

## The 1908 Farm and Family Diary of Alfred L. Arner

Wednesday, January 1

Finished fixing the flues in the furnace this a.m.  
Took some photos for S. Agla's this p.m. - did the chores.  
Weather - clear and warm, west wind - 32 degrees this p.m.

Thursday, January 2

George Quick bricked in the furnace today and I assisted him.  
His charges were \$1.75 - not paid.  
W: - clear and warm, 22 degrees this a.m.

Friday, January 3

Dressed 10 chickens this a.m. took same to Malott Bros. this p.m.  
also hauled a load of gravel from the lake.  
W: - warm and clear, south wind. 22 degrees this a.m. and 32 degrees p.m.  
Dipper - 5 cents

Saturday, January 4

Took Sally sow down to Edge Scratch's hog, done chores.  
W: - rainy in a.m. - clear and colder tonight. South and northwest wind; 25degrees tonight.

Sunday, January 5

All home, Fred went to S.S. this a.m.  
Edna Wagle, Mable Arner, Ada Arner, Gladys James and Herbert Arner were here for tea tonight.  
David Ritchie called in the evening.  
W: - clear and fairly warm, northwest wind - 18 degrees this a.m.

Monday, January 6

I went to Harrow with a load of chop, also voted at the municipal election.  
Fred choared and husked a little corn.  
Received \$9.00 from father today to settle with John Harris, for attending threshings.  
W: - clear and warm, southwest wind.

Tuesday, January 7

Done the chores. Fred was in bed sick with pleurisy. I house fast with grippe.  
W: - warm and clear, west wind

Wednesday, January 8

I went to Kingsville today - Fred is better and able to help with chores  
I am feeling some better. Had dinner with C. S. Miller.  
W: - cloudy little snow, north wind, colder

Thursday, January 9

Hauled a load of stove wood, a load of furnace wood and a load of fodder.  
W: - clear and cold, 16 degrees this a.m. north wind.

Friday, January 10

I husked corn this p.m. Fred did chores.  
W: - partly cloudy

Saturday, January 11

I husked corn all day, Fred helped in p.m. we brought a box full in tonight.

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W: - cloudy, east wind, threatening rain.

Sunday, January 12

Were all home today.

W: - rain early in a.m. snow in p.m. northeast wind.

Monday, January 13

Choared today, sent 14 muskrat hides to the city by David Ritchie.

George Morris and wife and Charlotte Adams came off the train tonight.

W: - cloudy and cool, north wind, 2 inches of snow everything hanging with it.

Tuesday, January 14

Did the chores and dehorned 10 head of cattle, George Morris helped.

W: - cloudy and fairly cool 24 degrees this a.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Hauled 2 loads of furnace wood this a.m.

George Morris and I went hunting rabbits in p.m. did not get any holed 3 skunk up.

W: - cloudy part of the day, southwest wind.

Thursday, January 16

George and I went hunting rabbits in a.m. got 8 rabbits, 1 mink and 3 skunks.

Went to Kingsville this p.m.

W: - clear and cold, northwest wind.

Friday, January 17

George, Everett Arner and I went hunting rabbits today, got 5.

W: - cloudy and threatening to snow, southwest wind.

Saturday, January 18

Took 18 bags of chop to Harrow.

George Morris' wife and babe and Charlotte Adams left for Fletcher this a.m.

Took big white sow down to Edge Scratch's this p.m.

W: - clear, thawed a little - southwest wind.

Sunday, January 19

Fred went to church at the lake.

Minnie and I went to Kingsville for a drive in afternoon.

W: - clear and warm, melting the snow very fast, south wind.

Monday, January 20

I husked a little corn this a.m. - Fred helped with the washing.

I went to Mr. Eede's hog killing this p.m. also hauled a load of fodder from the field.

W: - partly cloudy - warm and thawing, south wind.

Tuesday, January 21

Fred and I hauled a load of fodder unhusked this a.m. -

Percy Eede and Albert Fox helped us haul fodder this p.m. finishing all that was husked.

W: - warm and partly cloudy, southwest wind.

Wednesday, January 22

Herbert came down this a.m. we put on a load of oats straw and Fred took it to Harrow.

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Herbert and I sawed a little furnace wood out west of the barn. I husked a little corn in the p.m.  
W: - clear and fairly warm - southwest wind.

Thursday, January 23

H. and I pulled a few corn shocks down this p.m. and tied them in bundles.  
Finished sawing a little pile of wood west of the barn.  
Jew pedler stopped all night bot (bought) 3 skunk hides etc.  
W: - snowy and blustery today, northwest wind.

Friday, January 24

Hauled a load of furnace wood also covered the potato and root pits with manure.  
Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m.  
W: - cold and (clear part of the day) cloudy tonight  
high southwest wind, 8 degrees this a.m.

Saturday, January 25

Fred and I hauled a small load of corn and fodder from the field and put it in the barn -  
husked in the barn this p.m.  
W: - clear and fairly warm - southwest wind, 32 degrees tonight.

Sunday, January 26

Fred and I went to church heard Mr. Owen preach.  
W: - snowing in a.m. partly cloudy in p.m. 32 degrees in a.m. and 35 degrees in p.m.

Monday, January 27

Fred and I husked corn in the barn this a.m.  
- hauled a load of wood and cut two ash poles for a log boat.  
W: - clear and cold, northwest wind, 16 degrees in a.m.

Tuesday, January 28

David Ritchie and I sawed wood on a big elm tree on lot 36 -  
Father came down this p.m. and took a load of stove wood home.  
W: - cloudy snow flurries, southwest and west wind.

Wednesday, January 29

Killed 19 hogs in a.m. David and I split wood in wood house in p.m.  
Mrs. E. Beeman helped all day.  
W: - clear - northwest wind. 8 degrees above zero this a.m.

Thursday, January 30

I took the 19 hogs to Harrow this a.m.  
Gord Quick got some for \$193.51 at \$6.75 per cwt. C.T.A received the cash for same.  
I paid George Quick \$1.75 being amount due him for fixing the furnace.  
David went to Kingsville to shooting M in p.m.  
W: - clear and cold - 0 degrees this a.m.

Friday, January 31

David and I cleaned 3 loads of wheat and Fred hauled 2 to Harrow.  
3257 and 3385 pounds respectfully.  
W: - cloudy and disagreeable, high east wind - snowing tonight.

Saturday, February 1

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David and I cleaned 1 load of wheat this a.m. Fred took 1 load to Harrow and David and I took the other. 3478 pounds respectfully.

W: - stormy snow 5 inches deep, high west wind.

Sunday, February 2

David, Fred and I went to church at the lake.

W: - stormy and cold, high west wind, temperature, 10 degrees above zero.

Monday, February 3

David took 3376 pounds of wheat to Harrow this a.m.

Fred helped with the washing, I went to Albert Eede's sawing bee -

David and Fred went to a tea meeting at the lake church this p.m. -

Gord Woodawiss' wife died yesterday and was buried this p.m.

W: - stormy in a.m. clear and cold this p.m. 16 degrees above tonight.

Tuesday, February 4

David and I finished cleaning the wheat and Fred took some to Harrow, also took 18 bags of chop. (Got some raw linseed oil, putty and half-soles).

David and I threshed the beans.

W: - 0 degrees this a.m. disagreeable east wind.

Wednesday, February 5

David and Fred choared today. I stopped in the house with a sore arm.

W: - stormy and very disagreeable, east wind and south, snow and rain.

Thursday, February 6

David and I took a look around the bush to find stuff for wood in a.m.

- went to Kingsville in p.m.

W: - cold and stormy, west wind.

Friday, February 7

David and Fred hauled a load of furnace wood in p.m.

and put a load of logs on the sleigh to take to Harrow -

I am confined to the house with vaccination.

W: - clear and cold - west wind, 10 degrees above this a.m.

Saturday, February 8

David took a load of logs to Harrow this a.m. for wood.

He and Fred fixed the straw stack this p.m. - I am still in the house with a sore arm.

W: - clear and still northeast wind - 3 degrees below in a.m.

Sunday, February 9

Were all home Sunday. Fred went to church. Minnie and I went for a short drive in p.m.

W: - clear and fine, 2 degrees below in a.m., east wind.

Monday, February 10

David and Fred hauled all the furnace wood from down by the south creek in p.m.

I went to Harrow in p.m.

W: - clear and warm, 11 degrees above in the a.m.. southeast wind.

Tuesday, February 11

David, Fred and I went to the bush and skidded out a few small logs for wood in a.m. -

Father came down and he and David went out to the Dan Place and brought G.P's scales out and took them to Harrow, Fred went along to bring back the team.

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W: - clear and warm, southeast wind, 20degrees above

Wednesday, February 12

I have nothing done but chores -

David is half-sick with a cold, went and saw Dr. McKenzie this p.m.

I went to town also and brought an express parcel home from Eaton's -my arm is some better today.

W: - warm and cloudy, showery southeast wind, thawing all day.

Thursday, February 13

Choared today, David was in the house most of the day nursing his cold -

Slimmey cow died some time this p.m. cause unknown,

hauled her off to the chestnut grove in the field and skinned her.

W: - very warm, snow nearly all gone, south wind.

Friday, February 14

Choared today and got the Sorel colts in the stable and trimmed them up some - shot 2 muskrats this a.m.

W: - warm and rainy, raining very heavy tonight, north wind.

Saturday, February 15

David and I killed 20 muskrats today.

W: - Snowing nearly all day, northwest wind rain all last night, creek very high.

Sunday, February 16

Were all home, Minnie and I went for a little drive in afternoon.

W: - partly cloudy, snow flurries.

Monday, February 17

David and I sawed and split stove wood in north bush today - Fred helped Minnie wash.

W: - cloudy, snow flurries, west wind, 18 degrees this a.m.

Tuesday, February 18

David and I split wood in north bush and finished making the stone boat.

Fred hauled 2 loads of stove wood up to the orchard and piled it.

W: - partly cloudy, snowing tonight.

Wednesday, February 19

Choared today, caught some mice in wood house, stretched 22 muskrat hides, and husked a little corn in the barn.

W: - snowing all-day, east and north wind, getting colder tonight. Snow about 14 inches deep tonight.

