

Mary Agnes "Aggie" Cooper (1877 - 1964) 1912

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{Picture of a House on a farm} {Portrait of a man}

Diary 1912

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{In top left of page it reads: Aggie 35 yrs old in 1912}

Mon Jan 1. New Years Day. - mother and the girls also Willie family here to spend the day. A cold west wind but fine. Lizzie remained.

Tues Jan 2. Fine bright day Lizzie went to Willies. We washed and churned. Mr and Mrs Cane called. also Mr Mothersill. Uncle and Aunt Nellie called on Mrs Morgan.

Wed Jan 3. Fine day cold. Uncle in Toronto. Aunties called on Mr Graingers, Miss Picketts and Mr Little.

Thur Jan 4. Fine but cold. Aunt Nettie at Mrs Breakeys.W.A. Uncle took her out. and went for her.

Fri Jan 5. Fine but extremely cold. and high wind Mr Graingers Littles and Willies here for tea.

Sat Jan 6. Fine but very cold. 14 below zero and lower in places I went to Toronto walked to car but Uncle met.

Sun Jan 7. Very very cold and high wind. we did not go to Church as it is so cold.

Mon Jan 8. Rather blustery then started to snow about three o'clock. We took our horse to the barn. Soft water pump froze.

Tue Jan 9. A very stormy day blowing all day. Uncle, Aunt Nellie and I went to Weston took cutter but poor sleighing. I remained others got home about twelve. Could not get up the lane.

Mon Jan 29. Rather stormy raining and freezing. Uncle at Thornhill in the afternoon.

Tue Jan 30. Fine day. Mr Gibson called. Frank and Mrs Teasdale, Charlie here.

Wed Jan 31. Fine and moderately cold.

Thur Feb 1. Fine and mild. Aunties at W.A. Meeting. Uncle took them and drove out to meet them. Mrs Little here for milk. I let the Range out the first time this year.

Fri Feb 2. Fine but cold and bright, the Bear could see its shadow. blustery at night.

Sat Feb 3. Fine but very, very, cold, below zero. David Smellie here to spend the day. I went to Toronto to the Dentist. stayed at Mothers for tea.

Sun Feb 4. Fine but very, very cold. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at church. Uncle and I at Concord Church.

Mon Feb 5. Fine but very cold. Aunt Nellie at Thornhill. Uncle at Johnsons

Tue Feb 6. Fine and a little milder. I went to Toronto, to Dentist remained at Alices over night.

Wed Feb 7. Rather blustery then cleared. I came home early.

Thur Feb 8. Fine but cold. Annie here all day. Uncle took her and I to Thornhill, got my cap and finished it

Fri Feb 9. A cold windy day. Uncle at Mr Russells sale.

Sat Feb 10. Fine but extremely cold. 24 below zero lower in many places. I went to Toronto on the noon car. came back and remained at Mothers. I went to The Rink.

Sun Feb 11. Fine and cold but slightly moderating. I walked home from Thornhill. Willies all here for tea.

Mon Feb 12. Fine and moderately cold. Auntie went to Thornhill to make {Between lines it reads: One Egg.} jelly. Uncle at Willies in the afternoon. Marjorie here for tea.

Tue Feb 13. Fine and milder uncle at Thornhill in the afternoon.

Wed Feb 14. The Social a fine mild day. Uncle at Mr Littles cutting feed in the morning. We took seven Cakes. A ham. one pound of butter. two loaves of bread. 50 cts jelly. cleared about 60\$.

Thur Feb 15. Fine and mild Aunt Mattie went out to wash dishes. Annie came with her for the afternoon.

Fri Feb 16. Fine and very mild, Uncle at Mr Russells Sale.

Sat Feb 17. Fine and very mild. I called at Willies. Uncle at Thornhill for cutter shafts. exceptionally mild.

Sun Feb 18. Fine and very mild. Sleighing poor on this road. I went to Fisherville. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at evening ch- Alice sold farm a few days ago at 50.000 {Above it reads: \$}

Mon Feb 19. Fine and very mild Uncle in Toronto. We had a few here to play cards. Annie here all night. got another egg., Snow nearly all gone on sideroad.

Tue Feb 20. Fine and mild. Annie went home. Uncle got Oysters.

Wed Feb 21. Very stormy an East wind all day. blowing and snowing.

Thur Feb 22. A dreadful West storm n and s roads all filled no evening train up. we could not go to Willies.

Fri Feb 23. Fine day Uncle made our road through the orchard. We all went to Willies for tea.

Sat Feb 24. Fine and very mild this roads sloppy and snow nearly all gone on it. Marjorie here for tea. Uncle took me to the Rink ice a little soft. we get three eggs.

Sun Feb 25. Fine and very mild. Uncle, Aunt Nellie and I at church. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at evening church.

Mon Feb 26 A very stormy day at times an East wind. we washed and churned. Dr Campbell and Mr Snider here for stones.

Tue Feb 27. A stormy day with West wind. Dr Campbell here for tea. cleared in the evening.

Wed Feb 28. Uncle and Aunt Mattie went to Toronto. Auntie remained. Still getting three eggs

Thur Feb 29. Fine but cold. Dr Scholfield died, Uncle at Willies, then came home and went to Thorn hill to see about grave.

