

Stephen "Marsh" Ripley (1850 - 1919)
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Marsh Ripley Elgin Feb 14 1869

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Jan 19th 1869

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Elgin Leeds County Canada.

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{illegible}

January 20th snows very hard all day

{written horizontally across the top of the page} Marsh Ripley

Monday January 19th

Father and I do the chores. Go to school.

Took Lea's Coal home

Wednesday January 21

Do the chores. school all day. Got to Alberts return by Elgin.

Thursday January 21.

Do the chores & Go to F J Halladay's after {coats} *{illegible - printed over coats}*

Went to Ayle Guile

Friday January 22

Do the chores & split wood Go to Henry Ripley By Lynhurst

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1/1- Saturday **January 23th** Thrash to Henry Ripples forenoon. Got a log of drywood. Come home by the Whitefish

P 1/- Sunday **January 24th** Do the choares go to Grampas

Monday **January 23** Do the choars Elisha Rowswell is here split wood make nails for the school house Stove Door *{following written vertically along bottom of page}* Marsh Ripley Elgin
January's Yours

Tuesday January 26

Do the choars go to Grandpas Split wood go to TJ Halladay after cutter. go to School house Lee & Jiles is here stay all night.

Wedensday January 27th

Do the choars go to Newboro to get a coat cut stop to Albert Delongs

Thursday January 28

Do the choars help Henry load hay. Help Tom Freeman Thrash. Chop wood for Old {R}obe. Go to Samuel Ripley's

Friday **January 29** Do the choars split wood to the house

Saturday **January 30th** Do the choars. Help Lee clean rye go to Elgin stop to Fullers stay to Lee's all night

Sunday **January 31st** Do the choars Samuel ~~Sherman~~ Superior stays here from Saturday untill Monday morning

Monday **February 1the** Do the choars go to Freemans with Lonso. Draws wood out to Granpas.

Tuesday February 2th Do the choars. Draw two loads of wood to the lake. Go to Elgin meeting with Lee & load

Wednesday **February 3th** Do the choars. Go to school & Clarence also Fuller Sarah Laura and Calista comes here we all go to Grampas

Thursday **February 4th** Do the choars. Go to school

Friday **February 5** Do the choars. Help Lee to load Rye. Go to Elgin meeting

Saturday February 6th Do the choars. Help Henry load hay. Lester Allayn Thomas & Lee is here Go to Fullers stay all night

Sunday **February 7th** Comes home from Ful Go to quarly meeting

Monday **February 8th** Draw two loads of wood to the lake Alba Lee and wife stays here all night

February 9th Tuesday Draw one load of ~~to take~~ wood and two loads of Ice. Take a load of Girst to Samuel {Penos} to prayr meeting

Wednesday Febuary 10th Do the choars Granpa and I take three steers to Nate Steavensy. Take ~~three~~ dinner to Elie Holmeses. Go to Eldr Nicoleses Donation. Come home with Lee by Elgin

Thursday **February 11th** Do the choars. Draw

~~Feb 11~~ Three loads of wood to lake

" Henry two. Joe

" Clark stay's here

Feb All night

Tuday **February 17th** Drew two loads of wood to lake. Henry two. go to Elgin for male.

Saterday Febuary 13th

Do the choars. Go to Delta. Chick and I goes to Luther Coon's childs funeral.

Sunday Febuary 14the

Do the choars. Go to Delta to Baptism.

Feb 15the

Do the choars. Henry, Sam and I drew three loads of wood to lake. A litter from Julia

Feb 16the Do the choars Henry Clarence Sam {*number 3 written over Clarence and over Sam*} and I drew ten loads of wood to the lake. Me three loads.

Feb 17th

Drew wood to lake 4 Sam Clarence and Marsh 4

Feb 18th

Do the choars Clarence draws wood 2 Sam takes a load for Thomas to Leeds

~~Feb 19 Do the~~

~~Drew two loads~~

Feb 19th Sam 3 and I 3 drew six loads of wood to lake

Feb 20

Sam 4 and Marsh 4 drew light loads of wood to lake

Feb 21the Do the choars. Go to J. K. Delongs Matilda comes back to Alberts with us

Feb 22nd Drew wood out to Grampas forenoon {Ab written in margin} Clarence 2 Henry 2 and Marsh 2 drew wood to lake

