbrush for McGee's on Frank Bull's place. McGee bought it from Frank Bull.
- 05 Apr Rained most all day. I hung a door in fore noon for Mrs. John Allen. I went down town afternoon. I stopped my paper, The London Herald. I have taken it for 10 years. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 ball dome black lead 4 cts., 1 doz. clothes pins 5 cts. Posted a letter for Mrs. John Allen to his son in Dakota Territory (John Allen). Got 2 apples at Green's 2 cts. I got home before dark. Wife is sick. I weighed at Sombra mills scales 214 lbs.
- 06 Apr I split and sawed stove wood at house all day. Wife is sick with a bad cold.
- 07 Apr I chored around house fore noon. Went down town afternoon to quarterly meeting. I was chosen on finance committee.

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I posted a letter to Dr. Seager, Brigden. Social for Sons of the Temperance townhall, Sombra.

- 08 Apr I was over to Sunday school - no class meeting. Quarterly meeting at Sombra.
- 09 Apr I split rails all day - split 117. Wife sick yet with cold - no better yet. I saw a butterfly.
- 10 Apr I split rails - 129. Wife is sick yet. I saw teeny bird. I cut Willie's hair, broke my beetle fore noon. I made one after dinner.
- 11 Apr I helped father saw stove wood with Curtis Wright 3/4 of day. I went down town afternoon and got part of seeds from Geo. McBroome - 2 papers large cheese pumpkins 10 cts., 1 pkt. large lours or mammoth 5 cts., 2 paper kohlrabi 10 cts., large purple smooth and large green smooth kohlrabi, 1/2 burbank seedling 10 cts., 1/2 lb. bella potatoes, 1 lb. mammoth pearl 15 cts., and also 1 parcel seeds for father.
- 12 Apr I borrowed from Warren T. Henry 5 lbs. flax seed with pail and some condition powder. Cow mulla calved the calf last night. I finished splitting my rails for corn ground. I went to town and got one package - 1 lb. of white elephant potatoes that had been missed - sent to Bomber P.O. I stopped at prayer meeting on the way home. Peter N. Henry was chosen leader for the coming conference year.
- 13 Apr Laid fence bottom rails and piled brush fore noon. Rev. Mr. Pickard was at our place afternoon. I rode down with him to Sombra. No more seeds had come. Sent a post card to post master at Comber to see if anymore of my seeds were there. Got home a little after dark.
- 14 Apr I laid up some line fence between Bill Eyer's and me - 34 hands or 17 rods. Mag and Thom Poland were over all day. Laura May died afternoon 9:30 PM.
- 15 Apr I was over to Sabbath school. Did not stay to class meeting. Mrs. Joseph Fournie, aunt to Laura May, died tonight.
- 16 Apr I killed two dogs for Simon Poland - knocked one in the head with the axe and shot the other. I finished my fence around piece I am going to clear. We had to lift two of Mrs. Poland's cows this morning.
- 17 Apr I put in my black onion seeds, Red Denvers, and made a brush fence around the onion bed and raked straw off my

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strawberry patch. Made a garden rake and filed my saw. Laura May and her Aunt, Mrs. Joseph Fournie, were buried today at Mooretown. They were taken up in two separate hearses together. John Johnston told me there were 31 teams in the procession. May the Lord bless the bereaved in this their affliction.

- 18 Apr Curtis Wright helped me under brush until supper time. For father to pay me for helping, father saw stove wood. I underbrushed until supper time. I went down town after supper. Posted a letter to Geo. McBroom about potatoes that had not come. Bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 cake maple sugar 5 cts., 3 lbs. oatmeal 12 cts., paid postage on letter 3 cts., 1 post card 1 ct. Got home at 9 o'clock. Curtis Wright went down with me.
- 19 Apr Rained part of last night and best part of fore noon. Sie Poland helped me saw afternoon, cut stove wood and follow lengths we cut - 90 pieces. I shelled 5 & 6/16 lbs. of seed corn for myself. Sent a post card to Clara or Hiram Beach to tell him I would send them 1 1/2 doz. Peerless strawberries in a couple of weeks. I sent the post card down town by George Mulligan. Wife gave Mrs. P.N. Henry some strawberries.
- 20 Apr I piled brush fore noon. Sie Poland helped me afternoon. Sawed fire wood and follow lengths. Father got some strawberries and rhubarb roots. Mrs. John Allen got some strawberries from me and some pie plant roots.
- 21 Apr Sie Poland helped me all day saw and fix garden fence. I and Mrs. William Roberts had a spat last night. I offered her some strawberries but she would not take them. I gave Father some more strawberries. Mrs. Johnston got some in the morning.
- 22 Apr I was down to Warren T. Henry's a little while in fore noon. I was not over to Sunday school or class meeting.
- 23 Apr I dug trenches for rhubarb and put manure in part of them. Took my potatoes out of pit and beets. Gave Mrs. Peter Henry some beets and potatoes. Gave Mrs. Warren T. Henry some strawberries and some beets and rhubarb. Gave Mrs. John Allen some beets. Gave Mrs. William Brown some beets to plant for seed. She is to send me some beet seeds to plant for seed. Mrs. Patrick O'Hare was visiting at our place afternoon with her two children. Mrs. Warren T. Henry brought us up some hops and I set them out. It has been very cold today. Ground is freezing tonight. I set out 7 beets for seed this year.



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- 24 Apr I finished putting manure in trenches for rhubarb and spaded some fore noon. Mrs. William Eyer got some rhubarb roots and strawberry plants. I went down town and went and told Robert Stokes he could have some of my strawberries. He gave me a basket full of big English Multiplier onions. I then went to Sombra and bought of Peter Cattnach - 5 lbs. oatmeal 20 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., 4 lbs. sugar 36 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1 gal vinegar 15 cts. Robert Stokes came home with me from his place and got his strawberries. He carried my vinegar, he let the pail fall and spilled the vinegar. He got the strawberries and some pie plant roots. Mrs. Pat O'Hare came and got some strawberry plants and rhubarb roots.
- 25 Apr Bill and Sie Poland commenced to sew. Finished at home and commenced to sew at my place where I live. I fixed Mrs. Johnston's sewing machine for her in the fore noon and spaded some. Set out 40 plants of rhubarb. I gave Mrs. Peter N. Henry some rhubarb and Miss Isabella Brown and Richard Tomlin each some rhubarb. I set out onions, Bob Stokes gave me and raked over part of my garden. Great Aunt Charlotte Henry came down from Beach's last night. Samantha Beach came down with her. I got Library books that Charles H. Brown took away with them.
- 26 Apr I finished raking strawberry ground and set out 225 plants. I took up Lees Prolific Currant bush and made 4 trees and seven sprouts. I gave father his seed corn 1 1/4 bushel ears. Chas. Henry sent me up 6/ to pay for his seed corn 3/4 bushel at 8/ 75 cts. I shelled it in the afternoon as it was raining. Shelled 1/2 bushel at night for Warren T. Henry. Wife got pina from Clara Beach and some squash seeds.
- 27 Apr I set out 73 strawberry plants before breakfast. I helped Warren T. Henry all day spading around apple trees and digging out cross furrow. Mrs. Lawrence Johnston got some rhubarb roots. Bill and Sie Poland were sewing here all day - barley.
- 28 Apr I set out stawberry plants - 342. Bill and Sie Poland were here dragging fore noon and furrowing out fore noon. Bill went home sick afternoon. Sie went down to other place afternoon to plow. I put out 3 proflific Lees currant bushes from slips I set out last spring. I gave father some more strawberries. Wife pained her shin. She was lifting a pot of water from the stove and spilled the water on her shin.



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- 29 Apr I and my son, Willie, were over to Sabbath school. Wife stayed home.
- 30 Apr I set out 114 strawberry plants in fore noon. I went over to Marine City afternoon. Sent some strawberry plants to Hiram K. Beach, Lexington, Mich. I bought in Marine City - 5 yds. print 35 cts., 1/4 ounce musk 10 cts., 1 post card 1 ct., ferrage 15 cts. I bought of Peter Cattanaach - 3 yds. brown duck 60 cts., 5 yds. cotton 50 cts., 1 bottle of emulsion of cod liver oil and hypophosphites lime and soda 50 cts. Thomas Stokes raised his barn.
- 01 May I shelled corn fore noon because my leg was chafed so bad the blood run. I split 19 rails afternoon and commenced to ditch my corn ground and went over and joined Wild Rose Blossom Lodge No. 70. Fred Young and Samantha joined with me - paid initiation fee 25 cts. Warren T. Henry paid me for the 1 1/2 bush. of seed corn shelled \$1.50. Guess it was 12 o'clock PM. when I got home. Bill & Sie Poland were elected to become members of Wild Rose Blossom No. 70. Warren gave me my laws of National Mutual Relief Ass., Washington, D.C. Wife shin is very sore.

THIS IS THE FIRST DEATH IN CLASS B SINCE AUGUST 2, 1883.		
<p style="font-size: small;">Sons of Temperance</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">NATIONAL MUTUAL RELIEF SOCIETY.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">INCORPORATED JUNE 25, 1879</p>		
<p style="font-size: small;">DEATH NUMBER</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">15.</p>	<p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">CLASS B.</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">ASSESSMENT NUMBER</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">179.</p>
<p>You are hereby notified that Bro. ISAAC R. POTTER, late of Billy J. Clark Division, No. 192, of East'n N. Y., holding Certificate No. 1347, Class B of this Society, dated Dec. 24th 1883, died at Glens Falls, N. Y., on the 21st day of Jan. 1884 of Pneumonia, aged 45 years.</p>		
<p><i>Your assessment of \$1.10 for the above, payable March 8th 1884, is hereby acknowledged to have been</i> <b>PAID.</b></p>		
<p>F. M. BRADLEY, Gen. Sec.,</p> <p>P. O. Box 182, Washington, D. C.</p>		

Sons of Temperance  
National Mutual Relief Society  
Assessment

- 02 May I ditched most all day. Set out some top onions and potato onions. Wife bought 1 wash dish 25 cts., 1 tin cup 5 cts., horseradish grater and 1 pie tin. Curtis Wright and Charles Allen called in the evening. I burned two brush heaps.

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- 03 May Rained fore noon. I scraped 3 axe handles. I went over to Marine City for oil meal - I got 200 lbs. with bag 1 3/4 per lb. \$3.50, ferrage 25 cts. It fell short by 2 lbs. when I weighed at Sombra Mill. I rode down with Warren T. Henry. He brought up meal for me and 100 lbs. flour from Sombra mill. I borrowed bag from the miller. I paid \$2.50 for 100 lbs. I bought at Peter Cattanaach - 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1 lb. raisins 10 cts., candy 5 cts., 2 1/2 yds. brown jane 50 cts., 1 delusion mouse trap 25 cts. I weighed 211 1/2 lbs. at the Mill. I carried the bag of oil meal from the ferry dock, Waybrants to the grist mill. It weighed 198 lbs.
- 04 May I chored around fore noon. Rained last night. I under brushed afternoon. Miss Charlotte A. Henry and Miss Samantha Beach and Mrs. Eliza Evers were at our place afternoon. It looks like rain again tonight. It is thundering.
- 05 May Wife was taken sick with childbirth. She began to get sick at one AM. I went and got Mrs. John Allen and Mrs. Johnston and then went to town and over to Marine City for a Doctor. Got Dr. Baird. I hired John Waybrant's rig to bring Dr. out to my place. I came out with Dr. in the rig. Baby was born when I got there. He had to take afterbirth. I drove him back to Sombra. Waybrant charged me \$1. for his rig. S. Whitely for ferrage 35 cts., Dr. for his service \$3.50. Baby was born 6:30 AM and weighed about 9 lbs. I paid Dr. Baird \$3.50 for his services, paid \$1. for the rig, 35 cts. for ferrage. I bought at P. Cattanaach - 1 chamber pot 37 1/2 cts., and 5 onions for seed, to set out for seed. Our baby was a girl this time. I split some wood afternoon and set out my onions to raise some seed. Warren T. Henry got 43 lbs. oil meal with bag - weighed 1 1/4 lbs. Mrs. Poland was over in the afternoon. Mrs. John Allen called in evening.
- 06 May I stayed home. I went to Warren T. Henry fore noon and borrowed a temperance book to read. The new minister preached first sermon at Bethel. Mrs. Allen came down in the morning and changed bed for wife and washed the baby. Mrs. Poland and her two girls, Mag and Annie, were over. Father was up a little while. Mrs. Eyer's was up in the evening.
- 07 May I was down to father's fore noon to get my bag and another one of mine at Warren T. Henry's. Warren paid me for 100 lbs. oil meal @ 1 3/4 cts. per lb. and shilling for ferrage making \$1.87. I weighed out the balance of his meal 58 1/4 lbs. and weighed 50 lbs. for Chas. Henry @ 2

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cts. per lb. He paid me \$1. Took a bag down to Geo. Broad's for two bush. seed potatoes 65 cts. per bush. \$1.30. He gave me some more. I gave him \$1.35. He gave me back no change. Mrs. Peter Henry and Mrs. Poland were at our place afternoon. I split some stove wood at the kitchen door. I set up with wife last night and night before Jane Poland helped me to set up with wife. Wife has called the baby, Eva May Carpenter. It rained some today, cool this evening.

- 08 May I set up most of last night with wife and baby. I went down town, Chas. Henry's for seed potatoes that I bought of Geo. Broad yesterday. They fetched them over for me this evening. I took Mr. John Allen's wheel barrow home. I went down town afternoon. I bought at Peter Cattanaach - 5 lbs. sugar 45 cts., 2 1/2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1 lb. tea 25 cts., 4 lbs. oatmeal 16 cts., 1 tin pail 65 cts., 1 bar soap 25 cts., 1 bot. peppermint 10 cts., 1 bot. castor oil 15 cts., 1 bot ink 5 cts., postage on letter 3 cts., postage on notice to Town Clerk, Arthur A. Henderson, Port Lambton of Eva May Carpenter's birth, 1 ct. candy 2 cts. I got a ride home with Geo. Mulligan. Raining tonight. Mrs. Poland washed for us today. Jane Poland is working for us.
- 09 May I chored around house part of fore noon. Slept other part as I set up last night. I split stove wood, underbrushed some, picked up and ditched some in the afternoon. John Poland was over to play with Willie all day until Annie and Tom came for the cows. He came over with Sie Poland in the morning. Mrs. John Allen washed baby today. Mrs. Warren Henry washed it yesterday. She was here visiting, here 3/4 of the day. Mary Johnston got or borrowed some sperm oil for sewing machine today.
- 10 May I was not very well. I went down town and over to Marine City to get some medicine from Dr. Baird for Eva May. Got one bottle 30 cts., 1 package Poudre A. LaVioletta sent 15 cts., 1 can blackberries 10 cts., ferrage 15 cts., postage on a letter 3 cts. At Peter Cattanaach - 1 gal. coal oil. Mrs. Poland washed baby. It rained part of afternoon.
- 11 May I ditched fore noon. Wife is not so well today as she was yesterday. Baby is better. I went down town afternoon for some quinine 25 cts., 2 pens 2 cts., 1 15/16 beef steak 24 cts. Jane Poland washed for us. Mrs. John Allen washed baby for us today. Mrs. Poland's little red cow died. Thomas stayed at our place all day.
- 12 May I sawed and chopped for Chas. Henry for Warren T. Henry. Mrs. Peter Rivers was visiting at our place today. Mrs.

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Samuel Poland dressed baby. Bill and Sie Poland finished seeding today. They sewed 16 bush. barley on my place where I live and 10 bush. barley on my lower place and 40 bush. oats. They drew cow that died down in the bush to rot and stink. Wife is better today.

13 May I stayed home all day. Wife got up first time since confinement. Mrs. Poland, Mrs. W. Evers, Mrs. Pat O'Hare, Miss Ida Wright, Miss Sarah Henry, Miss Charlotte Ann Henry were at our place today. Jane Poland and Willie went to Sunday School. Mrs. Poland washed baby today.

14 May I gave Jane Poland \$2.50 on work. Warren T. Henry came to plow for me. It rained and he had to go home. Wife washed her own baby today. I went down town afternoon. Was called down by minister as I was on estimating committee to fix minister's salary. Came to no settlement. When Warren T. Henry and I left, I posted a letter to wife's cousin in Bowmanville.



Peter N. Henry & wife Emma (Young)

15 May I split stove wood fore noon and picked up and ditched afternoon. Warren T. Henry plowed for me fore noon. I

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was over to Lodge. Simon Poland joined lodge tonight. I acted as financial scribe pro tem. I lent Sie Poland a quarter. Mrs. Poland was over and helped Jane wash. Mrs. Peter Henry was up to our place afternoon.

- 16 May I burnt brush forenoon and split some stove wood and asked my bee hands afternoon. Mrs. Warren T. Henry sent us some fresh fish. I bought 1 dozen eggs of her. I asked to me bee Sie & Bill Poland, John E. Carpenter, Curtis Wright, Jacob Young, Chas. Henry and Warren T. and Peter Henry. Mrs. Lawrence Johnston was to our place fore noon.
- 17 May I had a logging bee fore noon. William Poland team drew the logs. Peter N. Henry, Simon Poland, John E. Carpenter, Curtis Wright were log rollers. Plowing bee afternoon. Chas. Henry team and Warren T. Henry team, William Poland's horse took bad with heaves after eating dusty feed and had to go home. I was over to prayer meeting, got 1 lb. of extra early Vermont potatoes at Mrs. Grant's. Brought in their from Geo. McBroom, London and also a pound for father. I did not get all plowed - will take 1 day yet.
- 18 May I planted potatoes today. Planted 1 lb. extra early Vermont, 1 lb. white elephant, 1 lb. mammoth pearl, 1 lb. burbank seedling, 1/2 lb. bella, 1/4 bush beaty hebron, 1/2 bush white elephant that I got from Warren T. Henry this morning that came from Dresden - \$1. a bush. I think they are mammoth pearl. I took father down his potatoes. His little toe is very bad - corn.
- 19 May Rained part of fore noon. Bill Evers mare died foaling. I planted 1/2 bush. of early rose potatoes. I went down to Thomas Stoke's and got a peck of white beans 46 cts. Rained after supper. I sorted out the early rose from the garden chillies. Got them from Geo. Broad. Warren T. Henry put board roof on his house.
- 20 May I stayed home all day. Jane went over home and did not get back until late. I gave Jane a dollar.
- 21 May I went down to get Chas. Henry to finish plowing my corn ground. It rained part of fore noon and all of the afternoon. He would have plowed for me this afternoon had it not rained. I made a scrapbook and put some pieces in it - it contains 22 leaves and 47 pages.
- 22 May It snowed and rained best part of fore noon and rained most of the afternoon. I got a letter from Geo. McBroom, London, seed merchant, with 30 cts. enclosed for money I sent him for 1 lb. trophy and 1 lb. dummer potatoes he did

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not have. Mr. Patrick O'Hare was around getting money to buy a horse for William Evers. He having lost his mare when foaling. I signed \$1. to be paid in a month or so. I was over to lodge at Bethel - only a few out but we had a good time.

- 23 May I cut slope off from ditch that I dug through corn ground some time ago. Fixed a cow yard after supper to put cow in at night. Wife got a letter from her cousin, Grace, Bowmanville.
- 24 May Chas. Henry finished plowing my corn ground. Got done about 4 PM. I finished ditching corn ground after supper. Barbara & Rebecca Rivers and Annie Poland were at our place for supper. Wife and her baby went up to Mrs. Eliza Evers fore noon and to Patrick O'Hare's afternoon.
- 25 May I finished planting my potatoes - 2 bushels garden chillies.
- 26 May Rained most all day. I made a kettle of soft soap and left some water off my corn ground. This rain today has flooded most of the west side until the road ditch goes down.
- 27 May Wife and Willie went over to wife's mothers. Jane Poland went home with her. She is done working for us by the week. I stayed home all day. It rained some in the afternoon. Wife did not come home.
- 28 May I burned handle out of my axe and put in another one and hoed some strawberries fore noon. Wife got home at 2 PM., her mother came with her. I went down to father's, he was not at home. He was plowing for Albert Henry. He is going to lend me five dollars.
- 29 May I went down town with milkman and got 100 lbs. flour for \$2.50 at grist mill; 1 bottle of mucilage at Andrew Smith 25 cts.; 1 bottle of spruce gum 25 cts. at Peter Cattanaach. I chopped afternoon - put up 1/2 cord soft wood. I borrowed \$5. of father this morning - gold pieces.
- 30 May I did nothing fore noon. Samantha Beach was visiting at our place fore noon, was at our place for dinner. It rained afternoon. I was assessed in fore noon for \$350. for my lower place. My half sister, Mary Charlotte Carpenter, is going to stay with us tonight. She came to our place from school. John Henry, Peter N. Henry's son, dragged my corn ground for me this afternoon. I cleaned out the furrows. I signed 2/ to missionary. Annie Poland



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had Willie's name in book. I borrowed Warren T. and Chas. Henry's corn planter to plant my corn tomorrow.

- 31 May Eva May came near choking to death fore noon with flegm in her throat. I got bottle of hive syrup from Mrs. Peter N. Henry and gave her some of it and it made her throw up the flegm and then she got better. I split some stove wood in the fore noon at the house.
- 01 Jun I planted my corn - planted 15 1/2 lbs. or 1 peck and 1 1/2 lbs. and 12 pumpkin seeds being large tours or mamouth and 90 seeds of large cheese pumpkin and some beet seed. Annie Poland came over today and minded the baby while wife washed fore noon. Wife went up to Geo. Mulligan's afternoon. Annie stayed home with Willie. Band of Hope paper came today. Simon Poland got an axe handle at my place tonight from me.
- 02 Jun I traded beans with Mrs. Poland. I gave her some large ones for small ones to plant. I got 18 1/2 lbs. from her with bag and I gave her 16 1/2 lbs. with bag. I owe her yet 2 lbs. I cleaned out well and weeded out my black onion for bite and brought up some hop poles for hops. Paid Pat O'Hare the dollar I promised him and cut my bull calf. Annie Poland stayed with us near all day.
- 03 Jun Willie and I were over to Sunday school. Stayed to preaching and class meeting. Wife stayed at home as baby has a cold and suffers some.
- 04 Jun I went down to Sombra. Took down 1 3/4 lbs. butter and got 13 per pound got worth butter in tea and got a bottle Green's August Flour at 6/ per bottle. Walked down and rode back with milkman. Peter N. Henry came and asked me if I would go and plow for Mrs. Albert Henry with Chas. Henry's team as Chas. Allen could not plow with them. Albert Bowen and wife Charlotte Ann & Mrs. Geo. Mulligan called in at our place after supper.
- 05 Jun Wife went down town with milkman. Bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair corsets \$1., 3 spools 15 cts., 2 yds. m. netting 25 cts., 2 yds. black cotton 25 cts., 1 yd. elastic 5 cts., 6 yds. ribbon 60 cts., 3 yds. pink cambric 45 cts., 3 1/2 yds. merrino \$2.19, 12 yds. print \$1.50, 1 pair shoes \$1.25, 1/2 doz. buttons 9 cts., 1 lb. 10 cts. I stayed in and tended baby while wife went to town. I planted some squash seeds, carrots and some citrons seed. We had a heavy shower of rain about supper time 5 PM.
- 06 Jun I fixed screen of mosquito netting for baby cradle in fore noon. Mrs. Samuel Poland was over to our place until



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after dinner. I planted some beans in the afternoon until it rained. We had another heavy shower about 3 PM. My water is very high.

- 07 Jun I planted a few beans fore noon and was to Chas. Henry stable and hay barn. It was made of logs. I was on the southeast corner. I caught a little fish in the ditch that ran through the corn ground. I took it up to the house and put it in a glass of water.
- 08 Jun I finished planting the ground I left for beans with beans. I under brushed for Peter Henry this afternoon and put up some scarecrows in the corn field after supper. Corn is coming up. I have planted about 21 lbs. up to date. Intended to plant some in the corn.
- 09 Jun Rained part of fore noon. I hung up shingles in the corn ground fore noon. Rained some after dinner. I under brushed out side of corn field. I dammed up the ditches side of corn ground to keep water out of corn.
- 10 Jun I and my son, Willie, were to Sunday school. Wife stayed home.
- 11 Jun I under brushed fore noon. Rained Sunday night June 10. I was planting some of my corn over that got spoiled with the wet. Wife went up to Mrs. John Allen's afternoon. Bill Poland's horse got in my corn and potatoes. Planted 6 hills citron green seeds.
- 12 Jun I went down town with milkman fore noon. Bought at P. Cattanach - 4 lbs. sugar 36 cts., 3 lbs. currants 30 cts., 3 lbs. fruit crackers 37 cts. Planted corn for P.N. Henry afternoon until 4:30 PM. Rained. I came home and planted some of mine over after supper. I was over to lodge.
- 13 Jun I finished planting over my corn fore noon. Bill Poland got an axe handle at my place. I hoed out most of the weeds of my strawberries afternoon. Social at Bethel Sons of Temperance.
- 14 Jun I under brushed fore noon. I went down to Peter N. Henry's to plant corn - planted 1 row with hoe. Quit as it was too hard. Could not get corn planter. I went over to Warren T. Henry's and bought a pig from him. I gave him 3 days of work hoeing for it. Made pen and got pig home.
- 15 Jun I planted corn for Peter N. Henry fore noon. Finished hoeing out my strawberries and weed out some of my onions and hoes the lbs. of potatoes that I planted this spring.

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- 16 Jun I went down town with milkman in fore noon. Got 1 bottle of Safe pills 25 cts. in fore noon. I weeded out my black seed onions afternoon. Sold Lawrence Johnston 1/4 bush. seed corn shelled 25 cts. It rained again this afternoon. Mrs. Albert Bowen was visiting at our place today.
- 17 Jun Wife and Willie were over to wife's mother's for dinner and then to Sunday school, preaching, and class meeting. Rained Sunday evening. I got a handfull of wild strawberries. I stayed home all day.
- 18 Jun I hoed some of my potatoes. It rained three time today. Bill Poland was at our place for dinner. Going to Wilkesport to get horse shod. I set out some tomato plants, got them from Pat O'Hare.
- 19 Jun I was hoeing potatoes all day. Wife was down to Peter Henry's fore noon. Rained some after supper with high winds.
- 20 Jun I finished hoeing my potatoes fore noon. Hoed some corn afternoon. Mrs. S. Poland was at our place a visiting, stayed to dinner. Annie Poland came over to stay all night to mind baby so wife can wash tomorrow. I sold John E. Carpenter 1/4 bush. beans @ 14/ 44 cts. per bush.
- 21 Jun I finished hoeing my corn. Dug up 15 black grubs in my potato patch. Annie Poland stayed to our place today, wife washed today.
- 22 Jun I helped Charles Henry hoe potatoes and corn. Word came from Marine City that Alonzo Lapish was hurt today in the ship yard. I dug 6 black grubs out of my potatoes. Jane Poland was at our place all day. Charlotte A. Henry, Sarah Henry, Mrs. Albert Henry, Mrs. Peter Henry, Miss. Gertrude Meyers were at our place today.
- 23 Jun I helped Warren T. Henry hoe potatoes all day. Jane Poland stayed at our place last night. Annie and Mag came over in the daytime and stayed all day. Eva May, the baby, had a bad choking spell 3 PM.
- 24 Jun I went over to Prier's and left word for Dr. Merrison to come over to my place from there, he came to see baby Eva May Carpenter. He said she had cattarak and bronchical tubes were infected. He left some medicine for her and I was to go over to Prier's in the morning and he would bring a bottle there for me. Mrs. Poland was over. We had first mess of our strawberries.

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- 25 Jun I went over to Prier's for medicine. He did not bring it as he was not home. He is to bring it tomorrow. I hoed some potatoes balance of fore noon. I helped Warren T. Henry afternoon. Rained after supper.
- 26 Jun I went to Prier's and waited until one o'clock PM. I came home and hoed potatoes afternoon. I was down to lodge. I was elected Worthy Patriarch. John E. Carpenter was up to our place fore noon and got big strawberries.
- 27 Jun I was hoeing potatoes fore noon. Rained about 11 am. I helped Chas. Henry hoe corn afternoon. Raining at night.
- 28 Jun I finished hoeing my potatoes and hoed beets. Rained last night. I was over to Prayer Meeting.
- 29 Jun I went down to father's fore noon for his scythe and broad axe. Got them. Willie went with me. I hoed strawberries balance of day and picked 4 quarts of strawberries. Sold Thomas Parker 2 quarts @ 1/ 25 cts. Peter N. Henry was up to our place visiting afternoon. Mrs. Albert Henry called after supper. Wife went on road home with them. Wife borrowed 3/4 bread pan full of flour from Mrs. Peter N. Henry.
- 30 Jun I helped Simon Poland hoe potatoes on my lower place. I traded my scythe swath for horse hoe cultivator malboards with father. I put bell on cow tonight. Mrs. Poland was at our place afternoon.
- 01 Jul I picked 4 quarts of strawberries. Wife and Willie went over home and to Church. I stayed home. Peter Rivers was to our place for dinner.
- 02 Jul I helped Sie Poland hoe potatoes part of fore noon. Rained some at noon. I made a gavel for Sons of Temperance Lodge. Found a horse shoe. Split some stove wood and saved seeds from three of sharpless seedling strawberries. Wife was down to Peter N. Henry afternoon. Warren T. Henry has gone up Black Creek to start a Sons of Temperance lodge. I picked 3 quarts strawberries and hoed some strawberry plants.
- 03 Jul I was down town fore noon. Bought at Peter Cattanach - 1 bottle Warner's Safe Cure 10/ \$1.25, 4 lbs. sugar 40 cts., 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts. I was over to Lodge, I was installed W.P. of lodge. I was to sale of ditch on side road between 11, 12, Sant Witherel - got first job South @ 40 per rod, 7 ft. wide, two foot slope, got North job at 50 cts. per rod, 7 foot wide, two foot slope to Lawrence Johnston.

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- 04 Jul I picked 3 quarts of strawberries and ground my axe. Picnic at Wilkesport Sons of Temperance - got it, Wilkesport Division. Rained heavy in the afternoon with high winds. John E. Carpenter cut my hair for me after he came back from the picnic.
- 05 Jul I was over to Mrs. Poland's. Borrowed 52 lbs. flour with bag. Mrs. Poland came over to our place with me. Their bees swarmed one PM. I helped Sie hoe potatoes afternoon.
- 06 Jul I planted some turnip seeds. Fixed place for morning glorys to run on. Picked 2 quarts strawberries. Father was over to our place for supper. Nellie Moran was buried, she died day before yesterday - quick consumption.
- 07 Jul Chopped part of fore noon. Rained part of afternoon. I went down to father's and got cultivator, moulboards on. Was to Geo. Mulligan's to get it and some yeast from Mrs. John Allen. Wife picked 1 quart strawberries. I made cow yard after supper.
- 08 Jul Willie and I were to Sabbath school. When I came back, met wife going to Warren T. Henry's with 2 quarts of strawberries. Willie went with her. Warren came up with me and had supper with me. Then I went down with him. Wife and I came home together. Called at Peter N. Henry's on the way home.
- 09 Jul I did nothing much. Picked potato bugs from off potatoes, chopped afternoon. Mrs. Peter N. Henry was at our place for dinner. I weeded out onions after supper. Wife was up to Allen's part of afternoon. Mrs. John Allen got a swarm of bees on bush in front of Geo. Mulligan's on Eagle's place.
- 10 Jul I hoed potatoes and corn for Warren T. Henry. Gilbert Brown was working with us. Baby choked some. Was over to lodge.
- 11 Jul I helped Warren T. Henry hoe corn all day. W.T. Henry went to Reynold's Church to get a Sons of Temperance Lodge. John E. Carpenter went too.
- 12 Jul I helped Chas. Henry until supper time, cock hay. Rained at suppertime. Wife went down to Walker's to see Dr. Merrison to get some medicine for baby. She did not see him. She left bottle there for him. I went down and met wife in the evening. She left Willie at P.N. Henry's. Mrs. Walker is sick and Cynthia Jane Henry and Mrs. Fallace.

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- 13 Jul I helped Chas. Henry all day put roof on his log barn and stable. Roofed it with elm lumber. I shook out some hay after supper. Wife was to Warren T. Henry's part of afternoon with son, Willie (fair day).
- 14 Jul I helped John E. Carpenter all day mow on George Hargrove's place. I mowed with scythe. Wife took Peter N. Henry's flour home - 3/4 bread pan full.
- 15 Jul Wife and Willie went to Mrs. Poland's. Willie came to Sunday school. I stayed home fore noon. I went to Sunday school and preaching and class meeting. Wife was to preaching and class meeting. I went down to Walker's to see if bottle of medicine had come. Dr. Merrison forgot to bring it. Wife stayed at Grant's until I got back. Preacher brought his wife to Church. They have just been married. His name is Nethercott.
- 16 Jul I helped Chas. Henry all day. Fore noon finished roof on his stable and spread some hay. Cocks drew in hay in the afternoon. Filled his stable full all but one load.
- 17 Jul I helped Chas. Henry all day in haying. Stacked fore noon, cocked afternoon.
- 18 Jul I helped Chas. Henry all day. Stacked hay fore noon, mowed afternoon until supper, cocked and raked after supper. Mrs. Poland's bees swarmed today. They came and got one of my hives.
- 19 Jul I got a mess of potatoes for breakfast. I helped Chas. Henry all day stack hay. Simon Poland helped Mrs. Albert Henry all day mowing for her for me. Wife was over to her mothers, mother came back with her.
- 20 Jul I helped Mrs. Albert Henry 3/4 day in haying. Rained after supper. I was cocking hay there. Willie was taken sick last night - croup apparently. I made him throw up and then I got Warren T. Henry to go to Courtright for Dr. Merrison and then I went up to Mrs. John Allen. She came down. I put onion drafts on his feet. Doctor got over to our place about 3 AM. Miss. Charlotte Ann Henry was at our place afternoon.
- 21 Jul Rained fore noon. I picked potato bugs afternoon. Barley is ripe and fit to cut. I pulled my onions that I got from Chas. Henry. Robert Stokes brought me 100 lbs. flour.

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- 22 Jul I stayed home all day with Willie. Wife went down to Peter N. Henry's in the afternoon and took Eva May with her. Heavy rain, dark.
- 23 Jul Rained most all day. I did nothing in fore noon. I went down town in afternoon with Chas. Henry. Bought at M.L. Burnham's - 1/2 dozen pens 5 cts., 1 package twin brothers yeast cakes 10 cts.
- 24 Jul Rained fore noon. I set out some kohlrabi plants and picked some potato bugs. I was over in the evening to Mrs. Poland's for some yeast and vinegar, 1 loaf of bread. I was over to Lodge. Warren T. Henry and John Rivers went up to Reynold's Church to start a division of Sons of Temperance.
- 25 Jul I churned for wife fore noon. Mag came over to mind baby while wife washed. I helped Mrs. W.T. Henry afternoon shake whey out of crock. Peter N. Henry's mare died afternoon. Bill and Sie Poland commenced to cut barley on own place.
- 26 Jul I helped Mrs. Albert Henry all day stacking hay. Ed Tomlin helped me and Peter N. Henry afternoon. Eva May seems sick with a bad cold. Bill and Sie Poland commenced to cut barley on my place where I live. Charley's mare is dead. Ed Tomlin shot her at noon.
- 27 Jul Wife went down town with milkman to take Eva May (baby) to Dr. Merrison. Doctor did not come until 5 PM. Wife stayed to Mrs. Chester Henry's until Doctor came.. I cradled barley for Peter N. Henry for Mrs. Albert Henry to pay him back for helping her stack yesterday afternoon. Little Willie went with me. I stacked barley for Mrs. Poland on their own place after supper. We cut barley on my own place. Willie went with me, carried him over the mud holes.
- 28 Jul Wife did not come home. She stayed at Uncle Chester Henry's all night, one of their children is sick. Wife came home with milkman this morning, she was in to Peter Cattanaach's to see baby and her sister, Jane Poland. She bought at Silvanus Green's - 2 loaves of bread 14 cts.; at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair infant baby shoes for Eva May 50 cts., 1 pair baby hose 13 cts., 1 lb. cheese 13 cts., candy 5 cts. (paid for) 3 yds. brown duck 60 cts., 5 1/2 yd. brown denim \$1.10, 1 spool linen thread 15 cts., 1 1/2 yds. linen 23 cts., 8 yds. print \$1., 2 sticks white tape 8 cts. (on credit). I helped Mrs. Poland all day cut barley fore noon and part of afternoon and turned over barley rest of day. Bill Poland finished cutting barley



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on my place where I live.

- 29 Jul Wife and Willie went over to her mother's. Willie was to Church and Sunday school. I stayed home all day. I expected Dr. Merrison, would leave some medicine for Eva May (baby).
- 30 Jul I helped Bill and Sie Poland all day stack barley on my own place where I live.
- 31 Jul Helped Bill and Sie Poland all day turn barley and cradle around fall wheat on my place where I live. In fore noon, stacked barley. Mrs. P.N. Henry was up to our place for dinner. Wife went down with her to her place afternoon. I was over to Lodge. P.N. Henry bought cow from Ed Tomlin.
- 01 Aug I helped Bill and Sie all day. Fore noon I cradled and turned barley, finished cutting barley on my lower place, stacked barley from there in the afternoon to my place where I live. Finished stacking barley on my place yesterday where I live. George Cora buried Aug. 1, 1883.
- 02 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland 3/4 day binding wheat. They commenced to reap fall wheat on my place where I live. Wife went down town. She bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 pair woman's shoes \$1.50, on ticket - 1 box hair oil 25 cts., 1 baby bib 3 cts., candy 3 cts., 3 1/2 doz. glass buttons 10 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 18 cts., 1/2 lb. pepper 12 cts., woollen yarn 18 cts. Rained so we could not work at the fall wheat. I cut sprouts from my apple trees and cut sprouts from stumps lower end of field and cut one basket full of timothy heads for seed.
- 03 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland all day. Finished cutting and binding all wheat at my place where I live. Went over to their place after supper and commenced cutting all wheat there.
- 04 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland all day binding fall wheat. Wife and Willie were up to Mrs. John Allen's afternoon.
- 05 Aug Willie and I were over to Sunday school, preaching and class meeting. Wife was down to Peter N. Henry's when we came back. Willie and I went there too. We were all there for supper.
- 06 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland all day. Finished cutting and binding the fall wheat on their place. Mrs. Pat O'Hare was to our place afternoon getting some sewing done.



