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EXERCISE BOOK

Diary for 1882–3 {hand written}

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Sun July 23 1882 clear and hot

Mon July 24th clear and hot the boys were drawing in hay. I was helping mow away & hoeing corn

Tue July 25th wclear and very hot in the Morning and Evening we were cutting the wheat East of the house

Wed July 26th clear and very hot finished the cutting wheat to day

Thu July 27th clear and very hot. Duncan & I was over the river mowing the grass. Some of it very heavey.

Fri Jul 28th cloudy fore part of the day. clear and hot part of the after noon. was mowing over the river

Sat Jul 29th cloudy and warm, finished cutting the grass over the river.

Sun Jul 30th clear and warm.

Mon Jul 31st cloudy rain this Evening John and Duncan drawing in wheat untill the rain came. I was mowing the fence corners of the back wheat field this fore noon. after noon I & Walter was rakeing and cocking over the river

Camden Gove August 1882

Tue Aug 1st cloudy and Soft a heavey rain last night. the boys & I were makeing a fiew rails and Sawing Sove wood.

Wed Aug 2^{ond} cloudy Some rain in the Evening in the fore noon we was drawing and rails and repairing fence, after noon I was hoeing the boys helping Albert thrash

Thu Aug 3rd cloudy. I was hoeing corn the boys was cultivating fore part of the day latter part helping Albert Hitcheson thrash

Fri Aug 4th cloudy and heavey rain. we was hoeing corn untill the rain came cutting up thistles after the rain. the ground very wet ditches full of water. wheat in a bad plight

Sat Aug 5th clear part of the day and very hot at times the boys Sawing Sawing Stove wood most of the day. I was cutting up thistles part of the day part of the time, repairing wheat Shocks I find the wheat growing. the ground very wet

Sun Aug 6th clear most of the day and hot. Quarterly Meeting held at Croton Church

Mon Aug 7th thunder clouds a good part of the day and very hot. we ware unbinding the Sheaves of wheat East of the house. they ware very much grown and wet, drew them in this after noon ,

Camden Gove August 1882

Tue Aug 8th cloudy Some rain, made a gate and Set it up over the river on the other place

Wed Aug 9th cloudy misted a little rain. Duncan and I was turning hay over the river, we found it damaged very much withe the rain this after noon I was rakeing hay, the boys was drawing in wheat. the river very high

Thu Aug 10th cloudy and cool. the boys finished drawing in wheat this fore noon. after noon John commenced to plow. Duncan and I was cutting oats I find them down very bad have to mow most of them.

Fri Aug 11th clear and cool. I and Duncan cutting oats in the fore noon, after noon we was all over the river finishing up the hay. John a plowing in the fore noon

Sat Aug 12th clear part of the day and windy a Shower this Evening I was binding oats, the boys helping Albert draw in wheat

Sun Aug 13th cloudy and cool.

Mon Aug 14th clear part of the day and warm Duncan and I working at the oats. John was plowing

Tue Aug 15th clear and hot. Duncan and I. working at the oats they are bad cutting being down bad. John was plowing

Camden Gove August 1882

Wed Aug 16th cloudy thunder Showers this after noon was mowing oats in the fore Duncan & I. afternoon not doing much John plowing

Thu Aug 17th cloudy in the forenoon clear after noon and cool high wind form the North and Duncan and I finished cutting oats North of the house John was plowing

Fri Aug 18th clear and pleasant was working at the oats Duncan and I. John plowing

Sat Aug 19th clear and warm, finished cutting oats John finished plowing the field west of the ~~hese~~ house.

Sun Aug 20th clear and hot

Mon Aug 21st clear part of the day and very hot. was mowing weeds part of the fore noon. Binding oats the rest of the day.