Feb 23th Clarence and Marsh drew two loads of wood to lake. Snows verry hard all Day.
Howard's Donation is to come of tonight

Feb 24th

Do the choars Go to Grampas to brake roads. {T written in margin} Make a Snow plough

Feb 25 D Do the choars Go to Grampas Henry and I brake walk Go to Elgin {twice} mistake

Feb 26 Do the choars draw two loads of wood to house go to William Topping Howards
Donation tonight

{written vertically on left side} **Feb 2{8}** Do the choars here I brake walk go to Fullars

Go to Fullers Jemina Tilda and I

Feb 28 Do the choars

Feb {written on left margin}

March 1th Do the choars Shovel roads over to Sly's corners. Go to lake to brake roads

Mar 2th Do the choars Draw wood out to grampas

Mar 3th Drew nine load of wood out to Grampas

Mar 4th Drew nine loads of wood out to Grampas

Mar 5 Draw eight loads of wood out to Grampas

Mar 6 Drew four loads of wood out to Grampas. Go to William Topping

Mar 7th Do the choars Father & Mother goes to Albert Delongs Lee comes here

Mar 8th Drew light load of wood out to Grampas. Go to Dave Johnstons to a surprise

Mar 9 Drew three pieces of loads to Lake

Mar 10 Thomas comes to help draw wood Drew two loads down in Smith's Field's Storns verry hard all day. Thomas goes home Lee and one horse here

Mar 11th

Do the choars Father & I clean wheat

Mar 12th Do the choars Go to Elgin Go to Wm Topping

Mar 13th Do the chores Chop wood. Charles Merriman and wife Wm Top{ping} and wife is here to make an evening visit -- William Taggart comes here Stays all night

Mar 14th Do the choars Albert Delong Mary Jesse & Matilda is here stays all day

Mar 15 Do the choars. Sam Seeds and Truman Keys {J}esses, Lester Alyn took dinner here. Go to Henrys pop corn. Comes home on snow shoes. Go to Elgin after male.

Mar 16th Do the choars Go to Fullers Go to milk meeting

Mar 17th Go to Furnice Falls. Come back to Thomases. Go and See George Hewek

March 18th Do the choars Mary Taggart here. Elisha Sarah Minie & Herbert Lee & I goes to Elgin

Mar 19th Do the chores Go to George Che{snee} with Henry.

Marsh Ripley

Mar 20th Do the choars Go to Powels with Henry after Cow

Mar 21th Do the choars. Lee is here

Mar 22th Do the choars Father & I clean rye to go to Kingston

Mar 23th Do the choars. John Murphy is here. Shovel roads to the lower barn. McCan got a load of hay here

Mar 24 Do the choars Go to horse Island after spiles. Go to Elgin

Mar 25 Do the choars. Go to Whitefish after Grist. Helps Leech load hay Go to Sam Ripley after girls

Mar 26 Do the choars Burn Spiles Help load two load of hay. Scald 150 Buckets tap 25 Trees John Taylor here

Mar 27 Do the choars Thomas and I tap one hundred and thirty trees. {tap written in left margin} Scald one hundred Buckets

Mar 28th B O Neil Died Do the choars Lee & Pat Murphy is here

Mar 29th Do the choars Thomas and I brake roads in the Shugar Bush

Mar 30 Do the choars. Gather 25 pails of Sap

Tap 75 trees Thomas Goes home. Sarah goes to Kingston

Mar 31th Do the choars. {sugar written in left margin} Shiger off Clarence and Sam is down to the Shuger Bush Go to Elgin.

~~Ma~~ **April 1th** Do the choars {Following written over other letters} Uncle Samuel Tod And Mary Camron Mary Taggart & Sam is here. Go to Furnace Falls after a load of Lumber for William Topping {printed in left margin in different penmanship - ? Morton Furnace Falls}

{Henry written at top of page}

April 2th Do the choars help load three loads of hay. Scald one hundred and fifty buckets. Go to Fullers {printed in left margin - Fuller Stevens}

April 3th Do the choars. Load one load of hay. Thom and I gather Sap. Boil Sap until eleven O clock

April 4th Do the choars. Henry Lee & I goes to Thomas Ripley. to see Uncle Joel. Lee stays here to dinner. Albert {continued}

fetches Jemima homes.

