

Diary of Benjamin Freure

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Ship George Newcastle

1836 London Docks – May 11th 1836

Apr^l 23rd Left Glemham for America – Luggage to Ipswich by Jas. Cook – Andrew and his Mother with him I took my gun and pistols from Margoram's Wickham went to Clapham and dined there went to Marcus' in the afternoon slept there that night.

24th Sunday went to the Town church in the morning pleased with seeing the children from the school and with the chiming of the Tower bells, and delighted with hearing the organs Solemn Sounds. Went to St. Lawrence's in the afternoon a pretty church and small organ but the music both there and at the Tower moderate – very poor and the sermons at each like the music moderate at Marcus' sunday night & Breakfast on monday morning.

25th Went on board steamer packet, had a very pleasant towing to London got there between 6 & 7 in the evening. Hurried our luggage on shore and some porters bundled them into the warehouse for which I paid them 2/- [rather too much" crossed out] I thought they were better paid for their work than I had been for mine before I left Glemham. The clerk of the warehouse (a very civil young man) had heard were we were ultimately going kindly offered his advice were to lodge that night which if we had not intended taking Arthur we should have gladly accepted, and I have had no reason to think my confidence in him would have been misplaced - Now was the beginning of our dif-

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-ficulties, he enquired (after I told him I had a son in town) where he lived, I could not tell him for we had forgotten the name of his Master, the name of the street and the number of the house all we could recollect he lived some where not a great way from White Chapple. He advised us to give some one acquainted with the town a trifle to go with us, we did so and agreed with a young man for sixpence. We went through White Chapple in hopes we might perchance see Arthur, or might recollect his Masters name if we should be lucky enough to see it; but alas! no Arthur nor name met our eyes. – we then went to an old woman's where Arthur did once lodge and got the information we stood in need of. We soon found Arthur's place of abode but he was walked out with his Master we set up all night very anxiously expecting him to come home every minute, but nor him nor his Master came till after 6 o'clock in the morning. Not having ever seen the man I was not without my fears that he might come home Tipsy and perhaps be angry with us for intruding ourselves where we certainly had no kind of right. The woman treated us with the greatest friendship but appeared to be as uneasy as we were on account of her husband's unexpected stay as it was by no means a usual practice with him. a more disagreeable

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night I do not recollect ever to have experienced. "Sorrows may continue for a night but joy cometh in the morning." So says the psalmist and so it was with us. Arthur and his master came in the morning quite sober and with all the good nature possible bid us welcome

breakfast was got ready and after hearing our tale he told us to make his home our home as long as it might be convenient to us.

26 [Apr.] After breakfasting with our new friend we went to Mitcham to see Frederick; the road for 10 or 12 miles the pleasantest I ever saw; very handsome houses on each side all the way but a few rods distant from each other. The intermediate spaces between each filled with trees and gardens: and very frequently streets extending perhaps a quarter or half a mile (in right angles from the direct street to Mitcham); intermingled in the same manner with beautiful Houses, trees, and gardens, and sometimes a beautiful common intersected in different directions with coach roads and surrounded with elegant houses. We Found Frederic and his wife and child well saw Benjamin in the evening at Frederics he was very well, and just upon entering upon a famous good place - we carried the owl to Frederic and put it in a back room there was a hole under the door it got out and was gone in the morning, but was found by a boy and Frederic got it again by paying a shilling for it. We slept at Mitcham that night and returned to London next day.

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Wednes^y 27th [Apr.] Slept at a respectable coffee house for which I paid sixpence a night each for my wife and myself. Andrew slept with Arthur.

Thurs^y 28 Engaged our places on board the ship, George of Newcastle, for Montreal (on Wednesday 27) got our luggage on board this day; and slept on board very comfortably. — are to sail on Monday.

Satur^y 30 Nothing material today. (sail on Monday)

Sund^y 1 May Went to S^t. Georges Church (in the East) a pretty church and furnished with an organ; music, and sermon, both moderate. Could not go any where afternoon on account of my wife having caught cold and being very unwell.

Mond^y 2 May Chimney sweeps holliday celebrated should have been yesterday but for its being the sabbath. A great many bands published at S^t. Georges yesterday I think not less than a Dozen. To one of the schools for Girls a Gentleman have left a donation with directions for every one of the scholars to receive on their wedding day (provided she marry a man of good character and approved by the Guardians of the Charity) the sum of one Hundred pounds, and as some one or more of them are married every May day (which I think is the day stipulated for them to do it) the Bells are rung all the day and all is festivity and joy.

Sail on Wednesday.

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Tuesd^y 3 May Went to Mitcham was very happy to hear that Fred had recovered his lost owl stoped there that night — went to see Ben in the morning found him ["very luckily" crossed out] in the knife house. He gave me a hat; and Frederic's wife gave me plumb cake to carry to my wife.

Wednes^y 4th to sail on Saturday.

Thurs^y 5th preparing as much as we could for sailing

Frid^y 6th

Satur^y 7th to sail on Monday.

Sund^y 8th went to S^t. Pauls in the morning. It is a most noble building; and the finest organ I ever heard or I suppose ever shall; the low notes echoing thro' the vast hollow of the building resembles distant thunder which accompanied with the sounds of the higher ones have a most delightful effect: but the music they played consisting entirely of chaunts was not so pleasing to me as I expected it would have been. ["The sermon I could not hear enough off to know much about it, but from what I could hear I rather think it was simliar to that at St. Georges, moderate" crossed out] They were chiming the bells at Bow as we went past I supposed there was twelve but could not know possitively as the carriages made such a constant rattling on the stones I wished them all in the Red Sea with Pharaoh. But from what little we could hear

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it is a grand peal; far far superior to any I ever heard before; I think nothing can exceed the fine solemn tones of the great Bells.

Mond^y 9th May Monday is come but no sailing. Put offs have been the order of the day from our first being in London they began directly after landing by setting up the whole night expecting Arthur every minute. Next, after writing to the parish to remit the money to the ship agent (Mr. Knowles) stipulated for us; that was done imediately by the parishoners so far all was well; but when I applied at Mr. Knowles chambers to enquire about it; they told me he had received the order but the bank had not paid it; I applied again the Bank had paid the money but Mr. Knowles was not at the office; we called again same day He had been there but was just gone. Went again next day waited several hours he did not come went another day they told us they did not expect him that day. One of the days appointed for sailing was Sat^y. 7 May I got up on the Friday morning my mind filled with dread; we had not taken our provisions on board nor received the money of Mr. Knowles and as I had been disappointed so many times I might be disappointed again, and if we did sail next

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day I could not devise any means how I could possibly proceed with any propriety on my voyage. However I got up a little earlier than usual and stated our situation to Andrew and agreed with him to help me to forward our business all he could – I went to Mr. Knowles office he was not there but was expected there in a very little time – full of anxiety for the result every person that come in I hoped was Mr. Knowles; at last a Gentleman came in who seemed to take an active part in the business; I asked one of the clerks if he could do mine he told me that Gentleman was Mr. Knowles; nothing could sound pleasanter in my Ears than that did at that time. He presently enquired if I was the man to whom the letter from Glemham related - I told him yes he gave a check upon Harvies Bank for six pounds the

clerk enquired if I wished him to get it cashed I thanked him; and it was done for me. Altho' I had two ounces more weight I came home two stones lighter than I went. We got our provisions on board to day, and were fully prepared to begin the voyage – went to rest to night with a mind much more at ease than it was when I rose in the morning.

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Tuesday 10th May Nothing to do to day but to rest contented that we are prepared to sail – talk of sailing tomorrow.

Wednes^y 11th – nothing to do to day for us. Crew very busy taking in Iron

Thurs^y 12th – Crew very busy again this morning taking in Iron, water etc. removed the ship this morning at half past Eleven from the docks to what they called the **bason** stayed they till next morning.

Friday 13 – Set off again this morning between eleven and twelve – opposite West India docks at one – Gravesend between four & five

Saturday 14 – In the channel – lay for an hour or two for the tide – weighed anchor at noon and are going slowly on now – several of the passengers very sick this afternoon wind very cool could not write on deck. The captain advised me to get in the boat that was on the deck I did so; and spoiled a most famous pen by striking the nib on one of the oars. went to bed early fearing that I was going to be like some others on board as my head began to ach. ["and my stomach to rumble and" crossed out] seemed very chilly but soon felt comfortable in bed and fell asleep and slept very comfortably thro' the night.

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Sunday 15 May 1836 - The first sunday that ever I began at sea; how it will finish Heaven only knows – I have not begun it in the manner I wished; and had had in contemplation for some time past; I find 'tis impossible for me to associate with any satisfaction to myself; with any of my ship-mates. – To me O Father, whose almighty power the Heavens, and Earth and Seas adore, to the be all my thought directed, all my desires known, and all my actions guided; let my whole trust be on the and thy will not mine be done; and let me never be confounded. – Everyone now anxious to see the eclipse of the sun we had an opportunity of seeing it very accurately as the Mate was so obliging as to furnish me with a black lens; which enabled me to oblige a great part of the passengers with a perfect sight of it which otherwise they would not have had. We had just passed Dungeness light house at the time think in the evening we were opposite Beachy head. - very pleasant weather; but so calm that we make but little way.

Monday 16th very pleasant this morning ["a large whale passed the ship this morning about eight oclock; and what a shame I was not up early enough to see it" crossed out] Have been reading an interesting story called the irreparable misfortune; from a French Author, of a lady who proved faithless to the most affect^e husband.

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Oh! Andrew! I am sorry to see him fooling away his time in playing with cards or some such nonsense with Boys on deck; the principal part of this day he have lost in that manner; what pity when there is such a good opportunity to employ his time to a good purpose. It gives me pleasure that the captⁿ have given me leave, or rather an invitation to read or write on the Quarter deck, but it will not do except in very calm weather the motion of the ship is too much the sea have been very smooth all day; we have made but little way; nearby land still; Fiddling and dancing this evening on deck; Andrew one of the players

Tuesday 17th May. Fair wind this morning; have been getting forward well all day; seems to be dying away this Evening.

One of the passengers this morning had some beef he thought wanted washing; he was advised by some one to tie it to a string and throw it into the sea at the ships stern, and let it remain for a little while drawing along in the water he took the advise but in throwing it the string broke, and he saw his beef no more. - From the motion of the ship being greater to day some of the people on board have felt themselves unwell I have felt rather squeamish but it seems to be going off; my wife have been a good deal affected but the Captain was so kind as to give her a little Brandy and she is better.

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Wednes^y 18 May - We are got near Penzance; in consequence shall not see land for some time to come. Still going on with fair breeze I have often thought when I was engaged at work all the day, how happy those people were that had nothing to do but were at perfect liberty to employ their time as they pleased. I thought if I were placed in such a situation I could make myself very contented in reading and writing. - and if music were added to my amusement, my happiness would be as complete as this life could admit off; but I now find my Ideas were very erroneous. - I am in perfect health, on board a good ship, very pleasant weather, I enjoy the sea, the gentleman who commands the ship is a very intelligent good natured man, he have read a great deal and have been so obliging as to offer a variety of books for my amusement; and several of the passengers have been equally kind so that I have the opportunity of always seeing something entirely new to me. I read when I please, write when I please, eat & drink when I please, go to bed when I please, get up when I please; and yet with all these conveniences and agreeables time sometimes seems rather irksome and heavy. - mismanagement somewhere. - Have been picking my potatoes this afternoon which were shooting very fast; very contented while after that job.

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Thursday 19 May - Alas! sick, sick, sick, very sick to day. have not been so 'till now.

Friday 20th - Still sick, all of us.

Saturday 21 - Grow still worse. scarcely able to wait of each other.

Sunday 22nd - Still sick at times, not able to go on deck. obliged to ly on our births almost all day.

Monday 23rd – Still very debilitated and strengthless not at all inclined to get of our beds. A man who had been very ill from his first coming on board dyed this morning. In consequence of which every one was requested by the Captain to go on deck this afternoon which we were obliged to comply with, altho' we were scarcely able to walk up the ladder from the hold. The afternoon was very cold and as we felt very ill we were obliged to ly down on the deck, but altho' we lay shivering with cold several hours we did not feel any inconvenience from it afterwards; I certainly expected we must all of us have caught severe colds; but that was not the case. we went to bed early and were soon rocked into a very comfortable sleep. For altho' we always felt very ill while we were employed after what business we were obliged to do; boiling our gruel making our beds etc. we generally slept very comfortable at nights.

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Tuesday 24 May – Still sick in the day time, except when lying still on our beds.

Wednesday 25 – Still remain sick, the sea have been constantly rather leavy for this week past.

Thursday 26 – To day the sea is much smoother and I hope our sickness is nearly over, I have been able to be on deck a considerable part of the day.

Friday 27 Altho' the last evening was remarkably fine, quite calm, and pleasant; the sea have been the most rough and turbulent to night that it have been ever since we began our voyage, and continue the same this morning; which have brought on our sickness a gain quite fresh.

Saturday 28th – Sea still rough, and weather colder. cannot get well yet.

Sunday 29th – Still cold, and unpleasant, did not go on deck nor yesterday nor to day kept in bed the principle part of our time.

Monday 30th – Still cold and uncomfortable. saw Ice go past.

Tuesday 31st – Colder – more Ice seen to day

Wednesday 1 June – Very cold this morning and rafty went on deck this morning did not remain there more than half an hour was so cold I thought I never should be warm any more.

Thursday 2 June – very cold still did not get up all to day. could scarcely keep myself warm in bed

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Friday 3rd – Still cold in bed almost all day.

Saturday 4th – not quite so cold but still in bed all Day. and tho' I have slept a considerable part of the days continued to sleep well at nights.

Sunday 5th Pleasanter to day, sea very smooth got up about three oclock this afternoon and went on deck a little while for the first time since Wednesday.

Monday 6th – Sea very smooth ship going along slowly and steadily, - saw land today covered with snow we are in the Gulf of St. Laurence.

Tuesday 7th – a child died with small pox on board buried in the deep last night at 10 o'clock. Rainy unpleasant day. did not go on deck much to day.

Wednes^y 8th – Nothing material to day.

Thursday 9th – Passed very near land to day it looked very dreary and cold.

Friday 10th – Made very little way to day, were forced to shift the sails very frequently. land observable on both sides. River about 24 miles across. land appears high and Rocky. went on deck about 3 afternoon to day and took more exercise than I have done for the last fortnight, and certainly felt much the better for it. expected to sleep very soundly at night, but having been so long in the habit of being rocked to sleep, as the ship was very

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very steady I could not go to sleep at all for several hours although I felt perfectly well, and lay as warm and easy apparently as possible.

Saturday 11th June – Saw land only on one side the River to day a high hill appeared this afternoon we passed a lighthouse last night just got sight of it in the evening. Captain spoke to a ship yesterday afternoon she came from Exeter; had been on her voyage six weeks. We had been only four; so had outsaild her a fortnight. – an American boat with three men came along side and put a pilot on board. – The Captain say we shall reach the Quarentine station tomorrow: how long we shall be forced to remain there is still to be told; but I am afraid it will be a considerd time on account of the small pox being on board. – However we are lucky in having a good stock of provissions on board. I did not expect to have felt any more sickness but had another little fit directly after leaving the deck this evening but it was soon over but have not recovered my last appetite yet.

Sunday 12 June. – Went on deck about nine this morning. not very pleasant on account the wind blowing rather too cold; and being unfavorable made the ship too much on her beam ends. – another child died last night and was buried in the River at five o'clock this morning. – melancholy situation them people are in were the small pox is – they are

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in the steerage, and consist of people sent from Folkstone in Kent, and places adjacent, amounting in all to about sixty, about one half of them from Folkstone.

We have been nearer the side of the river to day than we have been before, and the land appeared to be covered very thickly in general with shrubs; which I was informed were principally spruce firs; some places appeared to be naked and barren. – I saw houses and the smoke from the chimnies; but were not near enough to see the inhabitants.

Monday 13 June – Got up early this morning and went on deck directly. was highly delighted with the scene it was a most beautiful morning, quite calm and the river growing narrower we could see the land more distinctly on both sides than at any time before. – on our right hand appeared a ridge of high mountains at least they appeared so to me never having seen any thing like them before: extending (as the Captain informed me a bout fifteen miles). – altho' the whole appeared nearly opposite to the ship. – do not appear to be any inhabitants out there are people because I can see smoke in one place. They appear to be covered with some kind of trees or shrubs. The other side is more level but both very pleasing to me. I never enjoyed life more than I do at this instant; it is now near noon; and the weather as pleasant as it can possibly be. –

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Monday 13th June continued. – a melancholy accident happened yesterday. – The captain had two dogs on board, which from their inoffensive manners were not disliked by any one. Whither it was from a similarity of dispositions I know not but a friendly intimacy was contracted between one of them and myself. Yesterday afternoon we spoke to each other as usual: and after lying some time at my feet on the deck I went down below and he went on the ships stern, from which, on a sudden motion of the ship, his foot slipped and he fell over board. he struggled hard against the stream to regain the ship, but alas! Struggled in vain was soon out of sight; and was seen no more.

David said, O Lord! how wonderfull art thou in all thy works; I certainly have now the greatest reason to make the same exclamation. we are about sixty miles below Quebec and surely nothing can exceed the beauty and Grandeur of the noble river Saint Lawrence, and its picturisk banks unadorned with any thing of mans invention. for tho' we see smoke in places behind the hills we see no fine buildings. I do not recollect ever to have enjoyed one day in all my life more than I have done this. It is now about seven in the evening the water is smooth as glass and the ship lying quite still all nature seems to have finished its days work.

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Tuesday 14 June

I ["got up" crossed out] rose earlier than I usually do this morning to see the sun rise over the water and was so lucky as to have a fine view of it, as the morning was very clear and the water in a very favourable direction from the ship. I certainly never saw any thing more beautiful than its rise, apparently out of the water.

The shore on both sides of us is variagated with white dots in clusters and ridges which appear like ship, but are in reality houses, and we sometimes can observe one larger and differing from the rest by appearing Higher; they are churches.

(Two o'clock afternoon) we are now nearer to them and can plainly see what they are. – we are nearly opposite to a very pretty church a turret at each end, and a gilded ball on each about half way up the turret. The houses have a very neat appearance, roofs and every part

of them being white. They are all near the edge of the water. The land generally seem to rise very very high at the back of them. – we are now passing a famous church covered with something red, the walls are white, and three Turrets two at one end and one at the other. on the other side of us, is a peninsula that look like an Island (it just seems it), in the middle of the River is covered thickly with trees, or shrubs, and have a very pretty appearance. – we passed two small Islands an hour since covered in the same manner.

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The houses seen from the middle of the River appear to the eye to be close to the water edge but are in general about a quarter or half a mile distant from it. The land appear very high opposite to the [“Island” crossed out] (peninsula in the River). The beauty of the day is over it has been delightful, but it is very cloudy a head, and seem to indicate a storm. sails reefed and ship lying still. another child died on board [“last” crossed out] this morning.

Wednesday 15 June – Quite a change; we are landed. – This morning when I rose the ship was under weigh and in about an hour we got to the quarentine station. the ship lay too and the Docter was expected on board in a short time and in half an hour we were all ordered on deck; the Docter was on board. We had all of us to pass before him; and he counted the number of us. he then order'd all mothers who had sick children to go immediately on shore with the children, and the whole of the passengers were ordered to pack up all there luggage and be ready to leave the ship as soon as possible; no time allowed for breakfast. all were busy as bees and in about an hour beds were tyed up boxes packed and we began to leave the ship. – the boats carried us a bout two hundred rods and put us on shore at the foot of a rock of solid stone in a very rough state. we had then to remove our luggage up the rocks a bout two hundred yards which was no easy task

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However we set a bout it lustily and were soon in a house built in purpose, with a double row of births two deep for sleeping which would contain more than a hundred people; and by no means an uncomfortable place. This building like all others here is all white, roof as well as sides; which have a very pretty effect. The roofs are boarded then covered with slate and painted white.

The place were we are is very pleasant; covered over every were very thickly with spruce firs. But we are not allowed to go any where further than the front of the house extends down to the foot of the rock at the waters edge, so cannot know much about it. I shall be very glad when we get our freedom. Because the mind is kept continually in suspence we must stay ten days; and if another case of malady should happen before that time is expired it will prolong our stay in consequence we cannot tell how long.

There is wood allowed, which everyone must rive or chop to peices, and make their own fires in clefts of the rock. – There is a shop at one end of our dwelling were is sold beer, bread and all necessary articles, so that a person may live very well here if they have money. – Beer 3d pint, bread much the same as in England Butter 14d pr lb, salt 2d – eggs 12 for one shilling, milk 2d a pint. – I certainly had not thought of being detained here; nor do I like it. still we ought not to complain; the law is a good one.

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Grose Island the name of the place where we are

Thursday 16 June – Two more ships are come here with emigrants on board which were sent on shore from one of them yesterday amounting to more than a[?] hundred. – the other an Irish ship from Londonderry with three hundred and sixty emigrants which were sent on shore to day. one boat load came in the morning and were landed with their luggage another boat load was sent but the tide was so low that the boat got aground at some distance from the landing place and there they were obliged to remain all the day crowded together in the boat 'till the tide came in the evening, when they were landed and the rest were sent. There are separate buildings for every ships passengers; and those belonging to each ship are not allowed to have any intercourse with those of any other not even to talk together. – A regiment of soldiers are stationed here to preserve order; and centinels constantly standing in different places so as they can observe every transaction. Here is an hospital to which every one that is unwell is sent directly after they are landed.

Friday 17th June – Six o'clock in the evening our ship is now got under sail and set off for Quebec; from whence he is to send a steam-packet for us as soon as we can get our discharge; from the medical board here declaring that we are all in perfect health. we are in hopes that Monday or Tuesday next will set us free.

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Friday 17 continued – Another large ship is now come in and appears to be as full of passengers as she can hold; the deck is covered with them. The ship that came here from Londonderry had been on her passage six weeks. – we have been but five so that we cannot count ourselves unlucky yet.

Saturday 18 June – Another large ship is come here with a great number of passengers; I think they also came from Ireland.

Andrew and myself have been washing 2 bed-rugs and 2 bed cases; we tyed them to the end of a line and hung them into the water in the river at the edge of the rocks; the water being rather rough kept dashing them againsts the side of the rock and made them quite clean in a very little time. – Another ship this afternoon with a great many passengers. – The passengers belonging to the ship from Londonderry have been getting on board this afternoon with their luggage and continue very busily at it late this evening.

Sunday 19th June – Andrew and myself got up about five o'clock this morning and went on the rocks and read the service for the day with the psalms and lessons; nothing could be pleasanter than it was; the morning very fine and the water gently dashing againsts the rock at our feet. – Read the eveng service this afternoon before dinner. people belonging to other ships, very busy all day washing their linnin and drying it on the rocks. It is really wondfull to see the trees growing in the solid stone which is the case as far as we can see them

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from our yard, which we are not suffered to go out off; but I have reason to think it as all solid stone for some miles around; in consequence cannot be cultivated there is now and then a tuft of grass growing in the low places where a little soil is collected I suppose from the leaves that fall from the trees rotting and washing into the hollows. some weeds also; sow thistle, burdock, and some others like what are in England. The trees appear to be principally, spruce fir, ash, and elm.

Monday 20th June – This morning Finished washing all our linnen, blankets, rugs, trowsers, slops, Jackets etc we had orders about eight o'clock to roll up our beds to one end of our births, and to empty all our boxes and to lay all our linnen neatly folded for the inspection of the Surgeon; which was all done, and no fault found. – so that we are in hopes we shall soon be on our way again.

