

Transcript of Diary of William Neno (his spelling) MacLeod for Year 1917

Stamford, Ontario

(Note: William was born in 1850 at Tralee in Ireland, the middle of 3 children, older brother John and younger sister Elizabeth. His father William (b 1822, son of Captain John), died in 1854 and his mother, Elizabeth S. Gerrard (b.1829, married William Sept 19, 1846) died February 19, 1855 (age 26) when William N would have been 5 years old. It is known that he came to Canada to live with relatives (aunt?), We do not know the fate of his brother and sister. In his diary from 1870 he mentions on August 23 that the Gerrards came to visit so it was possibly a relative on his mother's side that brought him over. He married Doris Katharine Stewart at St. John's Church in Stamford September 24, 1879.

At the time of this writing he would have been 67 and was apparently living in Stamford. The person he refers to as Margaret or Maggie is his third wife the former Margaret Weyland. He had outlived his first wife, Doris and his second, Julia Weyland, the sister of Margaret. The people he calls George or Georgie (Georgina) and Jean (Marion Jean) are his daughters from his first marriage. The person he calls Hal is our grandfather Harold Stewart MacLeod. He and his brother Keith appear to have been running the farm (Ballechin) and Harold appears to have had an off-farm job as well. He would have been 28 at this time.

January

- Monday 1 Drove Hal out to the stone school house. Came home
to the farm. PM watered and fed the cows. Brought Hal home. Fine
day good sleighing
- 2 Morning ...Started to grub out apple trees. N. Murray called PM
- 3 Fine day grubbing apple trees
- 4 Drove Hal to work. Went to the farm. Helped Keith with pump
grubbed out apple trees. PM got the honey from W. Elias(?) Fine
day

5 Drove Hal to work. Poured all morning. Called on Dr. Culverhouse. PM went for Hal. Faired toward evening and colder

6 Took Hal to work. Stormy did not do much

Sunday 7 Went to church. Walked to the farm PM. Mr. Mifs (?)
Page(?) very ill

8 Took Hal to work. Did the chores around the farm. MP a little better

9 Drove Hal to work. Went to the farm. Keith came in and drew out 3 apple trees. Soft

10 MP died at 4 AM. George went back to Oshawa. Was home all day. Snowing and cold

11 Drove Hal to work. Went to the farm and helped Keith with the chores. Cut wood and got Hal PM. 6 below zero last night

12 Took Hal to work. Fussed around rest of day. Went to Ned Murrays in eve.

13 Took Hal to work did the chores. Went downtown to get some meat

Sunday 14 Snowed a good deal last night. Dined and the boys. Sampard(?) and Chil Mewburn were there.

15 Chored AM. Keith and I went to Joe Coldhams(?) PM. Pretty cold

16 Took Hal to work went to the farm. Keith and I went after coal. Could not get any. Called on Clinton Hyatt

17 Very stormy and windy. Did not do much

19 Took Hal to work. Went to the farm. PM. Keith drew a load of feed for C.R. Johnson

20 Took Hal to work. Went to the Falls Got some meat. Cut wood in the PM

21 Sunday Went to church. Had a headache. Went to the docs(?) PM. Snowed towards eve

22 Very stormy all day. Took Hal back and forth. Cut some wood

- 23 Drove Hal to and fro. Drove the ...? To the farm PM did some chores. Nice day
- 24 Drove Hal to work. Went to the South and got Mrs(?) Dawson. Drove her to the farm. Cut wood etc. PM
- 25 Took Hal. Nice morning. Boisterous(?) day. Went to the farm. Keith slew(?) Coates old mare(?) Dined there and did the chores. Got four cwt of coal over the river
- 26 Drove Hal to work. Keith went to Black Creek. I did the chores and went to the Falls P.M. Quite cold. Wrote to Doris
- 27 Drove Hal to work. Semon(?) and I cut some apple trees up. Sawed wood
- 28 Sunday Drove Hal to work. Went to church. Read the Regicider(?) Nice day. Wrote to George.
- 29 Drove Hal to work. Thawing well. Went to Ballachan. Keith and I went for water. Janice Johnston died suddenly last night.
- 30 Drove Hal to work. A nice day. Cut some wood
- 31 Drove Hal to work. Semon(?) and I sawed some apple trees. Went with Keith to fix the pump. P.M. cold east wind.

