

**EXCERPTS FROM A DIARY OF H. M. ANDRESS
A MILLER AT FURNACE FALLS (LYNDHURST)**

(Note :- Spellings are copied as written by Mr Andress)

1858

Jan. 9 - Ground for James Godkin 2 bags wheat one bag 64 lb. and the other 110 lb. Flour from the 64 lb. made 45 lb and the other 75 lb.

Jan. 19- Bought from Abram Wing one cow at 5-0-0 { £-s-d - Pounds-shillings-pence }

(Note :- A break here and no more entries until Nov. 7, 1859.)

1859

Nov. 7- Went to Gananoque to get mill picks tempered. Returned on the 8th. Bought a cow from O. Huthison the same day Nov. 8, 1859.

Nov. 11 - Father fetched cow from Hutchissontown to the Furnace Falls for me.

Nov. 12 - On the night of the 12th a heavy rain.

Nov. 13 - (Sunday) a snowy wet disagreeable day.

Nov. 19 - (Saturday) very rainy.

Nov. 25 - To Brockville with flour.

Nov. 26 - Came home from Brockville and found child very sick.

Nov. 27 - Our little Babe departed this life at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Nov. 29 - Buried the child.

Dec. 1 - Very warm and pleasant.

2 - Very cold and stormy (snow) .

3 - Continues very cold.

4 - (Sunday) snowing and soft.

5 - Very good slaying - to the baliff sale (Bruychs) .

6 - Very rainy all day. Snow goes all off.

7 - Snow again and makes very good slaying.

12 - Very good slaying - up to Beverley at night.

17 - Good slaying (fair)

18 - Storming Snow (Sunday)

19 - Father goes home. Got the hay from Wm. Carnahan fetched by A Dillon and Sandy Mc (illegible) Snowed all day.

20 - Good slaying.

21 - to Beverley at night.

22 - Clear and cold.

25 - Stormy, snow (Crismas)

26 - Hail, snow & rain.

27 - Clear and cold (B. Church) to the Donation D. Smith.

28 - Fire in Brockville.

1860

Jan. 1 - went to Mallorytown with Nancy (illegible) and father and mother back with me.

2 - Township meeting. Clear and cold. New milch cow (morning)

3 - Good slaying.

5 - Lucy went to Mallorytown with Jeremiah and Wesley.

6 - Came home to day.

7 - Rains most of the day.

8 - Continues warm (foggy)

10 - Warm and cloudy, heavy rain at night.

11 - Turns to snow (Freezes)

12 - Went after Aliza Nedow with cutter (very cold) .

14 - Wallis fetched sepperater for the falls Mill.

15 - To Beverley to quarterly meeting (Sunday)

17 - Court at Beverley. Woodcock"s Donation at Elgin.

20 - Pleasant

22 - Went to Mallorytown with mother (snows and (illegible) roads durty) .

23 - continued warm (Frosty nights) .

28 - Went to Gananoque to git mill picks went to Hutchisontown to John May's and stayed the night.

29 - Came home and fetched mother with me.

Feb. 2 - Ira Sweet fetched me one load of straw Four Dollars.

4 - Harvey Andress came out here to the mill.

5 - Raining - snow goes off (Sunday) Mother goes down to Wm. Perry's.

10 - I went after Doctor for Lyda Perry. Got through about 2 oclock in the afternoon (Born a son)

12 - Me and Lucy went to Mallorytown to quarterly meeting took our dinner to George May's (Bad slaying) Started home about 4 P.M.

13 - To school meeting and school commences at eleven oclock a.m. Snows all day.

14 - Lucy Hollada married to day

15 – Not very well to day A very good grind.

16 – Continues to snow (Not to work to day)

17 – Good slaying (Clear and cold (Indian chopping wood)

18 – Sun all day (Saturday)

19 – Stormy and drifting winds.

20 – Not very well to day A very good grind.

21 – Rappid thaw – soft and wet.

22 – Snow goes nearly all off. Mother came from Wm. Perry's.

23 – Rainy, warm, freeses at night.

24 – Continued cold snows litely.

26 – Lydia and Percy came up here to day (Fair Sunday)

27 – My Birthday (Fair)

28 – Coming to the mill with waggon and slays – Flury snow in evening.

28 – Raining part of the day

March 1 – No slaying yet

2 – Warm

3 – Saturday – filled mill stone with siment.

4 – Went to Mallorytown with mother in the buggy. Bad roads. Heard Barnit preach from 46th Psalm & 4th verse.

5 – Flurey snow

6 – Old cow in M. Saunders yard with bull.

8 – Sugar wether commences.

9 – No snow yet. Cows wandering about fields.

10 – freezes hard no snow.

11 – Roads very rough and hubs froze hard. We are all sick with a bad cold, cough very bad at night.

12 – flurry snow, freezing hard.

13 – continues cold

15 – Good sugar wither. Lily Niblock buried.

16 – Frost coming out of roads.

17 – Warm dry weather.

18 – Continued warm (Sunday)

19 – warm

20 – Rainy and snow, muddy roads.

21 – Freezes and flurries of snow.

22 – Snow, about six inches.

28 – Thaws, takes part of the snow off. Teams coming to the mill with slays. Eliza Neddow went home.

27 – Freezes hard at night.

28 – Flurries of snow.

29 – Snow goes off – warm.