Tuesday 21st June – Another day is nearly gone, and we have heard nothing about when we are to leave this place. – I have cut my name on a pale in the yard and Andrew have cut his, and his mothers; we did it to pass away the time. A ship now just gone; another weighing anchor and will soon follow her; only one left here now.

Wednesday 22 June – Orders this morning for every one to take away the beds and white wash their births, - two Doctors have been here and we were all ordered to pass before them. we are in expectation that the steam boat will come for us this afternoon.

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The Doctor have now told us that the steam boat will come for us this evening. we all seem glad, but still I dread it, it is a very great deal of work to get our luggage on board but perhaps we may get on better than I expect. I shall be very glad when we get to end of our journey. we had packed everything ready for starting but night is come and not boat so we have to unpack again and go to our old lodgings.

Thursday 23rd June – What this day will bring forth is still to be told, but I am very doubtful whither we shall go today. It seems to be the opinion of every one here that it is a misfortune that we are detained here, but whither it be so in reality we cannot possibly know. providence rules in a way so far above our comprehension that we cannot tell what is for our good, or for our ill. But of this we may be certain, that it is our best way to make ourselves as easy as we possibly can, under any circumstances that we may chance to befall us; knowing well that providence must, will, and ought to rule our best way is to divest ourselves as much as we can from both hopes and fears; neither to hope, nor dread tomorrow; our Blessed Saviour said sufficient is the day to the evil thereof. – and the evil of this day have been more than that of any day since we sailed from London; in the morning we had a order to pack and get all our luggage out which we did and had to carry it over the rocks and put it in a boat sent by the Doctor as he expected the steam

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packet would be up directly; the luggage was hurried into the boat the steamer came in sight and when came near was hailed by the Doctor. it had been down the river about one hundred and sixty miles to a ship that was wrecked a few days since and was so heavily

laden it could not take us on board we were therefore obliged to take all luggage out of our boat and carry it up the rocks again. – In a bout three hours another order was given to carry it all down the rocks again, and over a place where the water flows at high tide, and cross another ridge of rocks; as the steamer was coming to take us in the evening. All was bustle, and we finished getting every thing over about eight o'clock. – we were then ordered to go back to our old habitation; all our beds and our victuals left behind on the rocks five or six men being appointed to stay with it to guard it; as there were a great many Irish in the barracks just by it. – we went back and made a fire in our yard and sat up all night. in consequence the night was not spent very pleasant

Friday 24 June – This morning daylight came but saw no steamer. – We begged leave of the officer to go across and get some victuals, which when we had eaten a few morsels for our stomachs were not very keen, the steamer came in sight; every hand busy again getting our things to the water-edge and putting them in the steamer's boat; got them all on board about nine o'clock. –

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ten o'clock; the steamer is now set off. we shall soon lose sight of Grose Island where we have been prisoners for the last ten days; guarded night and day by two soldiers and an officer in almost constant attendance. – Half past twelve we are got to Quebec it is a beautiful place. – At first going to it the houses are to the water edge. – further on the rock rises very steep and high on the top of which appears to be Fortifications. There are four apparently very handsome churches; one with a cupola like St Paul's in London the others handsome spires. some of the Houses the roofs shine like silver. One of the spires shine the same. – The river all the way we came this morning is delightful both sides lined with white houses the same as it has been for a great many miles back; only the river not being so wide we can see them better. – Last night I saw for the first time what are here called fire flies. They appear just after the going down of the sun and exactly like sparks of fire appearing and disappearing instantaneously, the same as sparks do. – There is a little spot I was told upon one of the wings so that whenever that is turned so as to meet the eye you see the glitter.

Andrew and I walked into the town of Quebec this afternoon. In the lower part of the town the houses are by no means good ones. – The upper part of the town is on the top of a rock which for a very considerable part of the way round rises perpendicular as high as Glemham steeple, and in some places much higher so that when you look over the walls, you see the lower part of the town directly under your eyes

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the tops of the houses being far below. – The largest ["church which I supposed to be the cathedral" crossed out] building is the Parliament House is an extensive building but not built in a church style the windows of which there are a great many, are small, and like those of private houses; and a number of chimnies around, so that the precincts I suppose are inhabited, and perhaps we did not see the Church (which was evidently the case as it is not a church); for a little further on we saw very near a very Elegant church large windows and beautiful steeple, and spire covered apparently with silver, which I have been told is a

catholic one. The houses in this part of the town are very good ones; some of them are very handsome.

A range of Cannon of large calibre are placed on the edge of the rock pointing over the lower town so as to command the shipping in the river. The packet we are on board of is a very large one much larger than any in England; and most neatly fitted up; I did not see any thing in London like it. I am told that we have cows, and horses, and hogs on board but I have not seen them except one horse which stands in the steerage. —

Saturday 25th June — The steamer was to set off again at eight o'clock last night as it lay still at Quebec yesterday afternoon. What time it did start I do not know; for I went to bed early and as I did not get any sleep the night before In consequence I soon fell asleep and slept very soundly till eight o'clock this morning. What thus passed in the night I know not. What I have seen of the river since I got up is not so pleasing to my eye as it was on the other side Quebec

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We are into just got through St. Peter's bay, (tis now five o'clock) when you are nearly over that broad it appears as if there was no way out of it as it look entirely surrounded with trees but when the opening appears it is very beautiful; horses and cows feeding and the shores lined with white houses as it has been were we have passed. — They tell one the place were are now is called Sorel. — Altho' the steamer is repleat with every convenience, in the most elegant style, we never have been so disagreeably situated as we have been ever since we left Quebec; a great many passengers being taken on board there of all discriptions, we were all huddled together which was not at all congenial to the feelings of people who are fond of peace and quiet. The sleeping department was a great deal more obnoxious than the decks; as a number of the passingers many of which were Irish, were strongly suspected of being infested with bugs, lice, and other vermin; and as the births were only divided from each other by a boarded partition, we were in fear least some of their retinue might leave them and enter our services; which would have been directly contrary to our design of travelling incog. — This will be the last night we shall be cribbed up here.

This evening about five o'clock we went to a wharf by the side of the river to take in wood and while that was doing, a child fell over board, one of the sailors directly jumped into the water after it; ropes were thrown our, poles were brought & all the people on board crowded to that side of the boat which made it ly so much on that side

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that the man in the water was drawn under the boats side, and it was thought he would have been drowned; the people on board were ordered to go on the other side the boat and in about five minutes they were both taken out of the water and both saved.

Sunday 26 June — When I awoke this morning I heard some one on board say; in a quarter of an hour we shall be there. I jumped up, dressed as quick as I could and went on deck Montreal was in sight and a beautiful place it appeared. it was about five o'clock am, and the sun shining on the spires, that were covered with tin they looked as if they were covered with silver. I asked our captain whither the boat would go along side his ship, as we were to take our luggage on board her till we could get a conveyance to proceed. He told me no; I

enquired of him how far his ship lay from where the boat would unload; he said if measured the distance after I got on shore I should know exactly. In a few minutes the boat was at the landing place; we had some trouble in getting our parcels off the steamer but not so much as I expected. We got everything safe on board the George about eight o'clock. we now seem to be got home again. Got our breakfast; shaved, put on clean shirt, took a walk by the side of the Canal about three quarters of a mile; when I came back all three of us went and looked into

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the French Church a new and most noble building – it is a square and very large and lofty pile and the inside as elegant as it seems possible to make it. – went to the English church after noon; it is a handsome church and a very fine Organ, which was well played, when service was over and I came out of that I went in my way home into a Catholic church a very beautiful place; decorated with silver, and very different from any thing I ever saw before. The markets at Montreal are well supplied every day; Horses, cows, calves, sheep, fowls, fish, oranges, apples, and all sorts of vegetables; shops well stocked with goods of all descriptions. – a great many large and very respectable Hotels. Here appears to be every thing that is required to make life comfortable. Sundays are observed here with more propriety than in any other town that ever I saw. few people seen in the streets except those going to and from places of public worship; printed papers are pasted up by the public walks with the words, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy" – I was walking over a considerable part of the town late in the evening of this day, did not see one person the least intoxicated; did not hear any noise in the public houses; nor have I seen anyone tipsy since I have been here.

Monday 27 June – I went this morning and engaged a passage from here to Toronto for fifteen shillings each with one cwt of luggage with each person the rest over that weight

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to be paid for. – It is a much better bargain than I expected I could have made.

Tuesday 28 June – Unlucky day – gave my wife a quarter dollar to buy a few little articles she did not take her change or lost twenty three copper afterward. Had to hurry our luggage from on board the George this morning, before breakfast. tried to sell our biscuit. asked 15/- for 1 ½ cwt was offered 10/- wish I had sold them at that price. – Andrew and went into the market. I bought a pair of shoes for which I paid 2/- ought to have had them for 1/3. I understood the man (yesterday) with whom we agreed for our passage to Toronto, that I was to pay 15/ for each of us; and be allowed to take 1 cwt of luggage to each of us gratis and pay 1/- a cwt for all over that quantity. But when we carried our luggage to the office to day, he made me pay 2/6 a cwt for the whole of it 7 cwt n 2 [?] - and a charge of 4/ for going on lake Ontario, so that instead of about 50/- I had to pay 3-7-9 - Our luggage was then hurried into the boat as usual. we laid ours as much together and convenient as we could, and as the boat appeared full I thought all was well so far; but when I went on board about an hour afterwards, they had carried good on board and covered ours completely over; a large cask weighing ½ a ton was rolled on our parcels; I found our biscuit but could find nothing else. The day has been very hot and Andrew and I had stripped ourselves out

cloaths were in the boat covered up with the rest of the things. I could not see any alternative but that we should be obliged to remain in that

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state the whole way to Toronto which perhaps would be eight or nine days. However we were luckier than I expected; we found a bag with old cloaths from which we equipped ourselves, and we found two dutch cheeses and 2 loaves bread so we shall get on for victuals. We set off a bout 5 oclock from Montreal the Sailors shoving the boat along with poles shod with Iron on a beautiful canal after going about 2 miles a horse was put on which drew us along 'till a bout nine oclock when we stopped at the entrance of a lock; we lay there 'till morning much more at ease than I expected as it thundred and lightened at the beginning of the evening and I expected it would have rained. Here was a great many fire flies sparkling over the meadows 'till day light.

Wednes^y 29 June – we set off this morning about 5 oclock drawn by horse the country on both sides is beautiful – we are now at the entrance of a small lake – here we lay still an hour and went on shore and bought some whisky at five pence a pint – we are now going on again drawn by steamer, with 7 or 8 other boats; the steamers name is Henry Brougham we are not passing three Islands in the lake the first appear to be partly cleared. I can tell a bout twenty trees left I suppose it to be $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile long, the next a bout $\frac{1}{2}$ as large as the first and the next about 5 or 6 times a large as the first and both these covered very thickly with trees; they have a very beautiful appearance. – we have left the lake and passed through another canal cut through a rock into

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another small lake the currant running very strong through it; beautiful Islands covered as usual with wood. at Cascades were we left the steamer we bought butter milk. – very rough going since we left the steamer – we lay this night under a cliff; we were obliged to ly on the deck without any shelter from or wind or rain and must continue to do so 'till we get to Toronto.

Thursday 30 June – set of this morning about six oclock the river here is full of Islands the most beautifull I have seen. – Currant strong forced to have 10 horses to draw us through this rapid. – Met the steamer at 7 this evening she set of at eight; drawing us, and eleven more boats after her.

Friday 1st July – Steamer left us this morning. – now we are drawn by horses again. – I am afraid my journal is nearly finished. – I intended to have continued it for some weeks after I had found Augustus and Felix but I am doubtful whither I shall be able. – Last Tuesday just before we left Montreal, I was assisting the sailors to remove a boat on the barge it slipped suddenly which caused me to fall from a considerable height backwards; my loins coming directly in contact with the edge of the barge; I have hardly been able to walk since, nor to turn myself in bed, and being obliged to sleep at nights in the open air do not contribute to make me well.

Saturday 2nd July – we have had a very pleasant trip to day; river wide and water smooth. – I have felt myself a great deal better to day. – The part of the country that we have passed to day is delightful; the Soil appears to be good, still but a small part is cultivated; and that small part in a very slovenly manner; do not see any people

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at work altho' there is a great deal want to be done.

Sunday 3 July – O Lord my God forsake me not now I am grey headed. – Our boat is lying still to day, and I am now writing under the shade of an oak on the bank of the finest river in the world; and at a very beautiful part of it; it is impossible for me to discribe my feelings when I contemplate the scenes that I have passed, and of that now before me.

Monday 4 July – Anniversary of American Independance – Guns firing at a Town belonging to the states near were we are lying. – A heavy fall of rain in the morning began about two o'clock and continued 'till six. – we were obliged to leave our beds on deck for altho' a tarpaulin was thrown over us, the water dripped thru' and made us very wet – luckily there was a shed on the warf were we lay, into which we crowded and remained there very uncomfortable 'till it ceased raining. – We then set off with our boat and after pushing forward about a mile we came to a rapid; and six oxen were to draw us through it. – When we got into it the oxen faltered. – the boat drifted and drew the oxen down the cliff into the river; the rope was cut on the boat. – they were soon forced by the currant into the midst of the river, floating, and struggling to keep their heads above water which they did for eight or ten minutes when one dropped his head into the water and raised it no more, and very soon after another did the same; our boat drifted back faster than they, so that we were unable to give them any assistance. – Two small boats rowed to them as soon they could, and in a bout a quarter of an hour they were drawn on shore four alive and two dead. – Four other Bullocks and two horses were soon procured

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to supply the places of the unfortunates and we were drawn over

Tuesday 5 July – got to Prescott a very pretty place – left our boat and got on board the steamer Great Britain perhaps the finest in the world.

Wednesday 6 July – Saw three ducks or divers in the river this morning the first I have seen since coming to this country. – stopped a little while at Kingstone – seem to be a pretty place, – It is a curious steeple. I saw a house on the opposite side the river with nearly two hundred windows and doors in front; and only two deep. – It was a very fine morning, but it rained from 9 'till 12 and was cold and unpleasant. – stopped at Oswega in the evening – very great improvments making there there by taking away hills, filling valleys and making a fine warf.

Thursday 7 July – arrived at Toronto at three or four o'clock this afternoon. – went to post office no letter. – nor no Augustus, nor Felix. – hired a room at a dollar a week. – removed

our luggage from the steam boat this evening and took possession of our room, slept the most comfortable I have done for a long while, have not been undressed before since we left Montreal.

Friday 8th July – This is a day in which we have been entirely unable to do any thing. we cannot get any information of Augustus nor Felix. – nor we cannot sell our biscuit. – and my wife unwell. – no luck today. –

Saturday 9th July – Andrew & I have been walking this morning. – Toronto is a large and pretty place; and might be much more so. But considering the time it have been building it is astonishing it is so complete as it is. Here are a great number of very fine shops, and good buildings.

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Sunday 10th July – Went to the new church this morning – a fine building of black stones, a beautiful painted window at the further end, - Organ moderate; - preachers very fair, but the desk and pulpit being placed at the further end of the building we could not hear them distinctly. – A great many Soldiers at church they have a famous band of Instrumental performers. They came playing from the barracks; and went playing all the way back; a distance of a mile & half! we took a walk this evening to an out skirt of the town where they had lately cleared land and a great number of people lived in nasty looking hovels without either windows or chimneys. it gave us a disgust to the country.

Monday 11th July – went about packing our luggage again this morning ready for our journey to Hamilton. – went to the government emigrant office, but could not get any information to be of any service to me. got our luggage on board the Britannia Steamer about one o'clock p.m. as we should have proceeded on our way to Hamilton last friday I was afraid I should have been obliged to pay my passage over again from Toronto to Hamilton but luckily I had the last ticket so got free. it would have been fifteen shillings besides the luggage. – they charged me 1/3 wharfage at Hamilton and all was settled so far. – We now hired a carriage to carry us to Guelph for nine dollars (2L:5s:0d sterling). He carried us to the town this evening. we took our luggage down a cellar where we slept for the night for which we paid 1/3. – and 5 ½ for a p^l of moderate beer.

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Tuesd^y 12 July - Set of this morning for Guelph with two lean grey horses and an old crazy four wheel carriage (what is here called a waggon) driver a very social fellow knew every one on the road, man woman and child stopped at every house and drank a glass whisky; for the first few miles the roads were toleable we soon went into what is here called the bush but, nor bush nor bramble have I seen since I have been in America. - It is a road cut thro' the trees from Dundas to Guelph (a distance of thirty miles) and left to rot on each side the road: fine timber as ever grew. The Timber still growing on each side the road as thick as they can stand the finest I ever saw sometimes 3 or 4 very large trees growing from one stem, and to an extraordinary height, much higher than any I ever saw in England. Now came the worst part of our whole journey; crossing the Atlantic was not half so dreadful; the road all the way worse than you can have any Idea off. Stumps of trees, pieces of rock,

deep ruts, very steep hills, trees laid across the road as close as they can be laid across swamps reaching sometimes two hundred yards; the carriage jolting of one to another seem as if it would shake your whole frame out of joint. We got within 7 miles of Guelph a bout 8 or 9 oclock where we stopt for the night. This have been the most unluckly day for loosing our articles we lost our tin bottle it cost three shillings; and Andrews coat, value about five shillings.

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Wednesday 13 July – Set of again this morning a bout 6 o'clock pd 2/0 for lodgings and Rhubarb pye. – got to Guelph about 8 o'clock saw M^r Martin, and George Bates and M^{rs} Pipe, as soon as we entered the town. Had an invitation from Geo Bates & M^{rs} Pipe to their houses which were both close by, went with Geo: Bates. paid the carrier. Discovered another loss this afternoon; had a two dollar note, and have paid it away for one, either to the carrier or the woman where we slept last night. – However, we are got near our journey's end. Hope to see Augustus tomorrow; and then I hope no more tricks upon travellers. –

Thursday 14 July – Set off to find Augustus and Felix this morning; Augustus about 9 miles distant, and Felix 13 upon the same road. found them both without any trouble. Felix had the ague but it appeared to be going off Augustus was well. we laid plans for future proceedings, but could not determine upon any thing. – I am in hopes we shall get on very well as Felix have a yoke of good young oxen now fit for work; and Augustus have wages due to him from several people from whom he can have or cows, or hogs, or sheep, or flour, or meat, or butter cheese &c articles which altho' they have not wanted (as they boarded were they wrought) if we can get land, will be equal as valuable as money.

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Friday 15 July – We slept at Felix' masters last night – breakfasted there – dined at Augustus' masters and returned to Guelph (to M^r Bates') to tea, were treat[ed] every where with the greatest civility and friendship. The country here is beautiful, a rich soil, covered with Timber, and well watered, and all the inhabitants the most social and good natured I ever met with. – Augustus and Felix have each a rifle gun; Felix's is a very handsome one, and with them they kill deer at their leisure hours; Felix had one a very nice waistcoat, made of the skin of a young Faun which he had lately shot. – no mantraps, spring guns, nor dog spears are set here. A good well grown stag (in my opinion), is worth as much as a pheasant and a brace of partridges.

Saturday 16 July – Dugged the land for and planted ¼ hundred cauliflower plants the first work I ever did in America.

Sunday 17 July – went to the English Church at Guelph this morning. The singing much the same as at Glemham in respect to tunes but better performed. The minister read the prayers very well; but the sermon I could not hear distinctly; but I did not much like what I did hear; all extempore; and the same as the methodists in matter and manner. – Augustus came to see us to day. – we played a few psalm tunes for the first time since leaving England.

Monday 18 July – Felix came to see us today Augustus [and he] set off for home together this evening.

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Tuesday 19 July – Went to Felix to day to consult about hiring a farm saw Felix before I got to the house where he is living and luckily we saw the man on our way who owns the farm we wanted to hire. – agreed to meet him at his house tomorrow morning.

Wednesday 20 July – Went according to appointment and hired the farm this morning – and I think, and it is the opinion of several people who understand the matter much better than I do, that we have made a good bargain. I went yesterday to a raising, what they call a Bee, but did not stay to see much of it.

Thursday 21 July – Felix should have come with a waggon and taken us to our new habitation, but it being so rainy was the reason I suppose that he did not.

Friday 22 July – Felix is come to day and we shall soon leave Guelph. – did not get to our journey's end till nine o'clock then Felix had to go back three miles with the waggon Andrew went with him and they got no sleep that night. – It made Felix fare sadly next day.

Saturday 23rd July – ^{Salem?} Gosham fair, but I should not have been there, if I had been in England today.

Here we are at the end of our journey I hope for some time. – Milked our two cows this morning for the first time. – We are to have the use of them 'till the sale. – rainy again to day.

Sunday 24 – Went to see Felix this Evening. – And Augustus came to ours and stayed with us 'till morning.

Monday 25 July. – Felix and Andrew came with their Oxen this morning and Andrew harrowed with them all day. – sowed the turnips to day. – Our first days work in America.

Tuesday 26 July – Hoe'd and weeded, and mound up potatoes for our landlord to day. we are to have new potatoes for boiling as a compensation for my work.

Wednesday 27 July – Hoe'd potatoes again to day. – obliged to make a fire to smoke the knots away. – they Seized [?] me so that I couldn't work

Thursday 28 July – Andrew went this morning to work at Mr William Armstrong's. – finished hoeing potatoes to day.

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Saturday 30 July – Felix shott two fawns last night, brought us some for our dinners to day. – and two hind quarters for tomorrow.

Sund. 31 – Felix & his Master dined with us to day.

Mond^y – 1st Aug^t nothing material from that time till now which is Saturday 13th August – it is a rainy day but very warm and pleasant.

Sunday 14 Aug^t – nothing Material to Day

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Tuesday 23rd – Auction day, Augustus Bought the potatoes befor the House at ----14 "-----
D^o Sow at Seven Dollars 1 " 15 "-----
Due at Six months L 2 " 9"-----

young cow sold at 20 ½ Dollars to M^r MacDonald – I have been sorry ever since that we did not buy her.

Monday 28 Aug^t – Nothing else Material.

Sunday 4 Sep^r – Felix and I and Andrew began logging yesterday.

Sunday 11th Sep^r – At work with the Oxen 5 Days this week cutting and drawing and burning logs. – Saturday rainy could not work. – Felix shot a Deer last week brought us a quarter have been living upon it – It is tender and good. Andrew shot a pigeon and a pheasant this week.

18 Sepr 1836 – went to Meeting today

25 Sep^r 1836 – William Armstrong's Barn burned down this forenoon with all the grain in it; and one of his Children burned to death legs burned off and head burned off

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Sunday 25 Sep^r 1836 – M^r William Armstrong's (of Eramossa) Barn burned down to day, about noon, while they were at meeting. – Set on fire by children left at home – One of which was burned to death

Mond^y 26 Sep^r Sowed the logged land with wheat to day

Tuesday 27 – began cutting wheat this afternoon.

Wednes^y 28th Snow on the ground this morning took up peas to day; and cut more wheat

Thursday 29th – Continue snowing. – Augustus shot a fine stag to day.

Friday 30 – Andrew shott a brace of good pheasants.

Monday 10 Oct^r Mr James Sister's Auction to Day; bought a young Cow 6" 12" 6 – Hog
12/6 – Tea Kettle 5/- Iron saucepan 4/- 14 ½ Sug^r @ 6 ½^d – 7/10 –

Wednes^y 12 Oct^r Finished Harvest today. very fine weather the last four days.

Sunday 16 Snowed all day.

17 – Continue Snowing

21st Felix shot a deer to day.

23 – Fine day. Snow wasted today.

Sunday 23rd Oct^r – A beautiful pleasant day, clear and calm, and warm. – reading, and
fiddleing 'till I am tired with rest.

