

Rev. Robert Mayes (1832-1921)
1874-1877 Dairy
Transcribed by Rural Diary Archive volunteers

Diary of Mayes Farm

Township of Drapes Muskoka 1874

Took possession of our Farm of 200 acres on Saturday Aug. 29. with wife and

1874 Six children. a very small house. must build a larger one as soon as possible - Set to work at once to clean a piece of land for wheat

Sep 11th planted fall wheat

" 19th Plowed second piece of fall wheat Live Stock on Farm which we brought with us--Viz. 1 Rooster, 1 Hen and Willies Kittie.

Sept 21st Self and 4 sons began to cut underbrush.

" 29 Hired Mr Forrester to help us cut logs to build house.

Oct 1st Finished cutting logs and began to burn bush and clear space for House. Wife went to Bracebridge, missed her way in the bush - had to send back for Ernie.

Oct 2 Rain all the morning, but little doing to day. Robert quite ill to day, a newspaper from England.

Saty. " 3rd Set out the foundation of a house 20 x 26. Mr. Algar with a yoke of Oxen & Mr. Philips came to help

Sunday 4th Boys & Ada went to Mr. Taylors to Bible class for the first time hope it may be useful to them. Preached at Mr Taylors

10/4 Oct in the afternoon. from the houses built on a rock & on the Sand.

Monday 5th A find day burnt heaps of bush and worked at laying out the sils of new house, nearly cut of the end of my Thumb with an axe.

Tuesday 6 {in child's handwriting} Rained all day. we were all Knitting mittens for winters use mother made ten plum puddings ready for the raising day E

Wednesday 7 {in a different child's handwriting} We were digging cellar in our new house Mr. Algar ~~hear~~ was here hauling bogs for the ~~haese~~ house & unfortunately broke his chain Mr. Day paid us a visit. O {adult handwriting resumes} planted onion Seed

Oct Thursday 8 Went round and asked the neighbours to a raising bee a wearisome journey, got home about 6 O clock.

Friday 9 {different handwriting} Mr Taylor drew the joists, and Mr Philips hewed them, Father went to Bracebridge in the evening. Robert

Saturday 10 {child's handwriting} Mr Philips came and laid down the joists, Mr Forester and us dug in the cellar. Ernest

Sunday 11 {another child's handwriting} Rained all day nobody went out but Robert went to the Bible class it rained so hard that we none of us went out. Orlando.

Monday 12 A fine, but cold day, the day of our house raising. 15 men to help, 2 Yoke Oxen. the dinner & tea at Mr. Taylors the men worked with a will All went well.

Oct 1874

Tuesday 13 {Robert's handwriting} Cusley Philips came with a load of lumber for sheeting, & we cut rafters for the house. R

Wednesday 14 {Ernest's handwriting} Planted fall wheat on Water field Ernest

Thursday 15 {another child's handwriting} Mr Forester was here and pelled 4 large pines we were hauling rafters for the house, L and O

Friday 16 {Robert's handwriting} Went to Bracebridge for nails, meat &c. Wish we had a Railway

Saturday 17 Peeled the rafters for the house, & cut out the door. Robert.

Sunday 18 {Ernest's handwriting} Brothers & sister went to the bible-Class myself, and Robert staid at home being unwell, Father preached in the afternoon Ernest.

Oct Monday 19 {Orlando's handwriting} We peeled the rest of the rafter Mr F Philips squared the house ready for the roof Orlando

Tuesday 20 {adult handwriting resumes} A splendid day, we got all the rafters on the new house, Mr. Philips here

Wednesday 21 Beautiful weather, a lot of old jobs, did not seem to get on much, boys began to dig a drain from the Cellar- "Brother" helped them.

Thursday 22 Weather still continues fine Put nearly half the sheeting on the house, Mr. Taylor fetched some lumber from Bracebridge, brought us 2 letters.

Friday 23 Began to shingle the house, R went to Bracebridge for nails.

Oct 1874

Saturday 24 Fine weather, finished shingling half the roof

Sunday 25 Boys to bible Class Self preached in Afternoon

Monday 26 Self & Landie went to Mr Lanchesters. Bought a yoke of steers qx \$ {?} tried to get them home but got stuck in a swamp.

