

Mary Elizabeth "Minnie" Baker (1890-1984) 1918-1919

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Diary 1918

3. C {Cyril - Minnie's husband} & I to London to see about h {? page cut off}

After several visits to {Cole?} Mayors {illegible - cut off}

home discouraged. Fine Wa {Warm? cut off}

4. C {Cyril} & I to London to see Capt. {illegible - cut off}

Learn that questionnaire is foun {found? cut off}

Leola's to dinner & home. Langf {Langford? cut off}

comes out to work. Fine.

5. Fine. Hot. C {Cyril} to town in foreno {forenoon - cut off} Willie here to dinner. C {Cyril} making rack for car. I cultivate.

6. Draw in first 2 loads Fine & {cut off}

7. Fine Cooler M. Williams her {here - cut off}

8. Fine. Go to Summer School to see {cut off}

9. " Warm C {Cyril} & I to London {... cut off} 3 weeks. Go to Leola's to tea. Child's there. Alex Lawton

10. Fine Draw hay.

11. " " "

12. " Go to {London?}. {Going?} ov {over - cut off} Vi Childs to tea. M. William {Williams - cut off} out for us & go to Summer {School? cut off}

13. Fine. Hot Draw hay.

14. " " To church in. morni {morning - cut off} to Dad's to dinner. {Gillotts'?} & B {cut off} come unexpectedly. They find a {cut off} dad's but come here to tea.

15. Fine. Washed & drew hay.
16. Cloudy
17. " C {Cyril} to mill. Serg. Wray here at {? cut off}
18. Fine.
19. "
20. " Finished haying. Go to town at nig {night? cut off}
21. Hot. All go to Zeller's. Aunt Mar {? cut off} Williams here a few minutes with M William's in morning.
22. Fine Pick berries {illegible} helps. {cut off} sewing machine
23. Som {? cut off}
- 24 Fine. Leola comes out to pick berr {berries - page cut off} M. Williams at night. C & I help Taylor with his hay.
- 25 Cleaning Wash. C {Cyril} helps Mr. Taylor.
- 26 Rain Louise helps pick berries.
- 27 Louie {Louise?} & I to town. Heavy rain.
- 28 C {Cyril} & I to church then to Mabels' to dinner & motor to {illegible} etc. To Mabels' to tea & then home.
- 29 Fine. Louie helps to pick berries C {Cyril} & I to Dr. Lepseys' at night.
- 30 Fine. Hot. C {Cyril} & I to London. He learns that he is to be discharged. To Leola's to tea.
31. Fine
- 1 " {ditto}
- 2 " {ditto}
- 3 C {Cyril} & I to town.
- 4 C {Cyril} & I to church. Had Willie & M. Page to dinner tea.
- 5 Fine
- 6 Fine. C {Cyril} to London to get Battalion {Clearance? - page cut off}
- 7 Fine. Ray helps in afternoon

8 Fine Uncle Ben & Roy help draw grain R {? page cut off}

9 “ {ditto}

10 Fine. Man here to repair binder to town at nig {night - page cut off}

11 Fine. To church in morning. John & Louie to tea.

12 “ Wash. Mr. Williams call.

13 “ {illegible}

14 “ Mend & clean windows

15 “ Go to Pat. meeting.

16 Fine. C {Cyril} draws wheat M. Lacey’s call at night.

17 Fine. C {Cyril} & I to market with chickens

18 Fine. To church in morning to M. Ackfords to dinn {dinner - page cut off}

19 Fine. C {Cyril} helps Roy. Zella Will & Baby come out

20 Dry. Fine. Zella & Will go back home.

21. Cloudy. Louie & I to Port. to meet Gertie Well & other Bakers. Heavy rain in afternoon Cat Archibald’s threshing.

22 Fine. Wash C {Cyril} at M. Dennis Bake for U {? page cut off} Get ready for thresh {threshing? page cut off}

for supper but don't come until {page cut off}

24. Fine. Cool. Have threshers all day {9? page cut off} bushels & oats & oats & barley. Louie he {here - page cut off}

25. Fine. Warmer. C {Cyril} & I to M. Williams dinner & tea. Mrs Mills & {illegible} there {page cut off}

26. Fine. Mrs Mills. {illegible} M. Williams & Leola come out to tea. Langford goes home

27. Fine. Wash & pick plums. C {Cyril} draws ma {manure - page cut off}

28. Rainy nearly all day. Brought {? page cut off} from a hot day drought. Water almos {almost - page cut off} gone but plenty now. C {Cyril} & I go in to M. Williams to tea. Mills’ still there

29 Fine. Cool. C {Cyril} at Miller’s threshing {? page cut off} 1 bushel plums to M. {name? illegible} in morning for \$3.50. Willie comes to help pick plums.

