

John Jardine Sr. (1836-1905)

1868

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March 1868

23 Monday commenced to plough

24 Tuesday I Ditched on the consesion {concession}

25 Wensday {Wednesday} I Diched {ditched} on the consesion

26 Thursday I ploughed all day.

27 Friday I ploughed and Ditched

28 J. Went to. Jhn {John} Maning's barnraising

30 I plowed till a bout three O clock and then I went to the depot and sold my wood for two dollars a cord

31 I plowed all Day

April 1868

1 I ploughed in the forenoon and in the afternoon i went for lumber {Above it reads: 5.50 feet}

2 † in the forenoon it snowed in the afternoon I ploughed it is very cold to night

friday I ploughed all day.

4 Satuerday {Saturday} I ploughed in the fore {Above it reads: noon} in the afternoon a big snow storm

5 sundy {sunday} was a very cold day

6 Monday I ploughed all day

7 Tuesday I ploughed all day

8 Wednesday ploughed half a day in the {Above it reads: afternoon} cleaned and sold 2.5 bushes {bushels} of oats 50 cents a bushels and went for a load of lumber 5.70 {Above it reads: feet}

9 Tursday {Thursday} I clean my seed oats in the forenoon in the afternoon I plowed

10 good friday I ploughed all day

11 Satarday {Saturday} I ploughed all day

12 Sunday it was a cold day we went to hear Mr king preach

13 Monady {Monday} I harrowed the old meadow {Above it reads: 42 wheat}

14 Tuesday I sowed my spring wheat

15 Wednesday I finished water furrowed my wheat in the forenoon -
- In the afternoon i sowed 4 bush {Above it reads: of barley}

16 thursday I sowed 10 bush of barley

17 friday I i finished sowing my barley {Above it reads: 1 ½ bushels}

18 Satuarday {Saturday} I sowed 13 bush of oats

19 sunday Mr king preached at 6 oclck {o'clock}

20 monday I finished sowing ~~and~~ oats old man trembly began to boil for black salts

21 I finished shovling {shoveling} furrows in the forenoon after dinner I drewed rails and somes gums

22 Wednesday I hauled 1046 feet of lumb {lumber}

23 thursday I hauled 1905 feet of lumber

24 friday I hauled 1974 feet of lumber

25 Satarday I hauled wood in the forenoon in the afternoon we dried down black salts

26 Sunday I was at home all day

27 Monday forenoon I took my salts out in the afternoon I hauled 1317 feet of lumber

28 tusday {Tuesday} I hauled 1942 feet of lumber

29 Wednesday I spread the manure on the meadow it is raining to night the spring wheat and barley all up nice

30 Thursday I went to Joe bowls, barn raising

May 1868

1 friday I took the last of my salts and picked over my potatoes and sold 4 bushels at 5 shillings {shillings}

2 satuerday I moved the fence to make a lane

3 Sunday I was at home all day

4 Monday I went to ditched for Mitcel {Mitchell} Trembly

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5 tuesday I was cleaning of {off} a peice {piece} of ground for potatoes we had a very heavy shower to nigth {tonight}

6 Wednesday I went to Mr Hendersons stable raising in the afternoon it is raining {Above it reads: to night}

7 Thursday I ditched on the concession all day

8 friday I ditched on the concession all day

9 Satuerday {Saturday} I ploughed all day for G trembly

10 Sunday I was at home all day

11 Monday I was cleaning up the yard

12 Tuesday I was cleaning up the yard till Super {supper} time after super I commence to plough

13 Wednesday it rained all day

14 Thursday it rained till about 4 oclock I let of water tll {till} dark

15 friday I ditched all day for Edward Trembly

16 Satuerday I went to Ledard sale it rained most all day the ground is very wet ditches is all full

17 sunday I was home it rained a little

18 Monday I piled manure to day {today} {Between lines it reads: My mare foaled last night}

19 Tuesday I finished piling manure in the forenoon after diner {dinner} I sold 238 lbs of pork to H Richardson

20 Wednesday I ploughed for potatoes

21 Thursday I was fixing a yard for the calves

22 Friday it was raining I cut my seed potatoes and choped {chopped} down the big oak in the yard

23 Saturday I went to samuel taller barn raising

24 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr clark

25 Monday I harrowed the yard for potatoes

26 Tuesday I planted potatoes

27 Wednesday I planted potatoes

28 Thursday I went to chatham for my shingle

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29 Friday I drawing my lumber 807