30 – Good sugar weather. Not freezing to night.

31 – Dry warm weather.

April 1 – Cold north wind Sunday. go to meeting & heard D. Smith preach from Job 22th & at the 21 verse. Freezes hard at night.

2 – Continues cold north wind, roads rough and hard.

3 – warm and dry

4 – Aliza Sheldon commenced to work for us this morning (Wensday) Warm dry wether. A funeral up to the School House. Mr. Denbey's child buried. A sermon preached by G. Hallada from Job the 14th 14 verse.

5 – Warm and pleasant. Good sugar wether.

6 – Sun comes out warm drying the roads. Roads very bad.

7 – Good sugar wether. Warm and cloudy, looks like rain. Quarterly meeting on Saturday in the School House.

8 – Continued warm – rain. Quarterly meeting to the Babtist Church.

9 – Warm pleasant. People commenced plowing.

11 – Warm but freezes at night.

12 – Good wether for plowing. Cool rain showers.

13 – cool and cloudy windy.

14 – cool raw wind – freezes at night.

15 – Preaching at School House Lyndhurst by D. Smith from Proverbs the 1st verse 28. Cold raw wind.

17 – Cool wind.

18 – Warm pleasant weather.

19 – Turned the cows to the pasture. George May came out here.

20 – Warm, George went home to day.

21 – Turned the mare to pasture. got a pig from Perry (Longpoint) .

22 – continues dry wether rather cool.

23 – Cold north wind no rain yet.

24 – Cold snow storm. Freezes at night. Sowed cabbage seed.

25 – continues to snow, it goes on about all day. All off at night. Making soap to day 2 kettles or twelve pails. Suckers are starting to run.

26 - Went to fish at night. Caut 2 suckers with net 1 shiner 1 pout.

27 - cool wether and dry. Killed the pig to day weight 150 lbs .

28 - cool dry wether. Daniel Wing ten bushels potaties to plant. He is to return 12 and a half bushels this winter for those I gave him to plant. tuck up the mill stone to crack - Saturday night. Aliza Sheldon went to Bastard to Stephens.

29 - Preaching to the School House by D. Smith text the 12 chap & 5 verse of Jeremiah. Sally Nikels & Adaline Maghin was Babtised by imursim.

30 - cracked mill stone. Warm dry wether.

May 1 - continues dry.

2 - Dry wether. Mr Saunders is having his wheat sowed 7 bushels to day. Asa Wing got ten bushels of Potatoes to day from me to plant, is to give me twelve bushels in return for the ten bushels.

3 - Warm dry wether. Firs ragin over the hills. Our Aliza is sick with the (illegible) .

4 - Continues dry. Dragin in the oats for Mr. Saunders up the road at Mr. Lee's.

5 - Noah Pamer Plowed our garden to day. warm dry wether.

6 - Lyda Perry up here to day. Continuing dry wether.

7 - Planting the Bytown potatoes. Some white corn & sowing seeds such as onions, beets, parsnips, sage. Rain heavy down to Unionville & through the Johnson Settlement, only a few drops here.

8 Continues dry. Plum trees in full blow, curant bushes also.

9 - Good refreshing rain about 4 & 5 this morning. Rains at night.

10 - Continues to rain by spells all day.

11 - Sowed carrots. Pleasant

12 - Sowed tomato seed. Planted corn among the curents. Transplanted tomato plants I got from Mrs. Rodick. Planted cucumber seeds and squash seeds and planted peas. A fine growing time.

13 - (Sunday) Me and Lucy went out to Mallorytown took dinner to fathers and our suppers to unkle Jarvis Gould's heard Mr. Burnett preach from Luke 19 & 9 verse went up to (illegible) Hutheson's at night. A fine shower of rain in Hutchisontown at night.

14 - Went to Gananogue with Mill picks to be tempered came back same day. Stayed at fathers that night. Auction in Mallorytown to Day, Albert Morton's furniture.

15 - Went to Brockville. tuck dinner to Hannah McNish's. Started for home at 4 oclock P.M. Pleasant weather.

16 - Dry wether.

17 - Continues dry wether.

18 - A fine shower. The (illegible) went to Brockville after goods, took flour from Beverley for Robertson & Euston.

19 - Continued showery all day a fine growing season. Draging and furring our potatoe ground planted the pice next the road.

20 - A fine growing time.

21 - Planted a peace of potatoes left of the barn.

22 - Dry and pleasant.

23 - Fine weather.

24 - Training day. Grinding coming in plenty.

26 - Thunders heavy rains a heavy shower.

27 - Cool for the season. Preaching to the School House by Mr. Cammel from Muntreall text Izaih 26th - 3 & 4th verses. A fine growing time.

28 - Fine growing wether.

29 - Warm

30 - Thunder in morning. Some rain.

31 - Fine growing season a smart rain at night.

June 1 - A fine growing time.

3 - Preaching to the School House to day by D. Smith his fairwell.

7 - Rain in the afternoon. Harvey and Sharlot came out here.

8 - Continues showery.

9 - Showery all day. Harvey and Sharlot went home. 10 - Fine growing time, windy fair.

11 - A fine growing time. No showers this week up to the 17.

17 - Sunday class meeting up to the School House.

19 - Very heavy rain.

20 - More rain.

21 - Still snowy

23 - Thunder and litening. Litening burns Mr. Brawd's barn. Rain.

