

Garrison William Shadd (1839-1892)
1885-1887 Diary

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Monday 2nd February 1885

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

Tuesday 3 Feb

Cloudy Ther 24 above Z Wm and I took sawdust out of wood shed & drove mice Miss Nell to Fletcher to see if ice on pool was good Father went to Buxton to see bolts measured

Wednesday 4 Feb

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

Thursday 4 Feb 5

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

Friday Feb 6

Clear, cold, Ther 14 below Z Wm and I took a few bolts to Buxton and brought back two loads of saw dust for ice Wm drove colts to ninth concession

Saturday Feb 7

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

Monday 6 Feb 8 9

Cloudy, rained all afternoon, Ther 20 above Z, Wm put new plunger in pump I went down and got aunt Mary and Bushed out some hickory wood

Tuesday Feb 7 10

Cold blustry, Ther 1 below Z, Father came home from Ann Arbor with medicine from Dr White for himself, Mother & Jos^h, we shelled 8 bus of corn for grist

Very cold blustry Wensday Feb 8 11 Ther 16 below Z, chores hauled couple bags of fodder

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Thursday February 192th 1885

Cloudy, Ther 10 above Z, bushed out cord wood, faned corn to go to Merlin for grist.

Friday 40 13th Februar {faded}

Clear, cold, Ther 14 below Z, Wm and I bushed out all cut hickory wood hauled two load of straw to stable and one of fodder to barn Father went to Merlin with grist but did not get it ground

Saturday February 14

Clear, cold, Ther 16 blow Z Father and Willie went to town and took 6 BM of wheat Brought back 210 lbs of flour, I hauled up some tops

Sunday Feb 15

Cloudy, pleasant, warm, Ther 17 above Z

Monday Feb 16

Cloudy, windy, turning cold, Ther 12 above Z, Wm, De, Flavius, I thrashed beans in barn, afternoon Father went to Merlin and got meal grist

Tuesday February 17

Clear, cold, Ther 10 below Z Wm & I thrashed beans in the barn with horses. Tim & George & Kate & bet, D & Flave rode horses

Wednesday Feb 18

Cloudy Ther Z thrashed beans in the barn with horses

Thursday Feb 19

Clear, cold, Ther 2 below Z we finished thrashing beans Father and Mother went to Buxton took some yarn to Mamie Kersey ~~to~~ and donation to Elder Brown

Friday 20 Feb

Clear, Cold, Changed the Thermometer from porch to back of kitchen making diff of from 8 to 19 this morning 4 below Z Father went to town with 30 bu of wheat for grist got due bill and brand Wm and I fanned up beans

Clear, Ther 13 below Z, Saturday 21st Feb

Father and I went to town took 50 bus of beans got .85 cts. per bu Wm and De hauled to some tops for wood a load of fodder to barn & hay to

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Monday February 23 1885

Clear, sun shining bright thawing about noon morning temperature 10 degrees below Z Willie and I hauled up wood for fires

Tuesday Feb 24

Cloudy warm Ther 7 degrees above Z Thawing about noon Willie & I hauled load of hay and of straw to stable after dinner hauled two loads small logs to Kersey Mill to get sawed

Wednesday Feb 25

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

Thursday Feb 26

Cloudy, Warm, thawing, Ther 20 degrees above Z, Father and Mon picked beans Wm and I hauled out some hickory wood Willie picked beans Willie hauled with Mic and Nell and some fodder to barn

Friday ~~Feb~~ 27

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

Saturday Feb 28

Clear Ther 20 degrees above Z Father and Alfred went to town took 200 lb bag got \$6 per b cut Willie and I sawed fire wood afternoon bushed out some hickory wood off of line Jane West began wash this morning

Monday ~~4st~~ March 2nd

Clear, snowed during night a little Ther 20 degrees above Z Wm Alfred & I hauled fodder into barn all day Chas Simpson got a load of fodder

Tuesday March ~~2nd~~ 3rd

Cloudy, Snowing, blustering, Ther 28 degrees above Z Father Mother and all picked beans in the forenoon Willie Alf and I hauled fodder in aftern

Wensday March ~~3rd~~ 4th

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

Thursday March 5th

Some Scattered Clouds Ther 24 degrees above Z Willie and I got a load of saw dust each from Buxton papa picked some beans went to the literary society tonight as usual O Shadd Wm {page rip}

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Friday March 5th 6 1885

Clear Ther 12 degrees above Z Willie and I bushed out some hickory wood Father went to Buxton got \$5 from colt man Wm finished cutting pigs up

Saturday March 7th

Cloudy, little snow last night Ther 20 degrees above Z Father and Mother went to Chatham Willie and I bushed out some hickory wood Tidy heifer had a calf this morn Mr Richard Peaker died this Evg at 20 min to 7 oclock

Monday March 9th

Clear cold windy, ther 12 degrees above Z Father Willie and Alfred went to Mr Peaker's funeral (Sold Mic and Nell to Thorps for \$200) Changed stals and fixed stable a little

Tuesday March 10th

Clear cold Ther 16 degrees above Z I went down and got Aunt Mary and GrandMother come and the rendered lard Willie and I began to saw stove wood to dry

Wensday March 11th

Clear cold Ther 6 degrees above Z Father went to town Willie bushed out rest of hickory wood making about 23 1/2 cords

Thursday March 12

Cloudy cold Ther 16 degrees above Z Willie and I sawed stove wood

Friday March 13

Clear few clouds Cold Ther 6 degrees above Z Willie and I loaded a load of hay put it in stable Father and Wm Salted up the pork Snowed a little

Saturday March 14

Clear cold in morning rained in evening string wind from South Ther 4 degrees above Z Father and I went to town

Monday March 16

few clouds cold Ther 6 degrees above Z Wm and I sawed stove wood

Tuesday March 17

clear cold Ther 7 degrees above Z Willie and I sawed stove wood all day

Wednesday March 18th

Cloudy Ther 12 degrees above Z snowed hard morning and evening Wm & I hauled out hickory wood about last, makeing about over 25 cords also some rails along western line fence Father went to Pekers ~~tes~~

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Bull Account 1885

Aug 11th Amer Cooper one Cow to Bull

Aug 28th Amer Cooper one Cow to Bull

Sept 2nd Amer Cooper one Cow to Bull

Sept 20th Amer Cooper one Cow to Bull

Nov 10th Felix Shreve two 2 cows to Bull

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March 11th one 1, John Orton 1 Cow to Bull

April 1st Orton one Cow returned

May 12th Tohmas Clark 2 heffiers to bull

May 26th Patrck Forhan 1 cow to bull

May 27th Emab Ebar 1, cow to bull

June 2nd P. Forhan 1 cow to bull

June 4th C Simpson 1 cow to bull

June 6 John Orton 1 cow to bull

June 10th ~~Thomas Clarish one cow to bull~~. 10th C Simpson 1 cow to bull also

June 11th Dennie Griffin 1 cow to bull account taken from Diary

1887 Dates for breeding of stock for year 1887

May 3rd breed Gin to Young Wonder, Wheeler & Smithes horse

May 5th breed Polly to Young Lord Hadds

May 12th breed Kate to Lord Hadds

May 17th breed Dolly Doll to Young Wonder

June 2nd rebreed Kate to Hadds

1888 Dates of berths of Stock 1888

April 17th Doll mare had a horse colt Nan

April 24th Gin had a horse colt & breed Doll mare to Dick

breed May 3rd Kate to Young Wonder & Gin to Dick

ReBreed May 9th Doll mare to Dick May 26 rebreed Gin to Dick

June 21st ~~re~~ Breed Doll to Young Wonder cows to bull 1888 July 8th Dinah & bloss cows to Thomas Clarks bull July 18th a heffier to bull August 1st Dolly ba heffier to T Clarks bull, august 14th a heffier (White) to T C- bull

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Dates of breading and births of stock of 1886 Breed March 26th one sow to J John Lecocq's boar

"April 3rd Essex sow to John Lacocq's Boar

"May 10th breed Jewel mare to our own Dick colt

"May 12th Kate to Henson's horse at Fletchers Aunt E Beau beant also

" May 14th Jin; mare; to Dick, May 19th Aunt E Kate to Henson's horse

Births May 1st Jewel 3 yr colt bought at Tilbury center last spring had a mare colt

May 10th Shimmer cow had a calf

May 22nd Dinah cow had a calf

June 12th Flower cow had a calf

June 28th Rose cow had a calf

April 4th 1888 breed Aunt E Kate mare to our Dick

Return Breeding; jewel colt to Dick June 6

"June 7th gin colt to Dick

"June 9th breed Kate to Henson's horse first breeding June 11th Joseph Rice one mare to Dick

June 22nd bred a mare for John Orton to Dick

June 23rd breed a mare for John Orton to Dick

June 26 breed a mare for Joseph Rice to Dick

Dates of Births stock for year 1887

March 7th a littler of pigs of Essex sow

April 11th a heifer got at Rice's sale had a calf

April 22nd Bloss hiffier had a calf

April 25 Shimmer cow had a calf

June 15 Rose cow had a calf

October 4 Cherry heffier had a calf 2 sows had 12 pigs @ 6 each; June 20th Essen sow had 13 pigs 3 die

X Dates of Births of stock for the year 1888 X

February 12 Dolly cow had a calf February the 12th

May 15th Flower cow & Pink heffier had a heffier calf each

May 20th sp Shimmer cow of a calf

May 23rd 2 sows had 6 - 9 pigs

June 20th Essex sow had 12 pigs 3 died

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Tuesday March 19th XX 1885

Clear cold Ther 1 degree below Z Willie and I hauled 400 rails out around west and north lines

Friday March 20th

Clear cold snowed little during night Ther 4 degrees ~~ab~~ below Z Willie and I chopped down and piled brush of smal trees hauled load of

Saturday March 21st

Clear cold Ther 5 degrees below warming 24 degrees about noon previous morning 10 degrees below Z Father went to town Aunt Emmaline Simpson went with him P Willie and I hauled out 482 rails

Tuesday March 24th

Cloudy warm Ther 26 degrees above Z Snowed some this after noon Willie went up and got Rachel, James after Father and him went to Kennedy Sale bought, 1, one 2 year old colt, mare for \$78 and at Bull \$35

Wednesday March 25th

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

Thursday March 26 26th

Cloudy Warm Ther 30 degrees above Z rained during day to 52 degrees above Z Willie went down and drew out rail cuts for GrandMother Alf and I hauled out 240 rails

Friday 27th March

Cloudy Warm Ther 40 degrees above Z Wm Alf and I hauled a load of hay and of straw to the stable Father took Rachel James horse

Saturday 28th March

Cloudy Ther 30 degrees above Z Father went to town Willie and made Fravoy bushed out soft wood on it in after noon

Monday ~~29th~~ March 30th

Cloudy snowed hard in morning Ther 20 degrees above Z Willie sharpened little croscut saw made two pokes for horses, small handle

Tuesday March 31st 1884

Cloudy rained this morning Ther 36 degrees above Z Willie and I washed Dick Sam and Bet all over first with Lie then with disinfectant

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1885 Wensday ~~March~~ April 1st

Clear Ther 32 degrees above Z Willie and I took 5 bu of potatos and sawed some stove wood

Thursday April 2nd

Cloudy Ther 33 degrees above Z Willie and I sawed stove wood rained in afternoon Rose cow had a calf

Friday April 3rd

Stormy snowed heavy Ther 28 degrees above Z Willie and Emal Ebare sawed stove wood on shares in afternoon rest picked beans

Saturday March 4th

Clear 20 degrees above Z Wm Emal and I sawed stove wood and har

Monday April 6th

Clear 34 degrees above Z Willie went to town for medicine for Mother and Joseph horse back I sawed stove wood with Emal on shares rest picked beans father let some water off the wheat

Tuesday April 7th

Cloudy Drisling rain Ther 38 degrees above Z Willie Emal and I sawed stove wood in afternoon James & Harris began to trim apple trees

Wednesday April 8

Cloudy Ther 36 degrees above Z Willie Emal and sawed stove wood

Thursday April 9

Clear Ther 24 degrees above Z hauled load of straw and of hay to stable Willie and Emal sawed January Ebar and I split stove wood

Friday April 10th

Clear Ther 22 degrees above Z got grist of corn ready Father took it to merlin got it ground took out some potatos

Saturday April 11th

Cloudy Stormy snowed about 6 in during night and today Ther 32 degrees above Z all picked a few beans

Monday April 13th

Cloudy blustry snowed a little Ther 29 degrees above Z all picked a few beans

Tuesday 14th April X

Clear Ther 29 degrees above Z cloudy in afternoon snowed a little Willie and I bushed out stove wood in forenoon fixed lieleach Began X to Plow tryed them in field back of house in

sod x January Ebar began to pile brush James Harris finished trimming trees in young orchard

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Thursday April 15th 1885

Cloudy Stormy snowed a little in morning rained nearly allday Ther 35 degrees above Z picked last of beans Paterson helped us ring the bulls father Willie and I fanned oats rest of day

Friday April 16th

Clear Ther 35 degrees above Z Willie took plows points and cutters to Fletcher got them sharpened cleaned out some ditch in afternoon January Ebar filed brush in slashing

Friday April 17th

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

Saturday April ~~18~~ 18th

Clear in morn cloudy afternoon Ther 40 degrees above Z Willie and I plowed in sod back of house rest cleaned trimming of trees out of orchard

Monday April 20th

Clear morn cloudy very warm Ther reached 70 degrees above Z Willie and I plowed in sod sod Father sold Billy steer and Lilly heifer for \$45

