

### Courtland Olds diary - 1879

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004. We are in Homosassa Springs, Florida. I intend to summarize this diary, week by week. Every day is ended with a comment on the writers religious beliefs or feelings which in most instances I have omitted

#### January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879 to January 12<sup>th</sup>, - Wed. to Sunday.

Celebrated New Years day by threshing clover seed, as dirty a job as I ever saw. Wesley Ryerse went home "busted." Should clean up 30 bushels. Very cold. Do little else than chores. The good Lord is with me. On account of drifted roads did not go to church on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Went to McIntee's to learn of health of David Horton, he is pretty bad. His disease is tape worm. On 6<sup>th</sup> voted on municipal election. On 7<sup>th</sup> sold 8 bus. & 8lbs clover seed at \$3.70 a bus. I attended a meeting on Mr. Hall's credit. Surprised to find I am in for over \$300.00 on a bank note I endorsed. On 10<sup>th</sup> doing repairs and chores. Spent evening at William Watts. On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>, went to Dover. Called on Essie and Mattie Savage, was very pleasantly received.

Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Ma and I went to re-opening of Woodhouse (Methodist) Church. The brethren have been greatly beautifying and renovating their house of worship. Rev. James Hannon of Dundas preached. Had dinner at Peter Gilbert's. Heard own minister Rev. James Grey preach at Dover at night. A splendid discourse full of Gospel truth.

#### January 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

A blue Monday due to lateness of getting home last night. Attended tea-meeting at Woodhouse to-night. Fell in with Miss Marianne Freeman, so could not help having a good time. A good speech on marriage by Brother Woodward of Jarvis, among others. Met many old friends. On 16<sup>th</sup> wrote letter to lawyer Livingston re Mr. Hall's will. Don't know as it will amount to much, but can do no harm. Have a bad cold and sore throat.

On 17<sup>th</sup> received letters from Livingston and D. W. Horton. Horton is improved in health. Visit from Uncle Captain McFell and wife to-night. On 18<sup>th</sup> Willie is back to work, sent him to Mill with a grist. Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>, went out to church, Willie away so doing chores to point it turns the Sabbath almost into a work week. So much work to take care of stock.

#### January 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Monday had a visit from Rev. & Mrs. Grey. Went with him to see McIntee's and Wilkinson's. Very pleasant to have the Minister come - but of late years not our privilege very often. Cleaning up the balance of the clover seed Tuesday. Went over to the Home to-night to see the sick. Jimmy [sic] having bad winter, his wife was lately delivered of twins, and doing well. Her mother is there sick, not likely to live.

On Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup>, went to Simcoe re Hall Estate. To Dover to take dinner with lady friends among them Annie Douglass. Find my old attachment to her has about gone, a circumstance which reveals one of the strangest things of life. How quickly one's mind changes, sometimes. Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, On visit, Ma and I, to Uncle [sic] Peter Wycoff. Old gentleman in a low state of health, and not long for this world. He is 86 on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Aunt Eliza looks well for her. Friday: Out to Dover on

business and for mail. Got several signatures on deed of compromise. Had dinner with Mrs. Jackson on way home. Saturday: Willie and I got several odd jobs done. Got old sheep up for fattening. Made exchange of hogs with Mr. McIntee. Sunday: Out to church with Leilia. Good class meeting after. Willie sick and I am left with chores.

**Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.**

Warm rain all day. Snow melting fast. Sold spare apples for 80 cents per bbl. Tuesday: Finished getting names on my list of deed of compromise. Took it to Simcoe Wednesday and got copy of National Repository. Thursday: Took Samantha home & back for dinner. Spent Friday working around the barn, took Willie with me to-night to Dover for papers etc. We got in a stack of hay of 7 loads Saturday though very windy. Received Feb. No. of Methodist magazine, a creditable publication I feel proud of. Sunday: Went to Dover to church alone. Had a strange brother preacher. He made several good points.

**Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Attending to several duties, got paid \$3.00 on small account to Council. Called on Unckle John, McIntees and William Wilkinson's. Had pleasant visit and dinner at Frank Parker's On way home called on Mr. Orv. William Watts and had a word of prayer as he appears in a critical state of health. Called on Unckle Joe. Tuesday: A Mr. Hanna and John Watts here packing up 9 bbls of apples I have sold @ 80 cents. William Hammond has been appointed Assessor. Hanna told me a way of keeping dried apples over the summer. Viz; pack in new flour barrells and head them up, putting them in cellar about four inches from the ground. Wednesday: Ma, Leilia and I went down to Smiths to-night. Was told that England has talked of a free trade agreement with the Colonies, to the exclusion of all other countries.

On Thursday he reports an unpleasant time with Roberts who is cutting wood but has cut the wrong trees and given short measure. He was drawing up wood Thursday through to Saturday noon. In afternoon brought home 116 lb. Quarter of beef from Rosse's @ 6 cents. Sunday: Could not attend the Quarterly Meeting at Woodhouse as we desired. Finds it pleasant and profitable to spend the Sabbath at home once in a while. The Master has been so near and so precious. Words cannot express the fullness of the Christians happiness.

**Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Taking it easy to-day. Reading about old Maryland - 150 years ago and to-day. Tuesday: Warm and rainy here but Stratford train from Dover could not make it for snow. Looked at McIntee's harrow and intend to make one like it. Wednesday: Worked on harrow. An indication that the Socialist Movement in Europe is causing much distress and will increase immigration. Thursday he delivered bbls. Of apples to customers in Jarvis, cold but good sleighing. Friday took a grist of wheat to Rose and Sutton mill in Simcoe plus 4 bags of clover seed he sold @ \$3.80, a rise of 5 cents since the last he sold. Have been feeling doubts again, Lord help me.

Went out to Dover Saturday and paid McGilvery balance of account. Left also ten dollars for Johny Fargie with Butler and Turnbull[1]. Never more discouraged with the financial outlook, thinking of making a change next fall, unless a favourable change for the better should take place. Sunday: Have spent another Sabbath at home, but not without profit. Reading Gaurdian.

**Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.**

Went down to James Holcomb's to hear my friend D. W. Horton is slowly recovering. Mrs. Chandler Holcomb came with them and Asile is coming soon. Went to McIntees this evening and saw Sally. Found Mrs Mencke is better. Terrible snow storm. Tuesday: Mr & Mrs. Chandler Holcomb and Mrs. Jackson here this evening. Wednesday: Having a pretty easy time of it all winter. Went to Unckle John Matthews this evening, heard Mrs. McIntee is going home with Chandler Holcomb as she has been seriously ill. It will be a benefit to get away for awhile. He has been reading of a pestilence in Russia said to be caused by proximity of several planets to the sun.

Went to Dover Friday with a grist of chop. Hired Willie McWade for the summer @ \$15.00 per month for 7 months. Made a conditional bargain for the same with Hammond Oakes. Saw my old friend Samuel Ebersole to-day. Saturday: Willie had to help Eli Collins with his stumping machine after which we got up tree loads of hay. Laverne Horton turned up unexpectedly. Sunday: went to Meeting and class meeting. Dinner at Unckle Walter's, where found Aunt Mary dangerously ill but recovering. Ma fell out of the cutter on the way home and spraned her shoulder. Afraid she will be lame a long time.

**Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.**

On account of Ma's hurt I went for Samantha at her brother Fred's where she has been looking after sick folks since she left us. Came by Simcoe for medicine. Laverne Horton, Allie Hagar and Mrs. Jackson here when we got home. Glad Laverne likely to get one so good as Allie, a most excellent young lady. Tuesday: Rain. Made a new cut on the straw stack. Willie wanted the horse and cutter to go to Cheapside. With great difficulty I said No. Wednesday: Laverne & Allie with his cousin Sarah Holcomb came and are staying all night. Sarah a fine girl, nice appearing, intelligent, and well informed. This I like, of course. Thursday: before our company left George Hall and wife and Francis Marr's family all arrived for a pleasant days visit

Threshing with two teams [sic] and a man at James Horn's on Friday. Hired Henry Hammond to help me. This continued to noon Saturday. He had 26 bus. Of clover seed. Got up wood this afternoon. Ma and I went out to church. Had an excellent class meeting too. Dinner at Mrs. Halls. Attended a meeting in evening at the advent church near home to hear Mr. Ebersole.

**Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Went to Simcoe with clover seed but got only \$3.60 per bus. Got March No. of National Repository and am well pleased with it. Tuesday: Raining so making axe handles. Went to a Magic Lantern show at school house, found it hard on the eyes but Leilia was delighted. My soul has been again rejoicing. Wednesday: Wesley Ryerse helping me draw over a stack of hay. We made 9 loads of it and upset one. Thursday: Out to Dover to pay taxes. Intended to have it paid by G. W. H. [Hammond] the collector, who is in my debt, but somehow could not. Ma and I went to Capt. McFell's this evening. Hear both Azile Holcomb and Laverne Horton are to be married before long.

On Friday Ma and I went to Simcoe in the big sleighs. Had dinner at Mr. Murphy's. Called on an old friend, Miss Berry. Meeting at church to-night, though I could not feel that there was much power from on High manifested. Saturday: Willie and I got up three loads of hay from the back barn.

Talked to David Smith some about his renting my place. Sunday: Had narrow escape from an accident when Ma and I went out to church. Roads bad and very muddy. Saw Annie Douglass there with Mrs. Hall. Had strange thoughts of the past from seeing her but no regrets on the matter, for the Lord, He knoweth best.

**Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Chopping down trees but have not got my summer wood up yet. I rode horseback Tuesday to see about Willie McWade starting next Monday, then back cutting trees. Went to meeting of the M. Church to-night and heard Mr. Ebersole. Wednesday I sharpened saws etc. and then was cutting trees. On Thursday I sowed clover seed and then went to trimming trees. I went over to meeting at the church to-night. Went well but there seemed the lack of spiritual power and consequently the good being done is quite limited. The Ministers work hard however.

Friday morning I finished sowing clover seed on front field and sowed quite a piece in the big flat. Then cutting wood in the woods. On Saturday Willie started drawing up wood. I went to Dover to confirm Hammond Oakes would start on April 1<sup>st</sup> for seven months @ \$15.00. Called on Mattie and Essie. Saw Essie's intended, Mr. Newburn. The roads so bad we did not go out to church. Attended Mr. Cutter's meeting to-night. His special services are closed for the present. Without, I am sorry to say, much good being done. Never a time when a revival of religion was needed more than at present.

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and I getting up wood with the sleighs. I am fortunate to have two such good, civil men for summer at such a reasonable wage. Willie and I worked at wood Tuesday, breaking down twice. Had to borrow sleighs. How nice it is to have good neighbours. In this way we are greatly blessed. Wednesday: At wood in forenoon. Archie Olds, his new wife, daughter of James Porter of Townsend, his mother and sister Sarah spent a pleasant afternoon with us. On Thursday we were at the wood all day.

On Friday we finished getting up the wood and then sawed with the cross-cut in the wood house. On Saturday the boys cleaned up oats in the barn and then were cutting wood. I worked on repair to my old bob-sleighs. Got the papers, read policy of new government on National tariffs [sic] Farm products to be protected at cost. Sunday: Went to meeting and heard Rev. Grey preach on danger of falling from Grace. His views were in accord with my own, perfectly. Had delightful time at class meeting. The Lord was with us.

**Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Working at wood and sleighs. Willie took Samantha and Leilia to Dover to-night to hear the Jubilee Singers and bring ma home. Tuesday: Willie drawing kindling wood and posts. I sowed clover seed in forenoon. We then sawed wood in the wood house. I have been much drawn out in prayer of late with reference to the matter of a companion. The good Lord has been pleased to manifest Himself to me with strengthening grace. I am permitted to feel assured of His Guidance and Blessing. Wednesday: Sowing clover seed on the big flat and then we cut wood. I settled up with William Fergie to-night for two years threshing. My account was \$103.00. I owed him \$4.00. We worked on wood cutting all day Thursday. I have been drawn

out in prayer with regard to M----- and am graciously assured of Divine Guidance.

We continue to work on the wood pile. Reading "Farming for Profit" the writer claims fattening stock or darying [sic], especially butter making, makes the farm richer and more capable of producing grain. He don't speak of clovering at all. Saturday: Willie worked on the wood pile. I went to Dover for Ma and the mail. Had dinner at George Hall's. Settled up with Routh's an account Pa took some years ago of old Norfolk Woollen Mills Stock. Only \$3.00 coming to me but very acceptable for I was greatly in need of a new pair of pants. Sunday: The state of the roads kept us at home. I have enjoyed the presence and blessing of the Most High. This always makes me happy and humble as well.

**Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> to Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Finished sowing clover seed. Fixing my saw and helping Willie. Hammond Oakes came to-night. Tuesday: The men getting in a stack of hay. Down to Smith's to see about sending for the Russian oats then to John Marr's who said I could have all the little maples I want from his woods to plant along the road. The boys and I worked all day Wednesday at the wood. Thursday Willie and I cut up an old pine log under the hill in the front field for as long as I can remember. Strange to say we got quite a number of fine shingle bolts out of it. All three of us worked on wood pile the rest of the day. Exceedingly cold an blustery.

Friday the men got up a couple of loads of hay from the little barn and worked on the wood pile. Had one calf and six lambs born to-day. Hammond went with me to Dover for a grist on his way home. Willie working as usual. Roads very rough. Sunday: Leilia and I out to church. Prayers for Mr. Vandeusen who is very ill

**Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Went to Simcoe with grist going by Fred Kitchen's and taking Samantha home. Sold some smoked and cured hams @9 cents a lb. And shoulders @ 7 cents. Had dinner at Mrs Murphy's where I had an unpleasant talk with William & Mary Matthews about the consistency of some of our church members. Tuesday: Hammond drawing manure, Willie splitting wood and I have been engaged in a thousand little chores. Wednesday: Men at same work. I went to Jarvis to have Miller sharpen my plough irons. Had dinner on way home at James Holcomb's. Thursday: Rain. We cut up an oak in the afternoon for rails, posts and blocks. Went up to Perkins and learned that he is leaving the blacksmith shop to live in Cheapside. Sorry to hear it.

We all worked in the woods Friday. I am especially happy in Jesus love. Willie and I worked up an oak log by the 10 acre field. Hammond finished drawing manure on the garden. I attended a trustee meeting at the parsonage this afternoon. Met with nice-appearing niece of Rev. Grey but did not have her company long. Sunday: To meeting alone. Brought Mrs. Hall's children home to Ma while she was getting moved into the new hotel which they are going to keep.

**Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and I finished cuting [sic] wood in forenoon. Then they were digging out stumps and snaggs in field by Walters. I took little Charlie Hall with me to Jarvis for plough irons, then to Fred Kitchen's for Samantha. Road in a fearful state. Tuesday: Men bringing in last hay stack. I have

been trimming trees. Settled up with tennant, Wesley Ryerse, who has moved out to Wrenton. [sic] Wednesday: Boys got in 4 loads of hay from the little barn, enough to last until grass. Willie and I dug stumps and Hammond ploughing. Let Ross have my big steer @ six cents a lb. dressed. Thursday carried on the same. Isaac Kitchen to see me about joining the Grange Lodge in Dover. This I have intended to do for several reasons.

Friday: Hammond ploughing field by Walters and Willie digging in same. I have lambs coming now at 4 or 5 a day. I have 35 and lost 4. Saturday has been the same. This afternoon I went to a bee to fix up the parsonage fence. Had tea at Rev. Grey's. I have been class leader for several years now and I now have a Leader's Book from him. Sunday went to meeting.

#### **Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond ploughing and Willie harrowing the fall wheat. First time I have tried it. I went up to Archie Olds to see about getting a bull calf in the fall. Tuesday: Boys getting field ready to sow. I went to Simcoe to attend the Show but it was mostly farm machinery and people. There was no grain, a few bulls and stallions. Not what I expected. Wednesday: Boys working both teams. I was pulling snaggs. Sold the two remaining steers to Ross's man for \$65.00. Fred Kitchen in to exchange 14 bushels of oats with me.

Thursday: Boys harrowing the field by Walter's and now ready to sow. I went to Dover to get the oats I ordered some time ago. Got them after some trouble and expense. Stopped [sic] for Ma at Mrs. Jackson's on way home and had tea. Friday: Hammon [sic] harrowing for Barley, Willie digging stumps and I drilling oats. Sowed a bushel of the White Russian Oats for seed. Have removed nearly 40 stumps, many still left. Saturday: Finished oats this morning, boys have 8 acres of corner field ready. Weather is delightful. Ma and I out to church Sunday.

#### **Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1879n**

Had a nice shower. Getting boom across the creek. Seeding this afternoon. Ruth Holcomb visited us. She and family moving to Pelham. Tuesday was very busy as we hope to finish seeding the big field. It took till Wednesday morning to finish and commenced on the new ground. Thursday: Boys harrowing, the new ground which is much more mellow, taking less work. I was burning stumps and running ditches. On Friday we finished the oats.

We finished furrowing out the new field Saturday, Hammond is ploughing for peas. I went to Dover for money from my friend Ross, but failed to get it. Sunday: I attended the Quarterly Meeting in Dover together with the Love Feast and sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### **Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond not back from Vittoria until noon. We doing the usual jobs, this continued on Tuesday. The Murphy's visited us, first in a year. Agriculturalist says ashes best manure on clover Wednesday as Mrs. Murphy here I took a rest. My men engaged much as usual. Thursday: Willie drawing manure, Hammond ploughing and I fixing fence. Friday: Willie harrowing, Hammond ploughing. I went to Jarvis for pear trees I ordered. Got 8 in good order. Had to pay \$6.00. Set them out this afternoon around the house.

Saturday: Boys working pea ground. I went to Dover. Coming home saw a starving lamb and

brought it home. An hour later its owner came for it. I was feeling ill on Sunday and stayed home. My poor soul has not been as full of believing as in these days.

**Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond ploughing pea ground, Willie spreading manure. I drilled 3 - 4 acres of peas. I went to Quarterly meeting in Dover this afternoon. Minister's salary is paid. Woodhouse had to give a due-bill. Tuesday: Have been planting maple trees to fill in where some have died. Wheat good. Wednesday: Staking and manuring my maple trees. Great many cattle running loose on the roads. I have hopes for change in our laws in this regard. Thursday I went to Smith's about washing sheep at his place but he refuses. Home to sort potatoes.

Hammond and Willie still working on pea ground Friday. I sorted potatoes and commenced planting. Henry Long agreed to start stumping field by McBrides @ 40 cents per stump. He will take a cow as part payment. Saturday: I planted potatoes and a few hills of Early Comptons for seed another year. Put 2 or 3 grains in a hill to make the most of the seed.[?] Hammond finished ploughing pea ground. To Dover to-night for papers. Have not felt well. Sunday: Went out to church. Having chills so got little good from the service. Went to McIntees this evening and James Holcomb came with me for overnight.

**Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

James moves some of his belongings to Pelham to-morrow. Rev. Grey and lady visited this evening. Tuesday: Finished drilling peas, Willie rolling them. Hammond ploughing and harrowing the garden patch. Henry Long and Co. here. He takes the McWade cow at \$25.00 as part payment. Wednesday Willie and I cut stubbs for the stump pullers, planted our corn and potatoes and will commence drawing manure. We are much ahead of last year. I went to Jarvis to see a stallion "Red Warrior" to-night.

We worked at castration Thursday of calves, hogs and lambs. Of 44 lambs, 25 are ewes, the balance(19) bucks. The boys went to McBride's barn raising and I to Dover to mill. Brought home a bedstead paid for last year to Hoffman. Started drawing manure Friday. Saturday: I gave the boys the day as good faithful boys. I went to Dover for a couple of bbls of salt etc. In afternoon I took a load of shingle bolts to the mill. Hamilton Olds and wife visited to-night. Sunday: Samantha went home with the buggy so I rode horseback to church. Rev. Grey leaves for Conference this week. We may not have him next year.

**Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond and Willie draw manure all week save Thursday. Ma and I went to Simcoe and found wool is only fetching 20 cents a lb. We saw a small house burn down, the occupant losing everything. Tuesday I took Maggie and Catie to J. Holcombs to "Red Warrior". Maggie was covered. Thursday: The long looked for sheep washing was done to-day. The stumpers are back at work after some breakdowns. I heard Friday that my cousin Nora arrived home from Sacramento, Cal. With husband A. Rose. Saturday evening Ma and I went to Dover having tea at Frank Parkers. We did not go to meeting on account of rain, staying quietly at home.

**Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Rainy weather augurs well for grain and hay. Willie goes home sick. On Wednesday they tear

down and rebuild the lane fence. Tomorrow is polling day for MPP and Hammond had many visitors from Vittoria. Thursday: I voted for Oliver Austin and Hammond did the same in Vittoria. His opponent is Mr. Morgan from Port Rowan. The stumpers finished much to the relief of the female side of our household. Friday: We worked on fence. Nora and husband here and looking very sickly. Saturday: Willie back and we worked on fencing the door-yard, Hammond drawing gravel for lane to barn yard. Austin, Reform candidate, defeated by Morgan, Conservative, with majority of 14. Sunday: No meeting due to Conference. I went over to hear Mr. Cutter. We were favoured with Ellie Hagar and Hellen McFell here to dinner, we took them to see Mrs. Jackson this evening. She is very poorly but recovering.

**Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Boys drawing manure all week, finishing on Friday. I sheared 11 sheep. Mr. Farechild put in a part of our well pump for \$7.00. It works nicely. Next day sheared 18 sheep. I would not make a large fortune at it. He finished shearing all 5 head by Thursday but he has lost two. Spent 2 days hunting them to no avail. Learned that Rev. Grey is staying and Mr. Savage is in Dover and will preach next Sunday evening. Friday afternoon took wool to Simcoe getting 22 cents a lb. Mr. Holmes paid 2 cent bonus as y wool best he has had this season. I was astonished as he has several tons in the store. Saturday the boys hoed corn and potatoes while I hung gates etc. Went to Dover this evening, heard Mencke Walters little girl, Edith, had died suddenly. Intended going to church but too rainy. Enjoyed the Sabbath, the Lord being with me.

**Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and Ma and I all attended Edith Olds funeral to-day. Rev. Savage officiated. Tuesday: Hammond and Willie, with both teams, spent the next two days doing mandatory road work. I went to Jarvis for mower parts. Someone is stealing from our strawberry patch and we are a good deal bothered by it. Hammond finished my allotted 11 days road work for the year on Thursday. I have been fixing fence and commenced cutting clover hay in front of the little house. We all worked at sundry jobs Friday. I attended a school meeting called about building a new school. Unanimous decision to repair the old one. Saturday I finished cutting 11 acre field and we raked it and cocked up half. Rain kept them from church but in the afternoon they attended the funeral of Mrs. William McBride at which Mr. Cutter took charge and preached the sermon. She was ill only 4 days. Nora, her husband, Aunt Lydia and Mary all here to tea.

**Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Spent the whole week haying, having 24 loads in the barn by Saturday. Showers held them up on two mornings. George and Mrs. Hall and the McIntees visited Wed evening. Took the colt to Mrs. Jackson's as Parker owner of "Red Warrior" was there on Thursday. I went to town Friday as our Minister just returned from a month away at Conference. Sunday Ma and I heard Bro. Gray read the Pastoral address. Had dinner at John Watt's.

**Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Worked in the hay first 4 days to finish all but a load of rakings, and the last 2 had boys drawing stumps off field by McBride's. Friday I went to Dover to get buggy and rake tires repaired and set. Tom Murphy was here and Nora and husband staying the night. He is not likely to recover from illness contracted in California. Find some of the hay musty, we should have turned some cocks



out first. Took Samantha and Leilia out to meeting where Bro. James Grey gave a very logical exposition on the doctrine of christian perfection which to me none could take exception to, not even a Presbyterian.

**Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Henry Long did not show as promised so we have gone at removing stumps ourselves. Tuesday the boys and I have worked at taking off stumps, some very large, a terrible job. Wed. almost done stump drawing. Hammond commenced ploughing. I had to take some piggs to the pound as I could not find the owner. They had done a deal of damage to the wheat. Enjoyed a birthday dinner of Nora's at Unckle John's.

Read in the Guardian that Rev. W. Savage was thrown from his buggy, breaking 3 or 4 ribs, when his horse ran away. Hammond ploughing Wednesday through Saturday, Willie hoeing corn. I went to mill Saturday, bringing home a rake I had made for pulling peas. Crops in Europe reported a failure which indicates a good price here for wheat. Sunday I went to Mr. Cutter's church here. There seemed a great lack of the power of the Holy Spirit. This is so necessary to a bond of union between christians whether of our own society or of others.

**Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Spent the first 3 days cutting and getting in our Alsace [Alsike] clover seed. 6 loads in all. Wednesday I took a grist of wheat to Simcoe and got reaper repairs. Preparing for wheat harvest. On Thursday commenced cutting wheat. Spring harrowing has made a big difference. By Saturday the front field was all up in shock. Elsie Walsh, our young lady friend, daughter of Walter Walsh, left us this afternoon. Walter I remember coming here, when I was a little boy, to see Miss Amoret Anderson who was boarding here. Sunday: We went to meeting having dinner at Mrs. Hall's. Heard that Mr. E. Hall's brother, Bona, had lately died.

**Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Commenced cutting the big flat and by Tuesday noon had half up in shock before the rain. Aunt Mary Walter visited us. Rain on Wednesday reduced us to odd jobs and cutting thistles etc. John Murphy and wife came, she to stay with us awhile to get her health back. Thursday: Finished cutting wheat and began in barley. Broke two rakes. The boys have not done with the binding. Visit from Mr. McKnight and gave my signature to an account held at the federal Bank. Friday: Rain. I went to Dover. Boys binding in afternoon. Ma taken ill with Bilious Intermittent Fever and I went for the Doctor. He sent medicine. Saturday we finished binding and setting up. Got in 4 loads then rain again. As Ma still sick I did not go to meeting but attended Mr. Cutter's service here.

**Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.**

Drawing wheat with two teams. I went to Simcoe for reaper parts but failed to get them. Rain Tuesday but I cut barley in the afternoon and Hammond raked front field and they got it in. Our two new hands still with us, and on Wednesday too. They are James Dakes(/) and Isaac Jackson. Put 20 loads from the big flat in a stack. By Thursday noon we had 43 loads of wheat in and I discharged my Charlotteville men. Ma and I attended wedding of Jerome Platt and Kate Riddell in afternoon. Friday and Saturday we cut and raked and cocked the last of our barley. Sat. evening went to Dover after mail. Brought our old friend Hellen Bowlby home with me. She looks well. She tells me Annie is

soon to be married. She, Ma and I went out to church Sunday.

**Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Had James Oakes and Benjamin Lundy helping to get in 19 loads to stack for threshing in the field. Went to Dover for friend Miss Harriet Elsic (?) Laverne Horton and his intended also for a short visit. Tuesday still stacking barley. Forty-one loads. Let Ben Lundy go. James Riddell came after Hattie. Wednesday got 3 more loads of barley. Hammond raking stubble. Making good progress. Thursday we finished rakings and all. I imprudently paid James Oakes a dollar more than owed as I had no change. Friday Ma, Leilia and I went to the Beech [sic] with the Port Dover and Woodhouse Methodist Sunday School Excursion. Stopped in Hamilton on way back and saw the scene of the late fire, corner of King and John streets, on which millions of dollars in goods and property was lost. Over 600 excursionists on board. Proceeds about \$80.00. Saturday I was reaping oats but broke same part of reaper again. Hammond and Willie were binding. Sunday: Ma and I went to Quarterly Meeting at Woodhouse chapel. Had dinner at the Gilbert's.

**Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond and Willie binding oats. I got promise of threshing next week from J. W. McBride so had to tell Fargies not to come. Unckle Joe McFell went with me to Woodhouse Quarterly Meeting this afternoon. It was decided to pay Bro. Grey same as last year, \$800.00. Tuesday: Finished cutting oats and began on wheat ground - ploughing and filling holes. Our housekeepers were visiting Francis Marr and had a serious accident coming home. Nobody was hurt. Wednesday: Hammond ploughing, Willie drawing manure and I spreading it. I am still trying to be faithful to my calling as a christian. Thursday: Got the last of the stumps off, finished ploughing the field by McBride's. Visited by a Hurricane last night which has blown down everything generally.

Friday Willie and I commenced gathering peas with my rake. Hammond is drawing manure. Went to see about threshers this afternoon. Saturday we had a bad east storm. At wheat ground in afternoon, and rain made ploughing easier. Sunday out to meeting and class meeting.

**Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Due to rains we are ploughing and drawing manure to-day. Only 4 acres left to plough. At noon Tuesday we went back to drawing and stacking oats by the barn. Got up six loads. Six more to finish Wed. noon. Getting ready for threshers who set up to-night. Sister Mary Jane came home from Dresden. I am trying still to be the Lord's, and feel He accepts me as His own. On Thursday threshed 317 bushels of oats and greater part of the wheat. Hired all but Robie Dony (?) They are John the Indian, John McWade, Joe & William Dill, and Irae Jackson. Friday: Threshed the barn out, getting 409 bus of wheat. Moved the machine and threshed small run of barley from the stack. Saturday we threshed 470 bus of nice plump barley, bag measure. Have two hours of threshing left Sunday stayed home, feeling tired and in kneed [sic] of rest. Heard Mr. Cutter instead. Took Mary Jane with us up to Unckle John's this afternoon.

**Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1879.**

Finished threshing this morning. Will have 600 bushells [sic] of barley. Paid all hands but the Dills. Raking peas in afternoon. I took my sister to Dover. We had tea with the Silverthorn's. Tuesday: Willie and I with Tomy [sic] McBride to ride the horse finished raking peas. Hammond ploughing.

I went to Dover on an errand for my sister and Leilia. Learned from Unckle Joe that the Camp Ground arrangement are complete and the tent is done. Little hope I can attend, however. Wednesday: Drew and threshed four loads of peas on the ground with the horses back of the barn. Hammond helping Henry Long move his stumping machine. Favourable very dry weather.

Continue threshing peas Thursday using 3 horses. Drawing with the other two. 11 loads thus far. Our camp meeting began to-day, a mile south of Simcoe, I am told. I took Mary Jane and Leilia to Simcoe to-night on way back to Dresden. Sorry to see Leilia go. Friday: Threshing peas and the same Saturday for total to date of 25 loads. Feel need of a rest. Attended the Camp Ground Meeting Sunday leaving home at 8 am. Heard Bro. Woodward this morning. Rev. Grey in afternoon and Rev. E. Clement in evening. A great crowd of people on the grounds all day.

**Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Finished threshing peas - 31 loads. Went after Ma at the Camp Ground. Brethren having a good time there being already many conversions. I also got a small casting for the reaper. Tuesday: Started ploughing again. See by the Guardian that my old favourite A. E. D. has married J. E. F. I wish them every happiness and prosperity. Lord bless them! Hammond ploughing, Willie and I drawing and spreading manure all on the field by McBride's. Took lambs away from their mothers. Ma and I went to camp Meeting this afternoon to hear Bro. John Kay preach on the family relations of the saints and Angels of God. He gave us some delightful thought. Heard Rev. W. J. Griffen in evening. To use a common phrase it kneded boiling down.

We attended the closing exercises on Thursday having a delightful time throughout. Good to unitedly wait upon the Lord. Friday: I started for Jarvis at 7.00 am and on to Toronto by 10.00. Spent the day at the Exhibition which was excellent in everything but farm stock. Saw the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise. They were quite fine looking. Saw them this evening in the City. I stayed at Mrs. Mayo's private boarding house, 114 Bay St. Ambled about the City in the morning with a new friend. The illumination & fireworks last night in honour of the Princess were splendid. I never saw anything like it. I met Frank & Charles Wilson. Came home in afternoon highly pleased with my little trip. Sunday: Ma and I went out to meeting. I must confess that sometimes I find it difficult to follow our Bro. In some of his profound reasonings.

**Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond ploughing, Willie digging potatoes and I cutting clover seed with the reaper. While in Toronto I met with a James Olds of Caledonia. Tuesday we were all at the same jobs. Wednesday: I finished clover and dug potatoes. They are a splendid crop though a few are rotting. Hammond ploughing and Willie harrowing. Up to Unckle John's to-night. Thursday: A day of the same. Our female members have left us to bach. it. Friday: More of the same. Feel thankful to the Lord that we are all graciously blessed with strength to labour. James Horn and his man have been sick with chills off and on all summer.

**Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1879.**

Rain postponed drilling wheat until Tuesday afternoon, when I drilled 7 acres. I did get done digging potatoes. Raining again, but I have put off seeding because of Hessian Fly. Began drilling Wednesday afternoon. Finished field by McBrides Thursday. The boys have little field by the woods

ready and have furrowed out the other. John Noah and family moved into the little house. He is Indian and a good worker. Ross's man came for the ballance [sic] of the lambs, 25 in all at \$2.50 a head. I have 25 left. Finished sowing 25 acres Friday night. Saturday: still preparing wheat ground and running ditches. Sunday: Went out to hear Bro. Grey.

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Henry Long and Robert Lish (?) Pulling stumps in 10 acre field. By Wednesday had 21 out and left. We are working at wheat. Laverne Horton here to ask me to be his groomsman. I agreed on condition my old clothes be accepted. I have a severe cold on my lungs. Acted with Lissie Berry at Laverne Horton's wedding and saw them off on the 5 o'clock train. The party was pleasant. Have had some unpleasant times with regard to the bride which I was exceeding sorry to hear.

On Thursday I was laid up from work. Willie drilling wheat and Hammond harrowing. Uncle John and Aunt Lydia in to-night. Finished 34 acres of wheat in Friday noon. Then took load of barley to Jarvis and sold for 50 cents pr bushell. Mr. & Mrs. Cutter visited to-night, the kind of people I like. Saturday the boys cleaned barley. I took one load to Dover and another to Jarvis, where I intend to take the rest as Jarvis buyers have more to do with barley. Sunday: We all went out to attend the newly refitted Presbyterian church in Dover. A Hamilton minister was expected but failed to come, so Mr. Cragie [Craigie, Presbyterian] officiated. His sermon was excellent. Rev. Bro. Grey was to preach to-night, our own service being again withdrawn.

**Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

I took 2 more loads out to Jarvis. While in Jarvis old Bluch got sick. I thought he was going to die. After he rolled and tumbled around for awhile I hitched him up and he came home all right. Next day I took out another 125 bus. to Jarvis, having to line up to unload there is so much coming in and often Mr. Sills is the only buyer. Wednesday I took my last load to Jarvis, 450 bushells all together. Went to Simcoe to put the money where I thought it most necessary. Came home penniless, having to borrow for to-morrow.

Started at sunrise Thursday for Pelham. Got to Mr. Cook's after a warm drive about 4 o'clock, after a 2 hour stop for dinner. At the reception for the new married folk - 2 couples there- in the evening. About 50 present. Stayed over with the Cooks, who I think much of. Spent the day at Chandler Holcombs helping them get ready for a necktie social. About 300 there and very pleasant. Saturday we all went to the Falls for a pleasant day though we were all pretty tired and sleepy. I had the pleasure of miss Asel Holcomb's company. Disappointed that I had to take another passenger which interfered seriously with our conversation, which as a natural consequence had to run into common channels. Sunday I spent the whole day at Chandlers, going to the Presbyterian church in the afternoon. Enjoyed singing etc. with the young folk.

**Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879**

Started home at eight and arrived at sundown, about 6 o'clock. Went down to Mr. Smith about some business of importance. Am glad to say it was highly successful. Tuesday negotiated a small loan at the bank enabling me to carry out the most delightful duty of paying debts to quite an extent. Gave Bro. Grey \$10.00 toward my subscription to the Missionary Relief Fund. The Lord is still present. On Wednesday finished drawing in clover seed by noon, which filled the barn. On account of rain we cleaned peas in afternoon. On Thursday the boys and I cleaned the stumps and roots from

the 10 acre field. After working around them for so many years I am exceedingly thankful to see it cleared at last. On Friday I went to Jarvis with the ploughs and other repairs. The boys got the pea straw spread for manure. Mrs. Hall out having just returned from York State and full of news. I took her home.

Saturday the boys drawing manure. Hammond went to the Township Show in Dover in afternoon. I went out too and must say my visit was not without profit. Thinking of sowing the front field with rye for pasture as seeding has taken very poorly. This Sunday has been a most delightful one, without and within. The Sun has shone brightly on the earth and so has the Sun of Righteousness arisen with healing in his wings, making my dark heart light with his presence. The Rev. Mr. Morton of Hagersville preached to us. Enjoyed class meeting also. Mrs. Jackson's and McIntee's took dinner with us.

**Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Went to Simcoe with a grist of wheat. Stopped at Archie Olds and made a bargain for a thoroughbred bull for \$50.00. I am to pay him in sheep. Bought 12 bus of rye for summer pasture. Hammond started ploughing for it. On Tuesday I was gathering apples, Hammond ploughing and Willie drawing manure. The boys continue their work Wednesday, while I went to the County Agricultural show in Simcoe. I bought 2 purebred Southdown ewes as foundation flock from Mr. Daniel Purleigh for \$10.00 a head. We were working as usual Thursday, and Archie Olds was in for 18 cull ewes, worth perhaps \$2.50 each, and a bull calf in exchange for his yearling thoroughbred bull.

Friday and Saturday saw Willie finish the manuring. Hammond ploughing and I was gathering apples. The Tax collector in. Taxes up \$10.00 at \$59.20, a surprise. Sold Alex Marr apples at \$4.00. Went to Dover sat. afternoon for short visit with Mattie S.(avage) Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Horton here, to-night. Due to our company we did not get to church. I was disappointed. We all went to Mrs. Jackson's and took dinner there. Went to meeting this evening. Saw M. S. there, though an opportunity for speaking did not come.

**Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and I made a watering hole along the creek and have been working on the front field for rye. Our friends here again and Michael Horton is with them. We went for a coon hunt but got nothing. Our friends left at six Tuesday and we have been working as usual. Suffering from a bad cold. Wednesday we have the field almost ready. I have been husking corn and putting apples away. It is good that a man should both wait and hope for the Lord.

Thursday and Friday was spent preparing and seeding rye on the front field. I went to the Smith boys in Vittoria about selling my bull on Thursday, but failed. I cleaned up peas next day. On Saturday Willie and I cleaned a big pile of peas. I sold a load of wheat in Dover for \$1.25 per bus. the best in a long time. We went out to meeting in Dover according to my desire, for I had rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Had dinner at Mrs. Hall's.

**Monday October 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.**

Hammond and Willie finished running ditches and helped me draw wheat. I got \$1.24. I went

up for Samantha, who was home on a visit for a week or two. On Tuesday took out 2 loads for \$1.22 1/2 and \$1.22. The market is falling fast. On Wednesday the boys finished cleaning wheat. I got \$1.20 a bushel for 2 loads. Made a bargain with Willie McWade to work for a year for \$144.00 and I pasture his colt as long as pasture is good and colt no trouble. On Thursday Hammond ploughing field by Write's [sic] and Willie working in the barn. I got another load of wheat out for same price and another load ready. Sold some lambs to Fred Ritchie. On Friday I sold last load of wheat for \$1.18. Total sales of \$404.00 for wheat and \$224.00 for barley this fall. Hammond ploughing for me all day, but his time is up to-night and he has gone home. I picked over potatoes and took them out to Dover. Willie helped me. Traded a cow with Mrs. Hall for one fit to kill and Willie brought it home. Cold and windy. As it was snowing Sunday we did not go out.

**Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

So dry a Fall that many people are drawing water. Archie Olds brought my bull "Norfolk's Prince" and took the sheep and calf. Willie and I picked over potatoes Tuesday and I took a grist to Dover after lunch. Could not get it ground. Wanted to call on lady friend but my heart failed me. On Wednesday Willie drew manure. I took potatoes to John and Thomas Murphy and a grist of wheat. Caught in snow storm. James Holcomb visiting to-night. On Thursday attended a Thanksgiving service in the Presbyterian church where Rev. Grey preached an appropriate sermon. Had dinner at Scott's. Called on M. S. [avage] but found her away. On Friday I sold 5 cull lambs to William Hammond @ \$2.00. Mild. Willie ploughing. W. and I picking over apples. We continued same on Saturday. On Sunday Ma, Samantha and I attended Quarterly Meeting and took dinner at Bro. William Smith's where we were detained for some time by rain. Called on Mrs. E. M. Ryerson who has been ill.

**Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Willie still ploughing in field by Write's all this week. I attended Quarterly business meeting in Dover. Our appropriation was met in full, however our Woodhouse friends are behind \$80.00. On Tuesday I paid School and County taxes of almost \$60.00. I took apples to Henry Paskin's cider mill. On Wednesday I was caught in a heavy rain taking the balance of our wheat to Rose's mill for bread and got a receipt for it. I paid some bills, got cider, had dinner with Adam & Nora. Had a most disagreeable day. I took surplus potatoes to Jarvis Thurs. and sold to my plough-maker. [Miller?] Roads almost impassable in places.

Friday was very wet and a day of darkness and doubt. They must be for my good. Who can doubt it? On Saturday Willie and I took the rails out of the creek in fear of a freshet. Willie then ploughing. Ma and I to Dover for supplies. The Globe ordered some time ago came at last. On Sunday a young minister from Hagersville officiated. I helped lead class meeting after.

**Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.**

Willie ploughed until Thursday when stopped by cold. I husked 24 bus of corn and on Tuesday I dug turnips and took out butter to Dover in evening. Would liked to have sen D. R. [?] but my strength failed me when almost in her presence. On Wed. I husked corn and next day was getting things ready for winter. In afternoon I went to Solomon Austin's sale, and could not but think of some evil words and actions of this man.

On Friday Willie and I leveled some rough places for a road to draw stumps. Sent Willie to the Horse Doctor with young mare, Nell. She has had sore eyes for some time, one may be blind. It turns out to be from Wolf Teeth, I hope in future to attend to it better. On Saturday we made preparations for building a stump fence. I went to Dover for papers etc. The weather is rough and windy with many disasters on the lakes. I left my measure with Frank Parker for an overcoat. To stormy to attend meeting in Doer so went to hear Mr. Ebersole. Took dinner at John Marr's where I saw Adam and Nora. Felt very happy in Jesus to-day, a constant spirit of humble trust.

**Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

We have been getting up wood. C. W. Smith visited and said to cure sore eyes in horses you pour in melted fresh lard in each eye once a day. He has cured blind horses in this way. Tuesday Willie and I got in 2 loads of corn stalks and then he spread manure. Francis Marr here and then George Hall for one little cow. We traded some time ago. I bought a little pig for a dollar. On Wed. Willie spreading manure. I finished husking corn save a few shocks of sweet corn. Thursday Ma and I went to Simcoe where I bought a first class buffalo skin at Holme's for \$11.00. Had dinner and 2 hour visit with Adam and Nora. Spent evening with John Murphy and James A. Lyons and wife. Mrs. M. gave us an oyster supper.

Friday it has thawed completely and we are trying to plough. I have been spreading manure on the 10 acres. Saturday ploughing and spreading manure but it is cold again. I took Mr. Cutter with me to Dover after the papers and had nice visit with him. Sunday: Due to state of the roads I went over to hear Mr. Cutter instead of going to meeting in Dover.

**Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Weather has moderated enabling us to plough this afternoon and Willie has continued ploughing all week. I spread manure to-day and Tuesday, when James Holcomb came and stayed all night. One of James tenants came Wed. morning and they almost came to blows over it. Thursday was warm and muddy, spreading manure both to-day and Friday. Writing a letter to a Pelham friend A. A. over some strange things I was told by James H. Ma and I went out to Dover Saturday just before a heavy shower. Had dinner at George Hall's and a visit with our minister. On Sunday they stayed home due to rain.

**Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and I finished ploughing the 10 acre field by Saturday, missing only one day at it. Working at other jobs Wed. due to rain. My mare that was almost blind, after two weeks of lard treatment is about well. Friday I scattered rotted pea and barley straw, and ploughed it down. Got it under by walking beside plough and poking it under with at rake handle. Ma and I went to Dover Sat. afternoon for the papers. Got new boots from shoemaker McGilvery. Former pair wore me 8 years. Life is uncertain and I may not want them so long a time. Sunday I went out to church and had a glorious time as leader of class meeting. The long-expected death of my Aunt Mary occurred this afternoon. She suffered over a year with dropsy.

**Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1879.**

Occupied with little matters of business. W. R. Andrus [ews] seed catalogue of Rochester came. I purchased White Russian oats from it and well satisfied last year. Large attendance at my

Aunt's funeral. Impressive service conducted by Mr. Cutter and Rev. Greyno. The corpse was buried at Woodhouse. I could go owing to Ma having very sore throat and needing medicine. On Wed. Unckle John helped us kill 3 hogs which are all cut up and salted. Albert shot them for us. Glad it is done as I hate killing. Minister and his lady called this afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon Solomon Austin & Willie Write [Wright?] helped us thresh clover seed. The steem [sic] machine has it done much faster than by horse-power. There is little variation in the motion, either. A great acquisition to the Farmer. Finished threshing clover seed by sat. afternoon. George McBride helping too. Had 40 bus of Red Clover and 4 of Alsace [Alsike]. A dirty job and thankful it is done On Sunday I stayed in all day. Unckle John, our friend Addam Rose & his lady here to dinner.

**Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1879.**

Willie and I cleaned 4 baggs of clover seed and I sold it in Simcoe for \$5.25 per bus at Wilson's. Bought a scrap book. The sleighs went along nicely. Tuesday we were tinkering around and cleaning up seed. Old friend David Sterling and Fred Kitchen visited to-day. Went up to McIntee's this evening. His wife is improving and goes to Pelham to-morrow. Wednesday: Willie and I finished cleaning seed. I sold it to Austin & Werritt. I got \$5.05 for common Red and \$5.30 a bus for Large Red. This brought me \$163.00 which is short of what I kneed to pay debts which still harass me.

Thursday (Dec. 25th) went up to Simcoe. Ma and I to spend Christmas with Addam and Nora. Unckle John was there and John Marr's. I was troubled with toothache and cold in the face. Disappointed in not meeting friends from below C. J. and Mrs. Cook. Old friend George Martin, who used to keep grocery in Dover, showed up at night. He is hale and hearty and resident of Chicago. On Friday I stayed in with a bad cold. Reading up on Farming and making notes. Have only adopted this mode of study lately.

On Saturday I paid \$40.00 on my \$60.00 threshing account. Saw my old friend M. S. [avage] this afternoon. Sunday I went to meeting alone. Heard Rev. Mr. Ward of Mt. Zion preach. Goodly number present, but few remained for class. On Monday Willie was in the woods and I repaired sheep pens. Willie in woods Tuesday. I went to Dover to get a horse shod. Called on Capt. McFell and was pained to hear some things about Mrs. Jackson and Tommy I did not expect. Took him as promising young man of good principles, but am sorry to say this seems to prove the contrary. Wednesday: Willie in the woods again to-day. I attended school meeting. Robert Write continues as trustee. Took my horse Katie to be shod by McIntee who has returned from below.



**C. OLDS ACCOUNTS - 1879**

Date	Detail	Income	Expense
Jan.			
4	Pd. Subscription to Witness for Nettie		1.20
4	Pd. For Woodhouse Messenger		.30
4	Pd. Hired Girl		.80
7	Recd. for 8 bus clover seed	31.39	
11	Pd. School tax		20.50
11	Pd for Groceries		.35
11	Pd for Blueing		.12
11	Pd for box of pills		.25
13	Collections at Woodhouse		.17
13	Tea Meeting		.80
17	Pd Samantha		.50
22	Pd cattle food		.25
26	Pd S. V. Collection		.10
29	Pd National Repos.		.30
30	Pd Hired Girl		2.00
Total		\$31.39	\$27.61
Feb.			
3	From Twp. Council for scraper use	3.00	
3	Paid for Quarterly Magazine		3.50
8	For Pew rent		5.00
13	Recd for 9 bus apples	7.20	
14	Sulphur etc.		.28
14	National Repository		.30
14	12 lbs. Sugar		1.00
14	½ lb of tea		.25
14	Subsc. Agriculture		1.50
14	Recd for 8 bags, 18 lbs Cloverseed	31.54	
15	Pd McGilvery		16.63
15	Pd Johnie Fergie		10.00
15	Coaloil		.30
24	Pd for Linament		.23
Totals		\$41.74	\$38.99
March			
3	Recd for 8 bus 13 lbs cloverseed	29.63	
3	Pd for Repositor		1.20
4	Pd for Show		.25
6	Pd County tax		33.80
7	Recd for dried apples	5.62	
7	“ For Butter	3.00	

7	Pd for Cotton etc.		8.62
15	Pd for Coppy [sic] book		.10
24	Pd for Jubilee supper		.50
29	Recd for N. W. M. stock	3.00	
29	Pd cloth for pants		3.00
29	Pd Ma S. M.		.38
29	Pd for file		.10
Totals		\$41.25	\$47.95

April

5	Pd for thread		.18
5	Pd for Glycerine		.15
7	Recd for Hams etc	7.00	
7	Pd for sugar \$2.00 & tea .68 cents		2.68
7	Due Bill		4.00
7	Pd for file etc.		.32
12	Recd for eggs	2.10	
12	Pd for groceries		2.10
16	Recd for balance on rent	.40	
19	“ On steer	5.00	
22	“ For 16 doz eggs	1.45	
22	Pd dry goods and co.		1.45
25	Pd for seed oats and onion seed		1.50
25	Pd ball on oats		1.05
26	Pd Barber's serv.		.25
Total		\$15.95	\$13.48

May

3	Recd for 21 doz eggs	2.10	
3	Pd groceries		2.10
3	Recd from Ross on steers	5.00	
3	Pd Pew rent		5.10
9	Pd for Pear trees		6.00
10	Recd for calf - L Price	.70	
10	“ For 22 doz eggs	2.42	
10	Pd for nails etc		2.42
10	Pd for glycerine		.25
10	Pd for plough sharpening		.10
12	Recd on steers	1.00	
12	Pd L. P. Fund		1.00
17	Recd for 22 1/2 doz eggs	2.25	
17	Pd for dry goods		2.20
17	Recd on chees [sic]	5.00	
17	Pd Missionary Fund		5.00
27	Recd for 19 doz eggs	1.90	

27	Pd Necessaries		1.90
31	Recd for 19 doz eggs	1.90	
31	Pd for Groceries on ac.		1.90
31	Pd for Leilia's slate		.20
Totals		\$22.27	\$28.22

#### June

5	Recd for 21 ½ doz eggs	2.15	
5	Pd for groceries		2.15
13	Recd for 269 lbs of wool @ 22 cents	59.28	
13	Pd for National Repositor		5.00
13	Pd for Ma's photo's		4.50
13	Pd for nails etc		.35
13	Pd Samantha		20.00
13	Pd Ma S. M.		5.00
14	Recd for 21 doz eggs	2.10	
14	Pd Cy Chamberlain		3.57
14	Pd for Groceries		2.00
14	Pd for Hellbore [sic]		.20
17	Pd for trace chains etc		.48
27	Recd for 19.03 eggs	1.93	
27	Pd for groceries		1.93
29	Pd for pills, necessaries and other		1.55
29	Pd Coll(ection)		.05
Totals		\$65.46	\$35.91