30 Fine. C {Cyril} at {illegible} Mains threshing. W & I to town with plums get Queen shod some grist ground. Cloudy.

1 Rain.

2 Fine. Go to {Port? illegible - page torn} with M. Williams in afternoon.

3. Cleaned up 25 bush wheat {illegible - page torn} forenoon. Rainy.

{illegible}. Fine. C {Cyril} & I to Townline Anniversary. {? page cut off} Annie Fishbacks to dinner & Cousin Johnny's to tea.

4. C {Cyril} draws manure in forenoon & works on wheat ground till {illegible - page cut off} C {Cyril} goes to M. Horsewell's & gets {page cut off} and 13 pigs for \$117.00. Rains & strong east winds nearly all night.

5. Cooler. Windy. Cleaning. C {Cyril} to Mill.

6. C {Cyril} & I get ready & sow 4 acres {crossed out} {written above line} Fine. C starts to plow for 7 acres wheat.

7 C {Cyril} & I get ready & sow 4 acres whea {wheat - page cut off}

8. Fine To church. M. Williams come ou {out - page cut off} & we go to to call on M. Alex Lawtons M. Van Vezors.

{illegible - page cut off} C {illegible} I disc {discuss?}

11. Cloudy. Yet ready to sow wheat but rain after dinner.

10. Rainy nearly all day. Wash

13 forenoon, Iron & clean windows

14 Fine. Langford comes out & Co he get wheat sowed on 7 acres

15 Rainy all forenoon but Mr & Mrs H, {illegible} & boys Mr & Mrs H Schmitt Mr & Mrs W. Blowett Louie & Roy to dinner and some to tea.

15 Fine. Can corn. C helps Roy

17 " Pickle peas. C goes until Roy to Mr. Lowells sale and I to Mrs. Emerys

18 Fine. Cool. Wash. C help Roy sow wheat. Uncle Ben at {illegible} & son and Mrs Harmond call.

19. Now can tomatoes & peas C threshing at W.M. Andersons. Some rain.

20 Fine. C at Mr. Andersons & I get poultry {dark spot - ready?} for market. Rainy.

21. Rainy nearly all day. C & I to town.

22. Fine Church twice to Louies to dinner.
- 23 {illegible} evening. Pulled bean C to Walker's sal {sale? page cut off}
- 24 Rain in morning. C picks apples & sells pigs.
- 25 " " . I to {illegible}. Mr. Anderon's man helps cut corn in afternoon.
26. Rainy nearly all day. Verne helps fix fenc {fence - page cut off}
27. Fine. Verne {Bessey?} here. Pick chickens
28. " . I to town to market.
29. Fine. C & I to church to Mrs Holman's to dinner & to S.S. rally
30. Fine. Roy helps cut corn in afternoon. {Written above in smaller writing - Louie & I to school fair.}
- Oct. 1. C. threshing at Will Miller's. Fine.
2. Rainy C at Wm {William} Taylors threshing.
3. Fine C to mill. Cuts weeds in some corn.
4. " . Thresh in afternoon. Louie helps me.
5. " in forenoon. Finish threshing about noon 1782 bush. Rainy afternoon.
6. Cloudy with {little - page cut off} rain {illegible - page cut off} Sund {Sunday? page cut off} to dinner.
7. Cloudy morning but clearing. C at Pen {Penhale's? page cut off}
8. Fine. C at Penhale's in forenoon and {h? page cut off} I at Louie's in afternoon.
9. Fine. Both at Louie's to help thresh.
10. Fine. C at J. Miller's silo filling.
11. " C cuts corn & I pick hens.
12. " C & I to town. Go out to Uncle Ben in evening to meet Cousin Bob.
13. Cloudy. I stay in bed with a cold till 5 P.M. Roy & Bernice here in evening.
14. Little rain. All of M. William's here to din {dinner - page cut off} & tea. Help cut corn.
15. Fine. C cuts clover seed & digs some pot {potatoes? page cut off} {above line: Bernice comes to stay}

16. " C cuts corn. Gordon Penhale helps in afternoon. Langford comes out too. Ben & I call on Mrs. Bob Tansley.

17. Tansley & Roy he {here? smudge} supper.

18. Fine. Cool quite windy. Cyril & I and Louie Roy & Bernice to Mabel's to tea {illegible - page cut off}

19. Fine. Cyril takes out wheat & goes to mill

20. Rainy. George's, Louie Roy Willie & Ben here to dinner. All leave about 5. P.M.

21. Fine. Warmer. C. at Wm {William} Anderson's sale.

22. " C draws in clover seed.