24 - Preaching to the School House by John Smith from first thessalonians and the 5th & 25 verse, also heard from John Johnson (of South Crosby) preach from first corin. 3rd - 32 - 23 verses.

25 - Fine wether. Cutting meddow to Day by Mr. wing.

July 1 - To camp meeting in South Crosby. Carles Wilcox went to Mallorytown and fetched Mother out here.

5 - Very heavy rain. got 3 pigs from Mr. Saunders.

6 - fine growing time.

8 - Commenced to grow whiskers.

15 - Lucy and boys down to Hudsons.

15 - Pat McMullen fell from carriage and broke his neck.

16 - Me and Lucy went to Samuel Johnson to see him, he is very low.

17 - Lucy & Boys down to Mr. Hudson's to pick berries.

17 - Samuel Johnson died to day at 3 oclock.

22 - Preaching to the School House by John Smith.

25 - Elizabeth Wilcox Born a Son.

29 - sunday rain most all day (very gentle)

31 – 70 Bushels New Wheat for sale by Al Niblock.

Aug. 11 – Stephen Andress' little Charity died about 4 of the clock A. M.

12 – Me and Lucy went to Mallorytown to the funeral (Sunday)

19 – (Sunday) Quarterly meeting at the Babbist Chapple. Lucy not well. I go to the Doctor to get some medison.

23 – Dr. Howard's barn burnt by lightning.

24 – Continued showery.

25 – Lucy and the children goes to Mallorytown. 2 heavy Showers to day. Stop at G Wiltse and tuck dinner. The murdered boy was found in Charleston Lake to day by D. Jackson. Earles and Judd taken prisoners, fetched to Farmersville and shut up all Night in the morning Bailed out (26)

26 – Sunday – Great turn out to Charleston I went to see the drowned Boy about six hundred people here to day. The Boy's Father came about 9 of the clock P.M.

27 – The drowned boy is taken to the other side of the river. Continued showery.

Sept. 3 – To Brockville to see the Prince. To John McNish's at night. Came back to Brockville in the morning and saw the Prince and prosession, started home about noon.

12 – Night of the 12th – heavy frost.

23 – I go to Mallorytown & Hutchisontown for Mother May but got the Mitten Came back same day.

30 – James Struthers Died this evening in the full triumph (illegible) of the Faith Blessed are the dead who dye in the Lord.

Oct. 2 – To the Funerl up to J. Struthers a sermon preached by Tomson on text Malachi 3 ch. 18 verse.

4 – James Roddick commenced to work in the mill with me (H. Andress)

7 – Sunday Campmeeting the past week very rainy the most of the week. Meeting to William Avery's woods.

14 – Charles Wilcox with his family went to Mallorytown came back on the 21 of the same Month. Stopped milching the young com .

17 – Mrs Saunders Born a son. very heavy rain.

28 - Sunday - Misty rainy wether. Jeremiah Andress went home to day.

31 - Young Chris Andress moved up to Marble rock on the (illegible)

November 1 - Lydda Kilburn commenced to work for us to day. Father came out here to day with C. H. Wilcox's horse and waggon. Mrs Manuel Born a Daughter.

2 - Warm fine wether to day. Mrs Samuel Johnson came up to see us to day.

3 - Night of the 3rd - heavy rain.

4 - Sunday - warm pleasant wether.

9 - Made a barrel of Sourcrout to night.

10 - (Saturday) Stormy most of the week. roads very bad. Mud very deep. Father repairs our stable.

5 & 6 - Made soap 14 Pails good.

11 - Father goes home. Charles Willcox takes him to Shingle Mill in Brown's woods. Bad roads yet. Rains a mist most of the day.

12 - Cool wether no snow yet. Made another barrel of Sour crout.

13 - Fine warm wether.

14 - Continued fine.

15 - Fine - Put our cabbage in the pit.

16 - Covered the cabbage.

19 - Received a letter from Stephen Andress.

20 - A flurry of snow - freasing hard.

21 - Put Fily in the stable.

23 - Very muddy roads. Mr. Saunders goes to Brockville. Very heavy rain to night, put cows in stable.

24 - Snows and blows very cold to day.

25 - (Sunday) Continues cold & windy.

26 - Cold and stormy Snow (evening) Roads very rough.

- 27 – Warm. Snow melts through the day freezes at night. Mr. Wing killed our hog.
- 28 – Snows a flurry. Warm.
- 29 – More snow to day, continued warm, snow packs.
- 30 – Freezes, some more snow flurry.
- Dec. 1 – Mild wether, Slays coming to the Mill. Got new shoes on our mare by J.D. Ripley. Got letter from Stephen A. Andress, Mallorytown.
- 2 – (Sunday) Mild wether. Preaching to the School House by John Smith.
3. Flurry snow. A good grind to day.
- 4 – slays run very well to day. Received a letter from Ozias Hutchinson stating that Sariann is dangerously ill.
- 5 – Very little snow. Went by cutter to the Whitefish at night to Websters. Bought a side of cowhide at 4 (illegible) pound weight 7 lbs.
- 6 – Fine wether. Snows about 4 inches to night.
- 7 – Slays run to day. Lucy & Wesley goes to Hutchisontown in cutter, and found Saryann very unwell by giving birth to 3 children on Wensday the 5th Dec. 1860.
- 8 – Fine and pleasant
- 9 – (Sunday) Lucy & Wesley comes home. Fine & pleasant
- 10 – Snows all day. Saunders and Chase take R Manuel's cows to the pound the same day Mr. Saunders lets his gray horse out to water and R. Manuel catches him and takes it to the pound.
- 11 – Clear and cold. Freezes hard at night.
- 12 – (Wensday) this morning snowing and blowing at a brisk rate. Snows six inches deep.
- 13 – Clear and cold. Dressing up stream rim of Stone to day (Fryday)
- 15 – Wether moderating some.
- 16 – Pleasant (Sunday) Went down to Wm. Perry's with mare and cutter. Mr. Saunders goes to Brockville to put the engine in Scovel's Mill.
- 17 – Mild pleasant, fine slaying to day. Counsill sits for the last time this year.

