Benjamin Reesor (1836 - 1917) 1888 - 1890

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Jan

1 I went to Markham in {illegible} N B's swamp & shot 3 Flying squirrels.

{illegible} sent for us They are cutting down {illegible} N B's swamp W. fine

- 4 Didnt thresh, steady Mild gentle snow all day, no wind, S Lehmans were here, snow does not lie very deep
- 5 Threshed all Fall wheat & little spring wheat that was left & about 1 {illegible} Oats I think we threshed about something over 240 Bus Wheat
- 6 Chored Boys threshed few Peas & Cut Straw to fill beds W. snow & sleet from east till about 2 PM I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's this evening
- 7 H drew 2 loads Pine F drew some wood from other bush I went with H PM Then we went to Clarks hollow {large torn hole in page} bought about 300 Cedar Posts {illegible due to hole}ert Collins @ 8 cts each bo{ught} a lot of Cedar by Auction W. {C}old, foggy trees Covered with {illegible}

Sunday 8 at home all day F, {H} & {part of page torn off} went to Menno Reesors this ev{ening} W. very fine Clear & Mild

9 H drew 2 loads Pine & {part of page torn off}
Posts F & B drew Posts {part of page torn off}
home load at noon & {part of page torn off}
Br C brought Kate {torn off}

10 J drew 2 {illegible} 2 {page torn off}

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Posts F & H drew up hill & brought home a load at night they took their dinner with them B went to School W. some squaals of snow strong W wind PM

- 11 J Drew 1 load Pine & brought home load Posts F & H Drew up hill & brought home load at night. W. fine Cler, Cold
- 12 Boys Delivered steer at Green River to B{uttcher} Ferries AM Chored PM S Ramer's brought Emmanuel Nighswander & wife from Pennsylvania here for dinner W. Cold & Cler AM Snow from East all PM, milder

H brought Burrows this eveing Horse Major was sick is better again

13 I got Horse Charley shod AM Br C's Thomas brought Philip Wismer from Clinton PM
 F & H Thomas & lot more {large hole torn in page} D Nighswander's this even{ing} {hole in page}
 15 bags Oats to D Ramer's W {page torn} high {part of page torn off} last night & AM Cler PM

{Part of PageTorn off} went visiting with Wismer J & H {part of page torn off} home last of Posts 2 loads AM

{Torn off} Pine & H brought home {Torn off} very fine Cler

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Burrows Horse Major is worse) remarks & sermon on St Mark part of 10 C by Br C. David Burkholder was here PM. I & Nancy & little ones went to Br C's this eveing W. fin a little Blustery through the Middle of the day

- 16 J took load of Pine AM & last load PM J brought home shingles from A B Ramer's AM J & H took Beef steer to N B's & killed him N B helped them he has a good tackle to hang them up R Wallace was here today W. fine
- 17 Cut up Beef & boys threshed some Peas W. snow from east Mild
- {18} I & Nancy went to John Hoovers on {page torn} Whitechurch for dinner & to {page torn} {Mart}in Brillingers for supper & {page torn} {M}artin Brillingers staid all night W. Cler sharp N.W. wind not strong
- 19 went to D Stover's he was not at home then we went to Joseph Spinks for dinnner then Called at S Lehmans they were not at home then we Came home W. fine Cler sharp air from Southeast

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- **20** J & F went to Markham AM J is not well. F H & girls Br C's Thomas & lot more went to S Lehman's PM. W. very fine Cler
- 21 Chored brought home Colts from other place I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. very Cold Cler 10 deg below Zero this morning
- **Sunday 22** I & Nancy & little ones went to Peter Reesor's for dinner then went to Br N's this eveing W. pretty Cold, Cler
- **23** F & H drew wood from other bush & I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM W. Cler Cold, snow PM
- **24** F went to J Mainlands Bee to draw wood to Cherrywood he Bought W Burkholders *{part of page torn away}* he & H drew home wood *{PM}* J is getting better
- 25 Boys Chored. W. snow from east all day pretty cold
- 26 Boys Chored W. very strong wind from north all day Cold
- 27 B{oys} threshed Peas & shovelled road west of 11th Con W. very very strong North wind all day
- 28 Boys threshed Peas. W. Cold very very strong North Wind, townline drifted

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again west of 11th no use shovelling total Eclipse of Moon about 6 oclock this eveing, wind gone down at night

- **Sunday 29** at home all day N B's & Aunt Lizzy & Rosina were here young folks went to J D's this eveing W. fine Cler
- 30 Boys shoveled snow on Scarboro Townline J took 15 bags Oats to D Ramer's AM I & Nancy & little ones went to Johny Reesor's this eveing W. fine Cler

- 31 Boys Hitched up 2 yer Old mare Dolly AM she went well F brought home Chop PM J drove Major to Cherrywood for exercise he is about all right, young folks & Br C's Thomas & Fanny Browns {piece torn from page}ger & A B's Jess & Martha {piece missing} went to Johnny Reesor's this eveing {piece torn away} Mild like a thaw
- Feb 1 Killed 7 Pigs AM Chored PM. W. fine, Mild, Cloudy

Candlemas day 2 F & H went to Toronto 7 Pigs \$7.12½ per Cwt Beef Hide 5 cts 62 lbs Butter 22 cts 4{illegible} doz Eggs 24 cts Christian Gayman's were here W. fine, Mild Cler AM Cloudy PM

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- 3 I & Nancy went to Green River to Store AM then went to S Ramers this eveing F went to Pilkeys Bee drawing wood J & H drew home wood from other bush W. fine
- **4** J & A went to Markham F went to Br Ss H & B drew wood from other bush AM They all finished threshing & Cleaning Peas PM W. Mild dull Cloudy drissly PM
- **Sunday 5** at Home Boys & girls went to Br C's at noon & to Menno Stover's this eveing J D's Thomas Fanny & Esther were here this eveing W. fine Mild
- 6 I went to Meeting to appoint Trustees at Meeting house AM Br S M C Faits & myself were re elected Boys went to lo{ok} {piece of page torn away} a fox AM drew home wo{od} W. fine mild A B's were here this eveing
- 7 I & H helped Br C's Kill 7 Pigs AM J & F drew limb wood from other bush AM Boys drew 1 load wood PM then they & girls went to A B's this eving W. a little snow from east, mild

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- 8 I & Nancy went to Solomon Burkholders at dinner & to Abraham Hoover's at supper & to J B's all night W. fine, west wind
- **9** went to D Nighswanders at dinner then Came home. W. Cler Sharp air about 5 below zero this eveing
- 10 Chored Boys drew load wood PM. W. very Cold this morning a great deal Milder tonight

- 11 Sawed wood in shed & Cleaned seed Peas AM J & F took Oats & got them Chopped PM W. fine
- **Sunday 12** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on 1 Cor part of 10th C by R'd S Hoover M N's J H Ramers & Br inlaw Saml {Ho}over's were here PM I & Nancy {piece of page missing} {and litt}le ones went to Menno Stovers this {ev}ning. W. fine Mild
- 13 F & H helped N B kill 8 hogs I & J drew 1 sawlog AM J went to Burtons Sale at Green River PM W. fine
- **14** F Chored for N B I & J & H {partial word crossed out} hung up Pork to smoke & Cleaned 1 bin of Fall Wheat W Drissly & soft snow all day, Colder this eveing

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- 2 Boys flailed Oats W. snow & sleet from east all day, quit about 4 PM. Mild
- 3 I & Nancy went to M N's Sarah is sick. her heart is affected. boys brought a load of sawdust we intend to put away some Ice W. Cold, strong N W wind
- **Sunday 4** I & Nancy & Anne went to Aunt Lizzy Burkholder's Boys & girls went to Peter Reesor's Benj'n & little ones Kept house Martin Barkeys were here this eveing W. pretty Cold Cler
- **5** Began to Saw Ice on Br S's Pond H went to Markham AM Br inlaw Jesse Hoover brought 30 bus Oats to exchange for Br inlaw Peter {piece of page torn away} brought home load Ice PM N B helped he wants to use some W. Cler sharp N wind
- 7 Drew one More load Ice & load sawdust, pretty sharp

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- 8 I & Nancy & little ones went to Motherinlaws Boys Built house over Ice W. fine pretty sharp
- 9 Brought load sawdust & some lumber AM J & B went to sale of Fowler's estate at Armadale F H & girls went to J H Ramer's PM they were not at home W. very fine & mild

- 10 Finished Icehouse I & Abram took 21 Sapbuckets to Nicholson at Markham to get fixed AM I & J brought 600 2 in tiles from Cherrywood F & H went to help John Milroys saw wood PM W. wind from east all day
- **Sunday 11** all went to Meeting except J & F remarks & sermon on St Mark 8 C from 22nd V by Br C Boys & girls went to Br C's this eveing. W. soft snow & rain all day till 4 PM. fine & Cler tonight
- **12** Boys top threshed & Cleaned Oats I & H brought 400 2 in tiles from Cherrywood PM W. Cold raw N Wind Br S's were here this eveing

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- 13 Chored W. Real Blizzard from north all day, not very cold
- 14 Boys Cleaned & Carried back into granary one bin of Barley AM Broke roads & took grist Oats to Cedar Grove Mills PM. W. fine Cler, Markham & Scarboro Townline badly drifted
- **15** Brought home Chop AM I & F H & B went to Amos Cole's Sale & J went to Br S. S. PM W. fine
- 16 Boys split Ovenwood AM then they all went to P Lapps sale PM. I & Nancy went to M N's Pm to see how Sarah is she is able to sit up but she is weak yet. W. fine & Mild 47 J bought Wilkinson 1XL Plow in good order @ \$6.00
- 17 I & Br S took Train at Markh{am} arrived at Toronto about 12 oc took Train from after arriving & Changed at Berlin for Waterloo got there abou{t} 4 then walked to Joseph Weber's & staid all night W. fine, sharp this morning

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Sundy 18 Weber took us to Meeting at Martin's Meeting house a great Many People Sermon on St Mat 18 by R'ds Jos Gingerich & Elias Snider went to Deacon David Martin's he is in very bad health with a sore foot he has had a Corn on his toe for thirty years in the fall at got sore & he began doctoring it & it Kept getting worse he has lost two toes and part of his foot. There is no prospect of him ever getting better then we went to Bishop Abraham Martin's & staid all night. he has been very sick vomiting blood was Confined to the house two weeks is able to go out in fine weather

- 19 after dinner went to Enos Martin's & to his Mother's Made a few Calls & staid all night at Deacon Menno Shants very fine day snow going fast
- 20 Menno Shants took us to Waterloo took Train about 9.30 arrived Toronto after 12 got dinner took Train about 4 arrived at Markham about 6 oc Br S's Isaac Met us then Herman met me at Br S's got home safe found all well. W. rain AM mild PM

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- 21 Boys Oiled harness AM Sawed wood in bush J got Major shod PM W. rain AM Cler PM Br N's were here this eveing, we sold Mare Nell to W & D Reesor for \$42.50 Payable in 6 months they took her to Manitoba boys Delivered her last Saturday & she was shipped on Tuesday
- **22** F & B Sawed wood in old bush J brought home 21 sap Buckets from Markham that Nicholson fixed AM then he brought 500 2 in tiles PM. W. sharp
- 23 J brought last load 500 2 in tiles & Boys Cleaned grist Oats AM they all went to G E Reesor's sale PM J bought Speight full Mounted Waggon run two seasons @ \$49.00 Br C's were here this evening W. Cold raw N Wind
- 24 Boys sawed wood I went to pay Waggon AM (6 per Cent per Annum Discount) J & H brought Waggon home PM. I & Nancy went to D Ramer's this eveing W. Cler, raw wind

Sunday 25 I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's W. fine

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- 26 Boys sawed in old bush AM Chored PM. W. raw east wind AM rain from east all PM
- 27 Boys sawed in other bush I & Nancy & little ones went to Menno Burkholder's PM W. fine Mild began to rain about sunset rained till 11 oc PM then we Came home. all night
- 28 Chored. W. Drissly at times I went to J Reesor's PM
- 29 Boys sawed in other bush I & J drew 3 logs AM Soaked sap tubs PM W. fine mild. thawing

Good Friday 30 All went to Meeting at Hebron except Adeline remarks & Sermon on St Mark 15 C by Br C J B's were here PM. W. fine AM snow from east PM. Mild

31 I went to Markham AM Boys drew out some wood at other bush. Tapped about 110 Buckets PM. sap runs well W. fine Cler, warm fresh snow all gone

Sunday April 1st I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans, remarks by Jac Wideman Sermon on St John part of 1st C by Br C Saml L Hoover's daughter was Baptised today Went to Joseph Barkeys widow

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to dinner & to Motherinlaws to supper. W Cloudy snowed awhile AM went with Buggy Sleighs running yet on sideroads

Easter Monday 2 at home I & Nancy went to Br C's PM to Meet Br inlaw Saml on Business Connected with Family estate. Br C & his wife Started for Pennsylvania this Morning his Motherinlaw died on Saturday. W. fine sap run PM

- 3 I & Nancy went to Markham & to A B Ramer's he has been very sick is getting better again Boys sawed wood at other place & Boiled sap J went to Docter this evening Abram, Mary & Anne have very sore eyes Jesse Alexander was buried PM Died of Diptheria. W. very fine mild
- 4 I Boiled Sap Boys sawed in other bush J drew Pine roots AM. W. very fine & mild
- **5** Chored AM Gathered a fine lot of sap & Boiled awhile PM. W. raw AM fine PM H went to Markham PM
- **6** Boiled. F & H sawed in other bush J went to Dr little ones not better some of them have sore throat W. very strong N wind

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- 7 Boiled sap & I & J finished off in bush. we have made 45 qut Jars full this week other boys sawed wood in old bush PM. W. pretty Cold N wind sap did not run today Frank Alexander died today Diptheria
- **Sunday 8** I & Nancy & few of Boys & girls went to Meeting at Hebron rest home sore eyes. remarks & sermon on Hebrews 4 C by R'd S Hoover Martha Cook & A B's Mother & Jesse were here PM. W. fine Cler
- **9** I went to Markham AM took 12 bus grist Wheat to Cedar Grove Mills PM Boys sawed in old bush AM began fitting rails for straight fence at other place PM H went to work for Br inlaw Peter

PM he Came for him W. fine Cler east wind. we gathered 60 big pails sap after supper, running fast

10 Gathered 52 Pails sap & began to boil rain from east about 9 Oc rain all day went back & forth & kept fire going till about 3 PM brought syrup home

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- 11 Boiled all day & gathered lot of sap some Buckets running over F went to Markham AM J brought home grist W. fine Cler sap didnt run much
- 12 Boiled Sap Boys worked at fence W. froze last night
- 13 Boiled Sap. Boys worked at fence W. froze last night gathered 60 Pails sap this eveing Jac Wideman Cleaned old Clock PM
- **14** Boiled sap Boys worked at fence AM J & B went to AB's sawing Bee PM we have Made about 80 quarts Molasses F's eyes are sore now since Thursday
- **Sunday 15** I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's B went to Meeting at Widemans W. fine Cler roads drying off
- 16 J & B began Plowing sod at other place I Boiled sap F's eyes are not better he went to Kirkham's with Dipnet Caught 2 suckers & one Pike W. fine Cler
- 17 J & B Plowed AM J got Frank Shod & B took 15 bags Oats to D Ramers & got them Chopped PM I Boiled sap F freshed the trees did not run very much today W. N wind east PM pretty Cool freezes at night & thaws in daytime

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- **18** J & B Plowed I Boiled Sap got done about 3 PM then I walked to M C Fretz's F worked at Fish net we are Making Big Broilnet W. fine Strong W wind not much sap today
- **19** B Plowed & J took Horse Charley to get tooth drawn AM I & B went to Markham & to J H Ramer's for some seed Peas & John Plowed PM W fine roads pretty good
- **20** J & B finished sod at other place AM took in turnips out of Pit & cleaned seed grain PM I Boiled sap. W. Cool windy

- 21 Boys Chored & took in last of turnips J H Ramers were here for 24 Bus seed Barley W. fine F is not very well I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM ground freezing every night
- **Sunday 22** at home H came home he likes very well to Work at Peters I & Nancy & Anne went to Br C's awhile they Came home from Pennsylvania on Friday eveing W very fine & Cler
- 23 I Boiled sap J grubbed with {Seeder} at other place & sowed some Peas B ganged south of bush W. fine Cler cold N wind
- 24 I Boiled sap Boys Cleaned seed Oats awhile this morning froze too hard to gang plow

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then they ganged east of dam W. fine Cler

- 25 I went to Markham & to J H Ramer's for Timothy seed AM dug garden & helped Br C Kill 6 pigs PM Boys ganged J sowed about 4 acres of sod on other place with Peas PM W. froze a little too hard this morning
- 26 I Boiled sap all day till sunset good run of sap yesterday J sowed rest of sod at other place with Oats AM sowed Barley south of bush PM B harrowed east of dam AM sowed Oats behind Cider house with old seeder PM. W. a little frost last night very fine today warmest day so far
- 27 B finished sowing Oats behind Cider house & harrowed it & began with waggon tines it makes a very good job it levels it very nice J sowed barly east of dam I & F put away Pork brought home sugar Kettles & I walked to Cedar Grove W. very warm Carried home some sap for vinegar it is running a little yet we made fully a Barrel of molasses
- 28 J finished east of dam then he sowed about 5 acres barly west of dam B finished tining Oats & harrowed barley F sowed grasseed on fall wheat at other place I helped him finish PM

April & May 1888

we planted some early Potatoes in young Orchard between trees in furrows W. very very warm 86 deg after dinner Sundy 29 David Lehman was here for supper last evening and then he went to Br C's staid all night and came here to dinner today

Sunday 29 at home all day W. very warm yet

- **30** Sowed some Oats & barly at other place B has bad Cold F is working again. I went to Burrows this Morning for some Powders for Maggie she has scratches W. quite Cool rain this evening
- May 1 J went to Ringwood for hoe for seeder F took grist Oats to D Ramer's to get Chopped Abram took Nancy & I to Green River Station we went to Toronto Boys sowed last of barly at other place W. flurries of snow AM Cloudy, cool all day
- **2** J & F Finished sowing Oats at other place AM began sowing Oats in N E Corner field PM. W. fine Cool
- 3 Boys Finished sowing Oats soon after dinner & began sowing Peas in east half of field behind barn we got 6 Bus early Peas off J H Ramer I went to Br S's AM. W. fine Cler

May 1888

I forgot to Mention that we threshed about 100 Bus Oats on Wednesday Morning. Br C's Thomas & little John Alexander & Moses Moyer helped Mose is working for Br C by the day.