23. " " " " "

24. Cooler. Verne Bessey comes in morning to {illegible - page cut off}

25. Fine. C to mill. Lang. & I whitewash cellar.

26. Cloudy. C takes apples to M. Robles's for cider & Louie & I get apple butter made.

27. Rainy. C & I to his dad's to dinner. We visit the M.C.P. where he works

28. Rained heavily nearly all forenoon but brighter in afternoon. I can quince & apple and pumpkin marmalade.

29. Fine. I wash. C rakes clover seed field. {illegible - text cut off in photocopy} hen house. M.H. agents the {illegible} {grinder?}. Leola M. W {William? text cut off}

{Vertically in the right margin from the 13th to the 29th: * A very serious outbreak of Spanish influenza breaks All churches, schools, theatres, poolrooms and public meeting banned for 3 weeks}

come out at night. He & Cyril go to Talbotville to see Mr. Hicks engine. I iron & talk to Leola

30. Fine. C & Verne cut wood. Mrs. Hammond Ab. Violet & Ronald here to dinner.

31. Fine. C. cuts weeds in cornfield & helps Roy draw in corn in afternoon. I go home too.

Nov. 1. Fine. Verne to Mr. Hepburn's threshing & I to Archibald's in afternoon. I plant tulips.

" 2. Verne to Mr. Hepburns till almost noon and then goes home. C to Archibald's till about four. Draw in clover seed rakings & go to town at night. Fine.

3. Fine. Cool. Mr. William's here to dinner. All motor to Mapleton, Belmont, Mr. Gross's Glanworth, Ernie Baker's & Ed Kelley's where we have tea. Heavy rain in evening. Mr. James Sr. ill with pneumonia.

{arrow pointing down to 4, indicating they should be switched} {5 or 6?}. Fine. Wash & clean windows C. has 3 boils coming on his neck.

{arrow pointing up to 5 or 6, indicating they should be switched} 4. Rainy. C finishes threshing at Archibald I start housecleaning upstairs

5. Fine. Houseclean. Take down pipes & clean chimney. Verne comes back

7. Fine. Verne helps Roy draw cornstalk False news of signing of peace comes Great? celebrations in town. Mr. Williams come out for us & Archibald's bring us home.

8. Rather cloudy. C goes to mill & helps me get chickens ready for market.

9. Rainy forenoon Go to market Busy housecleaning.

10. Rainy but clearing. Mr. & Mrs. Ed Kelly & Mr. & Mrs. Ward Aukford here to dinner.

11. Fine. Cool. Great peace celebrations in town. We go in with Archibalds.

12. Fine. Husk corn.

13. " " "

14. " " "

15. " Men {illegible - text cut off in photocopy}

16. Fine. Louie & I to market.

17 Rainy morning. C & I go to Mabels and we all go to Gillott's to dinner. Back to Mabels to tea. Verne Bessey does chores

18. Wash Rainy nearly all day. Hire Indian

19. Iron & husk corn Rainy nearly all day.

20. Fine. Iron & husk corn {below: to {count?} in & Church}

21. " Help draw in husked corn. C & I {illegible - page cut off}

22. " Colder. C & I to town. Clover {seed? page cut off} threshers come in afternoon. Here to supper.

23. Hard frost last night Clover threshers here till {1 or 2?} P.M. Little snow.

24 Fine fall day. Cold. Mr. & Mrs. J. White & {illegible - page cut off} Mr. & Mrs. Holditch here to dinner and tea.

25 Cold. Fine. Wash. Help finish draw in husked corn.

26. Iron. C goes to town for engine & g {grist? page cut off} grinder. Mr. {Cockerel or Cocherel?} here to fix {brick? page cut off} over doors & windows

27. Fine. Cold. C & Verne draw in cornsta {cornstalks? page cut off}

28. Cloudy morning. Heavy downpour of rain. S. East gales.

29. Colder. Mr. Holsinger here to put up g {illegible - page cut off} engine. Here to dinner. Mr. Tisdale brings some grist. Kill chickens

30. Very cold & blustry. C & I to town.

Dec. 1. Cold but fine. C & I to church & then to Mabels to dinner. I stay for a few d {days? page cut off}

2. Cold. Cloudy & some rain. Mabel invites Harry Cron's to tea but they cannot come because of Robbie's cold Verne goes home for good from {here? page cut off}

3. Cold. Snows. Mabel washes & I nurse a sore throat

4. Cold Blustry. M & Ge. go to town & I keep {kid?}

5. " Cold better. George brings us all up home to stay.

6. Cold. C gives me {water?} set for birthday present. Go back home at night.

7. Milder, Snow all gone. C & Willie go to town {illegible} also here to dinner.

8. Mild Roads very muddy. G comes up to dinner. they all go hoome. † Lonesome.

9. Grand Indian Summer day. C & Roy plow in afternoon. I wash.

10. Gales from S.E.

11 Stormy

12 Grand day. C & I to Roy Leeson's to dinner.

13. Not as nice as yesterday.

14. C. & I to town.

15. Nice day. To Mr. Williams to dinner I go to S.S with Seola.

16. Nice day. C plows. I take plaster off kitchen ceiling. C sells two fats calves to Mr. Charlton for 12 1/2 {LL}.

17 Fine. C finishes plowing. I wash & iron.

18. C draws manure I churn.

19. Colder. Put on kitchen ceiling & go to town.

20 " " " go to town.