Tuesday 27 Mr Forester and Robt. went after the steers and got them home all night

Wednesday 28

Thursday 29 Went to Bracebridge with the steers, took Ernies Sleigh for a bag of Flour, Sleigh broke down had to leave it in the bush go home for bags to divide it got it home all right at last

Oct Friday 30 Shingles from Spradburys nearly finished roofing the house.

Saturday 31 Very cold, snow fell in the night Robt went to Bracebridge for Shingle nails

Sunday Nov 1st Went to Ms. Days School House to preach had a good time, Staid at Ms. Lanchesters all night and "got the Blues"

Monday 2 Came home, Brought some oats spade, shovel Brush Sythe

Tuesday 3 Went to Bracebridge with the Steers, brought home some Lumber. a weary journey

Wednesday Began plastering and cutting out gains for joists

Nov 1874

Thursday 5 A very wet day, we got in all the floor joists finished, chinking up

Friday 6 Rob & Lando went to B for lumber - Bought the fruit trees

Saturday 7 {Ernest's handwriting} Orlando & me went to Mr. Lancasters Mr Forester dug in the cellar father and brothers were plastering Ernest

Sunday 8 Myself and brothers went to Bible class + Father preached at Mr Taylors Enest

Monday 9 Robert and me went to B-ge after lumber and Window Sash Father finished boarding up the end Ernest

Tuesday 10 {another handwriting} C + I went to Lanchesters to hill up the Turnips - Bought a lot of Hay, Oates, Rye, of Mr L

Nov 1874

Wednesday 11 Mr. Foresters last day, I put the windows in upstairs

Thursday 12 Mother and Lando look the Steers to Bracebridge for flour Mr Algan finished hauling lumber-

Friday 13 Put in the window down Stairs made the door + put the floors down

1974 Thursday 19 Moved into our new house Plenty of room here "If the Lord will." may we have health to enjoy it

20 Mr Algan brought quarter of beef, Pot of Butter some turnips Self and 4 Boys began to open the road to Lanchesters

Nov 1874

Saturday 21 Road work again, Mr. Forrester gives us a day on the Road

Sunday 22 Usual service at Mr Taylors

Monday 23 Chopping wood for the house

Tuesday 24 Myself & R. & E Mr. Forrester on the road to Lanchester Brought home a chair

Wednesday 25 Myself R & E Mr. Forrester on the Road

Thursday 26 Self R & E & Mr. F on the Road, took the steers brought home the first load of Oats & Potatoes

Friday 27 R & Self took the steers brought home 3 Bags of Potatoes and some Oats

Nov 1874

Saturday 28 Chopping wood for house and doing up odd things

Sunday 29 Usual service at Mr. Taylors

Monday 30 Chopping wood for house &c.

Tuesday Dec 1 Went to Lanchester brought home a load of oates could not get up the rocks with the {word cut off} had to unload and carry it up, left R at Ls to Thrash the grain

Wednesday 2 Doing up the stable put potatoes down cellar & chopping down trees

Dec 1874

Thursday 3 Went to Lanchesters, brought home a load of potatoes - E & L went and cut a new road

Friday 4 Another journey eastward brought home some more Potatoes

Saturday 5 Stayed at home, mended Sleigh &cc - in the afternoon chopped down Trees

Sunday 6 Usual service at Mr Taylors

From 7th of Dec to Dec 22nd carting Oat, Hay, Potatoes & Grain from Lanchesters Self and Ernie there about a week Thrashing Rye

1874 Wednesday Dec 23 Self, Wife, Robb & Landie went to Bracebridge to buy Groceries meat and &cc for Christmas a mild pleasant day, very good sleighing

Thursday 24 Very stormy, snow fast all day, keep in the house squareing the the walls

Friday 25 Christmas day, cold without warm and comfortable within a pair of chickens fresh pork ham & cc Plum Pudding Cakes & lots of Good Things, we all enjoyed the day very much
Thanks to the giver of all Good

Saturday 26 Stayed in all day and worked at hewing the logs

Sunday December 1874

27 No service at Mr Taylors Go to Bracebridge to preach at night had a good time, good congregation, sweet music.

Monday 28 Self R & Lando go to Lanchester With the steers. Cannot get through with the Sleigh, snow 30 in deep on the level