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- 07 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day. Finished stacking barley from my lower place fore noon. Stacked the fall wheat on my place where I live afternoon. I was over to Lodge at Bethel River's Corners.
- 08 Aug I helped Bill & Sie Poland all day. Finished stacking their fall wheat on their place. Wife and Willie came over in the afternoon and were to their place for supper.
- 09 Aug I was over to Marine City fore noon. Bought at Hurd's - 10 cts. worth of rhubarb root and 10 cts. worth of flour sulphur or and brimstone a pegging awl 10 cts. (handle) at Cottrell's, ferrage 5 cts., at Green's - 2 loaves of bread 14 cts., 1 lemon 5 cts. Sam Wedge was buried at Wilkesport this afternoon. Mr. Tom Allen's and his two daughters, James Garnet and three other boys stopped at our place on the way back from funeral and were at our place for supper. I did nothing afternoon. Peter N. Henry bought George Mulligan's mare and Chas. has taken the drawing of milk. Chas. Henry made first trip this morning.
- 10 Aug Father was up to borrow my cradle to cradle some oats, he got it. I dug one hill of extra early Vermont and 1 hill White Elephant and two hills Beauty Hebron, Mommoth Pearly, 1 Vine Belle. I gave Mr. Nethercott 1/2 bushel potatoes, he gave class credit for \$1.50. He and his wife called at our place afternoon. I cut sprouts from stump in front field where I live in afternoon. Got first ripe blackberry. Miss Charlotte Henry was visiting at our place afternoon.
- 11 Aug I underbrushed part of fence row west from south fence, second field towards William Hargrove's. I set some fires after supper. Mrs. Poland was over most all day making a dress for herself. Maggie went home with her. She has been at our place 3 or 4 days. John came over with his mother. Wife bought 2 lbs. beef steak 21 cts., 2 lbs. fish 10 cts.
- 12 Aug Willie and I were to Sunday school and preaching. There was no class meeting. Rained some in afternoon. I gave 20 cts. in the collection. Jane Poland and little brother, John, were at our place afternoon. Rained and they are going to stay all night.
- 13 Aug I helped Bill and Sie Poland fore noon thresh on their place. They had 72 bushels of fall wheat and 24 bushels barley. Jane rode down with milkman (Chas. Henry) this morning. She is working at Peter Cattanach, Sombra Village. Wife and children were over to Poland's. Jane

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came home with her. I under brushed part of afternoon.

- 14 Aug I put small box on the top of bee tree in front of house. Underbrushed rest of day until supper time. Chopped some cord wood after supper. Charlotte Henry brought us up some woollen sock yarn. I was over to Lodge. Bill Poland joined Lodge again. Two of Stratton boys were down to our Lodge.
- 15 Aug I went to see Peter Cattanaach about a note that I owe him, falls due on 17 inst, he gave me a longer time on same. I came home and chopped cord wood balance of day. Wife and children away visiting today on other line. She was to Mr. Peter Rivers and Mrs. Geo. Broad's. She came home. I minded the children while she went to prayer meeting. They are going to make arrangements for an ice cream social or tea meeting to apply on minister's salary.
- 16 Aug I chopped all day. Willie went out with me in the afternoon. George Hargrove's barn and stable and all were burnt up. Corn crib was saved and pig pen, too, this afternoon, so Lawrence Johnston told me just at dark.
- 17 Aug I was in house fore noon. I was not very well. I went out to chop afternoon. It was too hot to chop. I picked a mess of blackberries and made a last to fix my shoe soles on. I pegged them. Wife and Willie and baby were down to Peter N. Henry's afternoon. I went down after them. Bill Poland came over in the afternoon and offered me my place back and he offered me old Bob for \$100. on one year's time and wagon and hay rack and harrows for \$20. I was to P.N. Henry's for supper. Bill told me I could have reaper for \$75. same - one year's time.
- 18 Aug I went out to Sant Witherel's to see if I could buy Bill horse back again. He would not sell him. I went up to see John Doran to get pay for note, could not get it. I then went to Wilkesport to see White, the harness maker, to buy a colt from him, 3 years old, also a harness - could not as he holds too high a price. I came home and went over to Poland's to see about getting Bob horse. I will get him tonight. I then went down to see Warren T. Henry to get his buggy to go to Sarnia on next Monday, he came down town. I came down to fathers, met Warren Henry there and rode home with him. He lets me have the buggy, I then went on to Poland's to get Bob horse. Got him and fetched him home, he gives me 1 1/2 months longer to pay for him.
- 19 Aug Willie and I were to Sunday school and I stayed to preaching and to class meeting. Wife and baby were over

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to her mother's. Sister, Lucy, and sister, Mary, were up to our place but we were not at home.

20 Aug I got Warren T. Henry buggy. Wife and I and children, Willie and Eva, went to Sarnia. We went to draw money on place to buy horse and harness. We signed the papers and if things are well we get money on 23 inst. hole thing will amount to \$8.75. We had all of our pictures taken in a group, wife and Willie and Eva May. We got 6 photographs for \$1.25. I got dash board put on Warren T. Henry's buggy for \$2. It was made of duck. We bought 3



James W. Carpenter & wife Mary (Poland)  
William J. & Eva M. 1883

meals 75 cts., 1 horse hay and oats 25 cts., 1 pocket book for Simon Poland 25 cts., candy 5 cts., apples 5 cts. We started from home about 4 am. and got in Sarnia about 10 AM., left 2:30 PM and got home about 7 PM. We drove up old Bob. It rained in Sarnia just after we got there.

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Baby was very cross.

- 21 Aug I went down to Jacob Young's to buy his grey horse. I bought him for \$100. I am to pay him on the 25 inst. if I get my money on the 24 inst. if not it will be a few days later if that fails, I pay for use of him. I brought him home and went over to Poland's for Bob horse. I brought wagon home and plow and one of Poland's horses (Tom). I tried to plow afternoon. Plowed to lands, ground is hard. Plow handle is broke. I have blocked out another one. Mrs. Poland and Will & Sie and John Poland were over. Mrs. Allen was to our place for supper. I was over to Lodge. Walter Shortt was voted for as a member of our Lodge Sons of Temperance. I got home about 11:30.
- 22 Aug I went down town with plow coulter and some bolts to get fixed for my plow came back and helped John E. Carpenter bind oats all day on Geo. Hargrove's place. Bill Poland had my Bob horse to draw machine threshing to Geo. Mulligan's. Mrs. Peter N. Henry had a young son born yesterday.
- 23 Aug I went down town and got my plow coulter and other rods 6/ was the cost in full. I borrowed Jacob Young's harness to go to Sarnia tomorrow. Fetched it up with the milkman. I finished fixing my plow and dug 1 1/2 bushels of garden chillies potatoes to take up with us to Sarnia tomorrow amounting to \$2.50. He paid me. I went over to prayer meeting and brought Warren T. Henry's buggy home so I could go early in the morning. Wife took Willie over to Mrs. Allen's and left him there for tonight and tomorrow.
- 24 Aug I was to Sarnia with wife. I got money on mortgage \$140. I bought set of harness 35 cts at Jas. Lucas. He did not have back bands but is to send them down on the boat on the 29 th. I got the Britchin spread rings and snaps and 1 halter 50 cts. He gave me the strap and other stuff through town plus 1 coconut 10 cts. and oranges 10 cts., 2 loaves of bread 14 cts., 1 lemon 5 cts., 1 bar soap 25 cts., starch 6 cts., 14 oz. condition powder 30 cts., 1 hat for Jane Poland \$1.50, 1 whip holder 25 cts. for Warren T. Henry buggy. We took 1 1/2 bushel garden chillies and got 4/ per bushel for them and 3 lbs. butter 45 cts. I paid Fred Youngs \$100. or Jacob Youngs for his horse. I bought on the 21st. Willie stayed to Mrs. Allen's all day. We got our photographs today, 7 of them for \$1.25. I had my harness fitted on my horse at the shop and brought Jacob Young home in the buggy and left at his place. We got home before dark. The road were very dusty and hot. Mrs. William Evers is not very well.

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- 25 Aug I plowed fore noon on place where I live. I threshed for John E. Carpenter for Warren T. Henry. John E. Carpenter got only 174 bushels of oats. It was threshed at William Hargrove's. I built the straw stack. Wife went up in the evening. Willie stayed with me to Bill Eyer's. Mag Poland went with her to see how Mrs. Eyer's was.
- 26 Aug Willie and I were to Sunday school. Wife came after Sunday School. We were all to Church and class meeting. Alexander Chartier went home with Jane Poland to Peter Cattanaach. We were to Poland's for supper.
- 27 Aug I was plowing all day. Drew one load of rails after supper to fix fence around corn field. Wife and children were down to Peter N. Henry's after supper. I set some fires after dark in wheat field.
- 28 Aug I plowed all day. Was over to Lodge at night. We had a spelling match. Delbert Young and John Rivers, Delbert's side beat.
- 29 Aug I plowed all day until supper time. Went down town. Bought at mill - 100 lbs. flour \$2.75 and bran 15 cts. At Peter Cattanaach's - 1/2 lb. ginger, 1/2 lb. sulphur, 1 spool cotton - whole thing 30 cts. Wife was down to Johnston's for some yeast to set bread with - got it.
- 30 Aug I went down town fore noon to see the investigation about the post office held by the inspector of the post office. Brought about by a petition got up by Dr. Anderson at Sombra Village. I got plow rod fixed. Subscribed for Valley Record for balance of this year for 25 cts. Left wife's shoes at shoe shop to get fixed - charge 2/ not paid. I came home with milkman. Found horse shoe. I plowed afternoon. Bill and Sie Poland stacking oats. I broke my wagon 2 fellows. Willie went over to Poland's afternoon - going to stay all night. Wife and I and baby were over to prayer meeting.
- 31 Aug I was plowing all day. Willie stayed at his grandmother's last night. Wife and children were over to her mother's this afternoon. Bill and Sie Poland were down drawing oats from lower place. Horse balked all fore noon drawing one load.
- 01 Sep I helped Bill & Sie Poland until supper time or 5:30 drawing in oats with my team. John Prier helped them to finish their oats and harvest too. I plowed one head land to fall wheat on west side of ditch next to Bill Hargrove's on place where I live. A lot of young folks to

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Bill Robert's swinging tonight.

- 02 Sep I was home all day. Wife and children were at Peter N. Henry's most all day. Rained last night.
- 03 Sep I harrowed over 5 acres of fall wheat ground once before I sowed it. I finished one of the head lands this morning. Threw out straw of stable so I could fix the rails so I could stable my horses in it this winter. Bill & Sie Poland got up wood for threshing machine engine. Fixed up my lantern at night.
- 04 Sep I drew out manure out of the old stable unto the field by my house. I was over to see Sie Poland if he could do my road work for me. He will. Wife was down to Johnston's this afternoon. Willie came home sick with the fever. Mrs. Poland's calf died after supper sick 10 minutes.
- 05 Sep I pulled beans fore noon and plowed on lower place afternoon. Cleaned out well in bush after supper for water for my horses. Sie Poland worked one day on the road for me today. I kept Bob horse in stable last night.
- 06 Sep I made a neck yoke and pulled some beans fore noon. Afternoon, I went down to lower place to plow - could not very well until I get a new point. I came home and got wagon and took it down town to get it fixed. Back bands to my harness came - costs 15 cts. Bought plow point at Peter Cattanach's for my plow - cost 55 cts. Sie Poland done one day road work for me today.
- 07 Sep I put my plow point on my plow and plowed 2 lands and came home on the road. I borrowed Peter N. Henry's buggy to go to town after my wagon fore noon. Afternoon, I went down town for my wagon. Wife and baby went down with me. Willie stayed at Peter N. Henry's. I took down a bushel of potatoes for them. I did not get wagon until next day. We bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 pair boys boots 11/, 3 yds. cottonade 3/, 3 yds. flannel 3/, 4 yds. factory 8/, 2 spools 10 cts., 1 dozen buttons 1/, sugar 25 cts. worth, 2 lbs. rice 6 cts., 1/2 lbs. ginger, 1/4 lbb. salt peter, 1 curry comb 15 cts., 1 horse brush 6/. Mr. Hamilton charged me 80 cts. for the work he did on the wagon.
- 08 Sep I went over to Poland's in the morning for their rack to draw manure on and their cutting bar. John E. Carpenter went over with me. He came up for my saw and got it. I went down to father's for some hay, he gave me some. I borrowed 2 bags oats from John E. Carpenter - 4 bushels to feed my horses. I drew out one load of manure and fixed my stable up some. Maggie Poland has been with us all



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day.

- 09 Sep I kept my horses in the stable last night. I took them down to lower place in fore noon. I went down to father's, he was not at home. I got Dr. Chase receipt book of my stepsister, Lucy L. Carpenter. Jane Poland came up to our place today. Wife was over to her mother's fore noon. Jane Poland went over after her. Wife came home and Mrs. Poland, Tom and John and Joe came over to our place too. They were all to our place for supper. Mary Charlotte Carpenter came up with Lucy and Jane and wife and children. Went down to father's after supper to see Ida Wright. She is not very well. I went down and met them at father's. We had a heavy frost last night and a slight frost - the first of the week.
- 10 Sep I drew 6 loads of manure to lower place. We had a heavy frost last night which cooked the corn.
- 11 Sep I threshed for Bill Evers fore noon. I drew 6 loads of manure to lower place. Wife went down town. She bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 pr. suspenders 2/, 1 bottle lemon 15 cts., 1 bottle extract wild strawberry 3/, 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1/2 lb. baking soda 5 cts., cream of tartar 5 cts., 1 1/2 yds. brilliant 25 cts., 1 1/2 embroidery 22 cts., 1 yd. bleach cotton 10 cts., 1 collar linen 20 cts., 1 pair baby hose at Smith's 10 cts. I was to Lodge. Walker Shortt joined division.
- 12 Sep I drew one load of manure and plowed balance of fore noon on lower place. I drew one load of manure afternoon to lower place. Patrick Sheeran got water. They bored down 158 ft. before they struck the rock. They finished boring yesterday about noon.
- 13 Sep I sold father 1 1/4 cord of stove wood for 4 bushels oats and took it down to him. I took my calf down and put it in father's field. I drew up my beans and tried to thresh them in old stable - could not. Fore noon took them down to Warren T. Henry's and threshed them on his barn floor. I then brought them home and after I cleaned them I had 2 1/2 bushels. I went down to river after supper and got barrel of water for wife to wash tomorrow. Shortt's threshing machine came to my place tonight to thresh Bill & Sie Poland's grain. Wife was over home afternoon.
- 14 Sep I drew 4 loads of water with my team, got stuck twice.



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- 15 Sep Shortt's finished threshing for Bill & Sie Poland. I helped part of the fore noon. William Hargrove came to thresh some buckwheat - could not as it was too wet. I got him to take the separator with his team to William Gilbert. He was from about 10:30 am to 3 PM. I drew two loads of water and put it in my well. They had 190 bushels of fall wheat and 120 of barley.
- 16 Sep I was over to Sunday School. Wife and children were down to Warren T. Henry's. John Rivers came over at night and got water barrels that I borrowed from their line. Rained some in the afternoon.
- 17 Sep I went over to Poland's and got 20 bushels of seed fall wheat at market price. I took their wheat home from my place. I sowed about 3 1/2 bushels in afternoon and harrowed it over once. Warren T. Henry came up to see if I would go to the picnic tomorrow. I promised him I would go. He is to get his wagon ready for me.
- 18 Sep I took my team and went out to the picnic Temperance held in Sturdavant's grove back of Wilkesport. I had a full load, out and back all of my family went. There were 7 speakers - Rev. Mr. Fife, Courtright and Rev. Kerr and Rev. Weir, Brigden, and Rev. Hooper, Wilkesport, and Rev. Pickard of Leamington, Lake Erie, Rev. Nethercott, Port Lambton and Alexander McDougal, Wallaceburg. Barrister Warren T. Henry acted as chairman, The Sombra Brassband was there. They took up a collection for the band amounting to \$15. The Sons of Temperance Lodge marched around the grove, headed by the band - 7 Lodges represented. I gave Rev. Nethercott 1/2 bushel potatoes and 50 cts. Wife signed for his salary.
- 19 Sep I finished sowing balance of wheat ground on place where I live. Sowed 8 1/4 bushels all together on place where I live. Wife was down to Peter N. Henry's afternoon. Willie and baby went with her.
- 20 Sep Finished harrowing my fall wheat on place where I live. Wife and children were over home afternoon. Willie is sick again with fever.
- 21 Sep I plowed on lower place fore noon and in the afternoon, I furrowed out my fall wheat on place where I live. Mrs. Peter N. Henry was visiting our place. Sie Poland cut corn for me in the fore noon. Today I got 1/2 bushel oats out of Bill Poland's bin.
- 22 Sep I cleaned out fall wheat furrows on place where I live and dug potatoes after 3 PM. Dug Mammoth Pearl, 1 lb.

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planting and White Elephant and Burbank seedling and extra early Vermont and Belle Beauty of Hebron I got from M. L. Burnham.

- 23 Sep I took my horses down to lower place and then went down to Sunday school and church. She went down to River's to see Matilda Boylan, formerly M. Rivers. I came home and got ready and went over to church. I was a little late.
- 24 Sep I dug 10 bushels of potatoes, 5 bushels Mammoth Pearl, 3 1/2 bushels Early Rose balance was garden chillies. Rev. Mr. Nethercott and his wife were at our place for dinner. Rained part of the day. I went up and got a bottle of coal oil at Bill Eyer's. I took 1 bushel oats out of Bill Poland's oat bin.
- 25 Sep I drew 2 loads of manure to lower place and plowed there. Plowed near eight lands. Jim horse is not very well tonight. I went up and Bill Eyer's to look at him, he seemed a little better and has gone to eating.
- 26 Sep I took two loads of manure to lower place and plowed there. Wife went up to see Mrs. Geo. Mulligan. Took baby and Willie. Rode down to lower place with me and went in to Lib Albert's to visit with Stella.
- 27 Sep I sewed 5 1/4 bushels fall wheat on lower place and drew 2 loads of manure too. I only harrowed the ground once over. Wife and children were over to Mrs. Tomlin's. My Jim horse is sick, he laid down as soon as I brought him home and put him in the stable. Wife and children stayed to prayer meeting and I went over and met them.
- 28 Sep I finished harrowing in the wheat. I sewed on lower place yesterday. Rained some afternoon. I did not take the team out as Jim horse is not very well, think he has pink eye. Father was at our place for supper. Willie was over to his grandmother Poland's.
- 29 Sep I drew up a barrel of water and some fire wood and took down some straw to cover my potato pits. Fetched up some corn stalks to feed horses and picked up some potatoes fore noon. Afternoon, I finished pitting the new kinds of potatoes (as mentioned Canadian Headline Copybook for 1883) and then I got P.N. Henry's buggy. Wife and I and Eva went to town. I went over to Marine City to get some stuff for condition powder for my horses. It cost me 40 cts., ferrage 5 cts. I put horse in blacksmith shop. I bought at Peter Cattanch's - 1/2 lb. ginger, 1/2 lb. sulphur, 4 oz. rozen, 1 pair boots \$4., 1 bottle spts of turpentine 10 cts. Wife bought - 2 lbs. cheese 28 cts., 1

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box shoe blackening, 5 rolls wall paper 3/, 1 lb. candles  
16 cts., 1 gal. coal oil, 5 lbs. sugar 45 cts., 2 lbs.  
currants 20 cts., 1 box black lead 20 cts., 2 paper tacks  
20 cts., 1 lb. putty 6 cts., nutmeg 5 cts., 3 lbs. ocre 27  
cts. and candy 1 ct.

NOTE ON TOP OF PAGE: I gave Dr. Anderson a note for \$16. for  
doctor bill due in three months. Note for Bob horse look  
Oct. 4, 1884.

30 Sep I and family were to church. I was too late for Sabbath  
school. They put me in as Bible class teacher. I signed  
for 50 cts. for mission fund to be paid in a couple of  
months. John Burdett preached in Rev. Nethercott's place.

01 Oct I finished digging my potatoes and covered them with dirt.  
Had 26 bushels altogether. Piled 21 bushels.

02 Oct Rained part of fore noon. I cut some weeds and set some  
fires in afternoon. I went down to lower place and  
furrowed out my fall wheat. I went down to Father's, he  
was not at home. Eva is sick. She screams with pain. I  
went up and got Mrs. John Allen. She came down, we put  
some smart weed steeped in vinegar on her stomach and gave  
her three doses of extract of wild strawberries and a dose  
of castor oil. Afterwards Mrs. John Allen stayed until  
11:30 PM, then her and Chas. Allen went home. I had my  
horses all harnessed to go for the doctor and did not  
unharness them until 11:30 PM.

03 Oct I took my team to Mooretown to see Geo. Cowell to see if  
he could tell me what ailed them. He was not at home. He  
was at Wallaceburg. I waited until 3 PM. and then came  
home. Eva is some better. I got 1/2 bushel of oats from  
Bill & Sie Poland.

04 Oct I went down to lower place in the fore noon with a load of  
manure and plowed two lands. Then I went down to father's  
and bought a stack of hay for \$27.50. Gave him my calf on  
it for \$5. He is to take wood for it or money in the  
winter or spring. I fetched some home with me. I gave  
Mrs. Poland my note for one hundred dollars for 12 months  
for Bob horse without interest. I took down a load of  
manure down to lower place and plowed two lands. Bill  
Poland signed writing to give me up lease on my place.

05 Oct I took two loads of manure down to lower place and plowed  
there. Bill Poland finished digging his potatoes on my  
lower place. Wife borrowed 21 1/4 lbs. flour with pail  
from Mrs. Lawrence Johnston.

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- 06 Oct Rained fore noon so I could not take horses out. I went down to lower place and cleaned out the furrows in the piece that I sowed on the 27th. of Sept. Eva is sick - bowel complaints. We were up with her most all last night and part of tonight.
- 07 Oct Willie and I were over to Sabbath school and preaching.
- 08 Oct I took down two loads of manure to lower place and sowed 2 1/4 fall wheat there and plowed one land. Went down to father's for some hay. I could not find the cow.
- 09 Oct I hunted all fore noon for cow. Could not find her. I went down to Sombra in the afternoon. Took down 4 1/4 bushels of fall wheat to grind 3 bushels and 40 lbs. by weight got 25 lbs. flour on it until he grinds mine. Hunted for cow after I got back - could not find her. I was over to Lodge. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 shovel \$1.42, 1 lb. ginger 38 cts., 2 1/2 lbs. sugar 22 cts., cloves 5 cts. The Miller will buy my wood and give me flour for it.
- 10 Oct I hunted my cow - found her fast in an elm top between two limbs. I cut her loose but she could not get up. Went and got Pat O'Hare and Lawrence Johnston and P.N. Henry and W.T. Henry and we could not get her up. Left her to put on the jumper at five - did so and brought her up to the stable and laid her on some straw. Wife and children and Mrs. John Allen went over to Mrs. Poland's in the afternoon. Mrs. Poland was at our place for dinner. I went down to father's and borrowed Patrick Sheeran's post auger to sink crotched in the ground to raise cow with.
- 11 Oct Father and brother, John, came up to help me make a windless to hoist my cow up. We raised her up but she has no use of one of her hind legs - right one. Gave her near 1 quart of linseed oil at 1 PM. - let her down again. I skided some cord wood out of bush and raised the cow after supper. William Evers and Chas. Allen helped me. 11:20 PM cow seems some better than she was at noon.
- 12 Oct Rained some last night. I fixed around cow part of fore noon and made wagon stakes afternoon. Skidded 4 loads of cord wood and brought 1 load of fire wood. Raised cow three times. Mrs. John Allen was down to our place at night.
- 13 Oct I took a load of cord wood to the mill and some liniment for cow - cost 30 cts. I got beer at I. Waybrant's, the rest I got at Dr. W. Anderson. Bill Poland took 2 loads of barley away to Robert Stokes for his brother, Tom

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Stokes. Rained afternoon. I dug a bag of legeume pain roots on Warren T. Henry's. Charles Allen helped me raise my cow. She is some better. I think I brought my grist home in fore noon. Willie had a touch of croup last night. Tom Poland is staying with us tonight.

- 14 Oct I was home all day. Wife and baby went down to W.T. Henry's. Mrs. Poland and her daughter, Jane, came over to our place afternoon after wife and brought her home. Father came up with us and raised the cow twice.
- 15 Oct I went down to father's and got a load of hay fore noon. Raised cow once and plowed one land on lower place. Plowed on lower place afternoon. Plowed three lands. Dance at Pat O'Hare's.
- 16 Oct I drew one load of cord wood to mill fore noon. John E. Carpenter drove my team afternoon. Took one load to the mill and one out of the woods. I filed my saw for him to use for himself. I got 25 bushels seed barley from Bill Poland 4/ per bushel. I was over to Lodge.
- 17 Oct I drew two loads of wood to the mill. I got Chas. Henry's chain fixed 5 cts. that I broke the other night fixing cow. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Poland gave us a piece of pork each.
- 18 Oct I finished drawing my wood to mill. Have 7 1/2 cords - got 10/ per cord for it. I got 300 lbs. of flour at 22/ per 100 and gave me a due bill for 80 cts. payable to Wm. Hamilton to pay him for fixing my wagon. Rained in the afternoon. I raised my cow, she does not seem any better. I bought 1 account book at Peter Cattnach's 5 cts. I gave Peter Cattnach my note for \$124.10 payable four months from now.
- 19 Oct I went down to lower place to plow. Took my dinner with me, had to come back as it rained. Rain stopped after dinner. I went down to lower place and plowed afternoon. Wife went over to her mother's with our children. Her mother came over to our place in the morning for some salt. John E. Carpenter and Chas. Allen were sawing stove wood on the place where I live for father in front field.
- 20 Oct I plowed down to lower place. John E. Carpenter and Chas. Allen sawing fore noon. First appearance of snow this fall. Mrs. Albert Henry wants me to take care of her clover for her. She wants me to give her my work for cutting it. Chas. Henry is cutting it today. 3 3/4 I worked for her in haying. I made her this offer, that I would draw the whole of it home and furnish men to thresh

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it and wood and water for her share of the straw she is to pay for threshing her share of the seed. It was very cold today for this time year. Got my paper at Chas. Henry's.

- 21 Oct Wife and Willie went over to church. I was going over, I went out to raise cow, heard groaning in the horse stable. I looked and saw Bob horse laying on his side. I sent over by Annie Poland for Bill and Sie to come over. Sie and Henry Gilbert came over. I gave horse some salt peter and an injection of salt. He got better after that. Sie and Henry helped me raise cow.
- 22 Oct I was down to lower place plowing. Took my dinner down with me. Set some fires and grubbed some stumps and cleaned out some cross furrows. John E. Carpenter and Chas. Allen were sawing some stove wood on my place fore noon. Wife and children were up to Mrs. John Allen's. I got home before them.
- 23 Oct I was plowing down to lower place. I took feed for horses and my dinner down with me. I was over to Lodge. Bill Poland gave me \$20. on rent. Sent it over by wife, she was over there this afternoon. Mrs. Albert paid me \$2. on work in haying. I paid Warren T. Henry the \$2. I borrowed from him.
- 24 Oct I went down town and got my flour from the mill - 300 lbs. \$2.75 that I paid for with my wood. Gave father 100 lbs. of it on hay \$2.75. I fetched home a load of hay, plowed afternoon. I got a whip lash at Peter Cattanaach 2/. Wife and I and children were up to Mrs. John Allen's to a pearling bee. Father's folks were there too. Wife was visiting with Mrs. Samuel Poland at Warren T. Henry's afternoon.
- 25 Oct I plowed down to lower place. Rained about 4:30 PM. I came home and went down in bush after two barrels of water. Father brought us up 4 1/2 lbs. of butter for 18 cts. per pound. I paid him 85 cts.
- 26 Oct I was down to lower place to plow. Took feed and my dinner with me. Rev. Nethercott was to see me to get some condition powder for his horse.
- 27 Oct I was plowing down to lower place. Wife went down town afternoon and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - one 3 lbs. bar N.P. soap 2/, 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 30 cts., 2 yds. brown jane 40 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts., 2 scans yarn woollen 20 cts. and one baby hood 20 cts., 1 cap from Mrs. Rivers for Willie 40 cts. - got hood at auction sale rooms. Borrowed money from Jane Poland.



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- 28 Oct We got all ready to go over to Church. It rained and we did not. Mrs. Eliza Evers started and got as far as our place, stayed with us. Miss. Charlotte and Sarah Henry came up to our place. Ed Tomlin was going to Eliza Eyer's, he stopped in and all of them were at our place for supper.
- 29 Oct Rained fore noon. I puttyed 2 windows and fixed Mrs. Johnston's sewing machine. I went down to lower place to plow. Rained. I started home and got as far as Warren T. Henry's. Rain stopped and I went back and plowed 1 land. Peter Cattnach and Joseph Stover took Geo. Hargrove back to insane asylum. He came home from there 3 weeks ago. Cattnach brought him from asylum.
- 30 Oct I was down to lower place plowing fore noon. Afternoon, Andrew Johnston drove my team for me. I ditched along side of corn field. I was over to Lodge. Wife and children were over to her mother's. Got some honey - her mother gave it to her.
- 31 Oct I was down to lower place plowing. I went down to Father's for a load of hay. I sent Bill Poland \$10. to make balance payment on their place. Bill Poland smacked our cow in the head to get her out of her misery. I wrote a letter for Bill Poland to Sarnia about their place.
- 01 Nov I drew cow out in the bush. Went over to Thomas Harrison for his box and wagon to take a load of potatoes from my lower place (took one load). Annie and Maggie Poland picked them up. I gave father \$5. I borrowed from him May 29th. Wm. Robert's boys borrowed my ladder from wife. Brought it back at night.
- 02 Nov I was plowing down to lower place. I took a load of potatoes home for Mrs. Poland at noon. She and her daughter, Mag, picked them up. Bill Poland is cleaning oats at my place where I live. Wife was over to Peter River's and paid Mrs. Rivers for Willies cap 40 cts. Rivers team brought her home. Miss Charlotte Henry came up to our place at noon. Wife was not at home. She went home again.
- 03 Nov I was down to lower place plowing. Finished big part of back field. Cleaned out furrows and all and brought my plow home. Father brought us up 3 lbs. of butter. Bill Poland was cleaning up oats at my place.
- 04 Nov I was over to Sabbath school and wife came. Willie came over for preaching but there was none.



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- 05 Nov I drew 2 loads of my hay home from father's. John E. Carpenter helped me afternoon. I took a load of hay down town to the minister from P.N. Henry's. John Henry helped me load it and 2 bushels of oats from John E. Carpenter and 2 bushels of oats from father. The Grange men walked in Sombra Village today - gun powder treason and plot. Wife bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 gal coal oil 25 cts., 5 1/2 yds. cotton 55 cts., 10 yds. wency \$2., 1 yd. black lace 15 cts., crackers 7 cts. - paid.
- 06 Nov I commenced to plow on place where I live. I put beam in stable afternoon. Wife was over to her mother's and borrowed a loaf of bread from her.
- 07 Nov I plowed part of day. Afternoon I bought 35 bushels of oats from Bill Poland for 35 cts. per bushel. I settled up with him. He owes me \$2.29 cts. yet. He finished cleaning up his oats. Wife went down to Warren T. Henry's for some milk and took home their white wash bucket.
- 08 Nov I plowed all day. Wife and baby were over to Walker's and Delbert Young's with Mrs. Samuel Poland. Willie stayed home with me. Chas. Allen borrowed our butcher knife to kill Mrs. Albert Henry's pigs. Miss. Mary Rivers and Mary Grant around gathering for Mrs. Preacher.
- 09 Nov I was plowing. Bill Poland is cleaning up grain.
- 10 Nov I was plowing fore noon. I was to Mrs. John Allen's shooting match. I spent 10 cts. and got nothing. Wife's cousin, Bill Poland, came from Petrolia at night. He wanted to hire but wife knew him. He stayed at our place at night.
- 11 Nov Mrs. Poland came over to our place fore noon. We all went over with her. The boys knew cousin, William Poland. He stayed there for dinner. After dinner he went up to Chartier's with Bill and Sie. I came home and put my horses in the stable and went back there again. We were 11 to Mrs. Poland's for supper. Afterwards we went down to Thomas Harrison's and got weighed. I weighed 206 lbs. We went back to Poland's. Wife and I and children stayed until about 8:30 PM. Willie was to Sabbath school and preaching. He stays at Poland's tonight and Bill Poland goes down with him in the morning and he will see Jane Poland as she was not home. She is working at Peter Cattnach's. The Presbyterian Church was dedicated in Sombra Village today and tea meeting tomorrow night.

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- 12 Nov I was plowing all day. We had very high winds last and today and froze pretty hard. Wife was down to P.N. Henry's for milk.
- 13 Nov I plowed all day. Annie Poland helped wife paper. I shot a quail afternoon. My half sister, Mary, is staying with us tonight. I went over to Lodge but only a few came. We did not have any lodge.
- 14 Nov I plowed all day. It is very cold. Ground is freezing as fast as it is plowed. I shot 3 quails today. Mrs. Poland borrowed 18 3/4 lbs. of flour - pail and all and she borrowed 15 1/2 lbs. of flour out the 10 inst. Wife went down the road for some milk and a small pail full on the 10 inst. Annie Poland helped wife paper afternoon. Got done with kitchen.
- 15 Nov It froze hard last night. I could not plow very well. I fixed oak log and brought up a load of stoye wood fore noon. Afternoon I put some more dirt on my potato pits. Snowed some today. Shot black squirrel.
- 16 Nov I went over to Mrs. Poland's for 1 1/4 inch auger. Shot a partridge on the way home. Fixed stable doors. I went over to Mrs. Poland's to kill big pig. Got done 3 o'clock. I came home and tended the children while wife went over to Mrs. Poland's. Came over and got 18 3/4 lbs. of flour. Mrs. Allen brought down Willie a pair of pullets and borrowed 13 lbs. of flour.
- 17 Nov I borrowed Bill Eyer's wagon and took my team and brought up Mrs. Poland's grist. Bill Poland paid me \$2.25. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 2 lbs. shot 20 cts., 1 doll for Eva May 30 cts., 3/4 lb. powder at M.L. Burnham's 30 cts. I brought up a barrel of salt for Mrs. Poland \$1.50. I filed Allen Grant's saw for him 25 cts. Afternoon, shot a partridge and quail. After that was down to father's for butter. He was at our place for supper. I went down with him.
- 18 Nov I and Willie were to Sabbath school. Jane and Mrs. Poland and Sie Poland were to our place afternoon and were at our place for supper. I took Jane down to Sombra with my wife and children. Went down for a ride. Sie Poland went with us. I borrowed Bill Eyer's wagon.
- 19 Nov I plowed most all day. The frost was near all out in the morning. Something caught one of our chickens last night. I went down to River St. Clair for two barrels of water for wife to wash. Brought up 100 lbs. of flour from Robert Stokes for Mrs. Allen \$3.

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- 20 Nov I plowed and furrowed out part of the day. Rained some. Mrs. Poland brought wife over three pullets and one rooster. I made a chicken pen. I was not to Lodge tonight.
- 21 Nov Mrs. Lawrence Johnston sent us some pan squirrels. Rained fore noon. Plowed afternoon. Fore noon I shot two red squirrels. I cleaned out some furrows. I made a whip lash. Acct. from Dr. Merrison \$7.50. Raining at night. Wife was down to P.N. Henry's tonight.
- 22 Nov Rained some last night. I plowed most all day and cleaned out furrows rest of the time.
- 23 Nov I plowed and cleaned out some furrows. Spoke to Chas. Allen to help me tomorrow. He promised to come. I am to help him to chop when it freezes. Mrs. Poland brought 1 pail of flour back - 16 1/4 lbs.
- 24 Nov I plowed 2 lands. Chas. Allen helped me clean furrows one half day. I filed Allen Grant's saw. Henry Grant brought it over. I was sick - bilious attack. Eva acts sick - like the croup, bad cold. I went up and got Mrs. John Allen to stay with us tonight. She came.
- 25 Nov I went up to Courtright and got Dr. Merrison to come down to see Eva. He called it inflamitry croup. He steamed her with hot water and vinegar. I went over to Poland's to get lamp chimney that I sent down town for. She forgot to bring it up. She promised to send Annie for one in the morning. Mrs. Allen called in to see how Eva May was, so did Charlotte H. & Sarah M. Henry and John E. Carpenter and Chas. Allen and so did Mr. John Allen in evening. Wife and I set up turns about.
- 26 Nov Rained this morning. Eva seems some better. Mrs. Allen and Chas. Allen and Mrs. Poland and John E. Carpenter were at our place and Mrs. William Evers, Mrs. Allen brought flour home. It is freezing tonight.. The ground is fearful wet. Wife and I are setting up alone tonight.
- 27 Nov Froze last night so I could not plow. I went down to lower place and opened out cross furrows into the ditches in the fall wheat. I went down town to Dr. Merrison to get some more medicine for Eva May. He gave me some and is to fetch me down a bottle tomorrow and will leave it at Gale's or W.T. Henry's. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 14 1/2 yds. Denim \$3.62, 10 yds. factory \$1., 1/2 lb. pressed hops 40 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts., 1 pair of

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shoes for Eva May 50 cts., and 1 cap for myself. I was not to Lodge.

- 28 Nov Ditched part of day and filed Bill Poland's saw fore noon. Eva is some better. It froze so I could not plow. Bill Evers gave Willie a pullet. Father brought us up 2 pullets.
- 29 Nov I ditched fore noon. Dug 6 rods in the field on place where I live. Bill Evers got bottle of medicine that doctor sent down for Eva. I was over to prayer meeting. I plowed in the afternoon. Warren T. Henry asked me to his raisen tomorrow. Mrs. Albert Henry shooting match afternoon. Wm. Hampton gave a farewell party or dance - had Sombra Big Brass Band and dance big time.
- 30 Nov I plowed fore noon. Afternoon, I was to Warren T. Henry's raisen of shed frame. It is reported Steamer Eclipse and all hands went down in the storm last week. Capt. Henry Bury supposed to be lost in her as pieces of deck and bodies were washed ashore with life preservers marked Eclipse.
- 01 Dec I plowed all day and drew up a load of fire wood for house.
- 02 Dec I was home all day. Wife and Willie went over to Mrs. Poland's in afternoon. I stayed home with baby, Eva May. Bill and Sie Poland and Sam Prier were to our place fore noon. Bill & Sie shaved themselves.
- 03 Dec I helped John Allen saw for the one half days work he did for me cleaning out furrows Nov. John E. Carpenter helped him too. I filed the saw at noon. John and Charley came down and fed my horses.
- 04 Dec I ditched fore noon. Afternoon, nothing. Wife's cousin, Wm. Poland, and her mother were at our place for dinner. He gave wife a nice work box with needle case scissors bobbin thimble button hole punch price \$2.50. I went over to Lodge. It is frozen so I cannot plow. I lent Bill Evers my gun today.
- 05 Dec I ditched all day. Mrs. Peter N. Henry was visiting at our place afternoon. Wife went home with her and got some milk.
- 06 Dec I plowed all day. There was some frost. I was over to prayer meeting. Sie Poland and Peter Chartier were ordered out and put out of the Church.

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- 07 Dec It rained fore noon. I hunted from 11 am. to 2:30 PM - shot one partridge and traded it with Charley Evers for a chicken. I plowed part of afternoon. Show at school house tonight.



