

## **The 1909 Farm and Family Diary of Alfred L. Arner**

Friday, January 1

Took Young Jane cow to R. Eede's.

Saturday, January 2

Turned the sows and Sam Joe in the barnyard. Mr. Curtis tuned the piano.

January 3 - January 29- not written.

Saturday, January 30

I went to the city today, saw Grandpa Fox, he was considerably better.

Got Harry Lumsden a Premo film camera and bought some other articles.

Renewed for the Record & Globe.

W - very stormy, snowing practically all day. high N.W. wind.

Sunday January 31

Home all day. I went to church tonight.

David was in for tea and I drove him to Kingsville to take the car for Windsor.

W - cold and clear, north wind, 10 degrees.

Monday February 1

Choared about part of the day, I went hunting rabbits this a.m.

Lewis Iler paid \$2.00 for some wood he cut on lot 36.

W - partly cloudy, cold, high southwest wind, 4 degrees above.

Tuesday February 2

Choared about in a.m. Shelled corn in p.m.

W - partly cloudy, warm west wind, 32 degrees.

Wednesday February 3

Sold corn to Henry and Co, took the money from same and paid Dr. Lee's account \$11.00.

We went to Darius Wigle's to a musical this p.m.

Thursday February 4

Hauled some beets from the pits to the cow stable. Choared rest of the day.

Friday February 5

Fred & I loaded a load of hay and he took same to Harrow.

Upset with it by Charles Thompson's.

Saturday February 6

Fred went to Harrow and brought the team and wagon home.

I went out to Willie Wright's in a.m. To Bill Heath's in p.m. and took some photos.

Sunday February 7

We were all home today, roads very muddy.

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Monday February 8

Selected 10 ears of Pride of Wishna corn and took same to Hugh Coatsworth for him to take to the corn show at Essex.

Tuesday February 9

Selected 10 ears King of the West and 10 ears White cap.  
Took same to Kingsville for Hugh Coatsworth to take to Essex corn show.

Wednesday February 10

Choared about.

Thursday February 11

We made a jumper for breaking colts.

Friday February 12

Took red heifer to R. Eede's bull. Fred choared.  
I went to the corn show at Essex, taking first prize on King of the West.  
W - clear and fairly warm - south wind.

Saturday February 13

Shipped 113 bu. of wheat at Arner for Peterson and Fox, getting \$1.00 per bu.  
W - cloudy and disagreeable, northeast wind.

Sunday February 14

We were all home today.  
W - Stormy all day, a sort of frozen rain. North wind.

Monday February 15

Fred helped wash - I finished the jumper. Hauled a load of beets.  
Charley said Ma Ma today for the first time.  
W - Stormy, frozen rain, north wind.

Tuesday February 16

Choared about the barn.  
W - very stormy, snowing about 8" on the level, 10 degrees in p.m.

Wednesday February 17

We sorted seed corn in the crib.  
W - clear and pleasant, southwest wind, 18 degrees in a.m.

Thursday February 18

Choared about, I went to Kingsville in a.m.  
W - clear and warm.

Friday February 19

Selected seed corn in a.m. Shipped same in p.m. to Will Mancell.  
Also took a jag of wood down to Epiphany Church.  
W - rainy.

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Saturday February 20

Went skunk hunting, getting one. Cut some logs for wood.

W - warm and partly cloudy.

Sunday February 21

Minnie, Charles and myself went to father's for dinner today. Fred went to church.

W - clear and very warm.

Monday February 22

Fred helped Minnie wash in a.m. I hauled a load of logs from the bush for wood.

H.G. Arnold was up to go hunting.

W - clear and warm, sleighing is wound up today.

Tuesday February 23

Fred and I shelled corn part of a.m. I went to W. Agla's little boy's funeral this p.m.

W - rainy most of the day.

Wednesday February 24

Fred and I went shooting muskrats in a.m. I shot 10 and Fred 1.

We killed 5 hogs this p.m. for home consumption.

W - very wet, cloudy, high southwest wind, creek is very high.

Thursday February 25

I helped Philemon Ulch shell corn.

W - clear and cool, west wind, 20 degrees.

Friday February 26

I helped Philemon Ulch shell corn.

W - clear and warm south wind.

Saturday February 27

I helped P. Ulch shell corn.

Sunday, February 28

Minnie, Charley and myself went to Orle Iler's for dinner.

W - cool and disagreeable.

Monday March 1

Fred helped Minnie wash in a.m. Hauled a load of beets in p.m. Put a grist up to be chopped.

W - warm and clear.

Tuesday March 2

I took a grist to P. Ulch to be chopped and took the tobacco to Harrow in a.m. returning in p.m.

W - clear and very warm.

Wednesday March 3

I went out to P. Ulch's and got the grist in a.m. Fred and I cleaned clover seed in p.m.

Father came to stay all night.

W - cloudy and cool. high north wind.

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### **Thursday March 4**

I helped Minnie fry meat. Fred choared and split wood.  
Tom Pastorius and Walter Livingston cut pound poles for Art. Brown.  
W - clear and cool. north wind. 20 degrees.

### **Friday March 5**

We fried meat today, finishing for the present. Finished cleaning clover seed this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, south wind. 18 degrees a.m.

### **Saturday March 6**

Fred helped about the house in a.m. - sorted seed corn.  
We sawed some stuff for wood in p.m.  
David came down this p.m. and I drove him out to John Arner's.  
W - clear most of the day - cloudy and rain in p.m.

### **Sunday March 7**

All home except Fred, he went to church. Father was in for dinner.  
W - clear and very warm.

### **Monday March 8**

Fred and I sawed stubs down for wood on the Dan place.  
W - partly cloudy, rainy in p.m.

### **Tuesday March 9**

Fred helped Minnie wash in a.m. I sorted some seed corn.  
W - rain and sleet in a.m. Warm and clear in p.m.

### **Wednesday March 10**

I sorted seed corn. Fred choared. Minnie and I went to Masonic Banquet this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, snow flurries, very muddy.

### **Thursday March 11**

Choared in a.m. We skidded stuff together for wood this p.m.  
W - clear and warm, froze some last night.

### **Friday March 12**

Fred and I cut down stuff for wood. Ryall's men came to cut walnut timber this a.m.  
W - partly cloudy. disagreeable, east wind.

### **Saturday March 13**

I skidded logs in the bush for wood.  
Fred helped in the house in a.m. and bedded the shed down in p.m.  
W - clear and very warm, light south wind.

### **Sunday March 14**

Minnie, Charley and I went to church in a.m. then to Lewis Malott's the rest of the day.  
Fred went to church at the lake. Our red sow had seven pigs this a.m.  
W - partly cloudy and cool, snow flurries, northwest wind.

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Monday March 15

I sorted corn today. Herb came down this a.m. to get a grist.  
Fred went back with him to bring the team home.  
W - clear and warm, southwest wind, 26 degrees in a.m.

Tuesday March 16

I sorted seed corn. Fred bedded the shed.  
W - partly cloudy and very windy and squally, southwest wind.

Wednesday March 17

Finished sorting seed corn for J.A. Fletcher this p.m.  
Mother came down this a.m. and went back again.  
W - clear and cold, northwest wind, 18 degrees in a.m.

Thursday March 18

Sowed clover seed in a.m. also pulled the dead canes out of the berry bushes.  
Fred uncovered a load of beets this p.m. and went to town with some seed corn,  
to be shipped.  
W - clear and warm in a.m. cloudy and cooler in p.m. East wind. 18 degrees in a.m.

Friday March 19

I went out to P. Ulch's and got the corn sheller this a.m.  
Minnie, Charley and I went to Kingsville this p.m.  
I went to the rifle match between Cottam and Kingsville, we won by 27.  
W - partly cloudy, northwest wind.