Tuesday 29/Wed 30 Return from Lanchesters could bring nothing home but the Empty Sleigh, R gone to Bracebridge, and he did not come home till the following morning. Wife started of early morning in seach of him

1875

Jan 8 Saturday Been a very fine week till today, snowing all day Hauling hay from Lanchesters every day this week

March 12 13 Brought in 7 bags Flour at 4,, 75

Tuesday 30 Bought a cow of Mr Forrester 25

Friday April 2 Took 3 Bushels & 12 lb Rye to Perrys Mill Brought home 98 Flour 27 lb {Shorts?} 27 Bran

Thursday 8 Planted in Boxes Cabbage Kale Brocli Cucumber Water Melon

Monday 19 Set the Goose on 7 eggs

1875 Jany

{child's handwriting} Tuesday 20 father has gone to bracebridge posted a letter to grandfatehr A M

{adult handwriting resumes}

May 21 Had our first burn a bad one

22 Planted Early {illegible} Potatoes

23 Planted onions Beets & various small seeds & peas cucumbers

25 Set more Potatoes & garden Seeds

26 Finished Planting Peas

27 Put in corn in Fens{?} field also squash

Sept 26 Sunday Revd. Taylor came to preach to us for the first Time, Text "ye must be born again, we were all pleased with him hope we may be profited too 18 in the congregation.

1875

Sept 27 {child's handwriting} Cut some shingle blocks & firewood in the morning, {mended?} the ox cart in the afternoon.

28 Father & Mother went to Bracebridge & took the steers got the boys new hats. R & L turned the oats

29 Went to the Agricultural Show a very wet day

30 Another wet day

Oct 1 Taking up potatoes. 41 bushels Robert went to Bracebridge for lumber

Oct 2nd Snow 2 ins deep oats still out, boarded up the ends of the house

Sunday 3rd {adult handwriting resumes} Appointment at Days & Matthias's, saw some fine Bears in the Bush on Lott 17 Thought discretion the better part of Valour, so skidadled back to foresters in a hurry Thos. Forrester went as my escort through the bush we neither of us got chawed up

4th {Lando?} & Ernie swinging dismal all day Rob fitting up the carriage

5th {child's handwriting} Father hauled the manure & I went to Bracebridge finished thrashing the wheat. EM

6th Very ~~wet~~ wet in all day.

7th Cut barn logs took up potatoes and began to mud up the house

8th Robert and me cut barn logs all day & Ernie went to Bracebridge Father did odd jobs Had a letter from home

1875

Oct-

9th Made a walk before the door and pulled turnips

{adult handwriting resumes} Sunday 10 Rainy day, Very cold Tom & George Stevenson came to service

11th Pitted 35 Bushels of {Sweeds?} 15 Bushels Aberdeens

12th Very cold but very fine Pulling Turnips and Turning Oats

{child's handwriting} 13th Pitted 14 bushels of turnips in the morning pulled turnips in the afternoon in the fallow? it was a very fine day.

1875

Oct 14 Thursday Cutting barn logs, taking up parsnips, in the morning Hauling Oats in afternoon Stinging frost last night

15th {child's Handwriting} Rained all day cut firewood & did odd jobs.

16th Snowed a ~~all day~~ a little Father and Ernee went to Bracebridge with the steers Bob and me did odd jobs at home.

{adult handwriting resumes} 17 Sunday Mr. Taylor came to preach 17 people present, he is well recieved

18 ~~Mon~~ Much snow, we tried to pull turnips a very bad job Heifer fetched home from Mr. Carrigans

Oct 1875

19 Wed Rob away helping to make a fresh road to Bracebridge E, O. & Self pulling turnips, got a large quantity together the snow going away rapidly

20 Cut the tops off the turnips we pulled yesterday A nice fine day

{child's handwriting} 21 Pulled 112 bushels of turnips. Lovely weather, Indian Summer.