February

- 1 Drove Hal to work. Met Mr. Nusseu @Onslow(??) Took them to Ballachan. Drove Mr. Culverton(?) to the Falls. Went to Janice Johnston funeral. Much colder. Ten in evening
- 2 Drove Hal to work. Went downtown. Did the chores. Zero last night
- 3 A lb(?) of a day. Snowing and blowing. 6 below last night
- 4 Sunday 10 degrees warmer. Went to church. 26 above PM
- 5 Drove Hal to work. Much colder Zero last night
- 6 Drove Hal to work. Had a bad cold. Went downtown for some meat. Very cold
- 7 Drove Hal to work. Very windy milder. Went to the farm PM
- 8 Drove Hal to work. Windy and cold toward evening. **Drove the Gates girls down and got some meat**

- 9 Snowed hard last night. Hal did not go to work. Cut wood and rested. Zero last night
- 10 10 below last night. Drove Hal to work and cut wood
- 11 10 below zero last night. Had a headache all day. Keith called PM
- 12 Drove Hal to work. Went with Keith for a load of shavings. Very cold zero
- 13 Drove Hal to work. Cut some wood. Went to the Falls with Percy Smith. **Went down in eve for the Gates girls**
- 14 Drove Hal to work. Cut some apple trees, Went with Keith for a load of shavings. Nice day
- 15 Drove Hal to work and cut some wood. It was very cold
- 16 Went with Sid Mewburn to farm AM to mill(?) Very stormy. Keith drove me in. cut some wood
- 17 Drove Hal to work. Went to Falls PM
- 18 Sunday Did nothing all day. Did it well. Was not feeling very well
- 19 Drove Hal to work. Cut and got some wood. Strong east wind
- 20 Went to the farm with Syd Mewburn. Spent the day there to see Craig about the place. Very slippery
- 21 Drove Hal to work. Went for Joe Cadham(?) and took him to the farm. PM. Day fine thawed a little
- 22 Drove Hal to work and did some chores
- 23 Drove Hal to work. Cut some wood
- 24 Drove Hal to work. Cut some wood. Thawing. Went to the Falls. Got Doug shod at Campagnes(?)
- 25 Sunday Drove Hal to work. Went to church. Went to the farm PM. Fine day. Rained last night
- 26 Drove Hal to work. Cut down the Chokecherry trees. Thawing. Sleighing going
- 27 Drove Hal to work. Went to the farm cut wood PM
- 28 Did some washing AM. Cut some wood PM. Nice day. T. Berriman died last night

March

- 1 Went to the farm with Syd Mewburn. Had dinner there. Keith and I went to town PM. Got a load of wood from the Cyanamid. Clear and cold

- 2 Cut some wood AM. Held my head PM. Nice day
- 3 Went to Tom Berriman's funeral. AM. Made a stone boat PM. Cut some wood
- 4 Sunday Went to church. Read and slept. Cold east wind 22
- 5 Snowed and blowed all day. Drove Hal to work
- 6 Drove Hal to work. Very cold zero last night
- 7 Drove Hal to work. Drove the (??) to the farm PM
- 8 Drove Hal to work. Went to the South. Cut some wood. Ned Murray and I went to the Falls PM
- 9 Did not do much. Snowy
- 10 Went with S. Mewburn to the farm. Helped the boys get in some straw. Came in got Margaret. Beautiful day
- 11 Sunday. Went to church. Foggy and wet. Rained at night
- 12 Drove Keith to the station. He went to Fruitland. Ned Murray called PM. He and I went to (??) mill
- 13 Cut some wood and chored round. Wrote to FM in eve. Had a large head
- 14 Choring round. Fine
- 15 Cut some wood. Fine
- 16 Choring round. Went to the farm. Very fine. Clear
- 17 Morning stormy. Blew very hard. Went to the Falls PM
- 18 Sunday. Went to church. Very cold. Keith came in (??) cause I had lice(?)
- 19 Went to the farm. Brought in the horse. Maggie and I went to the Dr. Olmsteds PM
- 20 Went to Hamilton. Took Margaret to the hospital. Had lunch at S. Mewburns. Hal destroyed poor old Paddie
- 21 Went to Ballachan with Sydney. Trimmed some grapes. Got Pearl shod PM. Wrote to George in evening
- 22 Went to the farm trimmed a few grapes. Keith and I went to Lamberts sale PM. Bouk called in eve. Fine day
- 23 Walked to the farm. Trimmed some grapes. Had thunder storm. PM. Called on A. Soden. Bad weather storm in eve
- 24 Walked to the farm. My knee was so bad I could not work. Came home. George came. **Hal was married PM**. George and I sorted trunks PM
- 25 Sunday George worked at trunks (?) all day. Keith came to dinner. George went back at four. Went to N. Murray in eve