Sunday 30 Oct. nothing material

Sunday 6 Novr ----Same – weather very pleasant

Sundy 13 – ----Same ----- Same

Sundy 20 ----- Same ----- Same

21 – Rainy – but not cold.

22 – Snow and frost.

Sundy 27 – Fine pleasant weather

Sundy 4 Decr ----- Same-----

11 – Ground covered with Snow about 12 Inches deep

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Sund^y 18th – Began chopping last Thursday –

Sund^y 25 – Christmas day – A very warm day, altho' the ground is covered deep with snow;
the 20 of Dec^r (the day before the shortest day) was intensely cold and the 21st the same;
more moderate since

Sunday 1 Jany 1837 – Cold day, but not very Sharp.

Sund^y 8 – Not cold for the season Last Mond^y & Tuesday very cold – Wednesday Felix
shot a Deer. –

Sund^y 15 – Jemmy Lister go of tomorrow to see his friends previous to setting off for
England.

Jan^y 22nd – Wind cold to day. – A misserable day – all my dress in tatters, breeches,
stockings, coat, waistcoat, Hyloes [i.e. highlows], all worn out entirely, do not know when I
shall be able to get more –

Sun^y 29 – Beautiful fine day. – Bought a Temperance Almanac yesterday price 3 ½.

Feb^y

5 -- Cold – Snow very deep
12 -- Cold – increasing almost every day
19 -- Cold – cannot chop trees on acct of snow being so deep
26 -- very cold

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5 March – Weather more moderate
12 Mar^h – Rainy
19 --- Snowing dull day
26 – Frosty but fine clear day. Snow is waster within this last two weeks a bout a foot. Tis now about two feet deep.

2st Aprl – Yesterday it rained fast all day but the snow did not wast but little. – Just before we left our work to day two Deer came along the road before our house; Griffith's dog fell in with them one went off again and the other (a large old buck) after a hunt of a bout half an hour in Griffith's chopping pursued by the two girls Griffiths, Augustus, Felix, Andrew, and Andrew Griffiths; was knocked down with a cudgel by Felix and killed, Griffith took one half and the skin; and we had the other half.

9 Apr^l Weather winterly and unpleasant
16 --- Still winterly and unpleasnant. snow is wasted
23 --- Snow is gone in the cleared grounds, except in the low places were it was very deep.
– But still very cold and frost at night.
30 Apr^l - Ploughing this last week. – Weather more moderate in respect to cold.

Fri^y 5th May – Thundering almost all the day; heavy shower of rain at the beginning of the evening.

Sat^y 6 May. Cold wind frost sharp last night.

Sun^y 7th Frost sharp last night; Fine to day. nearly finished sowing corn this last week.

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Sunday 14th May 1837. Fine day, and have been fine for several days past.

Mon^y 15th. – Rainy but warm growing day.

Tuesday 27 June – We have had a fine growing spring. we have had some thunder; one day it continued the whole day. – Felix have shot three Deer within the last few days. Augustus shot one last Tuesday 19 June. Flour have been very deer; we had a barrel of flour from Guelph a few weeks since at 8½ dollars; it was most famous flour, the best by far that I have seen since I have been in this country.

Sunday 2 July – Our corn is growing well. I planted some potatoes as early as I could and they are growing well. – We have two sows, one have six pigs, the other ten; they have

been very troublesome to me by rooting up my potatoes I have been obliged to keep with them all day, to prevent their spoiling the whole of them that are planted near the house, which have been a very irksome job. –

Sunday 9th July – The same employ today as last Sunday and the pigs more troublesome than they were then; two the most disagreeable Sundays I have lived since I have been in Canada.

Thursday 13 July. – I have been pulling weeds from among the corn the last four days and feeding the hogs with dandy-lion and what they here call cow cabbage which they eat greedily and do well with. – I have been so vexed with the ten little pigs that had they been my own I would have sold six of them for a York shilling each, or given them away rather than have been so harassed.

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Friday 14 July 1837 Mr. Wood came this morning and enquired if I would sell any of them; I gladly told him, yes – he asked the price, I told him the general price in Canada for pigs a month old was half a dollar; he said he would give half a dollar each for two that he would choose; and would take them at night, or Saturday morning, he paid for them, and I took the dollar with more pleasure than if he had given me two dollars for nothing (as a present.)
Saturday 15 – Mr Wood took his pigs this morning.

25 July – Jim Rous [?] married to day to Grace Wilkie
Andrew shot a Deer Tuesday 18 July.

Th^y 27 July – Felix shot a Deer to Day; Quarters weighed 6 stones, or 84^{lb}. –

July 29 – Boiled potatoes to day for dinner, the first this season.

30 – The weather is warmer now and have been for a few days past than it have been before at any time this summer –

Sat^y 5th Augst. – Weather continue fine. – began mowing grass this week. –

Tues^y 8 Augst. – Began to rain last night; and have continued raining sans intermission ever since it is four o'clock p.m. – Wed^y 9th ceased raining to day. – Thurs^y fine –

11th – Rain very heavy last night. – Hay that was made at Hornby's spoiled I doubt, altho' it was cocked.

13 Sunday – Fine weather yesterday; very fine to day. Green peas for dinner

20 ----- Fine weather still ---

22 Tuesday – Rainy Augustus, Felix and Cesar went out with their Guns – Felix shot a deer

Sun^y 27 – Fine to day – Have been logging all the week.

28 Mon^y Very fine today – got up all the hay at Hornby's farm to day.

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29 Aug. 1837 – Rainy – could not log to day – Felix shot a Deer today.

30 --- Rainy still

31 – 1st Sep^r 2 Sep^r Fine days busy at logging –

3 Sep^r Sunday – Very fine day.

8th busy logging 'till noon: then began reaping wheat

9 – Cow took bull this morning at John Ray's. reaping wheat from after breakfast.

Sunday Sep^r 10 – Rainy all the day, but very warm. – eating some very nice Raispberrys while writing

Sunday 17 Sep^r. Last Monday was a dull day: – all the rest of the week have been very fine have been busy in cutting wheat and oats; all cut except ½ an acre of spring wheat. The fall wheat (2 acres) carried into the barn; and 4 or 5 bushels threshed. – Burned 15 or 20 log piles. A very fine pleasant day to day, very warm. – chickens and green peas for dinner to day. –

Mond^y 18th – Felix shot a fine Deer to day.

Tues^y 19th – carried 5 ¾ bush^{ls} wheat to Fergus (new wheat)

Satur^y 23 – Finished Harvest to day except a few peas. –

Sunday 24 Sep^r. – a very fine pleasant day but could not enjoy it as I was obliged to keep the hogs and cow from the few peas that are abroad.

Tues^y 26 Sep^r. – began to sow wheat.

Saturday 30 Sep^r. – have sown seven acres of wheat this week. – It have been dull and rainy almost all the week. –

1 October Sunday – A very fine pleasant day. – everything respecting our business appears to be going on well. – Very lucky in finishing harvest last week, as the weather have been so wet.

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Thurs^y 5 Oct^r 1837 – Augustus shot a deer to day the fattest we have had this season; it rained so we could not work. –

Sunday 8 Oct^r – the weather have been frosty for a few days past, but very pleasant in the daytime.

Wednes^y 11th Oct^r – Finished logging the ten acres to day; sowed some more wheat on

Friday the 13th –

Satury 14 – Frost this morning the sharpest we have had this season; a little snow have fallen.

Sunday 15th – very mild and pleasant this morning. – a pleasanter evening than this is here cannot be (I think) in any part of the world.

Monday 16 – This is a day delightful; finished sowing wheat to day. – Griffyth's wheat was sown about the 15th Sep^r – Armstrongs about the 1st of Sep^r –

22 Oct^r Sunday – A most beautiful day. We have been busy this last week in taking up potatoes, and pulling swedish turnips. – Carried 6½ bushels wheat to Fergus last Thursday got it home on Friday. – Augustus is gone to Guelph this morning.

23 – Monday got the potatoes home.

24 – Got the swedish Turnips home

25 – Snowing all day

26 – Snowing

27 – snow wasting

28 - same Augustus Felix & Andrew hunting these 4 days Felix shot a Fawn, strain myself driving wheat that was topped [?]

29 Sunday. A fine clear day; Frost last night

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Mond. 30 Oct^r Frosty at night snow wasted in the Day.

Oct^r 31st, 1 Nov^r 2 Nov^r 3 Nov^r weather the same.

Satur^y 4 Nov^r rainy; continued raining thru' the night – Augustus underbrushed 4 acres at Wood's – Felix & Cesar underbrushed 5¼ acres at Griffyths this week. Augustus shot the head off a pheasant with his Rifle this afternoon.

Sunday 5 Nov^r A very fine day. snow wasting

Mon^y 6 Nov^r 1837 Snow falling to day.

Tues 7 – A little snow in the night, but still wasting; almost all of the ground. Felix shot a fine large Buck this morning.

Wedn^y 8 – A fine day mild and pleasant.

Thurs. 9th A very find day, very pleasant

Frid 10 – Still fine weather but rather colder.

Satur^y 12 Nov^r – Felix & Ceasar Bought a pair of steers of Will^m Henley for fifty dollars to be paid for by chopping four acres. – Augustus shot a deer this afternoon. Felix and him did not get home 'till late in the evening; - It have been a very dark day, a very thick fog all the day but not cold.

Sunday 12 Nov^r – A fine day for the season; not quite clear, but mild and pleasant.

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Sunday 19th Nov^r – We have had a very fine week for the season of the year. frosty (but not sharp) at the beginning of the week; very mild Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, began to rain Satur^y afternoon and continued 'till after midnight; but very mild, and pleasant, and clear this morning. –

20 – Fine day; quite warm; rain at night

21 – Rainy but still warm.

23 – Rather colder but still rainy.

24 – Ground covered with snow, and frosty

25 – Frosty, very cold. (Felix shot a pheasant.)

26 – Sunday – Still frosty and snow falling fast.

Mon 27 – Fine day – not so cold as it has been

Tues 28 – warmer snow wasting; a little rain.

Wed^y 29 – Quite mild, snow almost all gone this m9rning. I thought we should not have seen the ground any more this season. – Cesar shot a pheasant.

Thurs^y 30 – Fine day more clear but not frosty.

Friday 1 Dec^r – Rainy last night, but fine to day, and very mild. Augustus engaged yesterday to slash six acres (for John Canada) for which he is to have a Heifer which will calve the begining of April.

Sund 3 Dec^r Snow began to fall again this morning and continued all day. not very cold.

Mon^y 4 Dec. A little frosty but not sharp. Augustus Felix and Cesar underbrushing at John Canada's this day.

7th Thursday. Finished underbrushing at John Canada's

8 Friday Augustus Felix & Cesar went to a political meeting 4 or five miles from Guelph. A rumour of war is afloat; between the Whigs & Tories.

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9th Satur^y 1837 The weather have been pleasant this week, yesterday was rather colder and to day very cold and windy with some snow in the evening

10 Sunday. Ground covered with snow this morning; but much warmer than yesterday. snow falling this afternoon. – All the talk (since Thursday) have been about war, between the Whigs and Tories; reports are various; nothing certain is known.

17 Sunday. The weather have been frosty and very cold all the week. – last night snowy and not so sharp cold. – This morning milder; and a dull day. James Peters, Will^m Armstrong, and several others arrested, and carried to Hamilton last thursday, for calling an unlawful meeting of the Inhabitants of Eramosa.

24 Sunday – a pleasant day for the season. snow a bout 6 inches deep: good sleighing

25 Christmas Day. A very pleasant day not cold. – have been writing to send to England. –

Cesar making trowsers. – Augustus and Felix hunting

26 – stormy with some snow unpleasant day

Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday fine & pleasant

1831 31 Dec^r Sunday – very pleasant, not cold.

1 Jan^y 1838 – very pleasant and quite mild.

2nd – warm like spring and snow wasting fast.

3 – still warm and snow wasting.

4 – day delightfull, snow nearly all melted.

5 – rather colder and some rain in the morning slight frost at night.

6 – Frost at night just sharp enough to make it clean; day dry and very pleasant.

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Sunday 7th Jan^y 1838 – Rainy all day

Mon^y 8 Jan^y – Frosty and much colder, some snow fell.

Tues^y 9th clear day and very cold. –

Wednes^y & Thursday Cold and windy

Frid^y 12th fine day, not cold for the season

Sat^y 13 – very fine day afternoon quite warm.

Sund^y 14 - Fine morning, a little snow fell this fore noon

Mon^y 15 – Snow wasting fast

Tues 16 – Snow all gone

Wed 17 – some rain

Thur 18 – very cold and snow four or five inches deep in the night

Fri 19 & Sat^y 20 – Frosty and very cold wind. Cow from Kennedy's
Sun 21 – Clear & frosty – but not unpleasant

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday dull cold days, some snow, Saturday hazy cold and snow afternoon considerable quantity at night

Sunday 28th – Snowy all the day – snow is about 12 or 15 inches deep

Sunday 4 [Feb.] Snowy day; snow have been increasing all the week, and have been cold with some sharp frost at nights

Sunday 11. snow and some sharp frosts this last week. frosty but fine clear day

Wed 14 Feb^y Valines day very cold; but a fine clear day.

Sunday 18th. Wind have blown from the north and have been frosty and very cold all the week rather more moderate to day, wind South East. Bought almanach yesterday price four pence (bo^t mole skin for trowsers at 2/6 per yard at Guelph

Sunday 25 – Weather very cold all the week past yesterday very cold – clear no snow – wind N & NW – made my Trowsers this week –

Sunday 4 Mar^h – weather very fine and pleasant but sharp frost at nights. – first of month very pleasant – Friday and Saturday same.

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snow is wasting in the day in the sun but have froze in the shade all the days; and sharp at nights.

Mar 5th 1838 Mon^y - Snows fast this morning.

6th Fine Morning. Clear and not cold. – wrote a letter to send to England yesterday; the first since I have been here.

Sunday 11 Mar^h – The weather all this last week have been very fine and pleasant, snow wasting every day, Last Tuesday at midnight a deer came into Griffith's clearance and chased their dog to the door of their house and they got up, and after hunting it a few minutes killed it.

12th Poor Nero have not been well for a week or fortnight past; to day he lay all day in his kennel; he have not been with me once all the day, nor he would not walk with me yesterday altho' I invited him. – This evening he appeared much worse; he staggered and did not appear hardly able to walk; he appeared very uneasy with a difficulty of breathing. he went into his kennel and Augustus and myself shut him in securely.

13 Tues^y This morning poor Nero seemed worse with every appearance of madness often growling and biting the wood of his house. – after consulting with Felix and Cesar we thought it best to put him out of his misery; Felix shot him thro' the head and he died without a struggle, we have buried him just beyond the privy: Alas! poor Nero.

Sunday 18 Mar 1838. The weather have been very fine the last week 'till friday when it was considerably colder and snowed all the day. Saturday was fine but cold & frosty. today very fine and pleasant and not so cold. John Peters left a dog this morning. We call him Fox.

Letter sent to England 14th Mar 1838. dated within 5th Mar, outside 10th Mar, but was not sent 'till to day

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Sunday 25 Mar 1838. Weather have been very fine this last week, snow wasted every day, now nearly all gone. finished chopping at Henly's on Wednesday; splitting and hauling rails Thurs^y Friday & Satur^y. – Fine, and pleasant today.

Sunday 1 Apr^l 1838 – Weather still fine; began plowing last Wednesday. – Have been splitting rails and fencing round the 10 acres – sow pig'd last Thursday eleven pigs 3 are since dead.

Sunday 8 Apr^l – Fine 'till Frid^y rained afternoon Satur^y fine – today rainy all day. – carried 8 bush^{ls} wheat to Guelph and brought home the flour – and a new plough, tea cups saucers, and spoons, 2 straw hats mole skin for a jacket [?] – 7 April. Nancy calved 6 Apr^l.

Mond^y 9th Apr^l Cold to day, with some snowstorms

Tues – 10th sharp frost this morning (cannot plow) – Finished fencing the ten acres yesterday. –

11 Wednes^y – Ground covered with snow this morning two or three inches deep; all wasted in the day.

12 Thurs^y more moderate still rather cold.

13 Good Friday. – Snow three inches deep again and cold and rather unpleasant: no sunshine.

Easter Sund^y 15 Apr^l – Easter Sunday. fine day but rather to cold. Snow is not all gone. – done but little this week.

Mon^y 16 a fine day. – Tuesday 17th Rain and frost most piteous the ground is covered with Ice.

Wednes^y 17th Not so cold but Snow in afternoon.

Thur 18th more moderate; Snow at times; and still cold.

Last Friday a dog came to the door and bit our dog (Fox) went over to Griffyths and appeared to bite his bitch.

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we supposed him to be mad, but hope he was not.

1838 Sunday 22 Apr^l – We have done but little work; the nights have been so frosty we could not plough. – no frost last night and more pleasant today. Mond^y 23 fine day.

Tues^y 24. Snow and frost and winterly all day. Cold and unpleasant all the week. Satur^y rain and Thunder afternoon. – sowed peas yesterday.

Sunday 29. Cold, stormy and unpleasant day. – our plowing is nearly finished for this season, a bout one day more will do it. – Augustus, Felix, and Cesar logging for Mr. Rowes last monday 23 Apr^l – with Lyon and Lamb.

Mon^y 30. Finished plowing; and harrowing peas.

1st May. Fine Summer day very pleasant. – sowed oats today. – Wed. 2nd finished harrowing oats.

3rd May Felix & Cesar at Henly's with Lyon & Lamg. Pol took bull at Smith's (Henly took a pig 5th May)

5 May. Rainy all day could not work; some snow.

6 May Sunday. Ground covered with snow this morning. rain at times to day not cold.

7th Mon^y fine to day at times, some rain.

12 May Saturday – Planted some garden peas to day and some yesterday (large grey ones.) planted some potatoes to day in the nooks between the wheat and the oats.

Felix & Ceasar at Henly's with Lyon & Lamb part of this week. – The weather fine the last five days.

Sunday 13 May. Very fine day quite hot went to Ja^s Peter's did not see him – (gone to meeting.) John Armstrong's ox died this afternoon

Mon^y 14th – Fine day. Felix & Cesar at Henlys

Tues^y 15 – Fine day. – Felix and Cesar at Henly's and Jem Rowes

Wed 16th – Rain and thunder this morning. – planted Kidney potatoes yesterday.

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17th May 1838

planted more potatoes to day – Jem Rowes child born –

18th Friday & 19 Saturday planted more kidney potatoes sowed garden seeds plant some French beans weather have been very pleasant all the week Musquitoes began to Fly last Sunday (thinly).

20 Sunday. Fine day.

21 – 22 – 23 – fine day. not as hot as it has been planting potatoes and leveling the land.

plowed before the house 23 Wednes^y

24 Thurs^y Rain & snow this morning, and cold.

25 & 26 Fine days – planted potatoes before the house.

27 Sunday. Rainy all day, at intervals, but a warm growing day. last planted peas are up – Lost a hog some days since, are fearful the bears have killed it. Augustus have been unwell these last ten days appears to be getting better. Felix & Cesar chopping at Wilson's 5 days.

Logging at John Armstrong on Saturday

28 Monday rainy – (30 May young sow pigged.) (Sowed some oats at spring-head.) began to hoe peas this week.

29 Tuesday snowed fast this morning, soon over.

30 – 31 – 1 June 2nd June very fine and pleasant.

3 June Sunday. Very pleasant morning warm growing rain at noon! till 3 o'clock. went to Hornby's, Jem Rows & Henly's looked at their crops growing. do not look so well as ours.
6 June sold a sow and nine pigs for five bush^{ls} wheat
7 – Sowed a bushel barley.

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10 June 1838 Sunday – The weather have been fine and pleasant all the week Sold sow and pigs. sowed barley – hoed peas – Felix & Cesar finised chopping at Tom Wilson's.

17 June Sunday. Weather still continue fine had a fine growing rain on Thursday and some thunder, and again yesterday. Began hoeing potatoes this week. between 4 and five o'clock this afternoon rained very fast about half an hour with thunder. very warm and pleasant after the shower.

20 Wed^y – Finished working on the roads yesterday.

21 – Thurs^y Felix & Cesar chopping at Hindley's

22 – Felix & Cesar D^o ----- D^o

Poll took bull (yesterday) at Macauley's

23 – Saturd^y Rain with Thunder fine growing weather corn, grass &c grown very fast Finished hoeing potatoes this week, molded up two beds, they look well – Transplanted French beans this evening.

24 Sunday. Very fine morning; cut cresses this morning for breakfast, (very nice ones.) Augustus cutting down trees at John Armstrongs and peeling the bark for Griffiths at ¾ dollar for 4 feet wide, 4 D^o high, and 8 D^o long.

1st July. The weather have been showery, a fine growing week – Felix shot two Fawns last Tuesday. – Felix & Cesar at work for Henly 2 days Do Chopping at John Macauleys 3 days Augustus chopping at John Armstrongs.

8 July Sunday. The weather very hot this last week. Augustus Felix & Cesar helping to raise Griffith's Barn on Friday 6 July.

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Sunday 8 July 1838 Continued

The day have been very hot but very pleasant we have looking at our corn potatoes grass and Turnips all look beautiful and well.

Monday 9 July. Ceasor and myself set off for Guelph at three oclock this morning; got there at eight. Spoke to Mr Allan about land; - Bought a cradle scythe, stuff for trowsers for Cesar, pair of spectacles, socks, callico, violin strings and several other things; cesar got his Gun lock put to rights, and I my watch. got home a bout Eleven.

Tuesday 10th Augustus & Ceasar helping to raise John Armstrongs barn.

Wednes^y 11th Felix shot a deer.

Thurs^y 12th Began to mow grass; & began Frame's 2 acres chopping

Friday & Satur^y Mowing grass, and chopping.

Sunday 15. Very fine day & have been fine and hot all the week.

Mond^y 16. Rainy in the morning.
Tues^y 17. Fine day Finished getting up our hay in good condition.
Wed. 18. Showery almost all the day.
Thurs^y 19. Heavy thunderstorm and driving rain.
Frid^y 20. Showery at times. – Felix shot a Fawn to day
Satur^y 21. Fine day. – Chopping at Frames 2 acres. myself mold up potatoes and planting Savoy Cabbage

Sunday 22 – Very Fine pleasant day. Walked round Griffyth's corn this afternoon it looks well.

Monday 23 Soham [?] fair day; fine; Tuesday fine. finished Frames chopping

Wednesday 25. Fine, finished howing Swedish Turnips.

Thurs^y 16 – Rainy all day; - Felix made two ax helves

Friday 27 – Felix shot a deer to day. – Augustus at John Armstrongs helping to fix his barn.

Satur^y 28. Cut down a few trees at Armstrongs. – Cesar after the cows in the morning, and Felix and he in the afternoon found them at night.

Sunday 29. It have been very hot all this last week when it was clear. – and is very hot to day but a pleasant breeze from the west make it pleasant.

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26 July boiled peas the first this season.

30th Hunting cattle almost all the day (Cesar & Felix.)

4 Augst Satur^y – Felix & Cesar burning brush & logging at Henly's – Augustus chopping at Armstrongs 5 days.

Sunday 5 Augst – It have been fine weather and hot all the last week. – A fine shower & some Thunder to day, but still a fine day. – Hogs troublesome by getting over the brush fence into the peas & wheat before the barn Bought a Dressing Machine of Thos Wilson for 24 dollars Got it home last Wednesday. – pigs got out this afternoon into the potatoes and Barley. I have been so pestered with them and the hogs that I have not been able to read with attention that I ought to have done. I hope I shall not spend many Sunday as I have done this. – I always count of the Sunday as a blessed day of rest and peace, but I do not always find it so. – But I shall soon go were the wicked cease from troubling and were the weary are at rest.