Bethel School House

- 08 Dec I plowed fore noon. Wife's cousin, William Poland, came over in the fore noon. He was to our place for dinner. He and I went down town afternoon. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 lb. dust tea 25 cts., candy 5 cts., linen spool 15 cts., 1 spool cotton 5 cts. We came back other line. We were to Poland's for supper. He stayed there, I came home.
- 09 Dec Our family all went over to Poland's. Willie and I went to Sunday school. We did not stay to preaching or class meeting. We were all to Poland's for dinner and supper.
- 10 Dec I plowed all day. Wife was visiting at Warren T. Henry's. Mr. Johnston asked me to his plowing bee tomorrow.
- 11 Dec I was to Mr. John Allen's plowing bee. They got all done. I was over to Lodge. A lot of them got vexed at me.

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- 12 Dec I plowed all day. Filed Sie Poland's saw. Sold him my iron wedge to wedge on axe handle 20/ 1 axe handle 15 cts.
- 13 Dec I plowed all day. Put 2 hoops on our wash tub - iron hoop rusted off.
- 14 Dec I plowed most all day. Drew up one load of fire wood and cleaned out furrows. It is freezing hard. Mrs. Poland brought over one pail of flour 17 1/4 lbs. pail and all.
- 15 Dec I ditched 1 1/2 rods before breakfast. Froze so hard I could not plow. I went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 gal. coal oil 25 cts., 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 1 box electric oil 25 cts., exchanged 1 spool linen thread for 1 bot. sperm oil 10 cts., 1 spool cotton 5 cts.
- 16 Dec Quarterly meeting at Bethel. Neither of us were there. I wanted wife to go, she would not, she wanted me to go and I would not. I went over to Poland's and borrowed their paper.
- 17 Dec I drew up fire wood most all day. I minded the children at noon while wife went over to her mother's for dress pattern.
- 18 Dec I filed my saw and ground my axe. Got them done at 2:30 PM. I went out to the bush afterwards. Killed two rabbits. Got some potatoes out of the pit. Went over to Lodge. Rode over with Jack Broad.
- 19 Dec John E. Carpenter helped me draw my hay home from father's. Drew four loads.
- 20 Dec I was sick - pain in my shoulder. I tended children while wife went down to P.N. Henry's to get her dress fitted on her. I sold my 7 ft. cross cut saw to Capt. Gales for \$2.50. I went down town and over to Marine City and bought another 6 ft. 6 in. at 40 cts. per foot - \$2.60, 1 pair handles for 40 cts., ferrage 15 cts., duties on saw 30 per cent - cost in full \$4.05. I rode home with Warren T. Henry.
- 21 Dec I filed Bill Poland's saw 25 cts. Afternoon, I went to bush and cut some basswood and split it for stable floor and took the team and drew it up. Chas. Allen set himself on fire with his pipe. Came in to see if fire was out.
- 22 Dec I took up stable floor and cleaned out the manure under it and laid floor again fore noon. I went down town afternoon. Wife bought at Peter Cattnach's - nutmeg 5 cts., 1 lb. soda 5 cts., 1 lb. tea 40 cts., 2 lbs. Raisins



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- 20 cts., 1 cap for wife \$1., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 5 lbs. currants 50 cts. I got at P.C. necktie for wife for xmas present 75 cts., 1 handkerchief \$1. I got \$22. in cash from Robert Stokes on wood. 16 lbs. pork \$3.60 - wood to be delivered on or before the first of July 8/ per cord in front of his place. I paid duty on my saw I got on the 20 inst. 90 cts. and ferrage 15 cts. Got at grist mill 125 lbs. bran @ 80 per hundred.
- 23 Dec We all went down to father's for dinner and supper. Stormed most all day. Sister, Lucy, and I went to Church. Rev. Moffat preached.
- 24 Dec I got an oak tree for Christmas tree in Bethel Church fore noon. Afternoon, I did chores around house all of my family were over to Christmas tree for the Sabbath school. Received at the door \$14. proceeds to buy papers. Wife's cousin, William Poland, came down from Petrolia. He was at the Christmas tree.
- 25 Dec We were all over to Poland's for dinner. We got home about 4:30 PM. Mrs. Allen called in to our place. Wife gave her an apron.
- 26 Dec I filed my new saw fore noon. I took my team and went to Sombra. Took down 6 bags of wheat for a grist for Mrs. Poland. I bought at P. Cattanaach's - 1 gal syrup. Wife's cousin stayed with us tonight. Sie Poland and I sawed an oak log off 10 inches through in 15 seconds with my new saw.
- 27 Dec Snowed fore noon and part of afternoon. I asked my bee hands after 4:30 PM.
- 28 Dec I had my chopping bee. Had about 20 cords cut. Sie Poland got my team to go to Sombra for their grist - got back a little while before we quit. The following men were at my bee - Alexander Chartier, Bill Poland, Bill Evers, Pat O'Hare, John Johnston, Chas. Henry, John Carpenter, and father, Curtis Wright, Jacob Young, Wm. Gales, all day, Henry Grant, Frank Rivers, Chas. Allen, Peter N. Henry, Warren T. Henry and Sie Poland afternoon. Taffy pull at night. I took my team and got some girls. Got Jane Poland, Mary L. Rivers, Barbara Rivers, Mary Ann Chartier. Bill Poland and I had a few words at night - he wanted to fight me.
- 29 Dec I filed saw for Bill and Sie Poland fore noon. I was to Mrs. Albert Henry's stove wood bee afternoon on Peter N. Henry's place. Had about 5 or 6 cords stove wood cut.



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30 Dec I went down to father's fore noon. Stayed there until 3 or 4 o'clock PM. Curtis Wright yoked a couple of calves and had them hitched up. Wife went down to P.N. Henry's at night for some milk for her tea.

31 Dec I took Bill Poland to Courtright to take the train to Petrolia. I went up to Mooretown and paid Dr. Anderson the sum of \$16.10 fore noon. Afternoon, I piled some of the wood I had cut at my bee. Got 50 cts. from John E. Carpenter to pay balance of said note.



Joseph Dupuis Family 1893

Frederick A., George, Anna Louise, Joseph Hamilton, John Edward  
Albert Charles, Joseph, Margaret (Miller), James Herbert

James W. Carpenter  
Diary - 1884

1884  
Sombra Twp., Ontario

- 01 Jan I was splitting and piling wood cut at my bee. Mrs. Poland bought her cattle over to my place yesterday. I was to Lodge. Wife went up to Mrs. Allen's afternoon. I went up after her after lodge. We had supper there.
- 02 Jan I was piling and splitting and chopping wood. It was snowing and blowing all day.
- 03 Jan Very cold and stormy, snow drifting. I hunted part of fore noon. Shot one rabbit. I chopped part of afternoon. Cut about 3/4 cord. I froze my chin when I was doing my chores. The wind is blowing very hard now.
- 04 Jan I shot one rabbit and cut some cord wood fore noon. I filed Allen Grant's new saw. I broke a tooth out of it.
- 05 Jan I drew up 6 loads of fire wood. I was over to Mrs. Poland's for jumper and chain.
- 06 Jan I stayed home all day. I kept children home. Wife went to Church.
- 07 Jan I chopped all day. I was over to Church to see about harvesting tea meeting. It fell through - are not going to have it at present.
- 08 Jan I chopped most all day. Filed a saw for Bill Moran afternoon.
- 09 Jan I went down town to get my horse shod. I had to buy two new shoes, I got them at Andrew Smith's - two horse shoes 20 cts. for hind feet and my beetle rings fixed and saw set. I got at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 box Warner's pills 25 cts., 6 old shoes 75 cts., 2 new shoes set beetle rings fixed 13 cts. Got work done at Mrs. Mays. I made a rack for my sleighs by moonlight.
- 10 Jan I commenced to draw wood. Drew 1 load to river and skidded 4 loads out of the bush. Jane Poland was visiting at our place.
- 11 Jan I drew 2 loads of wood to river fore noon. Afternoon, I cut down some hickory trees for axe handles. I got 27 lbs. flour from R. Stokes.

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- 12 Jan I had Bill Evers helping me saw axe handle stuff fore noon. I took it down to Sombra village afternoon. Had 3/8 cord axe handle stuff @ \$7. per cord \$2.62 and 3/8 cord culls 93 cts. I bought at Peter Cattanch's - 1/4 lbs. pepper 6 cts., 1 quire of foolscap 25 cts. Maggie Poland stayed at our place.
- 13 Jan All of my family were over to church. Wife and baby went down to Mrs. Albert Henry's after Willie and I went home.
- 14 Jan I filed Allen Grant's saw and drew one load of wood fore noon. I chopped afternoon. Mrs. George Mulligan and Sarah Henry begging for a tea meeting.
- 15 Jan I drew one load of wood to the river and one out of the bush. I helped Bill Evers to saw logs afternoon. Mrs. P.N. Henry and Mrs. Walker to our place for dinner. Wife and Mrs. Peter N. Henry went to Billy Evers afternoon. My new saw cuts good. Stokes bought us 100 lbs. flour \$2. on wood.
- 16 Jan Mrs. Poland's cattle got out of pen and got at my hay stack twice last night. I drew 1 load of rails and fenced my hay stack and drew one load of wood to river. Went down town to see about pay for my axe handle stuff. He did not pay me. I told Wallace May to collect it and give me credit for it on blacksmith bill. Wife and I were over to tea meeting at Bethel Church. Took it at the door 19/13 and subscription and collection amounting to \$16. or over. I filed Allen Grant's saw.
- 17 Jan I drew two loads of wood to the river. Social at Bethel tonight. Wife went down the road for some butter. Wife was visiting at Peter N. Henry's this afternoon. The wind is very cold and raw today.
- 18 Jan Bill Evers helped me fore noon saw wood. I took a load of wood to the river. Finished 12 cord clear and had some left. Stokes measured it. I fixed wife's shoe at night. Snowed some during night.
- 19 Jan I split wood fore noon. I helped Bill Evers saw afternoon. I filed Allen Grant's saw at noon. Snowed most all day.
- 20 Jan Mrs. Poland and wife and children went down to fathers. I went over to Church and class meeting. I harnessed up my horses and went and met them.
- 21 Jan I took a load of soft maple wood down to Peter Cattanch. I bought of him - 4 lbs. sugar 40 cts., 4 lbs. butter 88

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cts., 1 gal coal oil 25 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 2 spools thread 10 cts. I see Staley about oak to be put on bank by Thos. Bury's Dock. I filed my saw afternoon and cut some stove wood. Sarah and Charlotte and Lizzie and little Charley Henry and John Johnson were in our place in afternoon. Curtis Wright has promised to help me saw tomorrow. It will be in the morning.

- 22 Jan Curtis Wright helped me saw logs all day. We cut 11 elm and white oak, 2 oak were 2 ft. at butt, 47 ft. long \_\_\_\_\_ inches at top; 3 oak 34 ft. long, 23 inches butt, \_\_\_\_\_ inches top. William Poland Sr. from Petrolia came to our place. Brought a dress for Eva May from Mrs. Grace Hamlyn, Bowmanville. He stayed at our place tonight.
- 23 Jan I am 30 years old today. Warren T. Henry and Chas. Henry commenced to draw my logs today. Drew 8 logs 1776 ft. board measure. Wife and children were up to Patrick O'Hare's and Mrs. Allen's.
- 24 Jan I helped Warren T. Henry and Chas. Henry load 4 oak logs that were drawing for me. First log was 58 ft. long, 23 in. at butt and 14 at top - 612 ft. board measure in it. Second log was 47 ft. long 24 in. butt and 14 at top - 496 ft. board measure in it. Third log was 50 ft. long, 18 in. at butt, 10 at top - 254 board ft. in it.
- 25 Jan I chopped some trees down to saw afternoon. W.T. Henry finished drawing my logs this morning. I had 10 elm and 4 long oak. Curtis Wright helped me saw some maple wood in the afternoon, 1/2 day. I have rheumatism in my arm.
- 26 Jan I took down 1 3/4 cords maple to Peter Cattanaach fore noon. 3 cords in all. I waited at Thos. Bury's all of afternoon for Staley to measure my logs. I was coming home when I met him and turned back and he measured my logs. Will pay me in a few days. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair boots \$3.25, 4 2/16 lbs. butter 91 cts., 1 lb. tea 40 cts. I had to cut my Sunday wood by lantern light. Wife's cousin stayed at our place last night. He is from Petrolia.
- 27 Jan We were all over to church and class meeting. I was taken bad with liver complaint in morning - got worse all day.
- 28 Jan I was sick or lame all day. Wife put some Croton oil on me last night and it helped me some. I filed saw for father, Capt. Gale's saw and one for Warren T. Henry brought me up. From Peter Cattanaach - 1 bottle Warner's safe cure \$1.25, 1 saw file 25 cts. I was down to father's afternoon.

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- 29 Jan I sawed 3 maple logs alone and got W.T. Henry log bunks and got 1 load of logs up to house afternoon. I took load to Sombra saw mill - 339 ft. maple and Staley paid me for my elm logs 2,143 ft. at \$3.45 per thousand - \$8.03. Mrs. Albert Henry was visiting at our place. I got another load on sleigh up to house. I was over to Lodge. I paid Warren T. Henry at Lodge for drawing my logs - 2,143 ft. elm \$3.21 and for two teams for one day drawing oak logs at \$5. per day. I have not got pay for oak yet.
- 30 Jan Rained this morning, snow is all gone off the roads. I was up to Bill Eyer's part of fore noon. I made 4 axe handles and 1 whip stalk wind afternoon. Is raining and it is getting colder. Charles Henry was threshing clover yesterday.
- 31 Jan I cut up oak top on plowed ground fore noon - 3/4 cords. Wife and children went down to Warren T. Henrys. I went over to Marine City afternoon. Settled with Staley for oak - 1,600 ft. @ \$12. - \$19.20. He gave me lead pencil. Curtis Wright went with me. Sarah Henry went over to Marine City to work for Dr. Baird. Wife got pair of shoes for her from Mary Allen \$1.75.



William & Eliza (Toelin) Eyre

- 01 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw all day. He bought 2 axe handles @ 2 for 50 cts. and whip stalk. We sawed hard wood.

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- 02 Feb Snowed some last night. I took 2 logs to saw mill fore noon. 1 maple - 144 ft. and one elm - 66 ft. I bought at Salvanus Green's - 10 1/2 lbs. pork \$1.05, scribbling book 5 cts., 1 acct. book 10 cts. I paid Peter Cattanach \$10. on note. I killed a pig for Mrs. Poland and split wood rest of afternoon. I paid Robert Stokes \$3. for 100 lbs. of flour he brought out for me.
- 03 Feb I was over to Sunday school and church. Wife and children were visiting at Mrs. Albert Henrys. Mr. Peter Rivers is very sick - is not expected to live. He has been sick for some time.
- 04 Feb I chopped hardwood and split some all fore noon. Chopped afternoon. Annie Poland minded children while wife went to Marine City. She bought 10 yds. print 80 cts., 4 1/2 print 27 cts., 2 1/2 yds. gingham 25 cts., tin pail 5 cts., 1 orange 5 cts., 1/4 candy 5 cts., 1 pocket book 10 cts., 5 Canada post cards 5 cts., 1 comb 15 cts., 1 rubber rattle box for Eva May 20 cts., 1 apple 1 ct., error in change at Burnhams 5 cts. She did not come home as she ought. I went after her. I found her at Mrs. Grants. I gave her fits for not coming home. We had a quarrel. Mr. Rivers is no better.
- 05 Feb Rained last night. Froze as it rained mist this fore noon. Mr. L. Johnston came up for me to file his new saw. I filed it. He is to give me 1/2 days work for fixing it. I cut some roads and a little cord wood afterwards. Bill Evers went to Lawrence for some yarn and bark for his wife - he gave me some gum.
- 06 Feb Stormed a little in the morning. I made a beetle and cut one elm log - 547 ft. in it. I drew it to Sombra saw mill afternoon and two more. I was over to Mrs. Poland's in the evening to see her about getting balance of money for a note for her reaper. I was to try and borrow the balance for her for two months tomorrow. I then went up to see Peter Rivers - he was worse. There was a lot there, I came home. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 4 14/16 butter \$1.02.
- 07 Feb I took 1 load of logs to the river to Sombra mill. I spoke to Peter Cattanach about the money for Mrs. Poland. He said he would think about it. On the way home I saw Albert Stoke's son, he said he would let me have it if he had it fore noon. I got log up to house so I could saw a chunk from it while my horses were eating. I did but it was worse. I threw it off at house for fire wood. I cut another one and took it to the river in the afternoon -

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220 ft. Mrs. Poland came over to our place afternoon to see if I got the money for her. Peter Cattnach lent me the money for balance of Mrs. Poland's acct. \$37. Mrs. Poland gave me the money for 2 months time from Feb. 7, she had \$15.50 and Peter Cattnach made up the balance \$37, making \$55. in all. I bought at Peter Cattnach's - 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 1 1/2 yds. tweed \$1.84. I went up to Mrs. John Allen's to see if she would not go over to Mrs. Poland's tomorrow with wife to help Mrs. Poland quilt, she could not go.

- 08 Feb Lawrence Johnston helped me to saw logs fore noon - cut 5 elm, 3 buttonwood. I took 1 buttonwood to Sombra. Heard that Peter Rivers was dead, he died about 11 am. and that Mrs. Annie Wedge was dead, she died about 4 am. I was over to see Peter Rivers, he looked natural. I did not stay long. Wife was up to Pat O'Hare's afternoon with the children.
- 09 Feb Rained and snowed last night. I took down two buttonwood logs I had loaded on the sleigh last night in fore noon. Wife went over to her mother's with her children. I took down 3 elm logs afternoon. I was over to lodge tonight. We met to arrange for having things ready for tomorrow as they intend to bury Peter Rivers under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance.
- 10 Feb Peter Rivers was buried today. The Sons of Temperance formed at Church and marched to house and marched back to the church ahead of the corps - 2 abreast at the church. They formed a line and let the corps and mourners pass through and followed them into the church. The Sons of Temperance ceremony was said at the house before going to the church. Rev. Mr. Nethercott preached the funeral sermon. His lesson was 15 chap., 1 Cor. His text was from Rs. chap V. There were 42 teams and one horse rig in the procession. He was buried in the burying at Thomas Bury's. Annie Wedge was buried there too. Some of the people were there when we got there.
- 11 Feb I took 2 elm saw logs to Sombra fore noon. I was over to Marine City and got at Mrs. J.W. Backer's - 1 oz. rhubarb root 20 cts., 2 valentines 2 cts., 10 cts. worth saffern for Mrs. W.T. Henry. I took my pig down to father's and got a bottle of Warner's safe cure at P. Cattnach's. I gave John E. Carpenter 50 cts. I borrowed of him on the 30th. of last December to pay note to Dr. Anderson.



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Barbara (Robinson), John, Mary (Dusten)  
Frank, Louise (Gray) Rivers, Matilda Jane (Boylan)  
William Wesley & Rebecca (Kewley) c1888



Michael, Andrew, Annie (Mullen), Patrick, Lawrence  
Mary (Devin), Susan (Moran), Lawrence Johnston, Susan (O'Hare)  
Alice (Dullen) & Teresa (Cunningham) c1895

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- 12 Feb I skidded softwood fore noon - 4 cords. It rained. I fixed Jim horse halter afternoon. Rain is freezing as it falls.
- 13 Feb I skidded wood all day. It is thawing fast. I drew about 4 3/4 cords of hardwood and 1 1/4 cords softwood. Bob horse sick with belly ache.
- 14 Feb I split wood most all day. I was up last night until 3 o'clock watching Bob horse - did not get up this morning until 8 o'clock. Wife has gone down to Peter N. Henry's for some milk and yeast. I took my gun out with me in the afternoon. I shot a rabbit and broke his hind leg. He went in the bush, did not get to keep him.
- 15 Feb I skidded 3 loads of wood. I went down town and took my wagon down to get it fixed. Wife went down with me. Annie Poland stayed with our children. We went over to Marine City. I bought at Mrs. Backer's - 4 oz. sulphate of iron 5 cts., 4 oz. gentian 20 cts., 2 oz. niter 5 cts., 2 oz. annise seed 16 cts. Wife 1 oz ligurice root 5 cts. Wife got at Peter Cattanaach's - 5 yds. cotton 40 cts., 12/16 lb. butter \$1.05, 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 30 cts., 1 lb. fruit biscuits 15 cts., 1/2 lb. cheese 7 cts. at M.L. Burnhams. I got at Peter Cattanaach's 1/4 ginger 10 cts. I had to go home with Annie after dark.
- 16 Feb Willie is sick in the night - bad cold, nearly croup. I got up at 4 o'clock am. and made a fire and gave him electric oil. Wife went down to Warren T. Henry's to see Dr. Merrison. He was to be there this morning. Wife came home. Eva was sick. Maggie Poland was here. I sent her down to Warren T. Henry's to tell them to send the doctor up to my place when he came. He came to my place about noon and left some powders for the children. I am to let him know how they are in the morning. I filed Bill Robert's saw and my own in the fore noon. I drew up 3 loads of fire wood in the afternoon. Curtis Wright was at our place in the afternoon. Fetched us up a piece of mutton. I was down to Warren T. Henry's to see what time he is going to Courtright in the morning to see the doctor, J.G. Merrison. He will start from his place about 8 am. Wife and I are setting up with children tonight. I think they are a little better. Willie took worse towards morning. We had to steam him with hops that helped him.
- 17 Feb I went to Courtright. Warren T. Henry did not go. Chas. Henry went in his place. I took up a few lines from

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Warren T. Henry to the Dr. He gave me some powders for Henry. He gave me some powders for Willie and some liquid in a bottle for wash for his throat. My half sisters, Lucy and Mary Carpenter, were at my place and Charlotte Henry and Mrs. Albert Henry. Curtis Wright came up and stayed all night. We all set up by turns. Curtis Wright brought up some butter and milk. Children seem better.

- 18 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw all day. Mrs. Poland was at our place. Our children are better. Warm today, thawing fast.
- 19 Feb I filed Warren T. Henry's saw 15 cts. and went down town fore noon. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 gal. coal oil 25 cts., 1 tin pail 3 quarts with lid on 30 cts., 1/2 gal. vinegar 15 cts., 1/2 lbs. salts - gave him 60 cts. to send for bottle Northrop & Leyman Emulsion of Hypophosphites of lime and soda. Got a ride home with Chas. Henry. Had a ride from Capt. C. Gales with John Nesbit. I was splitting wood afternoon. It is raining and blowing tonight. Children seem better tonight. I am not very well myself - bad cold.
- 20 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw wood all day - cut about 3 cords. Wife washed. Annie Poland minded the baby. Baby was worse last night. It froze last night quite hard. Warren T. Henry paid me for fixing his saw.
- 21 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw all day. Cut some hardwood and some softwood. I am not very well - bad cold and liver complaint. I cut my new boot but did not cut my foot. Eva seems better.
- 22 Feb I was not very well. Went out to chop. Thought we could skid. I came back and got the team skidded 2 1/2 cords hardwood and 1/2 softwood. Went back to skid in afternoon. Brought out 2 loads hardwood about one cord. Stormed snow. We quit work. Curtis Wright drove team. Curtis helped me about 3/4 of day. Wife went down to Peter N. Henry's and Chas. Henry's for our umbrella. I took care of children.
- 23 Feb Curtis Wright helped me skid wood 1/2 day fore noon. I chopped some hardwood. I filed crosscut saw for John Moran. I went down town and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 7 lbs. butter \$1.54, 1 bottle electric oil 25 cts., 1 bottle castor oil 10 cts., 1 bottle Yeary's lung balsam 25 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 broom 25 cts., Horehound candy 5 cts., 1 box matches 15 cts. Got home after dark.

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- 24 Feb I was home - took care of children while wife went to church. I was down to Lawrence Johnston's a few minutes after she came home. His Dick horse is very sick - inflammation.
- 25 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw wood all day. Mrs. Poland was at our place for dinner. Snowed some most all day. Sold Curtis Wright 1 package paper 15 cts., 2 lead pencils 10 cts.
- 26 Feb Stormed fore noon, snowed afternoon. Curtis Wright helped me draw home a load of hay from father's that the cattle had pulled out of my hay stack. He gave it to me for that because the cattle had pulled it out. Turning cold. Curtis 1/2 day. I borrowed 3 books from stepmother. I was down there fore noon.
- 27 Feb Curtis Wright helped me saw cord wood fore noon. Snowed afternoon. I fixed my clock, could not get the striking part to work. Tied the striking part and let it go without it.
- 28 Feb I chopped alone today. Snowed some afternoon. I filed Jacob Young's saw. I cut 1/2 cord hickory, the rest was softwood. I set up last night until 3 am. and kept up fire. It was very cold. Curtis Wright was out in the bush where I was working. Jacob Young left his saw last night for me to file.
- 29 Feb I skidded wood all day. Drew out about 6 cords. I went down to Chas. Henry's and shot a beef for him. Warren T. Henry came after me. Curtis Wright came after me to draw stove wood. Father was in my field that John E. Carpenter and Chas. Allen cut for him. I told him I could not go for him, to get somebody else - he got young Geo. Hargrove. Wife was down to P.N. Henry's to borrow some flour. I took care of children.
- 01 Mar I was taken sick last night with diarrhea. I was not able to do anything. I took care of children while wife went to town. She is going for her sister, Mag. Maggie was sick and was not able to come. Thomas came over and played with Willie. Wife did not get home until 5 PM. She bought at Peter Cattapach's - 1 pair of gurnsey drawers \$1.15, 1 lb. tea 50 cts., 1 bottle extract wild strawberries 37 cts., 3 3/4 lbs. butter 83 cts., quine 25 cts. At M.L. Burnham - 2 lbs. dried apples 20 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts., candy 2 cts. Mrs. Charles Henry gave wife a piece of beef. John Henry did my chores for me as I was not able to do them.

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- 02 Mar Willie and I were to Church and Sunday school. Wife and baby were down to Warren T. Henry's afternoon.
- 03 Mar I filed Capt. Gale's saw. I found file - charged 30 cts., fore noon. Skidded wood rest of day - have 10 cords of hardwood skidded to date. Wife and I had a quarrel at noon. She does not speak to me yet tonight has not washed dinner dishes or supper dishes either. She vexed me so at noon I could have strangled her.
- 04 Mar Bob horse got down last night and could not get up. I went and got Patrick O'Hare and John O'Hare and Bill Evers to help me raise him up and stopped Peter N. Henry. We tried to lift him, he could not stand. We drew him into cow yard on the straw with P.N. Henry's team. I chopped part of afternoon. Horse is not dead at 9:10 PM. Pat O'Hare was down to our place at night while wife went up to Pat O'Hare's for some milk. I stayed with the children.
- 05 Mar Bob horse was alive this morning. I loaded gun up with ball and shot him. I chopped fore noon. Filed my saw after dinner. Chopped afterwards. Wife and children were over to her mother's. Henry Stokes brought me out 100 lbs. of flour, \$3. on wood.
- 06 Mar William Eyer brought over his Jim horse and put him along with my Jim horse and drew old Bob horse out in the bush. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair new slippers men's \$1., 1 pair drawers \$1.15, 4 yds. print 40 cts., 2 1/2 yds skirting 32 cts., 2 3/4 lbs. butter 61 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts., 1/4 lb. pepper 7 cts., posted letter 3 cts. At M.L. Burnham's - 1 lb. smoked pork 15 cts., 2 lbs. dry apples 20 cts., safety pins 1 ct., Marine City candy 5 cts., pink root 5 cts., scenna 5 cts., crocia needle 10 cts. Wife and her brother and her sister, Jane, had their picture taken four times together 60 cts. Sie Poland paid for it. I chopped most of day. Annie and Maggie took care of children.
- 07 Mar I was down town fore noon. Took slippers back, they were to small for me. Could not get any larger. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 yd. bleach cotton 10 cts., 1 lb. crackers 10 cts. I cut wood afternoon. Wife washed. Maggie Poland minded baby for wife.
- 08 Mar I cut wood 3/4 of day. Snowed afternoon. I worked at Curtis Wright's skates. Maggie Poland was at our place all day and stayed with us last night.

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09 Mar I was home all day. Bill and Sie Poland and father were at our place for dinner. Wife went over to her mother's afternoon. Her mother and Jane came back with her. Were at our place for supper.



Jane, Mary and Bill Poland 1884

- 10 Mar Curtis Wright helped me saw cordwood all day. Chas. Henry had my Jim horse to draw ties to River, his other horse being lame. I am to have his horse to skid wood along with my Jim horse.
- 11 Mar I filed Simon Poland's saw fore noon. He helped me split wood in the afternoon. It is thawing very fast, snow near all gone. Curtis Wright stayed with us last night. I put a patch on his boot at night 10 cts. Chas. Allen borrowed my saw for tomorrow.
- 12 Mar I split wood fore noon. Filed Warren T. Henry's saw afternoon 25 cts. and chopped some cord wood. I was down to see Bill Poland about building line fence between me and Bill Eysers. He promised to do it.

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- 13 Mar I skidded wood all day. I had Chas. Henry's gray horse along with my Jim horse. Skidded about 8 cords. I have about 9 cords hardwood and 3/4 of softwood in follow. I borrowed Warren T. Henry's chain - he paid me for fixing his saw 25 cts. I finished wooding Curtis Wright's skates varnished them and 50 cts. and sewing machine and 2 picture frames and looking glass frame. Heard blue bird singing for first time 1884.
- 14 Mar I helped Chas. Allen all day cutting wood on Chas. Henry's place. Wife went to Sombra. Annie Poland minded children. Wife bought at Peter Cattanch's - 1 pr. shoes for wife \$1.25, 3 lbs. sugar 30 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts. At M.L. Burnham's - 2 lbs. dried apples 20 cts., 2 2/16 lbs. butter 42 cts. I shot an owl on Chas. Henry's place at noon.
- 15 Mar I helped Curtis Wright saw all day for father on Jacob Young's place - cutting cord wood. Curtis is to help me back next Tuesday. Wife was down to P.N. Henry's afternoon. Willie was down to Pat Sheeran's with Annie Poland for some butter for Mrs. Poland 2/ per pound.
- 16 Mar I was over to Church. I was late for Sabbath school. Wife and children were down to Warren T. Henry's afternoon. Miss Mary Rivers asked me for 50 cts. I signed for mission fund on 30 of Sep. last. I had forgotten it. I went to Warren T. Henry's after church. We were there for supper.
- 17 Mar I could not sleep, got up 2:15 am. Filed my saw fore noon and fixed striking part of my clock fore noon. Saw a meadow lark this fore noon. Curtis Wright brought me up pinchers to fix my clock. He and Mrs. Poland were at our place for dinner. I chopped and sawed afternoon and took some potatoes out of pit. Some of them are frozen. Curtis Wright was up afternoon with his 2 yoke of calves.
- 18 Mar I woke up at 3 am., thought there was something wrong in the stable. I went out, everything was all right. Then went up to Bill Evers, woke him up and went and looked in his stable, alright there. I then went as far as Pat O'Hare's and listened, alright there. There seemed to be a moaning sound like a horse in pain, could not find out what it was. Chas. Allen helped me saw all day for the day I helped him. We cut some cord wood and fence blocks. We heard frog singing. I was over to Lodge at Bethel.
- 19 Mar Rained most all day. I went over to see Bill Poland about fencing. He is going to commence to split rails in the morning for Bill Eyer's fence. I was at Poland's for



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dinner. I went from there to Sombra, bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 3 1/2 lbs. butter 87 1/2 cts. I looked at Thomas Parker's horse. He does not suit me, he wanted \$65. for him. I stopped as I came back and looked at Frank River's horses, he wanted \$200. for the team. I spoke to Robert Stokes for some clover seed, he promised me it if Bill Hargrove did not take it.

- 20 Mar Rained and snowed fore noon. Bill and Sie Poland came over to our place and cut Willie and my hair and Chas. Allen's. I sewed up a rip in Mr. John Allen's boot. Bill Poland and Sie Poland and myself split rails - 118 for fence between Bill Eyer's and myself. Poland heifer calved today. Bill had to go after her.
- 21 Mar Bill and Sie Poland and myself split rails - 60 for side of Bill Eyer's fence fore noon. Afternoon we split rails for fence between Peter Prier and me. Laid part of it up - have about 4 rods yet to do.
- 22 Mar I helped Bill Poland split and lay up rails. Laid the foundation across 25 acres and finished some of same. Finished across Peter Prier's fore noon. Eva seems to have a cold, we are afraid she will have the croup, I hope not. Dr. J.G. Merrison sent John Conlin to me with my acct. to Dr. Merrison to be paid by Tuesday next to be left at Peter Cattanaach's store, Sombra Village - amount \$14.30.
- 23 Mar I was to Sabbath school and preaching and class meeting. John E. Carpenter was into our place as he was going back to Grey's to work. He wanted to borrow my saw gauge.
- 24 Mar I helped Bill & Sie Poland split rails and lay them up. We finished their share of line fence and finished splitting rails for my part and split 40 for my part of line fence between Bill Eyer's and me. I got a log with 2 rail cuts in from Bill Poland - made 27 rails. I am to give same back to him. Lawrence Johnston bought horse Saturday, day before yesterday.
- 25 Mar I went down to Bob Stoke's to get some money to pay Dr. J.G. Merrison (to borrow it). He said he did not have it. He paid me \$15. on hardwood. I went down town, was at Chester Henry's for dinner. I waited until near night to see John Conlin, Dr. Merrison's collector. He did not come. I got home after dark, had supper at Mrs. Poland's. I saw Wm. Hamilton about wagon, his charges are \$6.10 namley 12 spokes @ 20 cts. \$2.40, 6 fellows \$1.20, 2 bowlsters with stakes \$2.50 \$6. Wallace May charges for ironing same \$2., has bench yet to fix. I tried to sell

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my logs in boom to the saw mill. I offered them to him for \$10., he would not buy them.

Street _____ Side _____		MUNICIPALITY OF _____									
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS ASSESSED.										VALUE AND DUTY	
NAME AND HOME OFFICE ADDRESS OF TAXABLE PARTY		OCCUPATION		Age & Sex		Notes on Amount of Tax, or on the Property		Tax		Value	
J. W. Carpenter		Sawyer		34 M				118.52		12.84	

TAXPAYER NOTICE: That you are assessed as above specified, for the year 1884. If you have yourself purchased or otherwise acquired property assessed, you or your agent may verify the Clerk of the Board of Assessors by the Clerk of the Board of Assessors.

SECTION OF REAL PROPERTY										STATISTICS									
Lot		Block		Section		Township		Range		Municipality		Assessed		Tax		Value		Duty	
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Twp. Assessment for Poland Farm 1884

26 Mar I started to Wallaceburg to find me a horse in the morning, got there about 2:30 PM. Saw a horse at W.A. Pont - had partly made a bargain for him thus I was to give him \$100. for him to have six months for the first note \$50. and 12 months for the balance. I was to come on tomorrow. I then went out to Wm. Tweedle, got there about 5 PM. Rained part of the day. Maggie Poland stayed with wife.

27 Mar I stayed at Wm. Tweedle's last night. Stayed with them until noon. Started from there after dinner, went to W.A. Pont. We went and got note drawn up. I have to pay 10 per cent interest, 1 note for six months \$50. @ 10% and other at 12 months to be paid at Steinhoff & Lillies banking office in Wallaceburg. He gave me the notes to bring home with me to get backers to them. We went over to his stable and he gave me the horse. I started for

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home. I am to send him the notes back first of next week by mail. I walked most of the way and rode the horse the rest. Got home after dark. I got some Salvation Army books at Tweedle's to bring home with me.

- 28 Mar I harnessed up my horses and went to Sombra for my wagon. Wife went down with me. We walked down in fore noon. I borrowed the Miller's wiphel trees to bring my wagon home (gave them to him when he was going home from Wilkesport) Wife rode home with Warren T. Henry, she bought at Peter Cattanach's - 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 5 1/2 lbs. sugar 50 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 2 lbs. crackers 20 cts., and at W.T. Henry's - 1 3/4 lbs. butter 35 cts. I brought a jag of hay home from father's afternoon. Took shoes from hind feed of horses this morning.
- 29 Mar I filed John Sheeran's saw 30 cts. and got out some potatoes from pit fore noon. I harnessed up my horses and went out to draw some rails for line fence between Bill Eyer's and me. The ground is soft, cracked my new horse a little. Drew four loads of rails. Brought them to stable and took shoes off from front feet. Father backed my note to W.A. Pont for \$50. at 10% interest per annum for twelve months from the 27 inst. I asked Warren T. Henry to back the other. He would not. I paid father \$15. on hay I bought from him last fall.
- 30 Mar I and Willie were over to Sunday school. Charlotte Henry and Mrs. Albert Bowen were to our place for supper. Wife went down to P.N. Henry's after supper.
- 31 Mar I helped Bill and Sie Poland lay up fence. I had Bill Eyers all day helping too. I drew the rails with my team. Finished the fence between Bill Eyers and me. It is snowing and hailing tonight. Bill Eyers promised to back my note for \$50. for my horse for six months. Willie and Eva May are both sick with a bad cold. Charlotte Henry got a package of w. paper 15 cts.
- 01 Apr Raining, I went up to Bill Eyers. He backed my note. I went down town afternoon and posted the notes by registered mail. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 5 lbs. sugar 50 cts., pkg. cabbage seed 15 cts., 1 razor strap 20 cts. I saw Bob Stokes, asked him if I could 100 lbs. flour from him. He said yes and he had some grass seed to sell (timothy). Gave Dr. Merrison my note for \$14.30 due in three months payable at Sarnia.
- 02 Apr Snowed some today. Charlotte Ann Henry was up sewing on our sewing machine. I went down to Bob Stokes afternoon for flour - got 100 lbs. \$3., 1/2 bushel clover seed \$3.,

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1 bushel timothy seed \$2. It is freezing tonight. Wife got 1 lb. butter from Mrs. Allen 20 cts.

- 03 Apr I went down to father's and got a small jag of hay. I spoke to Jacob Young for 1 1/2 tons of hay. He said I could have it for \$6. per ton. Waits until after harvest for pay. I cut some cord wood afternoon and was over to Mrs. S. Poland's to see Bill Poland where he put my beetle and wedge. He wanted me to plow his ground for him. He offered to cut me 12 cords of wood for doing it. I told him I would. Annie Poland helped wife this afternoon. Wife went up to Mrs. John Allen's for a lb. of butter, got it. Mrs. Adam Moffat was at our place taking subscriptions for a book entitled Mother Home and Heaven. I did not take it. Mrs. Bill Evers was here for wife to go to prayer meeting. She did not go, we did not have our supper.
- 04 Apr Curtis Wright borrowed my axe and left me his. Bill and Sie Poland were chopping for me today. I plowed one land in potato ground fore noon. I filed my saw for Poland boys at noon. I drew there rails and laid them up on my share of line fence between Poland's and me. Jammed my finger. Taffy pull at Robert's tonight. Mrs. Poland's heifer hurt hens leg for us this morning. Our children are sick with bad colds. I am afraid Eva May will have croup.
- 05 Apr Some of the lads from the taffy pull threw a chunk of clay into my window and broke out one light and cracked another. I went down and saw John Henry. He said young Geo. Hargrove was throwing chunks but did not see him throw at my house. John said first he did not know anything about it until I cornered him right up. I went down to Jacob Young's for some hay and went down to Wm. Hargrove's and told him George, his son, threw chunks into my window. He said he would talk to him about it. I got 670 lbs. of hay at Jacob Young's fore noon. I went down afternoon for another load - got 875 lbs. Roads are very bad. Curtis Wright gave me \$2.25 for my axe and handle that squares him and I to date.
- 06 Apr I was home all day. Wife was up to Mrs. Allen's fore noon and part of afternoon. I kept children at home. Mrs. Poland came over and was to our place for dinner. Father came up to our place afternoon and stayed for supper. John E. Carpenter called on his way to Gray's.
- 07 Apr I went down to Jacob Young's for hay - got 855 lbs. fore noon and 75 lbs. afternoon. Frank Rivers, John Johnston, and Sarah and Charlotte Henry were into our place in the

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evening. Wife was down to Warren T. Henry's to get some eggs to set. They came up with her.