Fri Mar 1. Fine day and moderately cold. Mr and Mrs Morgan called. We went to Mr Johnsons in eve.

Sat Mar 2. Fine but cold. Uncle at Dr Scholfields funeral. I did not go to the Rink.

Sun Mar 3 Fine but cold East wind. Willie here for dinner. I went to Fisherville. We were at Willies for tea.

Mon Mar 4 Fine but East wind. I went to the Rink with Willies Dr Camp bell here.

Tue Mar 5. Fine but cold East wind we called at Mundeys. Uncle in Toronto.

Wed Mar 6. Fine but moderately cold. Uncle helping Willie in the morning. Dr Campbell here. Dick is sick. I went to hear Jubilee Singers with Willie and Mary.

Thur Mar 7. Fine day and milder. Snow nearly all gone on this road. Auntie at W.A. Uncle went to meet her. Mick called.

Fri Mar 8. Fine with exception of light snow flurries. Uncle helping Willie in the afternoon.

Sat Mar 9. Fine but colder again. Uncle at shop in the afternoon.

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Sun Mar 10. Fine but cold Marjorie went to church with Uncle and Auntie Willies all here for tea.

Mon Mar 11. Fine day and moderately cold.

Tue Mar 12. Came a little snow then fine. Aunt Mattie came home. Mr and Mrs Hiram Keffer here.

Wed Mar 13. Fine and mild, Uncle helping willie take logs out.

Thur Mar 14. Fine and very mild no sleighing on the road. I called at Mr Smellies. Uncle and I drove to the store at night.

Fri Mar 15. Snowing and blowing from the East fell about six feel of wet snow a dreadful day.

Sat Mar 16. Fine day the snow very deep.

Sun Mar 17. St Patricks Day. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at evening church. very mild snow nearly gone.

Mon Mar 18. Fine bright warm day, dreadfully sloppy. We washed and churned. Mr and Mrs Smellie Mr and Mrs Johnson here in the evening.

Tue Mar 19. Fine and warm, water over the road. Uncle in Toronto. Auntie went to Miss Mundeys. I went out in the evening got a little damp.

Wed Mar 20. Fine but turning quite cold all frozen at night. Uncle and I at Frank Teasdales and Clara Teasdale returned with us.

Thur Mar 21. Rather a rough day an East snow Storm. cleared in the afternoon. We took Clara away in evening

Fri Mar 22. Fine but cold the sleighing a little better.

Sat Mar 23. Fine and cold. Uncle at Willies and at the Mill. down to J. We have a calf but dead. I skated at Clarkes.

Sun Mar 24. Fine and milder. Uncle and I at church. The children here all day. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at Willies in the eve.

Mon Mar 25. Fine and moderately cold. Mr Brown started to dig the lane, it is very icy and deep. Uncle went to order a car at the station.

Tue Mar 26 Fine at first then came some soft snow. I went to Toronto. walked out and home. Auntie called to see Mrs White. I called in to ask for Wm. {William} Clarke.

Wed Mar 27. Fine and mild. Uncle and I at Thornhill in the afternoon Annie came home with us. and uncle took Annie home in the buggy the first time out. Snow nearly gone on this road but big drifts on N and S roads.

Thur Mar 28. Fine and very mild. Uncle in Toronto. water over the road again but I could get over alright.

Fri Mar 29. Fine day quite mild. water high our people taking wheat to the car, Mr Brown finished lane at noon.

Sat Mar 30. Fine but a little colder. They finished filling the car. Mr McDonald has come to Thornhill. roads drying in some places. water still over the road. the skating fairly good at the Rink.

Sun Mar 31. Came a little shower at noon, Uncle and Aunt Nellie at Church. Lizzie came home with them and Uncle took her home in the evening. I have a cold.

Mon Apr 1. April Fool - East wind and cold. we washed and churned. washed some for cleaning. Snowed in the afternoon about 1 1/2 inches, let feeder out.

Tue Apr 2. Fine but cold. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at Mr McDonalds with butter and eggs.

Wed Apr 3. Fine but cold wind not thawing much. I called at Willies, Uncle and Aunt Nellie at Mr Welshs' Progressive Euchre.

Thur Apr 4. Milder with a few squawls. Uncle took Aunties to W.A Meeting.

Fri Apr 5. Good Friday. fine and very mild taking Snow water over the roads. Robins and Blackbirds. Willies family here. for tea, Water over.

Sat Apr 6. Fine and very mild, water is down the ditch now. Frogs are out. We set a hen. Cleaned Clothes Closets, took pipes down.

Sun Apr 7. Easter Sunday. Rained heavily untill noon. We did not go to church. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at Mrs Clarkes for tea.

Mon Apr 8. Fine but cold, Easter Monday. Uncle at the Vestry meeting.

Tue Apr 9. All {written under "all": F} covered with snow several inches. very soft. Uncle in Toronto. roads very bad.

Wed Apr 10. Fine but very wet and muddy. We cleaned the Chamber. Willie came to help carry coal feeder out.

Thur Apr 11. Rained heavily in the morning. We three went to Toronto. fine and bright in the afternoon. I got my hat \$4.