- 26 Went out to the farm with Syd M. Trimmed grapes all day. Wrote to Flo(?) in eve
- 27 Went to the farm. Trimmed till when it rained. Walked home and went with E. Murray to his place for tea
- 28 Cleaned some harness. Did not do much rest of day. Very blustery
- 29 Went to the farm and trimmed some. (?) was there to tea. Keith drove me home in eve
- 30 Went to the farm and trimmed all day. Fine and windy
- 31 Went to the farm. Trimmed some AM. Did sundry chores PM

April

- 1 Sunday. Nice day. Went to church. Bouk called in afternoon
- 2 Went to the farm. Trimmed some. Went to N. Murrays in eve
- 3 Went to the farm. Trimmed grapes. Brought Pearl in in the eve
- 4 Went to the farm. Trimmed grapes. Fine day
- 5 Went to the farm. Helped to saw wood till when it rained. Wrote to Jean in eve
- 6 Snowed last night. Beastly day. Did not do much
- 7 Went to the farm. Finished sawing the wood. Trimmed some. Jean came and had tea. Georgie (?) called in eve
- 8 Easter Sunday. Went to Murrays to tea and went to church afterwards
- 9 Helping George to tidy the cottage up. (?) in eve. Went to the Falls in AM Got my hair cut
- 10 Trimmed some grapes. George and I working at the house. Went with Keith to get shavings
- 11 Trimmed grapes AM. Went to the South PM. Ned Murray went with me. Moved to the farm
- 12 Went to move Flemmings. Drew two loads. Very cold
- 13 Went to the Falls for gluten meal. Got Tony shod. Trimmed some grapes. Drove the big team to the office(?) Alfred(?) called
- 14 Trimmed grapes AM. Burnt brush at the cottage PM. Georgie and I went to N. Murray in eve. Very cold. Heard from F. Mewburn
- 15 Sunday George and I went to church. She went back to Oshawa at 5. Boys went to Brady(?) AM
- 16 Finished the old vineyard. AM. Went to the Hoyles PM to see about horse and rig. Very cold. Boys trimming

- 17 Trimmed grapes AM. Plowed PM. Raked lawn etc. The boys trimming
- 18 Plowed in the corn stubble AM. Trimmed grapes in the PM. Went to Flemings in eve to get two tables and gave him notice to quit. Fine day
- 19 Trimmed a few grapes. Got a load of water for spraying. Boys spraying with Ollie Warner's outfit. Fine day
- 20 Finished trimming the grapes. Tidied up around the place. PM. Boyce (?) ladies called. Syd Smith here to tea
- 21 Plowed AM. Went to the South with Hal PM. Got some shoes tead(?) and(?)
- 22 Sunday Went to church. Read rest of today. Wrote to Jean. Fine day
- 23 Plowing all day for oats. Keith likewise. Very cold
- 24 Plowed nearly all day. Went to Brown's for oats. Went to Stamford in eve to show Mr. Brian the house. Called at Murrays
- 25 Rolling AM. Very cold. Keith harrowing. Harrowed some PM. Rained towards eve
- 26 Harrowing nearly all day. Went to Mose Brady's PM. Very cold. Keith drilling oats
- 27 Harrowing and spring tothing. Finished sowing the oats. Very cold
- 28 Harrowing and spring tothing AM. Drawing manure PM. Jean came and had tea. Ned Murrays in eve. Got home at 11(?)
- 29 Sunday Went to church. Read rest of day. Nips(?) Boyce(?) had tea here.
- 30 Spring tothing for oats and getting off grape brush. Beautiful day. Sydney Smith came to work. Keith drawing manure

May

- 1 Spring toothed the pear orchard. PM blew very hard. Blew over the silo. Keith harrowing the peach orchard. Rained a little all day
- 2 Spring tothing grapes AM. Went to the Falls PM
- 3 F. Mewburn died. Hal and I drew off grape brush AM. Burning it PM. Keith moved Mr. Todd in eve
- 4 Got ready for sowing the summer pasture. Keith sowed it. Plowing for sugar beets PM. Boys piling(?) up the silo. Went to Soders in eve
- 5 Very wet and disagreeable. Did sundry chores