Peter Nathaniel Henry Family c1912  
George, Peter, John, Emma (Young), James & Charlotte

- 08 Apr I sewed grass seed part of fore noon on lower place east side north end first field. I sewed about one bushel 1/2 timothy, 1/2 clover on about 2 1/2 acres. I went into my big pit of potatoes and took out a few mammoth pearl that kept good. I plowed down to lower place afternoon. It snowed some last night. The ground is very soft. I was to Lodge, paid Rev. Nethercott 50 cts. missionary money I signed in fall.
- 09 Apr Snowed some last night. I was down to lower place plowing. Wife got 1/2 lb. butter at Mrs. Allen's and took shoes back to Mary Allen that she got from her some time ago.
- 10 Apr I plowed fore noon lower place and part of afternoon. Stormed some afternoon - snow and rain. Mrs. Peter Henry borrowed 11 3/4 lbs. pail and all. I went up to Jacob Young's for some firewood (No9). I did not get much. Mrs. Poland was over this evening. Bill Poland brought my saw home. They finished cutting the 12 cords.
- 11 Apr Sewed my cabbage seed before sunrise in hot bed early winning stock south end of the bed and marble head mammoth drumhead in center and pepper red dutch for

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picking and paper of red dutch for pickling. I was plowing part of the day lower place, west side of ditch. Wife and children were to Chas. Henry's afternoon.

- 12 Apr I was plowing part of the day lower place. Got a load of firewood from Jacob Young's place fore noon. Wife got 1 10/16 lbs. butter from Mrs. Allen 20 cts. per lb. I moved old straw stack bottom into fence corners, lower place afternoon.
- 13 Apr I harnessed up the horses and took wife and children over to her mother's. Mrs. William Evers rode over with us. I brought team home again and went over to Sabbath school. Willie came with Thomas Poland. I stayed to class and prayer meeting. I went up to Mrs. Poland's after that, was there for supper.



Alonzo Lapish Family 1908  
Mrs. Frank Rivera, her daughter, Elsie, Grace, Ivan, Esther (HENRY),  
Arlington, Rory & Alonzo

- 14 Apr I plowed down to lower place. Annie Poland came over and minded the children while wife went to town. She called in to see Mrs. Alonzo Lapish. She gave wife a bottle of Warner's safe cure near full for me. Maggie Grant came over for our bed pan for Mrs. Lapish, who is sick with consumption - last stage. Wife bought at Peter Cattanach's - 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 1 lb. raisins 10



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cts., 4 lb. sugar 40 cts., 4 yds. linen 80 cts., 2 yds. factory 16 cts. John Sheeran is sewing today. I commenced to pile up manure while horses are eating. Thomas Harrison is sewing today.

- 15 Apr Rained last night and fore noon today. I finished sewing grass seed lower place fore noon. I piled manure afternoon. There came some lumps on Charley horse last night on the right side of his belly. Simon Poland came over with his saw for me to fix. He borrowed mine.
- 16 Apr Stormed all day, rain and snow. I partly ground and partly filed Bill and Sie Poland's saw. Wife was down to Peter N. Henry's twice for sweet and sour milk. Mrs. P.N. Henry gave her some butter.
- 17 Apr I piled manure all day. William Roberts is having a taffy pull on Mary P. birthday - 19 years. Wife washed, ugly as usual. Curtis Wright, Lilly Dinia, Pat O'Hare's wife's sister, called afternoon.
- 18 Apr I plowed down to lower place all day. Got 1 1/2 lbs. butter from Mrs. Albert Henry 33 cts. I am to give her 1 bushel potatoes 65 cts. per bushel. Mrs. Poland and Mrs. L. Johnston were at our place afternoon. Curtis Wright came and got some strawberry plants. Uncovered small pit of potatoes. Peter N. Henry got 1/2 bushel of them, some of them are froze. Wife went down to Peter N. Henry's in the evening for flour they borrowed of us. Our cabbage plants are up, sewn last week.
- 19 Apr I plowed fore noon. Quit for it was to wet. Peter N. Henry got 1/2 bushel of potatoes. I took a bushel for Mrs. Albert Henry. I went down to lower place after and cleaned out some furrows and piled over the old straw stack on east side. Wife and children were down to P.N. Henry's.
- 20 Apr Wife went to church and I stayed home and took care of the children.
- 21 Apr I was drawing manure from old stack bottom, lower place most all day. I borrowed Bill Eyer's chain. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 1/2 lbs. butter 22 cts. per lb., 3 lbs. sugar 27 cts., 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 3 lbs. currants 30 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 bottle electric oil 25 cts., 1 crosscut saw file 25 cts., candy 5 cts., 4 yds. blue jane 80 cts., 2 yds. cotton 20 cts., 1 lb. tea 50 cts. At S. Green's - 2 loaves cream bread.



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- 22 Apr I plowed at lower place all day. I was to Pat Sheeran's to get some flour. He did not have any. I fixed my fanning mill. I borrowed 23 lbs. flour from Mrs. Bill Evers - pail and all. Cleaned up some in evening. I was over to Lodge. Paid my dues. Patrick Sheeran sewed 14 bushels peas yesterday on sod plowed last fall.
- 23 Apr I commenced to sew barley - sewed 3 1/2 bushels. I have got it to furrow it out yet. Wife has gone down the road for some butter. I am staying with children.
- 24 Apr I sewed 2 1/2 bushels of barley and about 1/2 acre to grass seed - timothy with a little clover in it. Harrowed it once after I sewed the grass seed. Mrs. Albert Henry and her little girl, Stella, and Mrs. Peter Henry and Miss. Sarah Henry were at our place for supper. Miss. Charlotte Henry. Had a white frost last night.
- 25 Apr I sewed 3 1/2 bushels of barley and sewed the same with grass seed. I have part of it to drag over again. We got a letter from Alpena. Cousin, Lizzie McKay, is dead. Died in confinement on March 17, 1884. Wife and children were down to father's and got some top onions from them.
- 26 Apr John E. Carpenter helped me today. He drove the team harrowing and furrowing out. I sewed 1 bushel of barley. We harrowed over that. I sewed grass seed. Mrs. Poland was to our place for dinner. Maggie Poland took care of the children while wife went to village. She bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 2 1/2 lbs. butter 55 cts., 2 lbs. prunes 16 cts., 4 lbs. currants 40 cts., 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 20 cts., candy 5 cts. At Salvanus Green's - 4 loaves of baker's bread 28 cts., 2 1/4 lbs. beef 18 cts., 1 orange 4 cts. Wife got a letter from her cousin in Germany. Curtis Wright was to our place for supper.
- 27 Apr Wife and children were over to her mother's fore noon. Maggie Poland stayed at our place last night and yesterday. It rained some at noon and then cleared off. I did not go over until the afternoon. Wife's brother, William Poland, is going to Saginaw tomorrow. We were all there for supper. I wrote a letter for wife to cousin in Germany.
- 28 Apr I sewed 4 bushels of barley at place where I live. Wife put out some garden seeds such as onions, cucumbers, citron, parsnips and wife set two hens today - 13 eggs under each hen. I borrowed 23 lbs. flour from Mrs. Bill Evers - pail and all.

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- 29 Apr I sewed 2 bushels of barley. John E. Carpenter drove team for me. I took my potatoes out of the pit - a few were frozen and a few rotten. I planted a tin pail full for early ones - part beauty of Hebron and part extra early Vermont. Annie Poland helped wife yesterday and today. Mrs. Bill Evers and Lillian Dinna called in the evening. Cleaned up rest of barley - had 4 bushels - are going to boil it for horses.
- 30 Apr I commenced to sew oats on lower place in back field. Sewed 4 1/2 bushels. Wife went down town. Annie Poland took care of children. Wife bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 2 lbs. crackers 20 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 30 cts., 4 lbs. prunes 32 cts. At M.L. Burnham's - candy 2 cts., 1 lb. candles 14 cts.
- 01 May I sewed 4 1/2 bushels of oats on back field, lower place. It rained some. I lost about 1 hour. Wife and children were up to Mr. John Allen's. Bill Evers dragged in 3 bushels barley for Mr. Allen. Peter N. Henry brought us up 100 lbs. flour from Robert Stoke's yesterday.
- 02 May I sewed 6 1/2 bushels of oats lower place. Blew very hard. Wife and children were over to examination (school) in afternoon.
- 03 May I sewed 1 bushel of oats and finished dragging them in and furrowed them out in afternoon. Cleaned out all of the furrows. Heavy frost last night. Wife went down town afternoon. Maggie Poland took care of children. She bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 3 lbs. sugar 24 cts., 1 tea (Young Hyson) 25 cts., 3 1/2 lbs. butter 77 cts.
- 04 May Rained most all day. I went down to father's. I was there for dinner and supper. Charlotte A. Henry was at our place for dinner and supper. I cared for children and wife went down with her. Lucy Carpenter was home today.
- 05 May I plowed for Mrs. Poland today for barley. Wife was up to Pat O'Hare's all day. Eva May was 1 year old today. Frank Prier was married today.
- 06 May I plowed fore noon for Mrs. Poland. Sewed 2 bushels of barley and dragged in for her in afternoon. Wife and baby were to Mrs. Albert Henry's. It rained some in afternoon. Willie went over to his grandmother's with me.
- 07 May It rained or misted most all day. I went down town. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 4 lbs. prunes 32 cts., 4 lbs. butter 88 cts. I tried to sell my logs at the saw

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mill. I could not do it. The saw mill man allows me \$4.50 for buttonwood turnes on sawing other. I tried to get some seed oats - could not do it as I didn't have the money. I planted near a peck of beauty of Hebron potatoes after I came home.

- 08 May I went down to John Cattanaach's to see if he had any oats - he had no more to sell. I tried to borrow \$10. from Pat Sheeran - he said he did not have it. I went down to Bob Stoke's and got \$10. on wood and bought 18 bushels oats from Pat O'Hare for 40 per bushel \$7.60 and 1/2 bushel hungarian grass 62 cts.
- 09 May I sewed 3 1/2 bushels of oats on east side of ditch and finished plowing at lower place east side at lower place. Wife has gone down the road for some yeast in the evening. I am with the children.
- 10 May I finished sewing oats. Finished east side of ditch all but furrowing out and commenced on the west side. It rained and I had to quit afternoon - part of it. Wife went down town afternoon and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 2 straw hats 50 cts., 1 straw hat for wife 55 cts., 1 baby hat for Eva May 37 cts., 1 pair w. hose for wife 15 cts., 1 yd. lace 13 cts., 1 pair boys shoes for Willie \$1., 1 pair woman's shoes \$1.25, 1 spool 5 cts., ribbon 4 cts., 1/2 yds. elastic 2 cts., 1 yd. ribbon 15 cts., candy 3 cts., 4 lbs. prunes 32 cts., 3 1/4 lbs. butter 73 cts. Rained part of afternoon. I set out 75 cabbage plants.
- 11 May I was to church and class meeting. Mrs. Poland and Mrs. John Allen were visiting at our place. Mrs. Lapish was not expected to live last night - is worse today. She has consumption. I turned the horses out for first time.
- 12 May Slight frost last night. I sewed 3 bushels of oats. John E. Carpenter drove team for me until 4 PM. I cleaned out the furrows on the east side of ditch. Team plowed afternoon. Mrs. Alonzo Lapish died last night. My shoulder took lame again last night.
- 13 May Mrs. Alonzo Lapish was buried today. Rev. Nethercott preached the funeral sermon at Bethel. She was buried in Courtright. English burying ground. Dean Armstrong took charge of burial service. It rained part of the afternoon. I was to funeral service at Bethel. I did not go to the burying ground. I cleaned up oats afternoon and hungarian grass seed - 1/2 bushel, 8 bushels oats. Team was in the stable all day. Wife was up to Mrs. John Allen's for some soap. I was over to Lodge. Wind blew hard from west.

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- 14 May I plowed all day at lower place. Finished plowing southwest side of front field. Wife was over to her mother's to get her dress fitted to her. Her mother's cows came over on this line. Wife took them home. Curtis Wright came up for some wax ends and string at Bill Robert's.
- 15 May I plowed lower place all day. Plowed 1 1/4 acre north end, west side, north of ditch - 22 2/11 rods long south side is 46 rods long. Very cold tonight.
- 16 May I sewed 6 1/2 bushels of oats, 1 1/4 bushels of then were white Russian oats. John E. Carpenter drove my team for me. We had no frost last night. I had 24 bushels sewn. Wife was down town afternoon and bought at Peter Cattanach's - 3 lbs. sugar 34 cts., 5 lbs. prunes 40 cts., 5 3/4 lbs. butter \$1.14, 2 bars soap 20 cts., 1 lb. bluing 25 cts. She left children at her mother's. Maggie helped her carry basket from her mother's.
- 17 May I finished seeding - sewed about 2 bushels of oats, plowed fore noon. Finished harrowing afternoon, lower place. Brought plow and harrow home. John E. Carpenter helped me part of afternoon. Turned my horses out for the first time tonight. Willie went bare foot today. I sewed 16 1/2 bushels of barley and 35 bushels of oats, 1 bushel timothy seed and 1/2 bushel of clover seed.
- 18 May Mrs. Poland and her daughter, Jane, were over to our place for dinner. I was to preaching and class meeting. Walter Shortt was at our place for supper.
- 19 May I plowed Mrs. Poland's potato and corn ground and harrowed some of it. Rained some afternoon, raining now 10:15 PM.
- 20 May I went down to Jacob Young's for buggy to go to William Tweedle's, 4 miles east of Wallaceburg. Left home 12 am. noon and got to Tweedles about 5 PM. John E. Carpenter and Mrs. Allen went down with us. We took Eva May with us. Left Willie at his grandmother Poland's. Went to Church at night, one mile from Tweedle's, east to hear Salvation Army. It was midnight when we got to Tweedle's.
- 21 May We left for home 9 am. from Tweedle's. Got as far as James Allen's. Mrs. John Allen was there. They would have us stay for dinner. We stayed, they gave wife some tomato plants. We left there 12:30 PM. Stayed in Wallaceburg about 2 hours. I bought 1 bushel of millet seed \$1.25, 2 lbs. flax seed 10 cts., turnip seed 5 cts., nuts 5 cts., 2 7/16 lbs. cod fish 18 cts., candy 3 cts.,

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hulled corn 10 cts. William Tweedle gave me 1 bushel ears seed corn, a red duet corn 2 weeks earlier than the white duet.

- 22 May I finished Mrs. Poland's potato and corn ground fore noon and commenced to plow my own corn and potato ground. Rained in the evening.
- 23 May I finished my corn ground all except west head land. Wife washed fore noon and went to town afternoon. Maggie stayed with the children. She bought at Peter Cattnach's - 3 4/16 lbs. butter 22 cts. per lb., 1 deep dish 30 cts., 5 lbs. prunes 40 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 24 cts., 1/2 lb. tea 25 cts., 1 lb. soda biscuits 10 cts., 1 package yeast cakes 10 cts. Rained some this evening. I gave father some cabbage plants and set some out for myself.
- 24 May I harrowed my corn and potato ground and sewed 1 bushel of beans and 2 lbs. flax seed. Maggie Poland was at our place all day.
- 25 May I and Willie were over to Sunday school and class meeting. Wife and Eva were to her mother's.
- 26 May I planted 3 1/2 bushels of beauty of Hebron and 24 lbs. white elephant and 15 3/4 lbs. bells. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 5 lbs. prunes 40 cts., 1/2 lb. pepper, 1 doz. tart tins 12 cts., lamp chimney 10 cts., 1 slate for Willie, 1 first book 5 cts. She sold some pie plant 10 cts. Mrs. Warren T. Henry got some cabbage plants. Wife gave her 2 1/2 doz. eggs for some butter. Maggie Poland stayed with the children.
- 27 May I planted 16 1/2 lbs. extra early Vermont and mammoth pearl - 11 lbs., Burbank seedling - 14 lbs., and planted 11 lbs. of corn which I finished planting the field I plowed on lower place in afternoon. Wife went down to Mrs. Christopher Walker's to a quilting. She took Eva with her. Maggie Poland stayed with Willie. I got 100 lbs. flour from Patrick Sheeran on time.
- 28 May I plowed on lower place all day. Wife bought down my dinner to me.
- 29 May We had a heavy frost last night, froze off fall wheat, barley and oats and almost every thing else. Froze ice on our chip pile where wife left water in for chickens - 1/2 in. thick. John E. Carpenter helped me all day at Pat O'Hare's raisen of stable. I plowed lower place all day.

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- 30 May I plowed lower place all day. Wife was up to Mrs. John Allen's part of day. I finished plowing millet ground and hungarian ground. Looks some like rain tonight. The frost has destroyed all of my fall wheat, barley and oats. We had some cucumbers up and I covered them with grain bags and it froze some of them through the bag night before last.
- 31 May I dragged corn ground and some ground once over to sow millet on. I cleaned off a small piece ground on the east side of swamp and sewed it to turnips, beets and carrots.
- 01 Jun I stayed home all day. Wife and children were at her mother's.
- 02 Jun I finished harrowing over my Hungarian and millet ground before sewing and got stakes for my wagon rack to draw cord wood. Wife went down the road this evening. I stayed with the children. I planted 1/2 bushel potatoes on the lower place.
- 03 Jun I commenced to draw wood to Bob Stokes - drew two loads. I set out 64 cabbage plants, the ground is very dry. I watered the ground as I set them out. Annie Poland left John Edgar Bury's. I was up to see Mrs. John Allen's cow, she is sick.
- 04 Jun I drew two loads of wood to Stokes and took wife down town in the afternoon with the team. She bought at Peter Cattanaach's store - 4 yds. window blinds \$1., 1 box axel grease 15 cts., 1 lb. ginger cakes 16 cts., 6 lbs. prunes 40 cts., 1 lb. soda 10 cts., 4 lbs. sugar 32 cts., 3 lbs. butter 60 cts., 4 yds. cotton 32 cts., 2 pair hose 40 cts. Annie Poland stayed with the children.
- 05 Jun I worked on the road in side line doing statue labour. I was allowed 3 day for myself, team and scraper. I borrowed Bill Eyer's scrapper. The ground is very hard grain. Sow had pigs last night - 4 of them.
- 06 Jun I drew 2 loads of wood to Robert Stokes fore noon. I tried to set my tire in the afternoon. I got it a little tighter. I did it down in the bush and drew up a load of wood for tomorrow morning. Fixed slip gap in south fence for drawing wood through. My corn is coming up. Mrs. Bill Eyers called in the evening. Wife was over to Thomas Mulligan's to see John Brown's wife - she is dying with consumption - some better this afternoon. Willie stayed with me. She took Eva with her, left her at her mother's while she went to Mulligan's.



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- 07 Jun I drew two loads of wood to Stokes. Brought up two barrels of water - one for father and one for myself. Killed potato bugs after tea. Drew up load of fire wood, hoed and watered some cabbage. Wife went down to Warren T. Henry's for some tea milk in the evening. I took care of the children.
- 08 Jun Lucy L. Carpenter and Charlotte A. Henry came up to our place for wife to go over to Mrs. Poland's to see Jane Poland. We all went over. I came back to get myself ready and went to Church. Wife and children were all there. We were all at Mrs. Poland's for supper. I got a letter from wife's cousin in Germany.
- 09 Jun I drew three loads of wood to Bob Stokes. It was very sultry in the morning, the wind blew from the north about 9 am. and it turned cold and was cold the rest of the day and began to rain about 6:30 PM. Wife filled straw ticks for bed.
- 10 Jun Rained most all day. I brought up my horses and kept them in the stable. I set out 273 cabbage plants and had 64 out making 337. Wife went over to her mother's for some butter. I stayed with the children. John E. Carpenter cut Willie's hair. Turned horses out about 6 PM. Chas. Henry borrowed 7 lbs. 6 oz. of beans from me to plant over his bean ground. Some of his did not come up.
- 11 Jun I hoed early potatoes and picked potato bugs and set out some tomato plants fore noon. I sewed millet on lower place. Sewed corn ground to millet. Birds are pulling corn up. Some of my carrots are coming up on lower place. Fall wheat is heading up on lower place. Wheat was headed out on June 8 on place where I live.
- 12 Jun Wife got 5 lbs. of butter from her mother at 62 1/2 cts. - paid her with stuff out off the store - 1 3/4 yds. cotton 17 cts., 1 yd. luster 15 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 24 cts. Wife got this at Peter Cattnach's. Got for herself - 1 lb. sugar 8 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 2 yds. lace 8 cts., 1 lamp chimney 10 cts., 1 spool cotton 5 cts. Maggie Poland stayed with the children. I finished sewing my hungarian and millet - 21 lbs. hungarian and 1 bushel millet. Finished furrowing it out fore noon. Got some 6 week beans from father's. Cows got into field, lower place. I planted some of the beans. Got done with hungarian grass and millet about 2 PM.
- 13 Jun I went down to lower place and cleaned out furrows in millet ground. I drove my bees out of log into pine box. Commenced to drive out about 11:30 am., got them out about



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2:30 PM. Mr. Chas. Allen helped me. Mrs. Poland was over and helped wife to strain honey. Will have about 6 gal. of strained honey. John E. Carpenter and Pat Sheeran were up in the evening and Peter N. Henry. Gave them some honey to eat. Wife gave neighbour's some honey.

- 14 Jun I took wife down town with some honey - got 1/ per lb. for it at S. Green's. Got there - 3 loaves bread 21 cts., 5 3/4 lbs. pork 72 cts. Lucy L. Carpenter road up from town with us. Wife stayed at father's for dinner and Lucy came up with her. Maggie Poland stayed with the children. I picked potato bugs and picked up some in the follow. John E. Carpenter and Curtis Wright called this evening. Lucy is going to stay all night.
- 15 Jun Sister, Lucy L. Carpenter, stayed with us last night. Her and wife went to Sombra to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ band. I stayed home with children. Mrs. Poland's bees swarmed, she came over after me about 4:30 PM to make a hive and hive them for her, I did. I took children over with me. When we got back, wife was home and Mrs. Peter N. Henry and Mrs. Albert Henry were at our place with her.
- 16 Jun I took my horses to Wall. May Black Smith Shop to get them shod - had 8 shoes set and a new clevis bolt for little plow clevis 10 cts. Bought at Peter Cattanch's - 1 clothes basket 25 cts., 1/2 lb. tea 25 cts., 2 snaps 10 cts. Got home at noon. I drew one load of hardwood and fetched father's folks a barrel of water. Bill Robert's told me at base line, that my bees had swarmed. I hurried home. Mrs. William Roberts tried to hive them but could not, she sent for Chas. Allen. He came and got part of them in hive. When I came home, I got the rest of them in. Wife was not at home, she was over to her mother's for some buttermilk. Bees left hive 4:30 PM. I got 100 lbs. of flour from Robert Stokes \$3.25. Bees had left the old hive, I drove part of them in and put them in a new one.
- 17 Jun I worked on the road with my team under George Mulligan. I picked potato bugs after supper and dug 30 black grubs from potato hills.
- 18 Jun I worked on road fore noon under Geo. Mulligan afternoon. I drew a load of hardwood to Stokes. It rained hard at river. John Henry and I doubled up our teams on river road. Wife sold Charlotte A. Henry 2 lbs. honey 25 cts. Mrs. Patrick O'Hare was visiting our place yesterday.
- 19 Jun I drew 2 loads of hardwood to Robt. Stokes. It was very warm.

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- 20 Jun I drew 2 loads of hardwood fore noon. Very warm, looked like rain. I did not draw any, I hoed some corn and picked potato bugs. Lilly Dinia got 2 lbs. of honey for 2 lbs. butter.
- 21 Jun I took 1 load of hardwood to Robert Stokes. Got word when I got home that my reaper was in Brigden and for me to come and get it. I borrowed Lawrence Johnston's wagon box. Chas. Allen went up with me. We got in Brigden about 3:15 PM, loaded right up and started home, got home about 7:30 PM. Wife was over to her mother's for some milk. Her and Jane had a spat and her mother stuck up for Jane. Wife would not take any milk. Got notice that my machine had been shipped to Courtright. I saw agent and he said they had a car load in Brigden. I told him I would go there instead of Courtright.
- 22 Jun I was over Mrs. Poland's in the morning. I stayed home the rest of the day and minded Eva May while wife and Willie went to Church. Charlotte A. Henry came up with them and was at our place for supper. Gilbert Brown called after supper.
- 23 Jun I put table and tongue on my reaper and drew two loads of hardwood to Robert Stokes. Took Johnston's wagon box home. Drew 2 barrels of water - one for myself and one for father. Rained in the afternoon. Mrs. John James Brown died about 2 am. of consumption. Has been sick a long time - saw her on the 22nd.
- 24 Jun I hoed part of fore noon and then got ready for the funeral. Eliza Brown came over and asked if I would act as pall bearer. I told her I would. I went to funeral afternoon. Thomas Harrison, Allen Grant, Warren T. Henry, William Broad, James Gallow and myself were pall bearers. Rev. J.C. Nethercott preached the funeral sermon at Bethel Church. There were 14 teams in procession. Rained some in the afternoon. I killed a skunk in the evening.
- 25 Jun I fixed cultivator in the morning. Got horse up and cultivated through 2 rows. Rained some and I turned out horse and hoed after that. I was down to lower place just after dinner to see how things looked. Part of the millet and grass is up. Wife went down the road for some milk. I took care of the children. John E. Carpenter was at our place for dinner.
- 26 Jun I hoed potatoes and corn all day. I cultivated them with horse, first on south side of ditch. I was over to prayer meeting. They are going to an ice cream social to pay

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balance of Rev. Nethercott's salary - next Wed. night,  
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- 27 Jun I finished hoeing my potatoes, hilled them all up except burbank seedling and hoed some corn. I took care of the children while wife went down the road in the evening. Jim horse has two wolf teeth in upper jaw.
- 28 Jun I drew 2 loads of hardwood to Robt. Stokes. Wife went down with me on last load and then we went down town. Bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pitch fork 75 cts., 1 fork handle 15 cts., 2 hand rakes 40 cts., 1 pair of shoes for myself \$1.25, 3 1/2 yds. cottonade \$1.22, 4 4/16 lbs. butter 68 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 24 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 lb. soda biscuits 10 cts., 1 pair of boys suspenders for Willie 20 cts., 1 doz. clothes pins 5 cts., 3 spools of thread 15 cts., 1 1/2 doz. buttons 15 cts., 1 stick tape 5 cts., 1 pair baby shoes for Eva May 62 cts., 1 gal vinegar 30 cts., 1 box castor oil 20 cts., candy 2 cts. I picked potato bugs while horses were eating at noon.
- 29 Jun We were all over to church for preaching. Bill Evers spoke in class on fellowship meeting. Hallelujah Band are working in Sombra last week and today trying to save souls.
- 30 Jun I went up to Geo. Mulligan's to borrow his pinchers. Helped him to get bees out of tree in Eagles place into a hive. Got most of them. I drew two loads of wood to the river. Geo. Mulligan came down with me to help him get bees into hive and carry them where I had cut them out in the morning. We got them in alright and carried them to the house. Finished drawing my hardwood to Robert Stokes - 11 1/4 cords at 16/ \$22.50.
- 01 Jul I started to draw wood in the morning. Got a load as far as father's and had to throw it off as my wagon reach was broke. I broke it at government ditch. I made a new reach in the afternoon. It rained some. I turned my horses out and hoed out wife's onions and cabbage and some corn.
- 02 Jul I drew two loads of softwood to Robt. Stokes. He measured my hardwood. I had 11 1/4 cords at 16/ \$22. per cord and I fetched up a barrel of water for us. Picked potato bugs at noon when horses were eating. Wife has gone over to ice cream social at Bethel - fare 25 cts. tonight. Proceeds to pay balance of J.C. Nethercott's salary. I stayed home and took care of the children. I saw Dr. Merrison at Thomas Bury's. Spoke to him about my note. He has it. I think by the way he spoke he will give me

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longer time by paying interest on the note due July 1st.

- 03 Jul I drew 3 loads of softwood to Robert Stokes which finished a turn of 19 1/2 cords. Looks like rain in the afternoon. I drew a barrel of water for father this morning.
- 04 Jul It rained part of fore noon. I partly fixed fork handle to put on fork. Hoed potatoes on lower place and weeded some turnips. Wife and the children were down to Mrs. Albert Henry's after noon. Thunder storm in the afternoon. I had my horses in the stable while it was raining this morning. Bill Poland came home from Saginaw.
- 05 Jul I finished weeding out my turnips in fore noon and set out some too. I finished hoeing my corn and picked some potato bugs. Father got some turnip plants to set out.
- 06 Jul Bill Poland came over to our place fore noon. Was at our place for dinner. Willie and I were over to Sunday school. Wife went down town at night with Bill Evers and wife to hear Hallelujah Band. I stayed home with the children, Willie and Eva. Eva woke up about 10:30 PM. throwing up and a light fever. I had to stay up with her until wife came home. She got home about 12:45 am.
- 07 Jul I cut Canada thissels in the fore noon. I drew 1 load of softwood to Robt. Stokes afternoon and brought up 2 barrels of water - one for father and one for myself. Mrs. P.N. Henry was at our place for dinner, her daughter, Charlotte, called in afternoon. Eva seems a little better - has some fever yet.
- 08 Jul I drew two loads of soft wood to Rob. Stokes. Went down town after last load and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 pair of shoes for Willie \$1., 4 lbs. sugar 32 cts., 4 6/16 lbs. butter 70 cts. Drew up two barrels of water - one for father and one for myself. Made a pair of sweat pads for Charley horse while horses are eating at noon.
- 09 Jul I drew two loads of softwood to Robt. Stokes. Picked potato bugs at noon. Drew in two barrels of water - one for myself and one for Bill Roberts. I signed for the Montreal Star for six months 30 cts. Lizzie Henry is getting subscriptions for the paper. I wrote my name at father's. I took out my jack knife and sharpened her pencil. I stuck knife into board on back and forgot to put it in my pocket - lost it.
- 10 Jul Willie stayed with Mrs. Bill Evers last night as her man has gone up in Moore. I made another sweat pad for

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Charley horse, sore shoulder. Cut hole in it for the sore. I made a pair of sweat pads for Jim horse at noon. I drew two loads of softwood to Bob Stokes and one out of the bush. Wife took the children down to Mrs. Albert Henry's. She is going to pick raspberries. She picked about 6 quarts. I found my jack knife in Bill Robert's lane where it shook out of board when I was loading wood. Pigs got in barley.

- 11 Jul I drew two loads of softwood to Robt. Stokes and drew 4 barrels of water - one for us, one for Bill Roberts and two for father. Went down to hear the Hallelujah Band. They are in Sombra. Rode down with Bill Evers. Walked back. They have 40 members joined tonight. Mrs. Chester Henry got some turnip plants from me. Mrs. Albert Henry took them down to S. Green's then I took them over to her.
- 12 Jul I partly fixed my hay rack and set up my reaper. Wife has gone down to hear the Hallelujah Band. I'm minding the children. Rained this morning. Wife bought at Peter Cattnach's - 3 lbs. butter 48 cts.
- 13 Jul We were all over to Bethel to church. The new preacher preached - Rev. Mr. Bunt. I went over to Sabbath school. Wife went up to Mrs. Allen's and took the children. I went down to Sombra to hear the Hallelujah Band. The M.E. Church could not hold them all. They opened the old Canada Methodist Church and excursion came on the pick up from over the St. Clair River.
- 14 Jul It was 2:15 AM. when I got home this morning. I commenced to reap my barley fore noon. Drew one load of wood to Robt. Stokes and fetched up 2 barrels of water - one for myself and one for Bill Roberts. We had first mess of new potatoes today for dinner. I got 100 lbs. of flour from Robt. Stokes this afternoon \$3.25. Mrs. P.N. Henry was over to our place for supper. I went down to Warren T. Henry's and hived a swarm of bees for him.
- 15 Jul I drew one load of wood to Robt. Stokes fore noon. I helped Bill Roberts stack his hay until 6 PM. I put up some of my barley after supper until it rained.
- 16 Jul I skidded softwood fore noon. Drew 2 loads to Robt. Stokes afternoon. Wife went down with me first load. She went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 4 8/16 lbs. butter 72 cts., 1 lb. alum 8 cts., 1/2 lb. crackers 5 cts., 1 yd. lace 15 cts., 1 1/2 yds. ribbon 6 cts., 2 spools 10 cts., 2 1/2 yds skirt lining 22 cts., 1 1/2 yds. waist lining 27 cts., 1 1/2 doz. buttons 15 cts., 12 yds. brown luster \$2.40, 7 yds. black luster \$1.40. I took

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John Edwards two sisters and four children from Thomas Bury's to John Edward's. They gave me one dollar. They came from London, Ont. Willie stayed to father's all day and last night. She left Eva May with Mrs. Albert Henry. I drew one barrel of water for father.

- 17 Jul Had to take shoe off Charley horse. He caught his foot in something and bent the shoe. Picked potato bugs part of fore noon. Mrs. Albert Henry and her baby were at our place for dinner. I took last load of wood to Stokes. Went down town to get shoe set 13 cts., 1/2 gal. lard oil 40 cts. Took down some new potatoes to Chester Henry's. Sent over to Marine City for the lard oil by John E. Carpenter. I settled with Bob Stokes. I owe him \$1.66. I cleaned our sewing machine at night. Bought up 3 barrels of water.
- 18 Jul I drew two loads of firewood for father fore noon from Jacob Young's. John E. Carpenter helped me draw two loads for me afternoon. I pulled three lands of mustard on lower place in millet.
- 19 Jul I finished pulling mustard out of millet. I reaped barley afternoon. Went down to river for water after supper - 2 barrels - one for Bill Roberts and one for myself. Wife down to Mrs. Albert Henry's to get dress fitted. Took the children with her.
- 20 Jul We were all over to church. Wife and children went up to her mother's. I was to Sabbath school. Willie came too from grandmother's. Mrs. Poland came over with wife. Chas. Henry was over to look at my potatoes.
- 21 Jul I reaped most all day. John E. Carpenter began to work for me harvesting. We cocked some barley I cut Saturday the 19th. Maggie Poland came over to help wife for a while.
- 22 Jul I reaped fore noon (barley). John E. Carpenter helped me fore noon. I turned barley and cocked some of it. Rained some after supper. Wife was down town - 4 1/4 lbs. butter 68 cts., 1 spool silk thread 5 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 pair of shoes for wife \$2., candy 5 cts. Father gave me a cow after supper. I put her in bush pasture. She jumped out and went home.
- 23 Jul Rained this morning. Found my cow at Johnston's. We put her back in the field again. She stayed in. I partly fixed my hay rack fore noon. John E. Carpenter helped me afternoon turning and cocking barley. Mrs. Poland came over after supper and brought me over some butter 3 lbs.



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- 24 Jul I reaped part of fore noon. Rained afternoon and had to quit. Samuel S. Selman came to see how reaper works and to get his notes for same. I signed them - first one to be paid first of January 1885 \$25., second one to be paid first of January 1886 \$43., third one and last one to be paid first of January 1887 \$42. John E. Carpenter helped me 1/2 day. Rain kept us from working in the barley. I worked some of my hay rack. Reaped a little in the afternoon.
- 25 Jul I finished my hay rack fore noon. There was a heavy dew last night - mist all of fore noon. Finished reaping my barley and cocked some up after supper. I stayed with the children while wife went over to prayer meeting. John E. Carpenter helped me in the afternoon cradle and mow barley.
- 26 Jul Rained most all fore noon. I helped wife churn fore noon. Bill Roberts came over to get me to reap his wheat for him. Change work I ground knife. John Roberts caught my horses when going out of the bars, one of the tilting chains broke and let the drive wheel come against tripping gearing and broke it. I put link of telegraph wire link in it and pest pin in and machine raked bundles of itself every fourth rake. I finished the wheat binding wheat. John E. Carpenter helped Roberts 1/2 day for me afternoon.
- 27 Jul I and family were over to church. Wife and Eva rode over with me part of way, Mrs. W.C. Bunt, preacher's wife. He walked with me part of the way. Wife and children went up to her mother's after church. Wife's mother and sister, Jane, and Josephine Chartier came over to our place with her and were at our place for supper. J.E. Carpenter was at our place for supper. I did not go to Sabbath school.
- 28 Jul John E. Carpenter helped me all day cocking and turning barley. Made a stack bottom in the morning while dew was on. I went over to Samuel Selman's for trip standard for my Brantford reaper. He did not have any at his house. I had to go to old house of his father's place and get one of them from another machine.
- 29 Jul John E. Carpenter and John H. Roberts helped me all day cock and rake barley. Fore noon stacked barley, afternoon John Roberts raked after wagon.
- 30 Jul Finished stack we commenced yesterday. John E. Carpenter helped me all day. Bill Roberts helped me until 4 PM. Rain stopped us from stacking. Reaped some fall wheat after supper. John bound some of it, I cleaned out the well.



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- 31 Jul Rained most of the day. I pulled mustard out of millet on lower place. I came home and got horses up to reap, but there came up a rain shower and stopped me from reaping. I found Bill Eyer's pet hen and 1 chicken.
- 01 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me binding fall wheat on lower place all day. I broke the reaper and had to quit working it. Wife was down town afternoon and bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 rain basin 75 cts., 1 milk pan 25 cts., 1 small basin 15 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 24 cts., oatmeal 20 cts., 2 lbs. currants 20 cts., 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 1 box baking powder 10 cts., white sugar 10 cts., 1 box sent 25 cts., 2 lbs. rice 10 cts. She left the children at her mother's. I was over to S.S. Selman's to get piece he broke - they were not at home.
- 02 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day. We stacked balance of barley. James Roberts helped me all day until 4 PM. John E. Carpenter helped Bill Roberts stack his fall wheat. Finished setting up that wheat of mine John bound yesterday on lower place. I went down town. Got Wallace May to fix my machine. He charged me 35 cts. for doing it. I bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 gal coal oil 25 cts. I went over to Selman's for piece I broke - he did not have it. I got Wall May to make a wrought iron one for me.
- 03 Aug I was home all day. Wife and children went down to Peter N. Henry's. Rained some in the afternoon.
- 04 Aug I went down to lower place fore noon to finish fall wheat. There it rained so we could not bind any. I finished cutting it and brought reaper to place where I live. Cleared off in the afternoon and I reaped some fall wheat where I live. John E. Carpenter helped me in the afternoon. Lizzie Johnston was doing some sewing at our place today and Aug. 1st. I wrote a letter to John Cowling, England.
- 05 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day. Father helped all day. I finished reaping my wheat. Have some set up and some to cradle around stumps.
- 06 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me 1/2 day cradling and setting up fall wheat. Father helped 1/2 day on lower place binding fall wheat. I set up some and mowed around stumps part of fore noon. I went down to father's afternoon to reap oats at supper time and had to quit. S.S. Selman left piece of machine that was broken. Willie went down with me.