30 Saturday I drawing lumber to day 896

31 sunday we went to here mr bell

June 1868

1 Monday I sawed blocks for the barn

2 tuesday I went to ask men to raise the barn

3 Wednesday I bilt {built} the fense {fence} for the calf yard

4 thusday {Thursday} raised the barn

5 Friday I fenced a peice {piece} for corn Heavy Storm of wind and rain

6 Saturday I let of {off?} water inthe fore noon in the afternoon the ground is very wet it is raining now

7 sunday we went to here {hear} mr bell

8 Monday I fenced a new peice for buck wheat

9 tuesday {tuesday} in the forenoon picked up the roots of the ground, in the afternoon I helped the boys to nail the roof

10 Wednesday I cut and drewed logs for my barn bridges

11 Thursday I helped edward

12 friday I went to chatham for a shingles.

13 Satarday {Saturday} I helped dick dood {likely Dodd}

14 Sunday we went to here {hear} mr bell

15 Monday I harowed for beens {beans} and in the afternoon I planted my beens 15 {Above it reads: teen}

16 Teusday {tuesday} I finished planting beans

17 Wednesday I ploughed for buckwheat

18 Thursday I hewed the logs for the barn bridges

19 friday I finished ploughing for buckwheat

20 Saturday I didnt {didn't} do much of anything

21 Sunday it rained all day

22 Monday we went to the picnic

23 Teusday I in the forenoon picked chips in the afternoon I went to vinter {neighbour's surname} to raise the shed

24 Wednesday I was making the barn bridges

25 Thursday I went to edward Trembly

26 friday I was pilling {piling} up the lumber

27 Satuerday {Saturday} I was cleaning up the chips around the barn

28 Sunday we went to hear mr bates

29 Monday I drewed the last of my lumber {Below it reads: 997 feet}

30 teusday {Tuesday} I cultivated my potatoes

July 1868

1 Wednesday I was hoeing potatoes

2 Thursday I was hoeing my potatoes

3 friday I was hoeing my potatoes

4 Satuerday I was hoeing my potatoes

5 Sunday we went to here {hear} mr bats {likely Bates}

6 Monday I was hoeing my potatoes

7 tuesday I was hoeing my potatoes

8 Wednesday I sowed my bckwheat {buckwheat} and finished hoeing my potatoes

9 Thursday we went to William Allens and fetched home the wagon witch {which} cost \$6.27

10 friday I picked uup around the barn and ground my to sythe

11 Satarday {Saturday} I commenced my hay

12 Sunday we went to here {hear} mr bats

13 Monday I drawed in to {two} loads of hay

14 tuesday I was cutting my fallwheat

15 Wednesday I was cutting my fallwheat

16 Thursday I began to cut my barley
17 Friday I was cutting barley
18 Saturday I finished cutting my barley
19 Sunday we went to prayer meeting
20 Monday I drew my barley in
21 Tuesday I drew barley for Mitchell Trembley Orlo Hill commenced for me Jardine
22 Wednesday we went and drew my wheat
23 Thursday we mowed and drew two loads of hay
24 Friday we finished in the meadow {meadow}
25 Saturday {Saturday} we gathered up and drew in six loads of hay it very hot and dry
26 Sunday we stayed home all day
27 Monday we commenced to cut springwheat
28 Tuesday we cut wheat all day
29 Wednesday we cut wheat and drew two loads of hay
30 Thursday {Thursday} I was cutting wheat all day
31 Friday I finished cutting wheat in the forenoon it rained all the afternoon heavy thunder and lightning

August the 1st 1868
1 Saturday I went to the shop in forenoon in the afternoon turned wheat and cut oats
2 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr pitcher
3 Monday we commenced to plow, in the afternoon cut oats,
4 Tuesday we {Above it reads: finished} cutting {cutting} my oats in the forenoon in the afternoon bound and hauled two loads of wheat
5 Wednesday I helped Boby {Bobby?} Vickerman
6 Thursday we drew Oats all day
7 Friday we finished oats drawing And all our springwheat
8 Saturday {Saturday} I went to see when I would get the thrashing machine and took in the last bit of my hay