Thursday, February 20

David and I finished the big elm tree today, splitting all the stove wood ready for stove.

Fred hauled 2 loads to the orchard and piled it.

David and I also put a load of logs on the sleigh to go to Harrow in the a.m.

W: - clear and fairly cold. 14 degrees this a.m. west and southwest wind.

Friday, February 21

David and I cut dead trees and stubs for going to Harrow. Fred hauled 2 loads of the same.

Minnie, David and I went to Kingsville this p.m. heard Mr. Garney of Manitoulin speak at the conservative meeting. Sold the tobacco to George Jasperson at 7 and 3 cents per pound.

W: - partly cloudy, fairly warm, west wind.

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Saturday, February 22

Fred hauled a load of wood to Harrow this a.m. -

David and I cut a load to be ready for next day. We also took a load to Harrow in p.m. and bought some hardware of E. Townsend & Co. Minnie and David and I went to Kingsville this p.m.

W: - Partly cloudy, snowing this p.m. 8 degrees above zero in a.m. 22 degrees in p.m.

Sunday, February 23

Fred went to S.S - David went to John Arner's in p.m. -

Minnie and I were home today. Queeney cow had a heifer calf this a.m.

W: - clear and cold, southwest wind

Monday, February 24

David and I cut a load for stove wood and hauled it to the orchard.

Also put a load on to send to Harrow, Fred took the load to Harrow in p.m.

and David and I sawed, split and piled wood in the orchard.

W: - clear most of the day. South wind, 0 degrees this a.m.

Tuesday, February 25

Killed 3 hogs for our own use this a.m. Mother and Herbert were down.

David and I bulked the Zimmer Spanish tobacco this p.m.

W: - rain nearly all day, south wind.

Wednesday, February 26

I cut one pig up today and sliced it for Minnie to fry.

David went to Harrow with dad this a.m. to take his pork up also 6 bags of chop.

W: - partly cloudy, colder, west wind

Thursday, February 27

David and I hitched one of the Sorel colts up this p.m. and went out as far as William Wright's.

W: - partly cloudy, snow flurries, west wind

Friday, February 28

David and I hitched the other Sorel colt this a.m. and put the two together this p.m. also gave the two yearlings a little drive.

W: - clear cool and still - 14 degrees above this a.m.

Saturday, February 29

David and I hauled 3 loads of logs for wood this p.m. to the orchard. I went to Harrow this evening.

W: - clear and pleasant

Sunday, March 1

We were all home today. Minnie, David and I went to E. Beeman's a little while this evening.

W: - heavy sleet this a.m. - raining periodically all day

Monday, March 2

David and I cut and loaded a load of poles in a.m. to send to Harrow for wood.

Fred took the load up this p.m. David and I bulked the tobacco in the tobacco house.

W: - cloudy, moderate west wind

Tuesday, March 3

David and I put on a load of logs this a.m. and Fred hauled same to Harrow - we cut enough for another load and loaded it this p.m. -

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started stripping tobacco this p.m. Herbert helped.

W: - clear and warm, snow melted first today, west wind.

Wednesday, March 4

David, Herbert and I stripped tobacco; Fred took a load of logs to Harrow for wood.

W: - clear and warm thawing considerable, east wind

Thursday, March 5

David, Herbert and I finished stripping tobacco today. Fred helped Chas. Staddon bale hay.

W: - partly cloudy, east wind sleeting this p.m.

Friday, March 6

David and I finished baling the tobacco, and delivered same this p.m. to G. Jaspersen, Kingsville.

Fred helped C. Staddon bale hay.

Heavy freshet running over both grades at C. creek about two feet deep.

W: - very warm, the snow is practically all gone.

Saturday, March 7

David, Fred and I went hunting muskrats this a.m. - Fred and I got 1 each -

choared part of the day and bedded the barnyard. I went to creek in p.m. and shot 6 rats.

W: - warm and still water still high in creek

Sunday, March 8

David went to Orlie Iler's today the rest were home all day.

W: - partly cloudy warm, water going down some in the creek.

Monday, March 9

David and I bedded a large chestnut tree in the south bush and sawed it down in a.m. - worked on same in p.m. cutting into furnace wood. Fred helped pile it.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind, 20 degrees in a.m.

Tuesday, March 10

David and I sawed furnace wood on the big chestnut and finished it in p.m.

Fred piled it. Started to saw another big chestnut down.

Canon Mathew was buried this a.m.

W: - clear and warm, south wind, 20 degrees this a.m. and 40 degrees this p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

David and I sawed down a big chestnut in south bush and started to trim it in a.m.

Brought a little corn and fodder from the field, it was frozen down too much to get.

W: - clear and very warm.

Thursday, March 12

David, John Arner, Everett and I worked on the big chestnut nearly finished sawing it.

Fred helped Minnie.

W: - clear and warm

Friday, March 13

Everett Arner, David and I finished the big chestnut, piling etc. this p.m.

W: - clear and warm

Saturday, March 14

David and I sawed a little furnace wood in the south bush in a.m.

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Minnie and I went to Harrow in p.m. I paid my insurance dues.

W: - cloudy and warm, southwest wind

Sunday, March 15

David went to John Arner's for tea also went to church; the rest were home all day.

W: - cloudy, north winds

Monday, March 16

I helped Minnie wash this a.m. Fred also helped. David repiled some wood in the orchard.

David and I sawed wood in the orchard in p.m.

W: - partly cloudy, east wind

Tuesday, March 17

David and I sawed some wood in the orchard today, only sawing part of the time.

Fred split and piled.

W: - partly cloudy fairly warm, southeast and north wind.

Wednesday, March 18

I washed the windows in the parlor in a.m. David went over to R. Eede's.

David and I went to Ernest Grant's sale in p.m.

David stopped over tonight with Harry Lumsden at the sugar shanty.

W: - cloudy and disagreeable, northeast wind.

Thursday, March 19

I went to Albert Eede's sale this p.m. David came out from the sugar shanty.

W: - cool and disagreeable, west wind

Friday, March 20

David, Fred and I went to the cornfield, pulled down and tied a load of corn also brought it in.

David and I drove one of the colts to Kingsville this p.m.

Got the clover seed from Leonard Wigle's and paid him for the same, also timothy seed from R.

Eede not paid for.

W: - clear and warm, frosty in a.m.

Saturday, March 21

David and I sawed in the orchard in a.m. and skidded some logs together in the bush in p.m.

Fred helped Minnie in the house.

W: - clear and very warm.

Sunday, March 22

David and I went to church in Kingsville this a.m. Fred went to the lake church.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm, south wind.

Monday, March 23

David and I choared about this a.m.

Fred helped Minnie in the house all day cleaning the kitchen.

David and I sawed wood in the orchard in p.m. also split some.

W: - cloudy most of the day, slight shower in a.m. and raining tonight, warm south wind.

Tuesday, March 24

David went to Amherstburg today to see L. T. Bray about going west.

Fred and I helped Minnie clean house. Little white sow had eight pigs tonight.

W: - clear in a.m. partly cloudy in p.m. southwest and north wind



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David and I sawed some wood on the Dan place part of the day, done chores the rest of the day.

Fred helped Minnie wash some curtains this a.m. and took 10 bags of chop to Harrow this p.m.

W: - cloudy in a.m. clear in p.m., east shifting to southeast wind, 20 degrees this a.m.

Thursday, March 26

I ran water furrows in the cornfield in a.m. David spliced 3 roped shanks on halters.

David and I split wood in p.m. and Fred hauled a load from the bush.

David and I fenced the straw stack. Took young Shortie cow to J. Moore's bull this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy warm, southeast wind

Friday, March 27

Choared about this a.m. plugged some tobacco and made a few cigars.

Hauled a small load of wood from the bush.

David went to Kingsville in p.m. and I helped Minnie hang curtains.

W: - rainy most of the day, changeable winds

Saturday, March 28

David went to Kingsville in a.m. to finish getting teeth filled.

I choared about put a new dresser together which came from Eaton's.

David and I split wood in p.m. and Fred helped in the house.

W: - clear and warm south wind heavy rain last night.

Sunday, March 29

David and I went to Harrow this p.m. Fred went to SS in a.m.

W: - clear warm

Monday, March 30

David and I went to Windsor and Detroit today; going by electric car from Essex.

Went to Aunt Mira's for dinner.

Snip horse took sick this a.m. and died at 11 o'clock this p.m.

W: - clear and fairly warm, frosty in a.m. north wind and south wind.

Tuesday, March 31

David and I hauled the horse carcass over to the bush this a.m. and went to Harrow for dinner -

Went to division court this p.m. and heard the case of Clark and Co. versus R. Martin and Sons of Chatham.

W: - cloudy and cool, south wind and north wind in p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

Choared about and helped David pack his belongings to move out to John Arner's, also drove him out. Helped Lewis Iler to open old Snip and do some dissecting.

W: - cloudy and rainy east wind.

Thursday, April 2

Did the chores and helped Minnie wash clothes, husked a little corn in the barn.

W: - partly cloudy, snow flurries, west wind, freezing slightly

Friday, April 3

Sowed some clover seed this a.m. Husked some corn in the barn this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy a few snow flurries. West winds, frosty in a.m.

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Saturday, April 4

I sowed clover seed this a.m. taking five lands of finishing the field.

Fred went to Chas. Staddon's sawing bee until 10 o'clock and I helped finish it, being 2 p.m.

W: - clear and warm, light east wind.

Sunday, April 5

Fred went to church; Minnie and I were home all day.

W: - raining most of the day, east shifting to southwest wind.

Monday, April 6

I husked corn in the cornfield. Fred went to W. Agla's sawing bee.

W: - rain last night, foggy this a.m., clear rest of the day. South and southwest wind

Tuesday, April 7

I finished sowing clover seed this a.m. husked corn the rest of the day.

Fred went to R. Eede's sawing bee.

W: - partly cloudy, northeast wind

Wednesday, April 8

I went to Kingsville this a.m. and choared about in p.m., Fred choared and piled wood.

W: - very wet rained practically all-night, south and west wind.

Thursday, April 9

Fred and I husked corn in the barn; I also took 4 pieces of meat to O. J. Arner's to be smoked and saw David leave for Edmonton this a.m. Fred hauled corn and I husked in the field this p.m.

