

John Jardine Sr. (1836-1905)

1869

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The original Jardine diaries are confusing. There are pages torn out, pages inserted, and duplicate pages that he has rewritten. The occasional page has no month or year identified. We have done our best to reorder them and present them in chronological order in this transcript. Readers wishing to work with the Jardine diaries extensively or consult the handwritten pages and their irregular arrangement should consult the original diaries in Archival and Special Collections, University of Guelph.

January 1869

1 friday we went to pools for dinner

2 Saturday I drawed for Mccart

3 Sunday I staid {stayed} at mccart all day com {come} home at n {night?}

4 Monday I went to the election

5 Tuesday I went to peels and W allen and albert nich

6 Wednesday boby {Bobby?} and I maid {made} my slay {sleigh} rack

7 Thursday I choped {chopped} cordwood

8 friday I shoveled furrowes in the fields at The house and choped three logs off it commence {Above it reads: to rain} This afternoon about 3 O clock

9 Saturday in the forenoon I choped stovewood in the afternoon I choped cordwood

10 Sunday we stayed home all day

11 Monday I choped cordwood

12 Tuesday I choped cordwood

13 Wednesday in the forenoon I choped cordwood in the afternoon I underbrushed

14 Thursday I underbrushed all day

15 friday I choped ~~and~~ {Above it reads: ~~cord~~} cordwood and underbrushed

16 Saturday I choped cordwood all day

17 Sunday went to here {hear} forest.

18. Monday I choped again

19 Tuesday sam helped me to {Above it reads: 1209} chop cordwood

20 Wednesday I helped sam to chop cordwood

21 Thursday I helped boby {Bobby} to make timber for a {?}

22 Friday Bobby and I cut down stable timber

23 Saturday I had a bee geting {getting} stalbe timber it has been beautiful weather for two weeks not very

24 We go to hear Mr Jemison? In the morning and Mr Forest in the afternoon

25 Monday cut rafters for the stable in the forenoon and balled? Out timber in the after noon

26 Tuesday I help Bobby to get out his shed timber

27 Wednesday help Bobby again to day

28 Thursday help Bobby agin to day

29 friday I help boby to day it began to rain in the afternoon in the evining {evening} it thundered and lightened {lightninged?} and rained very heavy about twenty minuts {minutes}

30 Saturday I helped boby to day

31 Sunday went to here {hear} Mr Forrest
{Below it reads: ??? Our to cale \$25}
{Margin reads: ???? Tilbury West ???}

Feburary {February}

1 Monday I went and found my pig in the afternoon I helped hugh and sam to chop down trees for the machine

2 Tuesday boby helped me at stable timber {Below it reads: at 2 oclock} in the afternoon it began to snow and rain

Wednesday morning rain and sleet in the afternoon snow and rain sam and me fixed the harness and cut a road {?}

4 Thursday I went to draw for.

5 friday I drewed for mccart

6 Saturday I drewed for Mccart

7 Sunday I walked home home John Jardine

{Date missing edge of page missing} Monday I drewed for Mccart

Tuesday I drewed for Mccart

Wednesday I drewed for Mccart

1 Thursday I drewed for Mccart

12 firday I drewed for McCart

13 Saturday I came home with the horse

14 Sunday we were at home all day it rained all day

15 Monday I chopped {chopped} cordwood in the forenoon in the afternoon I went out to the store and it rained and snowed very hard mud and water is ankle deep

16 Tuesday I chopped cordwood all day

17 Wednesday it has rained and snowed very nearly all day very slopy {sloppy} I chopped {chopped} a little and cleaned a little grassseed

18 Thursday I chopped all day began to freeze {Above it reads: to night}

19 friday I underbrushed and chopped wood freezing hard {Above it reads: to night}

20 Saturday I chopped stovewood all day

21 Sunday stayed home it snowed heavy

22 Monday I went to draw for McCart

23 Tuesday the same

24 Wednesday the same

25 Thursday the same

26 Friday the same

27 Satuerday the same good sleighing

28 Sunday I came and got my dinner

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Monday ~~fer~~ I worked for McCart