Fri Apr 12. Fine day roads bad. Auntie white-washed ceilings. {Above it reads: I called to see Miss Duncan in the evening.} and we cleaned N. spare room. and cleaned feather bed.

Sat Apr 13. Fine but cold East wind. Uncle at Mr Mounts funeral, he brought mother out for tea. roads a little dry.

Sun Apr 14. Raining most of the day, Uncle and Aunt Nellie at church a damp East wind. frogs out again.

Mon Apr 15. A heavy thunder storm last night, fine and warm {Between lines it reads: stayed to wash out.} roads getting dry. Washed and churned. a vessel struck an Iceberg and over a thousand perished. 1600.

Tue Apr 16 Fine and warm. We cleaned Uncles room and ours. did not take carpets up.

Wed Apr 17. Fine but cold. East wind. Harold Parkinson here. the soft water pump going. thawed out cleaned Parlor and spare room.

Thur Apr 18. Fine but dull and showery. Uncle in Toronto. Auntie cleaned Pantry. We called at Mrs Whites.

Fri Apr 19, Fine but cold. Ice. very high wind.

Sat Apr 20. Fine bright and warm. Auntie finished collecting at Thornhill. Uncle & she had tea at mothers. Annie came out I went a piece. Raked & cleaned orchard Lettuce and Onions in. all that is dry. roads dry.

Apr 21. Fine but East wind, the children here. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at church. Canon Morley speaking roads fine and dry.

Mon Apr 22. A few showers, warm, washed blankets. Mick started work. Uncle and Auntie at Mr H. Keffers. Mrs Clarke here in the evening. turning cold at eve.

Tue Apr 23. Fine but very cold and windy, I went to Toronto, called at Aunt Lizzies and at the Dentists.

Wed Apr 24. Fine and warmer, the machine came.

Thur Apr 25. Fine and warm, Thrashing untill 2 O'clock we cleaned the Dining Room.

Fri Apr 26. Fine but cold. stretched Dining Room Curtains and put them up. a little shower in afternoon Fishers here for chaff and stay dinner.

Sat Apr 27. Fine but cold wind. Auntie cleaned Kitchen wood work, we went to Mrs James for Duck eggs. Did a little cultivating.

Sun Apr 28. Fine but cold, Uncle and I at church, we all have colds.

{Newspaper clipping entitled "Toronto's In Grip Of The Coldest Weather For Seventeen Years. Smaller clipping pasted over top reads: M A Cook 29 Nov 12 (224). Diarist has written in pencil: Feb. 10 1912}

{Newspaper clipping attached. Article with partial title visible, "Sticken Very Suddenly. Advertisement reads: Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription For Weak Women}

{Postcard depicting people swimming at a beach. Reads: Olcott Beach, Lake Ontario}

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{Small handwritten note reads: Dear Miss Cooper, The early part of week is all freed up W {with} Sat {Saturday} Off - Hoping this will suit you Yours sincerely {illegible} McLean}

{Appointment card for R. Gordon McLean D.D.S., L.D.S. Diarist has written: M Cooper 3 on 40 Concord {illegible} 30 ✓ 30 -even-}

Mon Apr 29. Fine men started seeding, we washed and churned.

Tue Apr 30. Fine and warmer, I went to Toronto. to Dentist and called to see Aunt Nancy.

Wed May 1. Aunt Nellie went to W.A. in Toronto men seeding. {Above it reads: Ida Clarke here.}

Thur May 2. Fine bright day auntie painting chairs.

Fri May 3. Fine and warm, I was at mothers Ladies Aid. Mrs Clarke and Herbie here in the evening.

Sat May 4. Fine men seeding all week, we have another calf.

Sun May 5. Fine and moderately warm, we did not go to church I went to Fisherville. a little shower in the eve.

Mon May 6. Fine and warm, Uncle went on Jury, Aunt Nellie home.

Tue May 7. Fine and very warm. Willies came and helped to to take Range out in the evening.

Wed May 8. Fine and warm. Uncle at home.

Thur May 9. Cooler with a few showers. Uncle on Jury. Annie came home with him to stay all night. Miss Phillips and Miss Pickett called.

Fri May 10. Fine day and moderately warm, Auntie and I went to Toronto also Uncle.

Sat May 11. Fine untill noon then showery, Uncle at home, all day. men put in Early potatoes and corn.

Sun May 12. Dull and showery, Uncle, Aunt Nellie and I at church. Marjorie here for tea, Uncle at Willies.

Mon May 13. Rained then cleared and very cold, I went to Mrs Clarkes Ida operated on for appendicitis.

Tue May 14. Fine day but cold, thick ice this morning. I called at miss Picketts in eve.

Wed May 15. Fine but cold East wind. Mrs Teasdales called.

Thur May 16. Rained all morning, cleared at night.

Fri May 17. Raining from the East then cleared, Mick and Auntie took butter out in the afternoon

Sat May 18. Fine morning Uncle at home. Uncle could not put in roots as it is too wet. land partly ready. shower eve.

Sun May 19. Fine but dull and cool. fire light all day. Mr and Mrs Reive here all day.

Mon May 20. Raining all day from the East. shot a skunk

Tue May 21. Raining all day, ground soaked with water. Uncle through on Jury. Eleven days.

Wed May 22 Rained heavily untill noon then cleared. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at miss Edeys funeral.