18 – Wind blows very cold. Me and little Lucy goes to Mallorytown after 7 oclock at night.

19 – Goes from Father's to Gamanoque with Millpicks to get them tempered but did not get them tempered mr Allen was so busy. Came from Mallorytown by Gananoque, South Lake & Babtist Church then home. Our young cow has a fine calf this morning. Snows about 4 inches this fournoon, thaws rappid (rains) all night.

20 – Continues to rain the roads in a splash. The young folk from Mr. Saunders goes to Brockville to see a man hung.

21 – Turns & freeses again. Good slaying.

22 – snows again. Good slaying.

23 – (Sunday) Good slaying. Mr. Coplin burried to day & Mr. Singleton died to day. Me and Lucy goes to Mallorytown and Hutchisontown tuck our dinner to Mother May's & our supper to Mother Andress. Charles H. Wilcox came out with us in his cutter. Lyda Perry keeps house for us while gon.

24 – Fine clear wether. Freeses hard. Idle to day this four noon by a chunk getting in the wa watter wheel.

25 – Me and Lucy goes to Whitefish tuck our dinner to Mr. Websters went from there to Mr. Singleton's funerl at the English Church. Very stormy this afternoon. sermon preached by Mr. Davison at 3 oclock P.M.

26 – fine wether

27 – Continues fair.

28 – Pleasant.

29 – Fine and pleasant.

30 – (Sunday) very mild thaws but little Charles and wife goes to Bryer Hill to meeting to night.

31 – Snows some, cool.

1861

Jan. 1 – Snows some to day. Jeremiah Andress came out here to day .

2 – J. Andress goes home. July Wilcox goes out with him to Mallorytown.

5 - Wesley & Charles Wilcox goes after July to Mallorytown. I go to Brockville after Mr. Saunders and he came home with me.

7 - Town meeting to day.

8 - Thunders and lightens at night. Snows some to day. Father and James Andress came out here to day and went back.

11 - Very cold and clear.

12 - Extremely cold with a North wind.

14 - 15 - Mr. wing draws my straw.

16 - Snows about 12 inches.

17 - Mild for the season.

18 - Stormy to day.

19 - Mother May, George May, Daniel Turner & Amanda came out here to day. Snows most of the day.

20 - (Sunday) very pleasant.

21 - Mother May and the rest of them that came with her went home to day. School commenced in the New School House.

24 - Snow all day about 8 inches snow now about 2-1/2 feet.

25 - Betty Stephens Born a Daughter.

26 - Fine & pleasant.

27 - (Sunday) fine wether.

31 - Young cow with the bull.

February 1 - Stormy to day (Snow) all night.

2 - Cloudy all day, so that the Bare could not see his shadow. Stormy rains and snows.

3 - (Sunday) fine wether & clear.

7 - Hiram Mallory came here to Dinner. Wind blows, the snow flies. Extremely cold the roads drifted full.

8 - Continues Cold very Cold.

9 - Wether moderates.

10 - (Sunday) wether fine - rains a mist thaws.

11 - Rain all day.

12 - Freezes litely mild

13 - Continues mild.

14 - Crust on the snow.

15 - Rains and freesses Ice on the trees.

16 - Mild & Pleasant.

17 - (Sunday) Snows this morning about ten inches (Mild)

March 1 - Fine & Pleasant.

2 - Misty all night.

3 - (Sunday) Me and Lucy with Liza went out to Mallorytown the roads very soft snow banks in the middle of the road 4 feet high rains about all day.

4 - Fine, snow melts this fournoon at a rappid cate in the afernoon freezes and Blows!

11 - Aliza Sheldon came here to day about three oclock in the a fernoont to work.

14 - I went to see Willian Bush's farm thought some of purchasing.

17 - Went out to Mallorytown & Hutchinsontown. Staid to O. Hutchinson's at night.

18 - Went from Ozias Hutchinson's to Ica Mallory's to see him on money matters. Mother came out home with me to day, roads in places bare.

19 - Flurry of snow.

13 - Warm melts the snow.

26 - Mr. Mayhew went to Brockville after Sofiah with my buggy . Rains all day.

29 - Mrs. Schofield Died to day up at Mr. Russels.

30 – Sugar wether just commenced.

31 – (Sunday) fine and warm.

April 1 – Cold North wind snows this afternoon about 4 inches.

2 – Continues to snow Soft.

3 – Warm Snow begins to melt and runs.

4 – Good sugar weather.

5 – Frosty nights and warm days.

6 – Weather fine and warm.