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- 07 Aug It is wet this morning. I went down to father's about 10 o'clock and finished piece I was at. Reaped some in lower field. Horses tried to run away. I was about 28 ft. from a stump when they started. I could not stop them or turn away from stump. The machine struck the stump and broke the machine and bent lots of pieces. I took table down to William Hamilton and the iron part to Wallace May Blacksmith shop. Wife went down town and bought at Green's - 3 loaves bread 21 cts., 1 bar soap 10 cts., nutmegs 5 cts. Sold for this - 2 1/2 doz. eggs 37 cts. At Peter Cattanach's - 12 1/2 lbs. sugar for \$1., 10 lbs. oatmeal 40 cts., 1 box safety pins 15 cts. I signed for a doctor book for \$5.75 to be delivered to me on the later part of October 1884. John and Tom Poland are staying with us tonight.
- 08 Aug I went over to Samuel S. Selman's for a pole block for 12/ reaper and 2 guards 60 cts. and then I went down town for the rest of it. Hamilton charged me \$1.50 for fixing table and Wall May 60 cts. for blacksmith work. I got to father's about noon. Set machine up again and got it work about 4 PM. and worked until sundown. Wife was up to Mrs. Geo. Mulligan's and Mrs. Allen's.
- 09 Aug I stacked wheat from lower place. John helped 3/4 day. I went down to father's to reap. Reaped until broke down again. Fixed teeth in machine rake last night.
- 10 Aug Wife and Willie went to Church. They went up to Mrs. Poland's and Mrs. Poland and Jane came over to our place with her. Bill, Sie, Thomas, Joseph and John Poland came over afterwards. Josephine Chartier and Alexander Chartier were over too.
- 11 Aug I went out to S. Selman's for piece to machine that I broke at father's. He did not have it. He is to send for one for me. I came home and cobbled it up and went down and finished reaping father's oats. Had a big time with Charley horse - got wire bit for him from Jacob Young's. Drew a small load of wheat to Warren Henry's barn.
- 12 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day stack fall wheat on place where I live. John Henry raked stubble with his horse and sulky rake. John and I threshed the wheat we put in W.T. Henry's barn. John stayed with us last night and Mag Poland. Wife went to pick blackberries. Left the children with Mag Poland, she got no berries - got home just after dinner.

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- 13 Aug I went down to W.T. Henry's for wheat and straw and cleaned up the wheat. Took it to Wilkesport and got it ground - had 168 lbs. of wheat and got over 100 lbs. of flour. Went down to river for water - drew 4 barrels - 1 for father, one for Bill Roberts, and two for myself. Went down to lower place and cradled around some oats.
- 14 Aug I helped Pat O'Hare all day bind oats. Wife was down to father's to a quilting. Took the children with her.
- 15 Aug I helped Bill Eyers all day bind oats. Wife was down to P.N. Henry's and took the children with her. Returned P.N. Henry some flour 17 1/2 lbs.
- 16 Aug I had Bill Eyer's Jim horse with my Jim horse cutting my oats on lower place. I cut about four acres. Little pigs rutted out some of my potatoes. It has been very warm the last three days.
- 17 Aug We were all over to Church. Came home together. Wife went up with Mrs. Albert Henry to find her cow and calf. I took care of the children. I went up to Bill Eyer's in the evening.
- 18 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day cradle oats. I reaped all day. I had Bill Eyer's Jim horse. We cut all that was ripe. Had first mess of cabbage.
- 19 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day bind oats. We bound all day. It is very warm. We walked to dinner, took lunch and supper.
- 20 Aug Father helped me all day bind oats on lower place. John E. Carpenter, Fred and Jacob Young are stacking father's oats.
- 21 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day binding oats. We finished the back field. We cocked up the oats with thistles in.
- 22 Aug I bound oats and cradled fore noon. Afternoon I got Bill Eyer's wagon and took wife and children down town. She bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair wm. gloves 25 cts., 3 lbs. raisins 30 cts., nutmegs 5 cts., 1 lb. tea 25 cts., 1 lb. crackers 10 cts., candy 5 cts., 2 1/2 yds. lace 63 cts., 2 yds. print 25 cts., 2 yds. toweling 25 cts., 2 doz. buttons 20 cts., 1 gal. vinegar 30 cts. I saw Wm. Hamilton about pay for axe handle stuff. He is going to keep it out of axe handles in his possession.

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- 23 Aug I cleaned out two bush wells fore noon. I got Bill Eyer's Jim horse to go with my Jim and reaped afternoon on lower place.
- 24 Aug We were all over to church and were all to Mrs. Poland's for dinner.
- 25 Aug I finished reaping my oats, got done about 2:30 PM. I bound some after supper. I had Bill Eyer's Jim horse til I finished. Bill Poland helped me all day. Eva May was sick last night and today.
- 26 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me all day and Pat O'Hare afternoon. Others helped me finish binding - did not set it all up. Eva is some better - she is cutting teeth.
- 27 Aug I was hunting for water fore noon. Dug in several places and found water next to Bill Eyer's. Dug well and made a trough afternoon. I set up balance of oats and went to river for a load of water, 2 barrels for myself and one for Bill Eyer's and one for father. John E. Carpenter came up with me - tire run of one of my wagon wheels. I took Bill Roberts wagon.
- 28 Aug John E. Carpenter helped me fore noon stack oats. Rained at noon. We hearted up stack. Mrs. Poland brought over some clothes and washed them at our place.
- 29 Aug I put box on wagon and drew manure 3/4 day and took hay rack off from Bill Roberts wagon.
- 30 Aug I drew manure all day. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 2 lbs. raisins 20 cts., 5 lbs. oatmeal 20 cts., 1 pkg. cornstarch 13 cts., difference in exchanging gloves 6 cts. At Green's - 3 loaves of bread 21 cts., candy 2 cts., apples 2 cts., 1 scribbling book 5 cts. Took 2 doz. eggs to S. Green's - 30 cts. She stayed and helped her mother cook for the threshers. They threshed for Mrs. Poland afternoon.
- 31 Aug I was home all day. Wife was over to her mother's twice. Mrs. Clinton was buried today. Mrs. Poland was at our place for supper. Wife and I had a spat.
- 01 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me all day stack oats. Part of oat stack slipped out. Mrs. Albert Henry and child were at our place visiting afternoon.
- 02 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me all day stack oats from lower place. John is stacking, I am pitching off.

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- 03 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me all day stack oats. Got oats all out of field, have one load to throw off in the morning.
- 04 Sep John E. Carpenter helped Lawrence Johnston all day thresh for me. I put on wagon box and drew manure part of day. It is very warm. I took my team and went out to Wilkesport to the Hallelujah meeting.
- 05 Sep John E. Carpenter helped Lawrence Johnston thresh for me 1/2 day. We were to Hallelujah meeting in Wilkesport. We rode out with Bill Roberts team. Left Willie with Mrs. Poland.
- 06 Sep I cradled and bound my flax fore noon, dung afternoon. John E. Carpenter helped me put top on my oat stack in morning. I finished drawing dung where I want to put my straw stack fore noon. I drew up two loads of firewood for steam thresher afternoon. I took my team and went to Wilkesport to the Hallelujah meeting.
- 07 Sep I was over to church fore noon. Was home balance of the day. Wife and the children stayed home all day.
- 08 Sep I went down town to see if my logs were sawed. They were not. I went down to Bob Stokes and got 1,000 ft. of pine lumber at \$12. per thousand feet. I brought it home in two loads.
- 09 Sep I cut stuff in bush to make bin for my oats and cut it to house fore noon. Afternoon, I drove down town. Wife went down with me and bought at Peter Cattanach's - 10 lbs. nails 50 cts., 1 lb. crackers 10 cts., 10 lbs. raisins \$1., 12 lbs. sugar \$1., 1 set of dishes \$3., 1 bar of soap 10 cts., 1 ounce of nutmegs 10 cts., cloves 5 cts., allspice 5 cts., cinnamon 10 cts., 2 lbs. tea 50 cts., 1 lb. starch 13 cts., 1/2 doz. teaspoons 12 cts., 1/4 doz. tablespoons 13 cts.
- 10 Sep I partly built bin to hold my oats. Wife went over to her mother's in the afternoon.
- 11 Sep I pulled my beans. Wife helped me some. I got beans pulled about 4 PM. Wife was over to her mother's for some sour milk, noon. I went down to lower place and cradled around my millet. Wife and children went down with me.

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- 12 Sep I helped father thresh fore noon and at John Ecclestone's afternoon for father for Capt. Chas. Gales. Father had 300 bushels white oats and he and Capt. Chas. Gales had 232 bushels black oats between them. I cut bands fore noon. Stacked at Ecclestone's afternoon. I took my team down with me and went to the river after we quit threshing for 2 barrels of water. Got home at nine PM. Wife was up to Mrs. John Allen's most all day. Wife borrowed pan of flour from Mrs. Roberts.
- 13 Sep I filed my saw and split some wood for threshing machine. John Roberts helped me afternoon saw wood for machine and grind reaper knives after supper. I went to father's to see John E. Carpenter - got him corn cutter. He is to help me cradle millet Monday. Wife is baking bread tonight, it is now midnight and bread is not done yet.
- 14 Sep I was home all day with the children. Wife was over to church. Stayed at her mother's for dinner; I was down to Peter N. Henry's to see how their baby was - it was some better.
- 15 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me all day cradle around stumps in millet. He charged me nothing for day. I reaped millet - 4 acres. Had Bill Eyer's Jim horse.
- 16 Sep I threshed my beans - had 4 1/4 bushels and cleaned out my beans for my grain and some other chores.
- 17 Sep I helped Bill Eyer's 3/4 day and John E. Carpenter the same for me. John E. Carpenter helped John O'Hare 1/4 day for me. I drew 3 loads of wood from bush for machine after I left Bill Eyer's.
- 18 Sep John E. Carpenter helped Pat O'Hare all day for me. I drew two loads of water from river for threshing machine. The machine came to my place tonight and partly set for morning. When I came to pay Stokes for pork, he only charged me one shilling per pound.
- 19 Sep Shortts threshed 352 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of barley, and 34 bushels of fall wheat. I drew 24 barrels of water today. The men who helped me were John E. Carpenter (helped me for father), Pat O'Hare, John Johnston, Bill Roberts, Jim Roberts, John Roberts, Peter N. Henry, Charles Miller (for John Sheeran), Jacob Young, Bill Eyers and Bill Poland fore noon and John O'Hare afternoon. Rained a little afternoon.



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John B. O'Hare c1884

- 20 Sep Shortts finished threshing for me fore noon. I had altogether 807 bushels. That machine tallied and we cleaned up from floor - got 14 bushels of mixed grain. John E. Carpenter helped me to thresh fore noon. He built the stack. Bill and Sie Poland helped me all day thresh fore noon and clean up floor afternoon. 1 1/4 bushels of white oats, I had 24 bushels that look like supreme oats. Chas. Allen and Young and Bill Evers, Chas. Miller for John Sheeran, John Johnston, Bill, Jim Roberts - they go from my place to George Broad's. They took separator out on road for me. I put my team on it but they would not draw it. I got Bill Robert's team to take it over. I and Bill and Sie Poland cleaned up floor and got 14 bushels mixed grain. I took barrels home.
- 21 Sep I was home all day sick with a cold. Wife and Eva May were up to Mrs. John Allen's. Willie stayed with me. They had some muskmelons.
- 22 Sep John E. Carpenter helped me all day threshing at George Broad's for Chas. Henry. I helped Broad all day for Jacob Young. Rained some in fore noon. Wife was over to Mrs. William Roberts visiting afternoon.
- 23 Sep John E. Carpenter helped George Broad thresh for me 1/2 day for Jacob Young. I bound millet fore noon. Rained and stopped me. I cut corn part of afternoon - cut 23



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stocks. Wife went to Bill Eyer's for some flour they borrowed from us.

- 24 Sep I helped John Sheeran all day thresh. Rained some at noon and night. I milked cow after I got home. Got a letter from Bill Poland, Germany.
- 25 Sep I helped John Sheeran fore noon thresh. Bill and Sie Poland helped me all day cutting corn and digging potatoes. I cut some corn and dug potatoes. Mrs. Poland did her washing here yesterday. Wm. Hamilton sent his account amounting to \$7.60 for fixing wagon and reaper. I was down to Pat Sheeran's at night.
- 26 Sep I went down to Thomas Stokes and sold him 300 bushels of oats at 24 cts. per bushel. He paid me \$70. on them. I am to deliver them after I get my fall wheat in. I went down town and paid Wm. Hamilton his account \$7.60. William Hamilton paid me \$2.12 on axe handle timber I got for Nelson Thompson. He kept it out of Thompson for me. I paid \$2.12 to Wallace May on blacksmith acct. Bill and Sie Poland helped me all day finish digging potatoes all except burbank seedling on place where I live fore noon. After, we bound millet and dug potatoes on lower place - 4 bushels and brought them home. Bill let board he was sitting on slip and he fell on rakes and broke one of mine. He drove team through bars at lower place.
- 27 Sep I cleaned up 12 bushels of fall wheat for a grist. Rained last night and some in fore noon. I covered over my potatoes with corn stalks I brought home. I sold Bill Roberts the four bushels of potatoes.
- 28 Sep I was home all day. Wife went down to Peter N. Henry's about noon, stayed until 3 o'clock PM. I sent Willie after her. Mrs. Poland and her daughter, Jane, were to our place in the evening.
- 29 Sep I took grist to Wallaceburg. Mrs. John Allen and Mrs. Poland, myself, wife and Eva May went. We left Willie at Mrs. Poland's until we got back. We went out to William Tweedles, 4 miles east of Wallaceburg. Mrs. John Allen went to Hemstreet's. I took Tweedle 1 bushel of beauty of Hebron and 1/2 bushel White Elephant potatoes. When I came away, he gave me about 2 bushels of apples to take home. We left home about 4 AM and got home about 11 PM. We bought in Wallaceburg - 1 pair of boots for myself \$2.25, 1 whip for horses 35 cts., 1 lb. cheese 12 cts., candy 3 cts., nuts 5 cts., 1 lb. soda biscuit 10 cts., 1 hat for wife \$1.50 trimmed, I paid for note for horse \$50. with interest at 10% \$2.50, a doll for Eva May 10 cts. A

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note was at Steinhoff and Lillie Banking Office, Wallaceburg - note was given to Wm. A. Pont. It rained Sunday, the road was very slippery going down and sticky coming back. Bill and Sie Poland finished binding my millet and set it up in afternoon.

30 Sep I chored around house fore noon. Afternoon I took 200 lbs. of flour down to father at 2 1/2 cts. \$5. I commenced to plow for fall wheat. I signed Scott Act Petition Warren T. Henry had. Wife took flour home to Bill Roberts. Jane Poland was at our place fore noon. She brought Willie home. She made dress for Eva's doll. Wife went home with her and got some butter. Pat Sheeran came up and looked at my potatoes. He took 12 bushels beauty Hebron potatoes.



Robert Stokes Family  
William, Emma (Cody), Minnie (McCallum), Henry, Gertrude (Chapman),  
Ethel (McLean), George, Sarah (Ball), Louise (Turner), Mrs. Stokes  
& Robert Stokes

01 Oct I plowed most all day. Rain stopped me about 4 PM. Wife was down town and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 pair of shoes for herself \$1.75, 2 lbs. sugar \$1., 1 pkg. baking powder 10 cts., nutmegs 5 cts., 1 rope of halter shank 1

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- 5 cts., 3 yds. blue denim 60 cts., 1 1/2 yds. luster 37 cts., 1 paper pins 8 cts. At M.L. Burnham's - 13 lemons 36 cts., candy 2 cts. She took down three dozen eggs - 38 cts. She got home before the rain. She left Willie at her mother's when she went to town.
- 02 Oct Rained most of fore noon and last night. I cleaned up 6 bushels of fall wheat to sew. John E. Carpenter helped me some in the afternoon.
- 03 Oct I plowed all day on lower place. Wife washed today. Sie Poland brought my crosscut saw home and got his own. He caught my horses while I finished fixing it for him. Annie Poland was over today helping wife fix her crab apples Mrs. Tweedles gave her. The preacher, Mr. Bunt, left wife a hymn book tonight - price 30 cts. I gave him 25 cts., still owe him 5 cts.
- 04 Oct I sewed 3 1/2 bushels of fall wheat on lower place. Grain went in good shape. Wife was over to her mother's in the afternoon. Rained last night.
- 05 Oct We were all to Church fore noon. Willie was to Sunday School in the afternoon. We were to Mrs. Poland's for dinner and supper. Misty in the morning.
- 06 Oct I picked up my potatoes - had 50 1/2 bushels beauty of Hebron, 5 3/4 bushels Belle, 9 bushels white elephant, 3 1/4 bushels mammoth pearl, 3 3/4 burbank seedling, 4 bushels extra early Vermont and 4 1/2 bushels mammoth pearl down to lower place. Sold them to B. Robert's at 1 shilling. Wife helped me to pick them up. We measured out 12 bushels for Pat Sheeran @ 2/ \$3. - 2 bushels of white elephant and other bushels of beauty of Hebron.
- 07 Oct I took Mrs. Chester Henry 5 bushels of potatoes @ 2/ \$1.25. Wife went down with me, she bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 gal coal oil 25 cts., sugar \$1., 1 box fresh salmon 15 cts., 1 pair suspenders for me 30 cts., 1 doz. pearl buttons 13 cts., 3 yds. denim 60 cts., 1 stick gordon braid 25 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts., 1/2 lbs. soda 5 cts., 2 oz. ground cloves 10 cts., 1 package yeast cakes 10 cts., candy 2 cts. Took down 2 1/2 doz. eggs 32 cts. I plowed and furrowed out in the afternoon. I covered two pits of potatoes after night by moonlight. I forgot my half bushel at Chester Henry's. I took Bob Stokes water barrel home.
- 08 Oct Rained fore noon and part of afternoon. I made a pig trough and husked 2 1/2 bushels of corn and covered over Pat Sheeran's potatoes for it looks like frost.

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- 09 Oct Pat Sheeran's came and got his potatoes - 2 bushels white elephant @ 2/ 50 cts., 10 bushels beauty of Hebron @ 2/ \$2.50. Turns them on 100 lbs. of flour I got (He got 1 bell potato found on ground) from him last summer or spring. I took them home for him. I plowed the balance of the day. Wife was over to her mother's yesterday.
- 10 Oct I plowed all day. Finished plowing for fall wheat on lower place. I cleaned up 6 bushels of wheat for seed at night.
- 11 Oct I sewed 6 bushels of wheat and harrowed it in myself with my team. I have finished my wheat all but furrowing out last piece. I have sewed 9 1/2 bushels altogether. The ground is in good condition. Wife was over to her mother's today. Mag Poland was at our place fore noon. Wife killed 2 chickens and we had some chicken for supper.
- 12 Oct We were all over to Church fore noon. Jane and Mrs. Poland were over to our place in the afternoon. Sarah and Charlotte Ann Henry called. Rained some last night.
- 13 Oct I furrowed out last fall wheat I sewed and went back after some millet. It was too wet, I had to unbind it and shake it out. I did some of it. Sie Poland came over to help me bring it in (too wet). I let Sie have my Charley horse to go and hunt for their yearling. I went down to lower place and unbound millet and shook it out. I have eleven cocks to unbind. Hallelujah meeting commenced at Bethel tonight.
- 14 Oct I went over to Christopher Walker's to see him and get him to bring over his brother to look at my place when he comes to buy land. Sie Poland came over to help me draw in my millet. When I got back, threshing machine had come to Bill Robert's. Sie threshed in my place while I filed his saw. I was down to see Peter Cattanach, he was not at home. Wife went down to Stokes and picked 5 bags of apples to dry on shares (1 1/2) for drying. Annie Poland stayed with the children.
- 15 Oct Annie Poland and John Poland stayed at our place last night. Sie Poland helped me draw in millet all day - drew 2 loads. Wife went off to Church, Hallelujah Band. Sie Poland went with her. I took care of the children.
- 16 Oct Sie Poland stayed at our place last night. He helped me fore noon, draw in millet - drew in one big load. I helped Jacob Young log in the afternoon on lot 9 - 12 Conc. Turn work on hay I got last spring. I got Mrs.

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John Allen's paring machine and fixed it so we could peel apples with it.

- 17 Oct I husked corn part of fore noon. Fixed top on millet at noon. Went down town afternoon and took down six bags of grain and got it chopped for my pigs. Brought up 3 barrels of water. I bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 5 yds. cotton 45 cts. and got broom I left there on the 14th. I got receipt from William Hamilton for some money. I paid him 26th. of Sep. Eva May had croup last night about 1 am., gave her weak tea.
- 18 Oct New Pen. I husked corn part of fore noon and fenced potato pits. Husked corn afternoon and brought corn up to house - had 19 1/2 bushels. Mary Charlotte Carpenter and Maggie Poland were at our place all day.
- 19 Oct I was over to Church fore noon. Was home all afternoon. Wife was home all day. Mrs. Poland was over to our place fore noon.
- 20 Oct Father helped me husk corn all day. John E. Carpenter came to help me but John Bury came after him to help him tend on Masons. He went. Father and I husked 24 bushels and brought it up to the house. I went over to Church to meeting (Revival).
- 21 Oct Father helped me husk corn - husked 12 1/2 bushels and stacked the corn stalks - had 56 bushels altogether.
- 22 Oct I cleaned out furrows in fall wheat on lower place fore noon. I took team and went to town for some bags to draw oats. I stopped at Thomas Stokes for bags and could not get any. Wife went down with me and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1 baby hood \$1., 1 pair of mitts for baby 25 cts., 7 lbs. sugar 56 cts., 1 lb. tea 25 cts., 1 box salmon 15 cts., candy 2 cts., 1 lb. crackers 10 cts., 1/2 lb. pepper 13 cts., 1 box sperm oil 15 cts., 1 bottle electric oil 25 cts. Took down 3 doz. eggs 42 cts. Rained last night. Wife got from her mother - 2 1/2 lbs. butter at 22 cts. - 55 cts.
- 23 Oct I made rivet link for little plow clevis. Commenced to fall plow on place where I live. We had two squalls of snow today.
- 24 Oct I plowed fore noon. Had two heavy squalls of snow in the afternoon. Cleaned up 6 bags of barley. Sie Poland let me have \$1. Wife and children went to her mother's this afternoon.

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- 25 Oct I went to Sarnia - took 6 bags of barley. Was offered 44 cts. at Courtright. I took it to Sarnia and got 48 cts. for it from Jasking. Had 13 bushels 13 lbs. - came to \$6.39. I bought in Sarnia some sausage 15 cts., hay for horses 25 cts., 100 fish, herron 75 cts., 2 bushels lime for Pat Sheeran 60 cts. I went to see Bob Gurd about my place - I want to sell it. I could get no satisfaction out of him. A.C. Clark wanted me to sign a paper allowing him to sell it at 2 1/2 % - I would not.
- 26 Oct We did not go to Church. Bill Poland took half of fish. We all went over to Mrs. Poland's. Bill and Annie Poland and Beatrice Cattanach came over to our place in the morning.
- 27 Oct I cleaned up 8 bags of oats and took down to Robert Stokes for Stokes had 1820 lbs. by weight. Brought up barrel of water. Rained last night.
- 28 Oct I cleaned up 10 bags of oats weighed 27 bushels and 5 lbs. Wife went down town with me. She bought at Peter Cattanach's - 1 yd. luster 25 cts., 1 pair shoes for Eva \$1. I bought 12 bags \$3.
- 29 Oct I cleaned oats fore noon alone. Chas. Allen helped me clean oats paid Nov. 11th. 86 cts. Afternoon cleaned up altogether 22 bags, weighed at Stokes 2020 lbs. Took load down after supper. Mrs. Poland was over to our place fore noon, wanted money for note I gave her for Bob horse. I asked her if she was going to be thrown off any on account of horse dying, she said she could not. She threatened me of paying note for Charley horse at Wallaceburg. I told her I got value for my money. I told her I would pay her as soon as I could or as soon as I sold my place. She said she had to have it. I told her to get it. She said she would see Pete about it (that is Peter Cattanach). Mr. Hiram Beach and Lucy Levina Carpenter were visiting at our place fore noon. They were at our place for dinner. Lucy stayed at our place last night.
- 30 Oct Chas. Allen helped me fore noon clean oats. We cleaned 23 bags fore noon. I cleaned 2 bags after dinner and took load to Stokes - 25 bags and had by weight 2365 lbs. I brought up a load of firewood after I got home. I put fanning mill in oat bin after dark. I borrowed 10 bags from Henry Stokes. Walter Shortt asked me for his threshing pay.
- 29 Oct I went to Pat O'Hares and offered him my place for \$1700. and take a mortgage on place for \$200. at 6 1/2%. He offered me \$1500. for it, I told him no.



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- 31 Oct Rained most all day. I cleaned up 16 bags of oats. Nelson Cornwall served me with a summons that Mrs. Poland sued note for Bob horse. He served me about 2 or 3 o'clock PM. I went over to Mrs. Poland's and told her she had served me mean and that I wanted her to build line fence between me and Bill Hargrove as per lease. Bill said he would not do it. Mrs. Poland pretended to know nothing about it and I told them to replace my bags - 1 doz. that they got from me when Mr. Samuel took my place. Bill said I had my bags. I told him I would not take them old bags for my good ones. He said I had 6 good bags, I told him I would give him credit for them 6 bags. He followed me out to stable and gave me some of his lip and I gave him some back. I then came home and went to Sombra to see Peter Cattanaach about it. He was down to Rattray's weighing oats for steamboat for Jas. King, Sarnia. I got a ride down with P.N. Henry's team and back with John Sheeran's. I saw John E. Carpenter on way home. I told him about it and some things besides. I went down afterwards and told him not to say anything about it.
- 01 Nov I went down town in morning and disputed the note - it cost me 30 cts. and they can do nothing about it until the 12th. of next February. I have 3 months and 12 days. I was at father's for dinner. I came home and went to Mrs. Allen's in the afternoon as she told Mary she wanted to see me. Rained most all day. Wife is not very well at present.
- 02 Nov I stayed home all day. Wife was over to quarterly meeting. I kept children. Mrs. John Allen called father, called and was at our place for supper. He and I went out to see cattle, milked my cow for me.
- 03 Nov John E. Carpenter helped me all day clean oats. He cleaned alone fore noon. I took load of oats to Stokes - 16 bags. Chas. Allen went out with me and helped him pick up 7 bags of apples at Thos. Bury's and brought them home for him as far as my place. He took team rest of way alone and brought them home. I helped John in afternoon clean oats. We cleaned 27 bags. Mrs. Bury gave me a bag of apples and a basket full for some strawberry plants. The agent for Practical Home Physician brought me my book and I paid him for it \$5.75. It is leather bound and I am well satisfied with the book. He wanted to stay all night but I had no room for him, his name is Edwards from Moore Township.
- 04 Nov Rained most all day. Father got Dr. Merrison to see Mary Charlotte. He came out and said she had typhoid fever. I



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did nothing much all day, kept horses in stable most all day. I had them harnessed to draw oats.

- 05 Nov I took 17 bags of oats to Stokes fore noon. Father told me Mary was very sick and that he got Doctor yesterday. I took oats to Stokes in the afternoon - 17 bags. We counted up all the oats I took him - 309 bushels. I took Stokes dry apples home and got 3 qt. cider for nothing. Ida Wright rode down with me. I went to Sombra and took down 3 doz. eggs 42 cts. and bought at Peter Cattanch's - 1 box H.H. Warner pills 2/, 1 bar soap 10 cts., 1 can peaches 25 cts., 1 can salmon 15 cts., candy 2 cts., 1 box Warner's safe cure \$1. Geo. Smith, Doctor, was at father's when I came back. I stopped until he went away, he had no hopes of Mary. He said she would not live long after midnight. I came home and turned my horses and got my supper and went down there again. Mary was no better. I stayed until after supper. I told father that Dr. said if Mary was alive to let him know about 8 am. and if she died tonight, she must be buried tomorrow as it was not safe to keep her longer as the disease she had was contagious. I came home and went to bed. John E. Carpenter came in when he was going home from getting Mrs. John Allen and told me Mary is dead, died about 25 min. to 2 am.
- 06 Nov I went down to father's fore noon. Mary was to be buried at 2 PM. I came home and fed the horses and got my dinner and went down again. The minister was a little late. Chas. Allen, Henry Whaley, Fred Young, William Gales, Patrick and James Sheeran were pall bearers. She was buried alongside her mother. The funeral sermon is to be preached next Sunday at 3 PM.
- 07 Nov I cleaned up 17 bags of oats and took them to Stokes - had 45 1/2 bushels settled up with Henry. I had 354 1/2 bushels \$88.62. I then settled with Bob Stokes. Paid him all up to date \$15.53 Henry Stokes took Thomas Stokes \$70. out of oats that Tom gave me on the 26th. of last Sept. I had \$18.62 coming to me after I paid that and after I paid Bob Stokes, I had \$3.09 left. I saw Alonzo Lapish, had a talk with him about by place. I offered it to him for \$1650. cash, he is going to look around for a couple weeks yet but he said he is going to buy here in a couple weeks or so.
- 08 Nov I cleaned up 10 bags barley. Hiram Beach and Charlotte Henry called at our place fore noon.
- 09 Nov We were home all fore noon. Went over to Bethel to hear

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sister, Mary's, funeral sermon. Rev. W.C. Bunt preached from 1 Cor. 10 chap. He read and took text out of same.

- 10 Nov I cleaned up two bags barley and took 12 bags to Courtright - had 28 25/38 bushels \$12.83. Sister, Lucy, took sick almost the same as Mary. Father sent William Gales for Dr. fore noon. Rev. McCutchen, Presbyterian minister, rode down with me from Courtright to McBeth's. We pared some apples tonight.
- 11 Nov I fall plowed today (all day). Father was up today after a syringe. We did not have any. He had dinner at our place. Curtis Wright came after father's water barrel. I paid Mrs. John Allen 75 cts. for two half days Chas. Allen helped me clean grain.
- 12 Nov I plowed all day. Mrs. Albert Henry was visiting at our place fore noon. Wife went home with her for some pigs liver. Mrs. A. Henry brought us up some pork.
- 13 Nov I plowed all day. Patrick O'Hare had a sale today. Wife washed. She is not very well. I hear father is sick with fever.
- 14 Nov I cleaned up 22 bags of barley, 5 bags of it was bright. I paid John E. Carpenter \$2. on work.
- 15 Nov I was to Sarnia, took up 22 bags of barley. Got 48 for some of it and 55 cts. for some of coloured barley - 41 18/48 bushels \$19.86. Bright barley 12 bushels and 7/48 \$6.60 - \$26.46 total. I bought at Sarnia - 1 box smoked herron 30 cts., candy 6 cts., oat meal 16 cts., 1 lb. ginger snaps 16 cts., and 2/ for horse hay 25 cts. I did not get Sarnia until about 3 PM. It was dark when I left Sarnia.
- 16 Nov I was over to Church fore noon. Wife and children stayed home. Father came up at dark for me to write him three letters - one to Aunt Marilla Vanaistine, one to Mrs. Charles Brown and one to Aunt Jane Sifton - telling them of sister Mary's death. Father gave them a lock of hair each and gave me a lock of her hair. Looked like rain.
- 17 Nov John E. Carpenter helped me plow 3/4 of the day. John did not charge this day. I cleaned up 18 bags of barley and killed 8 chickens to take to Sarnia.
- 18 Nov I went to Sarnia with barley, took 18 bags - had 43 bushels 36 lbs. @ 52 cts. - \$22.75. Took up 7 chickens and got 45 cts. per pair for them \$1.57. Pat O'Hare went up with me. Pat paid for my dinner. I bought 1/2 oatmeal

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wafers 6 cts., 3 loaves of bread 18 cts., 1 lb. sweet potatoes 5 cts., 1 doz. fish 10 cts., hay and stabling for team 25 cts. I was over to Port Huron - ferrage round trip 10 cts. I was up to see whether steamboats were running to Alpena or not. They are - fare on one line is \$3.50 and on the other \$4.50 with berth and meals. I priced some revolvers and guns - revolvers, 38 calibre with box cartridges, \$5.75. Got a bush line for John E. Carpenter 30 cts. and one bush for Mrs. Allen. Pat O'Hare talked on the way up - he would buy my place for \$1,500.

- 19 Nov I went down to Shortt's and paid Walter Shortt my threshing bill for 1884. Paid him in field where he was plowing \$19.11. He threw off 6 cts. making it \$19.05. He receipted the account. John E. Carpenter helped me clean 10 bags of barley in the afternoon.
- 20 Nov We were going to Sarnia, stormed some, so we did not go. I went to Sombra and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1/2 gal. coal oil 13 cts., 1 yd. factory 9 cts. Did a few chores after I got home.
- 21 Nov I and Bill Evers finished cleaning my barley and went up and cleaned his fore noon. I was at his place for dinner. I drew up a load of firewood and went down town and bought a halter shank for Jim horse 15 cts. and brought up a load of sand for John E. Carpenter. I did not get home until after dark. I went up home with Mrs. John Allen. We were going to leave children with her tonight. Wife and I are going to Sarnia tomorrow. Mrs. Allen had to go and see a sick woman near Wilkesport. We were going to leave children with her in the morning.
- 22 Nov I persuaded wife not to go to Sarnia. I went alone. I took up 23 bags of barley - had 56 bushels 12 lbs. and got 48 cts. per bushel - \$27. I went over to Port Huron to see about taking team to Alpena. Can get the team, harness and wagon taken to Alpena for \$10. from Port Huron and get them ferried across the river from Sarnia to Port Huron for 75 cts. I bought a British Bull Dog revolver for \$5.75 with a box of cartridges, 38 calibre, 1 syrup barrel for 50 cts., 4 loaves of bread 24 cts., 4 lbs. oatmeal 16 cts., 1/2 yds. lamp wick 5 cts., 1 onion that weighed 1 lb. 8 cts., 1 lb. fruit crackers 14 cts., hay for team 25 cts., ferrage 10 cts., candy 3 cts., and 2 bush. lime for John E. Carpenter 60 cts. John E. Carpenter came up with me from Chas. Henry's. I gave him \$5. on work.
- 23 Nov I was home all day. Wife was down to see Miss Sarah

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Henry. She is very sick. I kept the children home with me.

- 24 Nov I took 50 bushels oats to Ed White's for father. Father sold him a yoke of steers for \$16.. He got 26 cts. a bushel for his oats. I cleaned clock in the afternoon and cut some stovewood and took syrup out of barrel I got and put the hoops back on it again. Bill Roberts came over and wanted \$2. for Jim Roberts helping me thresh 2 1/2 days and for drawing threshing machine to George Broad's. I paid him the \$2. Pat O'Hare was to let me know if he could take my place this afternoon. He did not come near me. I sold 195 bushels barley. Had tallied for machine - 200 bushels and got \$95.41 for it.
- 25 Nov Snowed. I went to Sombra to see if there was any mail for me, there was not. I brought up mail for neighbours.
- 26 Nov I took letter up to Pat O'Hare's. He was going to Sarnia. I asked him if he had made up his mind to go to Michigan. He said he had. Then shortly after that he offered me \$1450 for my place. I took him up. We are going to Sarnia today by boat. I came down and was getting ready, he came down and wanted to wait until tomorrow. I told him alright. He and I then went over to Poland's to see if they would build a line fence between me and William Hargrove. He said he would before Christmas but would give me no security that he would do it. I told him I wanted him to do it right away. He said he would not go in the snow and build a fence for any man. We had some words. I called him a liar. He shook his fist under my nose and said I was not to call him a liar. I told him again he was (that is Bill Poland). He drew a chair to strike me. I told him he hadn't better try it or something to that effect. Pat O'Hare and I went down to lower place and looked at fence there. I then went to Sombra and telegraphed to Sarnia to R.S. Gurd to see if they would discharge mortgage. They answered, they would but would charge me 2% per year difference. Telegraphing both ways cost me 58 cts. I came home and went to Pat O'Hare's and told him it was alright. I got John Sheeran's rig to go to Sarnia. Got Pat to wait til Saturday as I wanted to pit my potatoes with manure as I was afraid they would rot. I was to leave the place clear of all incumberances for this year and settle with Bill Hargrove for line fence half of the fence from William Hargrove for \$13. I was to make out the papers between me and Pat O'Hare and he was to come down in the morning and sign them. Lawrence Johnston came up in the evening. I did not rough out the papers. I got James Hargrove's address from Bill Hargrove as I want to write to him about

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the fence. The address is James Hargrove, Yorktown, Via Broadview, N.W. Territory.

- 27 Nov C.A. Witherel came for taxes. Wife paid him \$19.53 and got receipt for it. I was most all fore noon hunting cow - found her in Hargrove's field. I went up to see John O'Hare, if he would help me kill my pig in the afternoon, he would. I came home and put water on and got everything ready. He came and we killed pig, got done about 4 PM. I was up to Pat O'Hare's in the evening. Andrew Johnston and Fred Mullins helped me carry pig in at night.
- 28 Nov I borrowed 34 lbs. of salt from Bill Evers with tin pail to salt my pig, she weighed 240 lbs. worth 5 1/2 cts. per lb. \$13.20. I cut my pig fore noon. Afternoon, I got up a load of firewood and went down to father's for him to go to Sarnia with me tomorrow. Took them down some pork and got John Sheeran's buggy. Took some pork to Albert Henry. Sent Mrs. John Allen some pork home 14 lbs. We took the children up to Mrs. Allen's and left them there for tonight and tomorrow as we intend to go to Sarnia to make out papers about selling the place to Pat O'Hare for \$1450.
- 29 Nov We went to Sarnia. Wife and I and father went up together. We got to Sarnia about 3:20 PM. Pat O'Hare and wife did not get up until after 10 am. It cost me \$2. to get abstract of deed and 25 cts. at County Register Office to see if there is any back taxes - all clear. R.S. Gurd charged me \$7. for making our writings. I paid up the back interest \$90.42 and they charged me 2% on the mortgage that I paid up amount of int. to \$100.62 and two dollars for discharging same and other expenses. I only had \$3.44 left. Wife got her breakfast and dinner for 50 cts. Wife took up 3 doz. eggs 66 cts. and 4 1/2 lbs. butter 99 cts. and got 2 bars Victor soap 20 cts., 1 lb. of tea and balance in sugar \$1.09. I bought two fish 5 cts., pickerels 5 cts. Wife bought some candy 5 cts., 1 coconut 10 cts., 1 orange 5 cts., 1/2 lb. cheese 7 cts., crackers 7 cts., 1 can oyster crackers 5 cts. I and wife got a pair of kid gloves 25 cts. I paid 2/ for hay for horses. Father stopped at Jusley Brown's on the way home.