Saturday March 20

I went to P. Ulch's this a.m. and he and I brought his engine out to shell corn.  
We rigged things up this p.m.  
W - cloudy and disagreeable, northeast wind.

Sunday March 21

Eal Beeman brought the sow to Sam Joe. Fred went to church at the lake.  
I went to Harrow this p.m.  
W - clear and cool, northeast wind, 30 degrees.

Monday March 22

Shelled corn. John Staddon, Lewis Iler, and Herb helped.  
W - clear and warm, south wind, 30 degrees.

Tuesday March 23

Finished shelling corn today, noon. Herb went to John Staddon's to help him shell this p.m.  
I went to Mrs. Arthur Wright's sale and bought a corn planter for \$36.58.  
W - clear and warm.

Wednesday March 24

Herb went to John Staddon's shelling bee.  
I took a load of corn cobs to father and went and got the corn planter.  
W - rainy most of the day, snowing this p.m.

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Thursday March 25

Fred and I sawed some wood this a.m.  
Herb went to John Staddon's shelling bee, finishing at noon.  
Herb and I sawed wood this p.m. Fred split.  
W - cloudy and disagreeable, west wind.

Friday March 26

Herb and I went to Essex today and shot with the Kingsville Rifle Club vs. Cottam, Kingsville winning by 127 points. David came out this p.m. from John Arner's.  
We brought Hazel Malott up this p.m. to stay for a few days.

Saturday March 27

Herb and I sawed wood in the bush.

Sunday March 28

I took Hazel Malott home this p.m. and David to the car. David and I went to church.

Monday March 29

Herb and I sawed wood in the bush.

Tuesday March 30

Shipped corn today.

Wednesday March 31

Finished shipping corn this a.m. to Peterson and Fox, there being 38.7 bu. @ 65 cents per bu

Weights	3052
	3041
	3052
	3095
	3059
	3049
	<u>3325</u>

21673 lbs. Straightened account with J.H. Clark this a.m.

W - clear and warm, south wind.

Thursday April 1

Herb and I sawed wood in the bush. Fred went to W. Agla's sawing bee.  
Big white sow has eight pigs this a.m.

Friday April 2

Herb and I sawed wood in the bush. Fred went to R. Eede's sawing bee.

Saturday April 3

Herb and I sawed furnace wood. Fred went to Byron Staddon's sawing bee.

Sunday April 4

Fred went to church, there rest were home all day.  
Harry Lumsden came out this p.m. and stopped for tea.

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**Monday April 5**

I pruned grape and berry vines and burned part of the brush.  
Lewis Iler got five fence braces this p.m.  
Fred ran the washing machine in a.m. split wood in p.m.  
W - clear and very warm.

**Tuesday April 6**

I went to John Staddon's this a.m. and got the corn sheller. We shelled 13 bags of corn this p.m.  
W - rainy and warm.

**Wednesday April 7**

Shelled 13 bags of corn this a.m. Herb helped. Fred and I split wood this p.m.  
W - wet and very high southwest wind.

**Thursday April 8**

Fred hauled wood from the bush. I sowed clover seed this a.m.  
Minnie, Charles and I went to Kingsville this p.m. got baby's picture taken and Minnie and I had some teeth filled. We went to John Arner's in the evening to a party given for David.  
W - Partly cloudy, snow flurries, west wind.

**Friday April 9**

We split some wood and delivered 15 bags of white cap corn to Fox and Peterson at Arner.  
W - partly cloudy, very heavy snow squalls, northwest wind.

**Saturday April 10**

I went to Kingsville this a.m. and drew the money for the corn, \$271.92.  
We split wood in p.m. and I finished sowing clover seed. Young Spot cow calved this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, cold, 23 degrees a.m, northwest wind.

**Sunday April 11**

Fred went to church this p.m. I went to Harrow.  
Young grey cow calved this p.m, calf dead when I found it.  
W - clear, southeast wind, cool.

**Monday April 12**

Fred helped wash this a.m. Herb and I got the remainder of the beets out this p.m.  
John Williams and wife from Fletcher had dinner here today.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind.

**Tuesday April 13**

Choared about this a.m. Fred and I cleaned seed oats this p.m.  
W - rainy all day, south changing to north wind.

**Wednesday April 14**

Took the potatoes in the barn, from the pits.  
Minnie, Charley and I went to C.S. Miller's this p.m. and got dumped in the ditch coming home.  
Nobody hurt, one shaft and one wheel broken.  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

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Thursday April 15

I went to Kingsville with a small load of chop  
and took the broken parts of my buggy to Wes. Ulch to be repaired.  
Fred split wood, I plowed this p.m. Took big spot cow to J. Moore's this p.m.  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

Friday April 16

I plowed for oats. Fred cleaned the old earth out of the tobacco bed and put in fresh stalks.  
W - Partly cloudy and warm, south shifting to north wind.

Saturday April 17

I plowed for oats. Fred put some stalks in tobacco bed and did other odd choaring.  
W - clear and very warm, variable winds.

Sunday April 18

I went to church this a.m. Father and Mother were down for dinner.  
W - clear and very warm, west wind, thunder shower this p.m.

Monday April 19

Went to O.J. Arner's and got the meat that had been smoked.  
I took some meat to G.C. Greaves this p.m.  
W - cloudy and cold, north wind.

Tuesday April 20

I hauled earth on tobacco bed in a.m. Sowed oats on south half of new field in p.m.  
Fred helped Minnie. Paid Adam Brush \$13.00 for hulling clover seed.  
W - clear and warm, high east wind.

Wednesday April 21

Fred helped Minnie clean house. I choared about in a.m.  
Finished putting earth in tobacco bed in p.m.  
W - rainy in a.m. East shifting to southwest wind.

Thursday April 22

I plowed for oats. Fred helped Minnie clean house.  
Herb came today and took a load of chop to Harrow.  
W - partly cloudy, southwest wind, cool.

Friday April 23

I finished plowing for oats this p.m. Fred helped Minnie clean house most of the day;  
he disked on the fall plowing for a little while this p.m. I sowed tobacco seed this p.m.  
W - clear and cool, west wind.

Saturday April 24

Fred disked for oats on the fall plowing. I picked the stumps off the north half the field in a.m.  
Finished plowing oats in south half of field this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, cold east wind, heavy frost this a.m.



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**Sunday April 25**

We were home all day. Fred went to church this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, variable wind, north in p.m, cold.

**Monday April 26**

Finished sowing oats today.  
Fred disked ahead of the drill and harrowed some that had been sowed.  
W - clear and warm, east wind.

**Tuesday April 27**

I run and cleaned the water furrows in the oats field. Fred helped Minnie clean house.  
Father called in this a.m. and came down again this p.m. after team and implements to sow some oats.  
Harry Kiff brought a Deering disk up today and we gave the old one and are to give \$20.50 difference.  
R. Eede got 1/2 bu. of clover seed this a.m.  
W - cloudy and showery, south changing to north wind.

**Wednesday April 28**

Fred helped Minnie clean house.  
I ran the land furrows in the oats fields; Fred and I cleaned the crossings tonight.  
W - partly cloudy, snowing tonight, east wind.

**Thursday April 29**

Fred helped Minnie clean wood house and cellar.  
I sorted some seed corn. Little red sow had seven pigs this p.m.  
W - heavy rains last night and today, very wet tonight, high east wind.

**Friday April 30**

Picked some chickens and a duck this a.m.  
Fred and I bagged some seed corn and I went to town this p.m, shipped John Adams 6 bu. seed corn.  
I got the bu. of Johnson County White dent corn from L.L. Odds Seed Co.  
Also got 500 lbs. oil cake and 100 lbs. linseed meal from Dominion Linseed Oil Co.  
Paid Wesley Ulch \$4.00 for repairing my buggy wheel and shafts.  
W - very wet, rained heavy last night, everything flooded, creek very high, southwest wind.