Tue Aug 22nd clear part of the day and very close and hot. finished binding oats. this John. Duncan and the girls went to Florence

Wed Aug 23rd cloudy Some rain the morning I was Setting up oats. the boys drawing hay that was cut out of the fence corners. drawing oats this after noon. I was turning the ~~wee~~ weeds that Duncan and I cutt

Camden Gove August 1882

Thu Aug 24th clear and pleasant. John & I was drawing and Stacking oats Duncan cutting peas or rather weeds as there is more weeds than peas

Fri Aug 25th clear and hot. finished drawing in oats. Duncan was pulling peas part of the day and part of the time was helping me on the ~~sta~~ stack

Sat Aug 26th clear part of the day and warm I went to the Blacksmiths with a plow point to get Sharpend didnt get home till noon in the after noon went to Florence about the School affairs. the boys pulling peas this fore noon after noon Duncan went home, John was plowing

Sun Aug 27 cloudy Some rain

Mon Aug 28th clear and warm. I was pulling peas. John plowing Duncan away

Tue Aug 29th clear and warm I was pulling peas. John plowing. Duncan helping Charles McIntosh thrash

Wed August 30th clear and warm. I and Duncan finished cutting peas at noon. John plowing this fore noon after noon the boys drawing peas

Thu Aug 31st clear part of the day and hot. I. was cleaning the creek ditch Duncan helping William Saw thrash John plowing

Camden Gove September 1882

Fri Sept 1st cloudy most of the day and not So hot as yesterday. I was ditching Duncan helping William Law John plowing

Sat Sept 2nd clear fore noon and hot. after noon cloudy a little rain. Duncan and I helping Bilton Snary thrash the fore part of the day, latter part of the day went to help John W. Snarey rain Stopt us John was plowing

Sun Sept 3rd clear and pleasant

Mon Sept 4th clear and cool. Duncan and I helping John W. Snarey thrashing the fore noon after noon helping Bilton John plowing

Tue Sept 5th clear and hot. Duncan and I helping Bilton Snarey thrash. John commenced to plow the clover field

Wed Sept 6th clear and hot. Duncan and I. helping Bilton Snary thrash John plowing

Thu Sept 7th clear and hot. Duncan was ditching John plowing. I was pulling beans in the fore noon after noon went to Florence

Fri Sept 8th clear and cool. John was plowing Duncan helping Peter Farlasdeau thrash. I attended the arbertration at the School house for an extention of the School Site. in the after noon was ditching

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Sat Sept 9th clear and hot. Duncan and I. have was helping Peter Farlerdeau thrash John plowing

Sun Sept 10th clear and pleasant.

Mon Sept 11th clear high wind. from the North East and warm. Duncan and I. helping Peter Farledeau thrash this fore noon after noon ditching. John plowing

Tue Sept 12th clear and warm, quite cool, in the morning very nigh a frost the last four or five nights. Duncan and I. hewing a few Sticks for a culvert on the road. the fore noon after noon digging a ditch and putting in Some tile. Albert Ketchison drawing tile for me. John plowing

Wed Sept 13th cloudy part of the day and warm I was digging and putting in a fiew tile John harrowin. Duncan helping John Greenwood thrash in Albert Ketchisons place Albert drawing tile for me.

Thu Sept 14th clear with very high wind from the West. I was digging in the fore noon in the after noon helping John Smith thrash Duncan helping John Greenwood in the fore noon and Smith in the after noon John was harrowing

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Fri Sept 15th clear and dry Duncan and I helping John Smith thrash untill 4 P.M. helping John Hison Hilson from that till night John Harrowing

Sat Sept 16th clear and pleasant. I was working at the ditch in the after noon, was helping John Start the drill. John comenced drilling in wheat. Duncan helping John Hilson thrash

Sun Sept 17th clear and warm

Mon Sept 18th clear and hot. I was working on the drain Duncan helping Albert Ketcheson thrash John harrowing the ground for wheat

Tue Sept 19th cloudy part of the day and hot, a Sprinkling of rain not enough to lay the dust rain is needed very much. I was helping Albert Greenwood thrash until about 3 P.M. when the machien was broke Duncan & John was drawing out ~~manu~~ manure. rain is very much needed

Wed Sept 20th cloudy and ~~eold~~ hot. I was cutting up corn. Duncan and John was drawing manure part of the day.