Sunday 12th Augst – A most beautiful pleasant morning. We have had a showery week, and some heavy rain. Griffyth began cutting his wheat last Tuesday. Armstrong have cut his. We began to reap our Ten Acres last Friday 10th August. Augustus, Felix & Cesar at Homby's on Thursday raising his barn We have lost our black Cat; saw her in the lane last Sunday evening took her in my arms as usual, have not seen her since: she had a kitten in the wood, Cesar took that home. a better cat than she never was; we all regret the loss of her.

Sund^y 19th – Reaping 3 days; Thursday rained all day; Felix shot a fawn & Cesar shot a deer. Frid^y & Satur^y reaping. It is very fine to day and as pleasant as it can possibly be. – Have not seen our poor black cat I fear she is dead.

Sund^y 26th Reaping and carrying wheat all the week; finished all the wheat last night. It have been very fine every day. – Thos Frame burned his brush Friday and Sat^y was forced to [?] some rails, Cesar & I replaced them this morning but it

[Note in margin] (Began harvest 10th August)

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did not answer well, Sunday work never do, we drove the hogs & pigs into the 10 acre stubblefield; the pigs got into the oats as they went along, and gave us a deal of trouble; I counted of seeing them feed comfortably in the field all the day but am entirely disappointed. The day is beautifully fine and pleasant but cannot enjoy it on account of fear lest the pigs should do mischief.

Satur^y 1st Sep^r Cutting oats & taking up peas Felix & Cesar 2 days logging at Henly's. The weather have been very fine all the week. – carried 9 ½ bush^{ls} wheat to Guelph Mill yesterday new wheat (famous good flour.) (two Barrels nearly)
6th Sep^r Thurs^y Got up all the oats yesterday in famous order. got up the barley & stacked the stacks to day. The weather have been very fine ever since we began harvest. – Felix & Cesar gone to logging at Henly's & Augustus chopping at Armstrongs. Last Sunday night a considerable Frost cut down the potatoes and French beans. – quite warm both days and nights ever since

Sunday 9th Sep^r – The weather continues remarkably fine. Thos Frame logged his 2 acres yesterday; 3 men & 2 pair oxen. – Felix & Cesar helped Jem Rows to Finish harvest yesterday (carried his wheat.)

Sunday 16 Sep^r Felix and Cesar logging at Henley's. Augustus chopping at John Armstrongs; and on Friday helping to raise Thos Frames hous. – Thos Frame sowed his wheat yesterday. – I took up about 12 bushels of potatoes last Tuesday. My sons think they will not be good for any thing from taking them up so soon; I think the contrary; time will determine. – The weather have been very fine and pleasant ever since the 23 Augst and still continue so. – I am forced to keep the hogs from the potatoes daily in consequence cannot enjoy any thing. I hope for the future we shall manage better by planting potatoes; not liable to depredations.

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Tuesday 18th Sep^r 1838. Felix & Cesar helping to raise Alex Wilkie's barn. – logging at Henly's Mon^y

Thursday 20 – Went to draw rail cuts at Henly's one of the Oxen struck Cesar with one of his horns and bruised his lower lip very badly; forced to go to the Docter at Fergus.

Frid^y Augustus & Felix logging at Henly's Bee.

Saturday 22nd Change of weather to day began to rain this afternoon. wind blowing hard at times. – I have been keeping hogs and taking up Kidney potatoes all the week.

Sunday 23rd Rather stormy to day, cold wind and hail.

Friday 28th Tho^s Frame married to day. – Weather fine since Sunday.

Saturday 29th Tho^s Frame came into his new room [?] this afternoon

Sunday 30th Beautiful day. – We have taken up all our potatoes this last week – began to plow – and carried muck. and threshed oats. – Saturday 6 Oct^r Weather have been remarkably fine and pleasant all the week 'till to day, that we have had a fine rain. Augustus and Felix shooting; Augustus shot a beautiful young Bear very fat

Sunday 7 Oct^r – Fine morning, a little frosty, but very pleasant

Monday 8. Tuesday 9th – Fine weather; sowed our wheat to day.

Wednesday 10th wind cold. – Thursday 11th wind cold still; Michs day in England. Friday 12 still cold and rainy in the forenoon

Saturday 13th – not quite so Cold. – Felix shot a deer to day.

Sunday 14th Oct. dull morning; but very pleasant day – not cold.

Thursday 13th Have had a slight inflammation on my foot today am forced to keep within all the day as it is much worse.

Friday 19 swelling increased cannot walk without a stick.

Saturday 20th – Foot still more swelled; have fomented it with scalded bran and water. –

Augustus Felix and Cesar shooting yesterday but caught nothing. gone again to day.

– it is night – all three are home but no deer today.

Sunday 21 Oct^r – Snowing at times. – My foot swelled much the same – fomented it with scalded bran; skin broke this evening but discharged nothing but water; laid on a poultice of bread and milk at going to bed.

[note in margin] sowed wheat on Tuesday 9th Oct^r

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Monday 22 Oct 1838. My foot is easier to day but no discharge in the night.

Tuesday 23rd – the weather is warmer and pleasant again now

Wednesday 24 – pleasant morning. – My Foot was better yesterday washed it with Lime water and this morning it is much better. – I lost myself last night in going to the privy, was obliged to call a pilot. –

Thursday 25 Augustus Felix and Cesar finished John Armstrongs chopping to day. – Friday

26 – Hunting for deer. –

Saturday 27 – Cesar at [?] Woods house raising. Felix & Augustus hunting. Augustus killed a deer to day. mild and pleasant weather the last two or three days. rather colder and some snow today. My foot is getting well fast.

Sunday 28th – Ground covered thinly with snow this morning dull day – I eat no breakfast.

Goose roasted for dinner I did not taste it. no stomach for it. (on the bed all the day.)

Mon^y 29th Augustus Felix & Cesar are gone to fetch the deer home that Augustus shot on Saturday. – more snow on the ground this morning, but not very cold. Could not find the deer – Tues^y 30 Augustus & Felix after the deer again today could not find it. Wednes^y 31. Augustus after the deer again to day could not find it.

November

Thurs^y 1 Nov^r. Augustus after the deer again this morn^g and found it. – weather cold snow waste Slowly.

Frid 2 Nov^r Fine day snow almost all gone to day.

Satur^y 3rd Nov^r – not so fine and warm as yesterday

Sunday 4th Fine pleasant morning; snow gone. This day remarkably fine and pleasant, and mild.

Sunday 11th Nov^r – The weather have been cold and unpleasant this last week. – my foot and leg have been much worse have been unable to keep up. Sent a letter to England 5th November a copy of that sent in Mar 1838

[afreurep63]

Sund^y 18 Nov^r 1838 – Weather have been unpleasant all this week rain and snow and frosty. – my foot have been rather better but still obliged to keep in bed.

Mon^y 19 – began to get better; weather more moderate

Tues^y 20 – Wed^y 21 – Thurs^y 22nd – getting well slowly. weather much pleasanter snow waster. Augustus Felix and Ceasar have chopped an acre round Ja^s Armstrongs house at 5 dollars. Bought a cow of Tom Wilson for 25 Dollars – killed a fat hog – underbrushed 9 acres for Tom Wilson. – Thresed the peas. Augustus made a corn shovel. –

23rd Fridy – threshing oats with oxen – Colder than it has been

Satur^y 24 – threshg more oats with oxen – Colder, very Cold.

Sunday 25 – Sharp cold night; and very sharp cold to day. I am in hopes my leg is getting better, but it is very slowly. Cesars red boots are made, and Augustus; shoes are home.

Monday 26. – Much milder to day. – Cesar boots not large enough, returned them. –

27 Tues^y – Still mild weather some snow falling.

28 Wed^y & 29th Thurs^y rather colder but not unpleasant

30 Friday. Very fine day, clear and not cold.

1 Dec^r Satur^y – not so clear, some snow falling at times making a sleigh and threshing wheat this week.

2nd Sunday. Snow falling at times but not cold – my leg getting better slowly – had the misfortune to scald my foot this morning (slightly) –

Mond^y 3rd Dressing wheat to day to carry to Guelph tomorrow

4 Tuesday Carried 18 bush^{ls} of wheat to Guelph sold it at 9 shill^{gs} York Bo^t call^o, pans, rosin, almanack, Felix bo^t cap, trowsers etc.

5th Wed^y thresh^g – weather snowy and not very cold.

6 Thurs^y Killing 3 hogs this morning. – shot them before sticking the best way; dead in a moment. – made a fire at the spring and scalded them there.

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Friday 7th Dec^r 1838. – Cut out the hogs this morning. – The first weighed by Griffyths [?]

13th 3^{ces}

Dec^r 8th Satur^y – Felix went to Guelph for his watch and Augustus to Fergus with 2 ½ bush^{is} wheat. Cesar threshing wheat with oxen weather cold and snowy. – snow have fallen every night for several nights

Sunday 9th Dec^r Weather very cold last night, and the same to day. – My foot and leg get well very slowly, leg do not swell so much as it did.

Mon^y 10th Threshing wheat – weather moderate

Tues^y 11th Weather quite mild afternoon. – Tom Wilson took thirteen bush^{is} wheat in part payment for his cow, 3 acres chopping to do for the other part.

Wed^y 12 – wind blew quite a gale this morning between 3 & 4 oclock. continues to blow this forenoon and very cold.

13 Thurs^y Still cold, but calm. – Frid^y more mild.

15 Satur. – mild Forenoon – colder afternoon; very cold night Augustus & Cesar to Guelph with 10 ¾ bush^{is} wheat sold at 9 shillings York. Bo^t barrel salt, Saw, shave, sheets, stuff for bags, and a great many other things. Felix shot a deer to day not far off Hornby's.

16 Sunday – Cold, frosty, but pleasant morning.

23 Sunday - Cold beginning of the week Friday Mild, Saturday colder & this morning sharp again, but fine pleasant day. – My Leg getting well slowly; left off the bandage last night. –

Snow increased last night. it is now about a foot deep. – good Sleighing for some time past.

28 Frid^y – Have been cold all the week, fine and not so cold to day. Augustus Felix & Cesar training at Fergus to day Felix & Cesar made a Table and stools beginning of the week

29 Satur^y Augustus & Cesar to Fergus to day with 14 bush^{is} wheat. – Very cold to day windy & Snowy. Considerable quantity of snow fell last night.

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1838 Sund^y 30th Dec^r – Weather much the same.

Mon^y 31st – Nothing done to day of any consequence. The year is gone; we have been lucky in respect of crops and cattle doing well, but we have not employed our time so well as we ought to have done. We have all had health; and have had no misfortunes of any kind of any serious consequence; so that we ought [to] feel all the gratitude we possibly can; to the great giver of all good. – Farewell 1838. may I never forget your benefits.

[in margin] 31 Dec Augustus & Cesar to Fergus with 14 bush wh^t

1839. Jan^y 1st Quilting bee at Jonathan Listers Augustus, Felix and Cesar went there in the evening to play dancing tunes; came home in the morning at day light all sober.

Wed^y 2 Jan^y Nothing done to day; except feeding cattle.

Thurs^y 3. Henley's bee for drawing fire-wood; drank out all their Whiskey at night, sent for three Gallons more all got drunk except Cesar; Augustus there next day. – Felix at home on the bed. Jonathan Lister beaten black and blue; Augustus home about midnight on Friday.

Satur^y 5 Jan Cesar & Felix to Fergus; Felix bo^t a Jacket – Augustus threshing barley.

Sunday 6 Jan^y Fine mild morning: the weather have been very mild since last Wednesday. – How the new year will be is still to be known we have made but a moderate beginning.

Mond^y 7th Fine pleasant day; sun shines quite warm – snow wasting.

Tues^y 8th The weather still remaining fine; a little frosty.

Wed^y 9th – Fine day; rainy at night and snow wasting

Thur 10th Weather quite mild and misty this morning clear and warm after 10 o'clock.

Felix & Cesar went to chop at Tom Wilsons Wednes^y evening to begin Thursday morning.

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Friday 11 Jan^y 1839. – Weather very mild and pleasant snow is wasted more than a foot in the last few days.

Satur 12 – Rain early this morning – morning fine wind blowing pretty high. – Thaw stopped. – Frosty afternoon.

Sunday 13 Frosty, road all Ice. Weather variable but tolerably pleasant, 'till Friday night.

Saturday cold. – Have been able to bear a boot on my lame leg since Wednesday last. –

went to Mr. Loffran's on Thursday to enquire about land. – Will Woods barn raising Satur 19th Cesar assisted; all sober. altho' plenty of whiskey (8 Gall^{ns})

Sunday 20th – Fine morning not quite so sharp cold; - sharp cold night.

Mony 21st – Cold day – Augustus & Cesar looked over Loffran's land.

Tues 22 – Augustus to Guelph with 19 bush^{ls} n [?] 41½ wheat sold a 9/- Felix & Cesar to Tom Wilson's Chopping.

Wednes^y – Very sharp biting cold this mornig and continued extremely cold all the day.

Thurs^y Friday & Satur^y not so sharp cold.

Sunday 27. Windy & very cold to day – wind north.

Mon^y Tues^y & Wednes^y very cold and windy.

Thursday 7th not quite so cold to day

Friday 8th Beautiful pleasant quite mild

Satur^y 9th – Frosty but pleasant. – Cesar threshed oats last Tuesday – we got the stack in on

Monday. Augustus & Felix chopping at Tom Wilsons 5 days and Cesar 4 days this week

Felix broke his ax, and Cesar strained his ankle last Thursday –

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Sunday 10th Feb 1839. Fine pleasant morning; milder than it was yesterday.

Mon 11th – Threshed out some wheat to day. Augustus & Felix to Tom Wilsons

12th Tues^y – Cesar to Fergus with 13 ½ bush^{ls} oats. Oatmeal back 163 ^{lb}

13 Wed^y – Weather continue mild and pleasant for the Season

14 Thurs^y Valentines day. very mild and pleasant to day.

15 Fri^y – Finished chopping at Tom Wilsons to day. Cesar went to them on Wednesday. –
16 Satur^y – The three lads went to MacCullah's apple bee last night came home this forenoon. remained very dull all the rest part of the day. a good frolick, but too much whisky.

17 Sunday. Weather remains mild, and pleasant.

21 Thurs^y – Weather moderate; snow wasting to day.

22 Frid^y – still thawing and rainy this morning. (Another frolick at Mac-Cullah's on monday last, Felix and Cesar were there, did not get home 'till Tuesday night): Signed our agreement for Logfran's land this evening.

23rd Satur^y threshed what wheat was in the barn yesterday. Augustus, Cesar & Felix carried 10 bush^{ls} wheat to Fergus to day. – snow is wasting; rainy to day – Augustus got his white Jacket & trowsers to day. Bo^t a sugar Kettle at Fergus to day for 5 Dollars (1L 5 s -d). Bought our land finally last night.

Sunday 24 Feb^y Weather mild, keeps thawing

Friday 1st Mar^h – making Sugar troughs on our new Farm Days. weather unfavorable have made only 170.

Satur^y 2 Mar^h – Wind blowing from the north quite cold. Felix and Cesar went to Fergus Bo^t 2 Sugar boilers at 13 Dollars – bails to D^o 1¼ Doll^{rs}

Sunday 3rd Mar^h Frost very sharp last night. and wind north and pinching cold to day. Sun shines bright but the wind blows away all the warmth.

Monday 4 Clear and cold. Tues^y 5th Wed^y 6th Thurs^y 7th weather much milder snow wasting dayly.

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Satur^y 9th Mar^h 1839 – Making Sap troughs all the week have made about 250, and two store troughs, and prepared some wood for building a Shanty. yesterday and to day the weather colder, snowy this afternoon. wind north. self threshing oats. –

Sunday 10th Mar^h – Frost sharp last night; cold to day but clear and not unpleasant.

Monday 11th Augustus set off this morning for Toronto Felix and Cesar at work on the new Farm after the sugar troughs and making Shanty.

Tues^y 12. Went to Will^m Armstrong's for the gouge for taping trees. – Carried Cesar's boot to Mr. Peter's to have it sowed up were it was cut with the ax.

Wednes^y 13th Dressed the last of the Oats; laid on the chamber and put in bags 53½ bushels. went to Fergus for a bails for Sugar boiler cost two shillings sterling; did not pay for it.

Thurs^y 14th Error above Oat were not dressed 'till this day.

Frid^y 15th Felix & Cesar finished their Shanty.

Satur^y 16. Felix & Cesar cutting down trees around their new building. – Self thresh^d wh^t yes^y & today. weather have been moderate but snow wast slowly

Sunday 17th Frost rather sharp last night and continues cold this morning. Snowy this afternoon.

Mon^y 18— Felix & Cesar to Fergus with 19 bush^l Oats, 10 sold at the store at 17^d and bought a log chain 8^{lb} [?] at 9d — Ls 6 9 bush to mill took Oatmeal back — p^d blacksmith for bail for Sug^r boiler 2/- Bo^t Milk Tin.

Tues^y 19th Felix & Cesar to Guelph with 12 bush^{is} oats sold at 1/3 Ster[ling] and 4 bush^{is} wh^t sold at 9/- York. — Augustus home to day. —

Wed^y Mend^d old sleigh — Thurs^y Friday and Saturd^y at new farm [?] after troughs, and plastering Shanty. (254 troughs) weather have been variable some snow on Wednesday but wasted away to day Saturday.

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Sunday 24th Mar 1839 — Fine Morning, warm and very pleasant. snow wasting; some places land bare.

Mon^y 25th Tues^y 26, Wednes^y 27th — Snow & rain and frost.

Thurs^y 28th — rather more pleasant.

Friday 29th (Good Friday). Snow and frost, stormy. have been preparing for making Sugar all this week, brought home sugar & molasses to night.

Satur^y 30th Augustus fetched four sap buckets from Edward's at ½ dollar each. — bro^t home 2 cakes of Sugar, and bottle of molasses to night. — self threshing wheat this week.

Sunday 31st (Easter) Fine pleasant morning. snow is much wasted this last week, ground appear in many places in the woods. shall build a chimney in the shanty perhaps to morrow.

Mon^y 1st April. Weather very fine (pleasant as possible) busy making Sugar. sap running fast. boiling all night.

Tues 2nd — Weather fine, sap still running freely; store troughs full; boiling all day, and all the night.

Wednes^y 3rd Weather fine, sap do not run so fast, still boiling

Poll calved this afternoon.

Thurs 4. Weather still very fine and pleasant — boiled off four pans of Sug^r (we thought nearly enough.)

Friday 5th Finished boiling the sug^r begun yester^y overdid it, made it tough, and lost its sweetness.

Satur^y 6th Weather the same. Tho^s Frame went with them to assist in making sugar, boiled off 50 or 60^{lb}. Self threshing wheat Thurs^y and to day.

Sunday 7th most beautiful day; nor too hot nor too cold.

Mon^y 8 & Tues^y 9th Fine days made some Molasses. Began to plow on Monday.

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Wednes^y 10th Apr^l 1839. Weather colder and rainy Felix at Jonn Listers barn raising. boiled some molasses to day. Augustus chopping at Monpelier. Cesar plowing.

Thurs^y 11th Augustus Felix & Cesar put the teeth in the drag. took the chaff from the threshed wheat and threshed some spring wheat. (Paid Armstrong for 9 drag teeth ^s16/-, log chain hooks ^s 5/0, tapping Gouge 10 ½)

Friday 12th weather colder than it was Mon^y & Tues^y and duller. M^r George Bolton from Albion came this evening. James Bolton is dead – on account of his political opinions he cleared out to the states and died there.

Saturday 13th walked with M^r Bolton & Felix to our new Farm to day, he seemed to like it very well; much better land he thinks than at Albion. fine day wind north. took the calf from the cow yesterday it began to drink well.

Sunday 14th Apr^l Fine Morning, M^r Bolton went away after breakfast. He have been a very pleasing companion we all seem dull now he is gone.

Mon^y 15. weather fine – sowed peas before the barn

Tues 16 – Sowed peas – Wed^y 17th sowed peas.

Thurs^y 17 – Sowed large peas from Jem Row's

Fri^y 19th – Sowed spring wheat, & more Oats.

Satur^y 20th – plowing & harrowing. – the leaves in the woods caught fire yesterday, and have been burning from Rich^d Hornby's past the back of Griffith's to John Armstrongs and from John Armstrong's to the river at Montpellier. and beyond Tom Frame's chopping to the cranbury marsh and at the bottom of the ten acres. – John Armstrong was fearful yesterday his barn would catch fire. Augustus Felix & Cesar went to assist him Felix staid all the afternoon – trees were falling all night weather have been fine all the week –

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Sunday 21st Apr^l 1839. Fine morning. – the fire in the woods have ceased burning around us. Tho^s Frame is gone to his Father-in-laws since friday, his cow calved this morning, & his child is to be christened to day – Cesar is gone a courting to day (second journey) Cesar stopped short and went to [?] home about 2 o'clock

Monday 22 – plowing and dragging.

3rd Tuesday – D^o – Rain & thunder in the evening. – finished threshing to day. –

4th – plowing & hoeing in large peas that lay above ground

7th Saturd^y Felix Cesar and self chopping at Montpellier last 3 days – Showery to day. –

Augustus left plowing and came to us afternoon. – two hours will finish plowing.

Sunday 28 – Rainy all the night, and Continues so this morning, but not cold; fine growing weather. Last sunday poor Flora and I went to Jem Row's; to day she is a corps; we think John Armstrong shot her by order of her Master (Thos Frames) last Wednesday. – I do not know that she had any fault; always appeared a harmless inoffencesive little animal as ever exister; poor Flora I am sorry for you, you deserved a better Master. – Farewell.

Mon^y 29 – Felix to Fergus with 4 bush^s wheat; flour back. 3 chopping at Mont^r – rainy at noon.

Tues^y 30 – All chopping at Mont^r – rainy at times.

Wed^y 1st May. rainy all forenoon. (Poll took Bull at Peter's; - Cut calf today)

Thurs^y 2 Friday 3rd Saturday 4th Chopping at Montpellier. rainy at times and cold the last 3 days.

Sunday 5th – Windy, and rather cold. – went Geo Wilson's this afternoon carried home the bale[?] of a Tub and borrowed the C[?] cave, a play called Douglas, and a system of Geography

Mond^y 6 – Nancy took Bull at Peters. – Augustus & Cesar to Guelph fair. Felix & self dressed the last of the wheat this afternoon and put it up the chamber 27 bush^{ls} – Tom's brush fence caught fire was fearful the Barn would.

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Tuesday 7th May. Augustus & Cesar not home from Guelph this morning came home this Evening. rainy all day. – Augustus brought home the churn; cost 2 Doll^{rs}
Wednes^y 8th – Poll to Bull at Wm Armstrongs. – Chopping at Montpr
Thurs^y 9th – Burning brush – Friday 10th Logging burning.
Satur^y 11th Burning and logging. – Will^m McCullah came this evening Bo^t Felix's violin at 4 dollar's; slept here.

Sunday 12th May. Very pleasant morning. – McCullah to Griffiths, came back and dined with us, and set off for home with his Fiddle –

Sunday 19th May. Weather have been fine all the week except a little rain last Tuesday. – Fine this morning. – have been logging and burning at Mont^f on Mond^y Tues^y – splitting rails & planting potatoes on Wed^y – planting potatoes on Thurs^y – Frid^y and Satur^y sowing barley on Tom's farm. – Augustus to Guelph on Satur^y with 14 bush^{ls} wheat sold 5 bush^{ls} at 8/9 – the rest ground and flour back.