**Saturday May 1**

I went to Oliver Malott's this a.m. and blew out some stumps. Fred helped Minnie.  
We made some pig troughs, fenced a pen for the old sow and shelled some corn.  
W - high west wind and disagreeable, cold, snow flurries.

**Sunday May 2**

Wilfred Valade and wife and Emma Malott were here to dinner and spent the afternoon.  
Fred went to Sunday school and church. Old white sow had 9 pigs this p.m.  
W - ground white with snow this a.m. Partly cloudy, high west wind.

**Monday May 3**

Fred and Minnie washed this a.m. and cleaned yard this p.m.  
Trimmed some trees in the garden this a.m., burned the brush and some weeds this p.m.  
Herb and mother came down this afternoon.  
W - clear and fairly warm, southwest wind.

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Tuesday May 4

We finished cleaning off the garden this a.m. Hauled manure on the garden this pm.  
Ryall's men come to cut walnut this forenoon.  
W - clear and warm, south wind.

Wednesday May 5

We finished manuring the garden and started manuring the beet ground, hauled 11 loads.  
The timber men cut today.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind, heavy thunder shower this p.m.

Thursday May 6

Fred and I fixed the fence around the bush this a.m. Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m.  
Fred split some wood. Mr. Warwick and son cut walnut.  
W - clear and hot, very heavy thundershower this p.m.

Friday May 7

Lewis Iler and I hitched young Fan up this a.m. and drove her most of the day.  
I dehorned a cow for Lewis this morning. Fred choared. Warwick and son cut walnut.  
W - clear and fairly warm.

Saturday May 8

Lewis Iler helped me hitch Min colt this a.m. and we drove her most of the forenoon.  
Fred and I hauled rails from between two little fields west of the orchard.  
Warwick and Son cut walnut today, going home by train this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, southeast wind.

Sunday May 9

We were home all day.  
W - rainy all day, south shifting to north wind.

Monday May 10

Fred helped Minnie wash, I washed the buggy. We shelled corn this p.m.  
Warwick and Son came up this a.m.. did not do much.  
W - rain all day, ground is full and the cellars are flooded. North wind.

Tuesday May 11

Fred bedded the shed under the barn this a.m.  
I varnished the buggy, helped father get a grist ready in p.m. and other odd choaring.  
Warwick and Son cut walnut today. A. Ryall was here for dinner.  
W - clear and warm, light frost in a.m.

Wednesday May 12

We fixed fences today. Father came down this p.m. and we turned 12 head of cattle to the bush also 1 calf for George Harris. Warwick and Son cut walnut.  
W - clear and very warm. South wind.

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Thursday May 13

I shipped 8 hogs and father 3 to J. Cornwall, averaging 165 lbs @ 7.25. Fred choared.  
We plowed the garden this afternoon. Warwick and Son cut walnut.  
W - partly cloudy, threatening rain, southwest winds.

Friday May 14

We did odd jobs all day, turned the cows on grass for the first, put Sam Joe and our two sows down to the old house. Warwick and son cut walnut in afternoon.  
W - Rain in forenoon, partly cloudy and hot in p.m.

Saturday May 15

Plowed in the garden and put in some early potatoes, also made garden.  
Warwick and son cut walnut, finishing this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy all day, heavy thundershower this evening, south wind.

Sunday May 16

Minnie, Charley and myself went to church this a.m. and to Edge. Scratch's this p.m. to see their baby girl. Fred went to church.  
W - clear and cool, high southwest wind.

Monday May 17

I run out water furrows in the field to be plowed for corn and struck out lands in the little piece north of the house. Fred helped Minnie wash. We hauled manure this afternoon.  
W - clear and fairly warm, northwest wind.

Tuesday May 18

We turned the hogs in the clover north of the house and fixed the fence around same.  
Hauled six loads of manure on tobacco ground.  
Father was down today to see after the cutting of some oak he sold to old man Brundage.  
W - partly cloudy and warm, south wind.

Wednesday May 19

Started plowing for corn out north of the orchard, father plowed.  
Fred and I hauled eight loads of manure on tobacco ground.  
Mother and Mrs. Bertrand were down today. Bred big white sow to Sam Joe.  
W - partly cloudy, warm southeast wind.

Thursday May 20

Father finished plowing the clover sod. I disked it.  
Fred harrowed it and I planted it to Johnson County White Dent corn.  
W - partly cloudy, threatening rain, showered tonight, east wind.

Friday May 21

Fred disked the fall plowing, I sorted some seed corn and shipped it to David Fletcher, also hauled 2 loads of manure on tobacco ground.  
W - mostly clear, east wind.

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### Saturday May 22

I hauled 3 loads of manure on tobacco ground, finishing it.  
Fred plowed west of the orchard. I disked on the fall plowing this p.m.  
W - clear and fairly warm, east wind.

### Sunday May 23

Fred went to church this afternoon. The rest were home all day.  
Harry Lumsden came out this afternoon.  
W - clear and warm, south wind, the finest day this spring.

### Monday May 24

Finished plowing the field west of the orchard, father was down and plowed.  
Fred helped wash and weeded part of the tobacco bed. I disked on the fall plowing.  
Bred Fan to Coquette.  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

### Tuesday May 25

Fred disked part of the field west of the orchard and harrowed it,  
and finished disking the fall plowing and harrowed it.  
I rolled most of the little field west and planted Reid's yellow dent on it.  
Planted King of the West on the fall plowing, finished at 8:30 o'clock tonight.  
W - cloudy and threatening rain, east wind.

### Wednesday May 26

I planted corn for Lewis Iler from 11:30 o'clock.  
We cleaned water furrows and Fred started plowing on the west 15 acre field.  
Messrs. Mosey and Ryall scaled the walnut today; father was down.  
W - partly cloudy, threatening rain tonight, high east winds.

### Thursday May 27

We did odd choaring this a.m. finished planting potatoes in the orchard in p.m.  
I went to Kingsville and drove Min colt this p.m.  
W - heavy rain lat night, very wet today.

### Friday May 28

I struck the lands out in the west 15 acre field and Fred weeded the tobacco bed in a.m.  
Fred harrowed beet and tobacco ground, garden, and corn field north.  
I drove Min single to Harrow this p.m.  
W - clear and warm, southwest wind.

### Saturday May 29

I plowed the orchard and sowed beets and Fred disked the beet and tobacco ground  
and harrowed the corn in the same field.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind.

### Sunday May 30

Minnie, Charley and myself went to church this a.m. I had a wisdom tooth lanced.  
We went to Orlie Iler's this p.m. Fred went to church.  
W - clear and warm in a.m. cloudy and showery in p.m.

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Monday May 31

Fred plowed for corn with 2 furrow plow. I planted corn for Eal. Beeman.  
Bred Top & Tip to Wandon Duke.  
W - clear and fairly warm, southeast wind.

Tuesday 1 June

Fred helped Minnie wash in a.m. I choared and put top dressing on the buggy top.  
Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m. Fred went fishing.  
W - rain in a.m. partly cloudy and warm in p.m.

Wednesday June 2

Fred, Lewis Iler, and Eal Beeman plowed on the west field.  
I cultivated on the fall plowing with the corn cultivator.  
W - cloudy and very sultry, south wind.

Thursday, June 3

Finished plowing for corn this afternoon, Eal Beeman helped. I harrowed all day.  
W - partly cloudy and warm, east wind.

Friday, June 4

Fred disked a short time this a.m.  
We shelled seed corn and planted pumpkin seeds in the little field north of the orchard.  
W - rain in forenoon, partly cloudy and hot this afternoon.