R. Eede got 12 pounds of clover seed this a.m. at \$11.00 per bushel..

W: - clear and warm, light south wind

Friday, April 10

I husked corn in the field; Fred hauled 2 small loads and also husked some.

We finished husking this p.m.

W: - rainy in a.m. cloudy in p.m. southwest wind

Saturday, April 11

Set a hen in the cow stable. Fred and I hauled the fodder from the cornfield in a.m.

I pulled dead peach trees out of the garden in p.m. Fred helped in the house.

W: - clear and warm, high west wind

Sunday, April 12

Fred and I went to Kingsville church this a.m. Minnie and I went for a drive in p.m.

Herbert was down for tea.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind

Monday, April 13

Fred and I helped Minnie wash in a.m.

I hauled manure on garden in p.m. and went to Harrow in p.m.

W: - clear and fairly warm; north wind.

Tuesday, April 14

Hauled manure on the garden today. Took Queeny cow to J. Moore's bull this p.m.

W: - warm, partly cloudy, southeast wind

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Set a hen in the stack. I went to Kingsville this a.m. and drove the colts to Harrow this p.m.

W: - rain in a.m. high north wind in p.m. and colder

Thursday, April 16

I trimmed grape vines today, Fred and Minnie raked the yard.

W: - clear and cool, northeast wind

Friday, April 17

I plowed in the garden. Fred hauled some manure on the garden;

Mother came down this afternoon and went home this p.m. Minnie's mother came up this p.m.

Took young spot to J. Moore's this p.m.

W: - clear and fairly warm, east wind

Saturday, April 18

Choared about today.

W: - raining nearly all day.

Sunday, April 19

Fred went to church at the lake; the rest of us were home all day.

Monday, April 20

Set a hen in the ash house.

Father came down this a.m. and took the team and 10 bags of oats home in p.m.

I skinned a calf that died from the effects of getting in the mire in a.m.

also plowed some in the garden, worked on tobacco bed in p.m.

Paid R. Eede \$1.50 part payment on timothy seed. I went to Kingsville in p.m.

W: - clear and warm, south wind

Tuesday, April 21

Fred worked on tobacco bed in a.m. and I put louse killer on some of the cattle we filled the earth in tobacco bed in 10 minutes.

At 11:45 p.m. Minnie had an 8 3/4-pound boy, Dr. Lee, Miss Wright and Mrs. George Adams attending.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind.

Wednesday, April 22

I did some driving about this a.m. to the lake and to Arner's. I plowed down by the grove this p.m.

Fred choared about.

W: - Very warm, partly cloudy, south wind.

Thursday, April 23

Sowed tobacco seed this a.m. Set 2 hens: 1 in the hog house and 1 by the kitchen.

Started plowing this a.m. with two-furrow plow. Run against a big root and broke the front gang off. Went to Harrow and ordered repairs, also ordered a Frost and Wood gang-plow from Allen Ferriss, he brought same down this p.m.

Fred and I set a row of raspberries across the patch north of the garden.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind.

Friday, April 24

I plowed with a two-furrow plow down by the old house.

Fred choared and picked sticks off the meadow. Bred the two young sows to Sam Joe today.

W: - warm and clear, south wind.

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Saturday, April 25

Finished plowing down by the old house and planted early potatoes in the garden.

Got a bushel of early seed potatoes from J. Arner.

W: - partly cloudy; shower at noon, southwest wind.

Sunday, April 26

I drove Herbert to Harrow this a.m. Fred went to S.S. the rest were home all day.

W: - cloudy and cool, southwest and east wind.

Monday, April 27

Fred helped with the washing this a.m. I helped George Higgins get a pole out for a flagpole.

Set a cherry tree and trimmed some berry bushes in a.m. Returned 8 bags of oats to Eal Beeman which were borrowed 2 years ago. Harry Kiff had me try a 2 furrow Verity this a.m.

Fred also plowed with the 2-furrow F & W plow on the corn stubble.

W: - heavy rain last night, cloudy and windy today, southwest wind.

Tuesday, April 28

Fred and I plowed on the cornfield with 2 furrow plows today.

Baby weighs 9 pounds and 5 ounces.

W: - Showering and very cool, southwest wind.

Wednesday, April 29

Fred plowed in the cornfield today; I helped cut some meat and plowed a little in a.m.

Helped father load 4 hogs in p.m. which he sold at \$6.00 per cwt.

Cut meat and choared the rest of p.m.

W: - cool and cloudy, southwest wind

Thursday, April 30

Fred and I finished plowing for oats today.

W: - cold and cloudy, north wind

Friday, May 1

I sowed oats down by the grove and Fred harrowed them in. We also ran and cleaned the furrows.

Took a photo of S.S. no.18 this p.m.

J. Creighton fixed the doors and drawers in the china cabinet this p.m.

W: - cool and cloudy, west wind

Saturday, May 2

Lewis Iler and I finished sowing oats today. Fred harrowed all day.

Lewis and I also harrowed some.

W: - very cool, snow squalls and showers, west and northwest winds

Sunday, May 3

Father and mother were down today.

Edge and Libbie Scratch and Roy and Mabel Allen were in this p.m.

Minnie was up today for the first. Minnie's mother and I went to church this a.m. and heard Mr.

Masters preach, for his first time in Kingsville.

W: - clear and fairly warm, southeast and east wind

Monday, May 4

Turned 8 cows, 7 young cattle and 5 calves out on grass today.

Finished harrowing the oats in this a.m. also run and cleaned the water furrows.

Father ran the land furrows and I cleaned the crosses.

Fred disked on the fall plowing this p.m. Father pruned the trees down by the creek this a.m.

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W: - warm and clear part of the day, raining this p.m. and east wind

Tuesday, May 5

Set a hen in tobacco house. Fred finished disking then fall plowing, I choared about, finished planting potatoes in the garden (Grows on East Side) also harrowed the garden.

Father came down and took the team to get evergreens from a nursery.

Paid J. Moore \$5.00 for bull service.

W: - cloudy, disagreeable, east wind, cool

Wednesday, May 6

Plowed on timothy sod today. Fred dug out stumps. Baby weighs 9 pounds and 14 ounces.

W: - cloudy and cool, showers

Thursday, May 7

Took a bushel of flint corn to O. J. Arner

also got two bags of ears of whitecap from R. Eede in a.m. Plowed in p.m.

W: - rain last night showers today.

Friday, May 8

Fred and I hauled manure on the hillside today.

W: - cool and cloudy

Saturday, May 9

I plowed and Fred dug stumps out.

W: - slightly warmer, partly cloudy variable winds.

Sunday, May 10

Father and mother were down today.

Mrs. Arner and I had tea at Misses Coatsworth's and went to Methodist church.

W: - clear and warm the first spring-like day we've had. South wind

Monday, May 11

Set a hen in the buggy. Finished plowing timothy sod this p.m.

Fred harrowed the garden in a.m. and cultivated the fall plowing in p.m.

W: - partly cloudy light showers warm, south wind.

Tuesday, May 12

Hauled 9 loads of manure down by the creek, also struck the lands out on the same.

Old white sow had 14 piglets this a.m., 12 are still living.

Planted nine hills of watermelons on West Side of garden.

W: - clear and very warm; shower last night. 72 degrees this p.m., south wind

Wednesday, May 13

Set two hens in the ash house.

Fred rolled the corn ground this a.m. and let the horses run away with the roller.

Disked the rest of the day. I plowed down by the creek. Mrs. Adams visited in Harrow today, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller and Christine had dinner with us today. Baby weighs 10 1/2 pounds.

W: - cloudy, showers at noon and again tonight. North and east wind.

Thursday, May 14

Went to Rob Leeming's and Lambert Wigle's looking for seed corn in a.m.

Made a sassafras ladder this p.m.

W: - cold and rainy, heavy rain in p.m.

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Friday, May 15

Bought 1 Bushel of seed corn from John Arner and got 132 pounds of ears from George Atkinson to be exchanged this a.m. Hauled rails to fence 4 acre patch west of the orchard in p.m.

W: - very hot and sultry, heavy thunder shower this p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Dug out and deepened some ditches in west field and hauled fence blocks in a.m.

Finished hauling rails for 4 acre field this p.m.

W: - hot and clear, thunder shower this p.m.

Sunday, May 17

Fred went to S.S. this a.m. I speared 9 carp in south creek.

Minnie and I went to Uncle Orlando Arner's this p.m.

W: - warm, thunder shower this a.m. Clear in p.m. east wind.

Monday, May 18

I plowed this a.m. in the field west of the orchard. Father plowed in a.m. and I made the garden,

Fred disked on corn ground in p.m.

W: - clear part of the day, threatening rain in p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

Fred and I made a heavy furrow cleaner in a.m. and a stone-boat in p.m.

Father hauled gravel for the foundation of a monument to his father's grave.

W: - very wet, rain last night, hot and partly cloudy

Wednesday, May 20

Fred and I put a new platform on the well by the stable and pulled some stumps in the cornfield this a.m. I planted corn for Lewis Iler this p.m. and Fred cultivated on the cornfield.

Baby weighs 11 pounds and 3 ounces.

W: - clear most of the day - threatening rain tonight

Thursday, May 21

I planted the south part of the cornfield today; Fred disked a little weeded part of the tobacco bed and harrowed on the cornfield this p.m. Father drove the disk.

W: - foggy and cloudy this a.m. clear and warm in p.m.

Friday, May 22

Planted 12 acres corn for Eal Beeman today finished at 4 o'clock.

Fred harrowed the ground I planted yesterday.

W: - very warm and clear. South wind

Saturday, May 23

Fred finished plowing for corn in the little field west of the orchard.

I finished plowing down by the creek for beets and pumpkins.

W: - hot and clear

Sunday, May 24

Minnie, baby and I went to mother's for dinner today.

W: - warm and clear, south wind.

Monday, May 25 - Victoria Day

I got a bull calf from Lewis Iler this a.m. to keep for bull.

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Struck out lands in north part of big field where the corn is. Plowed out water furrows and cleaned them in piece that is planted and plowed with 2 furrow plow in p.m.

Aunt Martha visited us today.

W: - warm and clear part of the day, threatening rain tonight, east wind.