Thu Sept 21st cloudy was cutting up corn Duncan ditching. John ~~wa~~ rolling ground for wheat
~~Sat Sept 22nd clear and pleasant. John~~

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Fri Sept 22nd cloudy part of the day. John was harrowing for wheat Duncan was helping Mr Caswell thrash I was cutting up corn a Splendid rain last night

Sat Sept 23rd clear John was drilling in wheat I was helping Albert Greenwood thrash this after noon

Sun Sept 23rd clear and pleasant.

Mon Sept 24th clear a fine day. I was cutting up corn in the fore noon John harrowing Duncan ditching. after noon we ware thrashing for My self. frost the last three nights but no damage done here yet

Tue Sept 25th clear and pleasant. finished thrashing about ten O.C. this fore noon. had 261 bushels of wheat and 267 bushels of oats after noon Duncan & I cutting up corn. John helped them take away the Machien

Wed Sept 26th cloudy a prospect of rain John was harrowing Duncan cutting up corn I was digging potatoes

Thu Sept 27th cloudy a little rain last night. John drilling in wheat. Duncan and I working at the drain

Fri Sept 28th cloudy John was plowing Duncan and I working at the drain

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Sat Sept 29th cloudy fore part of the day latter part clear and hot. John was plowing Duncan and I was cutting up corn in the fore noon after noon I was cutting up corn. Duncan went home.

Sun Oct 1st clear and hot.

Mon Oct 2nd clear part of the day and warm John was plowing I was digging potatoes. Duncan away home.

Tue Oct 3rd clear and hot. I went to Thamesville to Mill and to See the fair. John helping to dig a well for Zeek Duncan away home came back this Evening

Wed Oct 4th clear and hot. John was harrowing and plowing I was digging potatoes. Duncan helping dig a well for Zeek.

Thu Oct 5th clear and very hot. more like a July day than October. Duncan and I finished digging potatoes, John drilling in the Democrat wheat

Fri Oct 6th clear and very hot. in the fore noon I was pitting potatoes after noon husking corn John and Duncan away to the Dresden fair.

Sat Oct 7th clear part of the day and hot. this fore noon Duncan & I were pitting --

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potatoes and cleaning out water furrows in the wheat field after noon I went to Thamesville for the grist John and Duncan husking corn and fixing up bars

Sun Oct 8th clear and pleasant

Mon Oct 9th flying clouds and high wind from the West. I was husking corn John and Duncan makeing a fence around the hay Stack over the river and drawing wood in the fore noon, after noon they were drawing pumpkins and corn.

~~Tue Oct 10th cloudy a fine rain last night. I~~

Tue Oct 10 clear and fine. Duncan and I gathering apples John plowing the new Orchard

Wed Oct 11th cloudy part of the day. a fine rain last night. Duncan and I Sawing cord wood John drilling in wheat in the new Orchard

Thu Oct 12th cloudy most of the day. Duncan and I cutting cord wood John and Chaley McIntosh plowing for wheat

Fri Oct 13th cloudy rain most of the afternoon John harrowing the ground they plowed yester day Duncan and I breaking clods in the fore noon, after noon, helping Albert thrashing until the rain came

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Sat Oct 14th clear and warm in the middle of the day cool this morning a frost last night. Duncan and I was helping. Albert thrash the fore part of the day after noon husking corn. John finished drilling in ~~whea~~ wheat for us for this Season

Sun Oct 15th clear and hot.