Saturday June 5

Fred and Lewis Iler disked on the corn ground, father cultivated with the spring tooth in a.m. I harrowed and used the spring tooth this p.m.  
Horses run away from me today and tore the windmill down.  
W - partly cloudy and hot, getting cooler about evening.

Sunday June 6

We were home most of the day, drove the colt over as far as Charles Richardson's.  
Fred went to church. Delilah Wright spent today with us.  
W - partly cloudy, east wind.

Monday June 7

Fred disked on corn ground and I cultivated on same, in a.m. Choared about in p.m.  
W - partly cloudy in a.m. rainy in p.m., east wind.

Tuesday June 8

We cut seed potatoes today. Took old red sow to the old house to see Sam Joe.  
W - rainy and disagreeable, east wind.

Wednesday June 9

Plowed and planted some potatoes out north, the 6 north rows are White Elephant.  
We worked on the corn ground this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy and warmer, east wind.

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Thursday June 10

Cut some potatoes this a.m. Finished planting potatoes this p.m.  
planted Vorehem on the south side. W - very wet, heavy rain last night.

Friday, June 11

Fred helped Lewis Iler plow. I cultivated corn out north and disked the tobacco patch.  
W - clear and warm, south wind.

Saturday June 12

Fred harrowed corn ground and I planted half the field.  
Harry Lumsden replanted corn from 11 o'clock until night. Big grey heifer calved this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy, hot and sultry.

Sunday June 13

I went to Harrow this noon.  
Lena Quick and Mildred Rush were up this p.m. and stopped for tea.  
W - partly cloudy and very warm, light showers this p.m.

Monday June 14

I finished planting corn this afternoon and started a piece for Eal Beeman.  
Fred harrowed on corn ground, harrowed potatoes in the garden,  
cultivated the tobacco patch and replanted corn.  
W - partly cloudy and warm, north wind.

Tuesday June 15

Finished planting corn for Eal Beeman this a.m. Cultivated corn this p.m.  
Fred helped wash in a.m. and replanted corn and put in pumpkin seed in p.m.  
Old Brundage cut 23 oak logs today which scaled 3033 ft.  
W - clear and warm, north wind.

Wednesday June 16

Fred cultivated corn out north. I cultivated on the big field with the spring tooth.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind.

Thursday June 17

Fred finished cultivating out north, I finished the big field.  
Fred harrowed on the big field. I got tobacco ground ready.  
Old Brundage finished cutting oak logs and hauling them today, 20 in number, scaling 2003 ft.  
W - showers in a.m. partly cloudy and cool in p.m.

Friday June 18

Fred finished harrowing the corn field this a.m. I hoed the beets.  
We marked out the tobacco ground and planted about 500 plants.  
Father and Mr. Ricket scaled the walnut timber today.  
W - clear and fairly warm, north changing to south wind, 46 degrees in a.m.

Saturday June 19

Fred harrowed the big corn field and disked the potatoes and cane patch.  
I cultivated the field of corn west of the orchard, also the garden.  
W - clear and warm, south wind.

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Sunday June 20

Minnie and I went to Wilfred Valade's for dinner. Fred went to church.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind.

Monday June 21

Set tobacco plants today and hoed the beets.  
J. H. Vanzandt was up today and took stock for repairs on the windmill.  
W - clear and hot, threatening rain tonight.

Tuesday June 22

Fred helped with the washing and disked and harrowed the potato ground.  
I shipped 8 hogs today to J. Cornwall, getting \$86.40 @ 7.65 per cwt.  
Also got two patent bee hives from John Forcythe.  
W - partly cloudy, light showers and very warm, south wind.

Wednesday June 23

Fred planted cane. I choared about fixing bee hives.  
Turned young Spot cow on the John bull tonight.  
W - clear and hot in a.m., rainy in afternoon.

Thursday June 24

Fred planted pumpkin seeds and cultivated potatoes in the garden  
and corn west of the orchard. Harry Lumsden got 500 tobacco plants (50 cents).  
Allen Malott got 2000 tobacco plants (paid)  
W - partly cloudy and very warm, southwest wind.

Friday June 25

Fred and I cultivated corn and beets. Hived a swarm of bees, also took some honey.  
W - partly cloudy and hot, shower in a.m.

Saturday June 26

Finished setting tobacco setting 3000 plants.  
W - clear and very warm, southeast wind.

Sunday June 27

Minnie, Charley and I were to Aunt Martha's for dinner and Edge Scratch's for tea.  
Took old white sow and the little red sow down to the grove with Sam Joe.  
Turned little grey cow to John.  
W - clear and very hot, light shower this p.m.

Monday June 28

Fred helped wash in a.m, cultivated corn in p.m. I plowed down at the creek.  
W - intensely hot and close, 83 degrees.

Tuesday June 29

Fred cultivated corn.  
I plowed, harrowed and rolled down at the creek in a.m, cultivated corn in p.m.  
Cream 9 1/2" or 9-5.  
W - clear and warm, northeast wind changing to south.

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Wednesday June 30

Fred cultivated corn, I cultivated in the big field.  
W - clear and hot.

Thursday July 1

Fred cultivated corn, potatoes and tobacco. I cultivated in the big field.  
W - hot and partly cloudy.

Friday July 2

Fred paris-greened potatoes in the garden and cultivated beets.  
I finished cultivating big field in a.m. We plowed on summer fallow this p.m. Cream 6-8.  
W - partly cloudy, very hot and sultry, light shower this p.m.

Saturday July 3

Fred plowed on fallow field. I thinned beets.  
R. Simpson of Leamington was up today and made a deal for some hickory timber.  
Grandpa Fox, Aunt Mira and a Mr. and Mrs Keifer of Wisconsin, father and mother were here today.  
W - partly cloudy and very cool, north wind.

Sunday July 4

Minnie, Charles and myself were at Eal Beeman's for dinner.  
W - clear and cool, north wind.

Monday July 5

I struck out lands on fallow field in a.m. Fred plowed in p.m.  
Charles Paine and myself thinned beets and put some bush fence in the creek in p.m.  
Father was down this p.m. to get a train tomorrow with Charles Paine 1/2 day 65 cents  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

Tuesday July 6

Fred plowed on fallow field. Charley and I finished thinning beets. Charles Paine 1 day. \$1.25.  
Cream 8-9.  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

Wednesday July 7

Fred plowed on follow field, Charley and I hoed tobacco.  
Charley went to Harrow at noon to help haul hay. Charles Paine 1 day, 60cents + 75cents = \$1.35.  
W - clear and warm, northeast wind, very dry.

Thursday, July 8

Fred plowed on fallow field, I cultivated late potatoes and finished striking out lands on fallow field in a.m. Mowed hay in p.m. Old white sow took Sam Joe.  
Charles Paine helped father haul hay today \$1.50.  
W - clear and warm, very dry.

Friday July 9

We rigged up for hauling hay in a.m. Fred plowed. Hauled 5 loads of hay in p.m.  
Charles Paine 1 day \$1.50 Cream 1-9.  
W - clear and warm, southeast wind.



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### Saturday July 10

We hauled 4 loads of hay, finished hoeing tobacco, cultivated some corn and plowed a little.  
Charles Paine 1 day, 1.50. Paid Charles Paine \$5.00 this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy and very warm, south wind.

### Sunday July 11

Minnie, Charles and I went to father's for dinner, Fred went to church.  
W - very warm, light showers, p.m. southwest wind.

### Monday July 12

Father mowed hay. Fred helped Minnie in a.m. Tedded some hay in afternoon.  
I cultivated corn.  
W - partly cloudy, showers in afternoon, high, southwest wind.

### Tuesday July 13

I worked up the ground and harrowed beets down by the creek. Fred picked cherries.  
Hauled 4 loads of hay in p.m. Charles Paine helped. father mowed.  
Charles Paine 1/2 day, 75 cents.  
W - partly cloudy and muggy.