Thur May 23. Fine and quite warm. Aunties and Uncle at Confirmation I was at Miss Duncans in the evening.

Fri May 24. Queens Birthday, all spent day at Mothers. Men at the Hill. Aunt Mattie walked. Sultry then cleared and a lovely day and quite cool.

Sat May 25. Fine and warm. Aunt Nellie at the gardeners for Lettuce. Dr Campbell here for dinner. Aunt Mattie called at Littles in eve.

Sun May 26. Fine bright day, first fine Sunday, Uncle Aunt Mattie and I at church. went to Willies for tea Mattie and I at Fisherville

Mon May 27. Fine and warm. came shower in evening Mr and Mrs Gibson here for tea.

Tue May 28. Fine day untill evening it rained.

Wed May 29. Raining most of the day, Uncle and Auntie at Thornhill in evening, Auntie at Mrs Riddells.

Thur May 30. Fine day but everything very wet, at Mary eve.

Fri May 31. Aunt Mattie in Toronto, Marjorie here for tea men fixing fences.

Sat June 1. Fine day. men fixing fences.

Sun June 2. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at church, rainy most of the afternoon. The Bales families also the Breakeys here.

Mon Jun 3. Fine day. had first Lettuce.

Tue June 4. Fine and moderately warm. men working at the root land. I took Lettuce to Jesse Bowes, and Auntie took to Willies.

Wed Jun 5. Fine but cool. Uncle and I took the butter out. in the morning. Aunt Nellie went for the Tomato plants Uncle at MrJ.Bowes. Mr Wilcox married

Thur Jun 6. Rained a little in the morning. then fine in the afternoon. Aunties at W.A. at Mrs Gibsons. Charlie and Grant here for tea. Put in Roots

Fri Jun 7. Fine and very cool, a frost, but did not harm our garden, we put garden seeds in the field. I took my clock to Richmond Hill, called to see Miss Pages.

Sat Jun 8. Fine and cool, a frost. I took Lettuce to Willies in the eve. Men are ploughing for peas.

Sun June 9. Fine and cool a lovely day Aunt Mattie and Uncle at Mr Reives. Aunt Nellie at morning Church. I went to Concord, Norman Richardson took us for an Automobile ride in the afternoon. I went to Fisherville.

Mon June 10. Fine bright day. Uncle & M - ploughing.

Tue June 11. Fine and warmer. Mick out putting in his garden. Uncle and Auntie at Thornhill in the eve- Auntie getting her dress fitted.

We June 12. A little shower then cleared and cool. Mr Cross' here to tea.

Thur Jun 13. Fine day very cool. Ida Clarke here for tea

Fri Jun 14. Fine cool day, I was in Toronto called at Aunt Lizzies. Men putting in peas.

Sat Jun 15. Rained most of the day. Verner and George Cook here for tea. Clara Teasdale came in the eve.

Sun Jun 16. Dull and warm then showery in afternoon Clara and I at church. Nelson and Mrs Smellie here in evening.

Mon Jun 17 Fine and cool. Clara left, Uncle and Auntie at Thornhill in the eve - Auntie got her dress. I went to see Mrs Brack in eve.

Tue Jun 18. Fine day and a little warmer. I went to get fitted

Wed Jun 19. Fine day. very dry and dusty.

Thur Jun 20. Fine day. Lizzie came home.

Fri Jun 21. Fine and warmer. I went for my dress. \$3.50

Sat Jun 22. Fine and warm very dusty Edgely Pic-nic. I was at Lucy Bowes in afternoon.

Sun Jun 23. Fine and warm. Uncle, Aunt M and I at church. Lizzie here all day. All of Willies here for tea. straw berries 15 cts.

Mon Jun 24. Fine and warm. Grant here, men cut yard and Orchard.

Tue Jun 25. Fine and very warm. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at Mrs Breakeys. I called at Mrs Littles in eve. Prop

Wed Jun 26. Fine with a little shower. Uncle and Aunt M - in Toronto the latter remained. Uncle shot skunk. Aunt N called on Mrs Wilcox

Thur Jun 27. Fine and quite cool, very dry.

Fri Jun 28. Fine and very warm. Mrs Miss Reive and the girls here for tea. came in an Auto Aunt M came home.

Sat Jun 29. Fine and warm. men hauled orchard hay yesterday.

Sun Jun 30. Fine and very cool. Uncle, Aunt Nellie and I at Church the boys here for dinner. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at Thornhill to hear Mr Douglas farewell.

Mon July 1. Fine and moderately warm, very dusty. we were at home all day.

Tue July 2. Fine day. Marjorie here, Uncle in Toronto got a horse.

Wed July 3. Fine and warmer.

Thur July 4. Fine and very warm. Uncle and Auntie took butter out. Thundered but no rain.

Fri July 5. Rained a good shower in the afternoon. Aunt Nellie in Toronto. Uncle hired a man.

Sat July 6. Fine and very warm.

Sun July 7. Fine but extremely warm. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at church, Uncle and I at Willies in the evening.

Mon July 8. Fine and extremely warm. Uncle broke mower tongue and had to go to Toronto.

Tue July 9. Fine and very warm, I went to a birthday party at Wilkie Bowes. killed a skunk.