Mon^y 20th – planting potatoes & burning [?] at Mont^f

Tues^y 21 – planting potatoes – Heavy shower this afternoon

Wednes^y 22 – Do & riving rails. – Thurs^y 23 rainy all day.

Fri^y 24 – splitting rails. – Satur 25 chopping. (flies, flies, flies)

24th Planted Indian wheat & pumkins seeds at Mont^f Felix & Cesar slept in the Hovel at Mont^f Thurs^y night Felix & Cesar stayed there this night Friday. thunder all night

Sunday 26th Very fine morning. – rainy afternoon.

Mon^y 27th Rainy morning – Felix to Fergus paid for Sugar boiler 6 ½ dollars^(L¹.^s12.^d6 sterling.) Augustus and Cesar chopping

Tues 28. – Wed^y 29th Thurs^y 30. chopping at Montpellier.

Fri 31st chopping & burning brush.

Satur^y 1st June – Felix hunting cattle; shot a large Buck upon the edge of our land:

Augustus & Felix and myself went to fetch it home afternoon had some trouble to find it; and still more to get it home. – Cesar to Tom Armstrong's barn raising.

[afreurep73]

1839

Sunday 2 June. Rainy dull day. Augustus after the cattle from 4 or 5 in the morning until 2 afternoon.

Sunday 9th – Rather a dull day but no rain. had a letter from Marcus (last Tuesday 4th June 1839) dated 6 Jan^y 1839. Raining last Tuesday. raining on Wednesday. drawing rails on Thursday and laying them; Logging on Friday; and hunting Cattle and dressing wheat, and Augustus to Robinson's barn raising on Saturday.

Satur^y 15th – We have been chopping and logging & splitting rails & burning this week; rain almost every day. Cesar at John Macauley's barn raising today.

Sunday 16th no rain to day; wind rather blustering. it have been quite cold at nights and mornings for some days past. Thurs^y 20 June posted a letter at Guelph for Marcus.

Sunday 23rd – It have been rainy all the week Thursday it rained almost all the day – Felix & Cesar went to Guelph with 12 bush^{ls} wheat, sold 4 @ 7/9 York. Finished cutting house logs yesterday. – planted French beans at Mont^r Frid^y & Saturday sowed about 3 pecks barley at Mont^r on Wednes^y 19th June.

Sunday 30th – Road work done last Mond^y and Tues^y – Augustus Felix & Cesar on Mon^y & Cesar on Tues^y – Augustus & Felix cutting a place for our home & cutting sleepers & rafters[?]. – and hoeing potatoes – rainy on Thurs^y. Fri^y went with Jem Rows & measured Sandy Clarks clearance Satur^y – Augustus & Cesar hunting after the oxen 'till 4 afternoon did not find them. Felix at Griffyths barn raising – Augustus & Cesar went to them and assisted from 5 'till 7. – weather have been wet and rather cool 'till yesterday & today, which have been fine & very warm.

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Sun^y 7th July. – We have been cutting & drawing house logs Mon^y Tues^y & Wednes^y – Considerable in finding the oxen. (Cesar went to Will^m Armstrongs barn raising Thurs^y 4th July) Fri^y 5 July finished hoeing potatoes & Satur 6th July laid the Foundation of our house. Weather fine all the week. This day 7 July three years since at three or four o'clock afternoon, arrived at Toronto.

Mon^y 8th went to Jem Rows this morning and agreed for a sheep for house raising. – making beams. –

Tues^y 9th – Cutting beam bearers.

Wed^y 10th – Felix & Cesar hunting after oxen all day but could not find them. Augustus & self chopping.

Thurs^y 11th Augustus after the oxen in the forenoon could not find them. – chopping afternoon. Felix & Cesar went to Fergus and got 5 gallons whisky – 7^{lb} Rice &c – on credit. Felix sold deer skins to a Tin pedlar and took Tins for them – Killed a sheep at Jem's took $\frac{3}{4}$ which weiged 50^{lb} –

Fri^y 12th This is the day I have dreaded for some days past – no oxen to be found, rained fast this morning before we got up, looked very dull after we were up. have 4 logs to draw, have the promise of John Armstrong's and Griffyth's oxen, and Jem Rows, and his horse have gone to Fergus yesterday. – took Griffyth's oxen and John Armstrong's drew up the 4 logs, the people all came in good time and went directly to work, whisky was handed round, cakes at eleven, dinner at one, and at five afternoon the last log was hauled up and soon laid, and the house named Montpellier, all left the place and went to a very comfortable supper at our old home, and spent the night very merry, fiddling, dancing and singing until 4 o'clock in the morning. – a little rain at times but very pleasant while building.

Satur^y 13 – all of us very drowsy to day. but all well.

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Sund^y 14th July 1839. – A very pleasant day, but we have not got our sleepiness off yet. – when I think of our new house, it seems like a dream.

Mond^y 15. Felix and Cesar hunting after oxen all day did not find them.

Tues^y 16th Chopping. Wed^y 17th chopping. Thur^y 18th chopping

Frid^y 19. Chopping and hunting after oxen. – heard that they came to Sandy Clark's clearance last night, they have been a way 14 days, we should have sown turnips this week if we could have found them.

Satur^y 20th Got the oxen home this morn^g they look well. we yoked the pigs this morning they have been spoiling Tom's potatoes & our few that were planted here. – The weather have been very fine all the week, and very warm. began to plow for turnips to day.

Sunday 21st – A very fine day. – Monday 22nd rainy all day cut the calf, and the pig. – Tues^y 23rd began to mow grass. Augustus and Cesar sowed the turnips; my wife went with me to Montpellier this evening; the first time she was there.

Wednes^y 24 rainy, finished mowing grass.

Thurs^y 25th – making hay, a fine day, corked[?] some.

^ Frid^y 26 – D^d and getting it on a stack, cleared the meadow.

Satur^y 27 – got a large sleighload of hay from the spring in the pea field and finised the stack this afternoon. Cesar went to Fergus with 5 bush^{ls} wheat. bought a pair trowsers for 3 Dollars. he came home just as we had finished the stacks; it began to thunder, and rain as soon as we had done, and continued raining all the evening.

Sunday 28th very fine, and very warm to day.

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1839 – Sunday July 28th continued – we had green peas for dinner yesterday (the first this Season). finished writing M^r Handel's & D^r Callcott's anthems from M^r Peter's book this afternoon; but I am fearful that I shall never hear them performed.

Mon^y 29. – Cut out the logs for Door & windows & chimney at the new house; and made a ladder. fine day, quite hot.

Tues^y 30th Cut pine in lengths for making shingles. rained hard a considerable time this morning

Wednes^y 31st Thrandiston fair day in Suffolk England. Rainy this morning, - wheat is rusty and not likely to be good for much.

Thurs^y 1 Augst - Felix hunting after Oxen all day could not find them

Satur^y 3rd Felix and Cesar after oxen found them on the fifth concession Garafraxa – drew up one load shingle stuff, cut down some trees round the new house. weather have been fine the last three days. – Cesar shot a pheasant & a pigion to day. – Flies very troublesome.

Sunday 4th Fine and pleasant.

Mon^y 5. – Felix and Cesar at Henly getting up his hay. – Augustus went Huxtables for rough boards for covering the house. – Tuesday 6th rainy. – Augustus for more boards. –

Wed^y 7th Augustus Felix and Cesar hauling logs for Huxtable to pay for 800 feet boards; (hauled in Eighteen logs)

Thurs^y 8th – Nancy took bull at Gladerers [McGladdery's?]. - drew up more stuff for shingles, and cut a road past Bowle's.
Friday 9th – Riving and shaving shingles and framing roof. – Satur^y 10th – raised part of the roof to day.

Sunday 11th – Fine morning, but became cloudy & rainy.

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August 1839

Mon^y 12th Augst – at Montpellier at work at new house.
Tues^y 13th Wed^y 14th The same splitting & making shingles.
Thur^y 15 – the same making a large log pile for burning lime drew up stones for building the chimney and for lime these last three days – began to hoe the turnips to day. – began to burn lime to day. – Friday 16th – Cut down trees for the lime pile, it burns well. – finished hoeing turnips to day.
Satur^y 17th – Mr Wood have been cutting wheat all this week. rainy this forenoon, Cesar & self making shingles. Felix hewing the inside of the house, Augustus after the cows and a cradle for the scythe; - and went with Lilly to Gladerar's Bull

Sunday 18th A beautiful fine morning, and continues so thr' the day. – Evening very pleasant.

Mon^y 19th Weather fine, began Harvest this morning reaping wheat. cut down the two acres by the line[?] but it is not of much value from being rusty.

Tues^y 20th Began to cradle barley this morning and reaping spring wheat by the peas, it is good wheat.

Wed^y 21st Cutting barley and tying it up.

Thurs^y 22nd Cutting barley and Carrying it into the barn

Frid^y 23 Same. Weather very fine all the week. – Carried the fall wheat to day, friday.

Satur^y 24 – Same, 'till four o'clock afternoon when it began to rain. left about 2 loads in [?] field.

Sun^y 25. A dull morning but turns out a fine day. – I shall be glad when we have finished harvest and can finish our house and remove away from this; for it do not seem like our home now; people take liberties that come to see Thomas, and we dare not contradict them; a man have put two horses in our calves pasture a wheat stack unfenced, and barley in the barn,

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and in danger of their getting in the oats that are standing; it is uncivil, and what I think I would not do; but if providence protect us we are safe from harm.

Mon^y 26 – Altered barn floor and mowed oats. rainy began to thresh some fall wheat.

Tues^y 27th – finished mowing oats before the farm and Felix and I threshed some more fall wheat, and dressed it, three bushels of it; very light.

Wed^y 28 – Andrew to Fergus with 3 bush^{ls} wheat, and brought home 50 lb oatmeal to be paid for with oats. Augustus & Felix and I cutting spring wheat. we have lived upon potatoes all this week

Thurs^y 29th Cutting wheat, weather very fine still

Fri^y 30th Same, had a little frost on Wednesday or thursday night touched the French beans & Indian wheat, and pumkins, but not much.

Satur^y 31 – Finished cutting wheat and carried about half of it to day, made a stack. – Felix & I tyed some oats before the barn. weather have been very fine since Monday last.

Sunday 1 Sep^r a most beautifull day through out.

Mon^y 2nd Carrying wheat & oats. – Tues^y 4th taking up peas

Wed^y 3rd – Augustus at John Peters. Felix & Cesar at Mr. Rowes helping in their harvest.

Thurs^y 5th rainy, taking up peas forenoon Felix & Cesar at Jem Rowes afternoon.

Frid^y 6 finished cuting peas this forenoon Threshed spring wheat that grew by the peas this

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afternoon, 5 bushels, good heavy wheat. –

Satur^y 7th – Augustus to Fergus with the 5 bush^{ls} wheat carried 2 loads oats & brown peas, turned the other peas my wife went to Fergus bo^l a pair stockings 3/6 brought home the shingle rails, & 1 lb tobacco and a little bottle whisky. Jemmy Lister called and spoke to us on Thursday last.

Sunday 8th Sep^r – Jemmy Lister dined with us to day Cesar and myself played a few psalm tunes to oblige him a fine morning but rather dull, and a little rainy afternoon.

Mon^y 9th Rainy and cold, Augustus at Wilkie's helping in his harvest. – Tyed a few oats forenoon.

10th Tues^y Still rainy and cold, Augustus at Geo Wilson's cradling oats

11th Wed^y – Cold and dull but no rain this morning, finished shingling one side of the house began to dig cellar

12th Thursday. Frost in the morning ground white. Covering the house to day.

13th Fri^y – Carrying peas made a large stack.

14 Satur^y. Finished carrying peas & threshed three slay loads abroad with oxen a sad slovenly job; left the stacks unthatched, looks like rain coming this evening.

15 Sunday. Began to rain early this morning and have been raining all the day. John Armstrong and Griffyth sowed wheat this last week.

Mon^y 16. at work at the house. fine day.

Tues^y 17. rainy all day. began to build the chimney.

Wed 18. Finished the back of the chimney stone work.

Thurs^y 19. finished shingling, and chauked [?] a part

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1839

Frid^y 20 Sep^r cut the barley at Montpellier, and Indian wheat and pumkins, and Carted Sand; Felix logging at David Wrays with a pair of oxen.

Sat^y 21st Felix logging at Will^m Black's with oxen threshed peas off the top of the stack that were got wet. – and part of the marrowfats in the barn Set the oats to dry that are in the field they are very wet but considerably dried to day, tyed them up this evening –

Sun^y 22. A pleasant morning, but the day is showery with some thunder. rainy at night.

Mon^y 23rd – Fine morning. Finished threshing what we began on Saturday and dressed them; about ten bush^s marrowfats & and Ten or twelve of the mixed ones. Got the oats up to day & stacked them in better condition than I expected, some of the Sheaves wet inside.

Tues^y 24th – Thos Frames logging day; cloudy morning and some rain Felix, Cesar & Lyon & Lamb are logging. – Augustus is gone to Huxtable's with door and window dimentions & from thence to Guelph with samples of peas; home at ten this Evening.

Wednes^y 25. Felix and Cesar shot a fine Buck to day as they were going to Montpellier, weighed 140^{lb} when dressed.

Thurs^y 26. Began logging some more at Montpellier; fine but wind cold.

Friday 27. Rain at 3 or 4 o'clock this morning began to snow at 8 or 9 o'clock, and continued all the forenoon. very cold and winterly. Afternoon a little sun shine but still cold.

Augustus, Felix & Cesar at Mont^r after finishing the Chimney

Satur^y 28. Cold stormy day, Cesar to Jon Lister's with the Heifer to Bull – Augustus & Felix at the Chimney at Montpellier.

29 Sunday – a little warmer this morning. – but colder and snowing fast this afternoon. – winter seem to be began.

[in margin] 1839 – Satur 28 Sep^r Primrose took Bull.

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Mon^y 30th September 1839 – Quite a change weather much finer. Finished the chimney. stacked the Barley at Mont^r and began to log. –

Tues^y 1st Oct^r Very fine; logging to day. –

Wednes^y 2nd – Logging; and Fired some piles, quite warm.

Thurs^y 3rd – Logging, and burning; weather fine, and quite warm

Friday 4th Logging and burning; very fine and warm

Sat^y 5th – Putting fires together and Cutting down trees. Augustus to Huxtables for door and window frames.

Sun^y 6 – A fine morning, very pleasant. all the last week was very pleasant – it is turned very dull this afternoon, looks like rain.

Mon 7th – Augustus & Felix threshing fall wheat 4½ bush^s Cesar & self putting together log fires – rainy day.

Tues^y 8 Felix to Fergus with the wheat. – fine day.

Wed 9th Began to take up potatoes at Montp^r fine day

Thurs 10th Taking up potatoes. – fine day

Frid^y 11th rainy day

Satur 12. Boarded up one end of the house rainy. measured the land for sowing wheat 1¼ acres. rainy.

Sunday 13th finer weather this morning. – fine afternoon
 Mon^y 14 Taking up potatoes & sowing wheat at Montp^r – fine weather
 Tues^y 15. Taking up potatoes & Dragging^[?] in the wheat – fine day
 Wednes 16th Finished taking up potatoes very fine day – quite warm and took the top of
 oat stack into the B^[?] Barn
 Thurs^y 17 – Threshing oats & logging afternoon. still very fine
 Friday 18 – Went to Mr. Peter's for Augustus & Felix' boots Augustus & Cesar thresh^g
 Oats. Felix after the Cows logging after breakfast – weather very fine & warm
 Satur^y 19 Felix to Fergus with 13 bush^s oats bro^t oatmeal back, and the flour of the 4½
 bush fall wheat wind very Cold, after the log fires this afternoon, very cold north wind

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Oct^r 1839

Oct 20th Sunday – A very fine pleasant day – but frosty. The weather was very warm and
 pleasant all the last week untill Satu^r when the wind shifted to the north, and was very cold
 26 Saturday – Logging and burning all the week finished logging this evening – The
 weather have been remarkably fine and pleasant every day, quite warm, and much more
 pleasant than in Summer, no flies to tieze.

Sunday 27. a beautiful morning, and fine all day very smoky this afternoon; this is the
 Indian Summer

Mon^y 28 – Sowed some more wheat.

Tues^y 29 – Augustus to Guelph with 15 bush^s peas sold them at 4/ York. – Paid Peters for
 the calf. Bought Glass for the windows at Montp^r @ 4d a square Bo^t 100 feet of boards at
 ½ a dollar. – Huxtable came this morning to put in windows and door at Mont^r –

Wednes^y 30th Sowed some more wheat to day.

Thurs 31st – Huxtable finished to day afternoon.

Frid 1 Nov^r – plastering house.

Satur^y 2 – D^o the weather have been fine the greatest part of the week, rather cold at
 times, with some snow

Sun^y 3rd – a beautiful fine morning but cloudy and dull afternoon.

Mon^y 4th – Tues^y 5th & Wed^y 6th – drawing boards & altering chimney and removing some
 things from Thos Frames house to Montp^r. Thursday 7th Ground covered with snow – got in
 a little oat stack. – weather cold & frosty –

Friday 8th – snow falling at times. – frosty still –

Satur^y 9th – Drove the hogs to Montp^r, with less trouble than we expected. – Old sow led the
 way cross the river.

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Sunday 10th – Still frosty but a very fine morning, snow wasting to day. – Very pleasant
 since 9 o'clock.

Mon^y 11th – Tues^y 12 – underbrushing – Wednes^y 13th pulling Turnips; snow nearly gone.

Thurs^y 14th rainy, snow gone

Frid 15 finished pulling Turnips. - Frosty.

Satur^y 16th laid the hog-stye. and sowed wheat. Forced to kill the old sow Friday 15th on account of her being pushed with the oxen. the weather have been fine except Thursday rainy.

Sund^y 17th Fine morning, Snowy at Ten, rainy this afternoon. expect to remove to Montp^r tomorrow

Mon^y 18th - Ground covered with snow this morning; a fine day and snow almost all gone at night. cutting trees down round the house self threshing oats. - M^r Wood brought over 2 bush^{ls} wheat flour from Fergus. - carried to mill by Griffyth's [?] Wed^y 13th -

Tues^y 19th Snow considerably deep again this morning - cold - Removed from Thos Frames house this afternoon - Finished threshing oats and followed to Montp^r going over the tree to our old watering place I slipped off it and hurt my knee, so that I found it difficult to reach Montp^r; it made me quite ill so that I was unable to go abroad, or do any thing within for days. - Augustus wounded a deer to day.

Wed^y 20th Augustus and Felix got the wounded deer to day. drove the Cattle here to day. - continue snowing, and freezing.

Thurs 21st made a shed for the Cattle. - Freezing sharp.

Frid^y 22nd - Felix made trough for salting meat. - Frosty still.

Satur^y 23 - Dressed the oats - Cut down some trees for [?] not quite so cold.

Sund^y 24 - snow last night - rainy this morning and much warmer snow wasting. - M^r Bowles & son came to see us to day.

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25 Nov^y Mon^y, very cold and stormy. Felix made a sleigh to [?], Augustus a shovel and Cesar a rack for the calves.

26 Tues^y - Felix to Fergus with 15 bush oats & 2 wheat. Augustus & Felix threshing barley at Tom's - weather still cold but not so sharp as yesterday

27th Wed^y got in the barley at Montp^r and threshed it. Felix got some potatoes into the cellar. - much milder to day.

28th Thurs^y - Felix and I got some more potatoes into the cellar.

29th Friday - Got the rest of the potatoes into the cellar. Augustus and Cesar making shed compleat. - weather the same since Wednesday; pleasant for the season.

30th Satur^y Augustus and Cesar threshing barley at T. Frame's Felix chopping Trees down before the house. Weather same as yesterday.

1 Dec^r Sunday, weather much the same as it has been since Wednesday snow have wasted a little but not much.

2nd Mon^y underbrushing and chopping - weather fine -

3rd Tues^y - chopping & shoeing sleigh - weather the same

4 Wed^y - Chopping - & threshing barley at Frame's - very fin & clear

6 Friday - Do ----- Do got in the top of the wheat stack - fine day

7 Satur^y - got a heap of turnips into the Cellar & chopping. and Cesar & Augustus covered up the wheat stack more secure rainy from ten until midnight no frost last night.

8th Sunday – Fine morning like spring; no frost last night. rainy at ten this morning. – snow wasted last night.

9 Mon^y Felix to Fergus; Augustus & Cesar chopping – a fine day (Old Mr Logfrin lost his way from Fergus, lay in the woods last Saturday night. Alexander Logfrin lay in the woods on Sunday night being in quest of his Father)

10 Tues^y Chopping. Wed^y 11th Chopping & underbrushing – weather fine

12 Thurs^y – August & Cesar threshed some p0eas, Felix to Jem Logfrin's underbrushing. Snowy at times.

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1839 Dec^r 13th

13th Friday Augustus & Felix underbrushing at J. Logfrin's Snowy at times not very cold.

14th Satur^y Cesar threshed some more peas; Augustus & Felix finished underbrushing at J. Logfrin's this forenoon. Snowing fast all the day. calm, not unpleasant.

15th Sunday. no snow fell in the night a little at times today – not very cold

16 Mon^y Chopping – Snowy & cold –

17 Tues^y Do ----- Cesar & Augustus at Frame's – snowy – Augustus, Cesar to Fergus with 12½ bush^s barley, sold to the store at 2^s/2^d

18 Wed^y – Chopping, and threshing wheat

19 Thurs^y – 20 Frid^y Chopping and re[?] sap troughs and threshing wheat Fine days yesterday & today

21 Satur^y Frost sharp last night and very cold this morning. Cesar Felix & Augustus on the roads making Cross-way over the water at Thos Frame's – shortest day.

22 Sunday. Snowy morning, not so cold, continue snowing.

23 Mon^y Aug^s Felix & Cesar shooting in the forenoon no luck. Snowy.

24 Tues^y Augustus to Fergus with 12¼ bush^s barley to the store at 2^s/2^d Felix & Cesar threshing peas. – fine day rather mild.

Christmas 25 Wednes^y. Fine morning – not cold – Felix cut down two large trees for browse for the Cattle – Augustus finished the bed feet. Cesar making a helve for his new ax bought at Fergus yesterday.

26 Thurs^y Augustus with Sow to brawn at Guelph – price 1 Dollar Cesar threshing peas. Felix chopping. weather mild.

27 Frid^y Felix & Cesar threshing peas. Augustus chopping.

28 Satur^y Felix & Cesar dressing peas & getting them home Augustus chopp^d Snowy day, not very cold. – Snow falling at times every day since 12th Dec^r – now about 12 Inches deep.

29 – Sunday. Snowy morning, frost rather sharp last night, wind north west and blows cold, snow drifting, have been snowing all day.

Mon^y 30th – Chopping – Weather cold.

Tues^y 31st – Chopping forenoon – Cutting barn logs afternoon at Ja^s Armstrong's – Fine clear day, and calm, but very cold. another year is gone and we have still reason to be thankful to the Great giver of all good; for the benefits that have been

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Dec^r 31st 1839

besowed upon us; our crops of oats, barley and peas were good at our old farm; and potatoes & turnips at Montpellier were very good. – but we neglected thatching our stacks of wheat oats and peas; rain came and did them Injury; we tryed to thresh peas abroad, it did not answer the purpose; loss considerable. we have all had good health, and good luck with our Cattle. we have got land, and a good comfortable house, tomorrow the Interest of the money for the land (forty eight dollars) should be paid but we shall not be able to pay it. Corn is at low prices and difficult to get money for it; can have goods in exchange. – I am in hopes it will not be any Inconvenience to M^r Logfrin; we have chopping to do for M^r L. Logfrin; and we shall have some barley to sell (after we have paid our debt at Fergus store) and some peas; so I think we shall be enabled in a few weeks, to pay a considerable part of it. – Farewell 1839, with thanks for all your favours

1840. Wednes^y 1 Jan^y. The year begins with a very fine sunshiny calm day, but very cold, last night the frost was sharper than any night we have had since winter began – chopping Felix and Augustus – Cesar gone to the old farm.