### Wednesday July 14

Fred picked cherries in a.m. I cultivated corn and some tobacco.  
We hauled 4 loads of hay this p.m. Charles Paine 1/2 day, 75 cents.  
W - rain in morning, clear and hot in p.m.

### Thursday July 15

Finished mowing hay this a.m. Hauled 4 loads of hay.  
Charles Paine from a.m. until 4 o'clock.  
Lottie Adams came down from the city this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy in a.m., Thunder shower this afternoon and evening, south wind.

### Friday July 16

Cultivated tobacco, put in broken anchor post, weeded cane,  
and hauled 2 loads of hay, finishing the haying. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.25.  
W - clear and warm, stiff west breeze.

### Saturday July 17

Unloaded 2 loads of hay in the old stable, put hay machinery away.  
Plowed on the fallow field, hoed potatoes in the orchard,  
Lewis greened the late potatoes. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.25.  
W - clear and warm, southwest breeze.

### Sunday July 18

Lottie and myself went to church this a.m.  
We all went to Darius Wigle's cottage on the lake this p.m.  
W - clear and cool, northwest wind.

### Monday July 19

Cut wheat today. Charley and Fred shocked. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.50.  
W - clear and cool, northeast wind.

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### Tuesday July 20

Finished cutting wheat. Fred and Charles shocked. Hauled 1 load.

Charles Paine, 1 day, \$1.50.

W - partly cloudy, south wind and threatening rain tonight.

### Wednesday July 21

Hauled 9 loads of wheat, father was down and helped.

Charles Paine, 1 day, \$1.50.

W - clear and warm, south wind.

### Thursday July 22

Hauled 10 loads of wheat.

Father was down cultivating beets and tobacco between loads.

Charles Paine, 1 day, \$1.50. Henry Elliot 1 day \$1.50 paid.

W - partly cloudy, light shower at noon and again tonight.

### Friday July 23

Started cutting barley this a.m. but had to quit on account of rain. Paine hoed weeds out of late potatoes.

I finished plowing down by the creek and cultivated a little corn.

Fred finished plowing fallow. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.25.

W - cloudy and very cool, rain last night, high north wind.

### Saturday July 24

Finished cutting barley in a.m. Finished hauling wheat in p.m., 5 loads. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.50.

W - clear and warm, west wind.

### Sunday July 25

Minnie, Lottie, Charley and myself went to father's for dinner, went to Presbyterian church, called at Orle Iler's to see their baby boy.

W - clear and warm, southwest wind.

### Monday July 26

Finished hoeing potatoes and cultivated same, cut thistles, cultivated corn in the big field,

finished cultivating tobacco, wheel hoed the small beets. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - very warm, partly cloudy this p.m.

### Tuesday July 27

Cultivated corn in the big field. Helped Gord Ulch thresh.

Cultivated late beets and some corn out north. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

### Wednesday July 28

Finished cultivating corn in big field, cultivated corn out north. Hauled the barley.

Went to town with chop but mill was not running. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and very hot light shower tonight.

### Thursday July 29

Unloaded a jag of barley and cleaned 11 bags of wheat in a.m.

Ringed the sows and boar, fixed some fence and other odd jobs in p.m.

W - partly cloudy, heavy thunderstorm last night, light one today.

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Friday July 30

Took chop to Harrow, also the remainder of the wheat. Harrowed on the fallow field.  
Paine moved fence corners. Charles Paine 1 day 1.25, Charles Paine 173 lbs of chop, \$2.40.

Saturday July 31

I finished the lands in the fallow field. Fred cultivated corn.

Charley mowed fence corners. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

Wages July 27.75

(Cash Paid) 7.40

\$20.35

W - clear and warm, southeast wind.

Sunday August 1

Lottie and I went to church in a.m. We all went for a drive up the lake front in p.m.

W - clear and cool, east wind.

Monday August 2

Cut oats and cultivated corn. Charles Paine 1 day, \$1.50.

W - clear and cool, east wind.

Tuesday August 3

Finished cutting oats at 4 o'clock. Also finished cultivating the big field of corn.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.50, paid Charles Paine \$1.00.

W - clear and fairly warm, south wind.

Wednesday August 4

Fred cultivated corn, I topped tobacco and drove Minnie to Kingsville to Dr. Lee this p.m.

Herb was down for a little while today.

W - partly cloudy and warm.

Thursday August 5

Fred cultivated corn and tobacco.

C and I hauled 8 loads of sand to Cedar Creek bridge for roadwork.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25, cash \$20.00.

W - clear and hot, north wind.

Friday August 6

Fred and I did Statute labour hauling 8 loads of sand, hauled to Cedar Creek bridge in a.m. and townline bridge in p.m.

W - clear, hot and dusty.

Saturday August 7

I topped tobacco. Fred cultivated tobacco, potatoes, and beets. We hauled 2 loads of oats.

W - clear, dry and hot.

Sunday August 8

Minnie, Lottie, baby and myself went to church and to Lewis Malott's for dinner.

W - clear, hot and dusty.

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**Monday August 9**

Finished hauling oats, Old Elliot helped. By cash to Elliot \$1.50. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.50.  
W - partly cloudy and hot.

**Tuesday August 10**

I went to Charles Staddon's threshing in a.m. Started plowing oats stubble this p.m.  
Fred went on the excursion to Belle Isle. Turned young Slimmey to John tonight.  
W - clear and cool, north wind.

**Wednesday August 11**

I plowed oats stubble. F and C went to Harrow and hauled in father's oats.  
Also hoed some tobacco. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.  
W - partly cloudy and cool, threatening rain.

**Thursday August 12**

I plowed oats stubble. Fred helped wash and harrow on fallow field.  
W - partly cloudy, light shower last night.

**Friday August 13**

Fred worked on fallow field. C and I hauled earth and put in stable.  
Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.  
W - clear and warm.

**Saturday August 14**

Fred disked on fallow field. I suckered and topped tobacco.  
Charley hoed in tobacco and went to R. Eede's threshing.  
Charles Paine 1 day 1.25.  
Laura Adams and Bella Holmes came up this a.m.  
W - partly cloudy, northeast wind.

**Sunday August 15**

Laura, Bella, and myself went to Methodist church this a.m.  
Went to Oxley and around by Harrow this p.m.  
W - clear and hot.

**Monday August 16**

I suckered tobacco in a.m. Fred disked on fallow field.  
Charley went to R. Eede's and Mr. Agla's threshings.  
Laura and Bella went home this p.m.  
Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.  
Paid Harry Lumsden 50 cents for half's day's work on June 12th.  
W - clear and hot a.m. Heavy thunder shower in afternoon.

**Tuesday August 17**

Fred finished disking on fallow field.  
C and I finished hauling earth in the stable and put one load on the townline bridge.  
C suckered cane and mowed some weeds, I suckered tobacco in p.m.  
Charles Paine 1 day 1.25.  
W - partly cloudy, south wind.

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**Wednesday August 18**

I plowed on oats stubble and finished suckering and topping tobacco.

Fred rolled on fallow field.

W - partly cloudy and cool.

**Thursday August 19**

Fred finished tolling the fallow field. I plowed oats stubble.

W - clear and warm, southwest wind.

**Friday August 20**

We plowed and rolled oats stubble. Charley grubbed out stump. Charles Paine 1 day 1.25.

W - clear and cool, north wind.

**Saturday August 21**

Fred cultivated on fallow field in a.m. down at the creek in p.m. and rolled on stubble field.

I plowed on oats stubble.

W - clear and fairly warm, very cool last night.

**Sunday August 22**

Lottie and I went to church in a.m.

W - clear and fairly warm.

**Monday August 23**

Fred helped wash in a.m. Cultivated on fallow field in p.m. I plowed on oats stubble.