22 Another fine day, finished the Turnips & spread out the oats to dry

{another child's handwriting} 23 Saturday Turnips in the morning - Got up the Oats in the Afternoon

24 Sunday Still very fine weather

{another child's handwriting} 25 Went out shooting in the morning finished the turnips & oats in the afternoon

Oct 26 Tuesday Wet all day indoors knitting

Wednesday 27 Robb went to Mr. Greggs after the dog, could not Get her Willie & Self went to Bracebridge

Thursday 28 Underbrushing - Lando took 50 weight of flower to T Forresters @ 5 1/2 dollars for barrill, {symbol for dollar?} 38 c.

Friday 29 Underbrushing -

Saturday 30 A very wet day, chopping wood. R Making Sleigh

Sunday 31 Mr. Taylor unexpectedly visits us - stays till Monday

Nov

Monday 1 Underbrushing, Lando went to Bracebridge

Tuesday 2 Underbrushing

Nov 1875

Tuesday 29 Self and Herbie went to Bracebridge with the Cattle Flour 5 dollars

Wednesday 30 Cleared the Road Through to Robinsons, Arthur helped us

Thursday Dec 1 Forrester came to see about some Chopping let him 5 acres to Chop Log & Fence, nx/dollars per acre

Friday 2 We began to chop in the Bush & Cut firewood

Saturday 3 Cutting firewood, chopping in the Bush

Sunday 4 No Public service Both still very ill.

18..(illegible)

Dec

Monday 5 Chopping in the Bush

Tuesday 6 Self E. & W. to Bracebridge Brought Ble Flour \$5 Sale 1-75

7th Chopping in the Bush

8 Went Through to Robson

9 Chopping

10 Chopping -

Sunday 11 No service, Robb still very ill.

12 Began to haul hay from Triors(?)

13 Hauling hay

Wednesday 14 Hawling hay

Thursday 16 Finished the hay from Robsons

Friday 16 Snowed all day made a ~~bead~~ bedstead

Saturday 17 Went to Bracebridge Father Mother and Lando with the Steers

Sunday 18 Had service expected Mr Taylor but was dissapointed he did not come

19 Chopped and hauled firewood Mr Corrigan passed with a team of horses

Tuesday 21 culling out Dollars road ready to haul-haul own hay

Nov (illegible mark)

Sunday 14 no service on account of Rob's illness

Monday 15 Wife and I went to B & V snow came today brought of home a Rocking chair

Tuesday 16 Cutting fire wood

Wednesday 14 Did Odd Jobs

Thursday - Thursday a very fine day Olando's Birthday 13 years Fetched hay from little field
Went Hunting - nill

Friday 18 Getting fire wood

Friday 19 Made bedstead

Sunday 20 No service Robb still very sick

Monday 21 Finishing Off Sleigh Cutting fire wood

Tuesday 22 Mr Lloyd English Church Minister called

1845 Nov Wednesday {illegible possibly mirror image, perhaps initials?}

{ Wednesday?} 23 Getting fire wood

Thursday 24 Fixed up the stable. Cut fire wood

Friday 25 Made a bedstead odd jobs indoors

Saturday 26 Morning, Odd Jobs - useded the new Sleigh for the first time - Self 'wife. Robb
Ada & Willie went to Mr. Stephenson's with school petition

Sunday 27 No service, Rob not Well

Monday 28 Intensely Cold, Boys out Deer Stalking. nil:

December 1846

Wednesday 22 Finished making Dollare main road

Thursday 23 Killed the black pig and cut firewood

Friday 24 Cut & hawled firewood and trimmed the christ-mas tree

Saturday 25 Christmas day we have the tree at night, Mr Stephenson and Tom visited us

Sunday 26 No Service at home H&O went to Brave bridge

Monday 27 Hawling hay for Mr. Taylor

1875

Tuesday 28 Father and Orlando hauled hay from the beaver meadow for the first time
chopped 12 trees and some firewood

Wednesday 29 Ada Mays Father & Ernie carting hay from Corigans beaver meadow boys
chopping at home

30th Thursday Cutting firewood, rain very worm weather the snow rapidly melting

Friday 31 Got in a hill of potatoes 8 bushels, put in 2 cedar posts at front door

1876

Saturday Jan 1st Got in fire wood - put in posts at front door

Sunday 2 Mrs Forester came, her children all ill

Monday 3 Mother went to Mrs Forrester. Little girl died - slopt all night - Election day