7 – (Sunday) warm & fine.

8 – Fine and warm.

9 – Good sugar weather.

10 – Continues dry.

11 – Commenced to cog the large spur wheel furrowing the provender run of stone

30 – Sugar wether just commenced.

31 – (Sunday) fine and warm.

12 – fine and fair.

13 – fine and fair. Rains all night roads in bad state with mud.

14 – (Sunday) fine with showers in the afternoon. Not well to day .

15 – Bad roads. Unwell still.

16 – cool and cloudy. Snow at night. Sap running very well.

17 – Continues cool with flurries of snow. We are all sick with a bad cough.

18 – Fine & fair.

20 - Sugar weather about wound up. Cows wandering about the fields in search of food but can find little. Farmers commenced plowing.

21 - Charles H. Wilcox takes my buggy to take Mother out home to Mallorytown. little Charles Wilcox goes with them. The roads are drying up.

22 - Turned the cows to paster but feed them night & morning. A fine shower this morning. Warm growing time. Thunders quite heavy .

23 - A fine shower this morning. Grass beginning to look green.

24 - Fine weather with a shower.

25 - Pleasant.

26 - Turned the Mayor to pasture. Fine wether.

27 - continues fine. sowed the cabbage seed in the banking (Drumhead)

28 - (Sunday) rains some all day. Buds coming out fine on current bushes.

30 - rains the most of the day.

May 1 - Stephen Chase Died to day about 3 oclock P.M. Cold North wind freezes hard at night. Children is coughing very bad.

2 - very cold this morning. lse frose hard, so as to bare up a man fair.

3 - Continues cold. Smart frost this morning Fair.

4 - fine weather.

5 - (Sunday) a fine pleasant day.

6 - Cool & fair this morning, commences to rain about 6 oclock p.m. John Roddick goes to Brockville with flour is going to the Burgh for cards. Mr. Saunders sowed Black See wheat. (Ball)

8 - conference at Lynd. commenced to day.

9 - received a letter from Jas. Mallory.

12 - (Sunday) fine weather. Edward Webster buries his child in Lansdowne. John Reddick starts for Montreall to purchase goods.

13 – cold weather with some rain

14 – Killed the pig weight 200.

15 – Cool for the season.

16 – remains cool. Planted the corn and potatoes, sowed early york cabbage seed.

17 – Wm. Wing's child Died this morning at 8 o'clock, Samuel Andree came to see us. Planted corn on the cabbage pit & planted cucumber seed and lettis.

18 – Counsell sits to day.

19 – Me and Lucy went to Mallorytown and heard James Avery preach from these words what would it profit a man if he should gain the hole world and lose his soul or what would he give in exchange for his soul also a sermon from Mr. Rumbou at Mallorytown text last verse in the New Testament. (Fine weather)

20 – Go to Gananoque to get Mill picks tempered came back to George May's at night. Stay all night.

21 – Go from George May's to Brockville traded some. Tuck our dinner at Hannah McNish's. Started from there at 5 o'clock got home at ten o'clock. Fine weather.

22 – Plum trees and current bushes in full blow. fine dry weather. T. Burns wife Died to day.

23 – Fine and fair. Our children have the whooping cough.

24 – Queen's Birthday. Vanransler Bates, James & William Saunders went to Brockville to see the fire compagne display. Looks like rain a few drops. Ground dried up.

26 – (Sunday) fine weather.

June 1 – Alexander Niblock's child berred to day.

3 – A fine shower of rain last night & part of to day. Set out 100 cabbage plants.

4 – Me and Lucy went to the Funerel down to R. Staffords. Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Tuke text Philipins 1 Chap. 31 verse. Fine wether.

5 – Miner Washburn's child Died to Day at 2 o'clock P.M. Fine wether. A good grind.

8 – Convension in Farmersville. Albert Richards on the Reform ticket. Dry wether.

9 – (Sunday) Me, Lucy and the Children went to Mrs. Lake's funerl to the Babtist Church. Elder Nickles preached. Very warm.

10 – Me and the three boys went to Brockville and bought a new harness. First time they see Brockville.

11 – A good grind. Very warm and dry.

20 – Fine wether.

23 – Charles Wilcox went to Mallorytown.

25 – a fine rain.

26 – Fly to the horse (Curtis's) 4\$ to insure.

27 – Fine wether Warm.

18 – Harvey, Father, Charlet & the children came out here. Fine wether. Showers.

19 – fine wether.

30 – (Sunday) Preaching at the School House By Mr. Tuke. (Fair)

July 1 – Harvey goes home to day (Fair)

2 – A heavy rain rains a part of last night and all day to day .

3 – Robert Tye's child Died to day.

3 – Tye's child Berred to day at sermon preached by Mr. Tuke Text Romans sixth Chap. & the last verse, the wages of sin is Death but the Gift of God is Eternal life through Jesus Christ or Lord. The Commit is seen at the Grate Dipper.

5 – fine wether.

6 – very warm.

7 – (Sunday) fine wether had a bool of ripe curence for the first this year.

8 – very warm to day very heavy rain this evening at 7 oclock.

9 – fair wether this forenoon & this afternoon 2 heavy showers. First day of the Election in the riding.

10 – Second day of the Election. Albert Richards of Brockville & Mr. Tett of Newborow are the men that is running to be elected. Stephen Andress & Elizabeth his wife came hear to day.