Tuesday, May 26

Eal Beeman, father and I plowed for corn in north part of big field today. Fred dug around stumps.

W: - warm and clear most of the day thunder shower in the evening.

Wednesday, May 27

I plowed for George Atkinson today in return for the use of his corn planter

Fred harrowed the corn, father plowed this p.m.

W: - Very warm and clear, southeast wind.

Thursday, May 28

Eal Beeman, father and I plowed for corn today, nearly finished the north part of the new field, Fred disked in the afternoon.

W: - clear and hot, thunder shower in evening.

Friday, May 29

Fred disked today; father finished plowing for corn in a.m.

I went to George Atkinson's after the planter.

Father harrowed in p.m. and I gathered stumps and started planting corn.

W: - clear and hot, thunder shower tonight.

Saturday, May 30

I hauled manure on tobacco ground; Fred weeded tobacco bed in a.m. and started disking in little field in p.m. Set some posts in south barnyard.

W: - partly cloudy and hot, heavy thunder showers in afternoon

Sunday, May 31

Fred went to S.S. I was out to J. Staddons in a.m. Emma Beeman and Ida were down this p.m.

W: - very cool and cloudy, northwest wind.

Monday, June 1

I disked this a.m. Fred helped with the washing.

Fred disked in p.m. and I harrowed and planted some corn. Big spotted cow had a calf this p.m.

W: - warm and clear, north wind

Tuesday, June 2

Fred disked today, father harrowed and cultivated on corn ground.

I planted, lack about 2 acres of finishing.

W: - clear and warm, north wind.

Wednesday, June 3

Finished planting corn this a.m. and took the planter home, father went home at about 10:30 o'clock. Fred harrowed all the last planting of corn ground and we also ran water furrows in the same. Started to replant corn.

W: - cloudy and little cool, east wind

Thursday, June 4

I cultivated corn today, Fred replanted in the same field.

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W: - clear and very warm still very little wind.

Friday, June 5

I cultivated corn and Fred finished replanting in the same field.

W: - warm and clear, south wind.

Saturday, June 6

Limpey cow and young Longie had a calf each this a.m. I finished cultivating corn, Fred disked and harrowed the patch by the creek and harrowed a little on corn ground. I planted part of the beets this p.m.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind.

Sunday, June 7

All were home today, Fred went to S.S. and church.

W: - very hot and clear, south wind.

Monday, June 8

Took Queeny cow to J. Moore's. Fred harrowed the last planting of corn today.

I did several odd jobs today, including planting pumpkin seeds down by the creek.

Baby Charles' buggy came tonight from the T. Eaton Co.

John A. Auld was defeated in the Ontario Legislature by Dr. Anderson, majority, 60.

W: - very warm and dry, southwest wind.

Tuesday, June 9

Fred and I hauled manure for tobacco today;

Herb came down today and started plowing the summer fallow.

I paid A. Agla \$25.00 and gave note for \$24.25 being the premium on my life insurance.

Mother was down today.

W: - clear and very warm. West wind

Wednesday, June 10

Herb plowed on summer fallow and Fred and I hauled manure this a.m.

and started plowing for tobacco and potatoes. Fred planting potatoes as I plow.

W: - partly cloudy, fairly warm. South and east wind

Thursday, June 11

I finished plowing for tobacco and potatoes.

Fred dropped potatoes, the 13 east rows are Vorehem, the 10 next west are Klondike.

Herb plowed on fallow field.

W: - clear and warm, northeast wind, very dry and dusty.

Friday, June 12

I finished the headlands around the tobacco patch and plowed the orchard.

Rolled the tobacco patch, orchard and beets down by the creek. Fred replanted corn.

W: - very hot and dry.

Saturday, June 13

I disked tobacco ground twice, harrowed the orchard and marked it, also marked for cane.

Planted corn in the orchard. Fred replanted corn. I cultivated garden and early potatoes.

W: - very hot and light thunder shower this p.m.



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Sunday, June 14

Minnie and I went to Kingsville today had dinner at the Misses Coatsworth's and I went to church.

W: - cloudy and a little showery. Southwest and northwest wind

Monday, June 15

Father was down today and cultivated corn.

Fred finished replanting and I finished working up the tobacco ground, Fred and I marked it.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Wright and Rosie spent the afternoon and had tea with us.

W: - very cool and cloudy, north wind.

Tuesday, June 16

Father cultivated corn, Fred pulled tobacco plants and I set doing half the patch.

W. Agla got some anchor posts and braces this p.m. paying \$15.00 for same and 50c(ents) on his wheat account.

W: -clear and fairly warm, east wind - light frost this a.m. touching tobacco and tomato plants slightly.

Wednesday, June 17

Fred and I finished setting tobacco this afternoon.

Father finished cultivating the north half of cornfield at noon and Herb plowed this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy, cool, east wind

Thursday, June 18

Cultivated corn this a.m. Fred planted cane and pumpkin seeds. Herb plowed on fallow field.

. I went to Kingsville in p.m. to the induction of the new minister.

W: - clear and hot, south wind.

Friday, June 19

Father cultivated corn, I plowed on fallow field.

Fred finished planting pumpkin seed and commenced pulling dock in the clover.

W: - very hot and dry, south wind

Saturday, June 20

Father cultivated corn, Fred pulled dock in the clover. I plowed on fallow field.

W: - clear and very hot and dry, southwest wind.

Sunday, June 21,

All were home today, Fred went for a swim this p.m.

Brought old white sow and six pigs up from the old house tonight.

W: - very hot, thunder showers early this morning, light west wind.

Monday, June 22

Father finished cultivating the south part of corn this a.m. I finished plowing fallow field.

Father and Herb put up the fence on south side of truck patch, Fred cultivated corn in the same and

I cultivated on north part of big field in p.m.

W: - very hot and clear, south wind, thunder showers tonight

Tuesday, June 23

Father harrowed on fallow field.

Herb cultivated corn in truck patch and I cultivated corn in north part of big field.

Fred replanted tobacco and pulled dock in the oats.

W: - clear and hot - light thundershower tonight

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Wednesday, June 24

Herb cultivated corn in truck patch and I finished harrowing fallow field and cultivated corn in north part of big field.

W: - clear and warm, brick west wind

Thursday, June 25

Herb cultivated. I finished cultivating corn in north part of big field and Fred pulled dock this a.m.

Herb and Fred went to Harrow with a wagon and rack to draw hay in.

I mowed hay in the little field north of the house in p.m.

W: - clear most of the day, light shower at noon, cool north wind.

Friday, June 26

I finished mowing the clover hay in little field. Herb finished cultivating corn in truck patch,

Father tedded hay, and Fred replanted pumpkins and pulled weeds out of potatoes in the garden this a.m. Got the haying machinery out and hauled two loads of hay in, this p.m.

W: - clear and warm, east wind

Saturday, June 27

We hauled 7 loads of hay from the little field north today finishing it.

Minnie and I went to Kingsville and had tea at Aunt Martha's.

W: - clear and warm, south wind.

Sunday, June 28

Fred went to S.S. the rest of us were home all day.

W: - clear and hot, south wind

Monday, June 29

Bred young Top to Shire. I harrowed the potatoes this a.m. and commenced mowing hay in 15-acre field on lot 35. I commenced hoeing beets with wheel hoe and father cultivated in p.m.

Herb cultivated tobacco.

W: - clear in a.m. - rainy in p.m. very warm

Tuesday, June 30

Herb finished cultivating tobacco cane and corn in orchard today.

I mowed and Fred tedded hay in a.m.

I raked some and mowed a little and we hauled two loads in the p.m.

W: - clear and hot, south wind.

Wednesday, July 1, Canada (Dominion) Day

Hauled 8 loads of hay from 15 acre field, father mowed and Fred tedded part of the day.

W: - partly cloudy and hot, west wind.

Thursday, July 2

Herb, Fred and I hauled 4 loads of hat and put some in the old stable. Father mowed and raked.

W: - partly cloudy in a.m. rain at 3 p.m. east and south winds.

Friday, July 3

Fred and I went to Harrow today and helped cut and shock rye. Herb cultivated beets.

W: - partly cloudy and sultry. East wind, rain tonight

Saturday, July 4

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I got 695 pounds of oats including bags, from John Staddon on this a.m.  
We hauled 3 loads of hay and father finished mowing the 15-acre field this p.m.  
W: - wet in a.m. clear and warm in p.m. south wind.

Sunday, July 5

I went to church this a.m. as well as Fred.  
W: - clear and hot, south wind.

Monday, July 6

Took little Grey cow to Lewis Iler's bull.  
We hauled 7 loads of hay today finishing the 15-acre field.  
Father mowed the 4-acre field of timothy south of the barn.  
W: - clear and hot south wind - thundershower this p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

Father tedded hay this a.m. Fred and I cultivated beets and pumpkin down by the creek.  
Herb and I cultivated tobacco and Fred uncovered leaves. I sowed a few beets in the orchard.  
W: - cloudy part of the day, showery

Wednesday, July 8

Herb finished mowing the timothy hay and raked what had been mowed.  
Father tedded some and I cultivated corn, Fred hoed tobacco and we hauled 12 loads of hay in a.m.  
Hauled 6 loads in p.m. finishing haying for the season.  
W: - clear and warm, south wind.

Thursday, July 9

Herb and I cultivated corn today and Fred cut the rye out of the wheat.  
W: - clear and warm, south wind

Friday, July 10

Started cutting wheat this a.m. Herb shocked and Fred picked cherries this p.m.  
W: - clear and hot, southwest wind

Saturday, July 11

Finished cutting wheat today at noon. Herb and Fred shocked and I helped in p.m.  
We finished at 5 o'clock.  
W: - very hot, southwest breeze, 95 degrees in shade.

Sunday, July 12

Fred went to church, Minnie, baby and I went to John Arner's this p.m.  
W: - very hot, north wind, 92 degrees in shade

Monday, July 13

Herb and I cultivated corn today. Fred took a team and wagon to Harrow to draw rye.  
Jessie Rawson came to work this p.m.  
W: - clear and warm, south wind.

Tuesday, July 14

We hauled 10 loads of wheat today, V. Tel Pulford helped this p.m.  
W: - partly cloudy in a.m. clear in p.m. south wind and warm.