W - clear and warm, south wind.

**Tuesday August 24**

Fred plowed on oats stubble. I went to Gord Ulch's and Lewis Iler's threshing.

W - clear and hot, southwest wind.

**Wednesday August 25**

Fred plowed. I went to Lewis Iler's threshing in a.m.

Fred cultivated on fallow field and I plowed in p.m.

W - clear and hot. Partly cloudy in p.m. Light showers.

**Thursday August 26**

I finished plowing oats stubble. Fred rolled on same. Charley cultivated corn in 15 acre field.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

**Friday August 27**

Fred disked on wheat ground. Paine cultivated corn. I suckered tobacco.

Grandpa Fox died this evening at his home in Windsor. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and very warm.

**Saturday August 28**

F and I shelled corn and got a grist ready in a.m. Fred took same to Harrow this p.m.

I suckered tobacco.

W - heavy rain this a.m. Clear and hot in p.m.

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Sunday August 29

Fred and I went to Leamington this a.m. A. W. Waters and Emma Malott were up for tea.

W - clear and cool.

Monday August 30

Paine hauled water and suckered tobacco. Fred helped sucker.

I went to Grandpa's funeral this a.m.

Aunt Maggie and Fred came down with me and spent the day.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25 paid C. Paine \$19.00.

W - clear and cool, very cool at night.

Tuesday August 31

Fred disked on wheat ground. Paine suckered tobacco.

I went to Kingsville in a.m. and got 6 bbls of Lehigh Cement from Scratch and Ford @ \$1.40 per bbl.

Also a split Hickory Special top buggy for father.

I went to Harrow in p.m. set the buggy up and got a load of chop. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25

Wages Aug. \$18.25

Cash \$40.00

W - clear and very cool. North wind.

Wednesday September 1

Fred disked and harrowed on wheat ground.

Charley and I hauled some gravel and finished suckering tobacco.

Levelled in the stable for cement. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and very cool, north wind.

Thursday September 2

Fred harrowed on wheat ground. Charley and I started cement work in the drive shed.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and fairly warm, light white frost this a.m.

Friday September 3

Fred harrowed on wheat ground. Charley and I finished laying the cement in the drive shed.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

W - partly cloudy, light showers tonight.

Saturday September 4

Fred and I hauled gravel off the beach, also brought 3 loads home.

Charley worked at levelling stable floor and went to Geo. Vincent's threshing.

Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25. Got a calf from Eal Beeman for \$1.00.

W - cloudy and cool, west wind.

Sunday September 5

Minnie, Lottie, Charley and myself went to father's today.

W - clear and very cool, north wind.

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### Monday September 6

I went to G. Vincent's threshing in a.m.

Fred hauled 1 load of gravel and helped about the house the rest of the day.

I hauled 3 loads of gravel. Paine went to Culver Arner's and John Staddon's threshings.

C.P. 1 day \$1.25.

W - clear and warm, southwest wind.

### Tuesday September 7

I went to John Staddon's threshing in the forenoon. Cut weeds in p.m.

Fred run out the furrows on the wheat ground.

W - clear and cool, north wind.

### Wednesday September 8

We hauled 10 loads of manure with the spreader.

W - partly cloudy and warm, southwest wind.

### Thursday September 9

Hauled 15 loads of manure, hauled 10 on the spreader. Charles Paine 8 hours.

W - partly cloudy, commenced raining at 4 o'clock.

### Friday September 10

Hauled 6 loads of manure this a.m. with the spreader.

I went to Harrow and go 10 bbls. of cement from L. Ferris @ \$1.45.

Charles Paine 1 day, by cash \$1.00.

W - partly cloudy and very warm.

### Saturday September 11

We started laying cement floor in the horse stable, doing a little more than half.

Fred took the manure spreader home it being out of order. Charles Paine 1 day 1.25.

### Monday September 13

We finished laying the cement floor in the horse stable today. Charles Paine 1 day 1.25.

W - clear and very warm.

### Tuesday September 14

Charley went to Byron Staddon's threshing. Fred and I did odd jobs in a.m.

Hauled 4 loads of manure in p.m. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

Brought big white sow and 9 pigs up from the clover field.

A. Brown got 28.3 ft of white oak.

Wages to date 12.25

cash 1.00

W - clear and hot, southeast wind.

### Wednesday September 15

Hauled and scattered 26 loads of manure. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.50.

Harry Lumsden 1 day. Charles Paine, by cash \$10.00.

W - partly cloudy and warm, clear and cool tonight.

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Thursday September 16

Hauled and scattered 24 loads of manure. C. Paine 1 day \$1.50.

Harry Lumsden 1 day.

W - clear and fairly warm, south wind.

Friday September 17

Hauled and scattered 4 loads of manure. C. Paine 1.50.

W - clear and cool, north wind.

Saturday September 18

Hauled and scattered 8 loads of manure. I suckered tobacco in a.m.

Went to Reuben Arner's threshing in p.m. Charles Paine 1 day \$1.25.

Paid Charles Paine \$5.65 being balance due him for work.

W - clear and cool, northeast wind.

Sunday September 19

We all went to church in a.m. Went to Forest Iler's for tea in p.m.

W - clear and warm.

Monday September 20

Got wood up for threshing. I went to Wilmer Agla's threshing this afternoon.

W - partly cloudy and hot.

Tuesday September 21

Fred went to W. Agla's and R. Eede's bees.

I suckered tobacco, threshing machine came in tonight.

W - partly cloudy, threatening rain, southeast wind.

Wednesday September 22

Threshed today, threshing about 522 bu. of wheat and 516 bu. of oats and barley.

Sold Philip Clark 28 bu. and 8 lbs of wheat to be paid for when bulk of the wheat is sold.

Harry Lumsden 1 day suckering tobacco.

W - very high wind in a.m. still hot in p.m.

Thursday September 23

Got tobacco scantling in place in a.m. and helped Staddon get his engine apart.

I went to Harrow in p.m. Fred cultivated on wheat ground.

Paid John Staddon \$25.98 for threshing.

W - Raining in a.m. partly cloudy and cool in p.m.

Friday September 24

Suckered and cut some tobacco also hauled and hung 2 loads.

Fred cultivated on wheat ground. Harry Lumsden 1 day.

W - clear in a.m. Light showers in p.m.

Saturday September 25

Fred harrowed on wheat ground. I went to Alf. Adams threshing.

Hauled in and hung tobacco from 4:30 till 8:30, Harry Lumsden helped.

W - cool and clear, north wind.



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**Sunday September 26**

All went to Methodist church and to Lewis Malott's.

W - very cold and partly cloudy.

**Monday September 27**

Finished cutting tobacco hauling and hung some, covered the rest in the field for fear of frost.

Harry Lumsden all day and till eleven o'clock tonight. Sold Philip Clark 28 bu. 33 lbs. of wheat.

W - cold and clear, threatening frost.

**Tuesday September 28**

Fred went to Eal Beeman's threshing in a.m. I strung tobacco.

We finished putting in tobacco this p.m. Harry Lumsden helped. Paid Harry \$5.00.

W - partly cloudy, light showers this p.m. frost this a.m.

**Wednesday September 29**

Choared about in a.m.

Cleaned 18 bags of wheat and Minnie, Charley and I went to town in p.m.

W - cloudy and rainy all day.

**Thursday September 30**

Did some ditching on the wheat ground in a.m. Father sowed wheat.

Fred harrowed. Stripped cane in p.m.

W - cloudy and very cool, west wind.

**Friday October 1**

Father finished sowing wheat in the new field. Fred cultivated on fallow field.

I started cutting corn this afternoon.

W - partly cloudy and cool, west wind.

**Saturday October 2**

Father sowed wheat on the fallow field. I run and cleaned the furrows in the new field.