11 – rains most of the day.

12 – Grand Oringe Prosession at Delta. Fine cool wether.

13 – fine pleasant wether. Put the mare to Mr. Curtis's horse 4\$ to insure. Mr. Tett Declared duly Elected with a majority of 18 (at Farmersville)

14 – (Sunday) fine pleasant day.

15 – Showery weather some farmers commenced haying.

16 – a heavy shower. Mrs Gordon of a Daughter at 10 oclock at night.

17 – Fair wether.

18 – fine pleasant day. Lucy & the three boys with little Lucy went to the Sabbath School Seleration at Seallies Bay. A heavy rain at night.

19 – fine wether.

30 – a fine shower.

31 – (Sunday) Me, Lucy & the children went to the quarterly meeting up to the Babtist Church. A sermon preached by Rev. John Andress (Elder) Text – St. John 12th Chap. & part of the 26 verse if any man serve me him will my Father honour.

22 – 23 – Mr. Stephens mowing my garden meddow.

23 – Lucy and the boys goes to pick berries (Huckel Berries).

24 – Got the hay in the barn. A shower at night.

25 – fine hay wether.

26 – good wether for hay.

27 – rainy day

28 (Sunday) a fine day to the School House to hear sermon preached by Mr. Tuke. text Jeremiah the 6 chap. & 16 verse thus says the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therin and ye shall find rest for your souls.

29 – The grate show in Beverley. Me, Lucy and the hole family went to it.

30 – a fine day.

31 – Heavy rain. a good grind.

Aug. 1 – fine and warm.

2- fair wether to day a thunder storm at night.

3 fine wether to day rain at night.

4 (Sunday) very warm, a shower at night. Mary Simmons of Long Point Died between eleven and twelve at night.

5 - very warm fine hay wether a rain at night.

6 - fine hay wether.

7 - Good wether for haymaking putting up hay for Mr. Saunders. Got 2 pigs from Mr. Saunders, Jule, Wesley, Charles Wilcox went to Mallorytown got the shingle Mill Wheel Flume dun.

8 - Got one tun of hay from Me. Saunders at 8 dollars pur tun a good hay day - in the hay field all day.

9 - New fall wheat in to grind to day the first this year. I was in the hay field part of the day piching and spreading.

10 - (Sattirday) A good grind. A shower of rain this afternoon.

11 - (Sunday) fine & pleasant. George Hallada preached to th School House,

12 - fine hay wether.

13 - do do

14 - do do Mr Booth from Charleston came to Mill with 22 Bushel. We sent calf skin down with him to be taned. Mr. Saunders goes to Kingston.

17 - A Balief Sale to Mr Curtis's Mr. Sidney Haskins 2 horse one for 9.25 cents & the other for 4.25. fine hay wether.

18 (Sunday) Me and the hole family went down to Wm. Perry's this afternoon. Charkes Wilcox and wife went to Mallorytown

19 - good hay wether.

20 - continues dry. No rain since the 10.

21 - Alexander Niblock departed this life this morning about 2 of the clock (A. M.) A few drops of rain this evening

22. A Niblock interred to day at the Babtist Church. A semm preached by Mr. Tuke. Text Job the 14th Chap. & at the 1 - 4 3 verses. Heavy rains last night.

25 - (Sunday) Me & Lucy went to Hutchisontown to George May's and tuck our dinner to Turner's and our supper to Father's and at 5 oclock started for home. Edward May has been here from England for about ten days. We hear of five Funerals to day - Wn. Pearce, Wm. Niblock, old Mrs Finley of Charleston & Hiram Reid's child a woman from Duncimain also.

26 - a fine day for harvesting.

27 - fine wether.

28 - a heavy shower at night.

29 - a shower of rain this afternoon.

30 - a fine sunny day -

31 - fine and pleasant.

Sept. 1 - (Sunday) Alvin Hallada's child Died to day about five oclock in the afternoon. A fine pleasant day. Me, wife and the three little girls went up to Mr. Ira Sweets this afternoon.

2 - fine pleasant day. Drawing in wheat. A heavy rain at night.

3 - fair wether.

4 - do do

5 - fine wether for cutting wheat. Mrs. Sweet Born a Daughter about 9 oclock at night.

8 - (Sunday) pleasant.

10 - Me & Lucy went to see Derbashur's farm he wishes to sell.

11 - Commenced to rain very early this morning rains all day.

12 - fine wether!

13 - do

14 - Mr. Saunders finished thrashing his wheat 300 bushels. Chas, Wilcox & his wife went to Mallorytown this afternoon. Commenced to rain at five oclock P. M.

15 - (Sunday) very pleasant.

18 - Campmeeting commences near Whitefish.

20 - Heavy rain in the night.

21 - Continues to rain.

22 (Sunday) We all went to the Campmeeting. A rain at night. Old Mr. Halkins and one of the Wiltse's drowned in Charleston Lake.

24 - fine wether to day, Campmeeting commenced out in Isaac Avery's sugar bush in June Town.

26 - fine wether to day commenced to rain at night. We saved our hay.

27 - the rain continues.

28 - Last night the heaviest rain we have had in a long time.

29 - Me and Lucy went out to campmeeting in Avery's sugar bush. Some rain to day. We went from there to Fathers.

30 - We go from Fathers to Brockville and so home. Very little frost yet.