- 11 I & Nancy & J D's went visiting with Ohio friends to A B's at dinner awhile to M Fretz's Jac Reesors for supper & to J D's all night W. fine warm 42 Abe rolled & Boys sowed Millet & Planted some feed Corn in little Orchard & fixed fences
- 12 Drew home rails from other place & some rubbish to sugar Camp AM I & B Planted 20 apple trees at other place & Boys Banked banked fence at other place PM. I went for Burrows AM Blind Mare Top ran against fence & tore her shoulder. he stitched it W. fine warm
- **Sunday 13** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans remarks on St Luke 22 by Jac Wideman sermon on St Luke 23 by Br C we & Ohio friends & some more went Tilman Reesor's for dinner

May 1888

Then we Called at J H Ramers for supper. W. rather Cool

- **14** Boys drew dung on Potatoe & Corn ground I went to Whitevale AM I & Adeline went to Markham PM. W. very Cool. Cloudy
- 15 Boys Plowed harrowed & rolled corn & Potatoe ground I went to A B's AM & to J D's Br N's & Br S's PM to tell them to help scrub Meeting house on Thursday W. very Cool Cler Flurries of snow this morning

- **16** Boys drew dung on turnip ground I harrowed it with Farmer AM went to Markham PM. W. fine Cool fine rain last night
- 17 Boys fixed fences at other place girls helped Scrub Meeting house AM planted 10 trees along Pickering townline where they had missed & 30 White Ash behind little Cedar swamp in N W Corner field PM W. fine Cler
- 18 Took young Cattle to other place & Finished digging garden AM Planted 10 rows Potatoes & boys Plowed in turnip ground PM. W. fine

May 1888

I went to Cedar Grove PM I & Nancy went to Br C's this eveing Ohio Cousins were there

19 I & Nancy went visiting with Ohio friends got Br N's 3 seated spring Waggon went to N B's to dinner awhile to A B's & to Martin Barkeys to supper brought them home to stay all night W. fine Cool Boys Plowed in turnip ground

Whit Sunday 20 I & Nancy took Ohio friends to J D's Br S's & Br N's were there too then we took them to Br N's & left them there. W. very fine & Cler, getting warmer

Whit Monday 21 at home all day Boys went fishing with hook to Br S's AM went to Kirkhams with our new Brail net PM Caught over 100 lake suckers Creek suckers Catfish & Bass W. very fine & Clear some warmer

- 22 Boys Plowed in turnip ground & Planted feed Corn back of barn I went to A B's PM he is pretty sick. W. very fine warmer
- 23 F took 14 bags Oats & 2 bags Barly to D Ramer's & got them Chopped J Finished plowing turnip ground A{M} Finished Planting Potatoes & planted Corn about & acre PM

May 1888

I got a gallon seed Corn at J D's PM W. very fine & warm

24 Chored AM boys didnt do much PM M N's were here I & Nancy went to A B's awhile PM he is some better W. very fine & warm

- boys drew dung on ground where we intend to plant feed Corn on Knoll in field back of garden AM Plowed it in PM harrowed & nearly finished rolling it PM I went to B's AM I & B put on lot of grafts & began trimming young orchard W. warm
- Boys Plowed in west part of big field where we sowed Timothy in the fall it nearly all Missed I went to Markham AM F went Fishing to Mouth of Rouge with Br C's Thomas Caught 16 fine ones. W. fine heavy rain last night Cloudy AM Cler warm PM our Creek is running a little again it stopped near two weeks ago Washed sheep PM Bush all nice & green

May & June 1888

- **Sunday 27** Boys & girls went to U Drudge's I & Nancy & Anne went to Menno Reesor's PM. W. fine warm drissly rain towards evening
- 28 Boys Plowed in big field B got Major shod AM J took 24 bus grist wheat to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine warm drissly & foggy at times PM
- 29 I Plowed F & B went fishing at Kirkhams J D's Boys went with them they caught about 90 suckers & Catfish. AM. they finished plowing & harrrowing PM W. fine & warm
- 30 Rolled west end of big field Sowed feed Corn east of dam W. fine
- 31 had Jacob Moyer to help fill dung drew on fallow with three waggons W. a little drissly throught middle of the day
- **June 1st** Boys finished drawing dung I & Susanna & little Anne went to Markham PM had Anne's Picture taken

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W. fine Cler. Cool strong W wind PM

- **2** F & A went to Markham J began Plowing fallow I & B brought load Sawdust from Br S's to Mulch trees AM I & B took 2 White Ash Sawlogs to S M PM W. Cler very heavy rain about noon some thunder H Came this evening to stay all night
- **Sunday 3** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Luke 22 & Part of 23rd C by Br C Sacrement today. A Lehman's Simon Hoover's Albert & Mary Jonas Ramer's son Saml & Anne Raymond our Herman & Menno Stover's were here at dinner. David Burkholder & his sister Susanna were here at supper. W. fine Cler Cool a little frost in places last night

- **4** J & F Plowed in fallow F got horse Charley shod & brought home grist Flour PM. Martin Barkeys brought Saml Moyer & wife to dinner John Reesor's were here too. W. fine Cler
- 5 Boys Plowed. W. fine Cler

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- 6 Boys Plowed J took 7 bags Oats to D Ramer's & got them Chopped PM he took them with one horse & B Plowed I went to Markham AM. W. very warm thunder went around north at noon very strong west wind PM. Cool tonight
- **7** Boys Plowed B & A Finished spreading dung & Piled wood in old bush & trimmed some in old orchard I & Nancy went to A B's after supper W. Cool this morning warm today Br C's Ketura was here today
- 8 F & B done road work on Scarboro Townline for use of Beat Scrapers J PLowed W. fine warm Cler
- **9** Boys finished Plowing fallow AM Finished trimming old Orchard & J drew some rails from other place PM. W. fine warm

Sunday 10 I & Nancy & Henry & Anne went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat 25 C by R'd S Hoover

June 1888

We went to Danl Ramer's to dinner & to Daniel Shirks to supper (that is Minnie Foster's M N's raised her & they live at Danl Ramer's he works by the year) W very warm Strong W wind heavy rain & thunder about 5 PM & later we got home dry. Cooler this eveing

- 11 Harrowed fallow Abe ganged in turnip ground F & B worked at fence at other place PM W. Cool AM fine & Cler
- all sowed Millet in west part of big field about 5½ acres there is about 1½ acre that has some young Timothy then F finished ganging turnip ground B harrowed Millet then went to Markham Abe rolled Millet J Chored Manasse Fretz & wife were here PM W. very fine, Cler
- 13 I & Nancy went to J B's Boys finished straight fence at other place W. fine a little rain PM B worked on road PM

14 Boys all worked on road in Markham with team and waggon

June 1888

- I & Susanna went to Markham AM. W. very warm
- 15 Boys all worked on road with team & waggon B quit at noon which finishes Markham work we planted some sweet Potatoes PM. W. very warm
- 16 F & B worked Scarboro road work with Plow & Scraper AM J got some Oats Chopped AM they drew brush out of Orchard PM I & Nancy went to Toronto 43 lbs butter 14 cts 5 doz eggs 14 cts W. very warm

Sunday 17 at home NB's were here PM W. very warm

- **18** Scuffled Mangolds Corn & Potatoes I & J fixed some fence & boys hoed Corn we planted lot sweet Potatoes this eveing. W. very warm & cler
- 19 Hoed Mangolds & J began Making turnip drills PM. W. warm
- 20 Boys began plowing turnip ground again it is thistly J had made 40 drills A sowed them PM I & Susanna went to Markham AM W. very very warm

June 1888

- 21 I & Nancy went to Funeral of F Pike Steckly & Sam Hoover spoke went to Manasse Fretz PM to dinner Boys finished Plowing turnip ground harrowed & rolled it B & A topped thistles at other place. W. very very warm slight shower this eving.
- 22 B & A finished topping thistles at other place then hoed Potatoes at home F got Maggie shod I & J drew 4 Basswood logs to Br S PM. W. very very warm
- 23 I & J drew 3 Maple & 1 Basswood log AM we looked up our west line on 11th Con we intend to build new fence W. very warm a slight shower after dinner. another at sundown
- **Sunday 24** I & Nancy & Henry & Anne went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C sermon on St John 3rd C by Bishop Gayman went to Br inlaw Peter's I went to Funeral of Abraham Hoover at 3 PM at Wideman's

June 1888

Willoughby from Stouffville spoke & Saml Hoover we had supper at Peters. W. very very sultry & warm fine shower PM nice coming home

- 25 Cut some fence Corners Made drills & sowed nearly all turnips fine shower stopped us PM not so warm I got some Plants at M Barkeys this eveing
- 26 Finished sowing turnips F took 20 bags Oats to D Ramer's began digging Posts holes along 11th Con from N W Corner south we intend building wire fence W. fine Cler, Cooler
- 27 J went to U Drudges stone drawing bee F & B dug Post holes AM Put Paris Green on Potatoes PM. W. fine pretty Cool
- all went to Meeting at He{bron} except Susanna & little ones remarks by Br C Sermon on St John 3 by Bishop Gayman. W. real east {illegible}ing wind and rain all day

June & July 1888

very few in Meeting

- 29 J brought home Oat Chop F & B dug post holes AM I & J & Abe Put in logs F & B Sharped Posts PM W. fine Cler
- 30 Straightened up Corn AM the strong east storm laid it down brought home some fence Corner hay & drew Posts to 11th Con PM F & A & Henry went fishing to Mouth of Rouge Caught fine Mess. W. very fine Cler

Sunday July 1st all went to Meeting except Esther & Mary remarks by Br C sermon on *{blank space}* by R'd S Hoover D Nighswander's & Herman were here PM. W. very fine. we have moved into our Kitchen again we have Painted our two kitchen floors & the stoop floor in the last two weeks

2 I & B Piled some lumber AM Cut few Basswood logs PM W. very fine & Cler

July 1888

3 J scuffled Mangels Corn Potatoes and some of feed Corn Boys hoed Mangels & set some Posts along 11th Con I & Nancy took Jar butter 57lbs to Cedar Grove @ 17 cts took 31½ lbs last week W. pretty warm

- 4 I & Nancy & Anne went to M N's Nancy got Sarah to help make a Sun Bonnet Boys set posts and topped thistles & kept one team at ganging fallow W. very warm & sultry looks like rain I think Perhaps this was the warmest day so far
- **5** F ganged I & J Piled lumber AM B mowed fence Corners at other place J helped him PM I & A hoed feed Corn behind barn W. very warm
- 6 hoed Corn ganged in fallow & gathered & drew home fence Corner hay from other place W. fine warm
- 7 ganged fallow hoed feed Corn

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F & Susanna went to Markham AM I & J went to Job letting at our gate at other place Cutting down two hills W. fine I & J Piled some lumber PM

- **Sunday 8** I & Nancy & Anne went to Meeting at Wideman's J & F & girls went too remarks by R'd Jacob Wideman's Sermon on St Luke 16 by Br C Candidates for the Ministry were Nominated today Vis. Tilman Reesor, Joseph Grove Isaac Wideman Saml R Hoover & Deacon C Hoover went to Michael Fretz's for dinner W. fine Cler AM Cloudy PM few drops of rain PM
- 9 Boys cut swail at other place A finished ganging fallow AM J I & Henry Piled a little lumber PM. W. pretty warm. Cler
- 10 Put Paris green on Potatoes & turnips Swail hay AM all went to Meeting at Wideman's except J & B & Esther remarks by S Hoover sermon

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appropriate for the Occasion of ordaining a Minister by Br C Decided by lot Br inlaw Saml Hoover to be A Minister (Gods will be done) W. very warm

- 11 Finished Putting Paris Green on Potatoes A harrowed fallow B is not well, we drew in two loads at other place heavy shower stopped us between 3 & 4 PM very strong North wind. Cooler
- 12 I & Nancy & little Anne went to H Barkeys. I went to Stouffville to see Vansant. Boys Boys Mowed Swail & drew in little hay at other place. W. very Cool N \(\psi \) wind

13 I & J drew 2 Basswood logs to S M AM boys Mowed fence Corners drew in swail hay W. very Cool

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- **Sunday 15** at home A B's were here at noon J D's at supper Boys & girls went to A B's W. fine Clr
- 16 Boys drew in some fenc Corner hay J Cut little Orchard at other place AM Dug Post holes at 11th Con I went to Markham & B took Oats to D Ramer's PM W. fine Cool Abram scuffled turnips
- 17 Boys dug Post holes & brought home little hay that grew in Orchard at other place I went to Whitevale PM. W. fine Cool, Cler
- 18 Boys dug Post holes & thinned turnips part of the time Br inlaw Simon Hoover's were here at noon & at supper. W. nice little shower all this morning & PM
- 19 I & Nancy Henry & little girls went to Saml Lehman's Called at Mother inlaws for supper. W. very fine & Cler Shower last night 20 Boys finished digging Post holes
- **20** Boys Put in all Posts J & Abram thinned turnips I & Nancy went to A B's after supper J Brought home Chop W. very fine Cler

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- 21 Boys finished hoeing turnips & Cut Swail at other place & Thistles around other place J took his Buggy to Br S's to get tines set & brought it home this evening W. fine pretty warm
- **Sunday 22** at home Br S's Bertha & David were here I & Nancy went to Br C's PM W. slight showers through the day
- 23 Cut Fall Wheat west of gate at other place AM & Cut Barley south of bush PM. W. very warm thunder showers went around PM. raing some tonight and not fast heavy shower at bedtime 24 I went to G Whaleys & to Cedar Grove AM
- 24 Motherinlaw & Peter's were here I & Peter J & A went fishing to F Mans Bay we Caught about 30 fine Perch & Peter about the same F & B Piled dung & Cleaned out stables at other place W. fine Cler N wind
- 25 Cut about 2/3 of barley east of dam W. fine cler

26 Finished Cutting fall wheat I went to Cedar Grove PM I & Henry Picked Berries AM. W. fine. Heavy shower this eveing, soaked well

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- 27 Plowed & dug down strawberry plants AM drew few stones off fallow then began Cutting barley at other place. had to quit too green PM. W. fine pretty warm
- 28 drew all stones off Fallow J got Frank shod PM H Came home this eveing W. fine warm I went to Cedar Grove PM F took 10 bags Oats to D Ramer's got them Chopped
- **Sunday 29** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mark 10 C by Br C J B's Tilman Reesor's & Menno Burkholder's were here PM. W. fine Cler
- 30 Finished Cutting barley at other place AM Finished field east of dam PM W. fine
- 31 Scuffled & hoed all turnips Slight Shower at noon I & Nancy went to Markham PM west wind
- August 1 drew home some wood & Chored AM. drew in barley south of bush 4 loads

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- & 2 loads east of dam PM J began Cutting west of dam after supper W. pretty warm Cler
- 2 J Cut all barley in big field west of dam about 5 acres AM then we drew in all east of dam that was Cut first 8 loads till supper B took 6 bags barley to Cedar Grove Mills after supper to get Chopped. W. warm Cler
- 3 Boys Pulled early Peas AM drew in last of fall Wheat PM W very warm heavy rain & thunder this eveing I & Nancy went to Markham & to see Ann Shirk she is staying with Mrs McLaughlin near Jac Wideman's
- **4** J ganged nearly all barley stubble south of bush. boys dug out Burrs & finished pulling early Peas W. very very warm & sultry last night rain soaked very deep our dam is nearly full. it was about dry
- **Sunday 5** B & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's F went last night with Br C's Thomas I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's J kept house. W. fine pretty warm

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- **6** Boys began Pulling Peas at other place I & Henry finished ganging sout of bush AM drew in 4 loads barly, last east of dam PM then boys drew in four lo 3 loads at other place after supper. W. sultry very warm
- 7 F & B Pulled Peas & J Raked stubble east of dam AM Drew in last of barley at other place till supper & 2 loads at home & one load Peas after supper W. very very warm & sultry. Moore's man fixed Pump at other place
- 8 Boys Pulled Peas Abe ganged in fallow I laid down barley shocks after dinner heavy rain about 3 PM. barley got wet set them up again after supper
- 9 Boys finished Pulling Peas. I went to M Barkeys for strawberry plants AM Planted them PM I& Nancy went to Cedar Grove after supper W. very fine & Cool
- **10** Abe ganged AM, boys drew in barley & fall wheat rakings at other place & one load Peas AM drew in 7 loads Peas at other place till supper & 3 loads Barley & 3 loads Peas at home after supper W. very fine & Cool

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- 11 J ganged & Boys fixed fence A{M} Abe ganged & Boys drew in loa{d} Peas at other place till supper and la{st} of barley 2 loads after supper I went to Cedar Grove after supper PM W. rather Cloudy, cool
- **Sunday 12** I & Nancy & little Anne went to Meeting at Altona remarks & Sermon on St *{blank space}* by old Saml Hoover young Samel was there too but had nothing to say, went to Old Samel's to dinner & to Br inlaw John's to supper. W. fine Cloudy nearly all day
- 13 F ganged J & B dug out stones in barley ground at other place AM J began cutting Oats in N E Corner field Boys pulled Peas with rake & I ganged PM. shower before supper not heavy
- 14 J cut oats Boys finished Peas I went to Jac Reesor's AM I & F B & A finished drawing in Peas 5 loads at other place PM W. fine, warm strong S W wind J finished N E Corner field, began behind Cider house