{Tuesday} the same

{Wednesday} the same good sleighing

{Thursday} the same

{Friday} the same

6 satuerday {Saturday} the same came home to my {edge missing}

7 Sunday home all day

8 Monday went back to work

9 Teusday {Tuesday} the same

10 Wednesday very stormy {???) did not work

11 Thursday worked again

12 Friday the same

13 Satuerday the same come {???) with boby

14 Sunday afternoon went back

15 Monday worked for McCart 3

16 Teusday the same good sleighing

17 Wednesday the same

18 Thursday the same

19 Friday the same

20 Satuerday the same came home at night {Above it reads: for good}

~~27 Sunday~~ I worked for McCart 39 ½ days this winter

21 Sunday I stayed home all day

22 Monday I went to Champain and paid cultivator it has snowed heavy all day

23 Tuesday we went to Mrs pool visiting

24 Wednesday I was drawing cordwood out of the bush pileing at the wood

25 Thursday I was drawing wood to day

26 Friday I was drawing {Above it reads: wood} hugh helped me this {Above it reads: afternoon}

27 Satuerday hugh and me drawed wood to day Richard and Alick choped cordwood to day

28 Sunday we stayed at home the roads was very muddy the snow is all gon {gone} leaves {Above it reads: the} ground and ditch full of water

29 Monday I did not do much to day

30 Tuesday it rained this forenoon I cleaned up six bushels and ½ of spring wheat in for Richardson 2 ½ for me richardson 2 bushels of beens {beans}

{Written perpendicular across the page it reads: J John Jardine Tilbury West January 10 1875}

Wednesday I took out Richarson wheat and beanes

April 1869

1 Thursday I went to see Mr Nicholson about back taxes on my back hundred akers {acres} of land

2 Friday I Just took care of my horses

3 Saturday I took care of my hores {horses}

4 Sunday we were home all day

5 Monday we was looking after that cow

6 Tuesday I was fixing my plough and taking the cover of {off?} my potatoes and triming {trimming} my apple trees and curn {currant?} Bushes

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{7} Wednesday ploughed in the forenoon and broke the iron rod in the after noon I went to the Blacksmiths and got it mended,

{8} Thursday ploughed in the forenoon and went to Richard Dodd's raising in the after noon

9 Friday I ploughed all day

10 Saturday I ploughed all day

11 Sunday we went to hear Mr Forrest

12 Monday I went to H Hendersons Barn raising

13 Teusday {Tuesday} I ploughed all day

14 Wednesday I ploughed all day

{15} Thursday I ploughed all day

{16} Friday I ploughed all day

{17} Saturday I ploughed all day

{18} Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr forest {Forrest}

{19} Monday it is wet

{20} Teusday we picked over the potatoes in the forenoon in the afternoon I went to {???} barn raising

21 Wednesday the ground is very wet

22 Thursday Alick and me cleaned wheat and {missing}

23 Friday I ploughed for E Trembley all day

24 Saturday {Saturday} I ploughed in the forenoon in the afternoon I went and got my order for {missing}

25 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr forest

26 Monday I cultivated my barley

27 Teusday {Tuesday} Alick is harring {harrowing?/harvesting?} barley to day. I have sowed 15 bushels of barley {Between lines it reads: ???}

28 Wednesday I sowed 1 bushels barley and pail of wheat in the little field at the {missing} and alick and me shovled {shovelled} the to {two} fields to day

29 Thursday we finished shovling about 3 oclock we went over to michel I to harrow

30 friday I sowed 6 bushels of barley and 6 bushels oats and furrow it up

{illegible} May 1869

1 Satuerday it rained very near all day hugh and alick and I went to daniel sale M.

2 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr king

3 Monday I sowed 3 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels of oats

4 Tuesday forenoon I sowed 4 bushels of {missing} in the afternoon hugh and I ploughed over at michel

5 Wednesday in the forenoon. I handed staves in the afternoon went to plough at Mitchel

6 Thursday ploughed at Mitchels

7 Friday Alick is here I sowed 8 bushels Oats and water furrowed the peice

8 Satuerday I sowed 2 bushel oats and half a bushel of wheat and a little flax seed and finish it all up Jas Jardine P.P. Office County of Renfrew

9 Sunday lizzy went to here {hear} Mr forest

10 Monday in the forenoon I plowed at Michel in the afternoon I went to charley vinter barn rain

11 Tuesday I finished plowing sowing and harrowing and shovling at Michels to day

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{12} Wednesday I went and helped hugh to plough

{13} Thursday I helped hughey to plough

{14} friday I ploughed at home for corn

{15} Satuerday I finished ploughing the orched {orchard?} for corn

16 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr forest

17 Monday I ploughed for hugh to day

18 Tuesday I fixed a yard for the calves and drew some manure in to the barnyard

19 Wednesday in the forenoon I finished drawing my manure in the afternoon I throwed {down?} my stable and drew it into the barnyard