Wednesday, July 15

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We hauled 9 loads of wheat today. John Harris helped in a.m.  
W: - clear and warm, north wind.

Thursday, July 16

Finished hauling wheat this a.m. 1 load. Herb and I cultivated corn the rest of the day; father raked on the wheat stubble and hoed some tobacco.  
W: - partly cloudy, warm, east wind

Friday, July 17

I went to Kingsville this a.m. and Fred went to Harrow after some chop.  
Herb and I started thinning the beets late this p.m.  
W: - showery heavy pour down at noon.

Saturday, July 18

Herb and I thinned beets and Fred disked on fallow field.  
W: - clear and warm, west wind

Sunday, July 19

I went to church in a.m. Minnie and I were over to Uncle Orlando's in p.m.  
W: - clear and cool, southeast wind.

Monday, July 20

Herb and I thinned beets; Fred helped with washing and disked on fallow field.  
W: - partly cloudy, sultry, east wind

Tuesday, July 21

Herb and I cut thistles part of the day. Helped Eal Beeman get a small log for a hog trough.  
Fred pulled weeds out of the potatoes.  
W: - very wet, heavy rain last night, south wind

Wednesday, July 22

I thinned beets this a.m. Herb thinned all day. Fred disked this a.m. and thinned cane in p.m.  
Minnie and I went to Kingsville to the Farmer's picnic this p.m.  
Young Jane cow had a calf this a.m.  
W: - partly cloudy, very warm and sultry, south wind

Thursday, July 23

Finished thinning beets today, Eal Beeman helped.  
Fred finished disked on fallow field and trimmed cane in a.m.  
He hauled weeds of the root patch in p.m.  
W: - partly cloudy and warm, south wind

Friday, July 24

I went to Kingsville this a.m. and brought Uncle Arthur Arner's boxes and household goods here and stored them in the wood-house. Father brought a load of stone down.  
Herb cut thistles; Fred finished thinning cane in a.m.  
W: - rain early in morning, heavy rain all afternoon, east wind

Saturday, July 25

Fred and I made a gate and hung it between lot 34 and 35 this a.m.  
Hoed in the garden and orchard in p.m.

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W: - clear and warm, south wind

Sunday, July 26

Fred and I went to church; we took Jessie to Zion church also.

Mabel Arner, Ada Arner, Gladys, James, Stanley Evans and J. Francis were here to tea this p.m.

W: - clear and very warm, east wind

Monday, July 27

I cultivated tobacco, potatoes, beets and cane today.

Fred uncovered tobacco leaves, hauled some weeds off the beets and hoed tobacco.

Herb cultivated corn.

W: - clear and hot, south wind

Tuesday, July 28

Herb and I cultivated corn today. I finished the piece west of the orchard.

Fred went to Harrow to do some work there.

W: - clear and very warm; southeast wind

Wednesday, July 29

Herb and I cultivated corn this a.m. Fred hoed tobacco.

I cut oats down by the old house this p.m. Herb and Fred shocked them.

W: - clear and hot, southeast wind

Thursday, July 30

I cut oats in the far field, Herb and Fred shocked.

Mr. Rodgers of Dr. Bernardo's Home called to see Fred this p.m.

W: - clear and hot light south wind

Friday, July 31

I finished cutting oats about 3 this p.m. Fred and Herb shocked; Fred hoed tobacco this p.m.

Uncle Arthur Arner was up this p.m.

W: - clear and warm east and southeast wind

Saturday, August 1

Herb went to Lewis Iler's threshing, Fred cultivated on fallow field. I cultivated corn.

W: - clear and warm, east and southeast wind

Sunday, August 2

Minnie, baby and I went to father's for dinner today. Fred went to S.S.

W: - clear and hot south wind

Monday, August 3

Herb went to Charles Staddon's and R. Eede's threshing's.

Fred helped wash in a.m. and cultivated on fallow field in p.m.

I topped tobacco and cultivated corn in the orchard.

W: - clear and hot and dry

Tuesday, August 4,

Herb went to R. Eede's threshing in a.m.

Fred finished cultivating on fallow field and I cultivated corn in a.m.

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Herb and I hauled 40 loads of oats from down by the old house; Fred finished hoeing tobacco.  
W: - very hot today rain tonight, high southwest wind

Wednesday, August 5

Unloaded two loads of oats this a.m. and looked around the fences where wheat was.  
Herb and I cultivated corn and Fred cultivated on fallow in p.m.  
W: - partly cloudy, very warm, west wind

Thursday, August 6

Herb commenced plowing oats stubble down by the old house today.  
Fred cut burdock and the weeds out of the tobacco. I cultivated corn in a.m. and potatoes in p.m.  
W: - clear in a.m. showery in p.m. southwest wind

Friday, August 7

Herb plowed oats stubble, I pulled weeds in the cornfield and Fred helped about the house in a.m.  
Fred pulled weeds in corn and I cultivated corn in p.m.  
W: -clear and wet in a.m. partly cloudy in p.m. west wind.

Saturday, August 8

Herb finished plowing oats stubble by the old house. Fred pulled weeds in the corn,  
I cultivated corn.  
W: - partly cloudy, cool north wind

Sunday, August 9

Fred went to S.S. in a.m. Minnie and I were home all day.  
W: - clear and warm, southwest wind

Monday, August 10

Fred ran washing machine in a.m.  
I helped J. Creighton cut a log to make a road scraper and thinned a few beets in the orchard.  
Herb rolled on fallow field.  
Fred pulled weed in the corn and finished cultivating the north half of the corn this p.m.  
W: - rainy in a.m. partly cloudy in p.m. heavy thunder shower this evening

Tuesday, August 11

Herb and I built a corral down south of the cedars. Fred helped about the house in a.m.  
Herb and I picked some plums and pulled weeds out of the corn. Fred pulled weeds in cornfield.  
W: - very wet and hot, southeast wind

Wednesday, August 12

I helped about the house this a.m. and  
Herb and Fred and I suckered some tobacco the first part of p.m.  
W: - rain in a.m. heavy thunderstorm this p.m. raining steady tonight, south wind

Thursday, August 13

Herb and I pulled down the old fence south of the roadway coming in the yard and  
set new posts in a.m. We picked plums and apples this p.m. and Fred suckered tobacco.  
W: - very warm and clear, south wind

Friday, August 14

Fred suckered and topped tobacco in a.m. Herb and I did roadwork.

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In p.m. Herb suckered and topped tobacco nearly finishing the patch.  
Fred and I did roadwork hauling in all 8 loads of sand on C. Creek Bridge.  
W: - hot and sultry, very little wind

Saturday, August 15

Herb and I did roadwork. pulled out the old ties in front of the hog pen  
also one walnut stump and filled the cavities in with earth. Fred cultivated on fallow field.  
W: - partly cloudy threatening rain, east wind

Sunday, August 16

We were all home this a.m.  
Minnie, baby and I called at Willie Wrights this p.m. and at Hardy Foxes for tea.  
W: - heavy rain in a.m. hot and partly cloudy in p.m. south wind

Monday, August 17

Fred helped Minnie in a.m. and Herb and I made a gate for the front at the road  
and father and the rest of us pulled down the hog pen fence.  
Minnie, baby and I went to Kingsville this p.m. and I got some wire for the fence.  
W: - rain in a.m. clear in p.m. and variable winds

Tuesday, August 18

Herb and I worked on the fence by the hog pen today.  
Fred helped about the house and thinned a few beets in the orchard.  
Father helped Reeve McCormick cut some brush and Uncle Arthur came up in the evening.  
W: - clear and hot, south wind

Wednesday, August 19

Herb and I finished stretching wire for hog pen fence and Fred helped about the house in a.m.  
Father and Fred put pickets on fence and Herb and I did roadwork from 2:30 o'clock to 6:00  
o'clock this p.m. Uncle Arthur was here today and went shooting getting a crane.  
W: - partly cloudy cool, north wind

Thursday, August 20

Herb and I finished roadwork today at 2:30 o'clock hauling the earth to the bridge.  
We hauled 2 loads to fix a culvert and raise the grade at the barn.  
Father and Fred threw out the oats shocks today.  
W: - clear and cool, north wind, 50 degrees this a.m.

Friday, August 21

We hauled 7 loads of oats from the south field on lot 35.  
W: - clear and warmer

Saturday, August 22

I cultivated the beets and Herb thinned a few. Fred disked this a.m.  
We hauled 2 loads of oats in p.m. finishing the field.  
W: - clear part of the day, cloudy and cool the remainder

Sunday, August 23

Minnie, baby and I went to father's today for dinner.  
W: - clear and cool

Monday, August 24

Fred helped wash in a.m. and helped about the house and suckered cane in p.m.

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Herb and I suckered tobacco, father disked.

W: - clear and cool, very cool in a.m.

Tuesday, August 25

Fred disked on fallow field. Herb and I suckered tobacco in a.m.

and Uncle Arthur Arner and wife, George Orton and wife and D. J. Crowley and wife and father and mother were here for dinner today and we visited with them in p.m.

W: - fairly warm and clear

Wednesday, August 26

Took young Longie cow to J. Arner's also four heifers. Herb and I finished suckering tobacco today. Fred cultivated on fallow field today. Father found two young calves in the bush this p.m.

W: - clear and warm, east wind

Thursday, August 27

Harry Lumsden and I hauled 18 loads of manure, Herb went to John Arner's threshing, father cultivated on fallow field and Fred helped about the house.

W: - clear and warm, southeast wind

Friday, August 28

Herb went to J. Arner's threshing this a.m. Father finished cultivated on fallow field this p.m.

I hauled manure and Herb helped in p.m.

We hauled 11 loads. Fred helped about the house in a.m. and pitched manure in p.m.

W: - clear and warm, southeast wind

Saturday, August 29

We hauled, 11 loads of manure on fallow, and Herb helped in a.m. Fred disked on fallow in p.m.

W: - clear and warm, southeast wind.

Sunday, August 30

Minnie, baby and I went to church this a.m. and had dinner at C. S. Miller's.

W: - very warm and dusty, southeast wind.