Wed July 10. Fine untill afternoon it came a shower doing good, Our people did first cutting of hay. Marjorie here all day. killed a young skunk.

Thur July 11. Fine and turning cooler. Annie and Lizzie here for tea. killed a skunk.

Fri July 12. Fine and cool and no dust. I went to Toronto. called to see Mrs Mc Elroy and at Alices.

Sat July 13. Fine and moderately warm. too windy to haul hay

Sun July 14. Fine and moderately warm. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at church. Frank & Mrs Teasdale here for tea.

Mon July 15. Fine at first and very warm. Our men hauling hay. Mr Ireland here to take machine away. Came a thunder storm at 3 O'clock.

Tue July 16. Fine and cool. Edward helping Willie, our men at the hay.

Wed July 17. Fine day. our people at the hay. Edward over helping Willie to haul in.

Thur Jul 18. Fine day. our people hauling hay. We picked Cherries and canned some. came a thunder storm in the afternoon.

Fri July 19. Fine and very cool. men could not haul in untill afternoon, Aunt M and I at Miss Duncans.

Sat July 20. Fine and cool. hauling in hay all day. Lizzie here for tea.

Sun Jul 21. Fine and cool and raining heavily untill about eleven O'clock. three little Turkeys out. Willie here for dinner. Uncle, Aunt Mattie & I at eve_ch

Mon Jul 22. Fine and cool went picking berries only got two quarts when preserved. Uncle in Toronto too wet to draw in. Mick cutting the last. I went to Miss Duncans got gooseberries 3 qts 1 pt when preserved

Tue July 23. Fine and cool. men haying. Aunt M - Marjorie and I at pic-nic at Mr Gibsons. Uncle came for us.

Wed Ju 24. A little showery then cleared. Edward helping Mr Little picking peas at Mrs Clarkes.

Thur July 25. Fine and warmer, our people stacking

Fri July 26. Fine and cool our men finished haying. Mick went home at night to do his garden.

Sat July 27. Fine and cool. Uncle at Mr Littles. Edward at Mr Graingers helping. I went to Weston on the evening train. We got our Black Currants 12 cts.

Sun July 28. Fine and moderately warm. I was at Mr Teasd

Mon July 29. Fine and cool. our people helped Willie to finish hay. I came home on the evening train.

Tue July 30. Fine and cool. our men got binder out had to bring Mr Parkinson. Mr & Mrs Little here in eve_

Wed July 31. Fine and very cool. Cutting wheat. Uncle and Aunt Mattie took butter out in the evening.

Thur Aug 1. Fine after a little shower. Uncle & Auntie at Mr Littles to tea. finished cutting wheat.

Fri Aug 2. Rained a very little then cleared I was at Willies in the evening.

Sat Aug 3. Fine but very cold. Uncle brought Mother out. David here all day.

Sun Aug 4. Fine and very cool. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at church, the Mr Bales' here in the evening. Mr Gibson away on holidays.

Mon Aug 5. Fine and cool, - Uncle and Auntie took butter out in afternoon, I walked out to Mary Watsons in the evening. Civic Holiday.

Tue Aug 6. Fine and a little warmer. men cut a little Barley.

Wed Aug 7. Fine our men hauling wheat. got word Alice very low. Aunt Nellie went and Uncle and Aunties in the evening. A and L. came out.L. remained.

Thur Aug 8. Raining in the morning. Uncle took Lizzie home in the afternoon.

Fri Aug 9. Fine but sultry then showery. Aunt Mattie {Between lines it reads: Mick home poorly.} and I in Toronto, called to see Alice.

Sat Aug 10. Showery and dull. Uncle and I at Nelson Smellies in the evening.

Sun Aug 11. Showery all day. Willie here for dinner

Mon Aug 12. Clearing but sultry. Uncle in Toronto, called to see Alice who is very low. A. Mason, girls here at J Bowes

Tue Aug 13. Fine and moderately warm. Uncle at R.H. for repair

Wed Aug 14. Fine day cutting barley all day I took apples to Marys. in the evening. Mrs and Miss Wilcox called.

Thur Aug 15. Fine day. finished cutting Barley and hauled in rest of wheat. the Mrs Clarkes here in the evening, cold at night.

Fri Aug 16. Fine and cool. Uncle started to cut Oats but machine broke. Lizzie here for tea

Sat Aug 17. Got Mr Littles machine cutting oats but it started to rain at 3 O'clock.

Sun Aug 18. Dull and cloudy. Uncle at Willies. went to church in the evening.

Mon Aug 19. Rained early in the morning. Uncle in Toronto Mick came at noon.

Tue Aug 20. Rained a little then cleared. cut a little.

Wed Aug 21. Rained a little then cleared, started to cut oats at 4 O'clock. Willie & Mercie here for tea

Thur Aug 22. A little showery at first then cleared untill evening a thunder storm, I took beans out to Mothers, Alice Shanklin died.

Fri Aug 23. Fine but very sultry. Dr Camp bell here for dinner. Mushrooms for tea. finished cutting

Sat Aug 24. Showery all day. Uncle and Auntie at Alices funeral.

Sun Aug 25. Very warm and sultry we were at Willies for tea, at Fisherville in the evening.