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 Lincoln  
 ss We-  
 do hereby certify that the within and  
 duplicate the self duly signed and  
 sealed by  
 John W. Lincoln  
 Clerk of the Peace for the County of  
 Lincoln  
 at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 10th day of  
 March, 1884.  
 J. W. Lincoln  
 Clerk of the Peace



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- 30 Nov We all went down to father's in the fore noon and stayed until about dark. Father got home about 4:30 PM.
- 01 Dec I went down town with team for buttonwood lumber. Got 1269 ft. of it. I was over to Marine City to see if boats were going to Alpena. Telephoned to Detroit, 25 cts. to see if boats were going up - last one had gone up - the others have laid up. John E. Carpenter went down with me and got 269 ft. of buttonwood lumber that I had sawed on shares. I bought a pair of felt boots at Peter Cattanaach's \$3. I took 46 bags of oats to father's. Chas. Allen and Henry Whaley helped me some. I settled with Bill Hargrove for south half of bush fence that Poland's should have built for \$15. I gave receipt for same to Pat O'Hare and he gave me \$20. that he kept out of money for place until I had settled for same.
- 02 Dec Father bought my horses, harness and wagon for \$200., 150 bushels of oats at \_\_\_\_\_ bushel, bushel of fall wheat, corn fanning mill, sewing machine, The Practical Home Physican, 3 pigs, the Writings were signed in Sarnia. Father helped me get load of oats 23 bags and John E. Carpenter and Geo. Robinson took down 17 bags fall wheat while I filed saw for Robinson. Pat O'Hare came and fixed stable for his horses. I filed Robinson's saw fore noon. John E. Carpenter and he were at our place for dinner. Pat O'Hare bought one pit of potatoes - 10 1/4 bushels \$2.65. John E. Carpenter and I took down to father's 9 bags of corn and 15 bushels of corn. John E. Carpenter took down the rest of wheat - 16 bags. Father is going to keep team at his place tonight. John O'Hare bought one hog (barrow) and cleaned up barley for \$3.50 pd. Some of potatoes are frozen. John Sheeran wants me to file his crosscut saw for him this week.
- 03 Dec I sold Chas. Allen my crosscut saw for \$3. He is to pay me in two or three weeks. John E. Carpenter helped me move millet. I filed saw for Allen. He worked in my place. Harry Whaley helped me too. John and I drew 2 loads in afternoon of millet and reaper table. I gave John E. Carpenter the \$3. on the saw for his work in harvest. John O'Hare paid me for the pig and barley cleaning \$3.50. I sold Patrick O'Hare the other pit of potatoes for 75 cts., some of them were frozen.
- 04 Dec John E. Carpenter helped me all day move. Moved fanning mill, chest beams and lot of other stuff and pork. I went down town and paid Peter Cattanaach \$100. on account and got a receipt fore same. Bought a pair of boots for Willie - too small. P. Cattanaach gave me a can of peaches



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35 cts. John E. Carpenter went to Waybrants to Lodge.  
Bill Roberts and Lawrence Johnston called in evening.

- 05 Dec John E. Carpenter helped me move. Moved family down to father's. Moved the stove. Pat O'Hare took the big part of stove down. He bought large cupboard for 75 cts. and moving the stove. I made out Bill Roberts account. We are square \$6.75 being the amount. We are all staying at father's tonight. Rained some in afternoon.
- 06 Dec John E. Carpenter helped me fore noon move. Got the last of stuff from the house. I brought down calf. Rained, we stayed at father's last night. I went up early to shut up chickens, they were all out before I got up. I brought down 1 pail of cream and my mother's picture looking glass. Bill Roberts brought over his account, he only allowed me 4/ per acre for reaping and I owe 2/ 1/2 acre \$1.25. I have my pigs and bees and chickens yet to move. Pat O'Hare has two teams besides his own plowing. He told John E. Carpenter he is going to move in on Monday. Rained afternoon. I went up and got the pigs and drove them down to father's. John and I went up at night and got the chickens and bee hive and place where bees sat on and it rained all of time we put chickens under father's grainry.
- 07 Dec I went up and got my jack knife where I left it when I was cutting strings to tie chickens up to move them down to father's. The pigs went back and I drove them down to father's. I was at father's all day so was my family. Rained some.
- 08 Dec John E. Carpenter helped me all day move potatoes down to father's and 12 bushels to Chester Henry's, Sombra Village at 40 cts. I sold Pat O'Hare 1/4 bushel of belle 18 cts., John Sheeran got 1 bushel white elephant and 1 bushel beauty of Hebron for use of his buggy going to Sarnia. Jacob got 1 bushel belle 75 cts., 1 bushel white elephant. I drove pigs home. John E. Carpenter took potatoes to Chester Henry's wife and Charlotte Henry went down with him. Wife took down Willie's boots to exchange them. 12 bushels potatoes to Chester Henry's \$2.40, 1 shirt \$1.25, 1 pocket handkerchief 10 cts., 1 black tie 20 cts. Roads are muddy.
- 09 Dec John E. Carpenter and I made a concern on wagon box to take up 100 chickens to Brigden tomorrow. I went up to old place for pigs.
- 10 Dec Wife and I went to Brigden with chickens - we had 138 lbs. chickens at 5 cts. lb. \$6.90. Father's chickens weighed

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183 lbs. \$9.15. We bought in for ourselves at John Armstrong - 3 yds. cottonade 75 cts., 6 yds. cotton 42 cts., suit for Willie \$3.50, 6 yds. flannel \$1.19, error in clerk of 73 cts., 2 sticks of braid 10 cts., 10 yds. wincey \$1.25, 4 yds. of print 40 cts., 2 1/2 yds. of print 20 cts., 3 yds. of cotton 30 cts., 4 yds. shirting 50 cts., 5 yds. cotton flannel \$1.25, 1 jack knife, 1 pair of shoes for Eva 40 cts., 1/4 lbs. tobacco 10 cts., 2 1/2 yds. turkish toweling for cloak for Eva 63 cts., 2 yds. cotton flannel 20 cts., embroidery and buttons 42 cts., suit of clothes for myself \$8., (he threw me in a cap with suit, price of cap was 75 cts.), 1 pocket book for wife 15 cts. Wife bought 1 pair rubbers 45 cts., candy 5 cts., 1 can oysters 25 cts., 2 dinners 50 cts., and hay for horses 25 cts. We started from father's about 2 am. and got in Brigden about 10 AM. Left Brigden about 3 PM. and got home about 8 PM.

11 Dec We butchered father's pigs fore noon. Two of them after I went up after pigs and got father's scythe at Bill Roberts.

12 Dec I went to Wallaceburg to pay last note on Charley horse. It is not due until 27th. of March. W.A. Pont threw off half on interest \$2.50 note. Was given for \$55. at 10% for one year, 8 months of time had expired. I bought 1 lb. fruit crackers 15 cts., 1 pipe 5 cts., 1/3 lb. dates 5 cts., 1 pair boots \$2.75, 2 pairs drawers \$2. I left home about 9 am. and got in Wallaceburg about 1 PM. Hunted for W.A. Pont until about 3 PM. I left Wallace burg about sun down and got home at 8 PM. Father and wife were over to set up with Mrs. Broad.

13 Dec I went to Sombra and paid Wallace May blacksmith bill amounting to \$5.21. He took little plow clevis back 25 cts. My bill from one year ago last August was only \$7.35. I paid his \$2. on 26th. of last Sept. He receipted at foot of the account.



Mrs. George Broad c-1885  
Phillips (ARGALL)

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- 14 Dec I was home all day and took care of Eva. Wife and Willie went over to see Mrs. George Broad. She got home before dark. Stepmother and father stayed up until 11 PM. and kept on fire. I and wife got up, she got me some breakfast as I was going to walk to Sarnia to take the cars and go to Alpena to see Aunt Marilla. Snowed some in fore part of night.
- 15 Dec I left home about 12 o'clock midnight and got in Sarnia before day light. Crossed ferry to Port Huron 5 cts. and got in Port Huron 7:30 am. Bought railroad ticket to Au Sauble \$5.55 and change cars three times - from Port Huron to Vassar on narrow gauge Vassar to Alger on Michigan Central R.R. to Alger to Au Sauble on the Detroit Bay City and Alpena railroad. Orange 5 cts., stage ticket from Au Sauble to Alpena \$3.35, hack hire from station to Jockey house 25 cts.
- 16 Dec Supper, bed and breakfast 75 cts. We left Au Sauble before daylight. I got 2 lbs. lemon cream crackers 25 cts., dinner in Alcona 50 cts. Got in Alpena after dark. Bought 6 envelopes and 6 sheets of writing paper 10 cts. Changed horses 4 times. Total cost of trip to Alpena \$11.52.
- 17 Dec Bed and breakfast 50 cts., candy 15 cts. in Alpena House. I posted a letter to wife 2 cts. and walked out to Uncle Vanalstine's, South Bend, 7 miles from Alpena. Got there about 10 am. I froze my left ear going out. I stopped at Uncle Vanalstine's balance of day and same night.
- 18 Dec Lambert Vanalstine went up with me to Robert McLeod's to Maple Ridge township, Alpena, 14 miles northeast from Uncle Vans. Got to Bobs about 3 PM. Stayed there the balance of day and they did not know me. Bob's, cousin Jane, thought it was me.
- 19 Dec Robert McLeod and I went over to Schnaders to get his crosscut saw - a Monarch lighting one man saw. Robert McLeod told Schnader he was going down to Wolf Creek with me. Schnaders swore like everything. I helped Bob saw firewood drags and stovewood blocks until 3 PM. We got supper at Bob's and started for Uncle Vans 4 PM. 14 miles, we got down to Uncle Vans about 11 PM. I froze my left ear and left foot some. I gave Bob McLeod wizzard coin holder and Lambert Vanalstine one.
- 20 Dec Robert McLeod and I went down to Wolf Creek to look at some land. We looked at west 1/2 of the south east 1/4 section Township 29, 3 range 6 owned by Moser - 80 acres beach and maple land; and north east 1/4 of the north west

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1/4 of section 10 Township 29 6 - 40 acres burned land owned by Blackburn and; east 1/2 of the south east 1/4 of section 3 Township 29 range 6 owned by Potter - 80 acres part beach and maple and part burned land; and the north east 1/4 of the north west section 11 Township 29 range 6 owned by Collins - 40 acres burned land. We had our dinner at James McKay's father's. It was dusk when we left Wolf Creek and it was about 11 o'clock when we got to Uncle Vans. We were tired and sore. It is 14 miles from Uncle Vans to Wolf Creek.



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- 21 Dec Uncle and Aunt Marilla and I went to Church in King Settlement. It was a Dutchman that preached. He took his text from St John 10 Chap 27 & 28 verses in the fore noon. Afternoon, I stayed at Uncle Vans. Robert McLeod and I stayed at Uncle Vans last night. Robert McLeod went home in the fore noon. Robert gave me description of land before he went.
- 22 Dec I stayed at Uncle Vans last night and made him two elm axe handles. Snowed most all day. Aunt and I went out and gathered some good thread for Uncle. I wrote a letter for Aunt to Aunt Jane Sifton.
- 23 Dec Uncle Van and I went out to Alpena to see about buying some land for me. Uncle went over to see Blackburn and then he told me that Blackburn had offered him the land for \$50. and pay for making out the writings and that we were to meet him at Seth L. Carpenter's law office to get the writings made out. I bought 1 pair thick red stockings for \$1. and one pair rubbers for \$1. and dinner for Uncle and I 50 cts. at the Golden Eagle. We then went down to Carpenter's law office to get papers made out. Blackburn came around shortly after we got there but he would not pay for getting up the writings. I told Uncle I would pay for them. I gave \$50. on land and \$1. for making out the deed and James McKay's deed and for telephoning 25 cts. I went down and saw Mr. Potter about his land. He wants \$2. per acre for his land half down and your own time to pay balance at 7% interest. I got supper at Albion House 25 cts. and bed at Alpena House. I could not get my deed registered today but S.L. Carpenter was to send it up to the register office and then they would send it to me by post.



Seth Carpenter, Lawyer

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Signed by David, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1854, at 11 o'clock, P.M.  
George A. Clapham Seal  
Mary Carpenter  
 This Indenture, made the Twenty third day of December  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four  
 BETWEEN George A. Clapham and Mary Carpenter his wife  
of the City and County of Suffolk State of Michigan  
Mary Carpenter & Province of Ontario  
 WITNESSETH, That the first part, of the last part, he and in consideration of the sum of  
One Hundred Dollars  
 to him, in hand paid by the said part, if of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he do covenants, promises,  
 grants, bargains, sells, releases, conveys and makes unto the said part, if of the second part, her heirs and assigns, FOREVER  
all that certain piece of land of some extent and lots in the  
County of Winnebago, State of Illinois and State of Michigan in  
known and described as follows to wit:  
The North East quarter of  
North West quarter of Section Number Ten (10) Town Twenty Nine  
(29) South of Range West (3) East containing Sixteen acres of land  
More or less

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**In Witness Whereof**, The said part  $\mathcal{A}_n$  of the first part, to,  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , increases on  $\mathcal{A}_{n+1}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}_n$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{n+1}$  are they and your first and only.

Sent you letter & found it  
 both Carpenter  
 & Williams

Geo. M. Blackburn  
 Geo. M. Blackburn

STATE OF MICHIGAN, )  
County of Alcona, ) ss. On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1911, in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and 11<sup>th</sup>, before me, John A. Bowers Public  
and for said County, personally appeared George A. Robinson and Benjamin J. Robinson  
persons described in and who claimed the above insurance, who  
acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

Letitia L. Conant -  
Notary Public  
Albany, N. Y.

Alpena County, Michigan

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- 24 Dec I stayed at Alpena House. Had to pay for bed and breakfast 60 cts., nipple for Jane McKay's baby 5 cts., stage ticket from Alpena to Au Sauble \$4. Left Alpena 15 min. to 3 am. and got in Au Sauble about noon. I bought ticket from Au Sauble to Port Huron, the same route that I went up on, \$5.55, 1 doz. smoked herron 10 cts., 1 lb. lemon cream crackers 12 cts., 4 oranges 10 cts. Left Au Sauble for Alger at noon. Had to wait at Alger for the M.C.R.R. train about 3 hours. Left Alger after dark and got to Vassar about 11 PM. The narrow gauge had gone and we had to stay at Vassar all night. We had a big time with hotel rummers.
- 25 Dec Supper, bed and breakfast 75 cts., hack fee from station to hotel and back. We left Vassar about 8:30 and got in Port Huron about noon. Crossed in the Port Huron ferry 5 cts. and walked home from Sarnia. Left Sarnia about 2 PM. and got home at 7 PM. just as my folks were eating supper. I got a chance of riding about 4 miles on the way down from Sarnia. I found my children sick with bad colds. I bought 10 cts. worth of candy for children in Courtright. Total amount I spent besides my place \$26.42, place \$53.28 altogether \$79.67.
- 26 Dec I stayed at home all day and tended children so wife could sew. I felt tired and sore all day. Curtis Wright and John E. Carpenter took team and went up to Jacob Young's for firewood. They pulled tongue out of Sleigh and had to go to Wilkesport to get it fixed - cost 50 cts. Wife got a letter from her cousin that was in Germany. He is in Austria now.
- 27 Dec I went to Courtright with John Sheeran to see if I could get work in salt block. The head man was not at home. I called at Express office to pay note on reaper. Note was not there. I got home at noon. I went down town afternoon and bought at Peter Cattanaach's - 1/2 gal. coal oil 12 cts. and one bot. horehound toln and elecome pain 25 cts. for colds for children.
- 18 Dec John E. Carpenter took wife down town. She went over to Marine City and bought 10 yds. prints 90 cts., 8 yds. print 40 cts., 3 yds. print 18 cts., 2 yds. waist lining 25 cts., 1 cap for Willie 65 cts., 1 handkerchief 10 cts., ferrage 20 cts. Wife stopped at Chester Henry's at night.
- 19 Dec Wife stayed at Chester Henry's all day.
- 20 Dec Wife stayed at Chester Henry's last night and part of today. John E. Carpenter brought her home with the team



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from Sombra.

- 28 Dec Wife and Willie went over to Church. I stayed home and took care of Eva, she has a bad cold. Wife did not come home. I went after her, found her at Albert Henry's. It began to rain last night and rained some today. Snow is going fast.
- 29 Dec I went down town to hear nomination of councilors. I was at Chester Henry's for dinner. Father went down with me. I went to post office after dinner to see if deeds had come for my place in Alpena, I got them. When I got back to town hall, the nominations were all over. I bought at M.L. Burnham's - 1 lb. red yarn 60 cts., 1/2 lb. blue 30 cts. Father went down with me.
- 30 Dec Father said it rained last night, snow is all gone excepting in fence corners. We had good sleighing, snowed all day before Christmas and sleighing was good before that. I went down town to get over the river, the ice was rotten. I did not go over. I got post card from Express agent that reaper note had come to Courtright. It rained some in afternoon. I got home before dark.
- 31 Dec I went to Courtright and paid one note for reaper \$25. - Brantford reaper. I tried to get work in Courtright Salt Works. I could not as they had all the men they wanted. I bought 5 pens 5 cts., peppermint lozenges 10 cts., 2 smoked herron 2 cts. Wife had gone up to Mrs. Albert Henry's when I had got home. I did not get home until after dark. I took care of horses and went up to where wife was. I made her believe I was going up to Bill Robert's candy pull.

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- 01 Jan I was at home all day. Part of afternoon, John E. Carpenter and Curtis Wright and Henry Young and I went up to Mrs. Albert Henry's and cut some stove wood for her. Snowed and blowed in evening. Father and stepmother went up to Capt. Gales and William Hargrove's.
- 02 Jan I filed George Henry Bury's saw 25 cts. and he helped father saw stove wood rest of day. John E. Carpenter and Curtis Wright helped and were over to Church.
- 03 Jan I filed Jacob Young's crosscut saw 25 cts. and helped father saw some stove wood and then I went to town to see Bob Gormely if he wanted to buy a horse. He has made up his mind not to buy. I bought at M.L. Burnham's - candy 5 cts.
- 04 Jan Wife went to Church. I stayed home with the children, Eva and Willie. She went up to her mother's after Church and did not get home until after dark. Sie Poland gave Eva and Willie 10 cts. each.
- 05 Jan I helped father saw stove wood fore noon on John Sheeran's place. Wife went down town in the morning to get herself a dress, 8 yds. cashmere \$4., 1 1/2 doz. buttons 10 cts., 1 spool cotton 5 cts., 2 spools silk 10 cts., 1 spool silk twist 5 cts., 1 stick braid. Miss Minnie Roberts is making her the dress. John E. Carpenter settled up tonight. He owes me \$1.15 my way and \$1.30 his way. Father went down with me to vote for council and for or against railroad bonus. I did not go near the poles. Wife and I came home together. Father waited until after dark.
- 06 Jan I went to Sarnia on James Bury stage from Capt. Gales 50 cts. I went over to Port Huron (ferrage 5 cts.), 1 lb. fruit crackers 15 cts. I hunted over Port Huron for work, could not get any. I took the 4:25 train to Imlay City \$1., 1 oranges 10 cts. I got in Imlay City about 6:30 pm. I walked out to Black's Corners and stayed at John Hagadores all night. He married Uncle Alexander's wife's grand daughter before Uncle Alexander married her.
- 07 Jan I went out to Uncle Alexander's this morning and got there about nine am. Aunt Phoebe is very sick and has been confined to her bed for about five months. I was at Uncle's for dinner, after dinner I went over to Joseph

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Aldrich. He married the girl grandfather raised (Esther Chapman). I stayed there a little while and then I went down to Uncle Alexander's step grand daughter's, her name is Annie Phelps. I stayed there for supper and then he and I went over to Uncle Alexander's cousin. James Carpenter and wife came down to his father's from Brown City. We had quite a visit in the evening and then Phelps and I went over to his place. I stayed there all night.



Tombstone of Esther (Chapman) & Joseph Aldrich  
East Goodland Cemetery, Lapeer County, MI

- 08 Jan Phelps and I went up to Uncle Alexander's after breakfast and saw their cousin. James Carpenter drove me down to Imlay City. I took the train there for Port Huron \$1. Crossed river to Port Sarnia and bought ticket for Ingersoll and return \$4. I left Sarnia about 12 am. to Ingersoll, had to change cars at London. Got in Ingersoll about 3:15 pm. I bought 1 lb. ginger snaps 15 cts. I walked out to Uncle Charles Sifton, 7 miles. I got there about dusk. The first one of them that I met was cousin James Sifton, Belle Sifton cousin is not very well, has been complaining for some time.
- 09 Jan I stayed at Uncle Chas. Sifton's all night. I helped thresh peas a little while in the morning for cousin Joe Sifton. I blistered my hand. Cousin Belle is not very

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well. Cousin Joseph Sifton and I went to Thamesford to see my father's stepmother. Found her very well, she is nearly blind. It snowed some in the evening. Joe and I came back to Uncle's.



Joseph Sifton Family c1906  
Leonard, Sarah (Couse), John, Meta, Joseph & Florence

- 10 Jan I stayed at Uncle's all night. Slept with cousin Joe both nights. I helped Uncle Chas. Sifton split wood fore noon. Aunt Jane Sifton and cousin Belle went to Thamesford to see Dr. for Belle. They got back at noon. I filed cousin Joe's crosscut saw afternoon and went down to Thamesford for Autograph Album 25 cts. and got back to Uncle's about 5 pm. Cousin Belle is not any better. Wife went down town and bought at Peter Cattnach's - 1 shawl \$3.50, 1 lb. crackers 10 cts., 4 yds. print 40 cts., 2 doz. buttons 8 cts., 3 lbs. prunes 24 cts., 1 can oyster 25 cts. At Geo. Smith's - candy 5 cts. She owes Cattnach on shawl 1.20.
- 11 Jan I stayed at Chas. Sifton's all night and day. Cousin Belle and cousin Joseph and Aunt Jane Sifton wrote in my autograph album and I wrote in cousin Belle's. Rained most all day.

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- 12 Jan I was going to walk out to Ingersoll to take the 4:56 am. train but it was raining and very dark and I could not go. I waited until after daylight and walked out to Ingersoll and got there about 11:15 am. A breakman had his finger and thumb smashed in Ingersoll. I waited until train came at 12:15 am. Got in London about 1:15 pm and had to wait in London for the 2:30 train going to Sarnia. Got in Sarnia about 4:30 pm. I went up to Thom to get 1/2 doz. photographs taken from a negative we had taken on the 20th. of last August. He charged me 75 cts. I bought 1 almanac 15 cts., 1 lb. fruit crackers 12 cts., 1 book autograph album verses 20 cts. I went up to Lawrence Exchange and signed my name and paid for bed and went to bed.
- 13 Jan I got breakfast at Farmers Exchange 2/. I went down to ferry to cross over to Port Huron. When I found a man going down to Courtright, he asked me to ride down with him. I did. I walked from Courtright home. Got home just as our folks were at dinner. I did nothing in the afternoon. I went up to photograph gallery and found I had left my mitts there.
- 14 Jan I went down town and paid Peter Cattanach \$1.20 balance due him on shawl wife got from him on the 10th. of this month and exchanged spool of thread. Ida Wright came home today. She is going to work in Marine City, going tomorrow. I got home about 2 pm. and did nothing in the afternoon.
- 15 Jan I went up to Chas. Henry's to get corn sheller. He had taken it home. John E. Carpenter took team and went to draw a load of firewood, could not as team could not stand up on the ice. I drove Ida Wright down town. John E. Carpenter borrowed \$10. from me to pay for fixing his cutter. Snowed last night some. C.C. Gary stopped at father's last night and today, fixed our pail.
- 16 Jan Snowed again last night. I did nothing fore noon. Afternoon I filed John Edgar Bury's crosscut saw 25 cts. Snowing again tonight and blowing and drifting in the house upstairs. C.C. Gary stopped at father's all day. He is a tinker and pedlar. He is a cripple, his right leg is bent back at the knee joint caused by having black erisipless. He stayed at father's tonight.
- 17 Jan I did nothing fore noon. Afternoon I walked down town and got a ride back with John Moran. I gave Chas. C. Gary 15 cts. for fixing ears on tin pail, he left at father's this morning for Urias Dawson's, Wilkesport. Snow is drifting

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very bad, the wind is in the west. The river St. Clair ice broke loose again and jammed again. This is the fourth time it has done so this winter. Mrs. Hargrove, father's wife's mother has been staying at father's for the last three days. She is quite old and feeble, her eyes are sore too.

- 18 Jan We were home all day as it was very cold. I wrote a letter to Aunt Marilla Vanalstine.
- 19 Jan I was over to Marine City to try and get a house to rent. Could not. Saw a man by name of Shaket who wanted to buy a horse, told him father had one he wanted to sell. He promised to meet father in Sombra tomorrow at 2 pm. at Andrew Smith's. I posted a letter to Mordie Carpenter, Uncle Jabes Carpenter in Port Burwell and one to Aunt Marilla Vanalstine. Candy 4 cts., 2 letters 4 cts.
- 20 Jan I did nothing fore noon. Afternoon father and I took horses to Sombra. Shaket did not come. We waited until near sun down. We drove Charley horse down and led Jim horse. We had John E. Carpenter's cutter.
- 21 Jan I went down town and bought 1/2 gal. coal oil at Peter Cattanch's 13 cts. I went over to Marine City, saw a man there by the name of Lovejoy who wants to buy a horse. He is to meet father at Sombra tomorrow at 2 pm. at M.L. Burnham's. Willoughby Smith was buried in Sombra today, he was the nephew of Andrew Smith. Photographs that I ordered when I came home from London came today. I gave John E. Carpenter one of them. It is cold yet.
- 22 Jan I walked over to Marine City and saw Joseph Heisler. Rented his house - paid him \$2. on it. I then rode down to Roberts Landing with Nomer Staley. I went in and saw sister, Lucy, at Roberts place. Stayed a few minutes with her. I crossed on the ice to Port Lambton and walked out Lambton Line to Capt. Gales and then east home. Got my dinner and drove Jim horse down to Sombra to let Lovejoy see him. He was at M.L. Burnham's as he said he would be. He said Jim horse was to light for his work. John E. Carpenter took horses to Wilkesport and got them shod. I gave him the shoes - cost setting 8 shoes \$1. John E. Carpenter borrowed Pat Sheeran's bob sleigh for one for tomorrow to move. John E. Carpenter tried to get P.N. Henry to take a load for me, he did not like to. We loaded up and taken. Father and I started for Marine City about 11 pm. We had to go around by Port Lambton the same way as I went home this afternoon.



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- 23 Jan Father and I got to Marine City about 3 am. I went and woke Joseph Heisler up and got the key to house and paid him \$4. paying the rent for one month. We unloaded stuff. Joe Heisler helping us, then father and I started for home again same way as we came. We got to father's about 6 am. I put horses in the stable and loaded up stove, pork, cradle and started from father's about 8 am. same way as before. Brother, John E. Carpenter, came with me this time. We got to Marine City about 11:30 am. We unloaded and set stove up and then John E. took team home. I stayed at Marine City. I went up and saw the custom house officer. He was to come down and look at my stuff this afternoon. (he did not come). I brought a broom 25 cts., 1 seven inch elbo and 1/2 cord softwood from Nomer Staley \$1. I fixed up stove and made myself some bean soup and walked around town a little while and then came home. Found Joseph Heisler's ash barrel afire. I went and told him of it, they put it out. I went to bed.
- 24 Jan I stayed in Marine City. Wife stayed at father's. I got up and got my breakfast and then crossed the ice to Sombra and started out to father's. Met John E. Carpenter coming with wife and children. John got out and I got in and I drove wife and children around by Port Lambton to Marine City. Got to Marine City about noon. I put Charley horse in stable and took lunch and helped fix up a little. I bought 3 chairs \$1.37, one kitchen table with drawer \$2.25, 1 mop stick 15 cts. Took Charley horse out and crossed on ice to Sombra and drove out to father's. Father and John are cleaning up my fall wheat, will have about 25 bushels. I got supper at father's. Then John came down to Lodge. Drove down in his cutter. I rode down with him to Mrs. Mays, Sombra, and then I walked across the ice to Marine City. I brought clock, gun and wife's hat with me. Cut some wood. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heisler came over in the evening a little while. I went over and asked them to come over. After they went home I went to bed, slept a little while then I woke up. I could not get to sleep anymore so I got up and wrote this stuff. Will make some ginger tea and go to bed. I saw custom officer this morning. Duty on wheat is 20 cts. on bushel, of flour 20 cts. on dollar. Snowing tonight.
- 25 Jan I was sick in bed all day with fever and cold. I took two doses of quine and two Warner's pills at night.
- 26 Jan John E. Carpenter took my wheat to mill at Wallaceburg Pattered roller grist mill. I met him on Lambton Line. We crossed the ice at Lambton to Roberts Landing and then drove up to Marine City. Unloaded the flour, 8 bags. Left one bag for father and the bran and the shorts.



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Drove around by Lambton, crossed over the ice. There was a team that went through the ice between Lambton and Sombra. One horse was drowned, the ice is very poor. I was afraid of ice when I was crossing. I bought a buck saw \$1. at Lewis Cottrell's. I went up to father's with John E. Carpenter and got our washboard and old axe father gave me to split wood.

- 27 Jan I made a saw horse fore noon and cut some wood for stove. I finished cutting wood afternoon. Wife went over to Sombra afternoon. I kept the children. I bought pattered saw axe for small saws \$1., 1 dust pan. I paid duty on flour 800 lbs. at \$2.25 per 100 - \$18. at 20% duty on dollar \$3.60, 3 1/2 bushels beans \$4. 10% duty on dollar - 40 cts., household goods came free except entry fee. Entry fee for free goods 70 cts., entry fee for flour and beans 70 cts. - total paid \$5.40. I tried to get a job of bucking wood, failed. I set my hand saw (new saw set works fast - first rate) It is cold.
- 28 Jan I went and bought 5 cts. worth soft coal to try and see how it would burn. It burned first rate. Jane Poland came over to see us. She brought note from father saying he had settled with Peter Cattnach and Mrs. Poland for me. I fixed rockers on cradle. Wife and Jane Poland went uptown. Wife bought 1/2 gal. syrup 20 cts., keeps cold. I wrote a letter to cousin, Belle Sifton, Thamesford, Ont.
- 29 Jan I went and bought 1/2 ton soft coal \$2. Jane Poland stayed with us last night. I made wood box, coal was delivered in the afternoon. I bought 1/2 cord softwood from Nomer Staley \$1.15. I drew it into wood shed by myself. Jane Poland went home in the afternoon. I was sick at night.
- 30 Jan I was sick all day with bad cold and fever. I was in bed most all day, not able to do anything.
- 31 Jan I went over to father's in fore noon. Was there for dinner. Father gave me my note that I gave Peter Cattnach and for receipt for account in full to date. Father gave him my horses for them. He also settled with Mrs. Poland for me. He gave her my lumber wagon, bin of oats and set of double harness. She allowed me my claim against her for fixing line and for some borrowed money that her husband borrowed from me before he died. She gave receipt for claim at 4 division court in County of Lambton, Ontario. I got a letter tonight from cousin Jabey Mordica Carpenter, Uncle Jabes Carpenter's only living son.

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- 01 Feb We were in all day. Mrs. Beebe lives in same house we do, upstairs. She called in the afternoon and borrowed 2 papers. I wrote a letter to cousin, Jabey Mordica Carpenter.
- 02 Feb I bucked wood most all day - 1/2 cord cut twice into four for our own stove. Wife went uptown and bought 3 lbs. beef 24 cts., 1 peck potatoes 10 cts., onions 11 cts., sausage 8 cts. I kept the children. Wife and children were over to Heisler's this afternoon. I finished splitting wood.
- 03 Feb I went over to father's. Rode out with Bill Eyer's. Paid him for salt I borrowed of him last fall to salt my pig 25 cts. for 32 lbs. of salt. I got money for calf at Peter Cattanach's that Thomas Conlin left there for calf. Father sold him the calf. Stepmother sent over some milk for children. I crossed on the ice. Dide Lawden was buried today at Catholic Church, Sombra.
- 04 Feb I bought one pair heel braces 10 cts., 1 fire shovel 10 cts. I went over to Mrs. Albert Henry's stove wood bee in the afternoon. I walked home at night, left father's at 7 pm and got home at 9 pm.
- 05 Feb I bought rocking chair for wife \$1.50. I went out to Ed Tully shanty, lot 28, in con 11. Hired with Robert Laugheed to cut elm and saw logs. I was at father's for dinner. Rode out to shanty from my old place with William Gales.
- 06 Feb I cut logs fore noon. Afternoon I rode out to banking with Bill Gales. Helped him unload and rode out to baseline with him. Simon Poland and Henry Youngs called in evening. I did not get up.
- 08 Feb I was home fore noon. I went over to Sombra. Walked out to Robt. Gormely's and waited for Bill Gales. Rode out to shanty with him.
- 09 Feb I filed two saws fore noon and helped saw some. Rained most of the afternoon. We cut a few logs. Rain stopped us.
- 10 Feb I filed one saw fore noon for Conlon boys for Laugheed filed the saw I used at noon and sawed balance of day. It is getting colder.
- 11 Feb I sawed all day with Spencer. It is very cold. All of the teamsters had their faces, nose or some other part of

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their bodies froze. Mercury was 30 degrees below zero in Wallaceburg.

- 12 Feb I filed three saws fore noon. Sawed afternoon with Geo. Spencer.
- 13 Feb I sawed all day. Filed my saw at noon. Cut 29 logs with Geo. Spencer.
- 14 Feb I sawed all day. Cut 26 logs with Geo. Spencer. Walked home from shanty. Joseph Bullyew, Joe Declare and Avery Tomlin came out with me as far as their places. I got home about 11:20 pm.
- 15 Feb I walked out to father's fore noon and was there for dinner. Got brother, John E. Carpenter, to take my place in shanty as I had to get some firewood. Jane Poland and Josephine Chartier called in evening.
- 16 Feb I walked over to Sombra to sell my wood to buy corn. Went to Bob Stokes. He was not at home. I tried to sell it at the grist mill, Sombra, could not. I got a dollar from father. John E. Carpenter started for shanty this morning. I brought 1/2 cord of wood from Nomer Staley \$1. and got it into the wood shed.
- 17 Feb I cut the 1/2 cord of wood into twice fore noon and split it. Wife went over to Sombra and got 40 cts. Chester Henry owes me for potatoes and got my pants at Lester's that John E. Carpenter sent to me by Martin Sheeran. She bought 1 1/2 lbs. butter 20 cts., 1 bar soap 6 cts. I kept the children while wife was gone, while I was cutting wood in wood shed. I bought in the afternoon - 6 awls 12 cts., 1 ball shew thread 10 cts. and was 2 cts. and fixed my boot that I saw cut at shanty.
- 18 Feb I started for shanty fore noon. Went around by father's and got strap to fix my boots. Walked out to Landing, got a ride from there to shanty. Arthur Garvey got there for dinner. Sawed afternoon with Geo. Spencer and Mike Conlin.
- 19 Feb I sawed all day with Mike Conlin and Geo. Spencer. Filed our saw at noon.
- 20 Feb I sawed all day with Geo. Spencer and Mike Conlin.
- 21 Feb I sawed fore noon with Bill Pulver and Mike Conlin. I went home in the afternoon. Rode to banking ground with Dick Johnston. Walked rest of the way home, got a letter from cousin, Jabey Carpenter. Posted a letter to Robt.

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McLeod, Alpena, Mich.

- 22 Feb I walked across River St. Clair to Sombra on ice. I rode out to Capt. Gales with William Ellis. Bill Gales and his team harnessed to go to Thomas Bury to go to shanty. I rode with him to shanty. I lent Bill Gales my chain. Jane Poland and Ida Wright were to see wife at night. They were at our place for supper. I was to shanty.



Lazarus Ellis Children  
Jane (Kellian), Mary (Robson), Sarah (Bury)  
Isaac, Archibald & William

- 23 Feb Mrs. Frank Prier died yesterday and was buried today. I sawed all day with Mike Conlin and Bill Pulver. We cut 40 elm logs. Wife and children were over to Chester Henry's, Sombra.
- 24 Feb Mike Conlin, Bill Pulver and I sawed fore noon, cut 12 elm logs. Bill Pulver and I sawed together afternoon, cut 6 elm logs. I filed saw at noon.
- 25 Feb Bill Pulver and I sawed together all day, cut 26 elm logs. Bill Poland and Alexander Chartier were at our place at night.

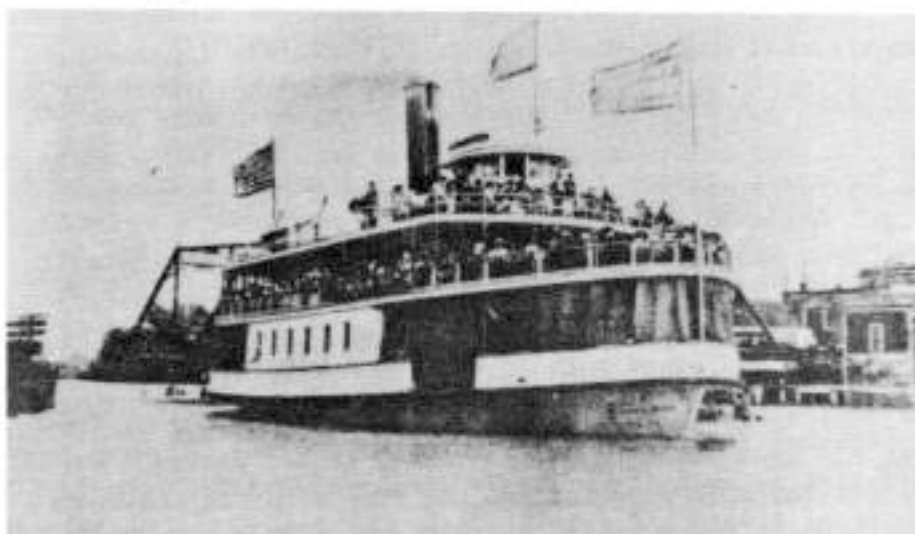
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- 26 Feb Bill Pulver and I and Mike Barris sawed together all day. We finished cutting on 29 fore noon and commenced on lot 26 afternoon. I filed our saw at noon. I felt sick afternoon.
- 27 Feb I was sick all night with bad cold. Started for home in the morning, got home to Marine City before noon. Was in bed all afternoon. Wife is sick with bad cold too.
- 28 Feb I fixed my felt boots fore noon and filed my buck saw. I was uptown afternoon and bought 2 cts. worth of bristles.
- 01 Mar I was at home all day. Was down to river twice to see how crossing was. It is not very good. Jane Poland and Josephine Chartier came to our place this afternoon. They were going to cross the river to go home. I coaxed them to come and stay at my place. They would not. I watched them, they went a little way out and turned and came back and stayed at our place all night. Their feet were all wet. They changed their stockings and I gave them some ginger tea. They slept out in the kitchen. Jane Poland lent wife 50 cts. Snowed some afternoon.
- 02 Mar I was loafing around Marine City all day. Jane Poland and Josephine Chartier stayed at our place all day. The ice is very poor. John Waybrant broke through and went down until his pole saved him from going clear in. Jane Poland bought for wife 1 lb. butter 18 cts., 1 bar of soap 5 cts., 1 quart of milk 5 ct.
- 03 Mar I loafed around town all day. Could not get any work. Jane Poland and Josephine Chartier were at our place all day.
- 04 Mar I was around town all day. Jane Poland and Josephine Chartier stayed at our place all day. They washed for wife. Josephine Chartier went over to Feeb Saph just before supper.
- 05 Mar I walked around town fore noon. Hired to Aaron Westbrook for the afternoon for 50 cts. 1 lamp chimney 5 cts., moving a house. Jane Poland stayed at our place all day. Josephine Chartier came and got her clothes.
- 06 Mar Walked around town fore noon. After, Jane Poland and I went to Canada. I went out to father's and then up to Patrick O'Hare's and sold him my corn 20 cts. and 3 bushels to John O'Hare. Was there for supper.
- 07 Mar I stayed at father's all night. Pat and John O'Hare came and got my corn. John got 3 bushels 60 cts., Pat got 16

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bushels \$3.20. Pat O'Hare paid me for a peck of bella potatoes I sold him before I moved. I got ride to Sombra, came across in ferry, charge round trip 50 cts. I got 1/2 cord of softwood Staley daughter \$1. Cut up wood afternoon and split it, cut it twice in two. I went uptown and bought 1/2 gal syrup 20 cts., 5 yds. bleach cotton 45 cts., butter 24 cts., apples 5 cts.