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- 15 Boys shocked Oats A ganged AM I & Susanna went to Markham PM J finished Oats behind Cider house & began Mixed Barley & Oats in west half of field behind barn W. very warm & sultry PM
- 16 J & A drew off big stones in barley stubble at other place & Plugged line fence F finished ganging fallow & finished harrowing barley stubble south of bush AM J finished Cutting Mixed barley & Oats PM W. very sultry & warm Nancy's sister Mary Ramer was here PM & at supper
- 17 Cleaned big grist oats & J took it to D Ramers F got horses shod AM J & F ganged barley stubble at other place PM. W. rainy AM Cler PM, very heavy rain & thunder last <u>night</u>
- 18 Boys cut Oats at other place I & Henry took 25 bus 6 lbs Oats to W Power's Markham @ 50 ct brought 3 rolls Barb wire from J McGawes @ 61/4 cts per lb W. fine Cler

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- **Sunday 19** I & Nancy & little ones went to John Ramer's to dinner & to U Drudges to supper W. fine Cler strong west wind Br N's young folks were here
- **20** J & B helped Br S's thresh I went to Whitevale F & A shocked oats at other place & turned Peas at home AM Cut some Oats at other place & A ganged awhile W. very fine & Cler
- 21 Drew in last of Peas 7 loads & 5 loads Oats out of N E Corner field I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove this Morning with Crock of Butter we have been Packing for J Malcolm Since the latter end of June, got 21 cts this Morning W. very heavy dew this Morning Slight Shower this eveing J finished Cutting Oats at other place with Binder PM
- 22 Finished drawing Oats of out of N E Corner field 11 loads & 4 loads out of field behind Cider house J Cut Millet John Widemans were here PM. W. fine Cool
- 23 F & A Finished ganging Barley stubble at other place B finished harrowing fallow J shocked Oats at other

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place AM finished drawing Oats & Mixed Barley & Oats at home PM. W. fine

- Boys drew in dung on Barley stubble south of bush awhile then drew in 2 loads Oats at other place & raked & Cocke half of Millet & drew in 5 loads | 1 & Nancy went to see Motherinlaw she is not well Came home early & I helped awhile | W. fine Cler
- drew in 6 loads Oats at other place & 8 loads Millet which makes 13 loads Millet without rakings Pulled Foxtail out of Potatoes after supper. W. very warm strong W wind
- 26 all went to Meeting except Esther & Mary remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by R'd S Hoover young Saml was there too. Herman & Matty Cook were here at dinner & Br Cs at supper W. very very sultry
- 27 drew home 2 loads Oats from other place drew in Millet rakings 2 small loads & Jag Barley rakings

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which finishes our Harvest J & F began Plowing for seed in fallow W. fine Cool, Thunder shower went round last night a little here

- 28 Three boys Plowed AM B Plowed with 3 yr old Mare AM he got her shod & I & Nancy went to Carding Mill PM got supper at M N's. W. fine Cool
- 29 Boys Plowed. I went to Ceder Grove AM W. fine
- 30 Boys nearly finished Plowing field Killed 4 Pigs after supper W. warm
- 31 Boys drew dung on barley stubble at other place I & Henry took 3 Pigs to Toronto @ \$8.50. 12 doz Eggs @ 17 cts W. Heavy rain at noon and some PM but we did not get wet
- **Sep 1st** Boys finished drawing a little dung & Chored W. fine P Robinson & J Alexander finished 36 rods drawing this eveing in stubble at other place

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- **Sunday 2** I & Nancy & some of little ones went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C sermon on Heb by old Saml Hoover went to young Samls to dinner & to Menno Stover's at supper W. very fine & Cler
- **3** Boys Plowed stubble below bush I asked hands to thresh at other place tommorrow W. fine warm, Cler

- **4** W McDaniel threshed at other place with Steamer about 250 bus Oats 210 barley 175 F Wheat 120 Peas W. fine Strong N W wind PM
- 5 Boys Finished harrowing & Rolling fallow drew stones off Barley stubble at other place I & J Cleaned seed Wheat F took 24 bags Oats to D Ramer's AM W. fine pretty warm
- **6** J nearly finished sowing fallow F & B Plowed in stubble at other Place W. Cool last night east wind today

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- **7** Boys Plowed J harrowed rolled & sowed Barley stubble south of bush with Treadwell Wheat we get it off Br S we sowed fallow with Standard. W. east wind
- **8** Three boys nearly finished Plowing barley stubble at other place W. fine rain last night drissly awhile this Morning, very heavy rain & some thunder after dark this evening
- **Sunday 9** at home all day Ketura & Thomas and their girl Anne Stover were here young folks went to Cober's Meeting W. fine Cler warm
- **10** Finished Sowing Wheat F helped Br N's thresh I walked to Cedar Grove AM. W. fine Cler I went to Markham this eveing
- 11 F & B helped A McCreight thresh AM A ganged barley stubble east of dam J Plowed west of dam I went to Drudges this morning & to Markham PM. W. fine warm
- 12 J & F Plowed west of dam A ganged B is not well J cut feed Corn with old reaper it is a very good Crop I & Nancy went to Funeral of Pilkey's Baby AM W. very fine

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- 13 J & F Plowed A ganged in west end of N E field he has Finished west half of field east of dam where it was thistly W. fine
- 14 J & F finished east 5 acres west of dam & harrowed & rolled it we intend to sow it with Timothy A ganged W. fine Cool
- 15 F went to B S s J Plowed AM Boys Bound & shocked some of feed Corn & I went to half yearly Conference at Wideman's PM W. fine, east wind

- Sunday16 at home all day W. Equinoxtial rain from east all day our little dam is full
- 17 F & B helped N B thresh I J & A went out to plow, too wet J went to Br S's then we Plowed PM W. fine
- **18** F & B helped N B thresh J Plowed I & A & Henry Made 45 gals Cider W. shower last night fine today got home till 4 Oc I & A Plowed till night
- 19 F helped Peter Reesor thresh. we sowed Timothy seed on 5 acres west of dam east end of big field then boys Plowed I & Nancy Boiled sauce W. warm

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Heavy thunder showers Passed around through the middle of the day a little rain

- 20 F helped Peter's thresh AM J & B went to Toronto on Cars A & girls went to Markham AM F & A Plowed I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine
- 21 F helped B Burkholder thresh J B & A Plowed AM I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Peter's I went to Ringwood Cheese Factory for cheese, got supper at Peter's then Came home W. fine Cler J bound Feed Corn B & A Plowed
- 22 F & B helped B B thresh I & J & A Plowed W. very fine. Cler
- 23 Sunday 23 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C. M N's D Ramer's Br inlaw Enos Hoover's & Herman were here Menno Burkholder's young folks at supper W. very fine Cler. F went to work in Herman's place this week H is not very well

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- 24 H harrowed where we gang plowed B Plowed & F got Frank shod AM I & H Plowed A Harrowed J & B shocked & Cut some Corn PM. W. very fine & warm unusual heavy dew last night
- 25 Boys Plowed I & H Cleaned grist 16 Bus Wheat at other barn then H took it & 13 bags Oats to Cedar Grove Mills AM I H & A Plowed J & B Cut Corn PM. W. very warm. Cloudy PM. very heavy dew last night

- 26 H helped J D's thresh with team B Plowed J drew load lumber to Station for Br C AM J & B cut Corn till 3 PM Shower stopped them then I & J brought grist home. W. warm heavy dew this morning I & A plowed awhile PM
- 27 B helped J D's thresh with team I & A plowed AM J & H went shooting awhile, shot Rabbit A & H shocked Corn PM I walked to Whitevale this evening this is my 52nd Birthday W. fine, few squaals of rain PM Cool this evening

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we finished Plowing Millet stubble and began in field behind barn

- 28 Boys Plowed H went to B s s AM Sold Calf 6.75 31 doz eggs 16 cts 2 pr Chickens 50 cts per pair 3 pr Ducks 65 cts per pair to Butcher Lewis of Toronto then I took eggs & Fowl to Coakwells this eveing W. Cool
- 29 Boys Plowed I helped J Plow on both sides of Posts on 11th Con to bank them where we are making wire fence J & H Cut & shocked last of Corn set the threshing machine & run it a little W. very Cool raw wind boys saw a little snow in the air
- **Sunday 30** I & Nancy & Henry went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Br C Sermon on St John 1st C by old Saml Hoover. Umpage, went to Joseph Grove's PM W. Cold this Morning White frost last night drissly rain PM

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- Oct 1 H helped Br C thresh with team we Chored. J got Farmer shod I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. rainy & drissly nearly all day
- 2 threshed. Our old Horse Power gave out after 8 AM wood work is rotten got Br C's then threshed all Barley about 600 Bus till about 6 PM W. Cloudy AM fine PM N Wind
- 3 three boys Plowed behind barn Ulrich Burkholders from Indiana were here today. W. Cool
- 4 Boys all went to Markham I drew 2 small loads Sand from 5th Con Scarboro near G Gunn's W. a little drissly AM
- **5** H was at Markham Boys Finished Plowing behind barn AM dug Potatoes PM. good crop. I took 2 pr Chickens 2 pr Ducks and 2 Geese to Coakwells

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for Butcher Lewis. W. fine

6 H & B helped Pilkey thresh J, A & Henry dug Potatoes I Chored AM I & Nancy went to Vaughan with Br C & wife. went to Daniel Smiths to stay all night W. fine & Cler

Sunday 7 went to Saml Smith's awhile this Morning then went to Meeting Appropriate sermon for Celebration of Lords Supper by Br C went to Abraham Smiths for dinner then Came home. W. a little rain AM drissly Coming home, Mild

- **8** dug Potatoes awhile shower stopped us then Killed 3 Pigs till noon dug Potatoes PM. W. blowed up Cold from north
- **9** I & Adeline went Toronto 3 Pigs \$7.75 per cwt weighed 302 lbs had Mishap on Danforth road Horse Farmer Kicked and broke shaft then I Borrowed a waggon he kicked

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again on Queen St (Kingston road) unhitched him. Mr Stiver took Waggon to Blk Horse Br C was in & brought waggon back. Boys Plowed & Pulled & took in Mangels 6 loads. W. very Cold from north Cler

- **10** Boys Plowed. J Picked apples PM & went to see Job on hill he is one of the Commisioners I have lame back W. sharp & Cler white frost last night
- 11 Boys Plowed Nancy J & Adeline & Susanna went to Funeral of little Abraham Grove's wife J took grist Oats after they came home W. fine Cler
- 12 JB & A Plowed F Picked apples till about 10 AM it began to rain from east Isaac Moyer's brought young Amos Moyer & wife here for dinner rainy all day Boys Cleaned load Barley at other place PM

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13 Boys Chored AM F & B Plowed in field behind Cider house J took 66 Barley to Green River station @ 75 cts PM. W. rainy AM Cler PM

Sunday 14 I & Nancy & some of the little ones walked to John Reesor's awhile PM A B's Martha & Jesse were here today I & Nancy went to Br Cs after supper. W. fine

- **15** F & B Plowed AM Finished digging Potatoes PM I & J & A Cleaned load barley AM J took it to Station @ 75 cts PM I walked to J Mainlands PM. W. white frost fine today
- 16 F & B finished Plowing in N E Corner field part that was ganged I & J & A Cleaned last of barley at other barn AM J took it to Station F & B began Plowing at other place PM. barley is 75 cts yet Abraham Dover & wife were here PM. W. a little showry PM

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- 17 F & B Plowed at other place I & J went to Markham AM Picked lot of apples PM W. fine Nancy & Esther helped
- 18 J & F Plowed I & B & A Picked apples. W. fine Cler
- 19 J F & B went to Plow. Soon Came home again began to rain & blow from east about 8 Oc I walked to Green River Station AM. got wet rained nearly all day
- **20** F & B Plowed J & A Picked Some Apples I & Nancy & Anne & Henry went to Toronto on CPR W. fine a little squaaly at noon snowed some had fine time with Children
- Sunday 21 all went to Meeting at Hebron suitable remarks & sermon for Celebration of Lords

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supper by Br C Dan'l Shirks & David Stover were here Herman was here too young folks all went to Br C's for supper W. Cler. Cold N wind froze pretty hard last night

- 22 Three boys Plowed at other place I & A Picked apples drove Sow to Jac Reesor's I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine
- J Plowed awhile at other place AM Bs B Plowed behind Cider house J helped them PM F & I & A Picked apples harrowed Potato ground J Spragge & his Brother fixed wall Corner of turnip Cellar & old Horse stable W. east wind all day began to rain this eveing I went to Br S's AM

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- 24 Boys Plowed. W. fine
- 25 F made about 70 gals Cider AM Boys all began Pulling turnips PM W. very fine & mild

- 26 J took 11 bags Oats & got them Chopped F & B Plowed AM they all Pulled turnips PM we Boiled Sauce & I & J Killed a Pig PM W. very fine began to rain little tonight
- 27 Boiled Sauce Boys Chored AM I went to Cedar Grove & brought some salt & scantling from S M J & B finished Plowing behind Cider house F & Susanna went to Markham PM. W. drissly AM some showers PM
- **Sunday 28** I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's. W. mild, a little squaaly
- 29 Boys drew 12 loads turnips AM Pulled few PM Shower stopped them then they drew 10 loads till night W. mild
- **30** Boys drew & Pulled some turnips AM I & B & A went to Higgin's Sale I bought Rip Saw 50 cts small saw and small Plane

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25 cts for both J & F went shooting shot 2 Brown Rabbits 2 Partridges & 3 Black Squirrels. W. fine Cler

- 31 Boys drew turnip & finished Pulling I & Nancy drew in Cabbage Motherinlaw & Peter's were here Had splendid Dinner of Game W. fine
- **Nov 1** Boys finished drawing turnip til about 3 PM then began drawing in feed Corn I went to Cedar Grove AM. W. very fine we have 48 big loads of very fine turnip. very warm today
- 2 Drew in Corn shower stopped us about 3 PM J got Horses shod & B worked at Middle stable in old barn. W. warm
- 3 F & J Plowed in Potato ground J brought load gravel from Rouge at School house PM then finished drawing in feed Corn B worked at stables I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM W. windy this morning very fine & warm PM

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Sunday 4 at home Br S's were here Herman came last night W. fine Cler

5 Three boys Plowed in turnip ground AM I & A brought home Cow Rody from other place she Calved we think yesterday I & A plowed & other boys drew in last of Corn (Hill Corn) PM & they

took one load to other barn there was no room at home & brought home Big Steer tied him up to fatten W. very fine & warm, Beautifull.

- 6 Three Boys Plowed A Plowed with one team. B finished Middle Stable I walked to Whitevale AM. W. fine Heavy shower last night Some thunder. I saw fish worms Crawling today Br N's brought Saml Frets & wife & little boy to stay all night
- 7 I & Nancy took Frets' to Br C's & to J D's & to Moyer's to dinner awhile to N B's then to M C Fret's & left them there W. fine warm Cler

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Boys finished Plowing root ground except part of headlands F took turnip slicer to get fixed at B's's B plowed at other place PM

- 8 Husked Corn W. rain from East all day J Brought home Chop this eve{ning}
- **9** Boys went shooting into Pickering Shot Grey Cross Fox & Black squirrel W. Cloudy some drissly all day I & A went to B's's AM I went to Br N's this morning
- **10** J went shooting with Br C's Thomas AM shot nothing Husked Corn B brought home turnip slicer from B's's Pm took home Br C's Horse Power this eveing W. rainy AM Cleared up PM
- Sunday 11 I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's W. Cler, sharp strong North wind

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- 12 I helped Pilkey Kill 5 hogs AM F & B Plowed at other place J Plowed Headlands in root ground this Morning then Horse Frank took sick he brought Burrows I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. fine
- 13 Three Boys helped Br C thresh with team J quit at noon & B helped a little longer Br inlaw Peter brought Herman home his time is up W. very fine Beautiful I went to D Ramer's & B Whits PM
- 14 H worked at Br C's B helped N B Cover turnip Pit Am & awhile PM F & A Finished Plowing at other place I & J fixed Platform at well at other place W. fine

Thanksgiving day 15 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br N's Boys went shooting 3 Rabbits & fine lot of squirrels there was Meeting at Widemans but not at Hebron W. very fine & mild

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- 16 Boys Cleaned up new piece of soil at other place & F began plowing it W. very fine
- 17 Put apples down Cellar & fixed stable AM drew wood from other place with 2 waggons Pm I went to Cedar Grove Pm. W. ground white with snow froze hard

Sunday 18 Went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with little Anne she is not very well J & B did not feel well & staid. remarks & sermon on St Mat 19 C 16 V to end of C by Br C's Br inlaw S Lehman D Ha{n}e's Johnny Ramer's & A B Ramer's & B Stover were here PM. W. sharp east wind began to snow after dark

19 Chored AM F got Charley shod Husked Corn & J & F

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Plowed rough sod at other place PM. W. ground white with snow this morning fine Cler today all thawed again

- **20** Boys drew dung on young orchard & Chored I went to M Barkeys & to Johnny Reesor's AM drew home wood from other bush with 2 Waggons PM. W. froze hard last night fine & Cler today
- 21 Sawed up big green Pine that wind blew down in other bush. I went to Br S's PM. he started his Chopping stone this PM. he built an addition to his Saw Mill & intends to do Custom work. W. Cold & Cler. B went to Markham PM.
- 22 Finished Sawing Pine tree & boys Moved fence where we are Cleaning up rough sod. W. very Cold froze hard roads wearing down I went to Cedar Grove PM
- 23 Boys went shooting got a fox W some milder Cler

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24 Boys Cleaned 2 loads Barley J & H took them to Station PM got 60 cts it was No 2 & the Price is down I went to W McDowells AM & to Johnny Reesor's & to J J D's W. fine thawing some F went to Mart Hoover's PM he is going shooting to Scott. W fine, pretty mild

Sunday 25 at home all day. W. windy

- 26 H & B helped A McCreight to thresh till about 3 PM J fixed barn and brought 2 loads Hemlock wood for steamer we asked hands to thresh tomorrow W. snow till about 10 AM fine PM
- 27 W McDowell threshed with steamer about Bus Oats & 100 Bus Mixed Barley & Oats got done 1/2 past 3 PM. W. rather Cloudy began to rain slowly about 4 PM
- 28 H helped Johnny Reesor's thresh we Cleaned grist Wheat & J took it to Cedar Grove W. drissly most of the day