#### July

4	Pd postage etc		.87
4	Pd for Binding mits (?)		1.00
4	Pd for shoe laces etc.		.15
5	Pd for Binding gloves 1 pr. 25 - dinner 35.		.60
6	Pd Coll. Gen.Coll.		.10
12	Pd for Min. of Cou[ncil]		.25
12	Recd from Ross	11.00	
12	Pd for Horse rake & tyre setting		11.00
12	Pd for Fly Trap etc		.80
12	Recd from Ross	9.00	
12	Pd for Pump repairs		9.00
16	Pd For Reaper rake		2.00
16	Pd for thermometer		.50
16	Pd for Reaper sec[tion] etc		.75
16	Pd for Leilia's 4 <sup>th</sup> Reader		.50
16	Pd for rivets etc		.20
19	Pd for Linen pants		1.00
25	Pd for Acol (alcohol?) And nails		.65

31	Pd for Sub(scription) to P. G.		.25
31	Pd Barber's Ser.(vices)		.15
31	Pd Collections		.10
	Totals	\$20.00	\$29.86

August

2	Pd for Ex.(hibition) charges		.25
5	Pd B. Lundy harvest work		2.00
10	Pd Q(Aurterly) Collection		.20
9	Pd James Oakes wages		5.00
9	Pd Ex. To Excur(sion)		1.40
9	Pd Ma S. M.		.50
9	Recd from Ross	2.00	
9	Pd P.(ew) Rent and Quarterage		4.70
15	Recd from Ross	9.00	
15	Pd H. Repts		.25
15	Pd Jackson harvest wages		5.00
23	Pd Irae Jackson		2.00
25	Pd do. do.		1.25
25	Pd Ma S. M.		1.50
25	Pd ball on rake?		.34
25	Pd Solomon Wardel's on threshing		.25
25	Pd John the Indian		2.75
27	Recd for eggs, 20 doz. @ .09 c.	1.80	
27	Pd for McCess (?)		2.14
27	Pd Tommy McBride for riding horse		.45
27	Pd for Glycerine		.30
	Totals	\$12.80	\$30.28

September

4	Recd from Ross	10.00	
4	Pd Camp Meeting		1.35
6	Pd for shirt etc		2.00
6	Pd Ex. To Exposition, Toronto		4.00
10	Pd P. Reeves		.38
13	Pd Harness repair		.10
24	Pd for Lough Mel. (?)		1.00
26	Recd for Barley	25.50	
27	" " "	30.77	
27	" " "	29.37	
27	Pd Hammon[d]		10.00
30	Recd for Barley 28.87, 30.83, 30.18, 30.12, 19.12 =	139.12	
30	Pd Int. on Mort(gage)		100.00
30	Pd on Note		106.00
	Total	234.76	225.83

October

8	Pd Ex(penses) to Pelham		.57
8	Pd Ex. To return		.67
8	Pd Ma - S. M.		.50
8	Pd Ex. To Falls etc		.60
8	Pd ball. Of Interest		100.00
8	Pd John McBride act.		7.90
8	Recd from Bank	194.80	
8	Pd Harness Maker's act.		5.00
8	Pd on act. To Riddell & Dean		8.00
8	Pd Tin Smith's act.		1.55
8	Pd H. Ainsley's act.		2.20
8	Pd on act to Schofield		10.00
8	Pd postage act		.26
8	Pd Wm. Fergie ball. Due		4.00
8	Pd Dr. McLean on act		5.00
8	Pd on act. To T. C. Gillies		5.00
8	Pd to Johny Fergie		5.00
10	Pd Hired Girl		10.00
10	Pd on act to Miller of Jarvis		10.00
10	Pd for Seed Oats		8.00
13	Pd for seed Rye		7.50
13	Recd from Uncle John for sheep	11.00	
Totals		\$205.80	\$192.10

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15	Pd for Globe and Reformer to Jan. 1880		2.00
15	Pd for Basket & c		.70
15	Pd for Buls etc		1.25
23	Pd for Coal Oil		1.10
25	Pd for stump Pulling		20.45
28	Recd for Wheat	150.60	
28	Pd ball of act to Schofield		6.71
28	Pd Willie McWade		105.00
29	Recd for Wheat	148.35	
29	Pd John Fergie ball due		9.00
29	Recd for Wheat	50.08	.23
29	Pd Lauder(?) Note for Mower		32.86
31	Recd for Wheat	54.65	
31	Quarterly Collection		.25

November

4	Pd Hammond Oakes		95.00
4	Pd Frank Parker ball due		7.70
4	Pd Quarterage		4.75

6	Missionary Extension Fund		5.00
6	Pd Barrells, Reps, etc		2.25
6	Pd T. Murphy ball of Note		6.00
6	Pd bag od Salt & c & Witness(?)		2.20
6	Pd Hired Girl		9.00
7	Recd for Lambs	10.00	
7	Pd Hired Girl		10.00
8	Pd ball on Lambs to Hammon[d]		4.00
Totals for page		\$413.68	\$325.45
11	Recd for potatoes & apples - Huffman	11.00	
11	Pd Bedstead etc		11.00
11	Pd School and County tax		59.10
12	Dr. Salmon's act.		18.15
12	Pd Jack Lyons on act		7.00
13	Recd For Potatoes	3.75	? .50
13	Pd L. Miller on act		7.75
15	Recd for Butter - 1.90, & 10.00	11.90	
15	Pd Ma - S. M.		10.00
15	Pd Dr. McLean on act		4.00
22	Recd from Rev. J. Grey	12.50	
22	Pd Guardian for me & for Sister @ 3.50		7.00
22	Pd for rope for halters		.63
27	Pd for blank book		1.60
27	Pd for Oil Cloth		1.20
27	Pd for Ma's thimble		1.00
December			
5	Recd from Council plough rep. (?)	3.50	
6	Pd for necessaries	.80	.65
13	Pd for axe & Lamp		2.20
16	Pd for needles etc		.20
20	Pd for threshing hands		3.50
22	Recd for 8 bus of Cloverseed @ \$5.25	42.60	
22	Pd for Country Gentleman (magazine?)		2.00
22	Pd for Scrap Book - 2.00 & Diary 1880. - 75		2.75
24	Recd for Cloverseed	121.12	
24	Collections .10 & .10		.20
24	Paid for gloves for C. R. & (heart?)		1.15
27	Pd Harris, Son etc R. Reps (?)		3.50
27	Pd on threshing act.		40.00
27	Pd on act to L. Wells		4.00
29	Pd Dr. Mclean on act		5.00
30	Pd Riddell & Deans on act		4.00
30	Pd Necessaries		.18
Totals		\$169.82	\$239.86

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Receipts and Payments for the Year are as follows:

January	31.39	27.64
February	41.74	38.99
March	41.25	47.75
April	15.95	13.48
May	22.27	28.22
June	65.46	35.91
July	20.00	29.86
August	12.80	30.28
September	234.36	225.45
October	205.80	192.10
November	413.68	325.45
December	169.82	239.86
Totals	<u>\$1,274.52</u>	<u>\$1,235.57</u>