Monday, August 31

Herb went to Culver Arner's and John Staddon's threshing today. I hauled 6 loads of manure, Fred helped about to house in a.m. helped me to load manure in p.m.

W: - clear dry and hot, southeast breeze

Tuesday, September 1

Herb went to J. Staddon's, E. Beeman's and A. Adams' threshing's.

Fred helped about the house and to load manure. I hauled 8 load of manure.

W: -clear and hot, southeast and west wind.

Wednesday, September 2

Herb went to A. Adams' threshing and I hauled a load of gravel and filled a hole by the water shed with stones, in a.m. Fred and I finished the same this p.m. with cement.

W: -clear and cool, northwest wind.

Thursday, September 3

We suckered half the patch and cut one load of tobacco, strung and hung part of it.

W: -clear and cool, very cold this a.m. Temperature being 45 degrees, north and southwest wind

Friday, September 4

Herb and I suckered and cut tobacco in a.m. Fred helped about the house.

We hauled strung and hung 3 loads of tobacco in p.m.



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W: -clear and warm, southwest wind

Saturday, September 5

Herb and I finished suckering tobacco and cutting all the ripe in a.m.  
Hauled it in, in the p.m. and hung it, Fred disked on fallow field in p.m.  
W: - clear and warm, west wind

Sunday, September 6

Minnie, baby and Fred and myself went to Kingsville church this a.m.  
Minnie and I had tea at John Staddon's  
W: - clear and cool, north wind, very dusty

Monday, September 7

Herb and I hauled 12 loads of manure and scattered it.  
Fred helped wash in a.m. and loaded manure in p.m.  
W: - clear and cool, north wind

Tuesday, September 8

Herb and I hauled and scattered 14 loads of manure. Fred helped about the house  
W: - clear and warmer, southeast wind.

Wednesday, September 9

Herb and I hauled and scattered 10 loads of manure.  
We threshed 199 bushels of oats this p.m. with J. Staddon's outfit.  
W: - clear and warm, south wind, very dry and dusty.

Thursday, September 10

Finished threshing at 4 o'clock p.m. Wheat: 445 bushels and oats: 542 bushels.  
W: - clear and hot, south wind.

Friday, September 11

Herb went to W. Agla's and G. Vincent's threshings today. Father cut a little clover seed and he and Fred took a load of chop and 1 of straw to Harrow in p.m. I choared about the place.  
W: - clear, hot and smoky

Saturday, September 12

Herb went to G. Vincent's and Byron Staddon's threshings. Father mowed clover seed.  
Fred and I did some ditching down at the grove.  
W: - intensely smoky and hot

Sunday, September 13

All home today.  
W: - clear and smoky, northeast wind

Monday, September 14

Herb and I hauled 286 bushel, 15 pounds of wheat to Arner Station today for Albert Peterson receiving 85 cents per bushel for the same. Father cut clover seed part of the day.  
W: - clear, warm and dusty. Southeast wind

Tuesday, September 15

Herb and I went to Harrow and cut Father's cane and part of the corn. Father cut clover seed, Fred went to Gord Ulch's threshing.

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W: - clear, warm and dusty, east wind.

Wednesday, September 16

Father finished cutting clover seed this a.m. Herb and I brought father's cane down to S. Iler's this a.m. We hauled 4 loads of clover seed this p.m.

W: - clear, warm and dusty, east wind

Thursday, September 17

We hauled 5 loads of clover seed today. Father raked and bunched.

W: - clear, warm and dry, south east wind

Friday, September 18

Father and Fred hauled 3 loads of clover seed.

Herb and I cut and hauled and hung 2 loads of tobacco.

W: - clear and very warm, continued dry

Saturday, September 19

Father and Fred hauled 2 loads of clover seed, finishing it. Herb and I commenced corn.

W: - clear and very warm, southwest and northwest wind

Sunday, September 20

We were all home today.

W: - clear and smoky, east wind

Monday, September 21

Herb and I finished cutting, hauling and hanging tobacco.

Father, mother and Fred picked peaches and grapes to take to Windsor tomorrow.

W: - clear and very smoky, south wind

Tuesday, September 22

Herb and I cut corn, Fred disked on fallow field.

W: - clear and hot 84 degrees at noon, southwest wind.

Wednesday, September 23

Herb and I cut corn, Fred disked and cultivated on fallow field.

W: - clear and partly cloudy, very hot, southwest wind.

Thursday, September 24

Herb and I cut corn, Fred cultivated on fallow field.

Uncle Arthur came up this p.m. and is stopping all night.

W: - partly cloudy threatening rain, east wind

Friday, September 25

Herb and I cut corn. Father commenced sowing wheat this a.m. Fred did odd jobs;

Uncle Arthur went to O. J. 's this p.m.

W: - clear and very warm and still hot

Saturday, September 26

Father finished sowing wheat. I ran and cleaned watered furrows. Herb cut corn.

W: - clear and very hot.

Sunday, September 27

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Fred went to church in a.m. I went to church tonight.

W: - partly cloudy, southeast wind.

Monday, September 28

Father ran the land furrows in the wheat field.

Fred helped with the washing in a.m. and with cane in p.m. Herb and I cut cane this p.m.

W: - rainy in a.m. High west wind all day, decidedly colder

Tuesday, September 29

Herb and I cut corn; father took the cane to mill. Fred cleaned water furrow crossings.

W: - clear and cool

Wednesday, September 30

Herb and I, cut corn, Fred picked apples.

W: - showery and very high southwest wind

Thursday, October 1

Herb and I cut corn. Fred picked apples.

W: - clear and very cool; light frost this a.m. west wind

Friday, October 2

Herb and I, cut corn, Fred picked apples.

W: -clear and cool, heavy frost this a.m. north wind

Saturday, October 3

Herb and I, cut corn, Fred picked apples.

W: -clear and warm, south wind, heavy frost this a.m.

Sunday, October 4

We were all home today.

W: - clear and warm, south wind

Monday, October 5

Herb and I cut corn this a.m. Choared about in afternoon and cut corn in p.m.;

father was down and got some peaches, pears and five pigs.

Fred helped wash in a.m. and went to Harrow in p.m. and drove the wagon home.

W: - clear and warm, southeast wind

Tuesday, October 6

Herb finished cutting corn this a.m. I went to Kingsville this a.m. with small grist.

Minnie, Fred and I went to the Harrow fair this p.m.

W: - clear and very warm, southwest wind

Wednesday, October 7

Herb and I dug potatoes with a plow this a.m.

Picked and covered two pits, the remainder of the day, Fred helped.

W: - cloudy and warm most of the day, showers in p.m.

Thursday, October 8

Herb, Fred and I made a potato grader this a.m. and finished picking potatoes west of the cedar grove. Dug and picked five rows in the cornfield.

W: -clear and very cool, north wind

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Friday, October 9

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. dug potatoes in the garden in p.m. Father and Fred picked apples.

W: - clear and cool, north wind

Saturday, October 10

Herb and I husked corn and dug some potatoes in a.m. Fred picked cane seed.

We choared about in p.m.

W: - cloudy in a.m. rainy in p.m.

Sunday, October 11

We were home all day.

W: - cold and cloudy, north wind

Monday, October 12

Herb and I husked corn this a.m. Hauled a load of pumpkins and picked a load of apples,

Fred helped this p.m. Hauled 1 load of corn.

W: - clear and warm, light frost this a.m. southwest wind

Tuesday, October 13

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. and gathered chestnuts in p.m.

Fred took a load of apples to Harrow to be made into..... (*incomplete*)

W: - clear and warm

Wednesday, October 14

Herb and I husked corn this a.m. Fred hauled 2 loads.

We all hauled pumpkins and put them in the cow stable this p.m.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind

Thursday, October 15

Herb and I husked corn this a.m. and put a three wire fence down near the creek in p.m.

Fred hauled pumpkins and one load of corn.

W: - very warm and dry, southwest wind

Friday, October 16

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. Fred hauled pumpkins and one load of corn.

Herb and I choared about in p.m.

W: - clear and warm, south wind

Saturday, October 17

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. did odd jobs in p.m. Fred hauled 3 loads of corn.

W: - clear, warm and very dry, south wind

Sunday, October 18

Minnie, baby and I went to father's for dinner. Fred went to church.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind

Monday, October 19,

Herb and I husked corn this a.m. I went to the nomination of Clark and Wigle at Kingsville this p.m. Herb husked corn, Fred helped wash in a.m. and picked a few apples in p.m.

W: - partly cloudy and smoky, cool, north wind

Tuesday, October 20

Herb and I husked corn all day. Fred hauled 3 loads of corn.

W: - clear and fairly warm east wind

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Wednesday, October 21

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. Fred picked one load of corn.

Minnie and I went to Nina Malott's wedding this p.m. Herb husked corn. Fred choared about, Uncle Arthur Arner came up and is staying all night.

W: - clear and fairly warm southeast wind

Thursday, October 22

Herb and I husked corn; Fred hauled 1 1/2 loads of corn.

W: - clear and warm, south wind.

Friday, October 23

Herb and I husked corn in a.m. helped R. Eede shred corn in p.m.

Fred hauled 2 loads of pumpkins and husked corn.

W: - partly cloudy, east wind

Saturday, October 24

Minnie and baby went to her old home this a.m. We choared about, all husked corn in p.m.

W: - raining in a.m. clear in p.m. east and south wind

Sunday, October 25

Fred and I were home all day.

W: - clear and warm, south wind

Monday, October 26

We all husked corn this a.m. I went to vote this p.m. and Fred and I hauled 2 loads of corn, Herb husked.

W: - partly cloudy, east and southwest wind warm

Tuesday, October 27

Herb and I helped R. Eede shred corn. Fred helped about the house in a.m.

Father and Fred hauled 3 loads of corn this p.m.

W: - cloudy and light showers, southwest wind

Wednesday, October 28

Herb and I helped R. Eede husk and shred corn, finishing at 4 p.m. Father and Fred hauled corn.

W: - clear and cool, northwest wind

Thursday, October 29

Herb and I husked corn, Fred hauled soft corn, and father took a load of pumpkins home this p.m.

W: - cloudy and cool, west wind

Friday, October 30

Herb and I husked corn; Fred hauled 3 loads of corn.