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- 29 H & B helped Br S's thresh I helped Johnny Reesor finish five hours this Morning I & Henry & Susanna went to Markham PM. W. Cloudy, Mild, roads very Muddy
- 30 Boys drew 2 loads straw home from other place AM B helped Br C's thresh with team awhile PM H brought home Chop from Br S's I went to Uncle Josepus's Bush Sale PM. W. very fine, Cler & Mild
- **Dec 1** H went to Toronto on Cars B finished drawing dung on young Orchard AM he went to bring F home from his hunt PM he & Mart Hoover shot 45 Rabbits but the dogs worried 10 they only brought home 35 & 2 Partridges they also shot a Porcupine W. fine Cler
- **Sunday 2** I & Nancy, Henry & Anne went M Barkey's PM. W. fine Ketura came to stay all night White frost this morning

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- 3 H went to Whitevale to B S's AM Boys drew some wood home out of Old Bush & F Made axe handle we fixed shop ready for Butchering W. froze hard B under brushed at other place PM
- 4 Killed 5 hogs W. very fine & Mild began to snow this eveing
- 5 Chored & F Made an axhandle AM F, H & A under brushed at other place PM. W. Mild snow going about an inch fell last night
- **6** F helped N B's Kill hogs H & B under brushed J is not well this while I went to Cedar Grove AM W. blowed up pretty Cold
- 7 Three boys finished under brushing & began Cutting Cord wood we intend to Clear a few acres at other place W. thawing again Br C took Ketura home today. she has been here all week

8 Boys Cut wood W. mild east wind

Sunday 9 Johnny Reesor's were here with their Twin Babies

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Boys & girls went to Johnny Ramer's this eveing. W. very fine & Cler

- 10 Boys cut wood I & Nancy went to Markham AM. W. fine Mild
- 11 F & B Adeline & Susanna helped A B's Kill hogs H & J brought load ovenwood from other bush AM F & H had to go to Whitevale PM on account of a disturbance on a Sunday eveing about a week ago I & J made 45 gals Cider PM W. very fine & Mild
- **12** H helped Br C Kill hogs Adeline helped too F & B Cut wood I & J put put away some Cider for drinking W. strong Cold north wind Cler
- 13 Boys Cut wood I & J took 8 bags Oats to Br S's to get Chopped I went to Post office J brought Chop home PM. W. very Cold Coldest this season
- 14 Boys cut wood I went to Post office & J went to Whitevale PM there is a Cobbler at Cedar Grove I brought home Herman's Boots PM

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- W. very strong N wind Calmer this evening
- 15 Boys cut wood AM J & F went to Markham & H went to Whitevale PM I & J thawed Pump at other place & brought small load wood to Meeting house & sawed it AM W. milder, east wind
- **Sunday 16** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Young Saml Hoover Sermon on St Luke 10th C by Old Saml J H Ramer and Anne Stover were here PM. W. very cloudy this morning began to rain about 10 AM rained all day very Mild
- 17 Boys husked all Corn in other barn. W. very mild & Cloudy a little drissly PM
- **18** Boys threshed few Peas AM. Put on 3 wires on 80 rods of Post along 11th Con PM. W. snowed some last night strong north wind, very Cold
- 19 Boys Cut wood J took 3 girls to Johnny Ramer's & brought them home this eveing. W. Cold wind Cler

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- 20 Chored. H went to Burrows for some Powder Horse Major has Cough F & B went to Toronto 29 lbs Butter 23 cts 12½ prs Rabbits 30 cts per pr 25 cts for some, 2 Fox skins 1 @ \$3.00 the other \$1.25. I & J thawed pump at other place this morning. W. Milder strong wind this eving
- 21 Boys Chored H helped N B clean barley W. mild this morning real Blizzard from the north all day pretty cold this eveing
- 22 Boys cut wood I & J took 15 bags Oats to Br S's & got it Chopped PM. W. Cold & Cler this morning milder this evening, very fine
- **Sunday 23** at home all day Adeline Burkholder & Fanny Brownsberger were here W. fine pretty Mild
- **24** F & H Adeline & Esther went to Toronto on Cars J & B went shooting shot Rabbit I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. very fine & Mild
- **Christmas day 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron except Susanna she staid with little Anne she has some sore throat A B's were here PM remarks and sermon on St Luke 2nd C by Br C. W. Mild cloudy a little drissly at noon snow all gone except few banks
- 26 Boys cut wood awhile AM rain stopped them about 10 AM

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then they all went to Johnston's sale on the old Peter's farm at Cherryy wood PM. W. a little drissly AM foggy PM. Mild

- 27 Killed 4 hogs Br C's Thomas helped. W. very mild & soft AM began to freeze PM
- 28 Boys cut wood I went to Gibson's at old Jac Lapp farm with N B. Am to bank his note he bought some Pigs yesterday at the sale. W. Cold, froze hard I salted Pork, PM
- 29 Boys cut wood Abram & Susanna went to Markham AM J got Frank shod, AM. I & J put on some wire on Posts on 11th Con & reeled up some on Pickering townline that we had put along inside of fence some years ago to protect the maple trees. W. mild
- **Sunday 30** I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's young folks went to Cobers Meeting Will Reesor's were here this eveing Jac Reesor brought Pre Joseph Gingrich & H Bauman here to stay

Dec 1888 Jan 1889

all night Boys & girls went to Johnny Reesor's after supper W. mild Cler a few about one inch snow after dark Bedtime

31 Boys went Foxhunting got nothing I took Gingrich & Bauman to Isaac Moyer's then to J D's to dinner to Br C's & left them at Br N's W. fine Mild snow about all gone

Jan 1st 1889 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on 1st John 1st C by Joseph Gingerich W. mild

- 2 I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Young Saml Hoover sermon on St Luke 4th C by Joseph Gingerich went to Br inlaw Peter's W. fine mild roads good Boys Cut wood B cut 3 his foot this PM, not very bad
- 3 I & Nancy went to J B's Boys Cut wood. W. fine, Cler & Mild thawing, White frost this morning
- **4** Boys cut wood J went to Ham's Sale PM W. mild, freezes at night thaws in daytime Tapped 2 trees in dooryard today

Jan 1889

sap run fast

- 5 Boys Cut wood H helped Br C's draw load straw this morning then Thomas helped Cut wood till noon I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM. W. Mild. east wind sap run all night, not much today
- **6 Sunday** at home all day W. rain all day

Sunday

- 7 Boys drew away fence from 11 Con where we made wire fence I & John drew 4 small second growth pine logs AM B & F took 10 bags Oats to Br S's & got them Chopped H went to B s s PM. W. about 5 inches snow last night. Mild thawing today very sloppy sleighing W. Murison Brought Mary Dykes to stay all night
- 8 Boys finished drawing Boys drew away fence with 2 sleighs AM F & H Cut wood J & B finished drawing rails PM Nancy & Mary Dykes went to Br C's today W. mild thawing a little

Jan 1889

- 9 Boys Cleaned Peas & F filed saw W. rain from east nearly all day
- **10** Boys Chored AM F & H Cut wood PM W. heavy wind from west last night and AM a few inches snow last night snow blowed strong AM not som so much PM Mary Dyke's called to say goodbye this evening
- 11 H & Adeline went to Markham AM J helped Cut wood today W. fine
- 12 I & F went to Markham AM Boys all Cut wood PM B helped too his foot is about healed W. very fine & Cler sap run well PM Ketura has been here a few days

Sunday 13 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon by Br C Uriah Drudge's & Menno Stover's were here PM I & Nancy & little ones went to N B's this evening W. fine Mild a little snow PM roads good for wheeling almost sleighing

Jan 1889

- **14** Boys cut wood I & J Drew home load Peastraw from other place & took 10 bags Mixed Chop AM & brought it home PM. W. fine Cler sap run PM
- 15 Boys cut wood I & J Drew Jag Pea straw AM J went shooting & I made Brine for last Killed Pork PM I made for first Killed awhile ago. W. very fine & Cler
- **16** Boys Cut wood Br inlaw John Hoover's were here W. mild Cloudy AM began to rain from east about 3 PM, not heavy
- 17 Boys cut wood, W. soft thawing
- **18** Boys cut wood J took turnip slicer to Br S's to get it fixed AM I & J took 15 bags Oats to Br S's & got them Chopped PM. W. Colder freezing. some snow this evening
- **19** Boys Chopped AM F got Horses shod Nancy and B went to Markham PM W. very Cold nearly Zero this Morning

Sunday 20 at home all day

Jan 1889

Isaac Moyer's were here today & Br S's Isaac & Lydia & Emma this evening W. strong east wind all day snowed a little till 3 PM began to Come heavy

- 21 Boys delivered steer at Coakwells on 10th Con @ \$42.00. AM Chored PM & then F & H & girls went to Danl Shirks at Danl Ramer's W. mild strong North wind about 6 in snow
- 22 I took Children to school with Cutter Boys drew 23 logs to S M B got Horse Major shod PM J D's were here this eveing W. fine & Cler rough sleighing
- 23 Boys drew 10 logs AM J drew 7 PM & other boys cut wood. They are cutting the good Maple & Basswood & Beech into logs & the rest into wood W. fine snow going again Jac Wideman Came to stay all night
- 24 Boys cut wood J drew {blank space} logs PM I went to Markham as Juror to Division Court there was no Jury Case Called W. mild thawing, I went in Buggy

Jan 1889

- 25 Boys Cut wood AM FH & B went to a sale on 4th of Pickering I & J took 9 bags Mixed Chop to Br S's PM W. very fine thawing sap runs we we have Boiled a little sugar & Molasses. I tapped 2 young trees in dooryard a few weeks ago
- 26 Boys cut wood J brought home Chop W. fine warm
- Sunday 27 at home all day. W. Cloudy began to snow about 10 AM snowed all day
- 28 Boys dug grave for Adam Shirks wife this Morning She was Buried at Hebron this AM Sermon on 39th Psalm by Br C. old Saml Hoover spoke too. Old Saml's & young Saml's were here to dinner W. about 10 inches snow, pretty Cold
- 29 Boys sawed wood AM Threshed some Peas PM they & girls went to A B's this evening W. very Cold today Milder this evening, good sleighing
- **30** Boys cut wood & J drew 2 big Pine logs AM F H & B went to Wilson's sale on 5th Con Pickering PM

{18 days missing - Jan 31 to Feb 17th}

- **18** F & H Cut wood & J drew 4 logs AM they Chored, topped oats PM W. began to Snow about 9 AM Snowed all day
- 19 Boys topped oats. H took 15 bags oats to Br S's PM W. Blustry, not very Cold
- **20** J & Nancy went to Markham AM Boys finished wood J brought home Chop PM W. sharp. West wind about 5 inches of fresh snow
- 21 Boys drew home straw from other place AM J went to B S S & Sale on 6th Con Pickering F went Fox hunting H B I & A went to funeral of Leslie Whaley at Cedar Grove PM W. fine Cler
- 22 Boys Cleaned Peas & Chored AM they Cut down dead pine in other bush & sawed it into Sawlogs PM I went to Cedar Grove PM W. strong wind drifting some
- **23** F & H drew one log to S M AM & 4 PM B went for Dr Robinson PM J is not so well W. Cold. Cler. sharp air
- **Sunday 24** at home all day H went to Markham to see Dr for J he is coming to see him tommorrow he feels a little better W. pretty sharp

Feb 1889

- **25** F & B drew 2 pine logs last of dead tree W. pretty Cold, fine Cler 26 They drew 7 hard wood logs PM
- 26 F went to Green River to look for Ice Jacob Hoover is Cutting @ 2 cts per Block F brought 24 Blocks PM H took 3 bags Peas to Br S's & took Scholars this Morning & brought home Chop & Scholars PM W east wind some snow Adeline Came home from Waterloo she enjoyed her visit very much
- 27 Boys drew home some Chaff from other barn AM F brought 16 Blocks Ice PM I & B went to Br' S's & he went to Cedar Grove W. sof snow AM Mild PM
- 28 F brought 16 Blocks Ice AM Then they drew load straw from other Place. Br inlaw Jesse Hoover was here. I & Nancy & little ones were at M N's Called awhile at Br inlaw Simon Hoover's he was I badly kicked in the breast by a horse on Monday eveing. W. fine mild

- March 1 Boys drew straw I & B took 10 bags Peas & Oats to Br S's PM W. Mild foggy trees covered with White frost
- 2 Boys Chored Hitched & drove Colt PM I went to A B's PM. W. very mild, thawing Cloudy
- **Sunday 3** at home all day Boys & girls went to Br C's for dinner & to Tilman McDowel's this eveing they were not at home then they went to Johnny Ramer's. W. fine mild, thawing
- **4** Boys topped Oats AM drew few loads wood home out of old bush PM then I & H drew Oak log to S M. Jacob Reesor's young folks brought young Kratz from Clinton here this evening W. very fine
- 5 Boys took very early dinner & then F H & B went to Douglas's sale on old Peter Milne Homestead. W. very fine & Cler & Mild
- **6** Boys moved some fence across swail on sideroad at other place & shoveled Snow where they are to build the woodpile

Mar 1889

AM. began to draw out wood PM Br inlaw Peter's & Motherinlaw were here today. I & Nancy & little ones were at J D's this eveing. W. fine thawing

- 7 F & B drew out wood till about 10 AM when Horse Major stept on a stick & ruptured his side went for Burrows, he is very bad. W. rough, N wind Boys went to DD Gibson's sale on J D's farm PM
- 8 attended Horse he was very bad is better this evening I went to Cedar Grove after supper Abraham Grove & Barbara Stover were here today W. squaals of snow & windy, not Cold
- **9** attended Horse he is getting better F brought home Oat Chop H took it yesterday W. Squaaly not very Cold, Sleighing good again

Sunday 10 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J remarks & sermon

on St Mark part of 6th C by Br C A B's young folks and B Stover were here at dinner our young folks went to J D's this evening I & Nancy & Anne went awhile to Br C's PM. W. fine, strong N wind east & west roads drifted some

- 11 Boys drew out wood W. Mild thawing Major getting better slowly
- 12 Boys drew out wood I & Nancy and little ones went to Br inlaw Simon Hoover's to dinner & to Menno Burkholder's to supper W. very mild & fine sleighing about gone
- 13 Boys drew out wood home straw I & Nancy went to Markham AM W. thawing sleighing about done
- 14 Boys drew straw AM drew out wood PM. W. raw east wind not thawing much today
- **15** Boys drew out wood W. fine thawing
- 16 Boys drew out wood I & little boys husked Corn PM Robin Came W. fine Cler east wind the last three days but no storm yet

Mar 1889

- **Sunday 17** I & Nancy went to Aunt Lizzy B's W. fine mild freezes at night & thaws in day time Air Comes from east more or less every day
- 18 Boys finished drawing out wood & drew few rails to Sideroad fence AM Chored & I & F brought load sawdust & fixed Ice house roof PM. W. Mild
- 19 Boys threshed Peas I & H took grist Mixed Chop to Br S's AM W very mild roads bad saw a Meadowlark today & also a King bird
- 20 Boys Cleaned topthreshed Oats Am & Cleaned 20 Bus of Ramer's Peas the product of one load. began to thresh Golden vine Peas I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. Mild, raw air wind N east & east
- 21 Boys threshed Peas AM. we tapped about 100 Buckets PM sap did not run very well J & Susanna went to Markham to Dr PM They are both taking Medicine yet W. mild Wind rather N east

- 22 Boys finished threshing Golden vine Peas. W. bright & Cler, cloudy this eveing
- 23 Boys Chored B took sow to S Coxworths I & H took Nancy and Susanna to Station they went to Toronto Boys all went to

Thoms sale east of Cherrywood PM I & A gathered 18 Buckets sap & I brought Nancy & Susanna home this eveing J & A took 14 bags Oats to Br S's & got them Chopped AM W. very fine & warm sap running a little

- **Sunday 24** I & Nancy & Br C & Rebbecca went to Meeting at Altona in our spring waggon remarks by young Sam Hoover Sermon on St Luke 5 C by Br C went to M N's to dinner W. fine roads pretty bad in places
- 25 Boys began Cutting stove wood in old bush I boiled nearly 5 qts Molasses W. Cler pretty Cool sap run pretty well PM
- 26 Boys sawed wood & Cleaned some Seed Oats Br inlaw Peter Came to exchange some today F & A took Horse Farmer to Markham to try & sell him today. did not sell Gathered lot of sap this eveing W. froze hard last night thawed today
- 27 Boys {word crossed out} built piece of fence along fr sideroad at other place AM they all went to Simeon

Mar 1889

B Reesor's Sale P.M I Boiled nearly 11 qts Molasses. W. fine

- 28 Boys sawed wood H went to Pearsons in Scarboro yesterday AM & this AM to get seed Oats he was not at home They fixed & set old Horse power & began Cutting feed PM I boiled over 7 qts Molasses W. squaals of snow sap run well PM
- 29 Boys cut some feed with Horse Power it works very well J & A went to Markham AM F H & B went to Elias Stovers wood Bee PM he has rented J D's farm where D Gibson lived. PM I boiled 1 qts Molasses W. pretty Cold wind sap did not run
- **30** Boys cut wood AM H brought 2 loads sawdust from Br S's & took grist Mixed Chop W. raw east wind. I went along & went to Cedar Grove

Sunday 31 at home I & Nancy went to Br S's PM his wife was not well she is better W. flurries of snow AM came fast towards eveing snowed fast coming home

April 1889

- **April 1** sowed grass seed AM on fall Wheat in N W Corner field brought home Chop & 21 bags fall Wheat from other place H got Doll & Farmer shod PM W. about 4 inches snow. thawing PM
- **2** Finished sowing grass seed this Moring then boys Cut wood Gathered lot of sap this eveing running very fast W. froze a little last night thawing today, snow nearly all gone
- 3 Boiled sap till supper Made 6½ qts Molasses Boys husked some Corn gathered sap to Keep Buckets from running over W. hevy soft snow nearly all AM Driving and drissly snow all PM till supper thunder this morning, strong east wind all day Sap running all day & last night
- **4** F & H Cut wood B got Farmer & Frank shod AM F & H went Fishing to Kirkham's with Dipnet Caught over 50 Suckers one speckled trout & few small fish I Boiled 6 qts Molasses W. fine, snow going