Teusday April 21st

Cloudy very warm Ther reached 82 degrees above Z morn ton temperature 54 degrees above Z Willie and I plowed in sod

Wenesday Wesday April 22nd

Few clouds very warm Ther reched 81 degrees above Z Willie and AJ plowed in sod

Thursday April 23rd

Cloudy very warm Ther reached 83 degrees above Z Father went to town to attend before the master on a summons brought out by Dennis sent doctor Springer out to see Mother Willie plowed in sod I took out 2nd but of potatos but of beats and some carrots

Friday April 24th

Cloudy Ther 62 degrees above Z, noon 59 degrees above Z hot wind last night rained shower in morning heavy mist Father went to town to attend Chancery Corbet Willie finished plowing sod plowed strip of sod in cornfield I took out carrots

Saturday April 25th

Cloudy cool Willie went to town to spring Fair horseback Father and Flavius shined clover fields HD rolled one east of orchard portion of other

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1885 Monday April 27th

Clear beautiful Ther highest 62 degrees above Z, Willie scraped the road in forenoon plowed in No 2 finished rolling clover in No 5 began to roll sod in No 4

Tuesday April 28th

Clear in morning Cloudy windy shower of cold rain and hail Ther 40 degrees Willie sowed clover seed in part of No 1 I harrowed it JD rolled it also for benefit of wheat, harrowed in No 4, cleaned seed oats in afternoon

Wednesday April 30th

Cloudy Ther 52 degrees Willie sowed baresputs in No 3 clover I and JD harrowed and rolled began to sow Oats on sod in No 4 a long continued rain began this evening Father got 2 shots hogs from Uncle Mack

Friday May 1st

Cloudy Cold Frosted little Ther 36 degrees Father went to town got some flour and medicine Willie and I put a Slide gate into cornfield fixed line fence between us and Lucas Lacocq

Saturday May 2nd

Few clouds changed cool Willie sowed oats in No 4 JD and I harrowed them in

Monday May 4th

Few clouds cool Ther 40 degrees (yesterday was cold froze some heavy frost rained in night) Father took up the school Desks Willie and I took out the pit of seed potatoes Father and I took Desks and other things over to new school house Willie plowed rest of No 2 and garden removed fence off it to orchard

Tuesday May 5th

Cloudy rained showers Willie and I went down to Uncle Amarcus's and got two shoots bags ~~fr~~ he recently bought shelled 30 bu of corn D and F the cobs

Wednesday May 6th

Cloudy sprinkled rain alittle Father and Alf went

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May 6th 1885

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

Thursday May 7th

Cloudy cool Ther 50 degrees rained heavy last night Willie and I plowed school lot for Emal, hung up the meat meat, Father let some water of wheat in No 5

Friday May 8th

Cloudy, very cool, windy, Ther 40 degrees Willie and I ditched with Shade on back of corn field No 6, D and F cut corn stalks, began cold ram this evening

Saturday May 9th X

Cloudy "Snow" Blizzards, heavy but of short duration windy turned to rain and snow in afternoon Ther 39 degrees Father went to town took 31 bu of corn got 50 cts per bu, had Bet's teeth ~~fil~~ filled Willie and I ditched up back of corn field

Monday May 11th

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

Tuesday May 12th

Cloudy showered in afternoon Ther 40 degrees Father went after some chickens Willie and I ditched in corn field

Wednesday M 13th May

Clear foggy Ther 40 degrees warm pleasant Willie and I finished the ditch in cornfield up to barn forenoon plowed sod for potato patch in young orchard

Thursday May 14th

Clear heavy fog, Ther 39 degrees reched 63 degrees buds are beginning to unfold on apple trees Willie sowed few Oats in No 2 De harrowed it I cultivated it afternoon Wm fixed part of back line fence JD and harrowed sod for beans in No 4 smallest bought Uncle Mack died Father sawed garden seeds, Onions, Lettuce, Parsnip

Friday 15 May

Clear warm Ther reached 81 degrees Father drilled in some carrots & parsnips seeds I got scraper from Rices took Grandmother home {illegible} and Mother D harrowed potato patch Willie and I began to Plow corn field No 6

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1885 Saturday May 16th

Clear, warm, Ther reached 83 degrees Father went to town got some medicine for Mother and Joe, Willie plowed in corn field I put up Election Bills he Wm and I pulled stumps in afternoon

Monday May 18th

Clear very warm Ther reached about 82 degrees began a shower this evening Father and Willie held Election in Old School I got a load of saw dust from Buxton put on ice cultivated potato in garden JD harrowed sod over again for Beans in No 4

Tuesday May 19th

Cloudy Cool Ther 52 degrees Father sowed carrots, Peas, Wm, JD, C, I pulled out stumps and heaped them in corn field No 6

Wednesday May 20th

Cloudy Cool in morn, warm, Ther 42 degrees Father cut & planted potatos Willie De and I pulled and hauled stumps in cornfield finished pulled 200 or over

Thursday May 21st

Misty Cloudy sultry Ther reached 78 degrees Father grubbed a tree and set some fires in corn field Willie and I plowed scraped down same hills in No 6 Father and Wm took Cate and Bet to Chinick's to Young Wonder were not in season

Friday May 22nd

Cloudy, rained, drizzled all day Father Wm and I cleaned up rest of oats

Saturday May 23rd

Cloudy, Ther 62 degrees to 78 degrees, Father went to town I plowed with Cate and Bet in corn field, Willie dug around currant bushes

Monday May 25th

Cloudy Ther reached 76 degrees trees in full blossom Father raked garden burnt stumps in cornfield Willie and I scraped down hills in AM plowed PM in cornfield and scraped back ditch camp there

Tuesday May 26th

Clear, few clouds, Ther 50 degrees morn, to noon 80 degrees Father burnt stumps Willie and (I C with gin and George all day) plowed in corn field

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Tuesday May 26th 1885

Sold Jin and George for \$170 Dinah cow and a calf

Wednesday May 27th

Cloudy Ther reached 75 degrees Father took Jin and George to town to buyer Willie hitched up Pat and gin (colt bought at Kennedy's sale) colts the first time drove around yard a while then harrow little in corn field I plowed with Kate and Bet in corn field

Thursday 28th

Cloudy, Cool, Ther 48 degrees to 72 degrees I plowed in corn until noon afternoon I planted potatoes in orchard W.A took Kate & Bet up to Chinick's and put them to Stallions young Wonder owned by Whiæler & Smith Father took a sow over to Pattersons Boar this morning

Friday 29th

Cloudy, Cool, Ther 56 degrees rained little I plowed in corn field with Kate and Bet Willie harrowed with Colts Pat and Jin Father cut some potatoes went to Buxton afternoon got the mail hoed some of the spring wheat and some onions

Saturday 30th

Variable Father went to town on the cars got {illegible} and medicine for Mother came out with Shreve to the plans then walked in Bill harrowing with Colts Pat and Gin. I D harrowing with Kate and Bet I planted some potatoes J shelled 8 bu of corn for grist and chop

Monday June 1st

Clear, warm, Father cut some potatoes worked in garden Willie drove colts (Pat and Gin) to town yesterday brought Aunt Sarah Ann to day took grand Mother home made a corn marker I plowed in corn field

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd

Cloudy rained in showers all day De crossharrowed some in corn field

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Wednesday June 3rd 1885

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

Thursday 4th

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

Friday 5th

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

Saturday 6th

Clear Cool in morn, Ther 46 reached 72 degrees Father went to town took Aunt Sarah Ann bought a pair of harrows "Supple Jack" Willie and I pilled manure in barn yard

Sunday 7th

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

Monday 8th

Cloudy very cold drizzled rain in morn highest Temp 62 degrees Wm made slide gate across the lane got seed corn 1 1/2 bu from Lucas Father and I planted some potatoes, weeded in garden

Tuesday 9

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

Wednesday 10th

Clear Ther 70 degrees noon Father went to town to get some medicine for mother Bought 2
pumps B Martins Wm and I planted corn De marked off some Flower planted Squash seed

Thursday 11

Clear Father marked off Wand I finished planting corn No 6 Wm took Kate and Bet to Chinick
horse hither one in season Father De and I planted potatoes.

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Friday June 12th

Clear very warm Ther reached 90 degrees cultivated harrowed and dull in the beans the
beans W-H No 4

Saturday 13th

Cloudy warm rained little Father and Willie went to town took Aunt Sarah Ann she has been
here 2 weeks brought Sussy De Al and I worked in garden grand mother came this evening
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*Sunday 14th June

Clear Ther reached 93 degrees Dear Mother passed from this life at 15 min to 5 O'clock A.M
Wm got Aunt Mary and Aunt Emmaline also Mrs Morhead and H. Kessey Uncle Amarcus
sent telegraph to Windsor to Rev S.D.W Smith and others, to Xenia

Monday 15th

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

Tuesday 16th

Cloudy rained little Funeral started at 2 O'clock RU Rev Seth DW Smith preached sermon and performed services assisted by Elder Brown

Wednesday 17th

Willie De and I planted potatoe potatoes

Thursday 18th

Father went to town to get new buggy spring and other things on return stopped at Chinichs put Bet to young Wonder second time Wm and I finished planting potatoes began to replant corn

Friday 19th Friday

Wm and I finished replanting corn AM hauled 40 rails to back line fence finished fixing it

Saturday 20th

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

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Monday June 22nd 1885

Few chores cool in morn Ther 45 degrees Willie and I finished building summer kitchen

Friday 23rd

Clear cool Ther 42 degrees in morn Father hoed sweet corn Wm and I cultivated west half cornfield De and Flavius uncorned

Wednesday 24th

Clear cool morn Ther 48 degrees w 78 Father went to town took Joseph to stay ~~a week~~ Aunt Sarah Ann's 5 bu beans last an strawberries and Aunt Emmaline Wm began to cultivate beans I erect scarecrow in cornfield re planted sweet corn

Thursday 25th

Pureloads Wm cultivated beans J, D, Flave and I uncovered with hoes

Friday 26

Few clouds Ther 76 degrees Father hoed potatos in garden Wm cultivated some beans him De Fla and I uncovered, more rain

Saturday 27th

Few clouds Father went to town took Aunt Emmaline and marketing Willee, De, Fla, and I uncovered beans

Monday 29

Clear cool Ther 46 degrees yesterday turned windy showered Ther Ther 90 degrees to 52 degrees, Willie and I cultivated corn in morn cut field No 3 of clover

Tuesday 30th

Clear cool Ther 44 degrees Wm and I cultivated corn in morn I cut part of field No 5 of clover, Father and Wm cut fence corners

Wednesday 1st July

Father took Aunt Emmaline and strawberries to to town with alts (Pat and Jin) Wm De and I raked apple orchard and and part of clover in No 3 snook up the rest

Thursday 2nd

Clear moderate Father Wm De and I shook rest of B No and eat past of No 5 shocked part of No 3

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Friday July 3rd 1885

Clear warm Ther reached 84 degrees Father Wm and I shocked hay rest of No 3 part of No 5 began to haul into barn P.M 7 loads

Saturday 4th

Few clouds warm Ther reached 86 degrees Wm D A and I haled rest of field No 3 5 loads making 12 loads on No 3 alas 4 loads of No 5 Alfred went to town to try 3rd C Exam

Monday 6th

Clear hot in morn rained heavy P of U I finished cutting No 5 rest took up hauled 3 loads

Tuesday 7

Clear warm Father took scraper and lard to Fletcher and shook out hay

Wednesday 8

Finished shaking out and hauled in 4 loads of hay

Thursday 9th

Finished Ther reached 94 degrees hauling hay 3 loads making 14 loads in No 5, hay in all 26 loads, 4 in stable, I recut down part of No 5 Wm cut fence corners

Friday 10th

Few clouds Ther 82 degrees Wm and I cultivated corn finished one way began other De reraked fields of hay

Saturday 11th

Clear cool Father went to town brought Alf out Wm De F and I hauled reraking and cutting 5 3 loads had beans rest is done

Monday 13th

Few clouds rained hard with heavy wind in afternoon Father cut fence corners Wm and I cultivated corn sill rain

Tuesday 14th

Cloudy cool Ther 76 degrees Father Wm De FI & I weeded in garden

Wednesday 15th

Cloudy warm Father cut fence corners Wm and I cultivated corn

Thursday 16th (finished cultivated beans)

Misty clouds Ther reached 84 degrees Father cut fence corners Wm and I finished cross cultivating corn. hight of corn average 14 in inches

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57 degrees

Friday July 17th 1885

Warm clear Ther reached 94 degrees all hoed some beans hauled in load of fence corner hay Father got Cradle fixed at Fletcher cut bound and shocked a little ~~rd~~ wheat in No 1

Saturday 18th

Clear warm Ther reached 90 degrees Father went to town Wm helped grand Mother haul hay rest hoed beans

Monday 20th

Clear sultry warmest day this summer got Ther highest Temperature 98 degrees Father began reaping wheat in No 1 Wm D. F and I bound Sold Spot cow for \$25 went to town in eve meet Mrs N Rosier at dusk who commenced work in morning got 200 cwt of clover

Tuesday 21st

Clear cloudy threatened rain in afternoon, breezey all day Ther reached 110 degrees bound wheat in No 1 Father cut some fence corners Cultivated and hoed some corn Mrs N Rosier began wash

Wednesday 22nd

Few clouds warm Ther 88 degrees Father cut some fence corners Wm and I cultivated corn Alf De, F hoed

Thursday 23rd

Few Clouds Ther reached 88 degrees Father cut some fence corners Wm and I cultivated I, A, F hoed corn, A.M in P.M. all downed wheat Father co cut