Tuesday 4 Messrs Stock & Fern came made coffin for little girl

Wednesday 5 Buried little Forrester Mother, self, F Phillips & P Taylor present

Thursday 6 Chopping in Bush Robt helped us the first time after his illness

{January?} 1878

Friday 7 All of us Chopping in the Bush

Saturday 8 Mother & Herbie went to Bracebridge, Chopping in the Bush - Road very bad all ice

Sunday 9 Self went to Mr Forresters to visit the {seek?}

Monday 10 Chopping - -

Tuesday 11 Chopping, self got {gneeounly?} hurt by a tree falling on to me

Wednesday 12 boys all chopping

Thursday 13 chopping do

Saturday 15 Robl & Ernie hauling hay

January 1876

16 Sunday Mother went up to Mrs. {Geonesters}, to see how the {vick} prosper

Monday 17 All of us went to Corrigans beaver meadow for hay Made a Corduroy Bridge

Tuesday 18 Mother & Robb went to Brace- bridge - . a very wet day 2 Bags Flour, {16 of} meat Felf and Boys killed the pigs

Wednesday 19 Cleaned Out the pigs Sty

Thursday 20 Chopping

Friday 21 Chopping

Saturday 22 Went to Beaver Meadow to fetch hay

January 1876

Sunday 23 Lando & {illegible} went to Bracebridge

Monday 24 To Bracebridge for flour for Mr. Taylor and self Robb & Ernie half day on the Concession Cutting out the fallen timber

Tuesday 25 Chopping & hauling hay

Wednesday 26 Chopping & hauling hay

Thursday 27 Cutting shingle Blocks

Friday 28 Barried {illegible} Pains Infant Finished hauling one stack hay from Corrigan beaver meadow

1846

Saturday Jan 29 Chopping in the bush

Sunday 30

Monday 31 Went to Bracebridge for Mr P. Taylor - 1 bag (Talow) for him and 4 for self, the roads very bad

Tuesday Feb 1 Chopping in bush

Sunday Feb 11 Self & wife Ada & Robb & Willie went to Bracebridge left them to come home with the cattle, myself, Ernie & Lando went to the south falls to a tea meeting enjoyed ourselves vastley - got home about 1/2 past 12

1846

Sunday 18 Self and 4 children went to south falls Sunday school - Rev Finlay preached in afternoon

February

Monday 14 Chopping firewood

Tuesday 15 Went to council meeting stayed at Mr Springs All night a Terrible journey, Goose layed the first Egg m Tuesday

Wednesday 16 Chopping firewood

Thursday 17 Began to hawl the second stack of beaver hay - afternoon went to Will Taylor lot to hawl in a (pil?) of potato for Mr. P Taylor

1846 Feb 25 - Finished hauling beaver hay from Mr Conroy cross meadow

Th 26 Went to Bracebridge Selected home 2 Barells {Telow} \$4-75c {per?} BL

March 1 to 6 splitting cedar rails in swamp and hauling them home

7 Made sap boughs

8 Father went part of the way to Bracebridge.

9 Made sap boughs

10 Made sap spouts

14 {Get?} the goose

March 1846

20 The Boys Cutting Stove wood 4 1/2 cord cut, some of it hauled home.

31 Tap'd 80 trees for making Syrup

April 1 Walked out to Bracebridge

Sunday 2 20 people gathered together but no preacher came-

Monday 3 To Bracebridge with the Sleers fetched home 3 & 1/2 thousand Shingles \$1-50

1876

April 4 Hawling logs for basin

Th 5 Making sugar & Syrup

Th 19 Mr P Taylor raised his barn, Robb assisting them

Th 24 Made #53 lb of maple sugar & 4 Gals of syrup Raised part of our barn The Cow calved today a fine Bull Calf

May 1 Went to Bracebridge to fetch seed & {cc?} making Vinegar

May 2 Logging

3 {Alo?}

4 {alo?} Robb making Vinegar

1876 May Friday 5 Very wet, weather, Logging

6 Still very wet

Monday Rainey - Logging 8

9. (do do)

10 Wet - put in a window mother and E went to mr Springs very kindly treated {ilegale}
(brought?) home a lot of Vegatable & Flowers seeds

Thursday 11 Put in {pease} at the stable Onions & e & e Parsnips Lettuce. Carrots set out
cabbage (Starks)