- 6 Sunday. Went to church. Went to Des Horns(?) and Murrays PM. Had tea at Murrays
- 7 Finished plowing for sugar beets
- 8 Spring tothing grapes. Very cold. Finished the front vineyard
- 9 Spring tothing in the peach orchard.AM. Working at (?) ground in PM. Keith and Harold drawing brush of old vineyard. Turned cattle out to pasture
- 10 Put on a load of oak and took it to Thorold PM. Planted some cabbages. Went to Stamford in eve
- 11 Disced in the peach orchard AM Very cold. Harrowed the oats PM. Rained towards eve
- 12 Spring toothed in the pear orchard AM Drew off the peach brush and stumps PM Keith discing the peaches
- 13 Sunday. Rented my house in Stamford to Jean Byron. Rent fifteen per month. Went to Dies(?) Pm. Had tea there. Went to church Culverhouse(?) afterwards. Percy card(?) me home
- 14 Drilling for sugar beets all day. Keith drawing manure for corn
- 15 Plowing for corn AM Went to the South PM and got some oats and Sandy shod. Hal sowed the sugar beets
- 16 Rolled the sugar beets and burnt brush. Plowed PM. Had a shower in eve. Had a letter from Dora
- 17 Moved the furniture to boy's house. Went to Falls. Hal helping
- 18 Plowing all day. Fine but cold
- 19 Plowing for corn all day. Sam(?) Dawson came and stayed the night. Keith sowed fodder corn
- 20 Sunday Went to church. Went to the (?) PM and got their paper. A very bad storm of thunder and lightning last night
- 21 Plowed AM Planted some potatoes in the garden PM. Cold east wind tying grapes. Rained towards eve
- 22 Plowing AM for corn. Tying grapes PM. Very warm had a heavy rain by eve had a thunderstorm
- 23 Drove Keith to the station 6:15. Started to tie grapes. Too cold. Plowed at Lofers(?) for corn. PM Keith went to a cattle sale and bought a cow at Breslau
- 24 Day wet and showery.? PM. Went to ?? and played cutthroat. Keith came later (last?)
- 25 Tied grapes AM Single plowed AM in old vineyard. Got the new cow home. Very cold

- 26 Single plowing AM. Planted melons and garden hens(?) PM.
Warmer. Got a load of hay
- 27 Sunday Went to church. Chil and Harry were here PM. Nice day
- 28 Tying grapes and single plowing. Keith in Stamford plowing for Smiths
- 29 Tying grapes all day. Finished the old vineyard. Single plowed a little. Too wet
- 30 Turned to cows out. Single plowing in the old vineyard. AM Tying grapes. PM boys tying. Syd Smith helping AM
- 31 Single plowing the old vineyard and tied some grapes. Wet and warm

June

- 1 Went to the Falls and got Douglas shod AM. Did a little gardening. PM Very wet. Finished tying the grapes
- 2 Got a load of hay from W. Cruikshank(?) AM. Mowed lawn and fussed round PM Georgie and Mips(?) Matheson came in eve
- 3 Sunday. Read and loafed all day. Whites called PM. Fine day
- 4 Spring tothing the little orchard. AM. Plowing the lower peach orchard PM. Fine day
- 5 Plowed till ten when it rained. Spring tothing grapes PM
- 6 Finished plowing the peaches. Went to the Falls and got some flowers. Had a thunderstorm in eve. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were here to tea
- 7 Choring and fussing round the house, fixing flower beds etc.
- 8 Fixing wagon box and rake tongue. Keith went to Sunderers and Hal at Falls
- 9 Cultivated the garden and ..? Single plowed the pear orchard. Keith at Montrose, etc. Hal spring tothing front vineyard. Nice day
- 10 Sunday Went to church. Day very gloomy. Sarah was here. Slept. PM accompanied by Keith's ...?
- 11 Single plowed in front vineyard
- 12 Single plowing in grapes all day. It was hot. Boys grape hoeing
- 13 Single plowing in the front vineyard all day. Hot. Went to St. Kitts in eve to Jean's graduation. Had a bad storm in ..?
- 14 Hoeing in front vineyard all day
- 15 Hoeing in front vineyard AM. Plowed hill in back of house PM. Fine day