Friday 24th

Clear warm in morn cloudy rained heavy {faded} here crossed corn field Father reached W half No 4, Wm Al De Fla and I bound and shocked it

Saturday 25th

Cloudy Ther reached 82 degrees Father went to town Bet to S. Bogast Vt Surgen Rest bound some W Half No 4 after hoed sweet corn and potatos

Monday 27th

Clear, cold Ther reached 89 degrees Wm reaped Wheat No 1 rest with Kate's colts {illegible}

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~~Friday July 3rd 1885~~

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

~~Saturday 4th~~

~~few clouds very warm Ther reached 86 degrees Alfred went to town to try Examination Father Wm De, Fla and I hauled hay into barn, loads,~~

Tuesday 28th

Clear cool in morn Ther 57 degrees reached 93 degrees Father helped Uncle much bind wheat Wm Alf De and I bound rest of No 1 set most up sow taken to Paterson's boar

Wednesday 29th

Few clouds rained little last night Ther rea 91 degrees all began to haul wheat hauled field WH No 4 closon wheat

Thursday 30th

Cloudy rained last night little today Father went to town drive Kate and gin, got brand for Bet rest cut Thistles and weeds in old slashing base cwt Gladstone

Friday 31st

Few clouds got Aunt Emmaline Team and Charlie to help draw wheat drew all to one load and rakings of No 1

August 1st Sturday

Cloudy rained little Father went to town drove Aunt Emma Kate and ours we finished hauling Wheat and rakings into barn a sow had 10 Pigs

Monday 3rd

Cloudy showered heavy all night and today ~~til 4 and noon~~

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

Father cut Aunt Emmaline Oats few clouds cold in morn Ther 60 degrees W to 74 degrees all hauled stove wood

Thursday 6th

Cloudy cut spring wheat cut about blocks to go under fence William made some rails to {page rip} know slashing

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Mary Mary H

Friday August 7th 1885

Cloudy moderate Father bought a 2 year old colt from Theodre Marchan give Tidy cow and \$40 all began along fence line next woods of slashing

Saturday 8th

Cloudy Father and De drove Kate & gin to town in PM marketing rest lugged PM turned Aunt Emmaline Oats Sunday warm heavy showers very wet Marchan took Tidy

Monday 10th

Few clouds, warm very wet ground Father and Willie went to Detroit on Excursion, per CSR, rest pull fields clear of weeds out of Onions and garden & potatoes

Tuesday 11th

A Copper brought a cow to Gladston Clear warm Ther reached about a 85 degrees all picked up in clearing 7 in forenoon bought and set up Aunt Emmaline's Oats PM

Wednesday 12th

Clear warm Ther reached 84 degrees Father and Wm went to Tilbury Center and got 2 yrs old Colt bought off Marchan rest picked up in bush

Thursday 13th

Cloudy rained in showers PM Wm cut around Oats all picked up in the slashing

Friday 14th

Cloudy very cool Wm cut field 2 and most of No 4 with Kate and bet, rest cut weeds house yard and fence

Saturday 15th

Clear very cool in morn Ther from 46 degrees to 76 degrees Father drove Kate and bet to town, Marketing, Wm took plows to Fletcher with colts to be repaired we bound Oats No 2 and part of field 4

Sunday 16th Aug

Brought Sam Colt age 1 year 3 mots, up this morn sick took {illegible} Wild road Kate to town sent Dr Hall VS out he died before arrival of VS

Monday 17th

Cloudy moderate built log pile over colt S barn finished cutting Oats in field No 4 bound and set up one

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Tuesday 18th August 1885

Cloudy threatened rain Wm Alf De Fla and I bound and set up Oats until 4 O'clock PM W. g. A. D and I went to see Fireworks in Chatham

Wednesday 19th

Clear misty Ther from 65 degrees to 78 degrees Father took Mrs Peaker to town. Willie took 25 bu 30 cts per bu of Oats and 18 of wheat 80 cts per bu to town with K and bet, rest bound last of the Oats, field No 4

Thursday 20th

Father and Willie went to Fletcher and got plows and scraper Father went to Mrs Peakers to sell 25 ac ground W plowed PM, I, plowed AM with Kate & bet in stubble No 5, Wand A stacked Aunt Emmaline's Oats in the afternoon cut some weeds in eve

Friday 21st

Cloudy warm Ther 80 degrees rained very heavy accompanied with strong wind and heavy hail, Father brought calves home from Morheads took 5 bu of Oats off Siberian trees cut some weeds

22nd

Cloudy Father drove out Kate and Emmaline's Kate to town sent Dr Hall out to Examine Bet split wood cut new

Monday 24th

Cloudy rained heavy all night and in showers today Ther 70 degrees cut 10 posts for a Waggonshed in L Lecoq & J Ellit valued hay {illegible} on tack yesterday

Tuesday 28th

Cloudy cool Wm Alfred and I worked on timber hauld hauled up for shed

Wednesday 26th

Cloudy cool Ther from 52 degrees to 66 degrees straightened up Oats and worked on timber finished Father attended some business for Mrs Morhead & J. Grant bought a single buggy of J. Williams

Thursday 27th

Clear warm cloudy cool Ther 44 degrees Wm Alf De and I worked in timber for shed

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Friday August 28th 1885

Cloudy cool Ther 46 degrees Alf & De began to haul in Oats with Kate Pat & Jin together, I went down and got Aunt Emmaline's Team ploughed PM with them

Saturday 29th

Cloudy Father and De went to town drove Aunt Emmaline's Team Wm Alf Fla & I hauled in the rest of the Oats from field No 4 & 21 Wm brought single buggy from J Williams

Monday 31st

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

Tuesday 1st September 1st

Cloudy cool Ther reached 64 degrees rained a shower PM Father went to town drove Kate Wm and I finished plowing in No 5 began in No 2

Wednesday 2nd

Clear in morn cloudy Ther 40 degrees slight frost Wm and I finished ploughing lot No 2, began to E, lot No 4 Alf De and Fla began to pull beans WH of No 4 Father & Alf took the Democrat buggy to Shaws to be repainted

Thursday 3rd

Cloudy Wm and I plowed in No 4 De Alf and Fla shelled beans

Friday 4th

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

Saturday 5th

Cloudy Father drive Kate to town single I plowed with Aunt Emma Team Wm and rest worked at Waggonshed

Monday 6 7th 7

Cloudy (Sunday morn clear frost Ther 34 degrees) Wm and I finished ploughing stubble in No 4, de finished work on Waggonshed raised Father bought a Wisner seed drill for \$84

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Tuesday 8th September 1885

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

Wednesday 9th

Cloudy several misty showers Willie Alf De Fla & I finished raising the Waggonshed

Thursday 10th

Cloudy Ther 74 degrees went to town for Aunt Emmaline we all worked at Waggonshed sided it in

Friday 11th

Brought double buggy from Buxton Cloudy Wm Alf and I got rafters finished out of bush worked at them and places for them D and F pulled bean

Saturday 12

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

Monday 14th

Clear Father went to town yesterday to Conference came out tonight Wa, Alf and I worked on sideing and roofing shed

Tuesday 15th

Few Clouds Father got 12 bu seed wheat, Wm harrowed WH No 5 and lot No 2 A,D,F pulled beans, I went down and began Plowing for Aunt Emmaline

Wednesday 16th

Clear cool Ther 50 degrees Wm drilled lot No 2 and WH of No 5 in Wheat, A, D &, F pulled beans, I plowed for Aunt E with team

Thursday 17th

Misty cool Ther 38 degrees frost some places Wm harrowed all day I with Aunt E team also until noon in No 4 rest pulled beans

Friday 18th

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

Saturday 19th

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

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Monday September 21st 1885

Clear heavy dew warm I got Aunt Emmaline team and rolled E, H, No 4 Wm harrowed half of it with Kate and colts A, D and F, pulled beans

Tuesday 22nd

Cloudy Ther 66 degrees went to town Wm and I harrowed afternoon Wm began drill in wheat in No 4, I followed with harrow De Alf & F pulled beans

Wednesday 23rd

Cloudy warm in morn turned windy cold Ther 40 degrees Wm finished drilling wheat in No 4, A, M, went down and plowed for Aunt Emmaline both teams, D, A, F, pulled beans

Thursday 24th

Clear cool in morn Willie and I finished plowing Aunt Emma Alf, De and Flav finished pulling the beans in No 4

Friday 25th

Few clouds warm Ther reached 80 degrees Willie and I harrowed ground down at Aunt Emmaline, Father and I got 16 bu of seed wheat

Saturday ~~26~~ 27th 26

Few clouds very warm Ther reached 90 degrees Father went to town with Mrs Peakers horse Willie and I drilled and harrowed after 7 1/2 bu of wheat at Aunt Emmalines A and D began to dig potatos

Monday 28th 28

Clear warm Ther reached 78 degrees Wm run out water furrows on wheat at Aunt E, A, D and I hauled in rest of beans with, Kate and bet, both plowed PM in beans ground in No 4 put a nine little pigs in the Pen to wean

Tuesday 29th 29

Clear warm Ther reached 80 degrees Wmn and I plowed in No 4 AM Father helped Aunt Emmaline thrash A cut first of grapes

Wednesday 30th

Few clouds slight breezes warm Father Wm and I went to town to Fair took some marketing

Thursday October 1st

Misty clouds, warm Wm and I plowed in No 4 and harrowed

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October Friday 2nd 1885

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

Saturday 3rd

Cloudy cool rained about noon till 2 ~~Friday~~ Father drove colts to town Wm harrowed and cultivated No 4 with (Kate and Kate and bet) A, D, and I cut corn first cut

Monday 5th

Cloudy cool Ther 37 degrees rained slowly till noon we shelled corn fanned seed wheat Wand I fanned 4 bu of wheat for Aunt E brought team up

Tuesday 6th

Cloudy cool Ther 36 degrees, first, snowed little Father took grist for Aunt E, and D Flav and Eunice for Vaccination to town, Wm drilled part of WH of No 4 in wheat, Alf and I cut corn

Wednesday 7th

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

Thursday 8th

Few clouds fl rained heavy during night Wm Alf De and I cut corn

Friday 9th

Clear heavy frost Ther 29 degrees Father went to D. Fletchers sale got 2 two grade and one Thoroughbred Heifers price \$74, all cut corn

Saturday 10th

Clear Frost and fig in morn Ther 34 degrees Father drive Kate to town Wm De and I got 3 heifers from Fletcher's, hauled had punkins up for pigs, all cut corn rest of day

Monday 12th

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

Wednesday 14th

Cloudy rained drisly in forenoon Father went to town drive Kate Wm and Alf and I greased gin and pats harness

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Thursday October 15 1885

Few clouds moderate Father and I Wm A and I put some roof on waggon shed

Friday 16th

Few clouds Father and I took 39bu of corn got 48 cts per bu to town with Aunt E Kate and out Wm Cut some of clover for seed in No 3

Saturday 17th

Few clouds warm Ther reached 65 degrees Father drove Aunt E team to town Wm cut rest of clover in No 3 and part of No 5 A and I husked some corn hauled 2 loads punkins Aunt E Pat weaned here De and F cut corn stalks

Monday 19th

Cloudy rained hard last night drizzled some today Father Wm and I went down and cleaned 30 bu of wheat for Aunt E Father went to town hall took a petition we began to haul manure on No 3

Tuesday 20th

Cloudy cool in eve windy Father drove Kate and beauty took 30 bu of wheat to town for Aunt E, Wm and I hauled manure With (Kate and Bet) Went rest of clover in No 5

Wednesday 21st

Clear cool, Wm, Alf, De, and I, hauled manure all day on No 3 with both teams, Kate bealit

Thursday 22nd

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

Friday 23rd

Cloudy cool, Ther 32 degrees morn, Father and I went to Fletcher got 413 ft of lumber for waggon shed, AM, Father took 12 bu of corn to Merlin to get ground did not get it ground, Wm and Alf helped A Uncle Mack to Thrash in the afternoon

Saturday 24

Clear heavy frost last night Father went to town in the democrat got 100 cwt of flour settled Kennedy note Chas Alf and I put some roof on the shed and hauled in some dirt and turned some of the clover

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Monday 26th October 1885

Clear frosty in morn Father went to Merlin got grist Wm, Alf and De went down and helped Uncle Mack to thrash I layed up with vaccination

Tuesday 27th

Misty Wm and Alf made general arrangements for thrashing cleaned Barn, granary hauled wood & De and Fla gathered apples

Wednesday 28th

Cloudy Father went to town got necessities for thrashing rest tinkered about got engine and machine over and {faded}

Thursday 29th

Cloudy rained heavy last night and drizzled all day stoped our thrashing Wm made piks for colts

Friday 30th

Cloudy cool windy snowed all A.M, several hands gathered to thrash but failed Father and Wm drove (Kate and Bet) to Buxton hauled our logs to gangway of Kersey Mill

Saturday 31st

Clear in morn cool Ther 20 degrees Father went to town market Wm, A, D and I dug and pitted about 16 bu of carrots

Monday 2nd November

Cloudy cool, one short shower, we began to thrash first wheat Clawson, Democrat, Reliable, resp, in all 286 bu, set for oats

Tuesday 3rd

Cloudy cool, hail last night, Ther 37 degrees, we thrashed oats 214 bu A.M, Father went to Buxton PM to get logs sawed failed

Wednesday 4th

Cloudy rained Father went Buxton got a cant hook from S-haw we picked apples in Old orchard pitted rest of carrots and beats