April 1889

- 5 B went Dipping Suckers with Br C's Thomas he got 14 F & H went to Shanks Sawing Bee PM I Boiled over 10 qts Molasses W. fine
- 6 Boys Cut some feed AM F went Dipping Suckers PM Caught 15 I Boiled sap all day brought home syrup H. went to McCreigh{t} Sawing Bee PM W. very fine froze last night
- **Sunday 7** all went to Meeting at Hebro{n} except John remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C I & Nancy Henry & Anne went to M Barkey's PM At Boys & girls went to N B's Abram Came for us after supper to tell us that John was very bad he had Pain in his Stomach I went for Dr Robinson John was better before Dr Came. W. fine
- 8 I boiled sap Boys Cut wood in old bush AM in other bush PM R Wallace was here at supper W. very warm heard frogs in bush today

April 1889

9 I Boiled 10 qts Molasses Boys Cut wood in other bush W. very fine no frost last night, no sap today

- **10** Boys Cut wood I & Nancy Finished off syrup in bush Made 8 qts Molasses this Morning J B's were here today W. very fine & Cler roads pretty dry
- 11 Boys Cut wood J went to Markham AM I went to S M PM W. warmer Cloudy PM, looks like rain I forgot to Mention that B went Pike Shooting with Br S's David yesterday they shot 1, Cowan shot 8 for them
- 12 F H & B & Will Reesor went fishing to Kirkhams early this moring Caught 195 Suckers 2 Piks among them Came home at noon Picked Stones off Clover at other place PM W. fine
- 13 Boys Put last of wire on Posts at 11th Con except about 4 rods of one wire I & Nancy went to Markham AM Boys drew stones & fixed fence at other place PM W. Cold north wind froze last night fine Cler today I went to M Barkeys and Paid doctor Bill at Burrows \$12.00 PM

April 1889

Sunday 14 at home Peter's Reesor were here at noon. W. fine

- 15 H & B drew stones off Clover at other place & ganged in some furrows F Plowed young Orchard W. fine warm a little frost last night I & F brought home Kettles & sap tubs from bush this morning C Patton dressed Knots off Kitchen floor Had Burrows here this evening. horse Major had bad spell.
- 16 Cut feed awhile this morning H grubbed opposite Pilkey with old seeder F ganged furrows all over place & then ganged in field behind Cider house I went to M Barkey's ₩ I & B Cleaned seed grain & 25 Bus Peas. W. fine warm Cler
- 17 H sowed 5½ acres Oats opposite Pilkeys then grubbed east of dam I & B Cleaned lot of Peas F ganged then B ganged I & F took 10 bags Mix{ed} Chop to Br S's with Mag & Major Mag had a Colt on Friday night W. fine warm Cler east wind the last few days J is not able to work this long time
- 18 Sowed Timothy seed opposite Pilkeys before Breakfast then F harrowed it with Major & 3 yr old mare

April 1889

she works well B ganged H grubbed east of dam W. fine warm very warm

Good Friday 19 all went to Meeting at Hebron except John remarks by Br C sermon on St John 19 C by old Saml Hoover A B's were here at dinner then I & Nancy & Abe & Lizzy went to see Br inlaw Peter he is very sick we went in our 3 spring waggon W. very warm, {word crossed out} hevy rain & Thunder Coming home. got wet

20 B finished ganging back of Cider house then grubbed back of garden H sowed Oats east of dam, nearly finished F harrowed after him. J went to Markham AM W. fine warm growing

Easter Sunday 21 at home. young folks went to Cober's Meeting J H Ramer's John Lehman Saml G Reesor's & Jesse Reesor from St Josephs Island were here PM J D's were here but did not stay W. fine Cler but but very Cold & strong N W wind

April 1889

Easter Monday 22 at home all day H & B went fishing to Kirkham's with Elias & Ben Stover after 4 PM Caught 90 suckers W. Cler & fine strong wind yet

- 23 B finished grubbing back of garden H finished Oat field then began drilling Barley back of garden then B harrowed back of Cider house F harrowed ahead of H then helped B till night J got Major shod W. fine Calm sharp frost the last two nights
- 24 B grubbed east half of N East Corner field H sowed field behind Cider house with barley did not get quite done F harrowed AM rolled oats opposite Pilkeys till 4 PM when strong wind storm & heavy rain stopped them all. Cool AM warm PM H exchanged 15 bus Oats with Johnny Reesor after supper

April 1889

- 25 F & H ganged in West half of N E Corner field I & J & B drew 25 hardwood logs at Br S's AM A ganged B sowed Oats in east half of N E field J & H went to Markham PM W. fine, rather Cloudy awhile
- 26 B finished ganging AM Grubbed at other place PM H finished Oats & sowed west half with Peas F harrowed and sowed young Orchard with tares & Oats W. cler & rather cooler I went to A B's AM & to J D's & put on some grafts PM
- 27 H sowed Barley at other place till noon B grubbed alittle at other place then finished harrowing barley behind Cider house till noon. F harrowed at other place. W. Cloudy AM drissly rain PM heavy tonight

Sunday 28 at home all day wrote a letter to Lizzie Weaver in Indiana Boys & girls went to Br C's awhile tonight W. Drissly rain nearly all day

April May 1889

- 29 F took 10 bus Wheat to B Hoover's Mill & got it exchanged H took 12 bags Peas & Barley to Br S's & got it Chopped AM Three boys drew stones off new sod & Plowed some W. Cooler drissly PM
- **20** Three boys Finished sowing Barley & sowed 4 acres Peas & few acres Oats at other place girls & neighbours girls Scrubbed Meeting house AM. W. Cloudy & Cool I went to saw mill PM
- **May 1** I & F & B Piled lumber AM H Finished Plowing rough sod & ganged in Peas at other place W. Cool
- 2 Finished Seeding W. cool
- 3 Brought home sap buckets & cut lot of feed with Horse Power AM I went to Markham & boys overhauled Calf pasture fence & fixed things up a little PM W. fine & Cler a slight frost last night
- 4 Boys banked 40 rods wire fence on 11th Con AM

May 1889

took 3 Colts to other barn & Cleaned out stables J got Farmer shod PM W. fine & warm, very fine this evening trees are budding fast. Cattle on roads a week already

- **Sunday 5** all went to Meeting at Hebron except J & Adeline Appropriate remarks & sermon for Celebration of Lords Supper by Br C Mother inlaw & Peter's were here PM W. very fine & growing
- 6 Plowed & banked north 40 rods of wire fence on 11th Con Abram rolled. W. very warm
- 7 drew dung for Mangles back of barn Fixed Manger in north sheep pen for Stallion Cleaned back garden Covered it with Manure W. fine & very warm
- 8 H Plowed for Mangels F Plowed back garden AM F finished Plowing Harrowing & rolling Mangel ground I & H & J drew in Pine logs & Piled last of Maple B finished stall PM W. very warm & fine

May 1889

we set out 10 White ash trees after supper but they had leafed out so far I doubt if they will grow the woods are fairly green

- **9** Boys drew 1 row of dung behind barn for early Potatoes then took Potatoes out of cellar then spread & Plowed dung down I & A dug in front garden. W. very very warm Ionson Came this evening with Stallion to stay all night & little Cam
- **10** Planted 8 more Potatoes & sowed 24 drills Mangels AM washed sheep & Piled some Pine lumber PM W very warm, short shower at noon
- 11 drew dung on root ground AM Fixed fences at other place & took young Cattle & turned Colts to grass PM W. Cool I went to Jacob Reesor's this Morning I Measured a growth of Beech wood 7½ in long this morning

Sunday 12 I & Nancy, Henry & Annie went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Young Sam Hoover sermon on Hebrews 11th by old Saml

May 1889

Went to Tilman Reesor's to dinner & to Enos Hoover's to supper W. fine Cool

- 13 B & A drew dung F & H staked fenc at other place AM all drew dung PM W. fine & Cool
- 14 Boys sheared sheep & spread dung AM Plowed in root ground with 2 teams & I & H Piled lumber PM W. fine shower last night & this Morning. Turned Cool this eveing
- 15 Boys drew dung I & Abram Cleaned out hens feeding house I went to Manasse Frets's PM we buried Horse Major he had been pretty smart the last few weeks but the rupture Inflamed again last night and he died this eveing W. Cler. Cool thunder shower at bedtime
- 16 I & H & B Piled lumber F & H Sawed Pine wood at other place AM Plowed PM. W. fine Cool
- 17 drew dung & Plowed Martha Cook was here last night Nancy went with her to Saml Shanks today W. fine M Barkey began Painting Meeting house today I walked walked to Br S's this evening

May 1889

- **18** Planted 16 rows Corn AM & drew some dung H & B plowed PM F went to Dunkards feast PM. W. very very warm
- **Sunday 19** at home young folks went to Br N's J D's were here PM W warm. Thunder shower went south fine shower here
- 20 Boys finished Plowing root ground except strip for feed Corn Planted 200 little spruce trees PM. I got them from N B Saml Lankins was here at dinner W. fine Cooler F & Adeline went to Markham PM
- 21 Cut Potatoes & drew dung on feed Corn ground AM Boys nearly finished Plowing feed Corn ground & I went to Markham PM W. slight shower this Morning drissly during the day
- 22 F & B cut ovenwood at other place H finished Plowing feed Corn ground A harrowed & rolled it H began Painting spring waggon with ready mixed Paint AM Boys Planted Potatoes A Painted spring waggon Planted feed corn about half of it

May 1889

- I & Br C & J D fixed Meeting house windows PM. W Cold N W wind Cler
- **23** F & H cut ovenwood in other bush B & A Pulled Pidgeon weed in N W Corner field AM they Pulled at other place F & H fixed some fence at other Place PM W. Cool
- 24 Chored AM Boys done nothing I & A & Henry drew 2 loads stove wood from other bush PM W. Thunder shower went around PM. a very little rain blowed up Cold this evening
- 25 Boys cut feed & some straw for to fill beds AM drew stones off fallow at other place & dug out few oak stumps I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. Cool Clear
- **Sunday 26** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans four Waterloo men Conducted the service Elias Weber Isaac Weber Menno Cressman & young Bauman we went to D Nighswanders to dinner & to Saml Barkeys old H Barkey place) to supper W. Cool Clear

May 1889

27 Killed 3 Pigs AM F & girls went to Markham H got horses Frank & Charly shod PM. W. drissly off & on all day

- 28 H & B Piled dung at other barn AM overhauled fence east of barnyard PM F & A went to Toronto 3 Pigs 400 @ \$7.00. 5 Bags Potatoes 30 cts per bag J D's brought Simon Shank & daughter to dinner W. strong N W wind Cool I went to Cedar Grove AM
- Three Boys dug out 3 Pine stumps near bush in field behind barn did not get the last one out Jac Reesor & Michael Frets's Called PM with Clements & wife & A{lex} Snider & wife from Waterloo W. heavy frost last night froze quite a few vegetables Cool east wind. began to rain 5 PM

Ascension Day 30 all went to Meeting at-at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks by Bishop Gayman sermon on Acts 1 C by Rev Joseph Wismer R'd Isaac Rittenhouse spoke too & he came home with us to dinner Deacon Steckly from Hay Deacon Menno Shants Came to stay all night W. rainy all day from east

May 1889 June

- 31 I took Deacons Shants, Steckly & David Cressman to yearly Conference at Wideman's there were a good many visitor from Waterloo & some from Indiana every every thing passed off very quietly and it was Closed at noon a good many of us went to Tilman Reesor's to dinner. W. rain nearly all day Rebbeca Martin's Called this evening Adeline & Herman & Thomas brought her they were visiting today with Matilda Groff she was here last night
- June 1 Boys Chored. Made a few gates Isaac Moyer's brought A Pre Abraham Rittenhouse & wife a while Br N's brought Bishop Shaun & Pre Hoover & wife from Indiana at awhile Br S brought Amos Weber & wife & Menno Reesor's wife to supper W. Cleaned up this Moring Some young white ash & Butternut tops froze on Tuesday night. Potatoes & Corn too
- **Sunday 2** all went to Meeting at Widemans except J & H suitable remarks & sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Bishop Shaunn A Martin & Br C Pre M Hoover from Indiana spoke too W went to J H Ramers young folks went to Enos Hoover's W. Cool rather Cloudy

June 1889

- **3** F H B & A went fishing to Big Rouge Caught about 130 fine fresh suckers there were 5 Mullets among them. AM Pulled down fence west of dam PM W. fine Cler F went to Markham PM
- **4** H went to N B's bee drawing tiles from Snowball's AM. got none. A & F laid up fence H & B washed Br C's sheep PM W. fine
- **5** Boys worked at fence & sorted Potatoes W. drissly & Cloudy

- 6 H brought load of tiles from Snowballs for N B AM F rode with him & went to Unionville & got his road list A & B finished fence east of dam H & F Plowed in root field next bush where we intend to sow Millet I & J & A took 8 bags Chop to Br S's & then brought load wood. W. Cool. Cler
- 7 I H & B helped Br S move their back barn AM H & B went to Johnny Ramers raising PM F & A Plowed AM sorted Potatoes PM W. Cloudy began to rain

June 1889

about 11 AM rained till about 3 PM

8 Cleaned grist Wheat at other barn AM & H took it to Cedar Grove Mills Boys Plowed for Millet PM W. Cloudy

Whit Sunday 9 at home all day W. foggy Cloudy, rain at times all day

Whit Monday 10 Boys all went fishing to Mouth of Rouge Caught fine mess I & Henry took girls to Br S's to quilting then took Butter & Eggs to Coakwells @ 15 cts for Butter & 12 cts for Eggs I brought girls home this eveing W. Cloudy this Moring very fine today

- 11 F H & B helped Br S's finish moving barn AM. B helped Jack it up PM 2 Boys Plowed a little piece for Millet in big field where Timothy was not very good A harrowed & drew off stones W. fine I & A drew 2 loads wood from other bush AM 12 Joseph Weber & wife came to stay all night they walked from Br C's
- 12 I & Nancy went visiting with Weber's to A B's to dinner awhile to Peter Reesor's then to J D's to supper then took them to Lewis Reesor's & left them. W. very very fine. light W wind

June 1889

- **13** F is Pathmaster he worked on Scarboro Townline A drove one team H & B took turns filling & driving the other team W. fine & Cler
- 14 H & B drew gravel AM I & A & J sowed about 3 acres Millet 2 in root field and 1 in big field where fall sowed Timothy missed then A harrowed it till noon 3 Boys plowed in turnip ground PM I & J went to other bush to look up some Hemlock logs I went to Br S's W. fine warm
- 15 H shoveled gravel AM which finishes our Markham work I & B took 14 bags Oats to Br S's & got them Chopped Piled some lumber F & B spudded thistles in young Timothy H got Mare Doll

shod & scuffled Mangels PM W. heavy shower this morning and another after dinner. very warm A & girls went to Markham PM

Sunday 16 I & Nancy & little ones went to Martins at Altona remarks & Sermon on St Mark part of 2 C by Br C

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Went to H Boyer's to dinner W. warm shower PM. Br C's Thomas & Ketura were here with our young folks today

- 17 Cut 10 Hemlock logs AM B drew to S M W. Cool.
- **18** I & Nancy & little ones took wood to S Lehman's Esther & Mary staid at Peter's B & H finished drawing logs. W. fin Cool, Cler F went fishing with Jac Reesor's got none
- **19** B went fishing to Big Rouge with Shanks & Stover's Boys got none I & B brought load lumber from S M PM F & H & Br C's Thomas went fishing with hook & line to Dead water PM got about 15 W. rain till 3 PM warm growing weather
- 20 I & H drew home 2 loads old sawn lumber from S M Boys made Stoneb boat AM Planted last of feed corn & some potatoes PM it is so wet behind barn we are afraid some of new Potatoes will rot

June 1889

W very warm. drying very fast

- 21 done nothing AM I & H went to S M & he went to Post office PM W. rain all AM heavy at times Our Creek is very high this eveing
- 22 F filed 3 handsaws he has bad Cold H went to Markham AM. H & B topped thistles at other place PM they gathered some fence Corner hay after supper I & A drew 2 loads wood home from other place PM I shot a ground hog & wounded another while he took one load home. W. fine Cool strong N W wind drying very fast
- **Sunday 23** at home all day. Anthoney Lehman's & Ben Hoover's were here Boys went to Camp meeting PM Br C's Ketura was here all day. W. fine Cool

- **24** Finished planting Potatoes AM & Boys plowed in turnip ground F & B began plowing fallow PM at other place W. fine
- 25 F & B Plowed in fallow AM H worked on turnip ground AM B harrowed & rolled turnip ground I & other boys filled 12 bags with Potatoes and 13 with oats & F began

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making turnip drills about 3 PM W. fine rather Cloudy this eving

- **26** Chored AM H & B split some Hemlock wood I & other boys hung 2 gates behind barn PM W. rain nearly all AM. warm Cler PM
- F finished Making turnip drills as far as it was fit I & J went to S M AM F sowed about half of drills when heavy rain stopped him H & B went to Toronto 12 bags Potatoes 50cts 32 bus Oats 33 cts 1½ bus apples 75 per Bus 18 lbs Butter 17 cts warm after rain
- 28 F H & B finished plowing fallow at other place W. fine warm Cler
- 29 Boys scuffled & hoed some in roots H harrowed fallow & brought home 2 loads lumber 1 & Nancy went to Markham AM. W. fine warm Cler
- **Sunday 30** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by young Saml Hoover sermon on Acts 10 C by old Saml Hoover Cousin Saml Burkholder & family & Daniel Ramer's were here at noon M N's at supper W. very fine & Cler