21. Fine. Get kitchen straightlined around.

22. Fine. To church in morning.

23. C. & I to town. Colder.

24. Cloudy. Paint kitchen walls. Wash.

25. ~~Rainy~~ Cloudy mild. Roads very sloppy. To Mr. Williams for Christmas dinner. Back home for little while in evening.

26. Cloudy ~~stain kitchen cupboard.~~ {written above line} Paint walls. C to town.

27. " Stain cupboard. Iron.

28. " Churn.

29. " Colder. Roads rough. C & I to church twice

30. Fine. C & I to town. Langford comes out.

31 To Mrs. {illegible} in evening.

31. Cloudy. Prepare for ~~Chris~~ New Years Day.

Jan. 1. Rainy nearly all day. All of the William here to {illegible}. Langford goes home.

2. Colder. Little snow. C takes out fat calves. They weigh 1600 @ 12 1/2. {illegible} \$200.00. I churn & {illegible} it in shanty. Mr. Walker calls for butter

3. Cold. Fine. {Eve?} {illegible}. I skate in afternoon on pond in field east of barn. C. draws cinders

4. Very cold. Blustry {Blustery} w. wind. C & I to town in afternoon.

5. Go to church Sunday. Quite cold. {Com? illegible} Sunday without sermon. Men's choir & service to men at night.

6. Blustry {Blustery} with some snow. Wash. Go to league & give topic on "Red Cross." Spend evening at Mr. C {illegible}.

7. Some clouds & some sunshine. Softer with snowy rain at night.

8

8. Little blustry {blustery}. Roy helps butcher & gets grain ground for himself & J Campbe {Campbell - cut off}

9. Very blustry {blustery} & Cold

10. High winds. cold. C grinds grain till {page cut off} as he expected Mr. Hepburn to come for engi {engine? cut off}.

11. Nice day. Milder. C & I to town in forenoon.

12. " " Cold east wind. C & I to church & back home for dinner. Mabel there too.

13. Grand day. Pick our apples C. draws wood

14 & helps Mr. Tisdale butcher. Mr & mrs. {Lev...? Page cut off}

15 & Ida here in evening.

14. Grand day again. C draws wood. {Mr? page cut off}

15. " " C to H. Lawton's? sale. I {scrape? page cut off}

16. Mild as spring. C gets 300 of {wal?} and grind {gust?} for m. Tisdale.

17. Grand day. C gets a wod of cinders in afternoon. Louie here for few minutes in forenoon.

{In left margin from Jan. 12-17 - Very mild weather spring like}

18. Grand day. Very mild. C & I to town in fore {forenoon - page cut off}.

19. " " C & I to church. Mr. Hutton preach {preached - page cut off} All of dads here to dinner.

20. Grand day. C gets gravel {illegible - cut off} Main {page cut off}

and grinds M. Tisdale's grist. I wash

21. Fine. C takes out Perkin's engine & brings home G. S & M. {6 hr?} C & I here {hear} Hon. W. H. Taft lecture in First Mill Church on "Clinching the Results of the W {War? page torn}." Cool.

22. Foggy. C. works at separator room.

23. Fine. " " " "

24. Colder. Dad & I go to Mabel's to dinner. George at Mrs. Belore's funeral. C starts engine class

25. Grand day. C & Louie & I to town in afternoon. Louie here to tea. C takes grist to Demm's as his engine balks.

26. Fine. C & I to church in morning only. To my dads to dinner.

27. Fine. Mild. C & I weigh pigs in forenoon. Start to hem tablecloth C gave me for Christmas.

28 Go to League. Presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Gundy.

28. Fine. C takes out pigs 10x{220?} lbs x16¢ {scribble}

29. Colder. Little snow. Mr. & Mrs. C. Gundy here to tea. C goes after & takes them back.

30 Mr. Honsinger here to re-start engine. To dinn {dinner}

30. Colder. C grinds Mr. Tisdale's grist in {forenoon? page torn} and we move separator into new room.

31. Cold. C grinds grist.

Feb 1. " C & I to town. Get Coal oil stove. Coal-oil man brings out 40 gals oil. Lyall Walker here for butter at night stays till 10.30.

2. Fine. George etc. here to dinner.

3. " I wash.

4. " C & I to hear Capt. Robb. We take Louie

5. " C & I to Bernice's card party To bed 5.15

6. " C & I to town. I to Mission Circle social evening & he to his dads.

7. Fine. Little colder. C & I cutting cornstalks.

8. Little snow. C to town. Cora Wilson comes.

9. Fine. Cold. Cora C & I to church. George {Tinnies?} here to dinner.

{In left margin from Feb. 4th to 9th: Grand weather}

10. Fine. I take Cora to station & C draws {last? page cut off} of baled straw for Mr. Demm {? page cut off}.

Feb 11. Fine. C goes for Lister grinder and gets it set up.