Thursday 5th

Cloudy rained continuous PM, very muddy finished picking apples in old orchard

Friday 6th

Cloudy {page torn} most of day Father piled lumber sawed a Kersey Mill

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Friday November 6th 1885

We fanned up all of Reliable Wheat

Saturday 7th

Cloudy warm Ther 60 degrees very muddy Father went to town single buggy Wm and I went to Buxton W brought back lumber to finish shed I remained and piled rest of lumber as sawed rest gathered some apples finished roofing W

Monday 8th 9th

Cloudy cool Wm, Alf, De, Flave, and I began to husk corn

Tuesday 9th 10 Cloudy cleared off PM all husked corn

Wednesday ~~Friday~~ 10th

Clear Ther 39 degrees Wm took Mrs Peaker 40 bu of corn AM drew 40 in from field all began to turn clover over

Thursday 12th

Cloudy turned windy and cool we turned over rest of seed clover in No 5 hauled in 3 waggonloads

Friday 13th

Cloudy cool rained during night we hauled up a load of squash and punkins and 40 bu of corn turned clover in No 3

Saturday 14th 14

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

Monday 16th

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

Tuesday 17th

Clear AM cloudy PM warm Ther 24 degrees reached 60 degrees turned and hauled 2 loads of No 3 seed clover Father sold all Elm on east side lane for \$60

Wednesday 18th

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

Thursday 19th

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

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Friday November 20th 1885

Cloudy, cool, all husked corn

Saturday 21st

Cloudy Ther 36 degrees Father drove (Kate and Pat) to town market we all husked corn

Monday 23rd

Cloudy cool we hauled in 3 loads of corn

Tuesday 24th

Cloudy cool snowed 1/2 inch Wm went to town on Kate A, D, & I hauled corn

Wednesday 25th

Cloudy cool Ther 34 degrees snowed about 1 1/2 or 2 in Wm with colts, I Kate hauled out 400 rails west ~~between~~ between clearing and bush A, D, helped. I. James Harris patched plaster in house

Thursday 26th

Cloudy moderate we hauled out 329 rails from slashing

Friday 27th

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

Saturday 28th

Clear warm Ther 22 degrees Father went to town single buggy Wm and I bushed out soft wood in slashing all hashed some corn PM ~~ba~~ Barry's men began cutting Elm in slashing, all woods east of home

Monday 30th

Clear warm Ther 26 degrees Willie rode Kate to town started to take Bet got to Scipio's on 6th con, A, D, and I husked corn turned seed clover left

Thursday December 1st

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

Wednesday 2nd

Cloudy warm all husked corn

Thursday 3rd

Cloudy windy cool we hauled in 3 1/2 loads of corn 1 load the last of seed clover from No 3
Bet mare died at Scipio's

Friday 4th

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

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Saturday December 5 1885

Stormy heavy blustry snow storm nearly all day Ther 22 degrees could not go to town Wand
I put stalls in stable rest picked wood

Monday 7th

Clear cold Ther 3 degrees above Z (preceding day very stormy heavy snow blizzards Ther
18 degrees fell to 10 degrees) Wm and I hauled 2 loads of hay to stable F, S here brought
engine we began to ~~take~~ thrash clover seed about 4 O'clock PM,

Tuesday 8th

Clouded in morn Ther 2 degrees about Z reached 34 degrees snowed turned to sleety rain
Father went to Chatham to attend cort on Cooper vs Webb case, We finished thrashing
clover seed about 4h 30m PM had about 13 bu from machine

Wednesday 9th

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

Thursday 10th

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

Friday 11th

Cloudy Ther 19 degrees Father went to town on trial Cooper vs Webb Wm went to Buxton got a load of lumber sawed for us at Kersey Mill we hauled out 167 rails, trial came off Webb had damages to pay

Saturday 12th

Cloudy Ther 10 degrees evening 30 degrees, Father drove pat and gin to town, Wm drove (Kate and jewel) to Buxton got load of lumber AM hauled in 50 bu of corn to Barn

Monday 14th

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

Tuesday 15th

Cloudy Blustry Ther 16 degrees Wm and I hauled 4 loads 2 each rest of lumber from Buxton hauled 2 loads of soft wood up to hewkirks with teams (Pat and Gin) (Kate and Jewel)

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Wednesday December 16th 1885

Clear in morn pleasant Ther 10 degrees Wm Alf and I hauled rest of 5 cord of soft wood to hewkirks got a grist of 6 bu of corn ready

Thursday 17th

Cloudy Ther reached 40 degrees we hauled corn fodder into Barn

Friday 18th

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

Saturday 19th

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

Monday 21st

Cloudy turning warm we fanned up the last of Democrat wheat in all 81 bu and commenced in Clawson fixed one wood rack to haul the waggon (Brought mare coming 4, Polly) home we got from Chatham

Tuesday 22nd

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

L Wednesday 23rd LLLLL

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

Thursday 24rd

Cloudy Ther 28 degrees Father took cousin Arminta and Mrs Rossier to town, Latter left, Wm went to Stockton's for cider press did not get it, took 10 bu of apples to Rices got them ground

Saturday 26th

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

Monday 28th

Cloudy Ther 34 degrees to 40 degrees Father went to Buxton to meet Post O. Inspector We fanned up rest of Clawson in all 111 bu other wood rack to haul in the waggon

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Tuesday December 29th 1885-1886

Cloudy Ther 34 degrees Father posted bills of sale of old home-stead in south and north Buxton We hauled a load of hay into stable hauled part of manure pile in garden spread it on No 4

Wednesday 30th

Cloudy Ther 38 degrees (48 degrees in eve) rained some Father went to School meeting was elected trustee We culled corn in cribs pilled and chopped and slashing

Thursday 31st

Cloudy Ther 40 degrees We spread manure in No 3

Friday January 1st 1886 AD

Cloudy We spread rest of manure on No3 Wm sharpened little crosscut

Sat Jan 2nd

Cloudy Ther 44 degrees very muddy rained in eve Father went to town We got up pole for waggon shed sawed some stove wood in slashing

Monday 4th

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

Tuesday 5th

Cloudy Ther 30 degrees snowed PM Father took election returns to Fletcher We took heated fodder ofit of mow sawed some stove wood began to fan clover seed

~~Friday 6th~~ Wednesday 6th

Cloud Ther 12 degrees we began to thrash beans in barn with horses

Thursday 7th

Cloudy snowed little Ther 14 degrees we thrashed beans

Friday 7 th 8

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

Saturday 8th 9

Cloudy blustry Ther 9 degrees Father and Wm went to down in sleigh I and Alf hauled a load of hay into stable &c

Monday 11th 11

Cloudy blustry Ther 6 degrees below Z snowed PM Wm and I hauled one load each of hickory wood to Buxton on sleighs

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Tuesday ~~Dec~~ Jan 11th 1886

Clear in morn Ther 13 degrees below Z hauled hickory wood to Buxton in sleighs

Wednesday 13th

Clear Ther 4 degrees below Z we hauled wood to Buxton on waggons

Thursday 14th

Clear warm Ther 10 degrees above Z we made 3 trips with hickory wood on waggons to Buxton

Friday 15th 15

Cloudy drizzled little in evening Ther 16 degrees above reached 38 degrees we made two trips to Buxton with wood took cousin Arminta Hughs to Fletcher to go home on rail

Saturday 16th

Cloudy warm Ther 38 degrees rained considerable Father went to town with Aunt Emmaline, We made 3 trips each to Buxton

Monday 18th

Cloudy snowed little Ther 14 degrees Wm and I made one last trip to Buxton, all on waggons with hickory wood had in all 25 1/2 cords got \$2.75 per cord, loaded one waggon with 20 in Beach

Wednesday 20th

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

Thursday 21st

Cloudy little snow sleeted in night Ther 28 degrees we shedded a few few maple saw logs

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

Clear cold Ther 2 degrees below Z reached 10 above Father went to town on sleigh Wm and Alf took a load of hay from barn to stable we drewed up some firewood &&c

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Monday J January 25th 1886

Cloudy moderate very little snow sleety roads Wm and Alf made 4 trips each to Fletcher with Maple saw log to Barry's

Tuesday 26th

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

Wednesday 27th

Cloudy Ther 30 degrees to 38 degrees Father and Wm went to town on waggon took 7 bu 29 lbs of clover seed got \$6.50 per bu 11 bu 11 of beans got 65 cts per bu Alf and I bushed out some soft cord wood and fire wood

Thursday 28th

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

Friday 29th

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

Saturday 30th

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

Monday 1st February 1886

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

Tuesday 2nd

Cloudy snowed about 2 1/2 in most got to lay on road this winter Wm and I began to cut maple logs to get sawed by Barry

Wednesday 3rd

Clear Ther 8 degrees below Z Wm and I sawed rest of maple logs all 9 began to cut some elm

Thursday 4th

Clear Windy Ther 7 degrees below Z noon 4 degrees above Wm and I hauled 8 maple logs to Fletcher

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Friday February 5th 1885

Clear calm Ther 16 degrees below Z Wm and I hauled one maple last, making in all 23 maple logs 5 to get sawed also 9 Elms for sale

Saturday 6th

Cloudy blustry snowed about 3 in Ther 14 degrees Father and Wm went to town A and I got up a load of limbs to heat kittle for Hog killing

Monday 8th

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

Tuesday 9th

Few clouds Ther 28 degrees reached 48 degrees We killed our pigs 4 Wt 355-154-135-115 lbs respectively, hauled a load of hay to stable

Wednesday 10th

Few clouds Ther 30 degrees to 52 degrees Wm Alf and I husked some corn hauled it in

Thursday 11th

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

Friday 12th

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

Saturday 13th

Cloudy misty drizzled little Ther 38 degrees to 40 degrees Father went to town in buggy we sawed wood, stove, cord, and firewood took sow to Patterson's boar

Monday 15th

Cloudy snowed 1 in windy Ther 26 degrees Father Wm Alf and I sawed wood of all kinds and slashed and filed brush

Tuesday 16th

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

Wednesday 17th

Few clouds Ther 5 degrees during night, 22 degrees to 32 AM, We hauled a load of hay from barn to stable Wm got rest of hand picked beans from Aunt Emmalines some from Aunt Mary's cut cord wood PM

Thursday 18th

Cloudy Ther 40 degrees little skiff of snow Wm A and I sawed cord wood

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Friday February 19th 1886

Cloudy rained Wm cleaned up Clock and Organ we picked beans

Saturday 20th

Cloudy blustry Ther 4 degrees above Z Father and Wm took 10 bu of bean hand picked got \$1.00 per bu we picked some beans got up some wood

Monday 22nd

Cloudy Snowed yeasterday little today about 3 in snow has not exceeded 4 in in depth this winter Father went to town in sleigh Wm and Alf hauled manure from stable and spread on wheat in No 4

Tuesday 23rd

Clear, cloudy in morn Ther 32 degrees thawing PM Wm and Alf hauled manure from stable spread on wheat in field No 4, cut some wood Aunt E's PM

Wednesday 24th

Clear Ther 10 degrees reached 32 38 degrees Wm and Alf hauled manure on No 4

Thursday 25

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

Friday 26th

Clear little skiff of snow very muddy windy Ther 8 degrees above we hauled in a load of fodder cut cord PM

Saturday ~~Friday~~ 27

Clear warm sun Ther 6 degrees above Father and Wm went to town in the buggy A and I piled some cord wood, cut firewood & c

Monday March 1st

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

Tuesday 2nd

Clear windy Ther 8 degrees above Wm Alf and I cut cord wood AM, fanned and shelled 6 bu of old a corn for grist

Wednesday 3rd

Cloudy Ther 12 degrees above Father went to town in democrat took 6 bu of corn got grist Wm A and I cut cord wood

Thursday ~~3rd~~ 4th

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

Friday March 5th 1886

Clear Ther 16 degrees reached 40 degrees We hauled the remaining corn shocks into Barn
Wm went to Rileys got 4 bu of seed corn from E bar got rest of bean from Aunt Mary's

Saturday 6th

Clear Ther 16 degrees reached 40 degrees (Father took 25 bu of wheat for grist -to town)
We sawed cord wood some stove wood also,

Monday 8th

Cloudy Clear intervals skifs of snow Ther 34 degrees Wm and I hauled and spread manure
on wheat in No 4, AM, all cut wood in slashing PM

Tuesday 9th

Cloudy some wind Ther 24 degrees to 36 degrees all hauled up firewood M AM Cut in wood
PM

Wednesday 10th

Few clouds Ther 24 degrees to 36 degrees Father Wm Alf and I cut in slashing firewood 68 c
PM Wm and I scattered blocks for fence around clearing hauled out 128 rails

Thursday 11th

Cloudy windy Ther about 36 degrees Father Willie and Alf cut in slashing

Friday 12

Cloudy & cool Tem 36 degrees slight skiff of snow this morning Father went to Fletcher
Chasunwell we did not do much

Saturday 13

Cloudy Tem 38 degrees Father went to Town put in a tender for the Shadd homestead of
\$5500 Chasunwell Alf and I husked some corn in the barn &c

Monday 15

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

Tuesday 16

Clear and warm Alf and I sawed some stovewood in the woods

Wednesday 17

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

Thursday 18

Cloudy and raining I filed the saw we done not much

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March Friday 19 1886

Showered some this morning Alf and I hauled the first load of hay from west mow to the stable Father went to Fletcher heavy thunder storm night before last

Saturday 20

Cloudy & showery very muddy Father scouring ditches Alf and I sawed some stovewood