July 1889

- **July 1** Finished sowing turnip hoed Mangels shovel plowed early Potatoes & hoed some Corn J took 40 bags Oats to Br S's & brought Chop home again W. I think it was the warmest day this summer so far
- 2 hoed Corn & Potatoes F & H topped thistles in Oat field PM Nancy & took Susanna to Old Mrs Abe Burkholders to try the Liver Cure Charm this AM W. very very warm thunder in N W. all PM
- 3 Boys hoed feed Corn AM H & J took 9 bags Peas & Barley to Br S's & nearly a bag ful of Corn & got it Chopped F & B drew rail pieces to sugar Camp & 2 loads stones into Mudhole in shed PM W. very very warm I went to N B's & Johnny Reesor's PM & to M Barkey's for Celery. Plants after supper, fine Shower at sunset

4 Boys Shingled Henhouse & began shop F mowed fence Corners W. Cler. Cooler

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- 5 Boys Finished Shingling west side of shop AM. Fixed roof of my Father's woodshed & Cookhouse & began Plowing hill in north end of lane at Beech trees & drew earth to fix road over dam PM. W. fine
- **6** Boys finished road at dam & scuffled Mangels Corn & Potatoes brought a load of fence Corner hay after supper. W. fine & Cler
- **Sunday 7** I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Reesor's PM J D's young folks were here PM. W very very warm
- 8 Boys drew home wood from both bushes H mowed awhile at other place in Clover F cut swail & fence Corner W. very very warm
- 9 H Mowed broke Pitman shaft at noon didnt get quite done Put Paris green on Potatoes PM W. about the warmest day yet
- 10 F finished Mowing Clover at other place I & B got Mag & Charly shod & I Bargained

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for 100 lbs Binding Twine with T Beare, we raked & Cocked hay west of road PM & brought one load home. W. very very warm. Thunder in the north all PM fine heavy shower's this eveing

- 11 I & Nancy went to J B's then I & J B went to Stouffville I got some Knife Section's for Mower got dinner at J B's then Called at J Pikes for Pitman Cap. Vansant had none Boys Shook up hay & hoed in roots W. very fine & Cler
- 12 hoed roots & raked Clover east of road AM. drew in 9 loads PM. W. fine & Cler I went to Stouffville, Knife Sections did not fit
- 13 H mowed east of Creek at other place F & B mowed swail & fence Corner's AM H & A brought home small load of Cocked hay before dinner shower stopped them F & H Mowed fence Corner at other place B & A hoed roots I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. fine AM several showers at noon

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- **Sunday 14** at home all day Boys & girls went to A B's B went to M N's & Simon Hoover's with Br C's Thomas little ones went to J D's, N B's Came PM W. fine & Cler
- 15 F H & B mowed in swale behind garden I & J took a Cedar log that I got from N B to S M to get it slabbed drew hay from other place 5 loads till supper Abe raked east of Creek & some rakings after supper. W. fine Cler
- 16 F & B mowed in swail in fall Wheat A raked rakings at other place & he & H brought it home big load AM I & B & H drew home 2 loads from other place east of Creek till supper all boys brought 2 loads after supper J went to Markham PM. W. pretty warm strong north wind PM
- 17 Boys finished Mowing swail in wheat field H cut Piece north of old bush about 1½ acres before dinner.

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F cut young Orchard at other place PM drew in swail back of garden after supper 2 loads W. very warm Cler

- hoed Potatoes Plowed them up with Double Mold Plow Plowed hill Corn too raked & drew in hay north of bush 2 loads then boys all went to other place after supper & raked & drew in hay in little Orchard 2 loads I went to see Patton after supper he was not at home W. warm
- 19 H got Frank shod B scuffled turnips I went to see Patton, began to rake swail in Wheat field very very heavy shower at noon Boys cut weeds on roads F took 16 bags Oats to Br S's PM W. another heavy shower this eving
- **20** Thinned turnips H finished Cutting weeds on road J brought sack of twine @ 16 cts per lb AM Cut wheat south of bush PM it is a very good Crop W. Cloudy AM fine Cool & Clear PM
- **Sunday 21** I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Wideman's remarky by Jac Wideman Sermon on *{blank space}* by Br C went to Br inlaw Sam Hoover's to dinner & to Peters to Supper W. fine

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- Had C Patton to put new sill under east end of driving house raised S W Corner of old barn & N E Corner of straw shed J went to Stouffville for little spring for Binder Boys Cleaned out Cistern W. fine shower went around this eveing few drops rain here
- 23 Cut Wheat in N W Corner field Shower last night W. strong North wind Cool
- 24 Finished Cutting N W Corner field before dinner. J Cut wheat at other place about 6 acres till sundown he is some better now I & Nancy went to Markham AM I & F & H drew in young Timothy hay 2 big loads & one out of wheat field swail W. fine some windy
- 25 Cut Barley behind Cider house till Supper then Abe Cut in field back of garden I & Abe Put Paris Green on Potatoes today W. fine warm
- 26 Finished cutting back of garden till noon then brought in last hay, small load of rakings then boys went to other place & began Cutting Barley I bound cradled swaith around 2 fields at

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home today Br N brought Daniel Greider from Medina Ohio this Afternoon then I went with him to Br C's he staid there to supper then he Came here to stay all night W. fine warm looked like rain PM J took 22 bus grist to Cedar Grove Mi{II}

- **27** Finished Cutting barley at other place I took D Greider to P Hoover's I went to Cherrywood PM. W. looked like rain AM pretty warm
- **Sunday 28** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 2 C by Br C Menno Stover's were here at noon Br inlaw Jesse & little Willis Lehman's Jesse is working at Saml Lehman's W. pretty warm heavy rain after dark
- 29 Made 3 gates AM I & Nancy went to Old Saml Stove's awhile PM he is very poorly boys hoed turnip PM W. very heavy rain last night Cloudy most of the time today
- **30** Hoed turnips I & Henry took 5 bags Peas & 10 bags Barley to Br S's PM W. very fine, heavy shower & some thunder this evening

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- 31 Finished hoeing turnips A ganged in fallow at other place awhile yesterday & today set up shocks drew in 1 load wheat out of N W field before supper & 4 after supper & 2 loads barley out of field behind Cider house W, warm Cler
- **Aug 1** Cleaned Potatoes awhile then drew in 5 loads wheat & 15 loads barley W. fine rather Cloudy PM J brought home flour
- **2** B finished ganging fallow F & Nancy went to Markham PM H scuffled turnips we drew in 5 loads wheat after supper W. rain last night fine & Cler today, heavy thunder lightning & rain after dark tonight
- **3** Chored Made Bathroom in my Father's old wood shed Hung a gate on short lane back of garden Boys Pulled Peas after supper & set up shocks, pretty heavy shower at noon

Sunday 4 at home all day FB & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's H went with Thomas W. very fine

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- 5 drew in last of wheat out of N W Corner field and South of bush 7 loads & last of Barley at home 5 loads & 4 loads of barley at other place W. very fine and Cool. N W wind
- 6 Drew in 3 loads Wheat & 5 loads barley at ef-other place AM then H went threshing with Will Reesor for the season J began Cutting Oats north of bush B shocked I & F and A drew in last of barley 4 loads & 2 loads Wheat PM W. very fine & drying.
- 7 I & F & B Finished drawing wheat 3 loads at other place J finished Cutting Oats north of bush AM F & B helped Br C's draw barley with team PM I & J & A Scuffled turnips PM W fine warm Cler
- **8** F & B Pulled Peas at other place with Scythes AM drew in wheat rakings South of bush and barley rakings in field back of orchard (Henry raked it AM and N west wheat field PM) then I & Boys pulled peas with rake. nearly finished. B scuffled turnip awhile

Aug 1889

W fine & clear looks like rain tonight

- **9** Boys brought in rakings out of N W wheat field this morning then we began drawing in peas with one team and two waggons I Pitched A loaded and F & B unloaded. drew 9 loads till 6 PM when we were stopped by a very very heavy rain, not much thunder
- 10 F & B finished pulling peas at other place all theat were ripe then we finished pulling at home after supper with rake J & Henry took about 40 bus Oats to Br S's brought home load wood for Steamer J brought another load & brought chop home PM. then he got some binding Twine in Whitevale this evening W. very fine & drying day A ganged in barley stubble back of garden

Sunday 11 at home Br S's were here at noon & M Barkeys at supper W. fin Cool

12 B helped McCreights thresh till 4 PM J cut oats east of dam except an acre A ganged AM helped shock PM

Aug 1889

I went to Cedar Grove AM asked hands to thresh tommorrow. PM W. Cool. few drops rain several times

- 13 Fixed up barn and Chored AM W Reesor came at noon with Steamer threshed PM wheat south of bush & nearly half of barley W. fine.
- 14 Finished threshing barley to 10:30 I think it yeilded about 30 bus per Acre and the wheat about 25 I & Nancy went to John Stover's PM to see Lydia Clodd she is there now and pretty low with Consumption B harrowed fallow at other place A finished ganging back of garden F got young mare Jenny shod W. fine a heavy shower before dinner this evening very Cool
- 15 J finished cutting oats east of dam then he cut oats in N E corner field about 6½ acres B & A shocked some (too windy) then B turned peas F helped J D's thresh Henry harrowed ganged field Joseph Barkeys Widow and Aunt Lizzy were here at noon W. very strong N W wind and very cool drew in 2 loads peas after supper

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I & B Put Paris Green on late potatoes this moring

16 F helped J D's thresh B & A shocked oats I & J brought home 2 loads pine for oven wood from other bush AM Finished drawing in peas at home 3 loads till supper Boys drew in 2 loads at other place after supper W. very cool strong wind

- 17 F & B helped Pilkey thresh I & A & J drew in 4 loads oats opposite Pilkey AM (J is some better he can help a little) then we drew in wheat & barley rakings at other place till supper Henry raked them AM and we drew in 2 loads oats after supper. W. fine
- **Sunday 18** I & Nancy and little ones went to Johnny Ramers to dinner & to David Hanes to supper Boys and girls went to Br S's W. fine Cler
- 19 Boys drew dung on barley stubble AM F & B went to Br S's raising putting one bent & leanto on barn that they moved in spring PM I & A & J hoed turnip. W. fine AM light shower last night & at noon
- 20 F & B Pulled Peas at other place with Scythes J & A finished hoeing turnips AM I & A finished drawing Oats north of bush 4 loads PM J took rake to other place & he & boys Pulled few Peas that were drownded out

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about 1/2 an acre. they are badly drownded in low heavy land this year. They drew in one load after supper. W. fine Cler Cloudy in the west toward evening

- 21 B helped Br N's thresh F & A Pulled Peas at other place We drew 5 loads Oats out of field east of dam PM W. fine Cler, west wind
- 22 Drew in 19 loads Oats 15 out field east of dam & 4 out of N E Corner field Jake Moyer helped W. fine Cler. N W wind
- 23 F helped Br C's thresh we drew 6 loads Oats & Killed 3 Pigs & B took them to Coakwells @ \$7.00 per Cwt E Lewis & Coakwell are taking our Butter & Eggs Chickens Calves & Pigs & Sheep this summer W. fine Cler
- 24 B helped Johnny Reesor thresh I & other boys brought in last load Oats at home which makes 40 loads then boys went to other place about 10 AM & drew in 4 loads Peas & Pulled some J cut about an Acre of Oats PM

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with binder I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. fine warm Cler

- **Sunday 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br Cs (Umfrage) J H Ramer's & Br inlaw Enos Hoover's were here at dinner & Moses Moyer at supper I & Nancy went to Br C's after supper W. fine
- 26 Boys finished pulling Peas at other place AM then we drew in 9 loads with 2 waggons PM. I pitched W. pretty warm
- 27 Boys finished drawing Peas & 2 loads Oats at other place AM they began drawing dung on Barley stubble again at home PM. I & Nancy went this morning to see Lydia Clodd she was at her father's when we got there. She was dead about half an hour Nancy staid I came home then I & A went to appoint for the Funeral & brought a Coffin & brought Nancy home. W. very warm & dry.

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- 28 Boys finished drawing dung & began to plow I & J took turns to Cut Millet W. very very warm
- 29 Boys Plowed I & Nancy went to the Funeral of Lydia Clodd from 2½ Miles east of Malvern to Wideman's Burying ground I took the Corpse Nancy rode with Peters, B Reesors very very warm & dusty drive went to Menno Stover's to a very late dinner
- 30 Boys Plowed with 3 teams W warm & dry they Cocked Millet after supper
- 31 F & A Plowed AM drew in Millet 5 loads PM B cut second crop Clover at other place J went about 10 AM then they hitched on Binder & Cut strip late Oats which finishes our harvest I helped Br C's unload 2 loads Oats AM. W. fine, warm Cler

Sept 1 Sunday I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's W. fine Cler

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- **2** F & A drew dung at other place B got Horses shod AM plowed in Barley ground PM. W. very warm J went to Markham PM
- **3** F raked Millet rakings AM A Raked Clover rakings PM Boys drew in 1 load Oats at other place (last of harvest) & brought home big load Clover. then we went after sunset & Cocked rest of Clover W. very warm & dry slight shower last night
- 4 3 boys finished plowing barley stubble AM began plowing fallow at other place PM. Bishop began fixing house at other place this moring (3 of them) W. very sultry slight shower this moring another this eveing.

5 F brought 2 squares shingles from Markham & A got horses shod AM F sowed barley ground back of garden & A harrowed I helped awhile. B plowed at other place.

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- W. Slight shower this moring fine one this eveing. Cooler
- 6 F and B plowed at other place A Finished harrowing wheat we sowed it by hand W. not so warm I & J asked hands to thresh at other place tommorrow & I went to Cedar Grove PM
- 7 Threshed at other place AM something went wrong with steamer didnt do much after dinner W fine & Cler South east wind
- Sunday 8 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br N's W. very fine and Cler
- **9** Threshed at other place AM didnt quite finish drew in Clover into other barn PM W. very warm & dry
- **10** Boys plowed I & B went to get Cider made AM didnt get it made then B plowed too W. very warm
- 11 Sowed Wheat at other place. F ganged in Peaground at home PM W. very warm

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- **12** F ganged B plowed in Peaground at other place. J & A brought 7 Barrels lime & brought Cider home AM J B's were here PM Carpenters finished house. W. very warm
- 13 F ganged AM he went threshing in Herman's place PM Herman went to get a tooth pulled. B plowed J & A brought a load of sand. Then A plowed too. W. very warm I & Nancy boiled Sauce rainy at bed time. east wind all day I & J made box & trough for running lime and run a trough full
- 14 I & H run lime F filled hole where we got sand yesterday on road near Br N's AM H brought 250 bricks F. ganged PM W not much rain last night but might a little drissly AM warm PM B plowed at other place PM
- **Sunday 15** I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by J Wideman Sermon suitable for celebration of Lords supper by Br C. went to Br inlaw Peters for dinner. W. fine Cler, warm

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- 16 B & H plowed at other place F finished ganging Peaground at home & began ganging barley ground at other place I & A and Henry dug some potatoes PM W. a little rain this morning cool today
- 17 B & H dug potatoes A ganged F helped W Reesor thresh PM J took 38 bus wheat to Spink Mills @ 90 cts I & Nancy & Henry went to Cedar Grove PM W a little drissly this Morning light rain awhile Pm
- 18 F & H want to Toronto B cut off feed Corn I went to Markham AM I & J went took 11 bags
 Oats to Br S's got them Chopped and Piled some lumber Timbermens began Cutting Pine trees in our bush this eveing. W. very cool N W wind
- 19 Dug potatoes J & H went to W Monneys Sale PM. Sprague & his brother began plastering house at other place. They will pull off all the bad parts & put on new. I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine shower this Moring rainy again this eving. Cool

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- **20** Chored AM Killed 3 pigs PM A finished ganging at other place & began in field east of dam this eveing W. rain last night and nearly all AM Cloudy & Cool PM ground well soaked. Boys took 3 pigs to Coakwells @ \$7.{90}
- 21 F & B plowed at other place A ganged thistly part of field east of dam H dug some Potatoes & bound feed Corn Albert & May Hoover came to stay all night. W. Cold N W wind
- **Sunday 22** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by young Saml Hoover Sermon Suitable for Celebration of Lords Supper by Br C. Enos Nighswander & Jesse Hoover & Herman Lehman & Charles Jones (Drudges nephew}) From York state were here PM W. white frost last night cool today
- 23 B helped B Burkholder thresh F & A plowed at other place AM I filled Gravel 6 hours J drove team PM & F helped fill PM which finishes

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our Scarboro road work A plowed PM. H is away theshing again W. slight frost last night very fine today

- **24** F & B helped B. Burkholder thresh F Came home about 3 PM A harrowed ganged Oat stubble AM then he harrowed ganged barley stubble at other place PM J brought load gravel from school bridge to barnyard gate AM he plowed at other place till F Came home. W. very fine & Cler
- 25 F helped Peter Reesor thresh B helped B Burkholder's a few hours to finish A Plowed at other place J plowed too till B came home I & J went to Whitevale PM W. fine Cler
- **26** F helped Peter finish thresh B & A finished plowing at other place except barley ground that was ganged J began south of bush PM. W. a little rain last night, fine Cool today Br C & wife & Br S & wife started for Ohio

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& Indiana on Tuesday Morning

- 27 Boys Plowed south of bush F & A took young sow to Fretz's PM I plowed till they Came back & J plowed all PM he is getting some better W. Cler Cool this is my 53rd Birthday
- **28** Finished digging Potatoes A & Henry took a sow to M Fretz's & brought the other one home I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. Cler. Cool
- **Sunday 29** I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's they were not at home then we went to Peter Reesor's W. fine cler
- **30** F & H helped N B thresh J. B & A Plowed Millet stubble in root field nearly finished I went to M Fretz's AM W. Cloudy, drissly rain at times
- Oct 1 F & B helped N B thresh H went with team to help W Reesor Move Machine from T McDowells to James Gilchrists A & J Plowed in N E Corner field W. Cloudy, Thunder showers about noon Cler PM fine rain last night
- **2** F & B went to Br S's to thresh, it was too windy I went to Markham H & A Plowed AM I J & A Plowed F & B Pulled Mangels. H helped W. Reesor draw his Peas PM. W very strong N W wind Cool

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3 boys plowed awhile this morning heavy shower stopped them Then they plowed PM I went to Cedar Grove PM