- 16 Cultivating sugar beets all day. Keith and I went to the movies PM.
Keith sowed some corn and sugar beets
- 17 Sunday Went to church. Slept PM. Read in eve. Fine day
- 18 Cultivated sugar beets AM. Harrowed for corn PM. Had a heavy
thunder shower in eve. Keith discing for corn. Hal hoeing beets (?)
- 19 Went to Hamilton and saw Margaret. Fine day
- 20 Cultivated sugar beets. Worked in the garden and fussed round in
general. Keith plowing at Warners(?)
- 21 Working at corn ground all day. Keith sowed some in afternoon.
Nice day
- 22 Discing grapes AM. Working land at Coras(?) PM. Keith sowed
some
- 23 Hal and I planted some potatoes. Keith plowing at Coras. Rained
PM. Keith and I went to (?) in eve. (was mad all morning)
- 24 Sunday Went to church. Went to the car ? to meet Jean at Fairy
(?). Gloomy day rained a lot last night
- 25 Discing grapes all day. Fine. Keith plowing at Cora's
- 26 Wet day. Slept principally. Keith and I went to Murrays in eve
- 27 Went to Cummins and got the old team shod. Hoed sugar beets in
afternoon. Keith got some oats and ?? Hal got calf from Mitchell
- 28 Hoed sugar beets AM. Loafed PM. They all went to festival in eve
- 29 Went to the Falls AM. (?) Murray went too. Went again PM.
George came in PM
- 30 Cultivated in garden and chored around. George and I went to
Culver House in eve

July

- 1 Sunday Wet day. Read and slept. George went to church in PM
- 2 Went to Culver House and got the wagon. Drove George?
PM. N. Murray in eve
- 3 Went to Cummins and got the mares shod AM. Cultivating sugar
beets PM Fine day
- 4 Cultivating sugar beets and tying up grapes. Fine day. Keith cutting
some hay
- 5 Hoed in the garden. (?) the wagon. Raked hay in the road sides.
Fine day
- 6 Worked at Cora's AM. Cocked hay PM. Fine day

- 7 Went to the Falls and got Doug shod AM. Hal and I drew in hay PM. Keith cutting at Brown's. Rained at 6
- 8 Sunday Heavy rain last night 4 inches. Read and slept. Went to church eve. George came back
- 9 Went to St. Catharines .. A Murray (?) Had a thunderstorm in eve
- 10 Nothing doing too wet. Keith went to (?) with A. Soder. Hal went to the races at Fort Erie.
- 11 Did not do much. Too wet
- 12 Choring round in ..? Went to ..? in eve
- 13 Drove the family to the boat. Went to C. Murray's. Choring round PM
- 14 Had a heavy rain. Took some cherries to ?? Plowed in grapes. Went to Murrays PM. George and I went there in eve
- 15 Sunday George and I went to church. Read and slept. Soyd (?) Prest sojourned here afternoon and evening
- 16 Plowing grapes all day. Boys raking and cocking hay at Browns
- 17 Plowed some in grapes when it rained. Keith tried to draw hay but had to quit. Choring round
- 18 Single plowing the grapes AM. Went to the Falls for meat PM. Keith went to the (?) place PM
- 19 Plowing grapes. Boys at hay and cultivating
- 20 Finished single plowing the grapes. Cut some hay for Smiths .. old Harry(?). Boys stacking hay at Browns
- 21 Cultivating sugar beets etc. Warm. Boys hay making
- 22 Sunday Very hot 102. Read and slept. George and I went to church in eve called on (?)
- 23 Making hay and drawing cherries(?)
- 24 Ditto. Spent the day at Cummins getting Sandy and Kate shod
- 25 Hot as H...
- 26 Drove Jean to the Falls PM
- 27 Drawing hay and cherries. Very hot. Drew from Murray's
- 28 Took the cherries to the factory. Washed the wagon and did variety of chores. Boys helped Smiths (?) with hay
- 29 Had a thunderstorm last night. Had a headache all day. Went to church in eve. Culverhouses afterwards. Very hot
- 30 Cultivating AM. Raking for Smiths at Murrays PM. Very hot. Finished Murrays hay
- 31 Went to St. Davids with cherries. Cultivated sugar beets the rest of the day. Keith mowing at J. Holmes