**Sunday October 3**

Home all day, brought the red sow with 9 pigs up from the clover field.

Also 3 heifers and turned them in to John Bull.

**Monday October 4**

Herb and I cut corn, father sowed wheat and harrowed some.

Fred run the land furrows and cleaned the crossings in the new field.

Fred Richardson commenced cutting corn this a.m. @ \$1.25 per acre.

W - partly cloudy, east wind.

**Tuesday October 5**

Herb and I finished cutting the corn west of the orchard and started on the fifteen acre field.

Fred Richardson cut on the King of the West. Father and Fred run furrows in the wheat field.

W - partly cloudy and warm.

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### Wednesday October 6

Herb and I cut corn Father finished running furrows in the wheat field.  
Fred run washing machine and cleaned crossings in furrows.  
Went to Harrow Fair in p.m. Minnie's heifer took John.  
W - clear and very warm, south wind.

### Thursday October 7

Herb and I cut corn in big field.  
Fred Richardson finished cutting the five acres of King of the West.  
Fred and father cut the cane.  
Drilled wheat on the tobacco patch this a.m. and took the drill home.  
W - foggy in a.m, clear and hot in p.m.

### Friday October 8

Fred Richardson, Herb and myself cut corn.  
Fred took the cane to Sol. Iler's this a.m. Gathered cane seed in p.m.  
W - clear and foggy in a.m.

### Saturday October 9

Fred Richardson, Herb and myself finished cutting the 15 acre corn field today.  
Fred R cut 10 acres of corn this week, quitting tonight.  
W - clear and hot, foggy in a.m.

### Monday October 11

Herb and I cut in the field of Johnson County White corn. Fred helped Minnie.  
W - partly cloudy and windy, rainy this evening, southwest wind.

### Tuesday October 12

We shipped 15.5 of wheat to Fox and Peterson @ 95 cents.  
W - cold, very high southwest wind.

### Wednesday October 13

Herb and I cut corn. Fred picked ears of corn off the King of the West field.  
Received from Fox and Peterson \$15.84 for the wheat shipped yesterday.  
W - hard freeze this morning, high west wind.

### Thursday October 14

Herb and I finished cutting the J.C. White corn this p.m.  
and killed a hog for home consumption. Fred dug potatoes in the garden.  
W - fairly warm, high southwest wind.

### Friday October 15

Started digging potatoes, filled the wagon box.  
W - clear and cool.

### Saturday October 16

Herb and Fred dug potatoes.  
I took a load to C. Quick and put another load on the wagon tonight.

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**Monday October 18**

I took a load of potatoes to C. Quick. Herb and Fred dug.  
W - cool and clear, shower in a.m.

**Tuesday October 19**

We dug potatoes. Fred went to Harrow with some oats and straw this a.m.  
George Quick got 10 bu. potatoes this a.m. (charged) @ 50 cents per bu.  
W - clear and warm, heavy frost this a.m.

**Wednesday October 20**

Finished digging potatoes and putting same away.  
W - clear and cool, white frost this a.m. raining tonight.

**Thursday October 21**

I took 46 bu. of potatoes to town this a.m. Herb and Fred husked corn.  
R. Simpson commenced cutting timber today. Dinner 3 men. Supper 2 men.  
W - wet rain last night, clear and windy in p.m.

**Friday October 22**

Herb, Fred and myself pulled, topped and pitted about 250 bu. beets.  
R. Simpson's men cut hickory today. Breakfast 2 men, Dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and cool, west wind.

**Saturday October 23**

Herb and I finished pulling beets, and hauled a load to the farm.  
Fred went to Harrow with a box full of straw and two cider bbls.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber in a.m. Breakfast 2 men, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy in a.m. Rain in p.m. cold north wind.

**Sunday October 24**

We were all home today.  
R. Simpson's men were here also for breakfast 2 men, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and cool, clear and frosty tonight.

**Monday October 25**

Fred and I finished putting up the beets a load under the barn and pit of about 100 bu.  
Father and R. Simpson were here in reference to timber.  
Simpson's men were cutting today. Breakfast 2 men, dinner 3, supper 2.  
By cash on board \$10.00 from R. Simpson.  
W - partly cloudy, light shower tonight, south wind.

**Tuesday October 26**

Fred and I husked corn and cribbed two small loads.  
R. Simpson's men cut hickory. Breakfast 2 men, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - clear and warm, south wind.

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### Wednesday October 27

Fred and I husked and cribbed two small loads of corn.  
R Simpson's men cut hickory. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - partly cloudy, cool, southwest wind.

### Thursday, October 28

Fred and I shipped 198 bu. 24 lbs. wheat to Peterson and Fox at Arner @ \$1.00 per bu.  
R. Simpson's men cut hickory. (their meals) Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - clear and very cool, northwest wind.

### Friday October 29

Finished shipping wheat this morning, shipping in all 229 1/2 bu. to Peterson and Fox @ \$1.00 per bu. Husked corn in a.m.  
Herb and I split and hauled two loads of furnace wood this p.m.  
Paid Harry \$3.75, balance due on work this fall.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber today, for breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

### Saturday October 30

Culver Arner, Herb and myself moved the hog house south of the corn crib.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber, breakfast & dinner 2.

### Sunday October 31

We all went to church.  
I found John Bruner, Lambert Wigle, Dr. Lee and Peltier at 3 o'clock this morning hunting coon and having a fire in the south bush.  
W - warm and clear, south wind.

### Monday November 1

Herb and I dug a trench for foundation of the hog house.  
Bert Balkwell came out this a.m. and started working on the well at the windmill.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber this p.m. Dinner 2 meals, supper 2.  
Fred went to Harrow this p.m. and got a load of stone.  
Received from G.B. Quick \$5.00 for 10 bu. of potatoes.  
W - clear in a.m. Showers in p.m. south wind.

### Tuesday November 2

Herb and I laid cement under the hog house. Bert Balkwell worked at the well at the barn.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and cool, southwest wind.

### Wednesday November 3

Herb and myself laid cement under the hog house. Fred picked pumpkins.  
Bert Balkwell pulled up stakes this morning after getting a good supply of water.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and cool, west wind.

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### **Thursday November 4**

Herb and I finished the cement work under the hog house and dug a hole down by the wind mill well in a.m. We husked a load of corn in p.m.

Father and R. Simpson measured some logs this p.m.

Bought \$1.00's worth of herring from Brown Bros. and applied same on their acc.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

### **Friday November 5**

Herb and Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 1/2 loads of good corn.

Father and R. Simpson scaled logs and were here for dinner.

R. Simpson's men helped scale logs and cut some. Breakfast 2, dinner 3, supper 2.

W - cloudy and warm, west wind.

### **Saturday November 6**

We husked 1 load of good corn in a.m. Did odd jobs in p.m.

R. Simpson's men were here for the following meals: breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cloudy and partly clear, cool, southeast wind.

### **Sunday November 7**

I went to church in a.m. Fred also went to church at the lake.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. breakfast 2, dinner 1, supper 2.

W - clear in a.m. showery in p.m.

### **Monday November 8**

Choared about all day R. Simpson's men cut timber in the afternoon

They had the following meals: breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - raining all a.m. Cloudy and cool in p.m. Northeast wind.

### **Tuesday November 9**

We husked and cribbed two loads of good corn. Sold Queen's calf to E. Wagle for \$11.00.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Their meals were: breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cloudy and cool, east wind.

### **Wednesday November 10**

Husked corn in a.m. Minnie, baby and myself went to Kingsville this p.m.

Herb and Fred finished the five acres King of the West except 2 shooke.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

### **Thursday November 11**

Husked corn all day. R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

### **Friday November 12**

Husked corn in a.m. and part of p.m.