- **4** Boys all went to Markham I & Henry took 9 bus Barley and peas got it chopped at Br S's AM brought Jag of sand from A B's Corner on 4th Con Pickering PM W. Cool cloudy
- **5** F & B went to Br S's to help thresh H went with W Reesor to Gilchrists all Came home before noon rained boys fixed old horse stable stalls I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. rainy all day
- **Sunday 6** at home A B's were here boys & Adeline went to Johny Ramers Susanna is at Br C's since they are away W. about an inch of snow this moring. looks wintry. all gone again
- 7 F & B helped Br S's thresh J & A plow{ed} W. very strong N wind. Cool
- 8 I & B & A plowed F cut Corn J went Shooting. got nothing. W. strong wind yet but not so cold. fine and cler

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- **9** F. B & A plowed AM J, F and A PM B cut corn I & Nancy picked Cider apples PM. Boys finished N E corner field & began in field east of dam W. windy AM milder PM.
- 10 H & A Took 7 bags Apples to Cider Mill & went to Markham for Barrel of lime & brought Cider home AM Boys Plowed I & J run lime at other place PM W. fine. rather cold wind
- 11 I & Nancy boiled sauce H took 10 bags Peas to Br S's & got them Chopped J & A Plowed F & B Picked apples J Plowed at other place PM where it was ganged other Boys finished east of dam except where it was ganged it is thistley we intend to fallow it next year. W. very fine & Cler
- **12** F B & A Plowed at other place AM J & A Plowed I & other boys Picked apples PM. W. Cloudy, raw air
- Sunday 13 | I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's. W. Cler Cool
- **14** Boys plowed at other place F & B Picked apples PM J & A Plowed PM, we Picked 14 bags Cider apples. W. fine & Cler

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Boys finished Plowing at other place & began behind Cider house this eveing F Picked apples PM Br inlaw Peter's & Motherinlaw were here today. F made about 90 gals Cider AM we began to boil Sauce about 11 AM. W. very fine & cler

- **16** Boys plowed & Picked some apples H was at home I & Nancy Boiled two Batches of Sauce W. very fine
- 17 B & A Plowed F & J Chored & fixed Stall in Cow stable I & Nancy went to see John G Reesor he is very sick & we called at Saml Reesor's Aunt Fanny is sick too I & F drew 2 big loads wood from other place PM. W. Cloudy AM. fine & Cler PM
- 18 Boys finished plowing behind Cider house & Picked few apples W. fine
- **19** F went to Markham I & other boys Cleaned Grist Wheat 12 bags at other barn & A took it to Cedar Grove Mills Am I & J helped Timber Man Thomson

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Measure Timber in our bush PM he Cut 24 trees & took the Sound timber @ \$15.00 per M Board Measure & some Knotty 2nd Class @ \$10 per M. 20451 ft first class & 4447 ft 2nd Class W. very fine

- **Sunday 20** all went to Meeting at Hebron except J. remarks by young Saml Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Old Saml. Menno Burkholder Danl Smiths Simon Hoover's Tilman Reesor's Johnny Ramer's & Matty Cook were here at dinner Christian Burkholder's at supper & Jos Shirks Came to stay at night. W. Cooler
- 21 H helped Br C's Thomas husk Corn F & B delivered Cow Lilly we sold her on Saturday to Reeve Richardson of Scarboro @ 40.00 AM I & A & Esther went to Markham PM F got horses shod. B took young Sow to M Fretz's W. fine Cler Cool

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- 22 I & Nancy went with Johnny Ramer's to visit Elisabeth Yakely on Uxbridge & Whitechurch Townline. Called at Henry Stover's at Island Lake Boys dug garden & got Peas Chopped at Br S's brought home Grist flour B helped Pilkey Kill pigs PM W. Cool Flurries of snow AM Thomas brought Amos Eby & wife from Pennsylvania to stay all night
- 23 F & Adeline went visiting with Eby's H got Dolly shod AM H & B helped Br S's thresh A Plowed at Br C's PM W. Sharp frost last night Cler & fine

24 H & B helped Br S's thresh nearly all day I & J drew some wood from old bush F brought home three spring waggon from Johnny Ramer's got Tongue broke last night Br C's & Br S's Came home from Ohio & Indiana this eveing

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J took it to Whitevale to get new Tongue made then we Cleaned load wheat at other place PM W. frost last night fine today

- 25 B took 61 bus 30 lbs Wheat to Spink Mills @ 81 cts per bus AM other boys went Shooting with Amos Eby Shot 4 fine Black squirrels and large old Country Rabbit W. Cloudy, a little rain AM & a little PM I & Nancy went to John Reesor PM he is poorly
- 26 Boys Chored H went to Markham F & B went to Johnny Reesor's raising AM J went to Stott's sale & other boys went shooting shot Partridge & Rabbit Joe Sprague & his Brother came & Plastered broken off spots in my Father's Kitchen W. Cloudy & Mild a little rain this morning

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- **Sunday 27** at home all day John Cober's & wife & A B's young folks were here today. W. Cloudy. I & Nancy went to Br C's after supper this was the 32nd Anniversary of our wedding
- 28 Chored H brought home spring waggon F & A brought home sows from M Fretz's AM H went to W Reesor's AM H went to W Reesors F & A plowed Creek in field north of Orchard & began pulling turnips I & J went to Cedar Grove PM W. drissly AM Cloudy PM
- 29 Boys nearly finished pulling turnips W. mild rather cloudy H helped pull part of the time
- **30** F & A drew 10 loads turnips with Waggon I & B finished pulling with hoes AM B drew 12 loads with cart PM H went threshing W. Mild
- 31 Boys drew 1 waggon load & 3 Cart loads when drissly rain from east Stopped them I went to Burrows this Morning. Cow Cherry is not well. Boys Cut wood in Shed

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rain nearly all day. John G Reesor died last night at 11 oclock

Nov 1 F & B went Trolling on Bay brought home 6 fine Pike J & H went threshing. W. Cloudy all day

2 I & Nancy Susanna Ester Abram & Aunt Lizzy B went to Funeral of John G Reesor to Wideman's Burying ground Funeral Services by Br C Jac Wideman & A Raymer Came home after service.

W. Cloudy AM rain from east Coming home Boys drew in last of turnips 13 Cart loads & brought home Oat Chop

Sunday 3 at home Boys & girls went to J D's W.

- **4** B & A Plowed in turnip ground I went to Cedar Grove AM I & J went to Whitevale PM F & H helped Peter Reesor pull turnips W. froze last night fine today
- 5 B & A plowed I & F went to Markham AM B plowed PM other boys took in {space} Potatoes.

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- I & Nancy went awhile to Br inlaw John Hoover's his wife is sick getting some better W. fine sharp air
- 6 F & H drew in Corn AM B & A Plowed Killed a Hog & took in last of Potatoes PM. W Strong N W wind not very Cold

Thanksgiving day 7 all went to Meeting at Hebron except Adeline Esther & little Anne they have bad Cold remarks & Sermon on St Luke part of 12th C by Br C. W. very very fine & Cler

- **8** I & J took 10 bags Peas to Br S's A Picked Cider apples AM J & A got about 60 gals Cider Made & brought Chop home PM. W. fine F & B Plowed H went threshing
- **9** F & B finished Plowing AM all boys finished Picking Cider apples PM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove & Called awhile to see Aunt Fanny Reesor she is Poorly W. very fine & Cler

Sunday 10 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's they were not at home A & Esther & Mary staid with Bertha & David

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we went on to Menno Reesor's took Henry & Anne with us. F & H Adeline & Susanna went to Meeting at Wideman's W. cloudy AM very fine & Cler PM

11 F & B helped Pilkey thresh I & A went to Whitevale AM. H & A worked at Creek PM. W. very fine & mild

- **12** F & B helped Br N's thresh till about 3 PM then they worked at Creek W. very very fine & Mild A & girls went to Stouffville PM it is generally Cloudy AM & Cler PM this last week or more
- 13 Chored AM Boys worked in Creek I & J brought home some Barley Chop from Br S's & some lumber from other place PM W. rain AM & this eveing John Stover's were here this eveing
- **14** F helped Br C's thresh H went to Markham B & A went shooting AM got nothing H, B & A began digging drain behind Meeting sheds PM. W. Cloudy drissly at times
- 15 Boys worked at Creek with 2 teams H went threshing. W. froze pretty hard last night
- 16 drew home 2 loads wood from

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fallow at other place for steamer & F took 33 bus Cider apple to P Lapps @ 15 cts per bus AM F B & A worked at drain at Meeting sheds I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W. froze pretty hard very fine today

- **Sunday 17** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St Luke 15 C by old Saml Hoover Br inlaw Saml Hoover's young folks were here at noon I & Nancy & little ones went to N B's PM & staid this eveing W. very fine & Cler
- 18 B helped A McCreight to thresh till about 3 PM. we fixed barn ready for threshing & asked hands F & A worked at drain at sheds awhile AM J went to Markham & Unionville PM. W. Cloudy AM drissly rain nearly all PM. heavy this evening
- **19** B helped McCreight thresh AM we Chored brought in Most of apples Machine Came at noon did not thresh rain all PM. Cloudy AM
- 20 Threshed about 300 Bus F Wheat the Produce of 10 acres AM & about {blank space} Bus Oats PM

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- W. Cloudy all day, very Mild, drissly at times
- 21 Finished Threshing AM about {blank space} Bus Oats Chored PM. W. Cloudy AM. rainy PM

- 22 Chored AM F & H made about 45 gal Cider PM A took 4 Geese & 2 pr Chickens to & 3 bags Oats to Coakwells PM. W. rain AM. Cloudy drissly PM
- 23 Chored & Put last of apples into Cellar AM Boys went shooting PM Shot rabbit & two Partridges I & Henry went to Cedar Grove PM took 5 Crocks Apple Sauce @ 55 cts each W. pretty Cler & Mild
- **Sunday 24** at home AM I & Nancy Henry & Annie went to Br S's PM Staid to supper W. Cloudy AM. Cleared up PM
- 25 H & B helped Br C's thresh F & A finished drain back of Meeting sheds & took bags Oats to Br S's I & Nancy went to S B Lehman's for our Cloth W. Cler sharp N Wind, freezing a little roads pretty bad in places
- 26 Boys Cut Stove wood in other bush all day B brought home Chop this eveing. W. very fine & Cler this mornin{g} raw air & Cloudy towards eveing
- 27 Chored W. about as strong an East storm as I ever saw snow & rain all day

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- Boys chored and threshed some peas B made a new halter out of straw Carrier straps Joe Spragge got 3 Geese @ \$1.00 each. W. snow nearly all day not much wind I went to other bush with Nom's he bought some first class wood @ \$3.50 per Cord on the grond I think there must be 10 in of snow Adeline helped Johnny Ramer Butcher.
- 29 Boys chored B & A went to Markham with sleigh other boys took 10 bags barley to Br S's. I went to A B's and to Whitevale with cutter PM. Sleighing rough some mud under snow. W. fine cler
- 30 Boys drew some wood out of old bush AM sawed some in other bush PM F took Nancy & Adeline to Green River this Moring they went to Toronto H went to Markham PM & Came round by Station and brought them home this eveing I & B bought home Chop PM. W. fine Cler

Sunday Decr 1 Boys and girls went to Meeting at Altona I & Nancy & Annie

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went to U Drudges W. fine mild & Cler. Thawing PM sleighing thin

- 2 Boys cut & drew home some fine stove wood from other place AM B got Frank and Charly shod other boys fixed things for Killing Pigs tommorrow W. fine and mild.
- 3 Killed 7 hogs W. snow awhile AM Cleared up PM. pretty Cold this eveing
- **4** B & Adeline helped N B's kill hogs F helped Br Cs. H. drew some wood W. Cold & Cler. 7 above Zero this moring rough Passable sleighing.
- **5** F H Adeline and Susanna helped A B's kill hogs B got Mag & Charlie shod took children to school AM. Trimmed pine tops in other bush PM. W. soft snow & some rain AM fine PM
- **6** Boys cut sawlogs AM Cut & drew PM. I & Br C went to see Uncle Saml Reesor's PM. Uncle Saml's hand is getting better Aunt Fanny is getting weaker W. very fine & mild AM cloudy PM
- 7 F helped W Reesor Move Machine to Bob Reesor's 1/2 Mile north of Cedar Grove H & B drew logs AM all boys drew & Cut logs PM I & J went to wood sale at Fred Reesor's on part of Uncle

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Peter Reesor's Homestead W. very fine & cler snow going

Sunday 8 at home all day W. foggy dull mild drissly and rainy all day.

- **9** Boys cut logs J brought home grist flour from Cedar Grove Mills PM W. mild sleighing all gone
- **10** H went threshing other boys all went Fox hunting into Pickering got nothing. W. strong east wind all day sleet & rain after dark
- 11 F helped J D's thresh B & A cut logs W. mild
- **12** B helped J Ds thresh F filed saw AM. F & B went to U Drudges sawing Bee J took grist Barley 8 bags to Br S's & took 4 bags Oats to Coakwell for Lewis PM W. mild
- 13 F & B Cut log AM F went to Penrose's Sawing Bee B trimmed tops PM W. mild. Colder this eveing
- 14 I & Nancy Herman & Abram went to funeral of Old Peter Ramer remarks by Jac Wideman Sermon on 1st C St Peter by old Saml Hoover Boys worked in bush & Chored W. strong east wind froze up again last night very Cold today Snow awhile at noon

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- **Sunday 15** all went to Meeting except Nancy & John. Nancy has sore nose & J Cannot sit very well. remarks & sermon on St John part of 12 C by Br C Johnny Reesor's were here after service W. Mild, rather Cloudy
- 16 Boys Cut logs AM J brought home light Bobsleighs from Br S's with waggon we got new shoes on them Boys took Short Bob sleigh to bush PM to skid logs. W. soft thawing
- 17 Boys Cut last of logs & skidded some. W. Cloudy & Mild
- 18 Boys Chored & set Horsepower & Cut straw for filling beds. W. Drissly rain all day, heavy this eveing
- **19** Boys finished skidding logs I & F took 18 bags oats to Br S's & went to Cedar Grove AM F & Adeline went to Markham PM. W. fine, Mild & Cler
- 20 Boys Chored. W. drissly rain AM heavy PM
- 21 Boys began Cutting Cordwood at other place W. froze some last night fine today Br inlaw John Hoover was here at noon
- **Sunday 22** at home all day W. snow rain & sleet last night & some rain today trees Covered with ice.

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- 23 Boys Cut wood F went to Markham PM I & A brought home Barley Chop from Br S's AM W. very fine & mild
- 24 J & B started to go to Toronto, too late for train Came home again. F went to B Diller's Wedding at Menno Burkholder's PM W. rain rain, rain at all day & heavy at times very high Water. H went to Station this eveing brought A Martin Jun'r his sister Susanna Rueben Bauman & his sister Mary they stay here all night
- Christmas day 25 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Luke part of 2nd C by Br C water very high last night Isaac Moyer's were here at noon & Tilman Kolp & his wife Rosina Burkholder at supper they were Married some weeks ago W. beautiful fine & Cler F & Adeline went visiting with Waterloo visitor{s}

26 Boys cut wood I went to see Uncle Saml's she is getting a little weaker his hand is very sore yet W. very heavy gust of wind this

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Morning squaal of rain Cleared up some but high wind all day. getting Colder Susanna went with Br C's Thomas to take visitors awhile this AM

- **27** F & H cut wood B & J went to Toronto to buy new Overcoats. Waterloo visitors went home today W. froze pretty hard last night ground white with snow this morning, very fine today)
- 28 Boys cut wood W. fine & mild getting a little soft
- **Sunday 29** at home all day Boys & girls went to A B's this evenig W. some squaals of rain Blowed up windy this evening. Colder
- **30** Boys cut wood AM Nancy & A went to Cedar Grove Had wood sawing Bee PM about 26 hands W. fine Cler sharp I went to Cedar Grove PM
- 31 Boys split wood W. pretty sharp

New years day Jan 1st 1890 at home all day Br C's {word crossed out} were all here at Turkey Roast. W. began to rain about 10 AM rain all day very foggy PM

- 2 H & B Split wood F went to Cedar Grove for pr new boots AM F & H went to M C Fretz's sawing Bee PM W. very fine & Cler PM
- 3 F & B went threshing with W Reesor at Joe Lapps H & A Split wood. W. pretty Cold
- 4 Boys Split wood. F & H went to Jac Reesors Sawing Bee PM B split wood. W. fine

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Sunday 5 at home all day W. rain rain nearly all day. very foggy PM. mild

- **6** H went threshing F & B split wood W. rain awhile AM. Cloudy PM blowing Cold this eveing F went for Dr Robinson this evening Susanna has Russian Influenza an Epidemic that is passing over America from Europe
- 7 Boys Sawed & split wood I & J took 10 bags Barley to Br S's AM W. Cler & Cold Adeline is Complaining this evening. symptoms of Influenza

- 8 Boys cut wood W. Cold strong west wind very very strong after dark J went to McCaffreys sale at Boxgove A B's Lizzie & Martha were here PM
- **9** Boys Cut wood. W. Snow all day, not fast
- 10 Boys Cut wood AM they all went to J Malcom's Sale at Cedar Grove PM. W. a few in snow on the ground this Morning a little fell through the day. pretty Cold Boys went to evening Sale of Store goods at Malcoms. didnt sell much. quit early
- 11 Boys chored. B has sore throat F went for Dr Susanna is not better yet W. storm of sleet & little snow till about 2 PM
- **Sunday 12** I & Nancy & Most of Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat 11th Ch by old S Hoover W. pretty Cold, east wind drissly light rain PM. Ice freezing on trees