1876 Friday May 11 Planted oats and seeded down a small piece where the sweeds were

Saturday 12 Put in garden seeds

Monday 14 Put in a few oats and seeded down a rocky piece near the stable

Tuesday 15 Put in white Oats in fallow and seeded down

Wednesday 16 Hoed round the stumps and cleaned up, R went and fetched some plum
Trees

Thursday 17 Put in (lk) Oats and a few Rennies Prize sweede Turnip

1876

Friday May 18 Put in 2 Bushels of potatoes in the Top of Oat field and cleaning up behind
the house Planted 6 Week and asparagus beans, also Pepper Veg {marrow?} and melons

Th 24 Hen set on 12 Duck Eggs Ernie Lando & (Herbie?) went to Bracebridge. Caught 5 nice
Pickerel

~~to~~ May Tues

Saturday 27 Burnt the piece behind the house

28

29 logging

30 logging at Forresters

31 logging at Home

June 1 do " "

2 " " "

3 " " at Forresters

1876

June 5 Logging behind house Thos Stevenson helped us Robb made the Shovel Plough

6 Ploughed land of it and planted some potatoes

7th Raked, Burnt the heaps

8th Ploughed a piece

9th Planted potatoes

10 do do & {ilegale}

Monday 12 Self logging at Joe Taylors Boys ploughed a piece up at the stable, Robb went to & manigans with the Cow & Heiler

13 Logging the gully

June 14 Planting corn White beans transplanting Pumpkins melons Cucumbers -

15 Sheeting one side of barn and began to shingle Robb went to Bracebridge to fetch lumber

16 Putting shingles on one side of the barn and sheeting the other, set a hen on 15 Eggs

1877

Pinkey taken out Jan {ilegale} 5 = 1877

Purchased 4 horse power & open cylinder and drag saw - can work them very well - Dec
1876

1877

April 12 Grafted some cherries

13 Began to clear the rocky land up for oats

24 Planted 2 Bushels pease onions & {seed}

26 Planted 3 bushels wheat

May 1 - Blood Beets

4 Commenceth to plant oats

6 Put in asparagus Went to Mr Browns stayed all night

9 Set our Braman hen

11 Planting Oats still

12 Logging brush fence

14 Sowed part of it at with oats & grafted some more cherries

15 Logging the wet part of fence

25 Planted 19 pails of potatoes on {illegible}

26 Finished sowing oats & set the flower seeds in garden

Oh Trinity of love and power Our {luthern?} shield in dangers hour
From rock and tempest
fire and foe Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns
of praise from land and sea

June 1869

Our Baby

A flower that opens from day to day A sunbeam that cheers life's onward way A treasure,
worth more than life can say Our Baby Love looks out of his dark blue eyes {illegible} is a
loving as a sweet surprise On their drooping lids then soft sleep lies Our Baby His round little
cheeks an plumps & fair His brow is unshaddowed by grief or care And bright are his locks of
golden hair Our Baby

Over

He fills a large place in sissy arms Who is hourly filled with soft alarms Lest he fall into
untoward harms. Our Baby = Baby begins to {with} Dear Mamma When the door opens
knows his papa And chips like a bind he he ha ha. Our Baby = Sweet birdie is he. Oh if the
cage door, Should open some day to enclose him no more Fledged may he be for the
heavenly shore. Our Baby

The Skaters

See how merrily the skaters go, Glancing quickly O'er the ice and snow; While like diamonds
in the forests trees, The crystal drops are waving in the breeze. 2nd verse. See how merrily
around they play. Sweeping featly o'er the sparkling way, While the woods, that are in spring
so fair, In winter time their wilder grace's wear. 3rd verse. See how merilly the time goes by.
There is beauty in a wintery sky Tho' the summer wears a verdant hue. The winter brings a
merry season too. 4th verse. See how merrily the pas-time o'er Now they circle around the
hearth once more; For if winter bring us howling storms, this ingle bright the kindly bos-om
warms.

March 1870

The Useful little girl

A little girl I am indeed And little do I know Much help and care I yet shall need That I may
wiser grow If I would ever hope to do Things great & good & useful too.