12. Fine. C works at getting grinder rigged up. Choked up with cold at night.

13. C. in bed all day. Rainy afternoon.

14. C up but not feeling extra. Fixes flue in furnace & grinds some. Roy & Louie bring Heber Down & wife here in evening

15. Heber & Bertha here all day. C. to town call on Mrs. Tisdale in afternoon. Colder. We take Heber's to George Westlakes in evening & stay there till 11.30 P.M. Cold.

16. Fine by spells. C & I to Mr. William's to dinne {dinner} & tea. I go to S.S.

17. Cloudy. Driving snow storm in afternoon.

18. Fine. Colder Windy. Heber & Bertha her {here - page cut off} to dinner & I take them back to dad's

19. Fine. Cold. Louie to town and I got with her and go to Pat. Meeting.

20. Fine. Cold.

21. Raw East wind. Snowy forenoon. C & I {page cut off} town from 4 to 6.20 P.M. {Cyril? page torn} to {Louie? page cut off} school to school meeting at night.

22. Windy. E. wind. C cuts cornstalks till 4 P.M. when downpour of rain comes.

23. C & I to church in morning. Home rest of day.

24. Grand. I wash C cuts wood.

25. Fine till evening Rainy. Have tickets fo {for - page cut off} concert in Y. Church but storm prevents.

26. Colder. Snow. C & I to hear John Kendrick {Ban? page cut off} in First Meth. {Methodist} Church. Cold.

27. Fine. Do up east window up stairs curtains C. butchers & I churn.

28. Cloudy but fine afternoon. Downpour of rain electrical storm & wind from 6.30 to 8 P.M. Louie & I at Orca McNable's to a bee tying a comforter. Mrs. O Little there also

29 C. finishes cutting corn stalks

Mar. 1. Windy. Clearing. C grinds and team belt {lengthwise?}. Go to town at night & bring Will Williams home with us.

2. Grand. mild & bright. Will here. Go to church at night. Will goes to Leola's.

3. Grand mild. Spring buds here. Bennie Pearl & Ray here to dinner & tea. Ray helps out wood.

4. Fine. Churn & J. McKewn here to get first payment on grinder & engine. C to town to get hair cut. To banquet at church at night to Fraser Claus.

5. Snowy Colder. Mr & Mrs J. Bainard here to dinner.

6. Fine. C to Mr. {Zainty's?} sale. Takes me out to Uncle Ben's & C & he go to sale. At Uncle Ben's to tea. Hustle home, do chores & go to First Church to her Zeadler Quintette.

7. Cold. Louie comes at 7.30. C & she & I go to hear Miss Sharlow. Boys call to deny destroying sap pail.

8. Louie stayed all night. Goes home about 10.30 a.m. C & I to town in afternoon. Got sap pan mended. Cold east wind. Sleet.

9. Rainy turning colder. Blizzard about 4 p.m till 9 p.m. Louie John & I to First Meth. to church & to a musical after at which Miss Sharlow sang 4 times.

10. Lovely forenoon. Little rain in evening. C draws up furnace wood & grinds We go up to Mrs Archibalds in evening. Mild.

11. Cold morning. ~~Roy~~. C goes out to town to see some pigs. Uncle Ben has but too fat & short. To Bob Lansley's to tea.

12. Fine. Roy and Cyril to Mr. Gent's sale.

13. Cloudy. Tap Roy's trees in forenoon and C's in afternoon. Jim Benford slants to work here at \$15 a mth {month}. Louie & I to W.M.S. at parsonage. Dad takes us out.

14. Rainy. C fixes over old buggy. At night

he goes to a meeting at M. J. Miller's about cutting box expenses. High winds all day

15. Milder. Rain High winds. C & I to town in forenoon. Willie B & Sybil Walker here to tea & evening.

16. Rainy till evening. C & I to church at night. Roads terrible

17. C. up at 2. am to gather sap but rain prevents. Rainy all day. Gathe {Gather - page torn} and fix arch. I fry down meat.

18. I churn & fry down meat. C. boils. Louie Cousin Johnny & Susie here in evening.

19. Finish meat. Grand day. C at woods. fixes shanty roof.

20. Grand day. I bake & make head cheese & sausage. C & I to Mr. Cohoon's in evening to reception for Harold Cahoon. Mudd {Muddy? page torn}

21. Grand day. C. boiling syrup.

22. Quite cold N. wind. C & I to market. Roa {Roads? page torn} very rough. Langford & Leola come out in afternoon & go to sugar bush. Leola stays.

23. Grand. Leola C & I to Alma St. churc {church - page torn} to he PM. Joffe a converted Russia Jew. She goes home and Mr. William come out to dinner and tea. Harley White calls in afternoon.

24. Grand. C boils all day. I wash iron and clarify syrup. Churn at night.

25. Fine. € {written above line - Jim} & I back home to help with buzzing. Roy brings me home in evening

26. Cloudy with rain at night. Mabel's 3rd child born about 9.30 a.m. I clarify syrup. Mrs. {Laniley?} here in afternoon. George comes up for me in evening. Fried & washed.