2 Jan^y Thursday. Still sharp cold but fine & clear. – chopping and drawing logs for Barn from Jas^s Armstrong's.

3rd Frid^y – Chopping & drawing logs for Barn. still very cold.

4th Satur^y – very cold this morning, but clear and calm. Chopping & drawing logs. – Felix to Tom's for straw & hay.

5th Sund^y not so cold this morning, rather pleasant than not. quite calm –

6 Mon^y – Augustus to Town Meeting at school house respecting the roads. Felix to Fergus with 6 bus^{ls} oats, 4 bush^{ls} blue peas. 2 bush^{ls} marrow-fats. Cesar chopp^d fine day quite mild. Augustus bro^t 2 letters from Eramosa post office, one from Marcus & his family at New York & one from a M^r Wright in England borrowed a dollar of Jonⁿ Lister to pay for them

7th Tues^y Killed four hogs; Jem Rows & wife and Will^m Henley and wife assisting – day very fine

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Tuesd^y 7th Jan^y Contin^d 1840

drank 1½ Gallons whiskey; three York shill^{gs} a Gallon

Wed^y 8th Augustus sold his watch and Rifle to Hen^y Breeze for a Cow will be three years old in the spring, is gone after her to day. – M^r Henley salted the meat and made the head cheese, and boiled the fat for us to day. Felix to Tom's for straw, Cesar sick all the day. weather very fine and mild. Cow home this evening.

Thurs^y 9th chopping browse for Cattle. Clear & sharp cold.

Fri^y 10th Chopping browse for Cattle. – Cloudy & not so cold.

Satur^y 11th Heavy fall of snow last night, twelve inches deep at least. Felix & Cesar made a bargain with Hindley last night; Buck & Bright for 2 Cows and twenty dollars, to be paid next fall; money for washing, mending, and making shirts to be deducted.

Sunday 12th Fine day not very cold. Trees loaded with snow.

Mond^y 13th threshing barley colder than yesterday. still calm.
 Tues^d 14th Augustus with sow to brawn at Guelph. threshing barley. Sharp Cold. freezing in Cellar.
 Wednes^d 15th threshing barley; very sharp cold
 Thurs^d 16th Cutting down trees, not quite so cold.
 Frid^y 17th – Cutting some trees down, making brush fence.
 Satur^d 18th – Felix to Fergus with 10 bush^{ls} & 39^{fb} barley; & 2½ bush^{ls} wheat

Sunday 19th Fine morning; not so sharp cold the last 3 days. fine clear mornings all the week & cloudy afternoons
 Mon^y 20th Felix to Fergus with 22 bush/39 lb barley to the store Augustus to Huxtable's with log. Fine day not so cold as it has been. all the lads at Hindley's this evening drinking whiskey.
 Tues^d 21st Augustus Felix and Cesar at Hindley's all day to day drinking whiskey weather very fine and much warmer.
 Wed^d 22 Augustus Felix & Cesar Cutting pine log drew it to Tom's – Threshing barley afternoon.

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Jan^y 1840

Thurs^d 23 – threshing barley and drawing pine log to mill.
 Friday 24 – threshing barley & drawing log to mill. Cold yesterday and to day.
 Satur^d 25 – threshing barley & drawing log. – very cold to day and yesterday. Cesar to Fergus, not home to night.

Sun 26 – Fine morning but sharp cold.
 Mon^y 27 Cesar to Eramosa post office. Augustus thresh^g Felix to saw mill with log. not so cold.
 Tues^d 28. Augustus thresh^g Felix with pine log to Mill. Cesar home tonight with a letter from Charles Bolton. Weather moderate not sharp
 Wednes^d 29th Cesar chopping. Augustus & Felix grinding their axes. snowing fast all day.
 Thurs^d 30. Rainy this morning. Augustus & Felix chopping. Cesar threshing. – Sun shining at times. summer seems to be peeping out.
 Frid^y 31st Cesar finished threshing barley; Augustus & Felix cutting down trees; cold & snowy.
 Satur^d 1 Feb^y Augustus & Cesar dressing barley. Felix drawing 2 pine logs. Fine day but cold, frost sharp at night.

Sunday 2 Feb^y. Fine morning, but rather sharp frost, snowy afternoon. Snow is very deep.-
 Mon^y 3rd – Dressing barley. Cold day.
 Tues^d 4 – Augustus set off this morning for Dundas with a load of barley. 31 bush^{ls} 3/6^{York}
 fine, clear, but rather cold. Felix & Cesar got the half stack of peas in, and threshed some –
 Wed^d 5th Felix & Cesar threshing peas, very fine, and much warmer –
 Thur^d 6th Rainy and thawing slowly; Felix & Cesar threshing
 Friy 7th Felix & Cesar got in wheat & oats – Augustus home from Dundas this evening. Fine day quite warm.

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Feb^y 1840

Satur^y Feb^y 8th Fine morning, quite mild and clear. Augustus Felix & Cesar threshing spring wheat – fine day

Sunday 9th – Fine morning; rainy afternoon – not cold.

Mon^y 10th – Augustus chopping, Felix & Cesar dressing barley.

Tues^y 11 – Felix to Guelph with barley 21 bush^s sold at 2/- york left 8 bush^s at Macauley's; load was too much.

Wednes^y 12th – Augustus threshing Felix and Cesar Chopping Snowy on Monday &

Tuesday – today more pleasant.

Thurs 13th – Saw 4 deer in the Clearance this morning Could not get a shot at them. – weather moderate

Friday 14. Valentines – rainy & cold. Felix turned [?] the pork

Satur 15 – Dressing spring wheat. not so cold.

Sun^y 16th Fine, but cold morning; and cloudy day.

Mon^y 17th Augustus to Fergus with 14 bush^s wheat flour back. – Felix & Cesar to Logfrin's chopping. – Fine day quite mild.

Tues^y 18th Augustus Threshing; F & C at Logfrin's Mr Geo. Bolton and Charles came this evening

Wed^y 19th Augustus thresh^g – F & C at Logfrin's very fine weather snow wasting fast.

Thur^y 20th Still keep thawing; rain this morning – Charles went for Felix and Cesar and took them home in his Sleigh to dinner M^r Bolton's musick box played us some tunes before dinner. Still thawing.

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Frid 21 Frosty at night M^r Geo Bolton & Charles left us this forenoon to go Home to Albion took my Journal of my voyage with them to send to Miss A: Newson in England.

Satur 22 – Poll calved this morning. One thresh^g oats – two chopping, not very cold

Sun^y 23rd not very cold, a little snowy

Mon 24 – Aug^{us} threshing oats. F & C at Logfrin's Sharpish frost last night. fine day but Cold

Tues^y 25 – Dressing oats. F & C at Logfrin (Sent Griffyth's 42^{lb} flour with bag.)

Wed^y 26 Augustus to Fergus with 35½ oats snow in the night, and snowy to day.

Thurs^y 27th – Augustus dressed the remaining oats 12 bush^s carried them into Tho^s

Frame's house. Chopping afternoon

Fri^y 28th Chopping all day. weather fine and mild

29 Satur^y 29 chopping forenoon. – fetched a load of straw afternoon. very fine and mild.

Sun^y 1st Mar. Thunder and lightning, very sharp last night, and heavy rain. very fine, and pleasant and warm this morning. Felix & Cesar at Jas Logfrin's all last week. – Snow have been wasting all the week; went off very fast to day: land appear in many places. Augustus have got his new boots from M^r Peter's

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1840

Mon^y 2nd March – Augustus & Felix to Logfrin's Cesar to Tho^s Frames for hay. – Slight frost this morning.

Tues^y 3rd – Cesar dressed the peas to day. Tho^s Frame to have four bush^{ls} one bag left with him, about 2 bush^{ls}

Wednesday 4th Cesar to Fergus with ten bush^{ls} & twenty eight pounds of peas; left at 2^s/0^d sterling to be paid for this summer; brought home the oatmeal 493^{lb}

Thurs^y 5th – Cesar chopping, and fetching hay.

Frid^y 6th – Cesar chopping; and took some turnips home from the heaps; some few decayed not many.

Satur 7th Cesar and myself went and got in the last wheat stack, and threshed one flooring (64 sheaves) with the oxen. wind have been blowing rather hard from the west and very cold all day. – The weather have been fine (and untill this day not very cold) all the week. – snow much wasted

Sunday 8th very fine morning, wind not blowing, frosty but not sharp. – Augustus & Felix home last night; nearly finished at Ja^s Logfrin's; great trees all down.

Mon^y 9 – Augustus and Felix to Logfrin's – Cesar threshing wheat. – Smith the assessor of taxes called to day – snow last night about two inches.

Tues^y 10th – Cesar threshing. – fine clear morning, but very cold. – Augustus & Felix home this evening. finished at Ja^s Logfrin's slashing.

Wednes^y 11th, Thurs^y 12th Augustus & Felix chopping Cesar threshing; finished the wheat.

Frid^y 13th dressed chaff from the wheat. Buck & Bright to Hindley's; 2 Cows taken over here to day

Satur^y 14th – all chopping. – weather fine and frosty all the week.

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Mon^y 16th & Tues 17th fine days; making brush fence around the clearance.

Wednes^y 18th snowy morning, not very cold; grinding axes at Jas Armstrong's after breakfast.

Thurs^y 19th Chopping. Fridy 20th Satury 21st Do^o – weather frosty

Sund^y 22nd weather fine; still Frosty. paid Griffyth for Felix and Cesar's boots a few days since.

Mon^y 23rd Chopping; Snow last night, but all gone to day; considerable quantity of snow in the wood still.

Tues^y 24th began to snow in the morning, and have continued all day have fallen 6 inches in depth; seem quite winterly.

Wednes^y 25th Very fine and pleasant day.

Thurs^y 26th – Friday 27th – Snow wasting slowly; Cesar & Felix tapping more Sugar trees to day.

Satur^y 28th – sap running yesteday and to day; Cesar boiling to day. Augustus & Felix chopping. have been chopping at every opportunity all the week. fetched a load of oat

taxes called to day – snow last night about two inches.

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Satur^y 28th – sap running yesterday and to day; Cesar boiling to day. Augustus & Felix chopping. have been chopping at every opportunity all the week. fetched a load of oat straw from Hindley's last Thursday. Jem Griffyth bro^t the flour back that they borrowed. a considerable quantity of rain fell this afternoon.

Sunday 29th Snowed a little this morning, but have been a fine dry day, snow all gone that fell on Tuesday, and some of the old also.

Mon^y 30. Chopping & boiling Sugar. *Collegiate*

Tues 31 – Augustus to Guelph for stuff to [?] Cesar & Felix Chopping. Weather continue cold and Snowy.

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Wed^y 1840 April 1st Chopping, weather more moderate.

2nd April Thurs^y Chopping. 3rd Fri^y Chopping & boiling Sugar.

Satur^y 4th boiling Sugar. Finished the piece of chopping to day. very heavy rain last night with some thunder; stormy to day.

Sunday 5th Fine morning; sap running to day. short of straw gave the cattle some turnips this morning.

Mon^y 6th – straw from Hindley's to day; boiling sugar.

Tues^y 7th boiling sugar. Wed^y 8th boiling sugar all night.

Thur 9th Friday 10th Sap running fast. boiling at nights.

Satur 11th – rainy, boiling sugar all day & all night. paid Huxtable his bill to day; viz! 8 Dollars. Felix & Cesar went to Fergus bought a bell for the calves cost ½ a dollar, mustard pot ¼ dollar, ½^{lb} mustard, and brick of soap. – lost the calves last night, found them this morning.

Sun^y 12th Rainy morning, some thunder, snow afternoon.

Mon^y 13th boiling sugar, fine day

Tues^y 14th boiling sugar, Felix at John Armstrong's barn raising –

Wed^y 15th cutting rail stuff.

Thur^y 16th laying up rails on concession line; Augustus at Richard Hornby's barn raising, home at noon next day. rainy night

Good Friday 17. Drawing rail cuts. Cesar to Thos Frame for straw and hay and plow; rainy night.

Satur 18th Cesar to David Wray's barn raising home before night. Augustus & Felix ground the axes. Augustus boiling Sugar afternoon Felix cutting down trees by the house.

✕ Easter Sun^y 19th Fine morning; calves in the woods last night with the cattle. (poll came home & was milked and went back to the other cattle. fetched her home at noon today,

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Mon^y 20 April 1840 – Chopping by the house.

Tues^y 21st Felix & Cesar to Th^s Frame's to dress peas, 2 bushels left for him & 2 bush^{ls} he had before make 4 bush^{ls} to him

Wed^y 22 rainy morn^g Felix & Cesar to Fergus.

Thurs^y 23 – began to log. Frid 24. logging.

Sat^y 25 – Sowed oats by the Shantor[?]; & grass seed. thunder storms and rain afternoon. very heavy storm to night. [Shantor?]

Sun^y 26 – Rainy all this forenoon.

Mon^y 27 – Ground covered with snow this morning; day fine all the snow gone at night.

Cesar borrowed wood's Saw to day Augustus and Felix splitting rails. Cut shingle logs afternoon

Tues^y 28th sawing shingle stuff & sowing spring wheat.

Wed^y 29 – Sawing shingle stuff; rainy day.

Thur 30 – Augustus carried Mr. Woods saw home. Felix & Cesar drawing shingle logs. Dry day.

Fri^y 1st May. burning brush Slow work. Still fine.

Sat^y 2nd – Augustus hunting cattle. Felix & Cesar burning & altering hog sty. – planting peas to day.

Sun 3rd May. Fine morning. – warm & pleasant, rainy this afternoon. – Augustus Felix & Cesar hunting Cattle.

Mon^y 4th Augustus & Cesar drinking at Griffyth's all day. rainy.

Wed^y 6th logging – Thursy 7th logging. – fine days – sow pigged Wed 6th

Friday 8th burning brush forenoon. – rainy afternoon – sow pigged in the wood Wednesday; got her home this evening; five pigs.

✓ Satur^y 9th rainy & stormy night. rainy this morning & all day. nothing done abroad to day
Felix fourparted[?] a waistcoat, Cesar finished his trowsers; Augustus after cattle.

Sun^y 10th Fine morning, and continue so throughout

Monday 11th & Tues^y 12 logging and burning brush.

Wed^y 13th Felix & Cesar burning brush. Augustus to the sawmill to draw away the boards.
still very fine

Thurs^y 14th logging. Frid^y 15 logging.

Satur^y 16th planting potatoes; & burning brush; weather still fine.

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1840 Sunday

May 17th Sunday Beautiful fine morning; and very warm day.

Mon 18 & Tues^y 19 logging. – Fine days

Wed^y 20th logging half day; rainy afternoon; Nancy Calved in the woods

Thurs^y 21 rainy; hunting; after the Cattle all day. found them at night

Fri^y 22 & Satur^y 23. logging; fine days.

Sun^y 24. Shower in the morning, Lilly Calved this morning.

Mon 25. Dressed up the last wheat in Tom's barn 16½ bush^{ls} Felix & Cesar carried it to
Fergus Mill 4 bush^{ls} ground flour back

Tues^y 26. Sow pigged 6 pigs. logging and burning.

Wed^y 27th – logging and burning. Thurs 28th the same

Fri^y 29 - & Satur^y 30th the same. weather fine all the week

Sun^y 31st very fine & hot. – Mon^y 1st June rainy and cold

Tues^y 2 June rainy and cold. Wedn^y 3rd June logging.

Thurs^y 4th June – Daisy Calved – Training day at Fergus; - home at five o'clock all sober. –

Frid^y 5th June logging & burning

Satur^y 6 June sowed barley. – mending the brush fence rainy afternoon.

Whitsun^y 7th – dry morning, but wind cold.

Mon^y 8th Sowing barley & dragging the other the third time and logging & burning.

Tues^y 9th & Wednes^y 10th burning & logging. Daisy calved to day.

Thurs^y 11th logging & burning. Friday 12 Same; rainy afternoon and all night. – Satur^y 13th
logging. fine day

Sun^y 14. Fine morning; thunder afternoon at four o'clock Cesar caught eighteen pigeons
in his trap.

Mon^y 15th & Tues^y 16th logging & sowing barley.

Wednes^y 17th M^r Bowle's barn raising, Augustus & Cesar helping Felix to Fergus for the
last of the wheat flour.

Thurs^y 18th Felix to Peters, & Smith's & Hemmings to make the time right for working on the
roads; from 11 days to 5.

Friday 19th hunting after the cattle.

Satur^y 20th logging & sowing barley.

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1840 Saturday 20th June contin^d

Cesar caught 49 pigeons this week, viz. 18, 8, 8, 6 & 9

Sun^y 21st Very fine morning, began to rain at noon & continued all the afternoon

Mon^y 22nd – burn^d before the House.

Tues 23rd Augustus & Felix on the roads. Cesar draw^d barn logs.

Wed^y 24th Felix on the roads. Cesar draw^d barn logs. planting potatoes on Mon^y

Thurs^y 25 logging. Fri^y 26th logging & making shingles.

Satur^y 27th making shing^s and logging & hoeing potatoes. Caught 47 pigeons this week – total 96.

Sund^y 28th Finished planting potatoes yesterday (apples & early [?])

Mon 29th Logging, Tues^y 30th Logging Wednes^y 1 July. Logging and burning, grand display of fires this evening.

July Thurs^y 2nd – Logging – Fri^y 3rd Augustus at Bowl's logging bee. (Primrose Calved last night, got the calve home this morning.)

July 4th (Aniversary of the American Independence.) raking and burning rubbish on the logged land. weather have been fine all the week. Morning & evening rather chilly.

Sunday July 5th Fine morning, not so many Mosquitoes this season as we have had some seasons.

Mon^y 6th Tues^y 7th & Wed^y 8th Logging & burning for turnips.

Thurs 9th Augustus to Jona Jonⁿ Lister's logging bee.

Fri^y 10th drawing barn logs & cutting sleepers. very hot the last three days.

Satur^y 11th Felix & Cesar at M^r Logfrin's barn raising. Augustus dragging for turnips; very hot to day. Flies very sharp, the last few days.

Sun^y 12th fine morning, very hot.

Mon^y 13th Sowing turnips. Tues^y 14th Wed^y 15th Sowing turnips, & dressing logs for barn.

Thurs^y 16 Friday 17th Sowing turnips & drawing logs cutting sleepers –

Satur 18th Poll took bull at Jonathans; Cutting rafters Finished sowing turnips.

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[missing text] home with

[missing text] to mow his grass did not do much Jem on

[missing text] bed all day. – hoeing turnips. – hog bit by Jas Armstrong's dog

Sunday 2nd August. fine and pleasant morning.

Mon^y, Tues^y & Wed^y preparing for the barn & helping Jem Rowes

6th Thurs^y Mowing our grass at Jem Rowes.

7th Frid^y got up the hay & stacked it. good luck with it.

8th Satur^y Jem Rowes came and assisted in framing the rafters for barn and in raising them which was done compleatly and well. poor little calf we call Spider teribly bitten by a wolf found it near the house this evening. it was bitten near Ja^s Armstrongs last Thursday

[9th] Sunday most beautifull fine and pleasant day. Calve is alive. – 10th Mon^y rainy 11th Tues^y dull 12 Wed^y 13 Thurs^y fine 14 Friday fine
15th Satur^y have been shingling the barn and helping Jem Rowes and doctoring the lame[?] bitten Calve all the week! till to day Felix hunting cattle & Augustus & Cesar began to cut the fall wheat, it is rusty & very light. howed the first sown turnips the second time.

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Tues^y 25 [missing] Cutting pine logs for shingles –
Wednes^y 26. getting splinters for roofing the barn.
Thurs^y 27. cutting spring wheat.
Friday 28. Finished cutting spring wheat. Augustus cradling [?] . rainy afternoon [torn]
at Ja^s Armstrongs a few [torn]
Satur^y 29th making shingles and drawing up stuff for more and nailing splinters and shingles on the barn. Weather have been rather dull this last week.

Sund^y 30th dull morning, but a fine day. M^s Henley to see us to day.
Mon 31st Shingling barn & cutting Barley. Rather rainy.
Sep^r Tues^y 1st September. Shingling barn & cutting barley.
Wed^y 2nd same. – got the dressing machine home from Tom's
Thurs^y 3rd finished cutting first sown barley
Friday 4th got the spring wheat into the barn.
Satur 5th finished shingling the barn & got some barley into it. Augustus at Tho^s Frame's helping him with his harvest the last three days. Weather fine since Wednesday.

Sun 6th Very fine, and pleasant. Mon^y 7th Tues^y 8th Wed^y 9 cut some more barley, & did some odd jobs; Showery at times.

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Sep^r 10th Thurs^y began chopping the timber for logging behind the house. Frid 11th & Saturday 12th Chopping & logging; Showery.

Sunday 13th very fine and pleasant morning, a little rain afternoon
Mon^y 14th Cutting barley. Tues^y 15th Cutting barley.
Wed 16th carrying barley. – Thurs^y 17 rainy all day
Friday 18th splitting rails.
Satur^y 19 laying up rails; underbrushing; afternoon Jon^{[?]r} Griffyths came to us paid him two dollars for a pair Shoes. Cesar at Tom Frame's last Mond^y

Sund 20th ^{rather} rainy
Mon^y 21 – carrying dung & splitting rails

Tues 22. hauling dung. finished carrying barley
Wed^y 23. splitting rails. Threshing spring wheat & hauling –
Thurs 24. hauling dung & threshing wheat
Fri^y 25. Got in the farther (fall) wheat stacks. Augustus to Fergus Mill with 5¼ bush^{ls} spring wheat; flour bro^t back.
Satur 26th got in the other wheat stack. underbrushing afternoon

Sun^y 27th walked round our lot with Cesar & his mother. Mrs Griffyths & Matilda drank tea with us this afternoon

Mon^y 28. logging behind the house 29th Tues^y Same, rain this Evening
Wed^y 30th Rainy all the day; Augustus filling up the crevices in the walls
Oct^r Thurs 1 October rainy Augustus Felix & Cesar hunting; no luck.
Friday 2nd Chopping up by the house; Taking up potatoes, fine day
Satur^y 3rd Finished chopping up; underbrushing afternoon, wind very cold

Sunday 4th very fine & pleasant day; warm Felix Cesar & mother to Griffyths

X Mon^y 5th Tues^y 6th Wednes^y 7th Thurs^y 8th logging [ink-splotch] by the hour. and burning
Fri^y 9th Sowed wheat behind the house, splitting rails.
Satur 10th Have been taking up potatoes all the week; finished today.

Sunday 11th rather dull but warm and very pleasant.

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Mon^y 12th Oct^r & Tues^y 13 splitting & putting up rails past the barn. Wed^y 14th got the potatoes into the Cellar and some turnips Augustus shot a Fawn this morning. Thurs^y 15th & Friday 17th underbrushing & pulling turnips before the House.
Satur^y 17th Rainy. Felix shot two fine Bucks.

Sun^y 18th Rainy, dull morning, but not cold.

Mon^y 19. rainy 20 Tues^y pulling Turnips.