August

- 1 Unloaded hay. Fixed the horse rake. Raked and cocked at Jim Holmes PM. Keith drew crowd to monument (?) Very hot
- 2 Hoeing all day. Keith mowing ?? Hal cultivating corn
- 3 Raked some hay and helped to get a load of wood. Hoed sugar beets PM
- 4 Hoeing potatoes AM. Mowing weeds in rear orchard PM. Went to Murrays in eve at Jim Stephens(?) festival(?) Keith mowing weeds
- 5 Hoeing sugar beets and mowing. Hal at Murphy and Syd hoeing sugar beets (?)
- 6 Sunday Went to church. Read and slept. Fine day
- 7 Mowed AM weeds etc. Drew in a load of hay. Cocked some in orchard. Keith discing peach orchard
- 8 Hoeing all day. Keith mowing weeds in peaches. Hal cultivating corn
- 9 Raked some hay and helped get a load of wood. Hoed sugar beets PM
- 10 Hoeing potatoes and mowing weeds in pear orchard. PM went to Murrays in eve at Jim Depews (?) festival? Keith mowing weeds
- 11 Hoeing sugar beets and mowing. Hal and Murphy and Sid hoeing sugar beets
- 12 Sunday. Went to church, read and slept. Fine day
- 13 Mowed AM weeds etc. Drew in a load of hay cocked some in orchard. Keith discing pear orchard
- 14 Disced peach orchard till ten when Hal took the team to Hamiltons to thrash. Keith at Crystal Beach
- 15 Cultivated the potatoes AM. Cocked the hay PM. Keith Hamiltons to thrash. Hot(?) in St. Catharines
- 16 We were thrashing all day. Had 160 wheat and 75 of rye. Had a thunder shower in eve
- 17 Choring round AM. Cut suckers in orchard PM. Keith discing . Fine day
- 18 Went to Cummins to get team shod. Jess and Tony. Could not get them done. Went to the South PM and they shod(?). Keith thrashing at Mewburns(?)
- 19 Sunday Went to church. Went to Cromptons(?) PM. Had tea there. Fine day
- 20 Mowing and getting up oats

- 21 Mowing and getting up oats all day. Keith cutting
 - 22 Slashing grapes and getting up oats. Percy Mewburn finished cutting
 - 23 Morning showery did some chores. Went to the Falls with Hal PM. Keith went to St. Kitts. Had a rain last night
 - 24 Chored round in AM. Plowed in the front vineyard PM. Very dry. Keith took out a load of wheat got 2.25
 - 25 Did not do much all day. Very cold. Called on (?) had at N. Murrays (?)
 - 26 Sunday Went to Bryans. Went to church. Read and slept PM. Fine day
 - 27 Choring round in general. Went to Culverhouse in evening
 - 28 Spreading manure and choring round
 - 29 Day showery. Chored round. Boys went to Warners sale. Hal drawing out manure
 - 30 Boys went to Toronto. Syd S and I did some work in the grapes. George came back
 - 31 Working at grapes
- September
- 1 Discing grapes all day. George and I called on the Reids in evening. Had a thunder storm last night
 - 2 Thunderstorms and wet this morning. Met Jean and Mrs. Duff at the car PM
 - 3 Drove George to the boat. Picked plums afterwards. Keith discing grapes
 - 4 Took a load of plums to the factory. Got Pearl shod. Took 92 baskets
 - 5 Turned out oats AM. Drew in PM
 - 6 Rained last night. Picking plums all day. Keith cut hay at Bradys
 - 7 Took a load of plums to the factory. Picked rest of the day. Jean spent the day here
 - 8 We finished picking the plums. I took them to the factory. Keith raking and cocking at Synders (?)
 - 9 Sunday Went to church. Read and slept PM
 - 10 Threw (?) some oats to dry. Went to the Falls PM. Very cold. Keith drew in some oats
 - 11 Turned out the last of the oats. Went to Sonders (?) PM. Went to Garnetts. Keith drawing logs for Reulley(?)

- 12 Finished the oats. Went with Garnett to get seed wheat at Byron.
Gossiped rest of day. Boys started the peaches
 - 13 Went for a walk AM. Western Fair PM
 - 14 Walked and talked all day. Went to Wilkinson in the eve and got beat in a game of 500
 - 15 Went to London. Found the Scotts. Had dinner there. Played 500 in eve
 - 16 Fred and I went for a walk to Scotts PM called on Francis Seabrook.
Saw Merton Shore. Boys (?) went to McKinneys
 - 17 Spent the night at Scotts. Came home saw the (?) at Hamiltons. Boys picking peaches
 - 18 Picking and drawing peaches all day. Drew one load
 - 19 Picking peaches all day. Boys at Thorold Fair
 - 20 Drew 3 loads of peaches to factory 336 baskets. Boys picking
 - 21 Took 2 loads of peaches to factory. Boys picking
 - 22 Took a load of peaches to factory. Chored round. Had tea and spent the eve at Murrays
 - 23 Sunday Read and loafed. Fine day
 - 24 Picking peaches all day. Keith shipped Garnett peaches
 - 25 Picking peaches AM. Took a load to the factory. Hal and Syd S. took a load to Thorold. Keith thrashing at Warners AM
 - 26 Picking and drawing peaches
 - 27 Drew 2 loads of peaches to factory. Boys picking. Jean had tea here
 - 28 Drew 2 loads of peaches to factory. Finished the peaches
 - 29 Drew a load of peaches to factory. Finished them. Washed my buggy and went to town PM
 - 30 Sunday Went to church. Read and slept. Jean called. Fine day
- October
- 1 Helping with the silo AM. Choring PM. Keith threshing at Prests
 - 2 **Harrowing vineyard all day. Went to Murrays to tea. Mabel's baby was born at 9:30 PM**
 - 3 Day showery. Did not do much
 - 4 Went to John and Jimmie(?) Browns AM. Choring PM
 - 5 Choring round. Loaded some corn for the silo. Keith cutting corn.
Got Kate and Tony shod AM
 - 6 Filling silo all day. Very cold
 - 7 Sunday Had a headache all day. Did not do much. Went to church in eve. Went to Prests afterward with Jean