Monday ~~22nd~~ 22nd

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

Tuesday 23rd

Few clouds Father Wm and Alf sawed wood in slashing

Wednesday 24th

Few clouds Ther 40 degrees to 50 degrees Father Wm and Alf sawed wood

Thursday 25th

Few clouds moderate Father Wm and Alf sawed wood

Friday 26th

Cloudy windy Ther 40 degrees to 32 degrees Father burned grass along line ditch Wm and Alf trimmed some trees in young orchard took out some carrots

Saturday 27

Cloudy Tem 28 ~~Father went to town where he found that his tender of 5300 \$ for the homestead was accepted~~ Alf and Wm trimmed trees all day

Monday 29th

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

Tuesday 30

Cloudy & damp Alf and Wm hauled in a load of hay trimmed some trees & c

Wednesday 31

Heavy frost Tem 22 Clear & warm in the day Father & W.A went to town in the Buggie Roads very muddy

Thursday 1 April

Snowing Raining & c W.A hung up the pork

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April Friday 2 1886

Cloudy and Cool Alf and W.A fixing up fences

Saturday 3

Clear but Cool Father Aunt Emma and WA went to town in the Buggie roads very heavy

Monday 5

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

Tuesday 6

Snowed all day snow very deep over a foot we did not do much cool Ther 22

Wednesday 7

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

Thursday 8

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

Friday 9

Clear and warm ~~very muddy~~ snow going fast we hauled some rails on to Lacocq & hauled up some wood

Saturday 10

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

Monday 12

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

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Tuesday 13 1886

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

Wednesday 14

Clear Alf and WA trimmed trees at upper place Williams, Moore, & Mathews Cut wood

Thursday 15th 15

Clear warm Father W,a and I went to trim Father to attend ~~eat~~ court on summons, I went to Doctor brought out 200 lbs of flour roads beginning to dry up some heavy yet

Friday 16

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

Saturday 17th

Clear warm Ther reached 72 degrees Wa and Alf trimmed trees on upper place

Monday 19th

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

Tuesday 20th

Clear AM rained a heavy shower PM Father drove colts to town took 24 bu of wheat got 8 cts per bu Wm fixed fences on upper place Alf got Aunt Emma team being roling meadow in No 1

Wednesday 21st

Clear Ther reached 78 degrees Wm took 10 bu of oats and Dull to upper place and bedstead Ge to cultivate ~~and sow~~ field Alf finished Roling No 1 began No 5

Thursday 22nd

Clear warm Wm finished cultivating began to Drill in oats PM on upper place Alf and Flave gathered stones on clover on upper place PM A finished roling clover in No 5 home AM

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Saturday 24th April 1886

Intermitting clouds Fatehr drove Aunt Emma team to town took 30 bu of wheat got 80 cts per bu Wm finished drilling oats Alf roled clover on upper place

Monday 26th

Cloudy Ther reached 65 degrees Wm cultivated and drilled in Oats for Aunt Emmaline Alf and C Simpson harrow and roled what on east side of lane on the upper place

Tuesday 27th

Cloudy cool windy Wm plowed; Alf harrowed, C Simpson roled wheat C roled meadow also on upper place

Wednesday 28th

Clear warm Ther 70 degrees Wm harrowed wheat in No 4 home with Pat gin and Dick, latter added today, C Simpson finished wheat roling on upper place began roling in No 4 Alf plowed on upper place Father flave and I picked tree trimming on upper place

Thursday 29th

Cloudy cool windy Wm finished harrowing wheat in No 4 lot 2 & EH of No 5 C Simpson roled it Father sowed clover seed on lot No 2 and EH of No 5 Alf plowed on upper place AM began harrowing wheat down at Aunt Emmalines'

Friday 30th

Cloudy cold drizzly rain all day Father sold all of the Elm and Basswood on the upper place to PT Barrey for 300 to be taken off within 3 years from date April 30th 1886

May 1st 1886

Saturday May 1st

Cloudy warm Ther 70 degrees rained PM Father went to town Wm Alf scraped the road from townline to Drakes road with colts & Aunt E team

Monday 3rd

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

Teusday 4th

Cloudy rained PM Wm Alf and C Simpson ploughed and har-rowed on upper place Dick cold broke and worked some this week

Wednesday May 5th 1886

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

Thursday 6th

Few Clouds Wm Alf and C Simpson Drilled in and harrowed land rolled oats on upper place
Father and I burnt part of the bush in orchard

Friday 7th

Clear warm Ther reached 78 degrees Father Fla and I finished burning brush trimings in
Orchard on upper place Wm Alf and C Simpson plowed for Oats down at Aunt Emmalines

Saturday 8th

Clear Ther 76 degrees Father went to town S buggy Wm Alf finished putting in oats at Aunt
Emmalines worked dick

Monday 10th

Cloudy heavy rain last night AM we loged up some log piles in slashing PM Wm and Alf
plowed for corn at Aunt Emmaline's Oliver Higate put 24 ~~had~~ head of cattle X and calves in E
bush on upper place to pasture one Month

Tuesday 11th

Cloudy Am Ther 70 degrees PM Wm and Alf finished plowing for corn down at Aunt
Emmaline

Wednesday 12th

Clear warm Ther reached 80 degrees in shade Wm drove Pat to town to horse Doctor De Alf
and C Simpson began to plow for corn in field No 6 some garden potatos planted

Thursday 13th

Few clouds Ther 76 degrees Wm & Alf ~~and C Simpson~~ plowed in No 6 for corn Father went
to town Mr Hacket's funeral F & I picked up chunks

Friday 14th

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

Saturday 15th

Cloudy rained drizzly AM Father went to town Wm Alf De and Flave Cleaned up house and
barn on upper place

Monday 17th

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

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

Argument on Slavery

Mrs I. D. Shadds Argument on the 28th March 28 was that if she were to buy a slave that
she believes it to be her right to hold him until which time as it takes the slave to remunerate
her and that if the slave runs away that she would have him brought back she said she would
not sell him but she would scourge and whip him; this she considers Christianity and right,
thereby admitting the right to buy men under all such circumstance. If a master was to sell a
slave she ~~has~~ would buy him to keep him from going south but, would believe it

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Tuesday May 18th 1886

Clear Frost this and yeasterday morn Ther 36 degrees and 40 rest Wm Alf and C Simpson
plowed in No 6 Father burnt in slashing

Wednesday 19th

Clear Wm Alf and C Simpson finished plowing for corn in No 6 Father loged and burnt in
slashing I bagged up rest of the Closon Wheat 22 bu

Thursday 20th

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

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

Clear very warm Ther reached 9 86 degrees in shade Father went to town took 36 bu of wheat got 76 cts per bu Wm Alf and C Simpson & I finished roling corn in No 6 and went to Aunt E and harrowed marked off and planted 4 acres for her

Monday 24th May

Clear we began to move part of things to upper place all but Willie and Flave moved up, PM Wm and A plowed

Tuesday 25th

Clear Wm A and C Simpson harrowed oats Father took a load of 25 bu; got 76 cts for 5 bu left rest ~~there~~ in Chatham also 2 heavy plows for repair

Wednesday 26th

Clear Father went to town hall to council meeting got assesment on upper place changed in to his name Wm got gin shod at Buxton brought road scraper from shaws C Simpson plowed

Thursday 27th

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

Friday 28th

Few clouds Wm C Simpson and I finished plowing summerfallow scraped at the road & fixed line fence b^t us DJ Lacey

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Saturday May 29th 1886

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

Monday 31st

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

Tuesday June 1st

Clear very warm AM Father went to town brought Mrs Ang^a Carter Wm Alf and C Simpson began to ditch along line fence SE ~~gate~~ quarter next 8 con

Wednesday 2nd

Cloudy rained shower PM Father went to town and got Mrs Carter's furniture Wm Alf and C Simpson ditched SE, q next 8th con

Thursday 3rd

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

Friday 4th

Few clouds Ther 72 degrees Father and De scraped road from townline to 12 and 13 sideroad Wm and A finished working ground and out it in beans AM W, A, CS, D I cut rye in Aunt E wheat

Saturday 5th

Clear AM rained shower PM Ther 74 degrees Father went to town Wm Alf and De ditched, 2 teams, I replanted part of field No 6 in corn

Monday 7th

Few clouds rained in morning Ther reached 80 degrees Wm Alf De and C Simpson ditched, hauled out 82 rails also I ~~p~~ replanted some in No 6 Father cut rye at Aunt E

Tuesday 8th

Few clouds Ther 72 degrees Wm Alf, De, & C Simpson finished the ditch on SW half line up here began to haul out manure on summerfallow I finished replanting corn in No 6 down home Father finished rye at Aunt E

Wednesday 9th

Few clouds warm boys hauled manure on summerfallow roled it and harrowed it I replanted corn down at Aunt Emma

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Tuesday 10th June 1886

Few clouds A, D and I hauled manure on summer follow AM Wm Alf and I began to cultivate corn on lower place PM

Friday 11th

Few clouds Ther reached 78 degrees Wm Alf and I finished cultivating corn in No 6 on lower place David Tuncovern

Saturday 12th

Few clouds warm father went to town we fixed fence for lit behind the barn for Dick

Monday 14th

Few clouds very warm Ther reached 89 degrees in shade Wm Alf and I began a track behind slashing for Ditch and fence

Tuesday 15th

Few clouds very warm Ther 89 degrees Father went to town took iron plow for repairs brought out a hay Fedder, Wm and Alf began to cultivate corn in No 6 I cultivated at Aunt E's Thomas Sullivan put 2 horses in bu to pasture

Wednesday 16th

Few clouds very warm Ther 90 degrees Wm Alf cultivated corn in No 6 C Simpson and I finished corn at Aunt Emmaline's brought horses up

Thursday 17th

Cloudy warm rained last night Wm Alf De and I finished cross cultivating corn in No 6 began to Ditch between slashing and bush on lower place

Friday 18th

Cloudy cool Wm Alf De & I loged AM ditched PM along back of slashing

Saturday 19th

Few clouds Ther 74 degrees Father and Wm went to town De and I finished ditch behind slashing A pulled mustard from oats &c

Monday 21st

Cloudy rained in showers PM Wm went to town We cut some thistles in old slashing

Tuesday 22nd

Cloudy misty Father Alf and boys loged Wm and I began fence around slashing on lower place

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Wednesday 23rd June 1886

Few clouds We put up some fence loged some Am began cutting clover PM on lower place in No 5

Thursday 24th

Cloudy rained PM and night Wm and Alf cultivated corn in No 6 rest dressed and thined corn A finished cutting clover PM in 5

Friday 25th

Cloudy rained some PM We fixed some fence cultivated some corn PM

Saturday 26th

Cloudy AM Father went to town with Aunt Emma's team Wm and Alf began cutting clover in No 1 AM all raked and shocked up clover in No 5 Wm got mower of Aunt E's yeasterday

Monday 28th

Clear Father went to town got clover for horse rake & c Wm and C Simpson finished mowing No 1 we raked and coocked part of cut saturday, hauled in clover in No 5 to barn

Tuesday 29th

Clear Father tedded and raked EH of No 1 We began to haul to barn and stable WH No 1, Isadore Elare moved into house

Wednesday 30th

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

Thursday June 1st

Clear Alf and De mowed rest of Clover on upper place Wm and I cut fence corners C Simpson tedded all cacked some PM

Friday June 2nd

Misty Sultry all worked at hay hauled to old stable PM shook and cooked some

Saturday 3rd

Few clouds warm Ther 80 degrees Father drove Pat and gin to town C Simpson helped all to cook and haul clover on upper place

Monday 5th

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

172

Tuesday 6th July 1886

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

Wednesday 7th

Clear very warm Ther 70 degrees morn all cultivated and hoed corn on lower place in No 6

Thursday 8th

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

Friday 9th

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

Saturday 10th

Few clouds Wm went to town, father and rest hoed corn Alf finished cultivating corn in No 6
Lucas Lecocq put 2 cows in bush to pasture

Monday 12th

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

Tuesday 13

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

Wednesday 14

Clear this morning heavy rain this Evg Wm cultivated beans until noon Chats & Father
ground knives and cradle rest hoed beans afternoon we commenced cutting wheat in No 5A
W.AS

Thursday 15

Clear but damp we set up wheat until noon when we finished cutting No 5A and ~~cut~~ cut some
in No 4A

Friday 16

Clear we finished cutting East half of No 4 and Commenced Cutting Aunt Emma's

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Saturday 17 July 1886

Tolerable clear Father, Aunt Emma Mrs Carter and I went to town to go cut thistles in the Evg we cut some wheat at Aunt Emma's

Monday 19

I finished Cultivating the beans and cut some fence corners Father and Chas cut fence corners Flave raked timothy stubble and we hauled the rakings in, rest hoed beans

Tuesday 20

We cut fence corners & c until noon aft noon we finished Aunt Emmas wheat and cut some on upper place

Wednesday 21

Cool night, Clear day, we finished Cutting wheat at lower place & cut on at upper place

Thursday 22

Clear we hauled in wheat from No 5 & finished Cutting wheat this afternoon

Friday 23

Clear we stacked Aunt Emma wheat and hauled in some from No 4

Saturday 24

Clear Father went to town we Cut fence corners and hauled in some wheat

Monday 26

Showery this morning Chas and Alf cut fence corners & weeds Father shot a Black squirrel & weasel after noon he sowed some turnips in the garden and helped us log some

Tuesday 27

Foggy this morning we finished hauling in out wheat and hauled some fence corner hay

Wednesday 28

Clear Alf & D Commenced ploughing this morning in No 4 with Kate & Pollie, and Aunt Emma's team Chas loaded & I hauled cut & spread manure on No 4 Father & Flave burning in clearing