Oct. 1 - From this date 6 very rainy Disagreeable wether

11 - a heavy rain to night

12 - continues to rain

13 (Sunday) fine to day. Heard the Jew preach up to the School House. Quarterly meeting at the Babtist Church.

20 - (Sunday) Rev. Mr . Roddick preached up to the old School House at 11 and Mr. Burns at Night.

21 - this morning a heavy frost the first this fall of any amount.

22 - wether very changeable.

23 - fine wether.

27 - (Sunday) fine pleasant wether to day.

Nov. 4 - I went up to see Mr. Merrels place and bargain for it.

6 - Went ot Mallorytown to see Ira Mallory on money matters.

7 - Went to Hutchisontown & Escott Mills to see old friends.

8 - Came from George Mays to see Orzias Hutchison then to Mallorytown so home through Brown's Woods in a sulky fetching in my arm some current bushes from Mother Mays such as White & Black also strawberries roots and rose bush.

9 - Aliza Sheldon quit working for us.

10 - Went ot Fathers roads very bad. Mother gave me some apple seeds to fetch home and sow.

12 - Nancyjane & (illegible) Wood expect to move over the river to day. Sowed apple seeds for a nurcery at the corner of the barn. Up to see Mr. Merrels again about his place.

13 - Found the cow and calf. She had been away since the 10 of the present month. We think she calved on the 11th.

14 - Made one barrel of crout to night. fine & Pleasant. Received a letter from Ira Mallory,

15 - Freezes hard. Made another barrel of crout to night.

16 - Snows some this morning roads froze hard. I go to Beverley with my cow hide & hogskin to be tanned on shares the cash for the cow hide. Went to Lucy McNish for a fether bed. 24 lb. fethers ls-Bd. per lb.

17 - Lyda Perry born a sone.

18 - fine and pleasant wether

20 - Robert Horton's house burnt.

21 - Roads Erode hard But very rough.

22 - No snow yet to signify.

23 - rains and snows the roads getting soft snow and mud mixing together.

24 - I went down to Perry's & tuck my dinner. George Halliday Preached to the point School House this morning. Snow this morning six inches deep (soft) Put on boots from Kingston.

25 - Lucyann McNish married to day. More snow. Slays coming to the Mill. William Perry came to the Mill and killed our hog while his grist was grinding.

from the 25 to the 30th Both slays and Waggons coming to the Mill.

30 - Mr Ripley got one barrel of sowercrout from us, is to give us four dollars and return the barrel.

Dec. 1 - (Sunday) Good slaying. Preaching up at the old School House by Mr. Thompson (Elgin)

From the first to the fifth good slaying.

6 - Commenced to thaw. The snow off the roads. We here that old Ant Betsy Trickey died to day the 6th of December 1861.

7 - Teams coming to the Mill with Waggins and Slays. Charles Wilcox bought his butter from James Roddick price 28 Dollars in one year.

8 - (Sunday) roads very muddy (Warm)

9 - Farmers plowing green sod first rata.

10 - continues warm.

11 - rain most of the night turns this morning and freeses,. the roads in a bad state.

12 - Frose this morning very hard the hubs soften a little in the middle of the day.

13 - Warm fine wether

14 - Pleasant

15 - (Sunday) Preaching to the old School House this evening by Mr. Burns of Elgin. Text Izaah 53 Chap. & 5 verse and by his stripes we are Healed. the roads very Hubby no sno4.

16 - fine wether. Killed our calf Weight 95 lb.

17 - Pleasant. a protracted meeting old School House.

18 - warm fine wether the roads dusty in places. Deen Chase & R. M. Sttruthers fought this evening in Struthers one honor.

19 - fine wether commenced to rain this evening.

20 - This morning freeses very hard and freeses all day. Counsel sits for the las time this year. The roads in a rough state. Preaching up to the old School House this evening.

21 - no snow yet but freeses very hard.

22 - (Sunday) Lyda Perry up hare ba day. Her babie five weeks old. Preaching at the old School House at 11 & 6 oclock by the Rev. Mr. Tuke.

23 - This morning it snows and Blows the snow is about 5 inches deep. Snows some all day we Here that Mr. D. B.O. Ford Died to day in Brockville.

24 - Word came to night that Prince Albert is dead. Wind blows very hard.

25 - C.H. Wilcox & His wife went to Mallorytown. Very cold. I am cracking Mill stone for my Merry Crismas with a lame back.

26 - this morning very cold & this afternoon commence to cain. Raining very heavy at ten oclock at night when I came in from Mill.

27 - this morning it freezes very hard some snow falling. Slays run very well the hubs being ised over.

28 - Very cold this morning very little snow Mr. Ripley commenced to shoe our mare c 4 dollars per year.

29 - (Sunday) Me & Lucy went down to Amelia Johnsong to see Mrs. McNish. She is very low. The first time we used our cutter this winter. The sermon preached by Mr. Thomas Of Elgin to the old School House Text St. John 19th chap & 30 verse .

31 - this morning some snow very mild. Watch Meeting up to the old School House to night. Came in from the mill five minutes after eleven. 55 minutes of 1862 H.M.A.

1862

Jan. 1 - this morning it thaws & rains commences to freese before night very windy. the roads issy in places and bare spots.