W: - clear, cool and dry, west wind

Saturday, October 31

Herb and I finished husking in field west from orchard;

Fred hauled some pumpkins and 3 loads of corn.

W: - clear, cool and dry, west wind

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Sunday, November 1

Minnie, baby and myself went to K. Bertrand's for dinner today.

W: - clear and slightly warmer

Monday, November 2

Herb and I did some cement work in the cow stable. Father and Fred hauled some corn.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind

Tuesday, November 3

Herb and I pulled beets till 3 o'clock then helped father and Fred pick and pit the same, putting up about 250 bu.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind

Wednesday, November 4

Herb and I finished pulling and hauling beets and also moved the potatoes in the cellar and other like jobs.

W: - very cold and partly cloudy, high northwest wind

Thursday, November 5

Father, Herb and myself put the apples in the cellar in a.m.

We loaded a load of fodder and Herb took some to Harrow.

I choared about and Fred helped in the house in p.m.

W: - clear and still, cold high southwest wind

Friday, November 6

Herb and I put on two loads of fodder this a.m. and he and Fred took same to Harrow.

I set posts in the barnyard in p.m.

W: - clear and slightly warmer, high southwest wind

Saturday, November 7

Herb and I cut and hauled a load of logs to the mill, also brought a heifer up from the woods to be sold to G. Arner and sons. Fred helped in the house.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm rain tonight

Sunday, November 8

We all went to church in a.m. Father and mother were here for dinner.

Hardy Fox and wife, Mrs. Forest Iler, Ethel Wigle and Mabel Arner were here for tea.

W: -partly cloudy, west wind, cool

Monday, November 9

We hauled fodder today and got the logs sawed at the mill that we hauled in Saturday.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind.

Tuesday, November 10

Herb, Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn. Fred hauled a small load of pumpkins.

W: - very cloudy and warm, west wind

Wednesday, November 11

Herb, Fred and myself also Percy Eede and Albert Fox husked and cribbed 4 loads of corn.

W: - cool and clear; snow this a.m. high west wind

Thursday, November 12

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Herb, Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn.

W: -clear and cool, west wind

Friday, November 13

Herb, Fred and I husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn.

W: - clear, cold and very dry, high west wind

Saturday, November 14,

Herb, Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn.

W: - cloudy and snow flurries, high west wind

Sunday, November 15

Minnie, baby and I went to church this a.m.

W: - cloudy and cold, high southwest wind

Monday, November 16

Herb, Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn.

W: - cold and snow flurries, high west wind

Tuesday, November 17

Herb, Fred and myself husked and cribbed 2 loads of corn.

W: - warm and dry, south wind

Wednesday, November 18

Herb, Fred and myself husked 1 load of corn this a.m. finishing it for this year.

Fred took the load to Harrow. Herb and I set posts in the barnyard this p.m.

W: - cloudy and warm, south wind

Thursday, November 19

We hauled fodder today, father helped.

W: - partly cloudy, very warm, southwest wind

Friday, November 20

Finished hauling fodder today, father helped.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind

Saturday, November 21

Herb and I worked at the fence in the barnyard.

Went shooting squirrels with C. S. Miller and Bernard, this p.m.

Sunday, November 22

Fred went to church the rest were home. Ern Brown and wife were here for tea.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind

Monday, November 23

Herb and I worked on fence in barnyard in a.m. Ditched in p.m. and father helped.

Fred hauled a load of wood and split some of it.

W: - clear and very warm, south wind

Tuesday, November 24

Herb and I finished ditching this a.m. and father helped us pull stumps the remainder of the day.

Fred split wood.

W: - partly cloudy, very warm, heavy thundershower in p.m.

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Wednesday, November 25

Herb and I plowed on the north half of the new field. Fred helped about the house.

W: - cloudy and warm, south wind

Thursday, November 26

Herb and I plowed; Albert Fox helped this p.m. for R. Eede, Fred choared about.

W: - partly cloudy and cool, high southwest wind

Friday, November 27

Herb and I finished plowing the field today until noon. Ran the water furrows and got John Bertrand's boat out of the creek, Fred choared about.

W: - cloudy and very cool, high southwest wind

Saturday, November 28

Herb, C. S. Miller, Bernard Miller and myself went hunting black squirrels getting seven.

W: - partly cloudy, cool, southwest wind

Sunday, November 29

Minnie, baby and myself went to church and had dinner at C. S. Miller's. Fred also went to church.

W: - cloudy and cool

Monday, November 30

We choared about part of the day, went hunting for a while with H. G. Arnold; did not get anything. Started plowing on the sod field, southwest of the cedars.

W: - rainy and cool, west wind

Tuesday, December 1

Herb and I plowed on sod field doing a little more than half of it.

Father and Fred did some work in the bush.

W: - cold and disagreeable, high west wind

Wednesday, December 2

We choared about putting in windowpanes in several places etc.

W: - cold, high west wind, temperate 17 degrees this a.m.

Thursday, December 3

Minnie, baby and myself went to Kingsville, had dinner at C. of E. Bazaar and had baby christened this p.m. by Rev. Mr. Masters.

W: - cold and partly cloudy, southwest wind. Temperature was 15 degrees this a.m.

Friday, December 4

Herb and I made gates for the barnyard fence. Fred helped in the house.

W: - snowing part of the day, high southwest wind

Saturday, December 5

Herb and myself closed in the sheds at the barn. Fred helped in the house.

We shot 2 rabbits this a.m.

W: - cold and partly cloudy, temperature was 12 degrees this a.m.

Sunday, December 6

Fred and myself went to church, father was down this a.m.

W: - cloudy and disagreeable, south wind, rain tonight

Monday, December 7



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Father and Herb worked in the bush most of the day.  
Fred helped with washing in a.m. and helped unload sand in the cellar in p.m.  
I hauled a load of sand from the lake in a.m. and put the sand in the cellar in the p.m.  
W: - cool, high west wind

Tuesday, December 8

Herb and I killed a beef cow this a.m. Father and Herb went to the bush in p.m.  
I went to Kingsville and got 4 1/2 bbls. (barrels) of cement at \$1.90 per bbl.  
W: - cold, high west wind

Wednesday, December 9

Fred took a load of wood and half a beef to Harrow this a.m.  
Herb and I dug earth out of the furnace room. Emma Malott came up to visit a few days.  
W: - cool and windy

Thursday, December 10

We dug earth out of the furnace room; Herb went to Charles Staddon's hog killing in p.m.  
Put frame up for cement wall in furnace room.  
W: - cloudy and cool, west wind

Friday, December 11

Turned young white sow to Sam Joe. We put a cement wall in furnace room today.  
Minnie and Emma went to Kingsville this p.m.  
W: - cloudy and light showers

Saturday, December 12

We excavated in the furnace room to lay a cement floor.  
W: - cloudy and cool, west wind

Sunday, December 13

Minnie, baby and I went to church this a.m. David had tea with us tonight.  
W: - partly cloudy, warm, southwest wind

Monday, December 14

I hauled a load of sand from the lake, this a.m. Fred helped with the washing.  
Fred and I laid some cement floor in the furnace room in p.m.  
W: - partly cloudy and warm, south wind

Tuesday, December 15

Herb, Fred and I finished the cement floor in the furnace room.  
W: - partly cloudy, very warm

Wednesday, December 16

Herb and I stripped tobacco, Fred choared about.  
W: - warm and cloudy, snowing this p.m. east wind

Thursday, December 17

Herb and I stripped tobacco. Fred helped in the house.  
W: - rain all day, east wind

Friday, December 18

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Herb finished stripping tobacco; I plowed in sod field.

W: - partly cloudy, cool southwest wind

Saturday, December 19

Took old Longie cow to R. Eede's bull. I finished plowing today, Herb choared.

W: - clear and cool, west winds

Sunday, December 20

Fred went to church in a.m. Minnie, baby and myself went in p.m.

W: - cloudy and warm, southwest wind

Monday, December 21

Father and Herb were down this a.m. and took the wagon back with them.

We picked 13 chickens this a.m. and I went to a shooting match at E. Beeman's this p.m. getting 4 ducks and 2 geese.

W: - clear and fairly warm southwest wind

Tuesday, December 22

We dressed 4 ducks and 1 goose this a.m. Minnie, baby and myself went to Kingsville this p.m.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm southwest wind

Wednesday, December 23

We choared about today, I felt under the W: with a cold.

W: - clear and warm, southwest wind

Thursday, December 24

Hauled furnace wood.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm southwest wind

*End of diary entries for 1908.*

### **End notes**

*(A printed clipping pasted on front page.)*

**How to measure grain in the granary** - Multiply the length, breadth and height together to find the cubic feet; divide this product by fifty-six, and multiply the quotient by forty-five, and the result will be struck measure.

**How to measure corn in the crib** - Find the cubic feet as above; then multiply this product by four, and divide this last product by ten; the result will be shelled bushels, nearly.

**How to measure hay** - A ton of hay is 512 cubic feet in the mow, that is, when it has settled down and become solid. To measure hay in the mow, multiply the length, height, and width in yards, and divide by 15' if the hay is well packed; if the mow is shallow and the hay recently placed therein, divide by 18 and by any number from 15 to 18, according as the hay is well packed.