9 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr pitcher

10 Monday we commence to plow {Above it reads: M. R V} and fix the bins for the grain

11 Tuesday I finished my bins to day Orlo plowed all day

12 Wednesday I ploweds all day

13 Thursday I plowed all day I went to the rases {raising?}

14 friday Orlo plowed all day and I ditched

15 Satuerday Orlo finished plowing in the forenoon the first time I ditched, in the afternoon I helped Dick to thrash

16 Sunday we went to hear Mr king

17 Monday I helped dick to thrash and Orlo ditched

18 Tuesday Orlo harrowed I ditched

19 Wednesday we drewed manure

20 Thursday we drewed manure and fixed {Above it reads: the stack bottom}

21 friday we drewed manure all day

22 Satarday we drewed manure in the forenoon in the afternoon went to Thrash for Boby

23 Sunday we stayed home all day

24 Monday I thrashed for Boby,

25 Teusday {Tuesday} I thrashed for John Manning

26 Wednesday I thrashed for Manning in the forenoon for myself in the afternoon

27 Thursday I thrashed for my self sam {Above it reads: stayed to help me}

28 friday we cleaned up 15 bushls {bushels} of wheat and 16 bags of barley

29 Satarday {Saturday} I went to mill with a grist and filed up 16 bags of barley

30 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr kenedy {likely Kennedy}

31 Monday I went to chatam {Chatham} with barley {Above it reads: \$2.12}

September 1868

1 Teusday {Tuesday} I drewed som would {some wood} this afternoon

2 Wednesday I log for boby all day

3 Thursday I drewed manure all day

4 friday I cultivated all day

5 Satarday {Saturday} I cultivated all day

6 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Mcconaugh

7 Monday I cultivated and went to boby {Bobby} for my seed wheat and plowed the head lands

8 Tuesdy {Tuesday} I sowed 9 bushels of wheat and cultivated it in

9 Wednesday I done nothing it rained all day

10 Thursday I went to the shop and got two shoe on dan and ditched in the afternoon

11 friday forenoon I ditched in the afternoon I tried to waterfurrow but it was {Above it reads: to wet}

12 Satarday I furrowed the wheat with on horse

13 Sunday we went to Mr pools

14 Monday I shoveled my furrowes

15 Tuesday I shoeveled my furrow {Above it reads: in the} wheat

16 Wednesday we went to the picnic

17 Thursday I pulled my beens {beans} and sowed my wheat and harrowed it in and furrowed it up and shoveled the it

18 friday I went and thrashed for hugh

19 Satarday I Thrashed for John Modouell

20 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Mckines

21 Monday I went to thrash for {Above it reads: John Mcd}

22 Tuesday I went to thrash for Mr holmes

23 Wednesday I cut my buckwheat

24 Thursday I cut a few poles for my pig pen

25 friday I cut and drawed som {some} poles for the pig pen

26 Satarday I went up to Mr pools and cleaned up my barley for ch

27 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Mckinis

28 Monday we went to poole to thrash

29 Tuesday we went to chatham with barley

30 Wednesday it rained all day

October 1868

1 Thursday I chopped {chopped} all day

2 friday I went and cut corn for {Above it reads: poole}

3 Satarday {Saturday} I went to chatham with the last barley

4 Sunday we went to here Mckinis

5 Monday we went to the lenard sail

6 Tuesday I thrash my beens {beans} and tried to thrash {Above it reads: my buckwheat}

7 Wednesday I ditched and cleaned 30 bushels

8 Thursday we went with ina to east Tilbury fair

9 friday we went to chatham with a {Above it reads: grist}

10 Satarday we came home from chatham

11 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Mckinis

12 Monday I turned my buckwheat

13 Tuesday I loged {logged} for boby vickerman

14 Wednesday I went to Jenkins sail {sale}

15 Thursday I was drawing my corn

16 friday I was drawing corn, and nails for a pig pen, and got to {two} shoes on kate

17 Satarday I loged for boby vickerman

18 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Mckinis

19 Monday I began to take up my potatoes

20 Tuesday in the forenoon in the Afternoon I thrashed my buckwheat

21 Wednesday it rained all day and I clean my buckwheat and gran for the fair

22 Thursday we went to the fair flora first {Above it reads: prize} buggy horse 3 prize a mare and colt
3 prize potatoes 2 prize