Herb and I went to Henry Atkin's in p.m. to see his manure spreader.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cloudy, rainy in p.m.

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Saturday November 13

Finished husking Reid's yellow dent this p.m.  
Bert Balkwell cut the casing in the well and threaded it.  
I paid him \$28.50 in full of acc. for new casing in well and work of putting in same.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber and went home this p.m.. Breakfast 2, dinner 2.  
Minnie and Charles went to Fletcher this a.m. to spent Sunday.  
W - clear and warm

Monday November 15

Husked on the white corn today.  
W - clear and warm.

Tuesday November 16

Shelled corn today. Roy Simpson helped. Roy had breakfast, dinner and supper.  
W - raining all day.

Wednesday November 17

Finished shelling the old corn this a.m. Hauled the corn to the barn.  
Hauled a load of stove wood. Let the hog house down on its foundation and other odd jobs.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and cold, high west wind.

Thursday November 18

Started the cement floor in the hog house, getting about two thirds done.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cool and disagreeable, high west wind.

Friday November 19

Finished floor in hog house. Made frame for tub in new hog house.  
Fred took a load of chop to town. Father came down in p.m. and got a load of soft corn.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - warmer, high southwest wind.

Saturday November 20

Made cement tub in hog house. Got the pump fixed and put it in the well.  
Put the 4" pipe on top of the well casing and other odd jobs.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - warm and partly cloudy, south wind.

Sunday November 21

I went to Kingsville to church this a.m. Fred went to the lake.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and rainy most of the day, northeast wind.

Monday November 22

Fred helped Minnie wash in a.m.  
I went to John Staddon's and helped them fix their cream separator. Choared about in p.m.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - raining heavy all day.

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Tuesday November 23

Killed a hog in a.m. Husked corn in p.m. Herb came down about the middle of afternoon.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cloudy and cool, light frost.

Wednesday November 24

Husked corn "the big white". R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - clear and cool, hard freeze last night, north wind.

Thursday November 25

Husked corn "the big white". R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

Friday November 26

Herb and I husked white cap corn in the 15 acre field. Fred finished the big white corn in a.m.

Hauled soft corn in p.m. R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

Saturday November 27

Husked white cap corn. R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

Sunday November 28

Minnie, Charley and myself went to church and had dinner at Mr. Golden's. (Golden)

W - partly cloudy, rainy in p.m.

Monday November 29

Culver Arner and myself worked on the hog house putting in doors etc.

Herb and Fred husked corn in p.m.

W - clear and warm

Tuesday November 30

Husked 20 loads of corn today.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - clear and warm, south wind.

Wednesday December 1

Hauled 10 loads of fodder. Father helped.

R. Simpson's men cut timber in a.m. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2. Old Longie cow took the bull.

W - clear and warm, northeast wind.

Thursday December 2

Finished hauling the fodder that was husked, 6 loads.

Culver and myself worked on the interior of the old hog house.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - clear and fairly warm, northeast wind.

Friday December 3

Herb, Fred and myself husked corn all day.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - partly cloudy and warm.

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### **Saturday December 4**

Herb, Fred and myself husked corn all day, cribbing two big loads about 160 bu.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - cloudy and warm.

### **Sunday December 5**

Roy Simpson and myself went to church this a.m. Fred went to church at the lake.  
Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - partly cloudy, showers tonight. High southwest wind.

### **Monday December 6**

Herb and I scraped ditch in barnyard in a.m. Herb, Fred and myself husked corn in p.m.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
4 / 242 meals ~ \$60.50.

### **Tuesday December 7**

Husked a little corn, worked on interior of hog house.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber and the teamster came on this afternoon.  
Simpson was up and father came down. Breakfast 2, dinner 3, supper 3.  
Received \$50.50 of R. Simpson for board of men to Monday Evening, December 6th.  
W - stormy most of the day, rain in a.m., snow in p.m.

### **Wednesday December 8**

Choared about all day. R. Simpson's men cut timber and hauled logs. Breakfast 3, dinner 4, supper 3.  
Father and Simpson scaled logs.  
W - cold and stormy, high southwest wind.

### **Thursday December 9**

Shipped 5 hogs this a.m. to Fox and Peterson @ \$8.00 per cwt. weighing 950 lbs.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber and hauled logs. Breakfast 3, dinner 4, supper 3.  
Father and Mr. Simpson scaled logs.  
W - cold and stormy, high west wind.

### **Friday December 10**

Completed the interior of the little hog house today.  
R. Simpson's men cut and hauled timber. Breakfast 3, dinner 3, supper 3.  
W - milder.

### **Saturday December 11**

I took a load of hay to Rev. Mr. Moore in a.m. Hauled stove and furnace wood in p.m.  
R. Simpson's men cut and hauled timber. Breakfast 3, dinner 3, supper 2.  
W - mild and cloudy.

### **Sunday December 12**

Home today. Fred went to the lake in p.m.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.  
W - snowy and raining all day, raining steady at night, east wind.

### **Monday December 13**

Choared about all day. Minnie and Fred washed.  
R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 3, supper 2.  
The teamster left and went to Creighton's this p.m.  
W - raining all day, east shifting to southwest wind, cooler.



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**Tuesday December 14**

Husked corn in a.m. Herb and I cut some logs in the thicket in p.m.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - stormy snow squalls.

**Wednesday December 15**

Herb husked corn. I stopped about the house in p.m with a sore throat.

Fred went to Harrow with four pigs for father.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cold and disagreeable, southwest wind.

**Thursday December 16**

Herb and Fred husked corn. I stopped about the house with a sore throat in a.m.

Minnie, Charley and myself went to Kingsville in p.m. Also went and saw the Dr.

R. Simpson's men cut timber. Breakfast 2, dinner 2, supper 2.

W - cloudy and cold.

**Friday December 17**

All husked corn brought in a load at noon. Husked behind a shelter in p.m.

R. Simpson's men cut timber, finished about 3 p.m. Breakfast 2, dinner 2.

**Saturday December 18**

Husked corn behind a shelter all day.

W - cold and rough, southwest wind.

**Sunday December 19**

Fred went to church, the rest were home all day.

W - partly cloudy.

**Monday December 20**

Husked corn behind shelter. Dr. Lee was up this a.m. to see Charlie.

W - clear and fairly warm, southwest wind..

**Tuesday December 21**

Husked corn behind shelter. Dr. Lee was up this a.m. to see Charlie.

W - partly cloudy, snow flurries.

**Wednesday December 22**

Finished husking corn today. Minnie's mother came up tonight to help look after Charlie.

W - cloudy & snow flurries, west wind, milder this p.m.

**Thursday December 23**

Hauled the corn that was husked 6 loads.

Dr. Lee came up this p.m. and pronounced Charlie's case diptheria.

**Friday December 24**

We hauled 6 loads of fodder today. Dr. Lee was up again today.

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Saturday December 25

We hauled 3 loads of fodder finishing it. Dr. Lee was up again this p.m.  
W - Fall of about 4" of snow last night.

Sunday December 26

We were all home today.

Monday December 27

Hauled two loads of beets and did some other odd jobs.  
Father and Simpson finished scaling logs this p.m.  
Minnie received \$20.00 from R. Simpson being balance due on men's board.  
Dr. Lee was up to see Charlie again this p.m.  
W - partly cloudy and cool, no thawing.

Tuesday December 28

Split and hauled stove and furnace wood. Dr. Lee was up to see Charlie.  
W - cold and partly cloudy.

Wednesday December 29

Finished splitting and hauling stove wood.  
W - clear and cold, northwest wind. 3 degrees above this a.m. 0 degrees this p.m.

Thursday December 30

Killed a beef and choared about. Dr. Lee was up to see Charlie.  
W - partly cloudy, southwest wind, 10 degrees above in a.m. 6 degrees above in p.m.

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