Thursday 29

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

Friday 30

Clear we hauling manure & ploughing in No 4 Father burning

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August

Saturday July 31st 1886

Clear and warm Father drove Kate to Chatham in single buggy Chas Alf & I hauled manure on to No 4 JD ploughed in No 4 Father burned in the clearing

Tuesday 3

Clear and Cool Chas Flave and I hauling manure JD ploughing No 4 Father & Alf burning in the clearing

Wednesday 4

Clear and Cool Father went to town in the buggy took 4 bu corn & 6 bu wheat for grist also took the hay tedder in and got another I hauled some stone some dirt & c to bull stall and ploughed some with Kate & Marsham Chas & Alf hauled some manure

Thursday 5

Showers all day I built a stall in the shed at the barn and a feed trough

Friday 6

Clear and Cool we JD and I ploughed in No 4 all day I drove Kate and Marsham {illegible}

Saturday 7

Father Aunt Emma & I went to town in buggy other boys hauled manure on to No 4

Monday 9

Clear Father cut some oats at Aunt Emma's and Attended Old Mrs Hixes Funeral this Evg
Chas & Alf hauled manure JD burned & I ploughed in No 4 with our Kate & Bute

Tuesday 10

Father cut some oats at Other place Chas and Alf bound I ploughed until noon after noon JD
and I went down and bound Oats at Aunt Emmas

Wednesday 11

Very warm tem 94 degrees Father cut some Oats Chas Alf J.D. and I ploughed rest finished
binding the Oats corn & spread manure red fletcher heiffer calved

Friday 13

~~idea~~ heavy shower this morning we logged all day in the clearing

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Mary

Saturday 12 August 1886

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

Monday 16

Rained some this morning we put up some oats Father commenced Cutting After noon we
ploughed some in orchard

Tuesday 17

Clear we bound Oats most of the day Father finished Cutting Oats

Wednesday 18

Cloudy this morning we ~~cut~~ finished binding our own and almost finished Aunt Emmas
Father put up Aunt Emmas Clothesline posts

Thursday 19

Clear & warm we commenced hauling in oats today hauled the spring wheat Father got a job
of Ditching on the Shadd drain which was sold today

Friday 20

Clear we hauled Oats most of the day Chas and Alf ploughed some this morning in
summerfallow

Saturday 21

Tolerable Clear Father Aunt Emma & I went to town in the democrat this morning Father took
1 1/4 bu of plums got 10 per qt

Monday 23

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

Tuesday 24

Cloudy but warm we hauled in stacked Aunt Emma's Oats and Commenced work on the
center ditch

Wednesday 25

Clear and warm we worked all day on the Centre ditch with 3 teams

Thursday 26

Clear and very warm we worked all day on the centre ditch on the upper place

Friday 27

Clear and warm we worked all day on the ditch Except that Chas hauled some water for Aunt
Emma, Father went down and Cleaned out her pool

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Saturday August 28th 1886

Very hot some heavy showers in Tilbury father Aunt Emma Ada and I went to town in the democrat Chas Alf and JD worked on the ditch

Monday 30

Cloudy and damp this morning we finished the first piece of centre ditch and scraped some in the road put there was too much water to clean it out

Tuesday 31

Clear and Cool we worked at the Centre Ditch all day

Wednesday 1st September 1886

Clear and cool JD harrowed all day in No 4 Alf & I cut clover seed with mowers Chas & Father worked in the clearing

Thursday 2

Clear and cool Alf and I cut clover until noon JD harrowed, afternoon Chas and Alf finished cutting clover JD sulkey raked & Chas Simpson Flave Morrise & I cocked it up

Friday 3

Clear Alf & D finished harrowing No 4 we cleaned up balance of Old wheat 25 bu & then cocked up clover seed

Saturday 4

Clear Father Aunt Emma & I went to town in buggy took 5 bu 45 lbs ~~lb~~ wheat got 218 lbs flour boys harrowed summerfallow & out up balance of clover

Monday 6

Clear and warm we hauled in Clover seed all day Father dug some in Aunt Emmas pool and the helped in clover

Tuesday 7

Clear and warm we scraped mud out of pond until noon and then finished hauling in Clover

Wednesday 8

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

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September

Thursday 9

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

Friday 10

Clear a shower this Evg JD finished harrowing & I finished drilling No 4 took 10 bu of wheat Father measured the field 9 5/8 acres Alf and Father went for water down the townline Chas & others pulled beans

Saturday 11

Clear & pleasant Father Aunt Emma and I went to town boys hauled 2 loads water & piled some lumber at Fletcher we drilled lot front of house on upper place the Evg in reliable wheat 28 26 pua

Monday 13

Clear & cool a shower this Evg we helped Aunt Emma thrash she had 196 bu Oats & 102 bu of wheat

Tuesday 14

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

Wednesday 15

Clear we ditched until noon after noon Father Alf & Morrise went to help uncle mack thrash rest hauled in two loads of beans & ditched some

Thursday 16

Showery At Chas & Alf hauled two loads of lumber from Fletcher Father helped uncle mack Thrash I went to town in single buggy to get some harness fixed

Friday 17

Heavy rain last night we cleaned up a load of wheat this morning afternoon we ploughed some at Aunt Emmas

Saturday

Tolerable Clear father and Aunt Emma went to town in the buggy I took 26 bu wheat in it weighed 27 bu got 72 c per bu

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Monday 20 September 1886

Clear we ploughed and harrowed at Aunt Emmas all day for wheat

Tuesday 21

Clear I drilled in 4 bu of reliable wheat at Aunt Emmas 1 bu per Ac, Jd finished harrowing Alf ploughed on upper place afternoon we all worked on centre ditch Father helped uncle mack thrash Chas cut some corn

Wednesday 22

Clear we worked on the centre ditch all day

Thursday 23

Clear Father went to Old Mr Cooper's funeral he was 100 years old I've finished the front part of centre ditch and commenced ploughing rest of summerfallow for wheat

Friday 24

We scraped a flat ditch across summerfallow and I commenced to drill reliable wheat on N 7 half picks per Ac

Saturday 25

Father went to town this morning in democrat I finished drilling Summerfallow took 4 3/4 bu after noon Chas and I went to town in single buggie Alf got in rest of beans JD ploughed

Monday 27

Father and I went to town took 44 bu of Oats for Aunt Emma Also 17 bu wheat got 26 c for Oats 70 c for wheat Alf & D ploughed After noon some Chas cut some corn

Tuesday 28

Cloudy drizzled rain after noon we commenced ploughing for wheat in No 5 with 3 teams

Wednesday 29

Tolerable Clear & Cool we ploughed in No 5 most of the day with 4 teams J working Dick and Pollie

Thursday 30

Frost last night Cool Alf harrowed some on upper place rest ploughed in No 5 Pat had colie at noon and did not work after

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Friday October 1886

Rained some last night Cloudy & cool I drilled 2 1/2 bu beaury wheat on centre ditch back & 1 bu puge & commenced drilling in No 5 Alf & D harrowed in No 5 & Chas finished ploughing it

Saturday 2

Clear & cool Father went to town Alf & d finished harrowing No 5 Alf run out furr{cut off} & I drilled in 9 bu of Beaury wheat on it had not quite Enough to finish C 1 bu per ac

Monday 4

Cloudy & showery I finished drilling this morning we then commenced hauling manure from back of barn on upper place on to field beyond the house Alf commenced ploughing in it Father went to S Woods to sale and bought 6 pigs C 6.75 Each

Tuesday 5

Father went to town in single buggy Alf ploughed rest hauled manure from behind Old barn

Wednesday 6

Clear & Cool Alf ploughed rest hauled manure

Thursday 7

Clear and pleasant Father Chas Alf and I went in Chatham to the fair JD hauled up some pumpkins & c

Friday 8

Clear we thrashed a flooring of beans after noon we ploughed & harrowed some on upper place beyond the Orchard

Saturday 9

Clear and warm Father and Aunt Emma went to town in single buggy I took in a load of wheat 26 bu & 10 bu of beans also took out iron plow & other plow irons to get fixed Alf harrowed on upper place boys hunted a lost pig

Monday 11

Clear and pleasant we hauled up wood water & c for thrashing Father got 3 lambs from T Sullivan for \$2.75 Each I also hauled in 14 bu of Corn from Henry

180

Tuesday Oct 12th 1886

Clear & pleasant we commenced thrashing about 9 O'clock at upper place Louis Granduson Isac Williams Uncle Mack Jobe River & J T harris helped us finished at upper place ~~and thrashed at~~ had 180 Oats & 115 Wheat Also thrashed Oats at lower place had 205 bu Oats

Wednesday 13

Clear & pleasant I've finished thrashing had 225 bu wheat at lower place

Thursday 14

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

Friday 15

Clear and windy we fixed up fence all day

Saturday 16

Father Aunt Emma & Mrs Carter went to town in the Democrat I took 40 bu of wheat got 68 C

Monday 18

Clear & cool we husked Corn all day

Tuesday 19

Clear & Cool we husked Corn until noon after noon we hauled in 35 bu Corn & 30 bu Culls
Father measured the field 12 ac 18 {illegible}

Wednesday 20

Clear & pleasant Father and I went to town to see my Engine tried took 36 bu wheat got 68 C
boys hauled 40 bu corn

Thursday 21

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

Friday 22

Clear and Cool we husked Corn all day

Saturday 23

Clear and Cool we hauled in Corn all day Father went to town in the single buggy

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Monday 25 October 1886

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

Tuesday 26

Cloudy & Cool Chaz & Father Assisted the surveyor me George on the line ditch between us and McCart rest husked Corn

Wednesday 27

Cloudy rained all the Afternoon we husked Corn until noon after noon F boarded up a stall for slick in shed by the barn

Thursday 28

Cloudy & damp we husked Corn most of the day

Friday 29

Cloudy we hauled in Corn 200 bu of good Corn & 6 bu Culls Father ween to Joe Rices sale this afternoon

Saturday 30

Clear and pleasant Father Aunt Emma And I went to town in the democrat took 4 bu Culls

Monday November 1st

Clear we straightened up the Corn Cribs at upper place and hauled up 50 bu of Ebeir's husking And put in them

Tuesday 2nd

Clear and pleasant we husked Corn all day

Wednesday 3

Clear & pleasant fodder very dry we husked all day

Thursday 4

We finished husking about noon after noon we hauled in ballance of Ebeir's husking he husked 219 bu

Friday 5

We finished hauling in our Corn had 1057 bu off the field 539 bu good Corn 993 Culls And 225 bu unculled

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Saturday 6 November 1886

About 2 inches of snowfall this morning Father went to town in democrat we hauled up some wood Cleaned up some wheat &c snowing again this Evg

Monday 8

Cloudy and damp we laid a bridge across Center ditch in Crosslane & loged up some in bush preparing for work on our part of McCart drain

Tuesday 9

Cloudy and damp Chas Alf & D hauled 4 loads of lumber from Fletcher I ploughed some with Dick & Pollie in the Evg we cleaned up some wheat Father put in some window glass &c

Wednesday 10

Clear Father went to town took 36 bu of wheat got 70 C Chas D and J Commence ditching on the McCart drain Alf grubbed some in some roots

Thursday 11

Cloudy we finished ploughing and harrowing a piece of ground for timothy seed Just beyond the house weed Aunt Emmas team Afternoon we ditched some with two teams

Friday 12

Tolerable pleasant we ditched all day with 4 teams

Saturday 13

Cloudy & damp Father drove Kate and Pollie to Chatham J. D. took Aunt Emmas team home J got 32 bu of corn from Henrys field hauled up some pumpkins wood &c afternoon J went to town Alf ploughed some with Pat & Shays

Monday 14

Tolerable clear we ditched all day with 4 teams

Tuesday 16

Toler Clear ~~Clear~~ we ditched all day with 3 teams Father went to the plains to a trustee meeting this Evg

Wednesday 17

Rained all day we Cleaned up some wheat &c

Thursday 18

Cloudy and blustery Occasional snow squalls we ditched some in the afternoon

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November 1886

Friday 19

Cloudy we ditched on the McCart ditch all day with 3 teams

Saturday 20

Tolerable Clear Muddy Father went to town in the democrat we ditched with tow teams after dinner J went up to Buxton and got some plaster for patching Alf ploughed

Monday 22

Cloudy and frosty we finished scraping on the McCart drain

Tuesday 23

Cloudy we ploughed most of the day on upper place rained this Evg and we had to quit

Wednesday 24

Cloudy and Cool very muddy we ploughed on upper place beyond the house finished front

Thursday 25

Cloudy we ploughed over behind the orchard on upper place finished about 7 acres

Friday 26

Cloudy and Crusty we hauled in 12 loads of fodder from No 6

Saturday 27

Cloudy Father went to town in democrat we hauled in 12 loads of fodder from No 6

Monday 29

Cloudy snowed some this morning we ploughed most of the day in sodfield in upper place

Tuesday 30

Cool and windy frozen too hard to plough Father and I went to town took 21 bu of wheat boys hauled in the ballance of the fodder out of our field

Wednesday 1

December snowing & blustery all day we cleaned up some timothy seed & c

Thursday 2

Cold and windy Tem 4 degrees we got two loads about 900 ft of white Oak lumber from Kerseys Mill which was sawed from our logs on shares Kersey got 700 ft for sawing

Friday 3

Cold Them 14 we bushed our wood sled & Flave hauled 3 Cords of Ash for Copfield

Saturday 4

Clear & cold Father went to town we finished hauling out wood and hauled 4 loads of fodder from Henrys field