23 friday I digging potatoes all day

24 Satuerday {Saturday} digging potatoes all day

25 Sunday we went to here Mr Mckinis

26 Monday asked men to log and whitewashed

27 ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday we loged {logged} all day for John Jard

28 Wednesday finished taking up my potatoes

29 Thursday I covered my pit of potatoes

30 friday I split and piled wood {Above it reads: wood} and lizzie went to buxton with henry and agnes

31 Satuerday it rained half a day and in the afternoon we went up home with Henery and agnes

November 1868

1 Sunday went to here {hear} Mr Gracy

2 Monday I draed {drawed} home wood

3 Tuesday I drewed up wood and commenced to bank {Above it reads: the house}

4 Wednesday I dawed {drawed} ashes on my meaddow {meadow}

5 Thursday I to Trudell stable raising

6 friday I drewed ashes on my meaddow

7 Satuarday I and boby cleaned up 11 bushels of wheat in the afternoon I went and got my plow fixed

8 Sunday it rained all day and all nite {night}

9 Monday I oiled my harness it rained all day

10 Tuesday I made a floor for the piges {pigs} and cleaned my {Above it reads: horses} and went out to the store and went to benwas

11 Wednesday I began to do my fall ploughing to day.

12 Thursday I ploughed all day

13 friday I ploughed all day

14 Satarday I ploughed all day and watered fow {furrowed}

15 Sunday we staid {stayed} home all day

16 Monday I ploughed all day at nite {night} it rained

17 Tuesday it rained most all day

18 Wednesday it snowed all day

19 Thursday I killed on pig in the forenoon in the afternoon I shoveled {shovelled} furrows in the wheat field

20 Friday I shoveled furrowes

21 Saturday I shoveled furrowes

22 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr caven

23 Monday I went to mill with buckwheat in the afternoon I covered my potatoes

24 Tuesday I ploughed all day

25 Wednesday I ploughed in the forenoon in the afternoon I shoveled furrowes

26 Thursday in the forenoon I shovled furrows in the afternoon I ploughed

27 Friday I ploughed all day

28 Saturday I ploughed all day

29 Sunday we stayed home all day

30 Monday in the forenoon helped R dood {likely Dodd} in the afternoon I ploughed Mr, John Jardins Tilbury West

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1 Tesday {Tuesday} I maid {made} my stable logs

2 Wednesday I drewed my stables logs and fetched home my shingles from James Miller

3 Thursday I bilt {built} my shed for my cattle

4 Friday I banked the house and choured {chored} around this afternoon it has snowed very heavy

5 Saturday I went to sea {see} James Mccart about timber

6 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr king, we went with the slay {sleigh}

7 Monday it snowed and rained we cleaned a grist

8 Tuesday I went and got my horses shod cost 9 7

9 Wednesday dick and I killed to {two} pigs in the evening I went up to mill with 20 bushels of wheat

10 Thursday I drewed To {two} loads of wood for henry. and helped roe {row?} up To peels com
{come} back and went for my grist

11 friday I helped boby {Bobby?} To kill his pigs

12 Satuerday {Saturday} we went To take our place at Mckard

13 Sanday {Sunday} went to hear Mr Hooker a {at} the Methodist Church, too late to hear the text

14 Monday, Went to McCart's to draw timber

15 Tuesday, I drewed timber for McCart

16 Wednesday. Ditto

17 Thursday Ditto John Jardins Tilbury W

18 Friday Ditto

19 Saturday Ditto

20 Sunday staid {stayed} at home all day

21 Monday at home & put a tongue in my sleigh in the after noon Went to R.Vickerman

22 Tuesday Put manure in the potato pit

23 Wednesday Went back to McCart's to skid timber

24 Thursday skidded Timber too

25 Friday Christmas. Came home again. I sick a little

26. Saturday; Got my boot patched and got a new pair, sent \$6.00 insurance money and \$1.00 for the Montreal Witness.

27 Sunday We went to the presbyterian church and heard Mr Urquhardt.

28 Monday I cut a few loads of wood

29 Tuesday I hauled it up and cut sove {stove?} wood

30 Wednesday I drewed for McCart

31 Thursday I came home agin {again} and got Timber for a woodrack

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