- 05 Mar The steamer Omar D. Conger came down from Port Huron to Marine City. She tried to break up the ice. She ran up on the ice, got fast and had to lay in the ice until morning for the ice was on bottom of river.



Omar D. Conger

- 08 Mar I was at home most all day. Was upstairs to Mr. Beebe. They live upstairs of the same house we do. Miss Ida Wright and Miss Seaforth and Josephine Chartier and another girl called at our place in the evening.
- 09 Mar I bought 3 lbs. sugar 21 cts., 4 lbs. oatmeal 20 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts. Posted a letter to the editor of Alpena Argus and received a letter from cousin, Belle Sifton.
- 10 Mar I went for Scott to take me across the River St. Clair. He could not, he let me have his boat. I rowed across to Canadian side, but could not land as the ice was running too heavy. I rowed back again. Just at noon, Thomas Whitely and Joe Harris came over from Canada with a couple of passengers. I got ready and went back with them, charged me 25 cts. When we got to Canadian side, we had



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to haul boat out of cakes of running ice, sometimes we had to run the boat onto the cakes of ice then walk from one cake to the other and pull boat after us. I was at father's for dinner, got to shanty before dark.

- 11 Mar I sawed for Laugheed all day with Rankin Workman and Henry Smith.
- 12 Mar I sawed for Laugheed all day with Smith. Went home sick in the afternoon.
- 13 Mar I sawed all day for Laugheed with Rankin Workman. Filed saw yesterday afternoon.
- 14 Mar I worked for Laugheed all day. Filed saw fore noon. Sawed balance of day with R. Workmen and Smith. Smith came to camp last night.
- 15 Mar I walked out to Sombra. Ice was so poor that I would not go home. I went to father's for dinner. Wrote a letter to wife and then went to shanty.
- 16 Mar I had bad toothache. I sawed fore noon. Afternoon I filed saws for Laugheed.
- 17 Mar I filed saws part of the day. Made an axe handle and a beadle and sawed part of afternoon with Laugheed.
- 18 Mar Made a beadle and filed saw fore noon. Sawed with Geo. Spencer for Laugheed afternoon.
- 19 Mar I filed some saws and set one fore noon for Laugheed. Frank Rivers and John E. Carpenter came after me to vote for Scott Act. went with them, stopped at John Blakes for John Brown too. We had dinner there. I voted and went home to Marine City and bought 1/2 cord of softwood and got it into wood shed.
- 20 Mar I cut wood twice in two and split it and went to shanty. Crossed the river on ice today and yesterday.
- 21 Mar I worked for Laugheed all day. Cut logs fore noon. Afternoon we cut firewood at shanty door. John Doran and I sawed together.
- 22 Mar Sunday, I stayed at shanty for breakfast and dinner and got some money. Afternoon about 4 pm., started for home, got there just dusk. Ed Tully gave me \$10. on work for Robt. Laugheed.



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- 23 Mar I paid Joseph Heisler \$6. on rent to settle with him up to March 27th. Bought 1/2 cord softwood from Staley \$1. Crossed River St. Clair on ice. Ice was very poor, you could see water gush up through the ice. I was at father's for dinner, went to shanty. Got there early. Bought crosscut saw gauge for Robt. Laugheed 75 cts. in Marine City. Got a letter for wife from her cousin, Grace Hamlyn, Bowmanville. I got it at Sombra and put it in another envelope and sent it to wife in Marine City.
- 24 Mar I filed three saws and gunned one and made two axe handles for Robt. Laugheed.
- 25 Mar I sawed all day with Geo. Spencer and John Doran. Cut 30 logs for Robt. Laugheed.
- 26 Mar I jointed two saws and filed them fore noon. Afternoon, I sawed with John Sheeran and Geo. Spencer - cut 15 logs for Robt. Laugheed.
- 27 Mar I sawed all day for Robt. Laugheed with Henry Smith. Cut 20 logs. Heard Walpole Indian brassband came and played at our camp. First bluebird today.
- 28 Mar I sawed for Robt. Laugheed all day with Henry Smith - cut 24 logs.
- 29 Mar After breakfast, I started for home. Crossed river in Whitely's ferry 25 cts. I was home for dinner. Mrs. Arthur Rattray died yesterday. He died only a couple of weeks before her of typhoid fever. Stayed home all day after I got home except a little while - up to Staley's.
- 30 Mar I cut 1/2 cord of softwood twice in two fore noon. Snowing most all fore noon. Afternoon, I went to shanty. Bought 4 awls for 4 cts., quine 10 cts., at Parkinson, Wilkesport. I went around by father's and got my old boots. We had supper at lot 22 camp, Rankin Workman and I. We got at our camp, lot 28 con 12, about 9 pm. Slushy tonight.
- 31 Mar I sawed all day with Rankin Workman and Henry Smith for Robt. Laugheed.
- 01 Apr I filed two crosscut saws for John Stone for Robt. Laugheed fore noon. We all got our time after dinner, Laugheed made up my time - 1 month 4 1/2 days at \$18. per month. Crosscut saw gauge 75 cts. for month \$21.10 - total \$21.85. John and Mike Conlin and I crossed Bear Creek on ice. Ice was poor, water was running on both sides of ice, next to the shore. We carried a rail a

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piece. I got to Sombra a little before sundown, crossed river on Whitely ferry 25 cts.

- 02 Apr I bought 1 file 6 cts., 1 bottle of black ink 5 cts. Saw robin this morning and a flock of 10 blackbirds yesterday coming home from shanty. I went into Heislars cellar for some potatoes for them, he gave me a basket full. Sit around house most all of the day. I fixed drawer in table for wife, partitioned it off.
- 03 Apr Rained yesterday and last night, turned to snow in the night and is snowing now. I was home all day. Commences writing desk.
- 04 Apr I bought 1 box tacks for my boots, fixed them and finished writing desk. I bought 1 1/2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 3 apples 3 cts. Willie had a touch of croup. Froze quite hard last night. I borrowed a book about Rights of Labor from George.
- 05 Apr I was home all day until evening then I went up to George and took his book home about Rights of Labor. Got back about 10 pm.
- 06 Apr I set around house fore noon. Afternoon, I and Martin Beebe went up to Recor marsh to hunt ducks. We helped shoot a hell diver and tried to get a job cutting cord wood. We crossed over Belle River by red school house on bridge and came around by bush on west side of Belle River bridge by red school house. Was damaged some by frozen ice. Jane Poland came over to help wife sew - ferrage 50 cts.
- 07 Apr I set around house fore noon. Afternoon, I went up to upper iron bridge, as heard it was in danger of being carried away. Was there most of afternoon. The jam of ice came through at upper bridge - damaged the bridge some at 9 pm. The jam carried Tim Baker and Buckeye State down the stream and waged them between the S.H. Johnston and Anderson. The lower bridge came alright. I was up until 1 o'clock in the morning.
- 08 Apr Roamed around town fore noon. Afternoon, I helped Martin Beebe get his boat out of Belle River and cut ice out of it. Got ready to go to father's, got across on Canadian side of River St. Clair and had to come back for ice was too thick off boat. We were in neither of the ferries but Joseph Russ, Young Coda and Dan Michael Herrin were with us. I came back and stayed at home.

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- 09 Apr Martin and Ed Beebe and I went up to Belle River to hunt fish in ditches. From Belle River, Martin shot one pike. I started for father's after 3 pm., crossed over in Whitely ferry. I got to father's at bed time.
- 10 Apr I stayed at father's last night. I went into potato pit, did not find any froze. Then started for Wallaceburg to see Ed Tully to get balance of my pay for working for him for Robt. Laugheed. He was in Dresden. I went down side road to the big ditch. I saw 5 pike in it, then east to next side road, then nearly south to the Burg. I went out to William Tweedles, took him two bella potatoes. Got to Tweedle's at supper time. Father gave me five dollars for bran, little wheat and shovel. I gave him 25 cts.
- 11 Apr I stayed at W. Tweedle's last night and all day. Began to snow in the night and most all day. Snow is 6 inches deep, the snow was soft and packed. I helped Tweedle clean up barley - 70 bushels with Frank Armstrong and Cyrenius Cronk.
- 12 Apr Snowing some today. I was at Tweedle's all day. I read most all of House of Prince David through. I was at Church at night.
- 13 Apr I stayed at Tweedle's last night. Sled for Wallaceburg after breakfast. Ed Tully was not in Burg yet. I waited until night. I stopped at Windsor House, kept by Shepard Summers. Ed Tully came about 10:30 pm. I showed him my time and balance due me. He made out that he did not know his clerk's signature but when he found out that I was alright he said he would see me tomorrow. Then went to bed.
- 14 Apr I saw Ed Tully and asked him for my money. He said he could not pay me until he came back from Chatham. He came good for my bed and breakfast 50 cts. I stayed around town fore noon. Afternoon, I went out to James Allen's, was there for supper. I then went to Wallaceburg but Ed Tully did not come on 6 o'clock train as he said he would but went to London. I waited until 7 pm. and then I started for father's. Got to father's about midnight.
- 15 Apr I stayed at father's last night. Started for Marine City in the morning. Aaron Westbrook's store burned last night. I got home before noon. I bought 1/2 gal syrup 20 cts., 3 eggs 10 cts. I got 1/2 cord softwood from Nomer Staley \$1. Wife borrowed of Jane Poland while I was away 75 cts. and 50 cts. once before making it \$1.25 in all. I paid her 50 cts. of it. Laid around house the rest of the day.

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- 16 Apr Martin Beebe and I went hunting fish in big ditch west of Marine City - got none. Afternoon, we went up Belle River in Martin's boat to Gardner's Creek and got some firewood and brought it down in boat. I bought 12 1/2 lbs. pork at \$1. Ed Beebe went with us after wood. I borrowed book from Wink Baker - Little Jesse James.
- 17 Apr Martin and Ed Beebe and I went up to Charley Gardener's and got back after dinner. Martin and I cut some small wood up afternoon. Wife bought 3 lbs. beef 24 cts., 1 lb. baking soda. Butcher cheated her out of 1/4 lb. so she took him his beef back and went to another shop and bought beef.
- 18 Apr I loafed around all day. Finished reading Little Jesse James through. Wife bought 1 lb. butter 20 cts. Wife gave Jane Poland 15 cts. to pay ferrage. Jane Poland went home today. Ice in River St. Clair. I bought 1/2 gal. oil 6 cts., pepper 10 cts.
- 19 Apr I was home all day until evening then Willie and I went down to River St. Clair to see if there was any ice in river, there was. It was a fine day. Miss Seaforth called in evening.
- 20 Apr I fooled around with Martin and Ed Beebe. Bought 4 fish hooks and one fish line 8 cts. Fished some, did not get any. I tried to get job of work but could not.
- 21 Apr I tried to get some work but could not. Martin Beebe and Ed and I tried to shoot and spear some fish, did not get any. Fine weather.
- 22 Apr I looked around fore noon for work, could not get any. Afternoon, I went down to mouth of Belle River and fished - caught 3 perch and 3 lizzards. Joseph Heisler came after me to go to Vicksburg tomorrow for lumber.
- 23 Apr I and Martin Beebe and John King, the boy that is learning the trade, went up on the steamer, SS Mary, to Vicksburg with Joseph Heisler for a raft of lumber. We got our raft, finished our raft and left Vicksburg at 4:15 pm. Got to Marine City 2:45 on the next morning, and up to old stove mill in Belle River. Joe Heisler took his own grub with him and 2 gal. cider and 1 quart rye whiskey. We had a fine old time drifting down St. Clair River. Wife bought a pound of butter 18 cts.
- 24 Apr I helped Joe Heisler unload lumber. Got done about 5:30 pm. Martin Beebe, John Wing and 3 other Dutchmen helped

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too. It took us all to 10:30 am. to get raft up to Heisler dock where we unloaded - one Dutchman got wet.

- 25 Apr Martin and Ed Beebe cut stovewood out of old boards and fence parts and scantling for Thomas Lester. Had to file saws at noon. I bought 1 lb. butter at Donahue's 20 cts.
- 26 Apr I was home all day mostly. Joseph Heisler came over after me to witness his wife sign a paper. I did and John Spinks witnessed it too. Paper was dated 25th, so Heisler said.
- 27 Apr Martin Beebe, John Wing and I went up to Vicksburg with Joseph Heisler for another load of lumber. Went up on steamer, SS Mary. We got our raft done about 5 pm. River was coming full of ice 1/2 hour behind us when we left Vicksburg. We got to Marine City 12 o'clock midnight and had our raft up in Belle River.
- 28 Apr I helped Joe Heisler unload his raft on his dock in Belle River. It was about 9 pm. when we got raft to his dock. Martin Beebe and John Wing and two other Dutchmen helped too.
- 29 Apr I went up town to see Widdows about working in the brick yard. Saw Mat unloading coal at Blood and Harts dock. I went down there for a job. Lovejoy sent me down to Matt Sicken dock. He said I would get a job there. I met a man there, he asked me if I wanted a job, I said I did. He told me to go and take his place for Lovejoy. I went up and took it. I bought 1/2 gal. syrup 25 cts.
- 01 May I worked 2 hours and 40 min. fore noon unloading Matt Sicken and 2 hrs. and 20 min. coaling up Geo. King. Lovejoy paid me for work on Sicken - 12 hrs. and 20 min. \$2.45. Wife bought 1 lb. butter 18 cts., 1 lb. sausage meat 10 cts., apples 2 cts.
- 02 May I helped Geo. Smith & Co. finish coaling up Geo. King - 1 hrs. 45 min. I asked Joseph Heisler for some time to white wash stepmother's house. I wet it down and got it ready to white wash. Paid me fore noon for loading up the King. I helped Lovejoy and Co. load up the Edward Smith at Blood and Harts dock - 2 hr. and 50 min. and helped to put on 60 tons on the Gratwick, Blood and Hart dock - 2 hrs. and 37 min. I bought 2 1/2 lbs. fresh pork 25 cts., 1/2 lb. tea 25 cts., 1 bunch radishes 5 cts., apples 5 cts., 1 bunch rhubarb 5 cts. Wife bought 2 lbs. butter 36 cts. Joseph Heisler allowed me \$6. on house rent for helping him raft.

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03 May I went over to father's to see how my potatoes were. I saw some of father's, they are alright. I crossed the river on Whitely ferry. Rained some. I got home before supper.



Matt Sicken Lumber & Planing Mill  
Marine City, Michigan

04 May I went down to river to see if boat had come to Blood and Hart dock, it had not come. I went down to Lester's dock, had not come there. I came back. I met Mr. Hart. I asked him if boat had come, he said yes - upper dock (Philip Rice's). I went up there. I was a little late. I asked Lovejoy if he had a full crew, he said he had but he said to wait until John Arnold came. He came and he told me to go to work. I worked 9 1/2 hrs. It was on the S.H. Johnson, unloading coal. I white washed bedroom wall in stepmother's house. John E. Carpenter and Curtis Wright were over to get a berth of sailing. They were promised a berth on the big new barge, New Orleans.

05 May I worked 1/2 hr. finishing unloading S.H. Johnson. We went down to Lester's dock, worked there 6 1/2 hrs. unloading coal. John E. Carpenter and Curtis Wright came over to Marine City. Mate of New Orleans had two other men in their place. They went to Algonac to see Smith. Curtis Wright got a berth on one of Smith's boats. John could not find a berth. They are staying at my place



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tonight. Wife bought ham smoked 1 lb. 12 cts., 3 lbs. beef steak 30 cts., head cheese 10 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts., 2 lbs. sugar apples 8 cts.

- 06 May I worked 3 hrs. 15 min. coaling up the Lowell, Blood and Hart's dock for Lovejoy & Co. Went down to Lester's dock afternoon. Rained. We did not work. I came home and white washed part of old Emma house that is father's wife's. I bought 1 doz. eggs 13 cts. Wife bought 2 lbs. butter, milk 4 cts. John E. Carpenter stayed with us tonight.
- 07 May I went down to Lester's dock. We had to go and coal up the Edward Smith, Blood and Hart dock - 1 hr. 25 min. We then went down to Lester's dock and worked 8 1/2 hrs. unloading the . John E. Carpenter finished white washing house for me. He went home in the afternoon.
- 08 May I worked for Lovejoy & Co. unloading Danube. I went up to Blood and Hart's after dinner. They paid me for coaling up the Lowell - 3 hrs. @ 75 cts. and for coaling Edward Smith - 1 hr. 25 min. and for unloading barge, Danube - 19 hrs. \$3.80. Wife bought web cotton 51 yds. \$3.06, 1 shaving brush 5 cts., apples 2 cts., 2 yds. bleach cotton 18 cts., 1 glass jelly 10 cts. I scrubbed stepmother's house afternoon. Wind cold and raw.
- 09 May I helped Lovejoy & Co. coal up Abercorn - 1 hr. 53 min. I went home and told wife I was going to move. Went uptown and saw Connett, a drag man. He promised to move my stove for me right away after dinner. He did not come as he agreed. I went uptown to find him, I could not. I got instead, Baker and he moved stove, cupboard, flour and beans. I and Martin moved most all the rest of the stuff over and we moved in stepmother's house. Martin Beebe, Joseph Heisler and man living in Joseph Heisler's helped me to move stove out of Joseph Heisler's house. Daniel Lovejoy came for me at 11 pm. to go and coal up the Oswego. There I went, worked 2 hrs. and 15 min.
- 10 May I was around home all day. Slept part of the day.
- 11 May I ran around town part of fore noon. I borrowed Martin Beebe's scow and sculled across River St. Clair and went out to father's for my potatoes. I was at father's for dinner. I saw Stanley Catton going out after some shade trees. I asked if he would take out my potatoes. He said he would. I went out and helped him get his shade trees and he brought out my potatoes to James Bury's where I left the boat. I left there about 6:10 pm. and got home before sun down. I had 3 bushels belle, 2 1/4 bushels



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white elephant. Martin Beebe and I went up to Blood and Hart's and paid duty on potatoes 15¢ on bushel and 70 cts. entry fees - making in all \$1.43. Wife bought 1 bag potatoes 40 cts.

- 12 May I borrowed Joseph Heisler's spade and shovel and spaded some of my garden. I bought 1 pint of onions 8 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts., sausage 10 cts., 1 box of paint 15 cts., orange 1 ct. I bought keyhole saw 35 cts. I painted cupboard and writing desk. Lovejoy came for me to help him coal up the Duluth. I went and worked 1 hr. 5 min.
- 13 May Martin Beebe went down to brick yard for a job of work. We fished some but did not get any. I scrubbed floor for wife. I bought 1 gal. kerosine oil 12 cts., 2 boxes matches 6 cts. I heard boat whistle, I went up town and found it was the C.F. Curtis down at Lester's dock. I went down and worked 1 hr. 10 min. When we got through there, we coaled another one at Blood and Hart dock - 15 tons taking 40 min. total 46 cts. L.C. Cottrell gave me a fish pole for helping him unload a stove in his ware room.
- 14 May Martin Beebe and I went fishing at the mouth of Belle River. Martin Beebe caught 2 perch and I only caught 1. I went over to Sombra. Whitely ferry 10 cts. I sent my time down by clerk of Hiawatha to Wallaceburg to collect some from Ed Tully for work I did there for him last winter sawing for Laughed for Ed Tully.
- 15 May I went up to Blood and Hart's dock. S.H. Johnson was in. I worked 10 hrs. 5 min - 20 cts. an hr. \$2.06 for Lovejoy & Co. Wife got Judd Baker to fetch barrel of water from River St. Clair 15 cts. quart of sour milk 2 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts. Willie and Eva May went after them. 2 lbs. butter 36 cts. A Dutchman plowed my garden for me - charged me \$1. for doing it.
- 16 May I went over to Sombra to meet steamer, Hiawatha, to see if clerk of boat got my money from Ed Tully, he was not in Wallaceburg. I fished 30 min. before boat got to Sombra. I went over to Martin Beebe's boat with some person going fishing. I went out to father's to see if I could find my hoe, could



Hiawatha leaving Port Huron

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not. I was at father's for dinner. I came home afternoon. Crossed on Whitely's ferry 10 cts. I cleaned up back of our yard and planted some early rose potatoes. I bought 1 hoe 40 cts., 2 lbs. fresh pork 20 cts. Lovejoy paid me for work yesterday \$2.06.

- 17 May I was home most all day. Peter N. Henry was at our place for dinner. He was over to Marine City to get horse ferrier for his horse. I went uptown with him and I saw Richard Heyland and Patrick Cullin in town today.
- 18 May John Arnold's boy came for me to go to Rice dock to coal a boat about 11 o'clock last night. I went, I worked 1 hr. 10 min. coaling the Fairbanks. Geo. Smith came for me to coal up Geo. King. I did, 1 hr. 33 min. I worked 9.15 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson \$1.85. I bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 1/2 gal. syrup 25 cts. Wife bought 1 doz. eggs 12 cts. I bought straw hat 5 cts.
- 19 May I worked 1.30 hrs. finishing unloading S.H. Johnson 30 cts. I bought at Mrs. Backus - 2 rhubarb 10 cts., 1 paper peas 5 cts., 2 ounces alcohol 10 cts., and put some Tamarac gum in it and put a plaster of it on my back. Martin Beebe and I went down to brick yard for work, got none. I planted a few belle potatoes and gave Joseph Heisler about 1/4 bushel of white elephant, 1/4 bushel of belle. Wife bought 8 yds. print 56 cts., 2 1/2 yds. gingum 22 cts., 1 set of hooks for herself 30 cts., 1 ball cotton yarn 7 cts. I planted some peas. Wife got 1 lb. butter 15 cts., 1 orange 3 cts.
- 20 May I planted some belle potatoes fore noon. Afternoon, I went fishing with Martin and Ed Beebe, got none. John E. Carpenter and Fred Young were at my place in evening. I went uptown with them. I sent father some potatoes by John E. Carpenter. I bought a 5 ct. straw hat and sent it to father by John. I bought 2 lbs. prunes 16 sts. Martin Beebe went uptown with them and me.
- 21 May I finished planting my belle potatoes about 1 3/4 bushels fore noon. I sold Nomer Staley 1/4 bushel belle potatoes 25 cts. and same of white elephant 25 cts. I bought 1/2 cord maple and white ash \$2.50 per cord \$1.25. Turned potatoes on wood and paid cash for balance. I went uptown afternoon and bought 4 fish hooks 2 cts., and then went down to point and fished. I caught 7 bass and 3 perch. Willie bought at Lester's 1/2 doz. eggs 10 cts.
- 22 May I worked 2 1/2 hrs. fore noon unloading S.H. Johnson. Rain stopped us. I went down afternoon. Rained and we

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did not work. I bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts. Martin Beebe and I went down to salt block. I fished in Belle River at night, got none.

- 23 May I worked 6.45 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson \$1.35 and then I went down to salt block and worked 2 hrs. loading salt on the S.H. Johnson 50 cts. Charlotte Henry was visiting at our place today. She was at our place for dinner. Wife bought 1 lb. smoked ham 12 cts., 1 lb. prunes 8 cts., sugar 4 cts., 2 lbs. butter 30 cts.
- 24 May I was home most all day. John Arnold came after me to coal up the Birkhead. I worked 1.50 hrs. 50 cts.
- 25 May I finished planting my potatoes, white elephant. I planted today 1/2 bushel fore noon. Went up to Blood and Hart dock and bought 95 lbs. of straw to fill two straw ticks 1/2 cts. per pound 47 cts., 1/2 doz. eggs 6 cts. I went to fish Blood and Hart dock for herron, got none. Lovejoy wants me to help him to split and move some wood at commercial hotel as they wanted to lay some water pipe. I began at 3 pm. and worked until 6 pm. Paid me 50 cts. for it. I bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 2 lbs. prunes 16 cts., 1 pair overhauls 75 cts., 1 hat for Willie 5 cts. Wife got 1 glass jelly 10 cts., shelf paper 3 cts., coconut 10 cts. Jane Poland commenced to work for us today.
- 26 May I waited for the S.H. Johnson and fished Blood and Hart dock, got none. She did not come, I went down to point to Marine City Stave Co. dock. When I got there, boat had came and I came back. I worked 1.30 hrs. fore noon and 5.15 hrs. afternoon unloading Johnson, Rice's dock. After supper I went down to Sicken dock, worked 1.10 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken. Wife bought ball of cotton yarn 8 cts.
- 28 May I worked 5.5 hrs. finishing unloading the S.H. Johnson. Lovejoy called and paid wife the money for unloading the coal - total 13 hrs. \$2.60. Afternoon, I worked 3.25 hrs. loading the S.H. Johnson with salt at the salt block 85 cts. Alexander came for Jane Poland to go to a dance tomorrow night at Callahan's, Canada. I bought 1 qt. strawberries 12 cts., 2 lbs. bolones 20 cts., 1 qt. milk 5 cts., 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 1 lb. pork 10 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 15 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts. I worked 1/2 hr.
- 29 May Geo. Smith came up for me to coal Geo. King, Sicken dock, worked 45 min.

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- 30 May Clock spring broke last night. I went to Blood and Hart dock to fish, got none. I went down to dredge below Belle River and fished there, caught 5 perch and bought one from Ed Beebe for a fish hook. I took clock up to jewelry store and got new spring put in 50 cts. I did nothing afternoon. I paid Jane Poland 75 cts. wife borrowed from her last winter. Jane went home this afternoon. I bought 2 pair cotton hose 20 cts.
- 31 May I was home most all day. I was opening a can of currant jelly when a small piece of the glass flew in my eye. I got some flaxseed at the harness shop and put some of it in my eye when I went to bed and bound a handkerchief over it. Dan Graves was at our place in the evening. Jane Poland did not get back, rained.
- 01 Jun Eye is some better. I went down to M.C. Stave Co. dock to see if I could get a job of helping boiler from the S.H. Johnson, could not. John Arnold came for me to help coal up the Calumet. I went and worked one hour 25 cts. Dan Lovejoy paid me for coaling the same 25 cts. and 25 cts. for coaling the one at Rice's dock on last Friday night, the 29th. of May. I tried my trowling line after I got my hook fast on a snag and lost the spoon. I bought another one 25 cts. Lydia Henry was at our place today visiting. Jane Poland got back this morning. I went fishing this afternoon, caught 6 perch and 3 herron. Beebe had the Montpelers yawl and went down to Wanzel Salt Block dock or spiles for dock and caught the 3 herron there. Beebe had my line and hook and caught 3 for himself. Eva May had her wrist hurt by Jane by lifting her off from the floor by her arm. I went and got Dr. Parker to see her arm. He said it was in her wrist and charged me 75 cts. I bought a trowling spoon at Cottrell's 25 cts., 1 lb. currants 10 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 10 cts., 1 lb. granulated sugar 8 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts., 1 box baking powder 10 cts.
- 02 Jun I went down to M.C. Stave Co. dock to see if boat had come with the coal. The coal had not come. Martin Beebe and his mother and father and brother and I and Jane Poland went fishing in their boat down at the brick yard dock. I caught 33 fish, 23 herron and 10 perch. I went down after supper and caught 6 herron and one perch. Wife gave Joseph Heisler 6 herron.
- 03 Jun I went to brick yard dock to fish, caught 7 - 6 herron and 1 perch. I went up to Blood and Hart's dock and helped coal the Lowell 3.8 hrs. 15 cts. per hr. I sold my fish for 7 cts. I bought 18 mince hooks 2 cents, sold part of them for 1 cent. Went fishing afternoon, caught 3 herron,

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sold 2 of them for 2 cents, brought the other home. I bought chamber 35 cts., 1/4 lb. tea 13 cts., 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 3 apples 2 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts. Wife borrowed 25 cts. from Jane Poland. Rained most all of the day.

- 04 Jun I worked 9 5/60 hrs. unloading the W.P. Thew at Marine City Stave Co. dock for Lovejoy and Arnold 20 cts. per hr. Rain stopped us some. Wife bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 3 lbs. pork 24 cts.
- 05 Jun Rained most all night. I went down to the barge W.P. Thew to finish unloading her. The Johnson came in last night. We of the Forward went down to Lester's dock to wheel the deck load of the Johnson. I worked 8 20/60 hrs. Wife bought 1 lb. smoked shoulder 10 cts., 1 lb. prunes 8 cts. I posted a letter to wife's cousin in Austria 5 cts. I bought 2 bunches of radishes at the harness shop. The boat that Curtis Wright is on is anchored at the head of Whitelys Island.
- 06 Jun I worked 1.40/60 hrs. coaling the Duluth bulkhead 2/ at Lester's dock last night and I worked 1.37/60 hrs. unloading the S.H. Johnson. After we unloaded the Johnson we went on her to the salt dock. I worked 7 hrs. loading the S.H. Johnson with salt, captain gave me \$1.50 for doing it. I stowed salt in the hold. My potatoes are coming up. I gave Jane Poland 2/ on work. Wife bought 1/2 doz. eggs 6 cts., 4 lbs. sugar 20 cts.
- 29 May I worked 1.50/60 hrs. coaling the C.F. Curtis 2/. I bought 3 fish hooks, 2 sinkers, 1 fish hook with white string attached 5 cts., 2 lbs. butter 30 cts. I worked 1 hr. coaling John B. Lyon 25 cts. I worked 50/60 hrs. coaling boat at Rice's dock 25 cts. Martin Beebe and I went fishing fore noon, caught 3, Martin got 8. We left boat at Belle River lower bridge. Someone stole our fish while we were coaling the C.F. Curtis. I fished afternoon, caught 5 at dredge, one of them was a herron.
- 07 Jun We were home all day. Lovejoy & Co. sent for me to help coal the Smith, more 30/60 hrs. at 12 cts. I was warm today.
- 08 Jun I worked 4 10/60 hrs. 20 cts. unloading lumber for Dan Williams. Geo. Smith and Martin Beebe took the job of unloading 22 1/2 cords of building stone from the Volunteer for 60 cts. per cord. Martin Beebe, Geo. Smith and Jess Frizze, Wallace McJudus, Jim Smith and myself and Lewis Roberts worked together and divided up when we were done. We hired two men 20 cts., per hr. for 20 hrs. \$2.

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We had \$1.57 apiece. I worked in the hold passing stone up to hatch.

- 09 Jun We finished unloading the stone, when we divided money we had \$1.57 a piece. We worked 10 hrs. a piece. We corded the stone on the bank. We made 16 cts. per hour. It is worth \$1. an hour per cord for same work. I bought a pair of pants for myself \$1., 3 lbs. butter 45 cts., 3 yds. gingum 17 cts., 1 lb. meat 10 cts., candy 1 ct. Sarah and Charlotte Henry were at our place for dinner.
- 10 Jun Lovejoy sent me 1/ by Martin Beebe for coaling Smith. More on Sunday last. Loafed around town fore noon. The S.H. Johnson came in about 11 am. We began to unload him after dinner. I worked five hours 20 cts. per hr. \$1. Blood and Hart's dock. After supper we went down to M.C.S. Co. and I worked 2.15/60 hrs. taking deck load from the Point Abino. Wife bought 2 bunches of rhubarb 10 cts., 5 eggs 5 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 10 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts., 1 lb. currants 9 cts. Miss Mary Rivers was at our place for dinner.
- 11 Jun I worked 5 45/60 hrs. finishing unloading the Johnson. Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Chester Henry were at our place in the afternoon. I worked 5 hrs. unloading the Point Abino after supper. I worked 1.10/60 hrs. coaling Gratwick. I bought 1 coconut 7 cts., 1/4 lb. tea 12 cts., milk 5 cts., 1/2 doz. eggs 6 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts. Mrs. Baker called this evening.
- 12 Jun I worked 5.45/60 hrs. finishing unloading Point Abino. I helped coal the C.F. Curtis 1.20/60 hrs. 3 am. I went up to Blood and Hart's. Lovejoy and Arnold paid me for work up to the Point Abino. I worked part of the afternoon unloading Prince Alfred. I gave Jane Poland 6/ on work. Martin Beebe fell into the hold of Point Abino and bruised himself pretty bad. He had to go home. He could not work.
- 13 Jun I worked 6 hrs. fore noon unloading Prince Alfred. When I got home wife was sick. I went back and I told Smith that I could not work afternoon. I went home and then went after Dr. Baird. He came. Jane Poland went after Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Beebe went for Mrs. Joseph Heisler. Mrs. Beebe was here when Dr. came. I went and washed and before I had finished washing the baby was born about 1:15 pm. Called him Joseph Wellington Carpenter. Mrs. Joseph Heisler did not get here until after baby was born. I went uptown and bought me a pair shoes \$2.50, 4 lbs. oatmeal 16 cts., 1 lb. granulated sugar 8 cts., 1 bushel potatoes 30 cts., 1 bunch rhubarb 5 cts., bunch radishes 4



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6cts. Wife bought fore noon - 4 lbs. butter 60 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts. I bought 1/2 pint brandy 30 cts. with bottle for wife. Mrs. Wink Baker and Mrs. Baker called in evening.

- 14 Jun John Ward called me last night to coal a boat at Blood and Hart's dock. I worked about 2 hrs. Dr. Baird called this morning and said wife was doing well. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Scoble called afternoon. I was up to John Arnold's. Geo. King came in and Geo. Smith wanted me to come down and coal the King. I worked 2.10/60 hrs. I was around home most all day.



Dr. Robt. Baird

- 15 Jun I worked 3.45/60 hrs. unloading Prince Alfred and part of afternoon unloading same. It was after 4 pm. when I quit. I was taken with a stick in the back and could not stoop. John Hedge took my place. I bought 5 lbs. sugar 25 cts., 1 straw hat for myself 25 cts., milk for 1 week in advance, 1 qt. a day 35 cts. Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Baker called today.
- 16 Jun I hoed part of my potatoes. I could not work in the coal. I had lame back. I settled with Lovejoy and Arnold 14 hrs. unloading Prince Alfred \$2.80, 2 hrs. coaling boat at Blood and Hart's dock. I bought 1 bushel potatoes 25 cts., 1 lb. smoked ham 16 cts., 1/2 cord softwood of Staley \$1.25.
- 17 Jun I hoed potatoes part of fore noon. I went up to Holland's shipyard. I bought a fish hook for putting in trowing spool, 1 bunch fire crackers 5 cts., 1 qt. strawberries 18 cts., 2 bush onions 5 cts.
- 18 Jun I was to father's fore noon. I was at Chester Henry's for dinner. I bought 1 lb. butter 15 cts., 1 doz. eggs 12 cts. I got home 4 pm. John Broad was over to my place. I went with him up to brewery for 1 gal. beer for his mother. They would not sell 1 gal. so we had to go to a saloon.



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19 Jun I was loafing around town waiting for the S.H. Johnson. She went around the night of 16th. and did not get off til this morning. She got here about 11 am. The Thames lighted of her deck load. I worked coaling Porter Chamberlain 37/60 hrs. @15 cts. I worked 2 15/60 hrs. unloading Johnson deck load off from steam scow Thames, Port Lambton, Ont. I bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 1 bunch rhubarb 5 cts., 1 gal. kerosine oil 12 cts.



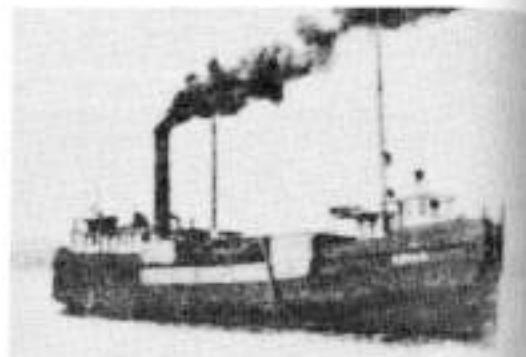
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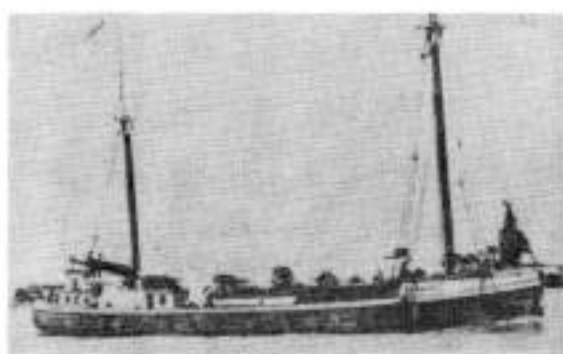


GEORGE KING U.S. No. 85313

George King



N. Mills



F.N. Knapp



Maine



P.M. BIRKHEAD U.S. No. 20400

P.M. Birkhead



Abercorn

Some Ships that James Carpenter Worked On

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- 20 Jun Dan Lovejoy came for me to load up. We coaled Wallace Waldo Avery and S.H. Johnson. I worked on the Avery and Johnson - Avery 2 hrs. and Johnson 15/60 hrs. Jane Poland went home. Rained some this afternoon. Mrs. Baker called. Jane Poland did not get back, rain stopped her. I worked 8.30/60 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson \$1.70 Blood and Hart's dock. Bought 1 lb. beef steak 10 cts., 1 bunch rhubarb 5 cts., 1 lb. dried apples 5 cts., sugar 30 cts., 2 lbs. butter 30 cts. Rain stopped us a little while afternoon.
- 22 Jun I went down to Blood and Hart's dock after I got breakfast. The I.E Mills was in. I stayed and worked on her. Jane Poland got back in time to get my dinner. She brought her sister, Maggie, with her. I worked 11 hours unloading the Mills. After we unloaded the Mills, we worked 1 hour coaling up the Maine of Marysville.
- 23 Jun I helped a Dan Williams unload stone 2 30/60 hrs. 50 cts. Lovejoy and Arnold paid me for work up to date. Bought 1 lb. smoked meat 10 cts., 1 pair heavy shoes for myself \$1., 1 pair slippers 50 cts., 2 pair hose 20 cts., 3 qts. strawberries 25 cts.
- 24 Jun I hoed potatoes part of fore noon. I went down to Blood and Hart's dock and helped 1 hour coaling the Abercorn 25 cts. I finished hoeing my potatoes first time. I went down to the Marine City Stave Co. dock and worked 4 15/60 hrs. loading salt on the Propeller Nashua 2/. Bought 3 lbs. butter 45 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts.
- 25 Jun I worked 8 3/4 hrs. loading the Nashua with salt. I worked 7 1/4 hrs. stowing salt on the boat. Captain paid me for 7 1/4 hrs. \$1.80. The Marine City Stave Co. paid me for balance 5 3/4 hrs. \$1.43. Bought 2 bunched onions 5 cts., radishes 5 cts.
- 26 Jun I loafed around town fore noon. Afternoon, I went downtown. I got a job digging ditch to lay water pipe into Hurds house. I worked 1/2 day 63 cts. I borrowed Joseph Hesler's shovel. Jane and Maggie Poland went to New City Hall to children's concert with Mrs. Baker.
- 27 Jun I began to hill my potatoes for the last time. I went to Blood and Hart's dock. The Lowell was in. She wanted 20 tons of coal. I waited until noon. Went home to dinner as Lowell had to get her boiler fixed before she coaled. I went up to Blood and Hart's dock and worked 1 40/60 hrs. coaling Lowell 40 cts. Joseph Heisler wanted \$6. on rent \$3. balance due him on his house and \$3. on stepmother's

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house. I paid him when I went to coal the Lowell. Bought



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1/2 lb. tea 25 cts., 3 lbs. butter 45 cts. Lydia Henry was at our place fore noon. She wanted wife to go over home with her. I would not let her go. I went uptown to see Bill Nichols who had his leg broke unloading coal and his father about getting work on the water works. I bought 2 lbs. dried apples 8 cts., 3 bunches rhubarb 8 cts. I got paid for working at Hurd's yesterday at Burnity 63 cts. Lovejoy came for me last night to coal C.F. Curtis, I went. Lovejoy paid me Abercorn and C.F. Curtis.