20 Thursday I finished cleaning my stable {missing} in the forenoon in the afternoon I ploughed for potatoes

21 Friday I finished ploughing about 4 oclock and then I cultivated a little at the corn ground

22 Satuerday I cultivated and harrowed the corn ground frost last night it is beautiful weather .

23 Sunday we went to Church Mr Forrest preached

24 Monday I harrowed and waterfurrowed corn

25 Teusday in the forenoon I marked the ground for corn in the afternoon I went to Ducats Barn raising

26 Wednesday I got Edward and {Old McKendy?} and planted all my corn got done about 3 Oclock

27 Thursday I harrow my potato patch it rained and I cut my seed potatoes

28 Friday it rained heavy in the morning. I shoveled the cross furrows in the corn ground

29 Satuerday Mr Trembly and me planted my potatoes to day

30 Sunday we stayed home to day

31 Monday I went and got two ~~on dan~~ shoes on dan and went to see James Mccart for ~~my~~ money it raised a good shower {Below in large smudged script it reads: John}

June 1869

1 Tuesday I began to make bridge timber

2 Wednesday I went and helped boby {Bobby?} to plant corn

3 Wednesday I finished my bridge timber about 5 O clock Mr Marchel {likely Marshall} came and commenced to shear the sheep

4 friday fornoon finished shearing the sheep in the afternoon I drew out the bridge timber and harrowed for beans and planted cabbage

{5} Satuerday {Saturday} I choped {chopped} for black salts

{6} Sunday we went to hear {hear} Mr Forrest

7 Monday I went and ploughed for R dood {likely Dodd}

{8} Theusday {Tuesday} I planted my beens {beans} and corn to day

{9} Wednesday I went to fish with sam & alick

{10} Thursday in the forenoon I drewed stable timbe{r} in the afternoon I went to the mill with my logs for a wagon rack C And got two shoes on kate

{11} friday forenoon I cut {rafters?} and {drewed} them out in the afternoon Mr Trem{bly} and I went to the crick {creek} and got blocks for my stable

12 Saturday I bilt {built} a bridge out the road and commence to make a gate for the road

13 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Forrest

14 Monday I maid {made} a gait {gate} and hung it at the road

15 Tuesday forenoon I piled manure the afternoon I went to the mill my grist

16 Wednesday I piled manure all day

17 Thursday I piled manure all day

18 friday in the forenoon hauled clay in the barnyard in the afternoon I went for my cultivator

19 Saturday {Saturday} I loged {logged?} for edward all day

20 Sunday we went to Church

21 Monday I got Tomy {Tommy?} Vickerson to ride the horse and I cultivated the corn

22 Tuesday the same

23 Wednesday finished cultivating and had

24 Thursday I had the old man and his little girl hoeing corn finished howing {hoeing} corn to day

25 friday it rained very wear all forenoon in the afternoon I went for my shoveplow {shovel plow} And rack timber

26 Saturday forenoon it rained very heavy the ground is very wet the ditches is {full?} in the evening I was leting {letting?} water the potatoes and beens {beans}

27 Sunday we were at home all day

28 Monday I went to peels paid to him \$15 for shingles to hills and hired Orlo

29 Tuesday I cut the brush on the road

30 Wednesday I {Above it reads: did} not do much to day the ground is very wet to hoe

July 1869

1 Thursday I went and helped boby to frame his shed

{2} friday boby Mr cornwell & me maid timber {?} my stable
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3 Satuerday went to chatham and sold our wool

4 Sunday we went {Above it reads upside-down: 3994} to here {hear} Mr forest

5 Monday I went and fetched Mr lickman A nicolson to fram {frame} my stable

{6} Tuesday Mr trembly and me hoed potatoes

7 Wednesday Mr Trembly hoed potatoes and went to stonepoint fore my shingles

8 Thursday in the forenoon I helped lickman to make the plates in the afternoon I made blocks for the stabe {stable}

9 friday I went helped boby to rase his shed {Above it reads: all day}

10 Satuerday in the forenoon raised my stable in the afternoon we went to here {hear} Mr {king}

11 Sunday we went to here Mr king sacrament

12 Monday Mr Trembly and me hoed potatoes

13 Tuesday it is wet I done nothing Bill worked the rack

14 Wednesday hauled 1000 feet of lumber from Daniel in the forenoon, after noon went to Pools for {curra?}

15 Thursday ground. Two sythes hoed some {smudge} and cut seven dozen wheat

16 Friday I had Edward, Daniel and the {Old} man reaping wheat

17 Satuerday I had Edward, {Shawn?} and the Old man reaping wheat

18 Sunday went to hear Mr Forrest preach

19 Monday I cradled for Edward and the Old man and Edward reaped for me

Tuesday I cradled wheat for Edward

22 Wednesday in the forenoon I fixed the loft in the stable in the afternoon I reaped for Edward

23 Thursday I hired R Marshaw he reap for me {missing} I helped Edward cut down all his wheat had {missing} in the afternoon I worked at home and had one {missing}