21 Wednes^y underbrushing 22 Thurs^y pulling turnips

Friday 23rd pulling Turnips & building Hen house. wind high & cold

Saturd^y 24 building house for hens began to snow Friday night ground covered this morning; and snowy at times all the day.

Sunday 25th considerable quantity of snow last night and snowing fast all this forenoon. not very cold.

Mon^y 26th Tues^y 27 & Wednes^y 28th winterly snowing & freezing

Thurs^y 29th & Frid^y 30 more moderate Snow wast Slow.

Saturday 31st Threshed 6 bush^{ls} of fall wheat this week and carried it to Fergus Mill to day with 1 bush^{ls} that was threshed before. finished the hen house this week. – Mitchell^[?] [?]
the line between us and Ja^s Armstrongs & Shanks last Thursday. run'd c[?]]

Sunday 1st Nov^r Fine weather snow wasting fast.

Mon^y 2nd Tues 3rd Wednes^y 4th very fine days underbrushing mornings pulling turnips afternoons. Turnips all [splotch] up.
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Thurs^y 5th Friday 6th Satur^y 7th weather still fine underbrushing last three days.

Sunday 8th rather dull and rainy. myself unwell

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Nov^r 9th Augustus threshing barley 2 bush^{ls} for hogs Felix to Peter's with his boots & Augustus' to mend. weather rather dull and rainy at times

Tues^y 10th Very fine day bright & warm like summer

Wed^y 11th – underbrushing. Thurs^y 12th Augustus threshing barley Felix to Peters for boots. Shut the 4 hogs up to fat them.

Friday 13th Snowy day. grinding axes & threshing barley.

Satur^y 14th Frosty. – Getting Stones for the hearth. paid M^r Ja^s Benham taxes 13^s:11^d paid to him 6^s:1^d for Ja^s Peters on account.

Sun^y 15th Snowy day. – Mon^y 16th Tues 17th built a shed for the cattle at the barn. still snowy. – hunting afternoon

Wed^y 18th began building another Shed; Augustus & Felix finished the other Shed.

Thurs^y 19th – Frid^y 20 & Sat 21st Augustus & Felix and Augustus chopping. Cesar feeding hogs & doing other Jobs. self threshing barley last four days.

Sunday 22. Snowing all last night, and continue snowing all this day.

Snowing to day, wind East, cold and winterly.

Satur^y 28 the weather have been fine almost all the week; Augustus & Felix chopping all the week Cesar & myself threshing barley & feeding the hogs.

Sun^y 29 – Very fine day; mild and pleasant. snow a little wasting yesterday & today. snow more than a foot deep.

Mon^y 30 Augustus & Felix threshing wheat Tues^y 1 Dec^r Same

Wednes^y 2nd Dec^r Augustus to Fergus with 5 bush^l fall wheat Felix chopping (weather Frosty) 50^{lb} oatmeal bro^r from Fergus

Thurs^y 3rd Felix to Guelph for Hellebord[?]; Augustus Chopping

Friday 4 & Satur^y 5th Augustus & Felix Chopping.

margin: Sun 15th winter seem to be begun
[afreurep102]]

1840 Sunday 6 Dec^r Snowy Day. not very cold

Mon^y 7th Augustus & Felix chopping. Wind cold.

Tues^y 8th Same A & F chopping. warmer.

Wed 9th A & F chopping. weather milder; thawing.

Thurs^y 10 – Fri^y 11th Satur^y 12 A & F chopping Cesar chopping three half days. (weather remarkably mild and pleasant)

Sun^y 13 Mild morning. snow in the night and last night but thawing in the day time yesterday & to day.

Mon^y 14 Chopping. Tues^y 15th Snowing all day fast.

Wednes^y 16th Chopping. Thurs^y 17 killed a fat hog & Chopping. Frost sharper last night than it has been before this winter
Friday 18th Chopping sharp cold day. Chopping.
Satur^y 19th Chopping; not quite so cold.

Sun^y 20th Frosty but not very cold. Snow falling at times. (Received a letter from Marcus last night.)

Mon^y 21st Chopping. Tues 22nd Snowing fast all day.
Wed. 23. Chopping. Thurs^y 24th chopping Friday 25th Christmas
Satur^y 26th chopping. weather fine for the season.

Sunday 27th – Mon 28th Tues 29th Wednes^y 30th Thurs^y 31st chopping all these four day. weather cold and snowy Felix to Fergus with 5½ bush^l fall wheat; bought a new ax. broke the edge of his old one.

1841 Friday 1 Jan^y 1841 Killed 3 hogs to day
Satur 2nd cut up and salted the hogs this day. Cold, windy, and snowing.

Sunday 3rd – Frost sharp last night. not unpleasant this morning.

Mon 4th chopping. – Frosty & very cold day. –

Tues^y 5th – Sow to Peter's hog. – Felix & Cesar chopping Misty, rainy & warm days; thawing.

Wed^y 6th Mild morning, raining fast, and thawing.

[afreurep103]

Jan^y 7th 1841. Thurs^y – Friday 8th Satur^y 9th Chopping weather mild for the Season.

Sun^y 10th Hazy, but not very cold.

Mon 11th snowing fast all day. Tues^y 12 very fine morning Snow afternoon

Wed^y 13. Thurs^y 14. Friday 15th & Satur^y 16 fine for the season Chopping all the week.

Thawing to day (Saturday) and rain in the night; snow in the morning.

Sunday 17th thawing is stopped but not very cold. put 40 bush^{ls} Turnips in the cellar yesterday.

Mon^y 18 Chopping – very cold – Tues 19th the same.

Wednes^y 20th Chopping – not so cold.

Thurs^y 21st – Brought 2 Sleigh loads hay from Jem Rowe's milder.

Frid^y 22nd – D^o – 2 loads more hay home to day – not cold –

Satur^y 23rd – D^o – 1 load hay more yesterday all that was left. chopping afternoon

Sun^y 24th – weather mild since Wednes^y snowing to day but not cold.

Mon 25th Chopping & dressing wheat. weather moderate.

Tues^y 26 Augustus to Fergus with 14 bush^{ls} wheat (fall wh^l) Felix & Cesar chopping. heavy snow afternoon.

Wednes^y 27th soft day. thawing a little.

Thurs^y 28th Felix & Cesar to Guelph. bought trowsers at 2 Dollars each. Augustus chopping. fine day Friday 29. rather cold & snowy. – chopping – 30 bush^{ls} turnips into the cellar

Satur 30. Chopping – cold windy Day.

Sun^y 31st very fine day. – clear & not cold.

Mon^y 1st February. very fine Day. Cesar chopping. Felix hauling pine log.

Tues 2nd Snowy & cold day. Chopping.

Wed 3rd Augustus Set off for Albion – drawing pine log & fire wood

Thurs 4th John Durrant & Son came to see us.

Frid 5th Went away after breakfast this morning.

Sat^y 6th Cesar with pine log to Saw mill brought 150 f^t planks back. fine pleasant day.

[afreurep104]

Feb^y 7th 1841. Sunday, a beautiful, clear, and mild & very pleasant day.

Mon^y 8th Chopping, and drawing pine logs, cold day

Tues^y 9th very cold and Snowy at times. drawing logs.

Wed^y 10th very cold. chopping & drawing logs & boards back. Augustus came home this evening having had a fruitless and very unpleasant Journey. lost a pair of new socks.

Thurs^y 11th – Felix & Cesar chopping. Augustus drew home the last boards from opposite Willy Woods barns. Sharp cold & windy

Friday 12th Chopping. very sharp cold & windy.

Satur^y 13th very sharp cold & windy still. it have froze sharper the last three days than at any time before since this winter began. Felix got turnips into the cellar Augustus and Felix chopping – (Augustus bro^t his new laid ax from Guelph last Wednesday 10th Feb^y)

Sun^y 14th Froze sharp last night but not so pinching cold this morning as it has been for some days past beautiful clear day and comfortably warm in the sunshine

Mon^y 15. Felix to Saw Mill with pine log. paid Kribs 4½ ^{dollars} the amount of his bill.

Augustus & Cesar chopping

Tues^y 16 Wednes^y 17 & Thurs^y 18th – 3 chopping. Finished thresh^d Fall Wheat. – weather have been moderate.

Fri^y 19th Drawing fire wood; and making ax helves.

Satur^y 20th All three chopping; fine mild day: pleasant.

Sun^y 21 remarkably fine for the season; warm & pleasant. read the Service for the day in the open air

Sat^y 27. Fetched a load of straw from Griffyths last Tues^y – the weather moderate all the week, rather windy – have been chopping all the week.

[afreurep105]

1841 Sunday 28th Feb^y Fine morning, Snowy afternoon.

Mon 1st March Fine day. Tues^y 2nd fine not very cold 2 loads straw from M^r Bowles yesterday & to day. Felix to Fergus with 10 bush^{ls} fall wheat to grind – Spring 5 ^{bush} 45 ^{lb} wheat sold to M^r Webster at 3/1½.

Wednes^y 3rd – Thurs^y 4th Chopping weather colder.

Fri 5. very cold chopping & dressing fall wheat

Satur 6th Cold & Snowy. Felix to Fergus with 10 bush^{ls} more of fall wheat, could not get it ground. brought back the flour of that carried last Tuesday. Augustus and Cesar chopping.

Sun^y 7. Fine day for the Season. Mon^y 8th chopping.
Tues 9th Felix to Fergus brought back the flour. Augustus & Cesar chopping. Snowing fast all the afternoon.
Wed^y 10th Thurs 11th More moderate. chopping & finished what was underbrushed
Frid^y 12th began to snow this afternoon.
Satur^y 13th six or eight inches snow fell last night.

Sun^y 14. Cold, windy and snowy at times.
Mon 15. Tues^y 16th & Wed^y 17th Cold and winterly chopping
Thurs^y 18th Frid^y 19th Satur^y 20th much warmer, snow wasting these three days past

Sun^y 21st Fine & very pleasant all the day.
Mon 22nd Chopping. Tues 23rd rainy all day. snow wasting fast
Wednes^y 24. Thurs^y 25. rainy. got in the log heap of Turnips.
Friday 26 Very fine; Finished getting Turnips into the barn. tapped a bout fifty trees for Sugar making. snow wasting fast.
Satur^y 27. rainy all the day

Sunday 28. Fine day, rather colder but snow still wasting.
Mon^y 29. Weather winterly – Tues^y 30th Felix to Fergus for Shirting & tobacco. Wed^y 31 boiled some sap.

[afreurep106]

Thurs^y 1st Apr^y 1841. Fell into the cellar bruised my thigh.
Fri^y 2nd boiling Sugar. Satu^r 3rd boiling. – Augustus & Felix all night

Sunday 4th Fine day; snow wasting; still deep in the woods. began to snow about noon and continued to fall fast so that at night it was six inches increased in depth.
Mon 5th Snow wasting slow, Cesar boiled off the first sugar this season.
Tues 6 snow wasting slow. boiled off more sugar (Augustus)
Wed 7. snow wasting slow boiled off more sugar (Augustus)
Thurs 8 – began to snow this morning contined all day. Six or seven inches deephth fell to day.
Good Friday 9th boiled more sugar – cold day – Augustus boiler
Satur^y 10th – wind from the north very cold. Felix Boiled sugar; three large pans; near 100^{lbs} made this last week; all good.

Easter Sunday 11th Fine clear day; but very cold wind.
Mon^y 12th Augustus & Cesar to Ja^s Logfrins chopping. Felix boiling Sugar & Cutting browse for cattle. fine day.
Tues^y 13 – Wednes 14th & Thurs 15th fine days but cold winds
Friday 16th warm, snow wasted more last night than in all the rest of the week – Felix boiled off three cakes of sugar to day.
Satur^y 17th – Felix fetched in 38 buckets sap. cut browse. a fine day, thawing. Augustus & Cesar home this evening they have been chopping all the week. –

Sunday 18 – Snowing again this morning. wind very cold. weather finer this afternoon
Mon^y 19th Felix boiling Sugar. Wind north cold.
Tues 20th Wednes 21st & Thurs^y 22nd Fine days but frost at night
Frid 23rd Felix boiled sugar & 2½ buckets of Molasses. fine warm day.
Sat 24 split rails. drew logs for D^g [dragging?] & cut down Trees for cattle. very warm to day: August & Cesar at Ja^s Logfrin's all the week.

Sunday 25 Very fine warm day, we hope to begin to sow wheat tomorrow morning.

[afreurep107]

Mon^y 26 Apr^l 1841 began to sow wheat on Turnip land
Tues 27 Sowing wheat.
Wed^y 28 – Sow pigged eight pigs. Sowing wheat.
Thurs 29 – Poll Calved in the woods. rainy all the day & Cold & windy
Fri^y 30 rainy all last night. hunted for Poll 'till dinner could not find her. plowing & dragging afternoon.
Poll came home just at dark Shut her in the Barn.
Saty 1st May Found Poll's calve, she went were it lay, got it home this forenoon. Felix chopping at Logfrin's all the week, came home this evening. (cold wind)

Sunday 2 May. Cold wind, snowing at times all the day.
Mon^y 3rd Tues 4th Wednes^y 5th Finished sowing spring wheat.
Thurs^y 6th sowed peas. Friday 7th & Satur^y 8 plowing. weather milder. Felix at Logfrins all the week. Cesar went on Thurs^y 6th

Sunday 9th Fine morning. Cattle did not come home last night except Lilly, Bright & Poll. did not find them 'till 3 o'clock this afternoon
Mon^y 10th Augustus at home; Felix & Cesar to Logfrins rainy all day day mended my old trowsers.
Tues^y 11th Augustus sowed oats & dragging.
Wed^y 12th Augustus hunting after cattle all day; cold not find them
Thurs 13th Sowing barley & dragging
Friday 14. Dragging. Satur^y 15th Sowing barley & dragging. weather fine the last five days; frost at night.

Sun^y 16. Fine & pleasant day.
Mon^y 17th – burning brush on potatoe land.
Tues^y 18 – Felix to Ja^s Logfrin's. Augustus & Cesar clearing land for potatoes & dragging barley land –
Wed^y 19 – Felix came back at noon Jobb finished; brought home twenty four dollars and half a crown.
Thurs 20 – splitting rails & clearing land for potatoes
Fri 21 – Drawing brands [2] & burning by the house.
Satur 22. planting potatoes: weather fine all the week – Cesar to Fergus paid M^r Webster's acc^t 7\$ & 6

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[afreurep108]

Sunday 23 May 1841. Very fine day.

Mon^y 24 – Tues^y 25. – Wednes^y 26. – Fine day. – altering fences.

Thurs^y 27th Augustus & Felix to Guelph.

Fri 28. Augustus & Felix home from Guelph; staid at Thos M'Cullah's last night. Felix left his Jacket; lost a pair stockings; bottom came out of the barrel spilled the salt, Tin bottle leaked and 3 Gallons whisky ran out.

Saturday 29. Sowed oats before the house.

Sun^y 30th very fine weather all the week; and same to day.

Mon^y 31 Burning brush; & cutting a road round to the chopping.

Tues 1st June. burning brush. & cutting down poles in the chopping.

Wed 2nd Cutting brush in the chopping.

Thurs 3rd hunting after Lilly's calf. peeling elm bark.

Fri^y 4th Muster-day at Fergus, & whiskey drinking.

Satur^y 5th Began to log the 20 acres. quite hot weather all the week flies stinging very sharply.

Sunday 6. very fine forenoon; thunder and delighfull rain afternoon

Tuesd^y 8th Logging. – Mon 7th Augustus & Felix at Jem Rowes scoring timber for barn building. Cesar plant^g potatoes

Wed^y 9th Augustus & Cesar at Jem Rowes; scoring. Cesar & myself burning logs heaps & picking up

Thurs^y 10. Augustus & Felix at Jem Rowes.

Fri^y 11th splitting rails & stakes, for the lane.

Satur 12th laying up rails & riders in the lane. Fine weather all the week.

Sunday 13. Fine pleasant day; flies not so bad on yesterday. Calf to Jem Rowes

Wednesday 9th last wednesday. –

Mon 14. logging. Tues^y 15. logging. Primrose to Bull at Cormy's

Wednes^y 16th Thur^y 17th Fri^y 18. 5 bushl^s potatoes from Bowle's

Satur^y 19. log^g forenoon. Augustus & Cesar laying foundation of Jem Rowes barn, afternoon. fine dry weather.

[afreurep109]

Sunday 20th June 1841. Fine & pleasant day.

Mon 21 Logging. Tues^y 22 Augustus and Felix at Jem Rowes Barn raising, dreadfull accident scaffold broke down, and five people fell on the sleepers more than twenty feet no limbs broke, but sadly bruised. Cesar to Fergus. bought callico for logging shirts.

Wed^y 23rd On the roads prepared for making a bridge.

Thurs 24th made the bridge Lyon and Lamb assisted.

Frid 25. Laying rails round potatoe & Turnip ground.

Satur 26. Logging. fine shower on thursday, and another today

Sunday 27. Cherry to bull at M^r Cormy's

Mon 28. ["Nancy to the" crossed out] Bull at Cormy's. Poll 28th
Tues^y 29. ["Beauty or Breeze to Bull" crossed out] at Cormy's. Nancy 29th
Wed 30. burning and hunting cattle oxen
Thur 1st July. Fri^y 2nd Logging.
Satur 3rd at Jem Armstrongs Logging Bee. finished hoeing potatoes by the house.

Sunday 4th Fine day. fine all last week.
Mon^y 5th Tues^y 6. Fencing the Turnip Land.
Wed^y 7 Thurs^y 8th Logging
Fri^y 9th Cesar to Scott's Saw Mill raising. rain this afternoon
Satur 10th Logging yesterday & to day. Cesar came home this evening.

Sunday 11th Fine day.
Mon^y 12th Tues^y 13th Wed^y 14th Thurs^y 15th Logging.
Fri^y 16. sowed Turnips. Cesar dragging. Augustus & Felix at Sandy Wilkies Barn raising
17th Satur^y Finished dragging. drew brands & rails by the house forenoon helped Jem
Armstrong to stack his hay afternoon. Fine weather all the week

[afreurep110]

Sundau 18th July 1841. Very hot day.
Mon^y 19th Tues^y 20th Wed^y 21st Thurs^y 22. Logging. finished what was chopped up
Frid^y 23. Lilly & breeze to Bull at Cormy's.
Satur^y 24th Chopping up. Fine rain this afternoon.

Sun^y 25 Fine pleasant day.
Mon^y 26. Augustus to Saw mill to pile the boards. Felix and Cesar to Fergus with 3 bush^{is}
of our own wheat Bought 2 bush^{is} of M^r Bowls. – bo^t al 5 bush^{is} could not get it ground.
Took back flour from Jem Rowes.
Tues 27th Wed^y 28. Chopping up. Thurs^y 29th Logging
Friday 30. rainy. Satur^y 31st rainy; charming rain.

Sunday 1st August. very fine day.
Mon 2^d Augustus & Felix logging at Cormy's
Tues 3rd Augustus & Felix logging at Jem Logfrin's. Grace Rowes dyed this morning
Wednes 4th logging at house.
Thurs 5. Augustus Felix & Cesar at Mrs Rowes Funeral
Fri^y 6. logging at home; Satur 7th logging. at home.

Sunday 8th Fine morning. Rainy afternoon.
Mon^y 9th Logging. Augustus to Fergus for the flour.
Tues^y 10th Logging. Wednes^y 11th Rainy took up the barn floor.
Thurs^y 12. Began to mow barley – branding.
Frid^y 13. Finished mowing barley tyed some up.
Satur^y 14th Cut the fall wheat. tyed up more barley.

Sunday 15th Lilly to Bull at Cormy's.

Mon^y 16th Tues^y 17th (Wednes^y 18th carr^d barley and wheat) laying barn floor.
Thurs^y 19. Fridy 20. branding.
Satur^y 21st Augustus Felix & Cesar at Griffyths cutting fall wheat.

Sunday 22nd Fine day. – Got the Fall Wheat & barley into the barn last Wednes^y 19th

[afreurep111]

Mon^y 23rd – Tues 24 – Wed 25. Thurs 26 Friday 27. Cutting wheat.
Satur 28. Cutting wheat, and threshing fall wheat for sowing

Sunday 29. fine morning. a little rain afternoon
Mon^y 30th Dressed 5 bush^{ls} fall wheat. – cutting wheat.
Tues^y 31. Sowed 2 acres (2 bush^{ls}) Fall wheat.
Sep^r Wednes^y 1st cutt^g Wh^t – Hauled 8 or 9 waggⁿ loads wheat into the barn. Heavy rain and thunder at night
Thurs 2nd Cesar to Saw mill for boards. Heavy rain and thunder at night. Felix threshed spring wheat today very heavy rain began about 4 oclock and Contin. all night Millar not at home could not get the corn ground. Stayed at And^w Simms 'till morning on acct of the rain.
Satur^y 4th took the cap Sheaves of the shocks and untied them; very wet and some grown out green. Cut a sleigh load wheat and got it into the barn. tied up the cap Sheaves and laid them on round shocks quite dry.

Sunday 5th Very fine day.
Mon 6 Tues^y 7 Wednes^y 8th Thurs^y 9th (Harvesting) finished wheat this evening very heavy rain as soon as we had done
Friday 10th – Satur 11th sowed more fall wheat. dragged it twice.

Sunday 12 very fine day.
Mon^y 13th dragged the wheat again sowed last Saturday – threshed the fall wheat
Tues^y 14 Got oats & peas into the barn; Harvest done.
15th Wednes^y liming wheat & branding. Felix to Fergus with 2 bush^{ls} wheat brought the flour home with that left there 3rd Sep^r

[afreurep112]

Thurs^y 16 Sowed more wheat. Cesar dragging.
Friday 17 Satur^y 18th Dragging & branding.

Sunday 19th Fine day. Mon^y 20. Branding & threshing
Tues^y 21st dragged the land once before sowing. limed wheat
Wed 22 Sowed the slashing (about half) with wheat.
Thurs^y 23rd Dragged it in, this forenoon.
Fri 24 & Satur^y 25 Logging.

Sunday 26. Rain in the night. wind and rather cool this morning.
Mon^y 27 – Daizy to Bull at Jem Rowes. Rainy
Tues 28. Rainy. Wednes 29 chopping up.

Thurs 30. Logging. Oct^r 1st Friday Logging
Oct^r 1st Primrose to Bull at Jem Rowes.
Satur 2nd Logging.

Sunday 3rd Fine day. (Frosty last three nights)
Mon^y 4 Tues^y 5th picking up and burning.
Wed 5 Logging forenoon. Augustus & Felix helping Jem Armstrong to kill hogs afternoon.
Thurs^y 7 Logging & burning. Friday 8 Logging & burning
Satur 9 Finished Logging. Augustus Threshing wheat.

Sunday 10th A beautiful fine & pleasant day. read in the log field [?] Frost every night last week, and fine days.
Mon^y 11th Thresh^g barley. – began to take up potatoes.
Tues 12th Augustus to Fergus with 6 bush^s wh^l & 8 of barley (ground) meal & flour home that evening.
Wed 13th taking up potatoes.
Thurs 14 Same – Friday 15 finished taking up potatoes & got them into the cellar about 150 bush^{ls} fine weather all the week.
[afreurep113]

Octr 1841

17 Oct^r Satur branding. Cesar unwell. cold rather stormy

17th Sunday fine day. not cold.
18 Mon^y Finished branding.
19 Tues^y Cesar began plowing. began underbrushing. began to snow this evening.
20 Wed^y ground covered with snow. began to fix barn doors
21 Thurs^y Finished the lower doors, hung them
22 Fri^y plowing, and underbrushing. snow not all gone
23 Sat^y made the upper barn doors; snowing Snowing all day

24 Sunday. Fine morning. Cold and Frosty, Snow two or three inches deep
25 Mon^y finished barn doors.
26 Tues. Threshing & roofing sheds.
27 Wed. underbrushing morning. pull Turnips afternoon. snow among the Turnips
28 Thur. underbrushing morn^g. pulling Turnip. frost at night
29 Fri. No frost. Finished pulling Turnips.
Indian Summer
30 Sat^y very fine yesterday, and to day, quite warm. no frost last night. underbrushing.
Augustus helping to raise school House.