Mon Oct 16th clear fore noon after noon cloudy and warm. the boys & I husking in the fore noon, after noon cutting up corn

Tue Oct 17th cloudy most of the day misting rain this fore noon. I and the boys ditching

Wed Oct 18th foggy this morning after noon clear, the boys and I working at the drain

Thu Oct 19th cloudy wind from the ~~Nor~~ North and quite cool we were husking corn this fore noon. Duncan makeing cider John drawing wood and pumpkins in the afternoon

Fri Oct 20th clear and pleasant in the after noon. a very Sharp frost last night the first to kill corn and pumpkin vines here this Season. the boys and I husking this fore noon they was away to Harts bee this after noon. I put the Ram withe the Ewes this fore noon

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Sat Oct 20th cloudy and cool a Sharp frost last night. the boys and I husking corn this fore noon after noon John and Walter drawing in corn. Duncan and I pulling and pitting mangolds.

Sun Oct 22, clear part of the day & warm

Mon Oct 23rd cloudy and cool. I attended the funeral of Martha Tiffin this fore noon after noon husking corn. Duncan and John took the yong cattle over the river this morning the rest of the day husking

Tue Oct 24th clear part of the day, husking in the fore noon after noon Duncan and I helping John Snarey thrash John working at the corn

~~Mon~~ Wed Oct 25th cloudy high wind from the South Duncan and I helping John Snarey finish thashing the fore part of the day latter part husking

Thu Oct 26th clear and cool. Anna and I. went up to Florence this fore noon after noon husking the boys husking and drawing in corn.

Fri Oct 27th cloudy and moderate. John and I husking Duncan away Camden Gove October 1882

Sat Oct 28th cloudy and cool in d the morning warm the rest of the day rain this evening I and the boys husking this fore noon after noon drawing in corn

Sun Oct 29th clear part of the day and pleasant for the time of year ~~rai~~

Mon Oct 30th cloudy cool. this morning fine the rest of the day. the boys and I husking corn most of the day

Tue Oct 31st cloudy and light Showers fore part of the day. latter part clear and warm. the boys and I husking in the after noon I and Duncan cleaning up Some wheat this morning

Wed Nov 1st clear fore part of the day and warm took a Small load of ~~w~~ wheat to Thamesville Sold part of it. got the rest ground. the bors husking

Thu Nov 2nd cloudy and quite cool, finished husking and drawing in the corn in the little field by the house

Fri Nov 3 cloudy and cool. I was husking in the after noon, John and Duncan drawing corn Stalks. Settled with and paid Duncan Bolton jr thirty Eight dollars ~~and~~ ~~fe~~ being full of all demands to date

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Sat Nov 4th clear most of the day warm in midle of the day cold in the morning Sharp frost the last fiew nights. I was piting apples John went up to Geres Pawls for Some mortar to plaster the School house. and drew Some oak lumber from Nesons Mill

Sun Nov 5th clear most of the day and cool

Mon Nov 6th cloudy and Some rain was to Florence at the Quarterly board this after noon

Tue Nov 7th cloudy and Soft or fine rain last night. I was covering potatoe pits for winter this fore noon after noon ditching

Wed Wed 8th flying clouds and cool. attended John Steed's wiefs funeral. John was husking corn

Thu Nov 9th cloudy and Soft I went up to the blacksmith Shop and got Some work done this fore noon after noon husking corn. John commenced fall plowing

Fri Nov 10th cloudy and Soft. Anne and I went to Dresden

Sat Nov 11th cloudy most of the day warm. I was husking corn this fore noon after noon fixing gate at the School. house. John was plowing Camden Gove November 1882

Sun Nov 12th cloudy rain last night

Mon Nov 13th cloudy high wind from the West and cold. Some Snow last night the first for this Season here. I was ~~Spre~~ Spreading manure John was plowing

Tue Nov 14th cloudy most of the day and cold. I was husking corn. John finished plowing the litte field North of the house. a hard frost last night froze the mud pretty Stiff

Wed Nov 15th clear fore part of the day later part cloudy and cool. I was husking. John drawing wood in the fore noon after noon drawing corn. I bargaind 3 two year old Steers 1 the year old hieffer and 1 cow to Mr Bane of Newberry for \$185

Thu Nov 16th cloudy and Soft. John and I was husking corn

Fri Nov 17th cloudy and cool. I was helping John Steed do a little plastring on my house.