**Wheat cleaned January 31<sup>st</sup>** (Notes inside front page.)

First lot            3257

Second lot        3385

Third lot           3485

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Fourth lot      3478  
 Fifth lot        3376  
 Sixth lot        2912  
 Seventh lot     657  
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5760 hills on an acre 33" each way  
 5426 hills on an acre 24" each way  
 5020 hills on an acre 35" each way

### Photo Cash

| Date                      | Buyer                            | Dollars | Cents |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| January 1 <sup>st</sup>   |                                  | 1       | 50    |
| January 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Rec'd from Lena Agla             | 0       | 50    |
| January 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Forest Butler                    | 0       | 75    |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Ernest Myres                     | 0       | 50    |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Ada Arner                        | 0       | 25    |
| February 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Mrs. Peter McPherson             | 0       | 50    |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | Mrs. S. Agla                     | 1       | 50    |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>    | John Harris                      | 0       | 50    |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup>      | S. S. No.18-21 pictures          | 5       | 25    |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | A. Govreau, 1 dozen postals      | 0       | 50    |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup>     | V. Tel Pulford, 1 dozen postals  | 0       | 50    |
| July 21 <sup>st</sup>     | Aunt Martha G, 2 1/2 dozen P. C. | 1       | 25    |
| August 19 <sup>th</sup>   | D. Ritchie, 8 dozen prints       | 5       | 00    |
| August 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Arthur Scott, 1/2 dozen P.C.     | 0       | 25    |

### Memorandum from 1907 (?)

| Date                    | Subject                       | Dollars | Cents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| January 8 <sup>th</sup> | Supplies from J. M. Smyth Co. | 2       | 00    |

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|---|--|---|----|
| January 8 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Supplies from R. H. Pickard  | 0 | 15 |
| January 8 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Quinine Capsules, R. H. Pickard  | 0 | 10 |
| January 13 <sup>th</sup>                                      | 10 postage stamps  | 0 | 20 |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>                                      | Plates from P. and B.  | 1 | 35 |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Julien relief fund   | 0 | 25 |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Postage stamps   | 0 | 25 |
| March 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Corsets 100 plates 30 and solio paper 20                               | 1 | 50 |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | Acid Hypor 15 stamps 10  | 0 | 25 |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Seed potatoes from J. Arner  | 0 | 35 |
| June 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Order for Eaton's  | 5 | 25 |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Supplies J. M. Smyth Co.   | 0 | 50 |
| July 14   | V. Tel Pulford   | 0 | 75 |
| July 25   | George Collis 1/2 dozen, 1/2 cub.                                      | 0 | 75 |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Dress goods  | 0 | 50 |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Stipend Epiphany church  | 5 | 00 |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> | Stamps, 25, syrup of figs, 50, Witch hazel, 10, syringe, 25, colle, 30 | 0 | 75 |
| September 19 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 2 dozen Solio paper, 20  | 0 | 35 |

## Cash a/c Received

| Date                       | Cash Received                                       | Dollars | Cents |
|----------------------------|---|---------|-------|
| January 1 <sup>st</sup>    |   | 0       | 00    |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Received from father                                | 9       | 00    |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Received from G. Arner & sons for calf              | 5       | 00    |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>   | For 14 muskrat hides                                | 3       | 80    |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | From Jew for 3 skunks                               | 1       | 00    |
| February 4 <sup>th</sup>   | From Jew for 1 mink                                 | 2       | 25    |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>      | From G. Jasperson for tobacco                       | 112     | 55    |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>     | M. Sloman and Co. for 12 muskrat hides              | 3       | 69    |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>     | John Bottom, 16 muskrat hides                       | 4       | 00    |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup>     | J. Arner, 7 posts                                   | 2       | 10    |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>     | J. McKindoo, 1/2 bu. 7 seed (?)                     | 1       | 50    |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>     | Calf hide at 45 cents                               | 0       | 45    |
| April 27 <sup>th</sup>     | George Higgins, chestnut flag pole                  | 1       | 50    |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>        | O. J. Arner, 1 bu. seed corn                        | 1       | 00    |
| June 15 <sup>th</sup>      | L. Govreau, 2000 tobacco plants                     | 2       | 00    |
| June 16 <sup>th</sup>      | W. Agla, posts and braces (1.50), wheat acc. (0.50) | 2       | 00    |
| June 17 <sup>th</sup>      | Mr. Stoddard, 1200 tobacco plants                   | 1       | 15    |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup>      | Mr. Stoddard 1000 tobacco plants                    | 1       | 00    |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | Lewis Govreau 600 tobacco plants                    | 0       | 60    |
| June 27 <sup>th</sup>      | M. Stoddard 500 tobacco plants                      | 0       | 35    |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>       | Ernest Thompson, 1000 tobacco plants                | 0       | 50    |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup>      | O. J. Arner \$9. 50 balance on wheat                | 9       | 50    |
| August 20 <sup>th</sup>    | G. Arner and Sons for calf                          | 5       | 00    |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup> | John Lot, horse pasture                             | 1       | 50    |
| October 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | R. Eede 3 1/3 bu wheat @ 90 cents                   | 3       | 00    |
| October 9 <sup>th</sup>    | W. Agla balance on wheat acc.                       | 8       | 70    |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Ira Agla balance on wheat acc.                      | 4       | 50    |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup>  | R. Toffemire pt pay on potatoes                     | 5       | 00    |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| November 16 <sup>th</sup> | Potatoes sold in Windsor            | 8 | 50 |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | C. Legett 3 loads of sawdust @ 0.25 | 0 | 75 |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup> | Potatoes, R. Toffemire @ 2.00       | 2 | 00 |

### Cash Paid Out

| Date                      | Cash Paid Out  | Dollars | Cents |
|---------------------------|--|---------|-------|
| January 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Paid John Harris   | 8       | 75    |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Dates from E. Woodawis   | 0       | 05    |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 bottle of Dr. Pierces favourite. persc. [prescription]                     | 1       | 00    |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 16 shot gun shells   | 0       | 32    |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup>  | #2 shot E. Townsend and Co.  | 0       | 18    |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Farm Journal for two years   | 0       | 64    |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Razor (1.25), brass wire (.13), emery dust (.04)                             | 1       | 42    |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Collection   |         | 11    |
| January 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Vaccination (.50), Hardware (.22), Hair C & S (.35) and paid G. Quick (1.75) | 2       | 82    |
| February 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 box of 22 cartridges, E. Townsend  | 0       | 20    |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Collection (0.06) and February 4 <sup>th</sup> stamps (.10)                  | 0       | 16    |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 bottles of Dr. P. F. P. (2), order to Eaton's and stamps (1.21)            | 3       | 21    |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> | Express on order from Eaton's  | 0       | 55    |
| February 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Rope (.44), bells (.25), F. handle (.25), mirror (.18), cy comb (.15)        | 1       | 27    |
| February 29 <sup>th</sup> | Lariat Honda stamp   | 2       | 29    |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Premium on Life Insurance  | 49      | 00    |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Rifle Shells (.25), Furniture (.25), Hair cut (.20)                          | 0       | 70    |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Salvation Army (.25), stamps (.02), and insoles (.10)                        | 0       | 37    |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Broom (.25), double tree (.25), and bag truck (.30)                          | 0       | 80    |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>    | M. Syrup (2.50), plow (3.25), Eaton's order (2.06), C Quick (.05)            | 7       | 86    |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | Collection   | 0       | 07    |
| March 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Camera (4.50) G. pan (.30) C. racks (.20) candy (.35) dusty rope (.26)       | 5       | 61    |
| March 30-31 <sup>st</sup> | Telephoning (.25), 3 baby's vests @ .25                                      | 1       | 00    |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Missionaries (.25), seed of T. W. Wood & sons (.33)                          | 0       | 58    |
| April 8 & 9 <sup>th</sup> | 1 bottle of Cr. P's R. P. and whip (.75)                                     | 1       | 75    |
| April 13&14 <sup>th</sup> | Collection (.10), varnish (.40)  | 0       | 50    |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>    | P. Point (.35), rep. to pail (.15), soling (.15)                             | 0       | 65    |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Pt. Payment on Timothy seed, R. Eede   | 1       | 50    |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup>    | Seed potatoes form J. Arner  | 0       | 40    |
| May 2&3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Stamps (. +10), collection (.15)   | 0       | 25    |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup>      | Stamps and com. on postal note   | 0       | 15    |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup>      | 1 bu. of seed corn, J. Arner   | 1       | 00    |

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| June 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           | Order for Eaton's  | 2  | 40 |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup>                           | Premium on Life Insurance  | 25 | 00 |
| June 14&15 <sup>th</sup>                       | Collection (.10), Medicine (.75), stamps and postals (.25)   | 1  | 10 |
| June 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | Insect destroyer (Eureka)  | 1  | 02 |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Expenses on insect destroyer   | 0  | 25 |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>                          | Order to Montgomery Ward & Co.   | 2  | 07 |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup>                          | Order to J. M. Smythe & Co.  | 0  | 42 |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | 1 bottle of Dr. Pierces F. P.  | 1  | 00 |
| July 15 <sup>th</sup>                          | Miss Wright (10.00), medicine (.25)  | 10 | 25 |
| July 22 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Duty and freight on goods from Chicago, Bananas (.10)  | 1  | 35 |
| July 22 <sup>nd</sup>                          | W. stone (.25), bush (.25), chemicals (.15)  | 0  | 65 |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup>                          | Groceries (.30), Boar service (Edge Scratch) (.50)   | 0  | 80 |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup> & August 1 <sup>st</sup> | Collection (.12), paid Jessie Rowson (6.35), syrup of figs (.50)   | 6  | 97 |
| August 2 & 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Stamps (.27), hair cut (.20), collection   | 0  | 49 |
| August 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | Talcum P. (.25), Laundry (.08), rifle knot (.10)   | 0  | 43 |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup>                        | Mite Society Epiphany Church   | 1  | 00 |
| September 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | Ray concert (.05), comfort and R. ring (.10)   | 0  | 15 |
| September 26/7 <sup>th</sup>                   | Bananas (.10), collection (.10)  | 0  | 20 |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>                        | Harness Rep. (.70), drugs (.22), chop (.30)  | 1  | 22 |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>                        | Fred (.55), fair (.55)   | 1  | 10 |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup>                       | Sol. Iler 9 gallons of sorghum   | 1  | 62 |
| October 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Order to T. Eaton Co.  | 2  | 60 |
| October 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | Expenses (.30), basket and b. oil(.45), T. Pastorious (.50), C. Quick (.37)                                | 1  | 62 |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Boots (.25), tire cement (.15)   | 0  | 40 |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | Rye fare   | 1  | 20 |
| November 7, 8, 9 <sup>th</sup>                 | Medicine (.50), goods at C. Quick's (.40), collection (.10), granite patches (.25)                         | 1  | 25 |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>                      | Collection (.25)   | 0  | 25 |
| November 30 & December 3                       | Map (1.40), Bazaar (.85), hair cut (.25), comfort (.05)  | 2  | 55 |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>                       | Collection   | 0  | 30 |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | Suit for Fred (3.29), clock for wedding present (6.50) and miscellaneous articles and lemon extracts (.10) | 10 | 16 |

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