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Monday 6

Clear & pleasant J D & I went down and helped Chas Simpson haul in his fodder Alf & Chas hauled up some wood water &c

Tuesday 7

Clear & pleasant we commenced thrashing clover this morning with Gillulak's machine Thrashing all day & got 2 1/2 bags Father went to Mrs James Steels funeral this afternoon

Wednesday 8

Clear & Cool we finished Thrashing Clover had 7 1/2 bags I took the Engine over to J Dillons this Evg

Thursday 9

Clear Father took James Harris's 6 bu of Corn over we cleaned up the barn floor put some Chaff in the mow &c

Friday 10

We killed Woods Hogs 5 & one other woods hogs weighed 977 lbs and other one 213 also cleaned 26 bu wheat & shifted other hogs into the pen

Saturday 11

Clear & pleasant, muddy, Father went to town took 28 bu of wheat we hauled 55 bu of Corn from Henrys field and I took 5 hogs down to Fletcher this Evg weight 989 lbs got \$5.50 per cwt largest hog weighed 210

Monday 13

Very muddy Father rode old Kate out to the Council we ground axes fanned wheat &c

Tuesday 14

Tuesday froze up during last night Isador moved away up to Sleds we commenced getting out timber for a shed to go on the west side of the barn Father cut up a hog

Wednesday 15

Snowed some last Evg Father went to town took 20 bu of wheat for grist got 6 bags of brand also got a draft for \$20 for me to send Munn & Co. we hewed a piece of timber for the shed and cut some wood

X Thursday 16

Cold we framed some at the shed

X Friday 17

Writing of Diary by Chas Cold Tem 4 degrees below we finished framing at the shed and set up 4 posts Mrs Carter left Father took her over to Rues

Saturday 18th

Father went to town diary written by CW

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December 20th 1886

Jan 1st 1887

took 20 bu of wheat to town to for grist

Monday 20th

Father took some wheat to town got 73 cts per bu Wm De and I worked on shed (took 30 bu)

Tuesday 21st

Father Wm also took x a load of oats to town for Aunt Emmaline We ~~worked on~~ hauled up some firewood &c

Wednesday 22nd

Wm De and I sawed some logs in lower place worked on shed PM

Thursday 23rd

All fanned up clover seed about 10 bu when clean Father went up to council meeting got \$44
back tax on Shadd drain 70 cts on ~~Deary~~ Rice Drain

Friday 24th

Snowed heavy Father went to town to Xmas market

Monday 27th

We cut a few Elm logs hauled up some fire wood ~~we~~

Tuesday 28th

Cold Ther 4 degrees above Father held the Provincial Election at E Elare of div 2 Wm and I
cut down Elm logs in bush ~~an~~ on lower place

Wednesday 29th

Snowed some Father attended school meeting Wm and I finished cutting down helm

Thursday 30th

Father and J D, C I and De made 2 trips with 2 teams to Fletcher with Elm logs. Wa and I cut
{illegible} to logs

Friday 31st

Snowed and blowed heavily today Father and I made one trip to Fletcher with logs Wm
sharpened saw

Saturday January 1st 1887 1887

Snowed ~~heavily~~ heaveily Father ~~we~~ took 30 bushel of wheat to town got 79 cts per bu rest
tinkered

Mon ~~2~~ 3rd

Father and Wm held Municipal Elect in south {?} house De and I hauled 4 cord of softwood to Wm Newkirk

Tues 3rd 4th

Father went to town I took two loads of logs to F, PM

Wed 4th 5th

De and I hauld logs to Fletcher made 3 trips

Thurs 6th

Father and De finished drawing down elm logs to F Wm and I cut smaest of the 2 white oaks in NW corner on lower place

Frid 7th

Clear cold Ther 12 degrees below Z Father and De took two white oak logs of tree to Chatham had 1100ft got \$12 per thousand Wm and I cut 3 red oak and remaining 1 w oak log

Satu 8th

Cold Ther 18 degrees below Z Father went to town with Aunt E

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Wm & Alf took 1 white oak 3 red oak logs to Chatham got \$6 per thousand all around

Mon 10th

Cold windy Killed 9 of big hog Nem Zebbs and AB upper helped Aunt Mary and Emmaline ridded entrails

Tues 11th

Father took 2228 lbs of pork got \$5.75 per cut to town Wm and De took 5 1/2 cord 40 in wood to Dr Springer

Wedn 12th

Father and De took 3 cord of dry wood to N. Murray Wm and I cut down last large white oak on lower place

Thur 13th

Father and De took two white oak logs of 817 ft 675 rest got A Elare to cut up the tree. Wm and I cut 4 red oaks

Fri 14th

Warm drizzled rain AM snowed PM Father went to Fletcher

Sat 15th

Father went to town to work it took 4 bu of corn for grist Wm and De took 4 red oaks had ↓ 8.00 ft

Mon 17th

Snowed blustry Father and De took 2 more white oak logs of tree to lower had 1175 ft got \$8 per thousand ft Wm and I cut 3 red oak logs on upper place

Tues 18th

Blustry Ther 0 degrees all hauled out fire wood and loaded red oaks for Chatham

Wed 19th

Ther 13 degrees above Father & De took 3 red oaks to Chatham Wm & I cut two maples

Thurs 20th

Warm Ther reached 45 degrees above Z Father Wm De and Uncle {illegible} Cooper brought out 4 crads of 3100 brick from Chatham to upper place

Frid 21st

Warm Ther 24 degrees above in mirn thawed Father and Wm went to Chatham brought out 1100 brick

Sat 22nd

Warm Ther reached 52 degrees above Father took 65 bu of Clover seed got \$5 per bu 2 bu of Timothy seed got \$3.50 Wm & De took two maple logs 907 feet to town

Mon 24th

Thawed some snow gone from roads Father went to Fletcher to settle with Barry Wm De and I {faded} washed of x on shed out lower place

Tues 25th

Father we to Fletcher Wm De and I worked on sheep shed

Wed 26th

Father took {faded} Wm De and I thrashed seed of beans and faned them worked on shed PM

Thurs 27th

Ther 10 degrees {faded} all ground {faded} Wm piled

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January 28th 1887 AD

Saw, went to little bush PM to cut slash and pile brush

Frid 28th

Ther 38 degrees above rained in evening Wm and I cut 4 maple logs in lower place Father C De slashed

Sat 29th

Fair Ther reached 42 degrees Father went to town to market Wm De and I tore old locard fence to front gateway and renewed it

Mon 31st

Cloudy blustry Ther 1 degree above Z hauled up lot of firewood PM

Tuesday 1st Febuary

Cloudy blustry Ther 2 degrees above all took teams and hauled 10 maple logs to Buxton for Aunt E Simpson

Wed 2nd

Cloudy Wm De & I faned 20 bu of oats for ~~market~~ market all slashed and piled brush in little bush

Thurs 3rd

Cloudy I and WM cut rail cuts De bushed them

Fri 4th

Cloudy Ther 10 degrees above hauled 4 maple logs length 12, 16, 16th rest dime 20, 22, 16, 22 in

Sat 5th

Cloudy snowed PM Ther 10 degrees Father and Wm went to town De and I hauled some wood up to hills on LP and a load of hay from barn there to stable on UP

Mon 7th

Cloudy rained showers all day I went down got Aunt ~~mary~~ Mary to wash Wm De and I faned up oats at LP

Tues 8th

Cloudy rained heavy in showers all day

Wed 9th

Clear Ther 26 degrees warm very high water Father and all cut slashed and piled brush on UP

Thur 10th

Cloudy moderate Killed 5 little size pigs wt 1000lbs and 1 large one for Aunt Emma wt 350 lbs N. Zebbs helped us

Fri 11th

Cloudy rained Father cut up the pork

Sat 12th

Cloudy Ther 6 degrees above Z Wm De and I cut and slashed

Mon 14th

Cloudy rained PM Ther 20 degrees cut & slashed Father got Aunt Mary to render lard

Tues 15th

Father salted some of pork we got out timber for a {faded}

Wed 16th

Fair Father finished salting pork Wm De and I cut slashed and pied brush

Thur 17th

Clear AM cloudy PM Father took 36 bu of oats to {faded} got 28 cts per bu Wm and I sowed clover seed clearing of EH of field No 4 P John Carter and family moved into house LP

Fri 18th

Cloudy rained heavy PM Father {faded}

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February 19th 1887

We hauled a light load of hay and a load of fodder to UP Wm let up some water & c

Sat 19th

Cloudy cold Father went to town ~~deb~~ we put a fence around barn yard on LP &c

Mon ~~20th~~ 21st

Cloudy Wm sowed clover seed on rest of No 4 began in No 5 De and I shelled 3 bags of corn for T Sullivan fixed up down pieces of fence

Tues 22nd

Cloudy Father held polls at E Elare's Smith VS Campbell majority for latter 51, Wm ~~finished~~ sowed some clover in No 4 De and I brought rest of cord wood up some fodder ~~dr~~ drew up some wood

Wed 23rd

Cloudy Ther 22 degrees rained PM WM took 42 bu of oats to town got 28 cts per bu Father came out with him De and I drew up wood

Thur 24th

Fair Wm De and I sawed some cord wood cut and piled brush

Friday 25th

Cloudy Wm De and I cut some cord wood Piled some bush &c

Sat 26th

Cloudy rained PM Father went to town we brought 8 a load of fodder up cut and put up ice to keep

Mon 27th

Clear AM Cloudy began snow Ther 9 degrees above Z all shelled and

1st March

Fanned corn at LP

~~28th~~

Father took 36 1/2 bu of corn to town got 44 cts per bu Wm De and I hauled 3 loads of hay from LP to UP

Wed 2nd March

Clear warm Wm De and I cut stove wood in little bush

Thur 3rd

Fair cool Wm De and I cut cord wood in little bush

Fri 4th

Cloudy Ther 25 degrees Wm De and I cut cord wood in little bush

Sat 5th

Cloudy Ther 18 degrees snowed all day began rain in evening Father ~~got~~ went to Fletcher

Mon 7th

Fair Wm De and I cut wood in bush drew a coup Kerrys {faded} up today

Tues 8th

Fair Wm De and I ~~cut wood in~~ fixed up fences on LP De and I took 10 bu of corn over to E Elare

Wed 9th

Cloudy warm Ther 58 degrees We cut some stove wood took top off Lacocq line fence finished covering in the ice

Thur 10

Fair I sowed some clover and Timothy seed of in back field on UP we cut wood trimmed and pied brush & c

Fri 11th

Clear Father and Wm killed and dressed pig at LP {faded} lbs I sowed some clover & Timothy seed of back field

Sat 12th

Clear windy Father went to town took pig got 5.75 per cwt I sowed some clover & Timothy seed all cut and slashed in back field

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March 14 1887

Mon 14th

Cloudy Ther 20 degrees Wm De and I cut wood &c

Tues 15th

Fair Ther 19th weighed out a ton of hay for D Martin cut some wood &c PM

Wed 16th

Fair cool Wm I and De fixed fence along W side of lane on LP Father got 40 bu of seed oat of D Young

Thur 17th

Windy cool I sowed clover suden wheat field back of orchard Wm & De bushed out some hickory wood cut by E Elare all cut in bush PM

Fri 18

Cloudy cool we slashed in bush from cross lane back

Sat 19th

Cloudy Father went town took wooden handled plow for repairs I sowed clover lot in front of house UP we slashed

Mon 21st

Cloudy cool Ther 29 degrees snowed evening Father scraped the road we trimmed trees in front of house UP shelled some corn

Tues 22nd

Cloudy snowed a little Wm De & I shelled corn AM at LP cut and slashed in back at UP. PM

Wed 23rd

Clear Father sowed some pots of clover seed on field No 1 LP I finished sowing Lot in front of house UP we all cut and slashed in bush

Thur 24th

Cloudy began rain in evening we slashed in bush

Fri 25th

Fair cool Father and De got last of corn 7 1/2 bu from field No 3 worked by H Parson at LP Wm and I hauled out rest of rail cuts AM, all cut and slashed PM

Sat 26th

Fair cool Father & Wm went to town JD & I cut stove wood

Mon 28th

Cloudy blustry Ther 28 degrees Wm De and I bushed out hickory wood out y E Elare AM cut Elm logs PM T Sullivan got 12 bu of shelled corn

Tues 29th

Cloudy blustry AM Ther 8 degrees above Z Wm De and I finished cutting Elm logs of Barry's in little bush cut rail cuts PM

Wednes 30th

Cloudy all bushed out cord wood and hauled out some rails Cuts, cut The rails of down timber in pond bush

Thur 31st

Fair moderate we hauled out rail cuts sent in pond bush along 8th con AM cut those in little bush to single cut

Friday April 1st

Fair warm all cut and slashed in little bush Beatman Crosby began to split rails

Sat 2nd

Clear warm Father went to town We cut {faded} slashed 1 field backed 8 con

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Monday April ~~3rd~~ 4th 1887

X Clear warm windy Wm De & I began to plow X in field No 3 LP

Tues 5th

Cloudy blustery Ther 18 degrees above Wm plowed AM at LP De and I hauled a load of manure on garden UP all dug at a watering PM Up

Wed 6th

Fair windy cool Wm De & I finished all to head lands plowing No 3 LP, I rolled part of wheat in No 4 AM

Thur 7th

Clear warm Wm dug at trough De and I plowed in No {faded}

Fri 8th

Fair warm Wm & De plowed in the No 6 I rolled No 4

Sat 9th

Clear Ther reached 70 degrees Father wen to town Wm & I spread manure on garden Wm plowed at LP, De plowed in {faded}