Mon Aug 26. Rained last night. Mick came at noon. Uncle at the Ex-. a dreadful storm at five O'clock.

Tue Aug 27. A fine cool day but too wet to haul in.

Wed Aug 28. Showery in the afternoon, W.Bowes bought 4 pair of chickens 37 lbs at 15 cts \$ 5.55.

Thur Aug 29. Fine and very cool. started to haul in at Willies at noon. Uncle went to meet Mrs Wallbridge. Lily and little girl also Aunt Nellie in the evening.

Fri Aug 30. Very cool a white frost and Ice. men at Willies all day grain not very dry. Marjorie here for tea. Will Allans body found.

Sat Aug 31. Rained heavily all morning then cleared a little. We took the Belleville people to the car.

Sun Sept 1. Very damp and sultry. Uncle and I walked to the Gardeners in the evening.

Mon Sept 2. Cool and showery and very damp, grain frightfully wet. Mr Allan buried. Mrs and Miss James called

Tue Sept 3. Did not rain but damp and foggy all day.

Wed Sept 4. Foggy and then cleared about noon. Aunt Mattie and I at the Exhibition beautiful afternoon came home one the 10 car.

Thur Sept 5. Uncle went to the Exhibition in afternoon came a dreadful storm about seven O'clock several fires occured. a very heavy rain.

Fri Sept 6. Rather damp and a little shower in the evening Mr Graingers thrashing. James Appelbe, Mother and Annie called. a great many apples and pears blown off last night. very, warm and sultry.

Sat Sept 7. Fine bright day, drying but no harvesting all week. Uncle at Mr Littles thrashing home early.

Sun Sept 8. Fine and moderately warm. Uncle & Aunt Nellie at church. Aunt N at Willies in eve. Aunt M & I at Mrs Clarkes.

Mon Sept 9. Fine and very warm. Uncle at Mrs Clarkes thrashing. Hattie St. Clair and young Frager here.

Tue Sept 10. Hottest day 93F of the year.

Wed Sept 11. A little shower then cleared. started to haul at noon at Willies. came here at 3 O'clock.

Thur Sept 12. Fine day and moderately warm. the men all here hauling in, the Bowes boys here. Annie here for tea. hauling Barley.

Fri Sept 13. Fine day I went to Toronto at noon, the men all here finished Barley and started Oats.

Sat Sept 14. Dull with a little shower. men here they finished all but rakings. Auntie and I went to gardeners and got Tomatoes 20 cts.

Sun Sept 15. Raining nearly all day. we were home.

Mon Sept 16. Fine day but dull at first.

Tue Sept 17. Dull but no rain. Aunt Mattie at Mothers and took watch to. R.H. Uncle took me to gardeners

Wed Sept 18. Rained last night all very muddy.

Thur Sept 19. A shower then fine and bright. We are Thrashing. came a shower just as they finished.

Fri Sept 20. Fine day Willies are thrashing.

Sat Sept 21. Fine but damp East wind. Mrs Gibson called.

Sun Sept 22. East wind Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at church. Willies family all here to tea. Started rain in the afternoon poured at night.

Mon Sept 23. Fine but damp East wind, Uncle in Toronto.

Tue Sept 24. Pouring rain from the East.

Wed Sept 25. Fine and warm, Aunt Mattie and I in Toronto. I got brown suit \$15. and hat \$5. I came home Auntie remained. Mrs Teasdale here for tea. Frank and wife here in the evening. Everything very damp.

Thur Sept 26. Rained a little then cleared. Uncle at Mrs Clarkes thrashing in the afternoon.

Fri Sept 27. Fine and colder. Ice this morning. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at Carrville in the evening.

Sat Sept 28. Dull and sprinkling. Aunt Mattie came home. Uncle in Toronto and Mick went home in the afternoon, Started to rain heavily in the evening and poured all night.

Sun Sep 29. Fine and cooler with strong wind Uncle and Auntie at Mr Bales. to tea.

Mon Sept. 30. Strong wind with squawls, washed things for cleaning then cleaned mans room.

Tue Oct 1. Fine day, cleaned upstairs and took up hall carpet. Aunt Nellie called at Mrs Teasdales and Miss Duncans.

Wed Oct 2. Fine and warmer, Cleaned Chamber, then Auntie and I went to decorate, men hauling wheat at Willies.

Thur Oct 3. Fine but colder. Men finished Willies wheat. Aunt Mattie and I at Thanksgiving.

Fri Oct 4. Fine warm day. Men finished pulling Willies peas and started ours. Uncle & Willie at Jim McElroys funeral. We cleaned Parlor and spare bed room also Dining Room.

Sat Oct 5. Fine and very warm, finished pulling peas.

Sun Oct 6. Fine and warm sitting out all day. Uncle, Aunt Nellie and I at church. Annie walked home with me and Mother drove. Mr and Mrs Breakey called.

Mon Oct 7. Fine but cold and windy. we went to gardeners got Tomatoes.

Tue Oct 8. Fine day cold with Ice. I went to mothers to make brown silk waist. Men hauling Willies peas. Aunt Mattie cleaned kitchen.

Wed Oct 9. Fine until noon then rained. hauled our peas in the morning. Mr Campbell here for tea.

Thur Oct 10. A very damp East wind. Aunties at W.A Meeting. Uncle cutting corn.