{24} Friday three of us worked in the wheat

{25} Satuerday five of us finish cuting {cutting} my wheat

26 Sunday we went to hear Mr Forrest preach

27 Monday Marshaw and I cut Old man Tremblys wheat it rained in the afternoon

28 Tuesday half a day for the Old man in the afternoon we mowed in the meadow

29 Wednesday Marshaw and me mowed round the fence in the meadow for the machine {machine?} in the afternoon we clean out the barn

29 Thursday we mowed round the corn field and round the house in the afternoon we shook hay and followed {followed} the machine

30 Friday Marshaw and Me drew in wheat

31 Saturday {Saturday} the boys and us drew in wheat in the forenoon in the afternoon we all drew in hay into the barn and into the stable

August 1869

1 Sunday we went to here {here} Mr forest {Forrest}

2 Monday Marshaw & Joe fineaf we drew in all my hay by supper time it came up a big shower

3 Tuesday Marshaw and me mowed barley Joe raked the meadow {meadow}

4 Wednesday forenoon was wet afternoon Marshaw and Sam and me mowed barley Joe jauled clay to the barn yard

5 Thursday I finished cutting {cutting} barley in the forenoon Joe drew clay in the afternoon Joe turned barley

6 Friday Joe and me cocked up barley and drew in one lode {load} at nite {night}

{7} Saturday Hugh & Alick & Marshaw & Joe and

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22 Sunday no church to day {Above it reads: knisley} it is freezing very hard Samuel Gracey came down

23 Monday it is snowing and blowing this forenoon {Between lines it reads: Benjamin} makes it very cold this afternoon I took 10 bushels of wheat to mill for Mr Jackson

24 Tuesday I am skidding sawlogs it is cold

25 Wednesday I am skidding sawlogs it is cold yet

26 Thursday I was choring in the afternoon I took lizzie home and took Jackson grist home

27 Friday I was cutting {cutting} sawlogs on the railroad

28 Saturday I went to look at my farm in the eight consession {concession} south half of lot 13

29 Sunday we stayed home no church to day

30 Monday we went to the Missionary to day

31 Tuesday it rains this forenoon in the afternoon I cut down some trees for sawlogs the snow is all gon agin {gone again} it is very war this {missing}

{September begins}

20 MeondayI moved John Marnie

21 Tuesday I rained most all day I thrashe[cutoff] my beans I was sick

22 Wednesday I was very sick

23 Thursday the same

24 Friday the same [indecipherable]

25 Saturday Alick x hugh came down and plowed and harrowed for me

26 Sunday I was in bed most all day

27 Monday Hughy + Alick sowed all my fall wheat and harrowed and hartily waterfurrowed it & am some better to day

28 Tuesday Alick and I shoveling furrow

29 Wednesday Alick shoveled furrowe[indecipherable] I skined the little hiefer

30 Thursday we went to the picnic east

October October 1869 [indecipherable]

1 Friday I went to mill with a grist

2 Saturday I took bill lickman wife flour and mutton it raines hard all day

3 Sunday went to here Mr forest

4 Monday I drewed ashes for sharaw in the afternoon I drewed up some firewood

5 Tuesday Mitchel and I cut corn

6 Wednesday Mitchel and I cut corn

7 Thursday I plowed for Mitchel all day

8 Friday I plowed for Mitchel all day

14 Thursday I plowed for Mitchel all day

15 friday sharone {Sharon?} helped me to clean a load of barley

16 Saturday I went to crows with a load of barley sold for \$1.29 cents 22. {scribble} hundred 17 pounds

17 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr forest

18 Monday Mr trembly and I cleaned a load of barley in the afternoon mary and me dug {Above it reads: potatoes}

19 Tuesday we went to the picnic

20 Wednesday dug potatoes marey and me to day

21 Thursday I went to chatham with a load of barley sold for \$1.23 cents I had 22 hundred {Above it reads: 60}

22 friday Mitchel and mary and I finished diging {digging} my potatoes

23 Saturday it is raining and snowing to day

24 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr king

25 Monday I fixed the hog pen

26 Tuesday I tied corn straw and drewed one load {Above it reads: of corn}

27 Wednesday I husked a little and drewed a load and a half of corn

28 Thursday I took the last of my barley out to Mr crow {crossed out} prise {price} \$1.22 cts per bu I had twelve hundred and sixty pounds

29 friday I loged {logged} at home

30 Saturday I tied corn straw all day

31 Sunday went to here {hear} Mr forest

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November 1869

1 Monday Mary and I drawed to {two} loads of corn and cleaned up my barley
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2 Tuesday Lizzie and me went to chatham and to blenhiem {Blenheim, Ontario} for seed barley