But even now I ought to try To do what good I may God never meant that such as I. Should
only live to play and talk and laugh and eat and drink And sleep and wake and never think

I may if I have but a mind Do good in many ways Plenty to do tho young may find In these
our busy days Sad would it be tho young and small If I were of no use an all

4 His home my child is beyond the skies a paradise of flowers When little children - angels
there Paint those flowers so bright and fair And bring them to this land of ours 5 Oh how I
wish that home were mine And you were with me too. I would paint a wreath so strangely fair
And {twist} it mother for you to wear A crown of heavens own hair. Feb 21st. 69.

Let it pass

Or it is better to be wronged than wrong Be not swift to take offence. Let it pass Let it pass
Anger is a foe to sense. Let it pass Brood not darkly o'er a wrong Which will disappear e'er
long Rather sing this cheery song. Let it pass Chorus Merrily cherrily sing this song. Merrily
cherrily sing this song. Better to be wronged than wrong. Let it pass.

Strife corrodes the purest mind. Let it pass As the unregarded {word? illegible} Let it pass All
the vulgar souls that live may condemn without reprieve Tis the noble who forgive Let it pass
Merily be Echo not an angry word. Let it pass Think how often you have erred. Let it pass
Since our joys must pass away Like the dew drops and the spray Wherefore should our
sorrows stay. Let it Pass Merrily be be If for good you have taken ill. Let it Pass O be kind
and gentle still. Let it Pass Time at last makes all things straight Let us not resent but wait
And our triumph shall be great Let it pass merily be be July 1869

My times are in thy hand

My times are in thy hand. My god I Wish them there. My life my soul my all I leave entirely to
thy care

My times are in thy hand. Whatever they may be Pleasing or painful dark on bright As best
may seem to thee

My times are in thy hand. Why should I doubt or fear A fathers hand will never cause This
child a needless tear

My times are in thy hand. I'll always trust in thee Till I posses the promised land And all thy
glory see

Because He loved me so

I love to hear the story. Which angel voices tell How once the king of glory. Game down on
earth to dwell I am both weak and sinful. But this I surely know The end came down to claim
me. Because he loved me so

I am glad my blessed savior. Was once a child like me To show how {illegible} & holy. His little ones might be And if I did not serve And if i try to follow. He never will forget me His footsteps here below. Because he loved me so

To sing his love & mercy. My sweetest songs I'll raise And tho I can not see him. I know he hears my praise For he has kindly promised. That I shall surely go To sing among his angels. Because he loved me so

Music in the vally Music on the hill Music in the woodland Music on the river Music on the mountain Music in the air Music in the {illegible} heart Music every were

Music by the fireside Music in the hall Music in the school room. Music for us all Music in our sorrow Music in our care Music in our gladness Music everywhere

Sing with joyful voices Friends and loved ones dear Let discord and trouble never enter here Join the happy chorus of all nature fair {illegible} the glorious anthem Music everywhere
Harrington

My Mother

My mother, oh my mother, long hast thou toiled for one

And borne life's burdens all alone to comfort thee

Be mine the hand to help thee now be mine the voice to cheer

And mine the heart that loves thee best - till death my mother dear

2

My mother, omy mother, how deep have been the shades

And sharp the thorns about thy path along earth's lonely glades

But Christ the Lord of Righteousness hung diadems in the sky

And lit them with his glorious beams of love that can not die

3 My mother, oh my mother, in sorrow and in tears

The past a tale of blighted hopes, the present full of fears

A tombstone over this loved one's head who should have been thy half

Thus, mother dearest, thou hast passed along the weary way

4 My mother, oh my mother, when as one he has been near To soothe thy grief and whisper
sounds of comfort in thine ear When we thy little children all unconscious by thee lay Thou
hast let the pent up fountains of sorrow have their way

5

My mother, oh my mother, so peacefully we slept And never knew that for our sakes one
watched and prayed and wept

Jan

G Taylor IISIIIIISIIIIISIIIIISIIIIIS

IIIIISIIII--SIIIIISIIIIIDISMIIII

P Taylor 1/2ofSIIIIISIIIIISIIIIISIIII

**For more information on Rev. Robert Mayes, check out the “Meet the Diarists” page
under “Discover” on our website: ruraldiaries.lib.uoguelph.ca**