Fri Oct 11. Fine untill evening it started to rain and poured all night. Beattie Forbes and Mr Smellie called.

Sat Oct 12. Clearing and colder very windy. blowing apples down.

Sun Oct 13. Fine bright day. Aunt Nellie walked to Church. I went to Concord. Marjorie here and Clara Teasdale for tea.

Mon Oct 14. Fine bright day, Charlie and Grant here for tea and to get nuts.

Tue Oct 15. Fine day but cold, cleaned back kitchen. All done now. Men finished corn.

Wed Oct 16. Fine day after a heavy frost. Aunt Nellie in Toronto. Woodbridge Fair, ideal day.

Thur Oct 17. Fine day. Annie here all day. We dug the garden.

Fri Oct 18. Fine and quite warm. Showery in eve.

Sat Oct 19. Fine but much colder. raking leaves. Heise children here for nuts.

Sun Oct 20. Fine bright day Uncle at Willies in the afternoon. Aunt Mattie and I walked to mail a letter. Uncle Aunt Mattie and I at church.

Mon Oct 21. Fine day, Auntie cleaned Coal feeder. raked leaves. men getting in some Clover in afternoon.

Tue Oct 22. Fine day untill afternoon became showery. Aunt Nellie at the presentation at Mrs Atkinsons we mended grain bags, one of our pullets started to lay.

Wed Oct 23. Dull and windy, we put up coal feeder.

Thur Oct 24. Started to rain at noon and fell a great deal the land very wet. Uncle in Toronto.

Fri Oct 25. Clearing but black and dull and dreadfully wet. the boys here for apples.

Sat Oct 26. Fine and bright with a high wind. Uncle and I picking apples in the afternoon.

Sun Oct 27. Fine day. Willie here for dinner. Mr Gibson preached his last Sunday at Thornhill we all went to church in the eve.

Mon Oct 28. Fine but a little cold. Mrs Vanostrand and {Between lines it reads: Thanksgiving} Amy here. Willies picking apples.

Tue Oct 29. Fine day and quite mild Aunt Mattie and I in Toronto a beautiful day.

Wed Oct 30. Fine day we were at home men hauling Mangels

Thur Oct 31. Halloween. the children here, Marjorie stayed all night.

Fri Nov 1. Raining then cleared. Aunt Nellie called at Mrs Whites

Sat Nov 2. Very cold. ice in shade all day. I called to see Jesse Bowes in the afternoon.

Sun Nov 3. Fine and cold. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at church and I went to Fisherville. Mr Lawrence preached.

Mon Nov 4. Fine day. Aunt Nellie at Mrs Riddells getting her waist fitted. washed in the house first time

Tue Nov 5. Fine day. I have a bad cold. Mr Littles here in eve.

Wed Nov 6. Rained heavily in the afternoon and through the night.

Thur Nov 7. Fine but colder, everything very wet. no ploughing. Uncle went to Toronto I went to Mothers to the Five hundred Club.

Fri Nov 8. I came home in the morning it was fine it rained in the evening.

Sat Nov 9. Fine day not very cold. Aunt Nellie out for her waist called at Miss Wilcox and Mr Lawrence. Aunt Mattie called at Mams.

Sun Nov 10. Fine and mild I went to Thornhill Presby - Uncle Aunt Nellie and I at Church.

Mon Nov 11. Fine and very mild, Mrs Barger here for dinner. Uncle finished pulling turnips

Tue Nov 12. Mild started to rain in afternoon. Uncle packing Potatoes. rained most of the night.

Wed Nov 13. Dull and showery. Mick went home. Uncle at Thornhill took out butter first since finished packing. bought Mother and Annie to spend the day.

Thur Nov 14. Fine but all very wet. Mick came back. Mr Lawrence here for tea.

Fri Nov 15. Fine day but cold. Aunt Nellie sick. Uncle picking potatoes but got so cold had to stop

Sat Nov 16. Fine but cold. all day. men finished hauling the turnips. I put

Sun Nov 17. Fine but cold. Uncle and I at evening church.

Mon Nov 18 Fine and much milder. I called at Marys.

Tue Nov 19 Fine and mild. Mr Fairbarn called.

Wed Nov 20. Fine and mild. Marjorie is poorly has ear ache. our people at church meeting.

Thur Nov 21. Fine and mild. I went to Toronto. roads dry.

Fri Nov 22. Fine and mild. Auntie and I called on Mrs Nelson Smellie and Mrs Forbes.

Sat Nov 23. Fine at first then a slowly East wind. I went to Toronto to order rubber boots for Uncle.

Sun Nov 24. Rained last night quite mild with little showers of snow in the afternoon. Winter Underwear on.

Mon Nov 25. Cold and all covered over with snow. washed and churned and brought in Coal range. Mick not here. Uncle and Auntie took butter and eggs out. butter 29. and eggs. 40 cts,

Tue Nov 26. Fine but cold. some ploughing yet. one Pullet layed 1 1/2 doz eggs. she has stopped and two more started.

Wed Nov 27 Cold with a few squawls. Uncle in Toronto.

Thur Nov 28. Fine but all frozen clean. Uncle helping Willie to butcher.

Fri Nov 29. Fine day all frozen clean.