31st Sunday Fine day, no frost last night – very mild.
Nov^r 1st Mon^y Tues^y 2 underbrushing & plowing.
3 Wed^y Augustus to finish raising school House.
4 Thurs. 5 Frid^y underbrushing & plowing. – cold –
26 Satur^y Augustus & Cesar raising Bowls new House.

Constable summoned this afternoon, Augustus Felix & Cesar to appear at Hemming on Mon^y 8 respecting road work – cold wind

Sunday 7th Fine pleasant day, not cold.

8th Mon^y Augustus Felix, Cesar & David Rae off for Hemmings home this evening. fined 2.1.10 for not doing road work and four days work to do.

9th Tues^y Augustus & Cesar on the road

[afreurep114]

10th Nov^r 1841. Finished road work today

11th Thurs^y Cesar put hen shed to rights.

12 Frid^y Underbrushing. Augustus plowing.

13 Sat^y Killed fat hog. plowing & dressing wheat, 22 bush^{ls} loaded Ja^s Armstrongs waggon 18 bush^{ls} [?] for guelph on Monday

14 Sunday. Very fine morning but cloudy day snowing at times.

15 Mon^y Augustus to Guelph with 17^{bushls}. 24^{lb} wheat sold at 6/- York 3/9 Sterling. paid Hemmings 2^l.1^s.10^d

16 Tues^y. Carried Jem Armstrongs grist & 2 Gall^{ns} Whiskey underbrushing afternoon Wednes 17 underbrushing. paid the taxes 15^s.8½ Sterling. 18th Thurs^y underbrushing.

19 Friday Finished underbrushing 18 or 20 acres

20 Satur^y Threshing. dressed 12 bush^{ls} peas. fine weather all the week.

21 Sun^y Mild day. Rainy at night.

Mon^y 22. a warm day. – making rails & plowing

Tues 23rd Felix to Fergus 8 bush^{ls} 4 Sold at 6^s/0 York. The rest ground & 3 bush^{ls} barley ground. much colder. some snow Snowing fast this afternoon

24 Wednes^y milder snow wasted. Cutting rails stuff.

25 Thurs. Snowing all last night, about 6 Inches deep

26. threshing barley & cutting logs for Cow house

27 Satur. dressing barley & building Cow house. winter appear to have begun last Wednes^y 24

28 Sun^y not quite so cold as it has been the last few days.

29 Mon^y – building Cow house Tues 30th build cow house.

Wed^y 1 Dec^r. Roofing Cow house. 2nd Dec. Thurs^y began Chopping.

3rd Fri^y rainy all the day. – making Sleigh Snow wasting

4 Sat^y snowing all day – making Sleigh.

5 Sunday. Snowing all last night. windy.

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Mon^y 6 Dec^r 1841 Chopping & threshing. Snowy.

Tues^y 7th Augustus & Felix at Henly Barn raising. Fine day.

Wed 8th Chopping & threshing. weather milder.

Thur 9th Chopping & threshing. Thick misty morning. rainy all the afternoon

Fri 10 – Ibid – misty morn^g Rainy forenoon mild, Snow wasting yesterday & today.
Satur^y 11th rainy. snow almost all wasted.

Sund^y 12 – very fine day; warm & clear, very pleasant.
Mon^y 13 – Tues^y 14 & Wednes^y 15th Chopping & threshing wheat.
Thurs^y 16th Augustus & Cesar at Will^m Millar's House raising; cold & snowy
Frid^y 17th Dressed about 22 bush^s spring wheat. threshed a floor of Barley
Satur^y 18. Killed the young Sow forenoon. Augustus & Cesar to finish Millar's house raising. threshed another floor of Barley very clear, but very cold day.

Sunday 19th Fine day frost but not so cold as yesterday
M 20. T 21. W 22. Th 23. F 24. S 25. Christmas day very fine. A Fine week for ^{winter} [2] but what we were doing I do not know.

26. Sunday. 27 Mon^y (Killed four hogs on Tuesday 28th)
Wed 29th fine day. Thurs^y 30th to Guelph with 30 bush^s Wheat Sold at 5 ¾ shillings York.
Bo^t Barrel Salt.
Friday 31st Satur^y 1st Jan^y 1842. put Glass in the windows & Cut out and Salted the meat.
Felix Bo^t Jacket & Trowsers Cesar the Same & pair trowsers for me, last Friday.

1842 Sunday 2nd Cold windy day. Mon^y 3rd not quite so cold
Tues^y 4 Augustus to Fergus with 20 bush^s wheat sold 12 bush^{ls} to M^r Webster at 6 ¾
Shill^{gs} York. 8 ground flour back. Snowy day.

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Wed^y 5th Jan^y 1842. rainy and freezing.
Thur^y 6th weather better. chopping. Fri^y 7th fine chopping.
Satur 8th Fine day; chopping & dressing rails today & yesterday

Sunday 9th very fine & mild. Mr Griffyths Sen^r came today & Mr. Henly & his Children.
Mon^y 10th very fine day; chopping Tuesday 11th the same; chopping & dressing rails
Wed^y 12 Thurs^y 13th & Friday 14. rather colder; & snowy and stormy to day.
Satur 15th Threshing 210 sheaves with oxen; Aug^s & Felix chopping.
Sow to Harlands Hog last Thursday 13th Jan^y 1842 Augustus to Guelph bro^t home Felix & Cesars Hyloes.

16th Sunday very fine day; quite mild.
Mon^y 17th Augustus & Felix to Guelph with 18 bush^{ls} wheat. they allowed for 16^B. 42^{lb} sold at 6/4 York Shillings; paid Jackson for 3 pair Hyloes at 24 dollars each. Bo^t Grindstone at 3 cents per Lb. Day remarkably fine and warm; wind South.
Tues^y 18th very fine & warm morning. hanging the grindstone.
Wed^y 19th chopping & Cesar drawing rails. fine day.
Thurs 20th Rainy all day snow wasting; Cow house flooded at night, cut the Ice away with an ax & let the water out
Friday 21st Snowing all day; Sharp frost in the morning.

Satur^y 22. Fine & Frosty day. Chopping Augustus & me dressing the chaff out in about 23 bush^{ls} wheat and threshing straw for cattle.

Sunday 23rd clear & Frosty day.

Mon^y 24 Tues 25 Wednes^y 26 Thurs^y 27 Chopping & drawing rails Very fine winter weather.

Friday 28 Cesar to Fergus with 15½ bush^{ls} wheat Sold at 4^s/6^d. paid Mr Websters acc^t

Satur^y 29th Clear & quite warm. Rain at night; still warm. Chopping & drawing rails.

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Jan^y 1842

Sunday 30th Fine morning, a little frosty, not very cold

Mon 31st Fine day. This month have been very pleasant. not cold for the season

Feb^y 1st Tues^y Fine. Wednes^y 2nd Fine. Thurs^y 3rd Rain & warm.

Fri^y 4th snow much wasted. a little fell last night; mild.

Sat^y 5th Fine day. not very cold. have been chopping all the week. I have been thresh^g wheat the last two weeks.

Sun^y 6th Fine day for the Season; not cold.

Mon^y 7th – Chopping. Tues^y 8th Shrove Tuesday very cold winterly day – snowing & driving.

Wed^y 9th more moderate Augustus to Fergus with 16 bush^{ls} wheat 4 bush^{ls} ground the 12 left on cred^t 11/28/60 at 4/6 sterling. Thurs 10th & Fri^y 11 Chopping fine days. Satur 12th chopping very fine and warm.

Sun^y 13th very fine mild day for the season. moon appeared beautiful last night the dark part visible.

Mon^y 14 Valentines day. very winterly. wind blowing & snowing Freezing sharp. cut down the trees in the potatoe ground.

Tues 15 more moderate. chopping.

Wed^y 16th Snowing but not sharp cold. Chopping.

Thurs^y 17th Frid^y 18th Cold and Snowy. Chopping.

Satur^y 19th Cesar & self dressing wheat part of the stack about 21 ½ bush^{ls} left it laying in the barn (only the chaff blown out.) Cold day, snowing at times. great fall off snow last night, about 12 inches deep now.

Sun^y 20th Fine day; Tom Wilson & Jem Rowes came to day.

Mon 21st Cold. Chopping. Tues^y 22nd Cold. Chopping

Wed 23rd Cesar to Fergus with 16 bush^{ls} w^t weigh'd 15½ to Webster at 4/6. Augustus & Felix chopping.

Thurs^y 24 Cesar to Saw Mill for boards. A & F Chopping – fine mild day

Frid 25 Augustus to Saw Mill for the boards that remained

Satur^y 26. Chopping thick misty day. thawing.

Sund^y 27. Fine day; thawing.

Mon 28th a little frosty; but not cold. Felix to Fergus with 14 bush^{ls} wheat for grist. Flour back at midnight.

[afreurep118]

The last month have been very favorable many days mild and pleasant.
1842 March 1st Tues^y fine day misty and some rain thawing all chopping –
Wednes^y 2nd Misty & rainy. picking wheat for sowing.
Thurs^y 3rd Frid^y 4th Satur^y 5th Chopping. & thresh^g wheat.

Sunday 6th Cold; roads all covered with Ice. very slippery
Mon 7th A & F chopping. Cesar & I threshing Barley; the last for this year.
Tues^y 8th Laid the floor in the cow house.
Wednes 9th Thurs^y 10th Friday 11th Satur^y 12th chopping. laid up some rails on thursday

Sunday 13th M^r Black came yesterday to assess the land and cattle. and took acc^t of our
number and ages. and what corn & potatoes we grew last year. and what quantity of sugar
we made. the weather cold and frosty the last three days. Fine today.
Mon^y 14th Tues^y 15 & Wed^y 16th Chopping. weather mild.
Thurs^y 17th Fine day, got in the oat stack & splitting rails.
Frid^y 18th & Satur^y 19th very fine; hauling & laying uprails.

Sun^y 20th Fine Mild day; Cesar & myself went to Griffith
Mon 21. Snowy all day Chopping
Tues 22. Snow 6 or 7 inches deep. drawing Logs & chopping
Wed 23. drawing Hay (1/2 a Ton) from Andrew Sim's
Thurs 24. Cutting & drawing Barn Logs. rainy afternoon
Fri 25. Rain & heavy Thunder at 2 or three o'clock this morning.
Satur^y 26 chopping & drawing Logs.

Sun^y 27 Snowing in the forenoon. very large flakes.
Mon^y 28th Nancy & Cherry calved. Felix choppping. Augustus & Cesar Tapping trees, for
Sugar making.

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1842 Mar^h 29. Hung the Sugar boilers, sap running.
30th Wednes^y Made 2 cakes of Sugar.
31st Thurs^y very cold, no sap. – spring froze this morning
Apr^l 1st Friday. boiling sap. Felix & Augustus chopping. milder
2nd Satur^y made 2 cakes of Sugar. finish^d chopping. warm.

Sun^y 3rd – Mon^y 4 boiled some sap. Tues^y 5 Snowing. Finished threshing oats & picking
wheat.

Wed^y 6th Began to sow spring wheat. (Poll calved on Monday 4th April in the woods)
Thurs 7th Sowing wheat. & dragg^g
Friday 8th Sowing wheat & dragg^g
Satur 9th Augustus dragging. Frosty at nights

Sunday 10th Fine mild morning. – Lilly's last years calf torn to pieces last night by the wolves. –

Felix & Cesar at Mr Bowles Barn raising yesterday Sat^y 9th

Mon 11 dragging & plowing. Tues^y 12th dragging wheat barn Field.

Wednes^y 13 dragging Barn Field. plowing. Augustus riving stakes.

Thurs 14th Finished dragging Barn Field. began to burn brush fence

Fri^y 15. Sowed peas; plowed them in. burning brush fence

Satur 16th Sowed more peas. cut down basswood tree, rove rails and made the Fence good past the brush fence. weather fine, frosty at nights, wind cold.

Sunday 17th Fine dry morning, wind rather cold.

Mon^y 18 rainy. dressed w^t. – Tues^y 19 splitting stakes & plowing.

Wed^y 20. Sowed spring wheat; in the wet part; & dragging it.

Thurs 21. dragging the peas – Very warm day.

Fri^y 22. dragging; & sowing oats; & plowing finished today. got the last of the turnips into the Barn. very hot to day.

Sat^y 23. Sowing more oat & dragging.

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Sunday 24 Apr^l 1842. Fine day pleasant Borrowed M^r Baxters Saints rest.

25 Mond^y putting up stakes & riders. 26 Tues^y the same wind cold

27 Wed^y Felix to Fergus with 8 bush^{ls} wheat. Snowing

28 Thurs^y ground covered with Snow this morning.

29 Frid^y putting up Stakes & riders snow all gone

30 Sat^y Ibid – Fine day – no Cattle home tonight.

1 May Sunday – Fine day – M^{rs} & M^r Hindley dined with Bro^t M^{rs} Freure's new gown. (12)

Mr Baxter)

2 May Mon^y Cesar to Guelph fair, bo^t ½ bush^l grass seed 5^s/0 York

3 Tues^y Logg^g brush fence Wed^y 4 Same. planted potatoes

5 Thurs^y Staking & Ridering. & cutting rafters.

6 Fri^y Sowing barley. 7 Satur^y dragging barley & cutting rafters carrying muck on potatoe land. planted some on brush fence land –

8 Sun^y Fine day. Fine all last week.

9 Mon^y Brought 2 bush^l oats from Henly's, sowed grass seed

10 Tues^y sowed oats by the fall wheat, planted potatoes, pumkins and Indian corn.

11th Wed^y Finished dragging oats, cut & peeled logs for milk House

12 Thurs^y Augustus to Hog's with pair oxen dragging. Finished plowing & dragged potatoe ground. cut down trees against the brush fence.

13 – Fri^y Rainy day.

14 Satur^y Cutting & making shingles. fine day

15 Sun^y fine day.

16 Mon^y Found Hendley's Cow. making shingles planted Indian corn, onions French beans &c Lilly calved in the pasture

*Richard Baxter, The
Saints everlasting rest*

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17 Tues^y 18 Wed^y 19th Thurs^y 20 Friday 21 Satur^y, making shingles all the week. Finished planting potatoes.

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Sunday 22 May 1842 Rainy

Mon^y 23rd began the Milk-house laid the Logs.

Tues^y 24. Cut rafters & peeled them. and made them.

Wed^y 25. put the rafters up. ----

Thurs^y 26. Cesar to Fergus for nails.

Frid^y 27 put the shingles on.

Sat^y 28. laid the floor finished it compleatly.

Sun^y 29th Fine day.

Mon^y 30. Augustus went round to ask people to the barn raising Cesar to Fergus for whiskey, rice, currts, nutmegs, mustard &c. Felix shot a porcupine.

Tues^y 31st Laid the foundation of the barn.

Wednes^y 1st June preparing for the raising tomorrow. M^{rs} Hindley baking bread, cakes &c and boiling 2 hams.

Thurs^y 2 June Barn raised to day, beautiful fine day.

Fri^y 3 rainy. I went to M^r Logfrin's. Augustus Felix & Cesar carrying home articles we borrowed.

Satur^y 4 Training day at Fergus. fine day

Sun^y 5th Fine day. --

Mon^y 6th drew up the rafters.

Tues 7th Framed the rafters & put them up. Jem Rowes assisted

Wed 8 -- Drew shingles stuff & made shingles -- sharp frost last night

Thurs 9th Augustus & Felix at Cormy's Barn raising. Rainy.

Friday 10th making shingles. frost.

Satur^y 11th making shingles & drawing more Logs. making scaffold and priming rafters

Sun^y 12 Fine day. Mon^y 13 on the road cross waying bottom of concession

Tues 14. opening & crosswaying by the House Wed 15 Crosswaying at Bridge

Thurs 16. cutting down Trees on the concession from the Bridge

Fri 17. the same Satur^y 18 making road from Bridge to M^r Bowles

Sun 19th Fine day. growing showers latter part of the week, warm.

Mon 20 Tues 21 Wednes^y 22 Thurs 23 shingling Barn

Frid 24 Finished shingling Barn. Felix burning brush; went well.

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Satur^y 25 Augustus to Fergus with 10 bush^{ls} wheat; rainy; Brush fence caught fire. split rails & fenced the breach

Sunday 26. Warm day; light Showers; growing day.

Mon 27. Augustus to Fergus took 3 dollars & 2/4 1/2 Sterling. paid Sim's for hay 4 dollars.
Cutting thro into the new barn.

Tues 28th Lilly to Bull at Jem Row's. Chopping up afternoon.

Wed 29. Began Logging. Thurs^y 30th logging. Frid. 1st July Logging

Satur^y 2 July rainy all day. Hunting for Daizy.

Sunday 3rd July. Poll to Bull at Jem Rowe's. Fine day.

Mon 4th Tues 5. Wednes^y 6th Logging.

Thurs^y 7th Cesar at Griffyths Barn raising. burning logs

Fri^y 8 Cesar at Griffyths rasing rafters. burning logs

Satur^y 9 burning logs & brush.

Sunday 10th (Nancy to Bull at Jem Rowes. Nancy.)

Mon^y 11th branding. Tues 12th branding. Wednes 13 burning brush.

Thurs 14th splitting rails. Tulip to Bull at Jem Rowes yesterday Wednes^y 13th July

Friday 15. branding Forenoon. one of dogs dreadfully torn by a Bear. forced to kill it directly.

Satur 16th Logging at Ja^s Armstrong's 2 pair of oxen & 3 men

Sunday 17th very hot day, have been hot all the last week

Mon 18 Tues 19 Wed^y 20 Thurs 21. hot weather Logging. Frid 22 Violet to Bull at Jem Rowes

Satur 23. Logging.

Sunday 24 Fine day. Mon^y 25 Tues^y 26 Wed 27. Logging & burning & mowing grass.

Thurs 28. (Cherry to Bull at Jem Rowes) Friday 29th & Satur 30 Logging

29 Friday Logging. 30th Satur^y Hindley's sheep pen raising; rainy all day, did not go. made a rack for the waggon. Felix hunting cattle found them at night

31st Sunday fine day. Mon^y 1st August got the hay into the Barn sowed 2 acres of Turnips.

August 2nd Tues^y fine mornng. Finished dragging Turnips Wed 3rd Logging

Thurs^y 4th Augustus to Mill with 12 bushls wheat Ja^s Armstrong had 2 bush^{ls} of it.

Fri^y 5 – Satur 6th Logging. yesterday fetched a sow & nine pigs from Jonⁿ Listers. Finished howing potatoes

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Sunday 7 Augst 1842 Fine day, hunting cattle all day could not find them

Mon 8th hunting cattle all day. found them. burning Log heaps

Tues 9th Primrose to Bull. Logging.

Wed^y 10th Logging – Thurs^y 11 Laying round Turnips. Frid^y 12 Logging

Satur^y 13th Logging Jemmy Armstrong helping borrowed bottle of whiskey of M^r Bowles

Sunday 14 Fine day. fine all last week; hot.

Mon^y 15th Began to mow Barley. Burning log heaps & branding.

Tues^y 16th branding; and finished mowing Barley.

Wednes 17. Rainy making cradle & Clearing the Barn. Heavy rain last night.

Thurs^y 18. pulled down the ox shed Primrose to Bull again
Friday 19. Satury 20th Cutting fall wheat.

Sunday 21 Fine day. Nancy & Daisy have been lost a week.
Mon 22. cutting wheat. Tues 23rd Same & carrying Barley.
Wed^y 24. Cutting wheat. Thurs^y 25 Cutting & Carrying. Frid^y 26 Cutting forenoon rain
afternoon
Satur^y 27. heavy showers of rain. began to hoe Turnips

Sunday 28. very fine day & very hot. Felix & Cesar in woods hunting after cattle two cows
Daisy & Nancy have been lost two weeks.
Mon^y 29 finished cutting fall wheat. Tuesy 30th & Wednesy 31 Carrying
Thurs^y 1st September Carrying fall wheat forenoon; rain afternoon
Friday 2nd Cutting oats & taking up peas & cutting wheat by the Barn.
Satur^y 3rd Rainy.

Sunday 4th Fine day Daisy & Primrose came home this morning. & 3 of the young Cattle
with them M^r Potter from Erin came this morning on the hunt after his cattle
Mon^y 5th finished cutting the wheat by the Barn; the other lost cattle came home this
afternoon.
Tues^y 6th Began to cut the spring wheat in the 20 acres.
Wednes^y 7th Cutting spring wheat.
Thurs 8th Got home 4 loads fall wheat rainy afternoon left some in the field. threshing fall
wheat for sowing
Friday 9th Sowed two acres of wheat this morning; rainy threshing more wheat, & dragging.
Satur^y 10. Fine day finished dragging. laid up more rails round the turnips. took up peas.
Cut spring wheat afternoon.

[in margin] Daisy Sunday the 4th September Daisy to Bull at Jem Rowes

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Sunday 11 Sep^r 1842. Rain this morning. warmer than yesterday
Mon^y 12th Rain'd very fast all last night. – rain all this afternoon fast
Tues^y 13th raining almost all last night. spring wheat growing as it stands. Oats and peas
on the ground; fine this morning.
Wednes^y 14. Turned the oats & peas. Cut some spring wheat.
Thurs 15th – Tyed & carried oats. green & moist some of them
Friday 16 – Carried the spring wheat by the Barn. light showers afternoon.
Satur^y 17th – Carried the peas & one load of oats, & two of Fall wheat, the last

Sunday 18th – Light showers; but a warm & pleasant day.
Mon^y 19 – cutting & carrying spring wheat. – Fine day.
Tues^y 20 – D^o D^o fine day. Carried wheat to night & last night by moon light
Wed. 21 – rain last night. took down the oat stack & made 2 of it. rainy
Thurs 22 – Frost & snow this morning. Snowing at times all day. Cutting & carrying wheat.
Friday 23. Fine morning. Frost; ground hard. Cutting & carrying wheat
Saturday 24. Finished cutting & carrying spring wheat; very fine & hot

Sunday 25. Fine day. I was unwell laid almost all day; could not read.

Monday 26. Cutting oats tying up & carrying. very fine day.

Tuesday 27. Carried all the oats. Harvest done. very fine day

Wednes^y 28. sowed more wheat yesterday. took up the potatoes were the brush fence was. dragging wheat-land

Thurs 29 – Threshed & dressed spring wheat. Aug. & Felix branding

Frid 30 Cesar to Fergus with 8 Bush^{ls} wheat sold one for tobacco 2 of old wheat & 6 of new ground.

Satur^y 1 Oct^r Sowed more wheat. put up 2 log heaps – rainy afternoon

Sunday 2nd October Fine day.

Mon^y 3rd – Dragging wheat & Threshing Fall wheat.

Tues^y 4 Augustus & Cesar to Fergus (first Fair.) taking up potatoes.

Wed^y 5 sowed the last wheat. dragging.

Thurs 6th dragging & branding

Frid^y 7th branding & doing up oat stacks. rain afternoon

Satur^y 8th Augustus Felix & Cesar at Hindley's Logging.

Sunday 9th Rainy last night, & all day to day.