- 8 Choring AM. Drove Jean to Stamford Fair PM. Morning showery. Stan Prest in eve
- 9 Cut some corn. Hal and I went to Loughs(?) sale PM. Keith in St. Catharines to be examined
- 10 Went to Stamford and fixed Nora's grave Picking pears rest of day. Keith helping Browns with silo
- 11 Went to Marsh & Brights for boxes. Cut some grass and drew it in. Took a load of wood to C. McCarthy. Boys picking Kieffer pears
- 12 Day showery. Did not do much. Snowed a little
- 13 Finished picking the pears. Choring PM. Hal picking grapes
- 14 Sunday Went to church. Thanksgiving service. Read and slept rest of day
- 15 Cut grapes all day. Keith took the first load
- 16 Cutting grapes all day
- 17 Cut grapes. Rained about 3. Went to Stamford for the mail
- 18 Cut grapes till 3 when it rained
- 19 Rained heavily all morning. Did nothing. Keith and I went to the Falls PM. Got my hair cut
- 20 Cut grapes all day. Very cold
- 21 Sunday Cut grapes all day. Quite cold
- 22 Cut grapes all day. Went to Murray in eve with Keith
- 23 Wet day. Did nothing
- 24 Rained heavily all day. Did nothing
- 25 Morning wet. Keith and I went to the Falls PM. I got some rubbers
- 26 Cutting grapes all day. Very cold. Finished the vineyard across the road
- 27 Cutting grapes. Took a load to Marsh in eve. Keith went to Sutton
- 28 Cut grapes AM Hunted calves (?) m. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Russel, Mr. Page, Mr. Boyce dined here. Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton here to tea. Sarah spent the day also
- 29 Rained off and on all day. Scraped up the yard and got the mail. Hamiltons called and Hal returned it (?) PM. Keith came back
- 30 Helped Keith and Percy Mewburn load logs AM. Hal and I went to Murrays sale PM. Very cold blustery snowed
- 31 Helped Keith to draw logs. Drew out and finished the grapes. Drew 1 ½ half tons (?) Snowed all day

November

- 1 Choring AM. Keith went away. Helped E. Semoir(?) move his barn PM. Hal at the Falls. Princess had a calf
- 2 Did chores AM. Hal and I went to Garners sale PM. Cold day
- 3 Working at sugar beets all day. N. Murray in eve
- 4 Sunday Went to church. Called on Dees(?) in afternoon. Fine day froze very hard last night
- 5 Working at sugar beets all day. Fine day. Froze the sugar beets last night
- 6 Working at sugar beets all day. SS(?) helping
- 7 Working at sugar beets all day. Froze hard last night
- 8 Hal and I went over the river for coal AM. Finished the sugar beets Pm. Got 48 cwt
- 9 Went to Garners after oats. S. Smith went with us. Got 110 bushels for 70 (?) Went to Creves (?) PM. Got a grist ...(?)
- 10 Choring AM. Hal and I went to Prests to fill silo PM. Hal went to town in eve
- 11 Sunday Went to church Read and slept rest of day. Mr. & Mrs. Dawson (?) here to tea
- 12 Tidying up in general all day. Fine day
- 13 Got the team(?) up and got Jess and Kate shod PM. S. Dawson got them PM. Keith came in eve
- 14 Choring and fussing all day
- 15 Choring round. Got the team shod
- 16 Did not do much. Fine day. Hal took some pears to the Falls and sold them at 1.50 and 1.25(?) a bushel
- 17 Chored AM. Went to Cranes(?) for oilcake PM. Drew in some corn & cut some feed(?)
- 18 Sunday Read and slept & chored all day. Mr. Boyce called PM. Keith in St. Kitts
- 19 Threshed Had 435 bushels of oats. Keith went back to Toronto 7:30 PM
- 20 Choring round. To the Falls for bran(?). Hal threshing at Mewburns
- 21 Went to Scotts and Marsh with pears. Hal helping Fenrock(?) to thresh. Chored PM. Wrote to Jean
- 22 Sorting pears all day. It was wet and warm
- 23 Put up the coal stove and cleaned it. Choring ..(?)
- 24 Hal at market with pears. Sold for fifty a basket. I did the chores
- 25 Sunday Read and slept and did the chores. Fine day. Sara here