27. Colder. High winds. Help at Mabel's all day. C sells 4 cattle @\$385.

28. Cold. High winds. Dad comes down for me and I with Howard. get home about 6 p.m. Churn in evening.

March 29. Fine day. Print butter in forenoon C. to town in afternoon.

30. Fine day. C Howard & I to church in forenoon.

31. Windy. Jim helps Mr. Tisdale.

Apr 1. Quite cold. C grinds Roy's grist. Howard gets burned with pudding.

2. Fine day. Buzz wood in afternoon with our engine. Mr. Dennis' saw. Gordon Albert & Roy help.

3. Cloudy. Rain in evening. C draws manure & gathers sap.

4. Cloudy. Colder. Bernice Pearl Harley White Ida Lewis Art McConnell Kate Cora and John McKnight. Mr & Mrs Lorne White and Lela here in evening to a sugar off and party.

5. Fine. Home all day.

6. Rainy " " "

7. " wash

8. " Jean married.

9. " in forenoon.

10. Cloudy. C to town in afternoon. C Howard & I {illegible}. {written above line - Rainy evening}

11. Fine. Mr. Tisdale's here to tea. Very sleepy.

12. Cloudy. Rainy. C to town.

13. Fine. C & I & Howard to church in morning. To Mabel's to dinner & tea then to church.

14. Fine day. Start housecleaning.

15. Rainy all day. Downpour during nights. C & I to autograph party at church.

16. Rainy nearly all day.

17. Cloudy. Little rain. C & I to town in forenoon with team & wagon.

18. Fine. Capt. & Mrs. Dennett & Mary James out in afternoon to woods. Here to tea & evening.

19. C sows grass seed & clip horses. C to town in afternoon.

20. Rainy. C & I to church to Mr. Williams to dinner. Leola & I to S.S. back to tea and

then to church. Rainy.

21. Grand day. Wash and clean up yard.

22. " C. works on road grader.

23. Cloudy. Expect Aunt Lily but rain preve {prevents - cut off} as C.I go in to his dad's in evening.
Rainy

24. Regular winter blizzard. Freezes hard. Snow wind. Party at Mr. Dennis' & Mr. Lewis. We to the later. Had fair time.

25. Blizzard. Freezes hard.

26. " Wind drops at night. Milder. C & I to town in forenoon.

27. Fine. Windy & cool. C. & I to church in morning Dr. Knowles peached. Out to Oddfellows centenary church parade in afternoon. Church packed. Eva & Lulu's Roscoe here in evening

28. Rainy forenoon. Help fix fence.

29. Fine. Fix fence. C draws manure.

30. " Help fix fence. C sows 5 acres

May 1. Rain. Cold.

2. Fine. some clouds. Colder. windy. C. & I t {to - page torn} town in afternoon.

3. [Blank]

4. [Blank]

5. [Blank]

6. [Blank]

7. [Blank]

8. [Blank]

9. [Blank]

10. Rainy Quite cold C. J to town.

11. Rainy. C. & I to church in morning.

12. Cloudy Cool. C. & I to Norman Kelly's funeral.

13. Grand day. Much warmer. C. sows g {illegible}

14. Grand day. Warm. C sows
 15. Rainy. Roy & Mr. Tisdale bring grists.
 16. Rained nearly all day. Downpour in P.M.
 17. Cloudy Cooler Fine rain. Jim. & C to town in afternoon with load of wheat. Jim disappears at 7.30 with \$31 of our money.
 18. Fine. Warm. C goes to {illegible - page torn} to get out warrant for Jims' arrest.
 19. Fine. C draws manure.
 20. Rainy all day. C & I to benefit concert at {illegible - page cut off}
 21. Rain. I go over to Mr. Jamely's in afternoon
 22. Fine. Mr. Williams & Mr. Ackfords here to tea. C to {illegible - page cut off}
 23. Fine. Quite warm. Mr. Lansley & I to town.
 24. Fine. Put enamel of stove pipes. Paint window boxes etc. Hot.
 25. Fine. Ella Harry & children here to dinner & tea. Motor out to park & cemetery.
 26. Fine. Wash & plant little garden. {written above line - C finishes seeding}
 27. ". ~~Go to Mrs.~~ Cyril goes to Mr. J. Thomas for pigs I back home for few minutes.
 28. Nice. E. wind. ~~Plant more gardens.~~
 29. Hot. C starts to plow for corn Plant garden.
 30. Very hot. C plows. Louie & I go out in evening to hear Mrs. Nellie McLung {McClung?}.
 31. Scorching hot. C & I to town nearly all day. Mr. Williams comes out at night for pineapple.
- June 1. Very hot. C & I to church & to Leetas' to dinner. Mr & Mrs Huntley & Mary Heyden there alas.
2. Very hot. C plows
 3. " " & works corn ground
 4. " "
 5. "