28 Jun I was home all day. I was at the salt block after supper. Schooner Foote came in with coal for salt block.

29 Jun I set up with Martin Beebe until 12 o'clock last night. I worked 9 hrs. unloading Schooner Foote. I bought hat for Willie 5 cts. and got buttons fixed on my shoes, 1 yd. brown duck 16 cts. Mrs. Baker called this evening. Joseph Heisler gave me receipt for money paid on rent \$3.

30 Jun I commenced to work for Nicholas. Worked all day 10/. Bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. pork 15 cts. Mrs. Peter N. Henry and Mrs. Christopher Walker were at our place for dinner. I hoed some potatoes after supper.

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- 01 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas. Willie was with me. Hoed potatoes after supper. I borrowed a spade from a Dutchman across the street from Heisler's.
- 02 Jul I hoed potatoes before breakfast. I went up to work on the water works. Nicholas wanted to lay us off until coal came. I finished hoeing my potatoes. Bought 2 lbs. butter 30 cts., 1 bunch rhubarb 5 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts., 2 doz. pearl buttons 10 cts., 5 lbs. sugar 30 cts., 1 qt. strawberries 9 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., milk 5 cts. Wife was over to Beebe's fore noon and to Baker's in afternoon. Lydia Henry came for wife to go to Sombra with her, wife did not go.
- 03 Jul I heard boat whistle, I went up to Blood and Hart's dock. It was the White and Friant. I worked 1.25/60 hrs. coaling her and 35/60 hrs. coaling Wissahickon and 1.20/60 hrs. coaling the Duluth. I paid Jane Poland \$3. on work. I went over to Sombra in the afternoon to go out to father's for his spade and shovel. I found them at Peter Cattanaach's. Father had sent them out for me. I sent word by Mrs. Peter Henry for him to send them there. I crossed the river with Whitely ferry 15 cts., 1 qt. strawberries 10 cts. I was down where they were unloading brick in Belle River. Wife and Jane and Maggie Poland were over to Lutheran Church to a German wedding. I took care of Willie and Eva.
- 04 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas in water works. Father and stepmother and Roland Henry were over to spend 4th. of July. They were at our place for dinner and supper. John Arnold came for me last night to coal Birkhead. I worked 2 hrs. coaling her 80 paid. Bought 3 lbs. butter 45 cts., 2 lbs. smoked meat 20 cts., 2 qts. strawberries 20 cts., coconut 5 cts. Jane Poland went home today. We did not want her any longer.
- 05 Jul I was home most all day. I was over to see Martin Beebe a little while and had a walk around town a little while.
- 06 Jul I worked 7 50/60 hrs. unloading S. H. Johnson and 1.30/60 hrs. coaling Progress, river dock. Rained while we were coaling and we got all wet. Bought 1 1/4 lbs. beef 12 cts., 3 1/2 yds. shirting 32 cts., 1/4 lb. pepper 10 cts. Maggie Poland picked potato bugs.
- 07 Jul I worked 1 hr. unloading S. H. Johnson. Bought 2 lbs. butter 28 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., milk 2 cts., 1 peck potatoes 8 cts., 1/2 doz. eggs 7 cts., 1 quart strawberries 9 cts. I worked all the afternoon for

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Nicholas. Posted a letter to cousin, Belle, and got buttons fixed on wife's shoes.

- 08 Jul I went up to help Nicholas, Jess Frizze. Told me that coal boat at salt block dock to unload. I went down to salt dock and worked 9 15/60 hrs. unloading I.E. Mills. Bought 1/2 doz. eggs 7 cts., 1 lb. smoked meat 10 cts., 2 qts. strawberries 15 cts., 1 pair canvas shoes for Willie 80 cts., and hat 20 cts.
- 09 Jul I worked 7 hrs. unloading Mills. Total 16 1/4 hrs. \$3.20. I bought 1 pair of pants \$1., 1/4 paris green 13 cts., 1 pkt. turnip seed, 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 2 lemons 5 cts., milk 3 cts. Julius Smith got hurt with a chunk of coal falling out of John Ward's bucket. I paid on Dr. Baird's bill \$5. when Joseph was born. Nicholas paid me for work done on water works \$4.37.
- 10 Jul I worked 10 hrs. unloading S. H. Johnson \$2. Blood and Hart's dock. Bought 2 lbs. beef steak 20 cts., 2 lbs. butter 25 cts., 1 doz. lemons 25 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts.
- 11 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas on water works. Bought 1 gal. black currants 13 cts., 1 peck potatoes 8 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 12 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts., 2 lbs. smoked meat 20 cts., 2 qts. milk 10 cts. I crossed river in Whitely's ferry and walked out to father's and stayed there all night.
- 12 Jul I stayed at father's last night most all day. I was over to Sunday school at Bethel River's Corners. Got a Sunday school paper from there. John E. Carpenter cut my hair. I was at father's for breakfast, dinner and supper. I gave Tom Poland 10 cts. at Sunday school, ferrage 10 cts.
- 13 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas 10/ on water works. Bought some paris green, put on potatoes before breakfast. Bought 1 pair of boots for myself \$3., sour milk 2 cts.
- 14 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas on water works \$1.25. Bought 1 lb. beef steak 10 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts. I was up to Blood and Hart's dock, Allen Fulsom boy had two pickeral. He wanted me to buy them at 20 cts., I had no money. He let me have them, I was to pay him when I got the money.
- 15 Jul I worked fore noon for Nicholas on water works 62 cts. I worked 4 1/2 hrs. unloading coal at salt dock 90 cts. Nicholas paid me for work to date \$4.37. Bought 1 qt. blueberries 12 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 11 cts., 1 head cabbage 5 cts., 1 qt. apples 5 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., I paid



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Fulson 20 cts. for fish, 1 peck potatoes 8 cts., 1 hat 5 cts. for Willie. Miss Mary Rivers and her sister, Becky, and her brother, Geo., were at our place for dinner.

- 16 Jul I worked all day for Nicholas on water works. I and Ed Beebe went fishing in Oliver Yaz's boat after supper, got none. I snagged my hook and broke one of the hooks off. Bought 2 lbs. butter 25 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. meat 8 cts.
- 17 Jul I worked for Nicholas fore noon. I worked 5 hrs. unloading S. H. Johnson. Bought 5 grs. quine 5 cts., whiskey 10 cts., 1 baby bonnet for baby 50 cts., 3 loaves of bread 15 cts., 1 qt. black raspberries 10 cts., 1 qt. green beans 5 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts.
- 18 Jul Dan Lovejoy called me out to coal Oregon 1 10/60 hrs. and 1 hr. coaling Benton and 1 20/60 hrs. coaling at Rice's dock at noon and 11 30/60 hrs. unloading S. H. Johnson. We had our first mess of new potatoes. I bought 1 lb. butter 12 cts., 1/4 lb. tea 12 cts., 1 1/2 qt. black raspberries 15 cts., 2 lbs. pork sausage 20 cts., 1 yd. mosquito netting 8 cts.
- 19 Jul Lucy Carpenter was up to see us. John E. Carpenter stayed at our place last night. I was up to John Arnold's in the evening to see about unloading coal tomorrow. Ida Jane Wright was up to see us in the evening.
- 20 Jul Dan Lovejoy came for me to coal Lowell, worked 1 15/60 hrs. and W.H. Gratwick 1 hr. I went down to Mat Sicken, they did not want me to work in the coal so I went down to Salt block and worked 1 hr. stowing salt in the S. H. Johnson. When Dan Lovejoy came for me to work in the coal in place of Geo. Smith, I worked 8 hrs. unloading coal off Matt Sicken. Bought 1 lb. preserves 10 cts., 1 lb. beef steak 10 cts., 1 doz. lemons 20 cts., 1 baby carriage for Joseph Wellington Carpenter, my baby, \$5., 1 circle comb for Eva May 10 cts.
- 21 Jul I worked 5 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken. Lovejoy and Arnold paid me for work up to date. Bought 1 bunch fire crackers 5 cts., 1 hammer 50 cts., 200 ft. main line for trowing 30 cts., lead line for same 5 cts., 3 yds. ribbon 4 cts., 1 lb. butter 12 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. beef steak 15 cts., 2 coconuts 10 cts., 1 qt. raspberries 10 cts., apples 5 cts., taffy 5 cts., 1 pair stocking for wife 10 cts. Ed Beebe and I went fishing on Dr. Haden's boat, got none.
- 22 Jul Wife and children went over to Canada to visit. I went out with them as far as Chester Henry's on James Dawson's place lot 1, con 11, Sombra. They stayed there for dinner



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and were going out to her mother's after. We crossed in Whitely's ferry 25 cts. return. Bought candy 5 cts., 1 qt. apples 5 cts., 2 loaves of bread 10 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 17 cts. Nicholas paid me for work on water works \$2.50 up to yesterday. Bought 50 bunches of slivers 50 cts., draying 15 cts. I worked afternoon for Nicholas.

- 23 Jul I helped Nicholas all day on water works 62 cts. Bought 1 beef shank 10 cts., 2 loaves of breal 10 cts.
- 24 Jul Martin Beebe and I went fishing in Wallace McIntyre boat, we got none. I went down to Wanzie salt dock to unload Matt Sicken, we could not as the Sicken could not get into the dock. 3 oranges 10 cts.
- 25 Jul I went down to Wanzle dock, worked 3 15/60 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken. Afternoon I worked one hour coaling Ed Smith and 45/60 hrs. building run at Rice's dock. I went down to Wanzie block after, there was no room for me to work. Bought 1 loaf of breal 5 cts., 1/2 lb. butter 7 cts.



Mary (Poland) Carpenter & Joseph Wellington 1885

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- 26 Jul I had breakfast at home and then went over to Sombra and out to Bethel Church. Wife and the children met me there. Rev. W.C. Bunt preached. After church we had Eva May and Joseph Wellington christened. We were at Mrs. Peter River's for dinner. I was at Sunday school. Wife and children and Maggie Poland came home with me. We stayed at Chester Henry's for supper. Ferrage for Maggie and myself 20 cts. Wife was at her mother's all the time she was away.
- 27 Jul I worked 5 10/60 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken, Wanzie dock and 30/60 hrs. at Mat Sicken dock. 1 bunch radishes 5 cts., 2 bunches onions 5 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. sausage 15 cts., 4 loaves of bread 20 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 1/2 lb. cream crackers 10 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts., 1 belt for wife 10 cts. Chester Henry's wife was at our place for dinner.
- 28 Jul I worked 10 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken at Sicken's dock. Bought 2 lbs. pork 20 cts., 1 lb. cheese 10 cts., 1/2 lb. coffee 9 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., 1 qt. blueberries 10 cts., 1 muskmelon 15 cts., 1 head of cabbage 7 cts. We sold 1 peck of potatoes 15 cts. Weather is very warm.
- 29 Jul I worked 4 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken. 2 heads cabbage 9 cts., 5 loaves of bread 25 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 1/2 gal. vinegar 8 cts., 1 doz. eggs 14 cts., 1 qt. raspberries 12 cts., apples 2 cts. I worked 4. 50/60 hrs. unloading St. Clair, Rice's dock and 1 2/60 hrs. coaling Lowell.
- 30 Jul Bought 1 loaf of bread 5 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., 1/2 lb. beef steak 5 cts., 1 pair pernella shoes for wife 50 cts., 1 lb. cheese 10 cts., 1/2 lb. starch 4 cts. I went fishing with Frank Fulson fore noon, caught 10 fish. I brought my share home. Worked 20/60 hrs. coaling Mount Clemens. I went fishing in the afternoon too, we caught 3 and then we went up to fishery and sold Frank's share 9 lbs. @ 3 cts. - 27 cts. The 3 we caught - 4 lbs. 12 cts. My share 6 cts. We caught 10 more after that. I brought my share home. We had Frank's father's boat and my deep trowling rig. Caught 4 big ones.
- 31 Jul I worked 9 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken at salt block and 2 hrs. coaling Birkhead at Lester's dock. Bought 1 lb. butter 14 cts. I went down to salt block to see if Sicken had come in, she had not. I was going fishing when I got up to the woods. Blacksmith shop, I heard her whistle. I took my rig home and worked instead of fishing.

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- 01 Aug I worked 8 hrs. unloading Matt Sicken at salt block and 30/60 hrs. coaling Nebraska at Blood and Hart's dock. Nicholas paid me balance on water works \$1.87 in nickels except 12 cts. Lovejoy and Arnold paid me up to date. I gave Joseph Heisler \$5. on rent for house I am living in. Bought 25 lbs. flour 30 cts., 5 lbs. salt 5 cts., 2 qts. blueberries 20 cts., sour milk 2 cts., 1 qt. sweet milk 5 cts.
- 02 Aug Bought one quart of milk 5 cts. I was home all day. Rained some afternoon. Wife did not go over home as she intended to as it looked too stormy and besides we had two coal boats to unload.
- 03 Aug I worked 4 45/60 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson, Lester's dock. Bought 1 moulding plane 75 cts., 1 lb. finishing nails 20 cts., 2 1/2 yds. cottonade 80 cts., 1 beef shank 20 cts., 2 bunches onions 5 cts., 1 lb. butter 15 cts., apples 5 cts. Rained best part of day.
- 04 Aug Bought 1 qt. apples 5 cts., 3 lbs. smoked meat 24 cts., 1 bar soap 5 cts., 1 cabbage 4 cts., 1 lb. preserves 10 cts., 1 lb. cream crackers 18 cts., apples 5 cts., cucumber 2 cts. I made a picture frame. I worked 9 20/60 hrs. unloading Yosemite, salt dock.
- 05 Aug I worked 8 40/60 hrs. unloading Yosemite, salt dock. Bought 1 cabbage 5 cts., 1 qt. green beans 2 cts., 1 1/2 lbs. butter 20 cts., 1/2 lb. dates 5 cts., 1 qt. blueberries 10 cts. I worked 1 30/60 hrs. coaling White and Friant. 1 yd. muslin 5 cts.
- 06 Aug I worked 1 15/60 hrs. unloading Yosemite - 19 15/60 hrs. altogether \$3.88 paid. Bought 1 lemon 5 cts., 1 qt. apples 5 cts., 2 plums 5 cts., 3 lbs. belones 30 cts., 4 loaves of bread 20 cts., 1 lb. preserves 10 cts., 1 lb. sugar 5 cts., milk 2 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts., 1 package yeast cakes 7 cts., 1 doz. cookies 10 cts., 1/2 lb. tea 20 cts. Mrs. Albert Henry and Miss Sarah Henry and Isabella Brown and Jane Poland were here at our place visiting. Jane Poland brought Maggie Poland with her and left her here and took Annie Poland home with her. I was sick most all day. I got half soles put on my boots at Wings, Front Street - 70 cts.
- 07 Aug I went fishing with Frank Fulson, caught 2 fore noon, 4 lbs. Sold them for 3 cts. per pound - 6 cts. my share. Bought Free Press 3 cts., 1 basket 7 cts. I went fishing with Frank about 4 pm., caught one, brought it home. Bought 1 coconut 5 cts., 1 lb. butter 13 cts. I worked one hour coaling Ed Smith and Lowell - 25 cts.

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- 08 Aug I went fishing with Frank Fulson, caught 3, one of them weighed 7 1/4 lbs. I bought Fulson's share 13 1/4 lbs. altogether. Fulson's share 20 cts. Bought 1 shank 5 cts., 1 lb. belones 10 cts., cabbage 5 cts., 2 loaves of bread 10 cts., 1 qt. milk 2 cts., 25 lbs. flour 75 cts. Wife and I were uptown together.
- 09 Aug I was out coaling C.F. Curtis last night - 1 30/60 hrs. Rained just after I got home, rained this morning. I was home all day. Mr. & Mrs. Beebe called in the evening.
- 10 Aug I worked 7 15/60 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson. They paid me in full to date. I bought 1 bunch onions 2 cts., 3 cucumbers 3 cts., 1 lb. sugar 5 cts., 1 lb. butter 13 cts., beef 12 cts., 1 qt. tomatoes 4 cts., milk 2 cts.
- 11 Aug I worked 5 hrs. loading S.H. Johnson with salt \$1. I worked 36/60 hrs. coaling Frank Moffat - 15 cts. Bought 1 lb. butter 13 cts., 2 peaches 5 cts. Wife and the children went over to Canada to visit - Whitely's ferry. Annie Poland went over with them afternoon.
- 12 Aug I went fishing with Frank Fulson, caught 3. Took them up to fishery and sold them - my share 8 cts. Broke an oar going up, wound it. I saw John E. Carpenter at George Bury's. Lost my spoon and lead line - 30 cts. on a snag. Broke the oar coming down again. Bought 1 lb. sugar 5 cts. I was helping Seeber making a boat after I got home after supper.
- 13 Aug Did nothing all day. Loafed around town. Picture came that I had enlarged \$3. Rained some today. Schooner came to salt dock with coal.
- 14 Aug I worked 7 hrs. unloading schooner, Foote, salt dock and 1 15/60 hrs. coaling Duluth. Bought 1 qt. blueberries 12 cts., 1 qt. apples 5 cts., 2 loaves of bread 10 cts., 1 lb. butter 13 cts. Lovejoy and Arnold paid me to date.
- 15 Aug I worked 10 40/60 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson. Paid \$2.15 tonight. Bought 3 loaves of bread 15 cts., 3 lbs. sugar 15 cts., 1 lb. belones 10 cts. Martin Beebe launched his boat.
- 16 Aug I worked 1 hr. coaling Wissahickon 25 cts. last night. I went to Canada to meet wife, Whitely's ferry. I went out to Mrs. Poland's to see if wife was there. She was over to father's with baby and Eva. Left Willie at Mrs. Poland's. I went over to father's, was there with Mrs. Poland. We were there for dinner and supper. Annie and

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Maggie brought Willie over to father's. Annie and sister, Lucy, came over to Marine City with us. Ferrage for all 40 cts.

- 17 Aug Lucy stayed all night with us. I brought 1 pair suspenders for myself 25 cts. I went to Wallaceburg to see Ed Tully. Saw him in afternoon, he gave me \$1. on order and promised to pay me tomorrow. I paid hotel bill of last April 13, 14th. bed and breakfast 50 cts. I bought 1 lb. crackers 13 cts. I went out to Tweedles and got there about 4:30 pm. We all went to Salvation Army meeting at Morrisies, down south of Tweedles. Wife bought 2 loaves of bread 10 cts., 1 can jelly 12 cts., 1 qt. plums 10 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 1 yd. feather bone 15 cts., 2 yds. red cord for hanging picture 10 cts., 1 coconut 5 cts., 2 yds. dress goods 26 cts., 1 lb. meat 10 cts. I crossed at Miller's.
- 18 Aug I stayed at William Tweedles last night. I went to Wallaceburg and got there about noon. Saw Ed Tully, he gave me \$2. more on order and promised to send the balance by Sam Hart to Wescot House and leave it there for me on next Friday or Saturday. I bought 1 lb. crackers 12 cts. and started for home. Left Wallaceburg about 12:20 pm. and got home about 5 pm. - crossed in Miller's ferry 10 cts. I bought 1 lb. belones 10 cts., 3 balls knitting cotton 24 cts. Wife sent Willie over to Canada to go to school in Sombra. Sold 1/2 bushel potatoes for 25 cts.
- 19 Aug I did nothing fore noon. I worked 1 10/60 hrs. coaling Abercorn - paid. I helped Lovejoy build a new stable afternoon. Bought 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 1 lb. beef 10 cts., 1 qt. plums 10 cts., pears 2 cts., 1 hat for wife 38 cts.
- 20 Aug I helped Dan Lovejoy shingle his barn most all day. Bought 1 lb. beef 10 cts., 1 box matches 2 cts., 1 spool thread 5 cts.
- 21 Aug Coaled Benton 1 20/60 hrs. last night and 20/60 hrs. coaling Oswego 45 cts. paid. Helped Dan Lovejoy put on west gable end in his stable and I worked 2 35/60 hrs. unloading Home at salt dock. Bought 25 lbs. flour 75 cts., 1 muskmelon 13 cts., peaches 2 cts., 5 pears 5 cts., 1 lb. beef 10 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts., 1 peck apples 12 cts., pears and peaches 5 cts. Ed Tully did not leave money.
- 22 Aug I worked 8 5/60 hrs. unloading schooner Home at salt dock and coaling Ruby. Bought 3 1/2 lbs. meat 35 cts., 1 qt. blueberries 10 cts., smoked herron 5 cts., 1 lb. butter 14

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cts., 1/2 lb. coffee crackers 6 cts., watermelon 20 cts.  
Curtis Wright called at our place in the evening, his boat  
was at dock.

- 23 Aug We were home all day. Maggie Poland wheeled Eva around town in buggy.
- 24 Aug Rained most all fore noon. I went down to salt block, Barge William Case was in with 412 tons of coal for salt block. I fixed moulding on cupboard door fore noon. Bought 1 shop bevel 25 cts., 2 automatic pencil leads 10 cts., 1 lb. beef 10 cts., 1 peck apples 13 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts. I worked 3 40/60 hrs. unloading William Case.
- 25 Aug I worked 9 50/60 hrs. unloading William Case, salt dock. Bought 1/2 qt. pail 10 cts., 1 beef shank 20 cts. I fixed other cupboard door at night.
- 26 Aug I worked 45/60 hrs. coaling Oregon last night and 4 30/60 hrs. unloading William Case, salt dock (18 hrs. unloading Case) Bought 2 cabbages 5 cts., 1 qt. onions 5 cts., 1 handkerchief 10 cts., 3 qts. blackberries 15 cts., 7 ears corn 4 cts., 1 pair shoe laces 1 ct. Martin Beebe went down to stave mill for some slivers in his boat, could not get any. I fixed balance of moulding on cupboard.
- 27 Aug Wife and Eva and baby went to Canada in the afternoon, Whitely's ferry. Bought 1 spoke shave 35 cts., 1/2 yds. dress goods 7 cts., candy 6 cts., 1 lb. belones 10 cts., 1 lb. blue paint 15 cts., 1 paint brush 8 cts. Wife broke buggy spring by Alonzo Lapish's place going out to her mother's. I worked 15 min. coaling Ed Smith, 40 min. coaling Weston, 45 min. coaling SS Ruby.
- 28 Aug I worked 5 hrs. loading slats on S.H. Johnson \$1. Bought 1 1/4 lbs. belones 13 cts., pears 5 cts., calliper 18 cts., 1 carpenter's compass 30 cts., 1 qt. syrup 10 cts. I painted cupboard afternoon.
- 29 Aug I put hoop on wash tub and painted it. Went over to father's, was there for dinner. He gave me a jack and jointer plane that my grandfather used to have. Ferrage 10 cts., 1 loaf bread 5 cts., 1 lb. butter 14 cts. 48/60 hrs. coaling Cowie.
- 30 Aug I worked 1 30/60 hrs. unloading Abercorn, 1 20/60 hrs. coaling Abercorn. Wife came home about 5 pm. Maggie Poland came with her.



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- 31 Aug I worked 1 hr. coaling Gratwick last night. Gilbert Brown was at our place for dinner. I worked 5 hrs. loading S.H. Johnson with salt and 10 min. coaling same and 3 10/60 hrs. unloading SS Pelton, slat dock. Bought 8 yds. ginum 80 cts., 1 lb. beef 10 cts., 1 bar soap 8 cts., 2 lbs. butter 28 cts., 1 pint peaches 5 cts., 1 jar jelly 12 cts., 1 lbs. sugar 10 cts., 25 lbs. flour 75 cts., 1 loaf of bread 5 cts., 1 qt. milk 5 cts., sour milk 2 cts. I wheeled 800 lbs. over the rail of the Abercorn yesterday and had to throw about 50 lbs. off before the scales would weigh it. Worked 25/60 hrs. coaling Ketchem. Bought 4 boxes of them, 3 of them cost 30 cts. and the other 20 cts.
- 01 Sep I worked 8 53/60 hrs. unloading SS Pelton and coaling City of Cleveland. Bought 2 1/2 yds. print 15 cts.
- 02 Sep Lovejoy and Arnold paid me today. I ran around town fore noon. Waited afternoon for City of Mackinac to get the rate of freight to Alpena - 30 cts. per hundred on household goods. I went over to Canada with wife and was as far as Joseph Dupuis' and then across to father's. Then out to Bury's to see John E. Carpenter and then back to Marine City. Ferrage 25 cts., 1 qt. apples 5 cts., candy 10 cts., 1 qt. milk 5 cts., mug 2/. Wife gave it to her sister, Jane. Wife took over some picture frames to her mother.
- 03 Sep I went up to Hart's dock. Johnson was not in. I bought 2 1/2 lbs. nails 8 cts., 1 marking brush 5 cts. I marked my boxes for Alpena and cased in my sewing machine for moving. Bought 1 lb. belones 10 cts. I helped Val Sour's a little while raise veranda over kitchen window. He gave me stuff to fix my sewing machine case.
- 04 Sep Rained part of fore noon. S.H. Johnson came in about 9 am. Worked 6 30/60 hrs. unloading her.
- 05 Sep I worked 2 hrs. unloading the S.H. Johnson. I went over to Canada for wife. I went out to Mrs. Poland's and then out to father's. Gales and Bury's machine were threshing at father's. I helped a little while in the afternoon. I took bed pan over to Mrs. Poland's. Maggie and Thomas came over with me. Willie came home too. Bought 1 1/2 lbs. butter 19 cts., 1 lb. beef steak 13 cts., 1 peck apples 12 cts.
- 06 Sep Lovejoy came for me to coal Cuba. Worked 30/60 hrs., was home rest of day.



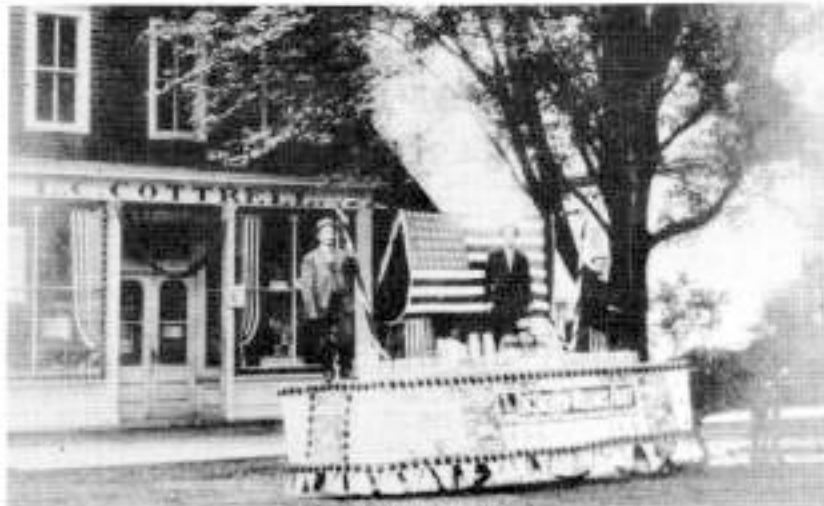
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- 07 Sep Lovejoy came for me to coal steamer barge, Luttle - 1 50/60 hrs. I worked 7.55 hrs. unloading schooner, Rival, salt dock. Bought 2 lbs. butter 22 cts., 1 beef shank 25 cts., 1/2 lb. belones 5 cts., 1/2 lb. tea 25 cts., 300 lbs. coal 45 cts.
- 08 Sep I went down to salt dock. Did not work as it was raining. Came home. Bought 1 pair chest handles 20 cts. and put them on chest. Stopped raining. I worked 1 hr. fore noon and 1 20/60 hrs. afternoon unloading Rival. Rained most all afternoon. Bought 25 lbs. flour 75 cts., 1 peck apples 10 cts. Wife bought 1 wooden pail from Mrs. Beebe 20 cts. Sold her 1/2 bushel potatoes 20 cts., sour milk 2 cts., 1 box baking powder 10 cts.
- 09 Sep I worked 6 15/60 hrs. unloading Rival and one hour unloading S.H. Johnson. Bought 2 1/2 lbs. beef 15 cts., peanuts 5 cts., taffy 2 cts. John E. Carpenter paid me \$14. on what he owed me. Mrs. Peter Criller's Hotel burned at Sombra today.
- 10 Sep I worked 7 45/60 hrs. unloading S.H. Johnson. Bought 1 lb. butter 15 cts., 1 bar soap 8 cts., candy 2 cts., 2 lbs. sugar 12 cts., 1 lb. belones 10 cts.
- 11 Sep I worked 4 hrs. unloading Point Abino and 1 45/60 hrs. coaling Abercorn. Wife's mother and Jane were at our place for dinner. I was down with them and wife to salt block. 1 1/2 lbs. beef 15 cts., 1 lb. belones 10 cts., 1 lb. cream crackers 18 cts., 1 qt. peaches 10 cts., candy 2 cts. Gave Thomas Poland 5 cts. Wife and the children and Maggie Poland and Thomas Poland went home to Sombra. Wife got her mother's picture taken 15 cts. Jane got one too 15 cts. I commenced to dig my potatoes, they are rotten.
- 12 Sep I dug potatoes most all day. I worked 15/60 hrs. coaling Matt Sicken and 1 25/60 hrs. coaling Geo. King and 1 13/60 hrs. coaling SS Ruby. Bought 1 lb. butter 15 cts. Fritz came and got some of the rotten potatoes for his pigs.
- 13 Sep Lovejoy came for me to coal Duluth. I worked 3 5/60 hrs. coaling her and 10/60 hrs. coaling M.M. Drake and 2 30/60 hrs. coaling tug Music. I went over to father's and got the money for my cow \$24. Had dinner at father's and then I went over to Mrs. Poland's and saw wife. Gave her 75 cts. for 1 lb. yarn. Ferrage 10 cts. Paid wife's and children's ferrage 25 cts.
- 14 Sep I was packing stuff to move to Alpena. I finished digging my potatoes - had 10 bushels. I paid Joseph Heisler \$8.60 - balance of rent due him for stepmother's house, up to

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Wednesday next. John E. Carpenter was over to see me and got father's spade and shovel in the evening. He stayed a little while with me.

- 15 Sep Lovejoy came for me to coal Progress 1 20/60 hrs. last night. Packed stuff all day. Stepmother was over today. I bought 1 lb. belones 10 cts. Bought 2 tickets to Alpena \$5. and got my Canadian money changed into American money, 1 peck apples 10 cts. I was to Joseph Heisler's for dinner. He asked me to come and stay all night.
- 16 Sep I stayed at Joseph Heisler's last night and had breakfast there. John Arnold moved me. Marine City Stave Co. dock - 2 loads 40 cts., 4 lbs. belones 40 cts., 2 lbs. crackers 24 cts., 1 cake 14 cts., candy 5 cts. We got on board City of Mackinac about 4:30 pm. Annie and Maggie Poland came over with wife from her mother's in Sombra. We had cold lunch at stepmother's house before we got on the boat. Our children came for free and my ohest came for free too.



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- 17 Sep We got into Au Sauble at daylight. Wind blew pretty fresh crossing Saginaw Bay. Wife and Willie were sea sick. We got into Alpena a little before noon. We went to Central Hotel. They wanted 40 cts. per meal. I could not pay that so we went to Eagle House and had dinner. I looked

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for a house to rent, found one for \$5. a month. Was to let fellow know in the morning. We all had supper at Eagle house and took room with two beds. I paid freight bill on my stuff from Marine City to Alpena \$7.70. They made a mistake and did not charge me freight on 7 bags of potatoes and 2 bags of beans 88 cts.

- 18 Sep I went up to see fellow about house, he had rented it after I left him. I found another one for \$5. per month, I took it. Paid one month in advance \$5. and \$1. per month for water but if I stayed all winter, he would pay for the water. I got same fellow's boy to move my stuff - 2 loads \$1., 1 load of stove wood 25 cts. for drawing same 25 cts., 2 lbs. butter 34 cts., 1 length stove pipe 7 in. in diameter 6 in. at the other end. Paid bill at Eagle House \$2.25. We all had breakfast there. 1 broom 19 cts., 1/2 gal. kerosine oil 7 cts., straw to fill bed 50 cts., 8 loaves of bread 25 cts. We had our dinner in the house we rented. We had roast chicken that Mrs. Poland gave us. I saw Joseph Jacques, my old school mate in Sombra, Ont.
- 19 Sep I helped wife fix up the house and take care of the baby. Bought one bread pan to mix bread in 60 cts., 1 scrubbing brush 20 cts., 2 1/2 lbs. pork 23 cts.
- 20 Sep We were home all fore noon. Afternoon, we went up to Joseph Jacques. They were not at home, we then came back and went out to burying ground and picked some huckleberries and blueberries and wintergreens.
- 21 Sep I looked for work fore noon, could not get any in town but got a chance of going out to Pack's camp 44 miles from town. I got an early dinner and started out to Uncle John Vanalstine. Got there just after dusk, had supper and then Uncle and Aunt and I went over to Robt. McLeod's. We had prayer meeting there. They wanted me to try and pass an examination and teach the school. I told them I would try. We then went back to Uncle's and stayed all night. I bought before I left town 1 lb. butter 18 cts., 1 crock jelly 16 cts., 1 lb. beef 12 cts.
- 22 Sep I had breakfast at Uncle Van's. I then went over to Robt. McLeod's and looked at his house. He said I could have it if I would fix it up until after seeding next spring for nothing. Had dinner at Roberts and then he and I started for Alpena. We stopped at the Mason farm and saw Barker. Spoke to him for a job in the woods. He said wages would be from \$20. to 24. per month. We got to Alpena just after bedtime. Wife wrote a letter to her mother and posted it.

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- 22 Sep Wife bought 1 doz eggs 15 cts., apples 5 cts., peanuts 3 cts. Wife was to bed, got up and got supper for us. Bob and I saw a man by the name of Bilow when we were going to Alpena. He promised to take a load out to Wolf Creek for \$5. Bob was to let him know when I wanted him. We then went back to Wolf Creek.
- 23 Sep Robt. McLeod stayed at our place last night. Had breakfast there. He and I went over to Elder Littles and I tried to pass an examination but could not. I went as far as burying ground with Bob. I bought myself an axe 4 1/4 lbs. 75 cts.
- 24 Sep I was packing my stuff most all day. Cousin Lambert Vanalstine came out to our place for wife and children with his one horse rig. Bought 18 lbs. pork \$1.08, 1 package yeast cakes 10 cts., 2 lbs. butter 36 cts., 1 lb. shot 10 cts. Wife and I were uptown in evening.
- 25 Sep Lambert Vanalstine stayed at our place all night and breakfast. Then he took wife and children and sewing machine out to his father's. Bilow came after dinner. He could not take all of my stuff in one load - has to make two loads of it. He took stove barrel, stove pipe, 3 boxes and my chest, 1 bag potatoes, 2 bags beans as far as his place. I paid him \$5. for first load. In Alpena I bought 2 lengths stove pipe 50 cts., 1 lb. crackers for wife and children on road. They got to Uncle Van's allright. Bought 3 2 ct. post stamps. I went out to Bilow's with him. We unloaded my chest and cupboard and one box and are going to leave it for next load. I had supper at Bilow's. I let Mrs. Bilow's have my Dr. books to read.
- 26 Sep I stayed at Bilow's all night and had breakfast there. I and Bilow started for Wolf Creek about 6 am., went around by Bryant's and got to Bob McLeod's about 2 pm. We were at McLeod's for dinner. We unloaded and started back. I rode out as far as Bilow's with him. We went by way of King Settlement. I walked from Bilow's to Alpena and slept on straw tick in Bilow's house where my things were.
- 27 Sep I walked out as far as burying ground and picked some huckleberries. I went up to Joseph Jacques house afternoon, had supper there. Bought 8 apples 7 cts.
- 28 Sep I stayed at Bilow's house same as Saturday night. Bought 1 package writing paper 10 cts., 1 barrel flour roller process \$5.25, 4 lbs. sugar 24 cts. Bilow came, put barrel of flour and then went up to Bilow's house and

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loaded balance of my things on wagon. Then went out as far as Bilow's. Got there about 2 pm., had dinner there. We loaded on the chest, cupboard, and box on the wagon and drove the wagon into the barn. We could not get baby carriage on load. I had supper there. I left Dr. book with Mrs. Bilow's until I came out.

- 29 Sep I stayed at Bilow's all night, had breakfast there. Bilow's and I started for Wolf Creek after breakfast. Went by way of King Settlement, got to Uncle Van's about noon. We got stuck on railroad track, had to chop wagon out. Went a little farther, wagon tung broke, had to leave it there. I had dinner at Uncle Van's. Bilow had his dinner at Robt. McLeod's. After dinner I unloaded wagon, fixed tung and Bilow went home. Bilow took chest and barrel of flour to our house. I carried rest of stuff to house. I opened box with dishes in and carried them up around by Bryant's. Lambert Vanalstine took up cupboard and box on his one horse wagon.