- 26 Did the chores. Hal helping the Soders to thresh. Fine day
- 27 Choring round
- 28 Did the chores. Keith came from Toronto in eve. I called on Murray
- 29 Choring all day. The family went to town. Fine day
- 30 Choring all day. Hal and I went to meet George in evening. Rained hard all day

December

- 1 Got up some wood and choring. Had Keith's birthday party in evening
- 2 Sunday Went to church. Walked. Called at Bryans. Jean came to tea. Very cold
- 3 Choring. George went away at 4:30
- 4 Got a load of rails from lower bush AM Took them to Guess(?) at the South PM Keith went away at 7:35. Munro sale(?)
- 5 Fixing fence in barnyard AM. Sorting pears PM. Very cold. Hal took the pears away
- 6 Choring round all day. Hal sold the balance of the pears at 50 cts the basket
- 7 Did the chores. Got Sandy shod. Hal and Mabel had an accident in Stamford coming from St. Catharines
- 8 S. S. Mewburn and I brought home the car(?). Very cold Stormy PM. Did the chores
- 9 Awfully cold and rough all day. Down to zero
- 10 Did the chores. S. Smith helped. Keith came at 10 PM. Sleighing
- 11 Choring round in general. Keith went to the Falls. A. Soder here in eve
- 12 Drove Keith to the station. Choring round. Drove Percy Mewburn to the ??? to be married(?) Hal got the new cow
- 13 Went to Prests and got their sleigh. Drew up a load of rails and took it to Clemos(?) PM. Got a load of shavings. Snowed PM
- 14 Choring AM. Went to Cummins(?) PM and got Tony shod
- 15 Choring in general. Hal and I went to the Falls AM. Got Sandy shod and went to Archie Thompson's PM
- 16 Had a headache. Helped Hal with the chores. Sara was here
- 17 Helped Hal to load his cattle to go to Welland. Voted. PM. Fine day. Hal got in at ½ past 4 PM
- 18 Choring round in general. Hal got home from Welland at 11 PM. Fine day

- 19 Choring AM. Went to Stamford PM called on Bouk
- 20 Hal and Syd cutting straw all day. Cut some in
- 21 Went to the Falls and got my hair cut. AM. Was not well. Hal and Syd got a load of shavings PM. Corny (?) had a calf
- 22 Choring round in the AM. Hal at Falls. Killed pigs PM. George came home in the eve
- 23 Did chores. Fine day. Alfred called PM
- 24 Went to Hamilton and saw Margaret. Quite soft. Had tea at the Murrays
- 25 Did the chores and ate turkey and plum pudding. Cold day. (?) Johnson married this eve
- 26 Choring round in genera. Alfred Soden here in eve
- 27 Cut up the pigs AM. Drew a load of rails to Bouks PM. Young folks went to Freemans in eve
- 28 Did the chores. Drove Georgie to Prests & car(?) PM. Down to zero
- 29 Very cold. 7 below. Did chores
- 30 Did the chores. Jean came on the four car. Went to meet her. 7 below last night
- 31 Went and saw Perriters(?) hay and went to Hendersons and got a rooster. Met Sara at the 4 car

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- 1 Went to Jimmy Browns to look at hay. Cut wood PM. Zero last night
- 2 Did the chores. Very cold
- 3 Choring. Took a load of rails to Stamford PM
- 4 Did the chores. Hal took a grist to Cranes. Fine day
- 5 Hal went to market with chickens. Got 30 cts a pound. I went to D. ??? and Cromptons PM. Tead at Cromptons
- 6 Sunday Did the chores. Sarah here. Rained towards eve
- 7 Choring. Hal and I went to vote Pm. Snowed heavily AM
- 8 Got ready to draw hay. Got a load from Browns PM
- 9 Cut feed. Percy Smith helped. Snow some

The end

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