6. " C & I back home to dinner and get jag of hay. C works at garden
7. C & I to town. C helps Roy in afternoon
8. Cooler breeze C & I to church and down to Mabels in afternoon.
9. Hot. I wash & help C on corn ground
10. Quite hot. I cut potatoes & George comes up and plants them.
11. Hot. Mr. Williams' & the James here to tea. C gets 4 acres corn planted.
12. Hot. {Circus?} in town. C plants garden. Louie & I to missionary meeting at {illegible}
13. Hot. C fixes fence. Get earth from
wood for flowers. Severe electrical storm Little rain.
14. Very very hot. C. & I to Town nearly all day. Fix fence some.
15. Very hot. C. 2 to church. His father comes out after dinner to let C run car. Out to park & then home. Dusty.
- 16 Fine. I wash. C washes & {illegible} bugg {buggy? page cut off}
17. " C. & I to town in afternoon. {illegible - page cut off} brings grist in forenoon.
18. Fine. Very hot. C. & I motor to Baker picnic at Springbank?. Take dad, Louie & Roy. Good time. Mr. Williams comes out for car in evening & help with chore {chores - page cut off}
19. Fine. C. & I hoe garden. C to dentist in afternoon & to Mr. Mains' barn raisin {raising - page cut off}
20. Fine. C cuts grass in {written above line - old} garden Georges
21. " Hot. I sew & he cuts thistles come {illegible - page cut off} and we all go back home. They bring ice cream & cake. Little rain.
22. Fine. C. & I, Louie & Roy go to Mabel {Sehim?} to dinner & tea. Coole
23. Fine. Cool. I wash & cut weeds. C cuts thi {thistles? page cut off}
24. Cool. Little rain. I iron & help C. cut thistle {thistles - page cut off}
25. Rainy nearly all day. C grinds grist
26. Fine. Fix lane gate in forenoon. C cutti {cutting - page cut off} corn in afternoon. I pick cherries & hoe gar {garden - cut off}
- 27 Hot Dry

28 Hot Dry

29 Hot. To Ella Allins' to dinner & tea.

30 Hot Dry

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2 Hot Dry

3 Hot Dry

4 Hot Dry

5 Hot Dry

6 Hot. Mr William's have to dinner & tea. Garden

7 Hot Dry

8 Hot Dry

9 Hot Dry

10. Hot. Dry.

11. Hot. Girls here picking cherries

12. Hot. Lang & I to market in forenoon with {cherries?}

13. Hot. Gorden Gillot's & E. Leeson's here {written above line - Dorcas? & Florence} come at night.

14. Hot. I take {Dorcas?} & Florence to station C cuts Mr Tisdale's wheat.

15. Hot. Dry. C finishes at Tisdales. Lang helps Roy

16. Hot. Dry. C. helps Roy draw wheat

17. Hot Dry. R " C " "

18. Hot Dry. Finish drawing in wheat.

19. Hot Dry. Peace celebration.

20. Hot. Dry. To church & back home to dinner.

21. Hot. Dry.

22. Hot Dry. Mr. Williams & Edna {illegible} to tea.

23. Hot. I go back home to dye.

24. Hot. Dry. Go to Gorden party at Mapleton.

25. Hot. Dry. George's & all of us to to dad's at night.

{In far left column between July 15 and 25 in large writing - Hot very dry

26. Hot. Bernice & I to town in afternoon {written above line - chat again?} at night {illegible}

27. Very hot. Bernice goes home at night.

28. Cooler. Cutting oats.

29. Cooler. Cutting oats.

30. Cloudy. C & I to Lela's to dinner & tea. {Written above line - Go to Holditch's} & to lake.

31. Rainy. Cool. Rain did quite a lot of good.

1. Cool. Cutting oats. I to town in afternoon.

2. Cool. Finish cutting harvest.

3. Fine Hot. C & I to church & to dad's to dinner.

4. " Rainy evening. All go to Port but come back to {illegible}

5. "

6. "

7. "

8. Fine. Go with Leola to pack for tea.

9. "

10. Fine. Hot. to church in morning.

11. " Leeta comes in evening

12. " Rain at night Go to reception for {Blouscher Gell?}

13. " Leeta goes up to Mrs. Tisdales to stay.

14. " Till evening. Mr. Williams brings Mrs.