3 Wednesday we stayed in blenhim all day

4 Thursday we came home from blenhim it rained heavey when we were at welsh's

5 friday it rained and snowed Sam and me cleaned 25 bushels of wheat and I went to {Above it reads: mill}

6 Saturday {Saturday} I bought one hundred {Above it reads: bushel} of corn for beatise leanard {Beatrice Leonard?}

- 7 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr forest
- 8 Monday I banked the house and covered my potatoes Deeper
- 9 Tuesday I loged {logged} for William cornwell Alick and sam husked corn all day
- 10 Wednesday Samuel and Alick and me husked corn
- 11 Thursday Alick and I drewed in the corn straw
- 12 friday Alick and I drewed in two loads of corn and husked a little corn
- 13 Satuerday it snowed very hard all day
- 14 Sunday we stayed home all day snow
- 15 Monday took two lgs {logs} up to the mill I fixed a place for to feede my pigs on
- 16 {Below sideways it reads: Alick comence work to day} Tuesday I drewed Mr Trembley hay home for him it snowed very heavy to day
- 17 Wednesday it snowed very heavy and rained Alick and me cut of a pice {off a piece} of the stack
- 18 Thursday I cut wood and Alick drewed it
- 19 friday Alick cut a little wood and did the chors {chores} it rained hard to day I run around
- 20 Satuerday it rained this forenoon this afternoon Alick and Me drewed in them shocks of corn to the barn
- 21 Sunday we stayed home
- 22 Monday in the forenoon Alick and me cut hoop poles it snowed very heavy you could hardly see Alick and me husked corn
- 23 Tuesday we took hoop poles to henery in the afternoon Alick and me cut hoop poels
- 24 Wednesday Alick and me took another load of hoop poles to henry the hole was 1;16 poels
- 25 Thursday Alick and me choped logs of wood
- 26 friday morning I went and got my horses shod in the afternoon drewed up wood
- 27 Satuerday Alick drewed wood I choped
- 28 Sunday we went here {hear} Mr forest
- 29 Monday I went after albert to fix the stable in the afternoon {Above it reads: it rained} A & me husked corn {Above it reads: all day}
- 30 Tuesday the snow is gon {gone} it raines hard Alick and me finished husked corn to day

D D December 12th month of the Year

December 12th Month

1 Wednesday Alick and me fixed the shed for the cows and chopped som {chopped some} stovewood

2 Thursday we drewed corn straw into the barn yard commence to chop cord {Above it reads: wood}

3 friday Alick drewed up wood for the machine I chopped it

4 Satuerday it snowes and raines very hard {Above it reads: to day}

5 Sunday we went to here Mr king

6 Monday Alick and me drewed up wood for the machine

7 Tuesday hugh sawed stovewood for us

8 Wednesday hugh sawed stovewood for us

9 Thursday we moved logs and burned brush for {Shors?} to ditch

10 friday I nailed the batens on the Stable and the kitchen

11 Satuerday {Saturday} we split wood in the afternoon it rained Alick and I cleaned up 25 bush of {Above it reads: wheat}

12 Sunday roads is bad it rains we stayed home

13 Monday shours {showers} alick & I kiled to {killed two} pigs split {Above it reads: wood}

14 Tuesday alick & I split wood at the dore {door}

15 Wednesday it rained all day nothing dun {done}

16 Thursday I went to mill with 25 bushels of wheat Alick stayed home and kept batch alone

17 friday I choring and spliting {splitting} some wood at the {missing}

18 Satuerday I went to mill and fetched the rest of my grist home

19 Sunday we stayed at home all day

20 Monday I was choring and spliting a little wood

21 Tuesday forenoon spliting wood afternoon {Alick?} & richard edward & old Mr Trembly put up my stable

22 Wednesday I was choring and spliting wood

23 Thursday I put dung on my potatoes piled up wood

24 Friday I was spliting and piling wood and choring

25 Saturday – Christmas day – Went to Mrs Gracey’s to dinner. Came home alone and after feeding the stock went to a raffle at Richardson’s store

26 Sunday – In the evening we went to hear Mr King preach at 7 o’clock

27 Monday – Helped Bobby Vickerman to clean his flax seed & done the Chores

28 Tuesday after helped the booyes to say {saw?} {Above it reads: wood}

29 Wednesday I helped samto split wood

30 Thursday I was choring in the afternoon helped Edward Trembly to draw logs for the machine

31 Friday I helped richard dood drawing logs For the machine to day all day

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