April 5th Do the choars. Thomas & I gather sap {Joe printed in left margin} Joel Ripley Died today

April 6th Do the choars. Gather sap. Boil until 11 Oclo

April 7th Do the choars tap 25 trees. Go to Joel Ripleys Funeral. Ernestes & wife comes here {printed in left margin "Ernestus Sliter"}

April 8 Do the choars. Gather sap. Henry, Sarah Tilda and I goes to William {Springs}

April 9th Do the choars. Chop wood for the shuga Bush. Gather sap. Go to Elgin.

April 10th Do the choars. Draw two loads of wood out of Smiths Field Change four bushels of barley for Six of pease. With Luther Coon. Gather the sap Caroline Taggart Go{es} to the shugar Bush

April 11th Do the choars. Go to Albert D Delongs.

April 12th Do the choars. Help Henry load a cook ste Stove. Gather sap.

April 13th Do the choars. Boil sap. Draw wood to Shugar Bush. Gather sap.

April 14th Do the choars. Chop wood for the shugar Bush Gather sap. Draw two loads of wood to shugar house.

April 15th Do the choars. Boil sap. Draw three of wood to the sugar house Go to Elgin

April 16 Do the choars. Gather sap. Chop wood to house

April 17th Do the choars. Strain syrup. Chop wood to the house. Go to Henry J Riples. Move the stove. Go to sugar Bush after sugar Buy H J Riples Buggy

April 18th Do the choars. Lee & Caroline Taggart stay here all night. Go to Grampas with Lee. William Taggart-~~is~~ & I goes to Sam Ripley Go to Truman's

April 19th Do the choars. Father & I clean corn. Start to plough froze Go to the ~~bu~~ sugar bush after sled Draw the stack pen from the new barn. Go to H J Ripley after Buggy

April 20 Do the choars. Thomas and I drew two {two} of hay Measure ten bushels of corn for James Murphy. Go to Floods rasin {printed beside "barn raising?"}

April 21th Do the choars. Boil sap Clean the carriage House. Go to William Toppings {printed beside "Toppings"}

April 22th Do the choars. William Topping and I puts up Smiths Fences where we drew wood. Put up fences round the Lower place. Drew a load of straw for bedding. Go to T J Halladays after coal {printed beside "colt"}

April 23th Go to John Joneses. Do the choars. Pick stone of the meddow before Freeman's. Joe Mane Death

April 24th Do the choars. {continued}

Pick Stone. Go to the Marsh. Come home Draw the banker away from the house

April 25 Do the choars. Lee and I goes to Elgin Goes to Joe Manes Funeral

April 26th Do the choars. Ploughs {printed beside Eaves} April 29th Do the choars. Ploughs

April 27th Do the choars. Ploughs Thomas Gather the Buckets. Mr Morton is here

April 28th Do the choars. Ploughs

April 29th Do the choars. Plough

April 30th Do the choars. Go to Heny after drag Lee sows. I dragg Draw rails for H J Ripley after noon

Ap May 1the Do the choars. Plough for H J Ripley Charles drags I come home after dinner and dragg.

May 2th Do the choars. Go to Sunday School

Clarence & I goes to Sam Ripley's.

May 3th Do the choars. Lee & I split rails. Go to Lorenzo Sly and got a buz saw

May 4 Do the choars. Help Tom Freeman skin a cow Albert fetches Jemi{na} home. Rool ~~the~~ five acres.

May 5th Lee and I Drew a load of hay from the Lower Barn. Drew two loads of rails from the Potato pits Ploughing Lee & I goes {down the}

May 6the Do the choars. Lee and I put up fences. James Toole is here I go to Grandpas with him ~~Dr~~ Dr Skiner stays here all night

May 7the Do the choars. Brake coalts

May 8the Brake coalts. Lee and I go to Cheenes Come home. go to Hous Help the girls make garden. Drew one load of hay from the lower place. Help Thom load hay Lee & I goes to Elgin.

May 9th Do the choars. Lee and I goes to Elgin Sunday School. Clarence comes home with us. Go to Sunday School to CL Ripley School house.

May 10th Do the choars. Granpa and I make a brush fence. Henry and I go to Næwboro with coalts & cans. come home by Elgin. William M{us}ton child is burryed today

May 11th

Go to Johnstons Lochs after Father Plough

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