15. Horace {Sparks?} & Dorothy out to tea. Rain.

15. Fine. Lizzie & I pick plums. I go to Mr. Putnams funeral. Can plums.
 16. Rainy afternoon. All go to town in a# evening. C takes out {horses?} & gets soft {oval?}
 17. Lizzie, Dorothy & I to church in morning.
 18. Fine till afternoon. Get ready to go to Port but rain prevents. C takes Sparks' out to Mr. Williams at night.
 19. Rainy. I wash & bake for threshing. C draws cinders. Threshers come.
 20. Fine. Have thresher for dinner. Leola brings out her S.S. class. Mabels' here in evening. Thresh 212 wheat 240 300 barley & oats. Averaged 25 bush.
 21. Rainy. Go to Mr. James in evening to see Mary Edith christened.
 22. Fine. C, goes on Elgin Board of Agric {Agriculture}. auto excursion to Weldwood. Springban Byron & Mincey.
 23. Little rain. Willie & I to market. Hot. Langford leaves.
 24. Fine. C & I to church in morning hot.
 25. Fine. I wash. Cloudy morning.
 26. Fine. ?
 27. Fine. ?
 28. Fine. ?
 29. Fine C at Will Miller's Go to Mrs. Whites' for {illegible}
 30. Fine. Hot. Can corn nearly all day. Heavy {illegible - cut off}
 31. Fine. Louie. Dad & Willie here to dinner.
- Sept. 1. Fine. Louie & I go to Mrs. Tisdales for peas
2. Fine. Make pickles & iron. Cat Will Millers' {illegible - page cut off}
 3. Fine. C. sows wheat. Louie & I to town. I {buy? page cut off}
 4. Fine. Go to see aeroplane at Mr. Todd's field. To Langford's birthday for tea.
 5. Fine. C takes out 54 1/2 bushels wheat & brings home coal.
 6. Fine. Warmer. C & I to market.
 7. Fine. Hot. Gillolt's take us to E. Leason's.

8. Fine, Very hot. I wash.

9. Fine. Cooler. C sows oats for pasture I to town.

10. Rainy forenoon. C drains water & we get ready to go on {illegible} Mr. Williams, Dad Louie & Willie go to London Fair. Call at Uncle John William's , go to fair

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Meet Aunt Maggie & go out there. Rainy

12. Fine Cool. Windy Leave Uncle Bob's 4.30 P.M. Reach Aunt Lily's 7 p.m.

13. Fine. C out to Hugh Ferguson's in forenoon. Uncle Edwin takes us to flax mill. then to Mr. Ferguson's to tea & Kate's in evening. Back to Aunt Lily's.

14. Fine To Alvinston Meth Church. {Anniversary?} U. Donnelly, Paston, preached. To Uncle Milton's to dinner & tea. church. Rainy

15. Rainy forenoon. Call at Edna's school. Uncle Milton's for dinner, then to Florence & Stanley McCutcheon's to tea. Shetland for lecture on "Ireland." To Uncle Miltons {written above line - Foggy}

16. Fine to Uncle Jim's for dinner. Quilting. Call at Mr. Gould's & Mr. {Grose's?}, back for tea to Uncle Jim's. Go with Stanley's to Stella's for evening. Back to Hanley for {illegible}

17. Fine. To Uncle Tom's for dinner & then leave at 2.30 or Zella's. Arrive at 4.30 & go to Miss. Tea at Mrs. Bentley's.

18. Fine. To Blenheim in forenoon and all leave for home about 4.15. Annie at Mr. Williams 8 p.m. Have tea and back home for hey. Then home sweet home at 11 p.m.

19. Fine forenoon. But downpour of rain & wind about 4 p.m. till on in night. Back to help father's thresh.

20. Fine. C washes car & takes it home. Hotter

21. Heavy rain nearly all day. Bob J. comes in evening & stays all night.

22. Fine. Bob goes home in forenoon, C to {illegible}

23. " Wash C go harrows & cinders.

24. " Louie & Mr. Burrett call.

25. " C to Mr. Dennis filling silo & I to Mabels'.

26. Fine E. {Monsacre??} here to tea C. cuts corn.

27. Fine. C cuts corn. To town at night.

28. Grand. C & I to church & S.S Rally. Mr. William's here
29. Fine. Rainy forenoon. C splits wood. I sew
30. Fine. C shucks corn. I sew.
- ct. {October} 1. Fine. Cool. Aunt Jenny & Mrs. Chant call.
2. " I sew for baby. C gets wood in shed
3. Grand. Dad & I to Mabel's C helps {illegible} fill silo. Hot.
4. Grand day. Hot. C & I to town nearly all day. Uncle Anson & Langford call.
5. Anniversary Rev Irwine preaches.
6. " concert at night.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
13. C. canvassing for referendum.
14. Rainy
15. Fine day. Roy & Bernice married. All at wedding and to station . Get Mr. William's car.
16. Rainy. Lyle Willias & bride come in evening.
17. Fine " " " here all day.
18. " Take Lyle & Mildred to Mr. Williams
- 19 at night. Aunt Annie there.
19. Home C & I to Mr. Williams to dinner. Go out to cemetery.
20. Fine. Election day. Referendum carries. Father {Moore's?} over to live with us.
21. Rainy. Aunt Annie comes out in evening to tea. Bernice here in afternoon.

22. Fine. Louie & Willie come to stay in evening

23. C. takes Aunt Annie home. Rainy.

24. Fine forenoon. Wash. Rainy afternoon.

25. Rainy.

26. Fine. Louie Cyril & Willie to church.

27. Rainy day. Mr. Walker's barn raising.

28. Fine windy " " raises more barn.

29. " {illegible} & I call at Bernice's

30. "

31. Rainy. C. Louie & Willie to concert at school.

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