2 - very cold this morning. Mr. Saunders goes to Kingston with pork & flour with 2 waggins. Training at Farmersville. I am very bad with a lame back.

3 - a very cold night, very cold winds, roads very hard.

4 - continues cold. Waggins and slays coming to Mill. Ant Lucy McNish Died to night.

5 - (Sunday) cold weather. Meeting to the old School House by Mr. Tuke. Text first corinthians 7 chap and first clws of the 29 verse But I say Brethern the time is short.

6 - Town Meeting to day. Samuel Andress & his son came up here to day.

7 - very cold.

8 - continues cold. Schoolmeeting to day. Snows and blows at night.

9 - Warm roads getting wet, fine for Waggons.

1860

Aliza Sheldon's lost time.

April 29 - one day to Bastard	1
1 half day home to make jacket for self	1/2
1/2 to Geo Johnsons	1
July 12 to the walk	1
twelve days sick	12
1861	
one weak in May	6
July 12 to 13	2
July 31 one day sick	1
Aug 1 - 1/2 day home to bee	1/2
2 & 3 lost time to home	2
14 - down home sewing for self	1

January 1858

{date}	{detail}	£	s	d
19	Bought from Abram Wing one cow	5	0	0
20	From J. Roddick			
	1pale		1	3
	18 lb. sugar		1	0
	1 lb. salts			6
	1 lb. sugar			18
	½ lb bulls eyes	{illegible}		
23	8 yards print		6	8
23	Razor strop		1	
	invelops			6
	paper			5
	ink			3
	Pen holders			3
	2 ¾ lb lard		1	4 1/2
30	21 ¾ lbs lard		10	10 1/2
Feb 8	1 lb. bluin			1
	One bottle coal oil			9
	One oz. sinnamin			3
	Paid to A Wing	0	5	0
13th	18 lb. sugar		10	
16th	2 – fine thread			7
18th	½ lb bullseyes			7 1/2
19th	1 doz. H & eyes			3
24th	5 lbs tea at 3/		15	
	2 lbs corn at 2/6		5	
March 1 1858				
	Cordial			7 1/2
	Brush & soap		1	2
April	From John Roddick Co.			
21	To 1 umbrella		3	9
22	To 1 pocket comb			7 1/2
23	To 51 ¾ lbs sugar at 6	1	5	7 1/2
	To 10 lbs butter at 8		6	0

	To 1 gingham handkerchief		1	3
24th	To 12 yds. Cloth for boys		15	
	To 3 doz buttons at 2			6
	To thread (black)			2
	To 2 books			7 1/2
May 7th	To 1 lb. tea		2	6
May 8	To Paid to C. Pool		7	6
" 10	To 1 bag ground salt		1	3
	Garden seeds (tomatoes)			4

SOME OBSERVATIONS AFTER READING THIS DIARY

This diary sheds interesting light on the social customs and language of Leeds County in the period 1860 - 61.

Some of the language appears strange to us today, for example the use of the preposition "to" where we would use "at" - "Preaching to the School House".

"Got the mitten", (Sept. 23) - Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable describes this expression as meaning "to jilt" or "to send on one's way". I suspect he was trying to borrow some money with the object of buying a farm.

"tuk dinner to" is used for "had dinner with".

The word "hubs" seems to be an expression for what we would call ruts in the road. Travel was slow but they seemed to do a considerable bit of it. It is interesting to see that it took five hours from Mallorytown to Lyndhurst, also five hours from Brockville.

The murder mentioned in the entry of Sept. 25, and referred to as a drowning on Sept. 26 & 27, would be the murder of Morgan Doxtader by his cousin Edgar Harter. Both men lived in Evans Mills, N.Y. and were in love with the same girl. Harter shot Doxtader while in a boat on Charleston Lake, and wiring the body to some rocks dumped it into the lake. The body later washed up on a shoal near the Outlet (now called Judgement Cove) and was discovered on Sept. 24. Harter was later arrested, convicted of the murder and hanged in Brockville on Dec. 20. The diary mentions that some young people from Lyndhurst went to Brockville to witness this hanging. These incidents are described by Edna B. Chant in her Book "Beautiful

Charleston". The hanging is also mentioned by Ruth McKenzie in "Leeds and Grenville", where she also states that Mother Barnes (The Witch of Plum Hollow) directed the searchers to the place where the body was found. It is amazing that there would be 600 people in Charleston to view the body of the murdered man. It is also remarkable how fast news travelled in those days with no telephones or radios.

The drownings mentioned in the entry for Sept. 22, 1861, are also recorded in "Beautiful Charleston" (page 150). "On Sept. 22 1861, Abel Wiltse and Norman W. Hawkins, both mill workers were drowned between Wolf Island and Flat Island when their boat capsized. Hawkins' two sons Edgar and Henry were able to swim to Wolf Island where they were rescued. Both bodies were recovered". Note that Mr. Andress mentions this happening on the same date as it happened.

It is strange that he varies the spelling of the same word, ex. :- "wether" then "weather" then back to "wether" again, sometimes on the same page. I have tried to copy all of Mr. Andress' spellings exactly as he wrote them.

The domestic help seems to have changed often, probably because of the very strict account kept of time off, See :- Aliza Sheldon, Lost time – page 18.

For more information on Henry M. Andress, check out the "Meet the Diarists" section under "Discover" on our website: ruraldiaries.uoguelph.ca