Mon 11th

Fair warm AM cooler PM Wm plowed in No6 De harrowed wheat I rolled in No5 I began an I roling clover in No 7

Tues 12th

Fair cooler Father put in a trunk at road in center ditch UP, Wm & De plowed in No 6 I finished roling field No

Wedn 13th

1 and 2 lot garden at LP was plowed yesterday harrowed to day

~~Thurs 9~~

Fair Ther reached 59 Degrees Wm & De plowed in No6 Father {faded} at garden I finished rolling wheat on UP Father sowed onion seed in garden at LP

Thur 14th X

Fair windy Father planted some Beets Turnips Parsnips & Carrots in garden at LP Wm De and I finished plowing field No6 LP, AM began plowing on UP in clover next back field PM sold Rice hefier to Mrs Morhead for \$15

Frid 15th

Cloudy cool showered a little Wm De and I plowed in clover next back field UP

Sat 16th

Cloudy drizzled a little in morn Father went to town {faded} W gang plough from Wm Dosston's (bought at sale) Wm & De plowed in clover field UP I finished digging {faded}

Mon 18th

Cloudy windy Ther {faded} degrees Wm De & I plowed in field out to backfield

Tues 19th

Clear Ther 23 degrees AM Wm De & I finished plowing fields next to cornfield Wm manured part of garden on UP

Wed 20th

Fair Wm & D began to harrow field No6 LP, I plowed potato field on UP Wm began to {faded} Oats in No6

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Thursday April 21 ~~3rd~~ 1887

Fair Father went to Fletcher got some {faded} Hughs Wm and I went to get lumber sawed at Barry's AM drilled Oats D and I harrowed in No 6

22nd Fri

Cloudy cool showered some Wm finished drilling in Oats D and I finished harrowing and run out {faded} in No 6 LP Father put in a trunk

Sat 23rd

Cloudy windy Father went to town Wm & D plowed UP in fall plowing E side of center ditch

Mon 25

Cloudy Wm D & I finished plowing front field next house E side of C ditch AM harrowed it PM

Tues 26th

Fair showered little Wm drilled E side center ditch field in Oats D & I harrowed field No 3 LP

Wedn 27

Fair warmer Ther reached 54 degrees showered morn Father and Wm went to town D & I finished harrowing No 3 LP, AM, D plowed front field E side of lane I roled ES lane

Thur 28

Cloudy rained heavy all shelled some corn at LP

Fri 29th

Cloudy windy cool Father took 20 bu of corn got 45 cts for bu Wm & I went in also to get engine to fair round

Sat 30th

Fair Ther reached 54 degrees Father went to town Fair & market Wm & D plowed ES of lane part field UP

Monday May 2nd

Cloudy rained little rained very heavy yesterday we shelled some corn AM loged some PM

Tues 3rd

Fair warm Wm & De took mares gin & Doll to Fletcher to Young Wonder gin was in season & breed Father & Wm weighed out a ton of hay to Wm Rice all greased harness

Wed 4th

Fair warm Father went to town took 25 bu of corn got 45 cts per bu Wm D & I {faded} some board fence along back of yard UP Breed Polly to

Thur 5th

Fair warm Wm D & I {faded} weigh stands in back ditch behind clearing No 7 LP loged in it PM

Fri 6th

Fair Ther reached 79 degrees Father and all loged in clearing No 7

Sat 7th

Fair warm rained in evening Father went to town X Wm Drilled D harrowed field No 3 LP in oats

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Monday May 9th 1887

Fair warm Wm D & I loged in clearing No 7 LP

Tues 10th

Fair warm Father and all loged helped by Isaac Williams and Job Pieeçe sr in clearing No 7 LP

Wed 11th

Clear warm Father and all loged AM helped by Isaac Williams & Job Pierce latter and Wm hauled manure PM

Thur 12th

Clear warm Ther reached 80 degrees Wm hauled manure on ridge for potato patch &c J
Pierce loded it D and I harrowed in back field nat 8 con field for peas

Fri 13th

Fair warm Father & Job Pierce finished shearing sheep AM Wm drilled in Peas on field next
8 con field D harrowed I plowed potato &c patch on ridge harrowed ↓ it

Sat 14th

Fair cooler wind Father went to town Wm plowed D harrowed rest front field finished for coin
UP

Monday 16th

Clear Ther reached 76 degrees Wm went to town AM I rolled pea ground in back field next 8
con field ↓ D cross harrowed cornfield both finished it PM, Wm marked it off

Tues 17th

Cloudy rained little PM Wm finished cross marking cornfield I planted part of it Wm & D
plowed part of front field west side of center ditch

Wedn 18th

Fair warm Wm D & I plowed rest of front field west of center ditch Father and F planted some
potatos

Thur 19th

Fair warm Ther about 80 degrees Father and Wm went to town to bring out traction engine
but got through that 12 & 13 bridge I finished planting corn in field E G of lane UP, D
harrowed W side of center ditch

Fri 20th

Clear warm all went and got engine out of bridge and sun it home helped by F Shreeve & W
Morhead

Sat 21st

Fair warm Father went to town Wm marked off WS center ditch field D and I planted part of it

Mon 23rd

Clear Ther 85 degrees Wm & I finished WS center ditch field in corn plowed & harrowed garden put in some sweet corn and squash F planted pumpkins in cornfield

Tues 24th

Clear Am cloudy PM rained heavy shower Father went to Mr Rhece's funeral Wm & D harrowed part of sod field & con field I planted some mellons and potatos

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Wednesday 25th May 1887

Cloudy showered little in evening Father weed in garden at LP, I planted some mellons cucumbers & potatoes Wm doble cultivated sod in part, D, & I harrowed

Thur 26th

Cloudy showered PM Father went up to town hall to council meting Wm cultivated De harrowed in sod for corn in back field next to cornfield

Fri 27th

Cloudy showered some in evening I finished cultivating De finished harrowing & Wm marking off back field next to cornfield I began planting corn in it PM

Sat 28th

Fair Ther 47degrees to 73 degrees Father went to town Wm & D began to plow clearing at LP, No 7 I finished planting corn in back field next to cornfield UP

Mond 30th

Fair AM cloudy began rain in evening Wm & D plowed AM in Clearing fixed fence around clearing PM, LP I rolled corn ground in back field next to cornfield

Tues 31st

Cloudy rained most of day D & I greased 1 set double harness and single harness Wm shelled some corn

Wedn June 1st

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

Thur 2nd

Fair rained toward evening Father & I plowed in clearing No 7 Wm & D cut blocks to go under fence

Friday 3rd

Fair Father took rye out of wheat LP D & I plowed in clearing Wm worked at fence

Sat 4th

Clear warm Ther reached 86 degrees father went to town D and I plowed in clearing Wm & I finished laying fence aloud back of clearing No 7

Mon 6th

Cloudy rained PM Wm D and I plowed in clearing

Tues 7th

Fair warm Father took park Bros tank back to town Wm & D plowed in Clearing LP X I replanted field No 1 UP

Wed 8th

Clear AM rained PM Wm D & I finished half of clea-

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Wednesday June 8th 1887

-ing LP planted part of it PM

Thur 9th

Fair turned cooler Father D & F worked in garden Wm & I planted part of Clearing LP

Fri 10

Fair warm Wm & I finished planting plowed part of cornfield No 1 LP, D double cultivated bean ground UP

Sat 11th

Fair warm Father went to town Wm & I cultivated corn on UP field No 1

Mon 13th

Fair warm Wm & I finished (1 way) corn in No 1 UP D harrowed bean ground Father Wm & I planted bean PM in field No 5 6 UP S

Tues 14th

Fair warm Father Wm & I finished planting LP beans in No 5 UP D finished roling corn No 1 2

Wedn 15

Fair warm Wm & I cultivated corn No 3 UP D U plowed for sorgum in garden patch

Thurs 16th

Fair warm Father and all logged in Clearing No 7 LP

Fri 17th

Fair warm Ther 85 degrees all loged in Clearing No 7 LP

Sat 18th

Clear warm Ther 90 degrees Father went to town to market rest finished loging in clearing LP

Mon 20th

Cloudy showered in evening Wm plowed in Clearing LP, D & I cultivated corn in field No 6 UP

Tues 21st

Cloudy rained Am Father took Kate to Fletcher to get shoe {illegible} Wm & D PM plowed in corn field No 7 LP for beans I began to plant beans PM

Wed 22nd

Fair shower AM Father got some beans of {faded} Wm & D plowed I planted Father helped PM

Thur 23rd

Cloudy cooled heavy shower some hail D finished plowing for beans Wm & I finished planting No 7

Fri 24

Fair cooler Father cut fence corners & c Wm D & I cultivated corn in No 1 & EH No 2 UP

Sat 25th

Fair Ther 50 degrees to 74 degrees Father went to town Wm D & I cultivated rest of corn in EH No 2 & planted No 5 UP

Mon 27th

Fair warm Wm D & I cultivated corn No 7 UP

Tues 28th

Fair warm Wm D & I cultivated corn in No 2 EH, UP

Wed 29th

Fair warm Wm D & I cultivated part of beans AM UP began

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29th June 1887

Wed 29th

To cut hay in N1 & 2 LP

Thurs 30th

Father went up to Town Hall to council got \$30 \$30 for engine going through bridge Wm & I finished cutting clover hay in No 1 & 2 LP raked and corked some

Friday 1st July

Fair warm Father & all hauled hay into barn LP A Emal Elare helped us PM

Sat 2nd

Clear warm Ther reached 95 degrees in shade Father went to town rest hauled rest of hay into barn LP

Mon 4th

Wm D & I finished cultivating beans field No 6 UP

Tues 5th

Clear Wm D & I finished corn (1 way) in No 6 UP began cultivating in No 1 UP

Wed 6th

Fair father cut Aunt Emmaline's clover Wm D & I cradled around No 4 wheat LP also No 3 UP

Thur 7th

Fair all cut raked & shocked Timothy hay in No 4 UP

Fri 8th

Fair warm Ther reached 95 degrees all hauled Timothy to stable UP

Sat 9th

Clear AM cloudy rained heavy PM Father went to town Flav cut Wm D & I bound wheat part of No 4 LP

Mon 11th

Clear Father cut wheat took Alfred to town in evening to try examination all bound wheat No 4 LP Chas Simpson helped (finished field)

Tues 12th

All shocked wheat AM LP began to cut No 3 UP

Wed 13th

Finished cutting & binding No 3 and lot in front of house

Thurs 14th

All cut bound & shocked wheat of Aunt Emmaline

Friday 15th

Father cut rest bound (C Simpson helped) part of No 5 LP

Sat 16th

Father & Wm went to town Alf returned D & I finished cutting weeds & shocked wheat in No 5 LP

Mon 18th

Clear very warm Ther reached 102 degrees yesterday all hauled X wheat No 4 LP, Father began to dig a well by Pond UP Cous Araninta Hughs came up from Windsor

Tues 19th

Father finished digging well by pond all hauled wheat into barn UP from field No 4 C S helped

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Wednesday 20th July 1887

Wm went to haul Aunt Emmaline wheat AM rest took brick out of well behind orchard UP Father layed them in pond well, all finished stacking Aunt E wheat

Thur 21st

Cloudy all hauled wheat (our share) from 8 corn field of H Parson's to LP barn hauld wheat out of No 5 LP Fri 22nd Cloudy rained during night Wm cultivated cane rest hoed it Father cut some fence corners

Sat 23rd

Clear Father & cou Araminta went to town rest cut fence corners Up & LP D {faded} C

Mon 28th

Cut some fence corners & hay lot in 8 cornfield

Tues 26th

Hauled hay from back 8 cornfield & wheat rakings

Wed 27th

Father began to cut oats on No 3 UP rest hauled rakings off LP wheat fields

Thur 27

Father began cut oats for Aunt Emma rest bound & shocked No 3 UP

Fri 29

Father finished cutting oats for Aunt Emma all tied part of hers

Sat 30th

Father & I began to cut oats in No 6 LP rest finished binding for Aunt Emmaline

Monday 1st August 1887

Clear warm Father cut rest bound in No 6 oats

Tues 2nd

Clear warm father cut oats rest bound & shocked

Wed 3rd

Clear Ther about 93 degrees in shade Father cut oats rest bound & shocked C Simpson helped

Thur 4th

Clear warm all bound & shocked oats in No 6

Fri 5th

Cloudy rained PM Father finished cutting oats in No 3 rest finished binding & shocking No 6 LP

Sat 6th

Fair Father went to town rest bound little in No 3

Monday 7th

Dear Joseph died at 8:15 this morning Father went to town made arrangements for funeral

Tues 8th

Funeral took PM services conducted by Rev C. A. Washington

Wed 9th

All bound & set up oats in No 3 LP

Thur 10th

D went to Fletcher got tires set on waggon 1 rest

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-finished oats AM, LP cleared out west line fence UP

Fri 11th

All began to haul oats from field No 6 LP

Sat 12th

Father & R Hughs went to ~~town~~ town rest hauled rest of oats from No 6 LP

13th Monday

Cloudy rained Am Father took 26 bu of corn to town got 50 cts per bu Wm and F Shrieve took Engine up on middle road to thrash rest built fence around orchard removed from between 3 & 4 LP

Tues 14th

Hauled some oats in from No 3 UP pulled stones into well at pond &c

Wed 15th

Cloudy rained PM finished hauling oats out of No 3 UP C Simpson helped preceeding week and the {cut off}

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