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- 13 F & B Cut wood AM F Cut his foot about 10 AM B brought him home with Peters horse & Buggy it is not very bad H & Nancy went to Markham AM H & B threshed a few Peas PM W. very mild this Moring strong wind got up AM very very strong from S West blew off J D's barn roof
- **14** H & B cut wood AM Br in law Peter Came at noon he took B with him to work for a while J helped H in bush PM W. froze up again last night very fine today
- 15 H helped Pilkey Kill hogs AM he helped J D's get out timber PM to fix their barn roof W. a lit little snow & drissly rain AM. Mild PM F went to Cedar Grove & took Pea & Oat Chop to Br S's his foot is healing very fast
- **16** H & J Cut down & trimmed trees AM H got Mare Maggie Shod PM W. about 2 in snow last night very strong N W wind today. Cold
- 17 H went with W Reesor to Fix Engine at A Ramer's I helped F & A in bush F's foot is about healed. W. fine & Cler. pretty sharp
- **18** F helped J D's work at barn roof I & A & Henry worked awhile in bush AM & J got Frank & Charley shod AM Chored PM. W. fine & Cler. sharp

19 Sunday at home AM I & Nancy went to Br C's PM Becca has Influenza F & H went to Br inlaw

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Peter's PM W. foggy & drissly AM Cleared up PM rain after dusk Br N's were here this eveing

- 20 had M Barkey to help kill 6 Pigs AM Cleaned some Oats PM H went to help W. Reesor Cut feed at Tomlinson's AM didnt Cut too Windy W. foggy this Morning Clouded up strong wind today
- 21 F & A went to Toronto 6 Pigs @ \$6.00 per Cwt 26 Bus Oats 30 cts per bus 3 Turkeys 10 cts per lb H went threshing W. fine Cler
- 22 I & F split wood AM A helped F saw PM J brought home barley Chop PM W. very Cold & strong N wind AM Milder PM
- 23 F & A cut wood AM Chored PM W. began to snow from east about 9 AM till 4 PM getting milder Schoolmam has Influenza the last few days. almost every body has it about 3 in dry snow
- 24 F helped thresh in Herman's place he is not well thinks he has (La Grippe) that is what Influenza is generally called) J took horse Farmer to Markham to try & sell him. did not sell. W. fine & Cler
- 25 H went to thresh F & A finished splitting wood. it is nearly All Cut now we are cutting 11 rods wide & the length of bush last year we Cut 12 rods along east side from McCreights line. that will make a field 23 rods by 40 rods

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J took 12 bags oats to Br S's & brought home load wood AM brought home Chop PM J D's were here this eveing W. fine B came home this eveing

- **Sunday 26** I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's W. fine & Mild Cloudy PM began to drissle towards eveing B went to Br inlaw Peter's again PM
- 27 F went to Markham AM H went to thresh I & J & F Cleaned 55 bus barley PM F took it to Green River station @ 45 cts W. everything covered with Ice this morning Came out fine & Clear today Cooler this evening

- 28 Cleaned another load barly {space} Bus F took it to station @ 45 cts AM he went to help Johnny Reesor's to thresh PM did not thresh. W. sharp. Cler
- 29 F helped Johnny Reesor's thresh I & Nancy & little ones went to M N's W. fine & Mild, roads very good
- 30 F helped Johnny Reesor finish thresh AM he and H worked in bush PM. Mild. foggy PM
- 31 Chored AM F & H worked in bush J went to Br S. S. got Buggy wheel fixed yesterday PM. W. rainy AM very fine PM I went to Cedar Grove PM

- **Feb 1** Boys worked in bush J took 6 bags barley to Br S's & brought home load wood AM F & H went to Wilson's sale at 6th Con Pickering & I & A brought load wood PM W. sharp & Cler. A brought grist home this evening
- **Sunday 2** I & Nancy Henry & Anne went to M Barkeys Br N's young folks were here at noon. W. a little snow from east this Moring. Cloudy & mild all day
- 3 I went to Trustee Meeting at Hebron AM I & Br S and Martin Barkey were elected Trustees F & H worked in bush I drew home load wood & J drew one PM. W. Cler & Mild thawing Colder this eving
- 4 Boys cut wood till about 10 AM strong east wind sleet & rain stopped them they threshed few Peas PM I walked to Cedar Grove this moring I & Nancy went awhile to Br C's PM his wife Becca has Bronchitis along with Influenza. trees Covered with Ice. heavy shower of rain & thunder aft{er} dark
- 5 Boys Chored F went to get Mare Jenny Shod AM didnt get hind feet done Ellison had lame back & she didnt stand well

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F & H took Frank & Farmer to Markham to sell PM. Sold Farmer @ \$80.00 Buyer backed down again. wouldnt take him W. very very strong wind, pretty Cold

6 F & H Cut wood J took 12 bags Oats to Br S's & got them Chopped AM he got Farmer shod PM. W. cold Cler

- 7 F took Farmer to Stouffville to try & sell him. Buyer did not Come he got Herman's watch fixed & left mine H took 52 bus Wheat to Spink Mills @ 83 cts PM. W. strong east wind all day began to snow from east about 4 PM, snowing yet Bedtime
- 8 Boys went Foxhunting J & A Came home at noon F & H went on & Caught Fox on big Rouge bank Stott's helped dig him out & they shared with them. I & Nancy went to Markham J & A drew 8 logs PM W. fine. pretty fair sleighing
- **Sunday 9** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mark 1st by Br C. Benj'n was here when we came home I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Ramer's this evening W. pretty Cold east wind. Cler
- **10** F & H drew 5 logs AM J & A drew 5 PM. F & H began to draw out wood PM. W. fine & Cler I went to Saw Mill PM Nancy was at Pilkeys all day

- 11 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br inlaw Peter's to dinner & to J H Ramers to supper W. fine Mild. light east wind. thin sleighing
- **12** Boys drew logs AM H started to Markham with 3/4 Cord wood with Sleigh went as far as Cedar Gove laid it off sleighing bad F & A drew logs PM. W. fine Cler
- 13 H took the wood with Waggon AM Got horse Charley shod PM F & A drew logs AM I & Adeline & Esther F & A went to Funeral of Johny Burrow at 11 {th} PM W. fine. thawing Cut some feed with Horse Power after we Came home
- **14** H took another 3/4 load wood to Markham F & A drew some wood out till east rain stopped them about 10 AM rain nearly all day Boys threshed few peas PM
- 15 F & H drew out wood all day J & A took load grain to Br S's PM W. Clear Cold N W wind all day I went to Jac Reesor's this Morning
- Sunday 16 F Adeline & H went to Meeting at Wideman's N B's were here at noon W. fine
- 17 Boys drew out wood PM threshed few Peas AM W strong east wind a little snow PM J brought home Chop PM F went to Dr this eveing Susanna is not so well

- 18 Boys drew out wood. W. fine Mild
- **19** Boys drew wood I & J Killed Abram's Pig Boys helped hang it up. W. pretty Cold. strong east wind this eveing. Dr Came at supper time Susanna a little better
- 20 F brought load Bricks for Presbyterian Church at 11th Con they intend to rebuild it next Summer H brought load wood from other place AM H & F drew logs PM took Abram's Pig Butter & Eggs to Coakwells after supper Pig \$5.50 per Cwt it weighed 170 Butter 22cts Eggs 16 cts W. about 5 in snow last night very strong west wind & some snow all day
- 21 Boys drew logs with 2 teams I & Nancy went to Cousin Susanna Hoover's PM I went to Old Saml Hoover's to tell that Aunt Fanny Reesor died this Morning W. fine, pretty good sleighing
- 22 I & Nancy went to Uncle Samuel Reesor's this Morning Called at Br N's Coming home. he is sick in bed H drew logs F & A Cut some AM F & H took each a shingle log to P Hoover's PM W. fine little more snow last night roads good
- Sunday 23 J D's young folks & A B's young folks & B Stover were here at noon

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- I & Nancy went to J B's PM they both had (Grippe) are getting better again W. mild soft snow from about 4 PM rainy at bedtime
- 24 F took big shingle log to P Hoover's H & J drew out some wood AM I & Adeline Esther and Mary J F & H went to funeral of Aunt Fanny Reesor Jac Wideman spoke at house & sung at Grave Old Sam Hoover spoke on {blank space} in Meeting house Funeral was at 2 PM W. Mild Cloudy & Foggy sleighing very thin
- 25 Boys all went to Uncle Saml Reesor's sale W. rain till about 10 AM Snow gone
- J & Nancy and little Anne went to Br inlaw Enos Hoover's sale F & H went to Stouffville for my watch and then went to sale too Enos is renting his farm to Jac Barkey and is moving to Milnesville & intends to work for Peter. B came home to stay. W. growing colder N. wind
- 17 Cleaned Peas and chored AM F & H went to G Hollinger's sawing Bee in Br C's bush J took peas and oat chop to Br S's I & B cut some dry pine in other bush till J came from mill and brought it home. W. mild

28 husked all of Corn J went to see Dr Susanna does not feel so well. he took 16 pairs Pidgeons @ 25 cts pr pair W. rain Dr was here last night & Teusday Morning

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nearly all day

March 1st Boys Cut dry Beech & Pine in other bush & drew home 3 loads I & A brought home Peas & Oats Chop W. Cold raw N wind

Sunday 2 at home Br C's were here awhile PM & Peters's at Supper. W. Cler. Cold

- 3 Boys Cut stove wood H went threshing I & J brought home load wood PM Br S's young folks were here this eving W. sharp, Cler a little snow this eveing
- **4** Boys Cut Stove wood & made few Maple logs AM threshed Peas PM. W. soft snow through Middle of the day. they hitched up young Mare (Bonnie) rising 3 yrs went well
- 5 Boys threshed some Peas AM FH & B Adeline & Esther went to J D's quilting & Sawing Bee PM. W. Cler Cold sharp J went to Markham PM. few Sleighs running
- **6** Boys threshed Peas Nancy & F went to Br inlaw Sam Hoover's PM his wife is sick W. very Cold, Cler good Wheeling
- 7 Boys threshed Peas AM F & B cut Stove wood I helped awhile to pile & Measure last of dry wood we have sold it all. W. very fine & Cler. Mllder I went to Br S's PM to see if we can get Ice on his pond. it is pretty good. Called at Br N's he is getting better

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- **8** F H & B and N B all cut ice together Abram drew 4 loads N B's had a man drawing for him. W. sharp. Cler.
- **Sunday 9** All went to Meeting at Hebron except Esther & Annie staid with Susanna remarks by Br C Sermon on 2nd Cor by Old Saml Hoover M N's Joseph Grove's & David Burkholder were here at dinner Young folks went to Johnny Ramer's this eveing W very fine and Cler pretty Cold
- 10 brought one more load ice & packed it in Ice house AM I & all boys went to Sale of late Wm Murrison's effects on the old homestead PM W. Cloudy. Soft snow PM

- 11 Chored. Cleaned load Wheat PM W rain nearly all day
- **12** Chored Cleaned Stables B & A went Shooting H took 6 bags Chop to Br S's and went to Cedar Grove PM. W. rain and drizzle all day
- 13 F & H & B Stover run W Reesor's Machine at J Burrow's Jun'r. B went to Gregor's Sawing Bee in Bob Reesor's bush PM J brought home chop PM W. mild I went to Steven's B S Shop got cow chains fixed

- 14 Boys sawed wood in old bush. I & J went to other bush to fill out a 2 Cord pile of wood for McRae with a few sticks of green wood. brought home a Jag of dry wood I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W a little frost last night fine and Cler today. Roads very Muddy
- Boys drew dung with 2 waggons on about 2 Acres on west side of field behind barn where millet was AM cut wood PM we drew {ho}me 2 loads dry pine. W. mild AM Cloudy & cold PM. flurries of snow A & Henry {piece of page missing}k Sow to M Frets's PM
- **(Su)nday 16** I & Nancy & little ones went to {Jo}hnny Reesors W. Cold N wind flurries of snow
- {1}7 H & A drew dung on west side of fields behind Cider house AM F & B started for Markham about 10 AM when they Came back F stopped at Menno Reesor's to help at his sawing Bee H went too I & A took 13 bags Oats to Br S's & brought home load wood from fallows. W. pretty cold
- 18 Boys drew dung AM wen F & H went to W Reesor's sawing Bee in McCreights {b}ush PM. I & Nancy went to Markham

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- & to Michael Fretz's to dinner W. Clear Cold wind from north roads getting better
- 19 Boys finished drawing dung in field behind Cider house strip along bush about 1½ acres for Mangels AM F & B sawed wood and H took load {blank space} Wheat to Spink Mills @ 75 cts PM J brought chop AM I went to S M this morning W. fine Cler froze last night thawed today
- 20 Boys sawed wood in old bush east wind. began to rain 5 PM
- 21 Boys sawed pine wood in other bush 2 foot & 4 foot I & J & Henry cleaned 20 bus grist wheat & we tapped 108 buckets B helped awhile sap run well A Adeline & Esther went to Stouffville

gathered a lot this eveing J took grist to Cedar Grove Mill W Cloudy & rainy awhile very fine and Cler today

22 F & H sawed wood all day B took grist Chop to Br S's AM he began to work at Br C's PM for 8 months I & little boys boiled 9 qts molasses and we gathered a lot of sap this eveing

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W. north wind all day sap did not run very fast today it ran well last night

- **Sunday 23** Nancy and some of young folks went to Cober's Meeting AM I & Nancy & Anne went to Aunt Lizzy's PM W. Cold raw air
- 24 B & Br C's Thomas helped boys thresh peas all day F walked to Markham AM I & A boiled 13 qts molasses W. raw air. fine and Clear. sap did not run
- Boys sawed at other place AM they went {piece of page on left edge torn off} Shanks sawing Bee PM W. cloudy AM {f}ine at noon till 2 PM very fine PM sap {ru}nning fast Esther went to wedding at {B}r S's their daughter Emma is getting Married {to} Jonas Ramer's son Samuel today
- 26 Boys chored AM went to B Diller's Sawing Bee PM. I & A made 13 qts Molasses Boiled lot of sap W. raw. Cold wind squaals of snow
- 27 Boys sawed at other place all day Nancy finished 12 qts Molasses on stove I & A made 13 qts in bush J brought home grist W. fine N W wind
- 28 boys finished threshing peas I have bad Cold in head these last few days W. strong east wind AM. & snow all day. mild
- 29 Boys drove Mare Bonnie to Cedar Grove & then cut some dry Beech in old bush AM they drew few Maple logs from other bush

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to SM PM W. fine and Cler thawing a little PM very thin Sleighing I & Nancy and little ones went to J Ds this eveing in Spring Waggon Susanna had bad spell this eveing H went to Dr

Sunday 30 at home Br S's, A B's, & I Moyer's were here W. fine Cler Dr came he says 3 Susanna is some better.

- 31 H got Frank & Charley shod F filed saw AM they went to Chris Stover's sawing bee PM I & A boiled sap all day W. fine
- **April 1** Boys cut some feed AM F Started on Horseback for Unionville to return his road list about 10 AM J & H went to Goulds sale on the old Wheeler farm F Called too C{oming} home I & A made 6 qts molasses. Nancy finished 11 qts in house Br C & Beccy Came to eat taffy. W. very fine
- 2 H helped Elias Stover's Move from J Ds farm to 9th Con Markham Lot 23. J McGaws were here eating Taffy. W. very fine Cler
- 3 F & H helped Br C's saw wood A went to Dr for Medicine for Susanna I made 10 qts Molasses W. fine a little rain PM.
- **(G)ood Friday 4** all went to Meeting at Hebron except Mary & Anne staid with Susanna remarks Sermon on St John 19 C from 16th V to end of C Br C Jacob Reesor's were here PM W. Mild AM Blowed Cold from north PM
- **{5}** Boys sawed wood & split in old bush AM *{missing}* went to George Duncan's sawing Bee {in} Colin Reesor's bush PM Colin has moved to his father's & George has Moved into his house

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{missing} {Su}nday 6 all went to Meeting at {missing} except J & Adeline they staid {missing} {Su}sanna remarks & sermon on {missing}K 16 C by Br C Br S's Emma {missing} Samuel Ramer Dave Hanes {missing}olks & Matty Cook were here at noon Matty staid to supper. W. Cloudy AM rain awhile PM

Easter Monday 7 at home A B's Lizzy & Martha were here quilting Boys went fishing to Kirkhams Br C's Thomas all our boys Jesse Burkholder & Jesse Ramers (Sams Jess) he lives in Br S's house all Caught about 1{5}0 Mostly with {illegible} nets

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our boys brought home about 75 W. fine R Wallace was here PM

- 8 I cleaned fish I & A began to boil sap rain stopped us about 9 AM I went up after 1°C PM it stopped raining I fired up then we finished of 6 qts H walked to Markham AM strong east wind. AM Cloudy. Boys worked in barn.
- **9** F got Frank shod AM F & H sawed wood in other bush PM I & A made *{blank space}* qts molasses W. drizzly foggy & wet. AM. Clear PM.

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- 10 F & H sawed till about 4 PM they came home then they all went down Petticoat Creek caught 1 lot suckers I & A made about 7 qts Molasses. W. fine cler blowed Cold this evening Boys went spearing 44 in Petticoat Creek this evening got 10.
- 11 Boys sawed AM F & Nancy took 1½ Ba{sk} Apples to Markham PM @ \$4.00 pr Barl H & A took 6 bags Chop to Br S's & brought load hay from other place J brought Burrows to stitch Colt Jack's eyelid he got it torn some way {left edge of page is creased and damaged} {I finish tree} sap runs well {illegible} roads very bad.

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{illegible} to Markham {illegible} {illegible} & she {most words illegible and covered} they are Cutting {illegible} W. fine {illegible} thresh, steady, Mild gentle {rain} all day, no wind. S Lehmans {were} here. snow does not lie very deep {illegible}shed all Fall wheat & little {illegible} wheat that was left & about {illegible} Oats I think we threshed {illegible} something over 240 Bush Wheat {illegible} Boys threshed few Peas & Cut {straw} to fill beds W. snow & sleet from east till about 2 PM I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's this evening {1888}

7 H drew 2 loads Pine F drew some wood from other bush I went with {them} PM then we went to Clarks hollow {illegible} brought about 300 Cedar Posts {illegible}rt Co{illegible} @ 8 cts each {illegible} a load of Cedar by Auction {illegible} trees Covered with {illegible} F threshed at Menno Reesor's this {two line illegible} {entries from page under this one visible as a large piece of this page is torn out} {illegible} Posts {missing} {illegible}us Posts {torn away} load at noon {torn away} Br C brought Katura {rest of page torn away}

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