Sat Nov 30. Fine day and bright. at home all day.

Sun dec 1. Fine untill evening it rained. Uncle, Aunt M and I at church. Mr and Mrs Little here for tea.

Mon Dec 2. Rained all morning then cleared We washed {Jesse Bowes took ill.} and churned. Willies are ploughing again.

Tue Dec 3. Fine day, quite mild Aunties in Toronto. eggs 50 cts.

Wed Dec 4. Fine day after a shower last night. I called at Willies. Uncle went to see Jesse Bowes.

Thur Dec 5. Fine day but dull, Marjorie here for her first visit. Aunties at W.A Meeting. Uncle brought Annie home for a while W. finish plough.

Fri Dec 6. Fine day after a shower through the night. cleared and turned colder, Uncle in Toronto. I called to see Jesse Bowes. Aunt Nellie poorly.

Sat Dec 7. Fine and all frozen clean. {Above it reads: final freezing.} Jesse Bowes died. this morning.

Sun Dec 8. Fine but cold and windy. Uncle and I at church. Aunt Mattie and I called at Bowes.

Mon Dec 9. Fine but very cold and windy. Uncle and I at Jesse Bowes funeral. washed and churned.

Tue Dec 10. Fine and very windy. Uncle and Aunt Mattie at Mrs Herbert Jacksons to tea.

Wed Dec 11. Fine day but cold. Mr and Mrs Cane called Uncle and Auntie took butter and eggs out.

Thur Dec 12. Fine but very cold and windy.

Fri Dec 13. Fine and milder, I went to Toronto.

Sat Dec 14. Fine and quite mild roads, getting smooth. Willie and I went to Robert Phillips funeral.

Sun Dec 15. Fine and mild with a few sprinkles. Willie here in the afternoon. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at evening Church. Mrs Clarke and William here in the evening.

Mon Dec 16. Fine and mild, we washed churned and killed Ducks.

Tue Dec 17. A cold East wind, very high then milder with sleet. We butchered got through early.

Wed Dec 18. Fine and very mild like spring. we made pies and cleaned up. Uncle and Aunt Nellie at Thornhill with butter & eggs.

Thur Dec 19. Fine and much colder.

Fri Dec 20. Fine had a little Snow last night. Uncle helping Willie. Mr Grainger is thrashing. Mr Brown is there.

Sat Dec 21. Cold and snowing then cleared at noon Uncle in Toronto in the afternoon. We washed and churned.

Sun Dec 22. Fine but windy and cold. Henry and Lucy Bowes here for tea.

Mon Dec 23. Fine bright day and mild Willies butchered.

Tue Dec 24. Fine and mild. Aunt Mattie and I went to decorate. Uncle came for us.

Wed Dec 25. Christmas Day. beautiful mild day. Aunt Nellie at church. Skating Rink opened.

Thur Dec 26. Fine bright day and mild.

Fri Dec 27. Fine mild day, we killed three Roosters. 8 pounds. 7 pounds.

Sat Dec 28. Fine mild day. Uncle and Auntie at Thornhill in the afternoon.

Sun Dec 29. Fine and mild. Uncle, Aunt Mattie and I at Church. Mrs Clarke called in the afternoon.

Sun Dec 30. Fine and mild, rained and snowed very soft and sloppy. washed and churned; we get four and five eggs.

Tue Dec 31. Fine and very mild. roads sloppy like spring we went to Thornhill in the afternoon. getting four and five eggs.

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ROBERT BURNS.

The most famous of Scottish poets was born near Ayr, January 25th, 1759, died at Dumfries, July 21st, 1796. His parents were peasants of the poorest class, but eager for the moral and intellectual advancement of their children, they lost no opportunity for supplying them with the rudiments of education. Robert, in the intervals of driving the plow and other farm work soon acquired a good knowledge of English, chiefly through reading the Bible, Mason's "Collection of Prose and Verse", the "Life of Hannibal" and the history of Sir William Wallace. Later in life he attempted to learn French and Latin without much success. He and his brother Gilbert were employed by their father as regular labourers, at £7 per annum, until Robert's 19th year, when he went to school at Kirkoswald to learn surveying. During this time he wrote and had printed some of the poems in which he manifested that deep fountain of pathos and humor that was soon to make him famous throughout Great Britain. The poetry of Burns appeals to the human heart. It is so full of passion, so instinct with melody, so true to nature, so artless in grace, that every one must be touched either by its pathos, its beauty or its mirth.

HIGHLAND LADDIE.

I.

The boniest lad that e'er I saw - Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie! Wore a plaid and was fu' brow-
Bonnie Highland laddie! On his head a bonnet blue- Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie! His royal heart
was firm and true- Bonnie Highland laddie!

II.

Trumpets sound and cannons roar, Bonnie lassie, Lawland lassie! And a' the hills wi' echoes roar,
Bonnie Lawland lassie! Glory, Honor, now invite Bonnie lassie, Lawland lassie! For freedom and my
King to fight, Bonnie Lawland lassie!

III.

The sun a backward course shall take, Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie! Ere aught thy manly courage
shake, Bonnie Highland laddie! Go, for yoursel' procure renown, Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie, And
for you lawful King his crown, Bonnie Highland laddie!

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