Sat Nov 18th clear and pleasant a hard frost last night. we finished our corn and drawing Sta Stalks this afternoon helping T. Sashbrook husk corn this after noon

Sun Nov 19th cloudy and mod e rat

Mon Nov 20th clear and pleasant. John was plowing in the back field. I was working about the land.

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Tue Nov 21st cloudy and Soft this fore noon Walter and I took the cattle to Florence that I Sold to Mr Bane of Newburry. John plowing

Thu Nov 22nd clear part of the day and Soft John was plowing I was digging the ditc and laying tile went of over the river and waterd the young cattle

Thu Nov 23rd cloudy Soft a little rain. I was working at the ditch Some of the time John was plowing

Fri Nov 24th cloudy and cold. very high wind last night. I was repairing fence about the barn John was plowing at home this fore noon after noon went to McIntoshes plowing bee

Sat Nov 25th clear and pleasant. Walter and I fixing up a Shead for calves and watering the cattle over the river ~~John an~~ John and Anne went to Dresden

Sun Nov 26th Snow most of the day. & Soft

Mon Nov 27th clear and cool. killed a pig this fore noon. done Some repairing about the barn and went over the river to See the young cattle

Tue Nov 28th cloudy and cool. was working in the barn this fore noon after noon cutting down trees by the road allowance by neibour Brownlees John helping me

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Wed Nov 29th cloudy and cool went over the river for the young cattle, and coveing about the barn

Thu Nov 30th cloudy and Snow most of the day was chopping wood part of the day. Anne and I was ~~up~~ Setting up with Peter Farlerdeau last night he is very low
Dresd

Dec 1 cloudy and Soft. this fore noon helping to lay out Peter Farlerdeau ~~he did~~ he died this morning, in the the after noon kill'd a cow

Sat Dec 2nd cloudy Snow and blustering the latter part of the day. this fore noon cutting up the beef a killed yester day. after noon was fileing the hand Saw and buck Saw

Sun Dec 3rd clear and quite cool. I was paul. bearer for Peter Farlerdeau's funeral to day

Mon Dec 4th cloudy and Soft high wind from the South, helping Albert Ketchison butcher pigs

Tue Dec 5th cloudy and Soft. I was chopping wood part of the day. Alice Catharine John and Anne went to Thamesville.

Wed Dec 6th cloudy and Soft I was thrashing peas

Thu Dec 7th a cold blustering cold day. not doing much to ~~deen~~ day

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Fri Dec 8th clear and cold. the boys and I were cleaning and putting up Some grain to get chopt. the coldest day for this Season. the river froze over solid

Sat Dec 9th cloudy and cold ~~ann~~ Anne and I went to Thamesville I took a load of grain and got chopt

Sun Dec 10th cloudy and moderate

Mon Dec 11th cloudy Snow most of the day was working about the barn part of the time Sent for the Dr to See Victoria She has the ~~diprea~~ diptheria

Tue Dec 12th cloudy after noon Soft I was helping John W. Snarey butcher pigs. Anne ~~Catherine~~ Catherine and John went to Dresden

Wed Dec 13th cloudy rain last night. this fore noon Soft Snow wind from the South wind got round to North west and cold this after noon. I was thrashing peas part of the day

Thu Dec 14th cloudy and cold. I went to Arther Anderson's and paid my taxes this fore noon after noon thrashing peas

Fri Dec 15th cloudy and cold. I was thrashing peas most of the day

Sat Dec 16th cloudy and cold. John went to Dresden with a load of oats and barley for Albert. I was thrashing peas

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Sun Dec 17th clear and pleasant

Mon Dec 18th clear part of the day and pleasant was thrashing a few ~~pæ~~ peas. John drawing wood.

Tue Dec 19th clear most of the day moderate in the middle of the day. I was thrashing peas Anne John and Walter went to Dresden this afternoon

Wed Dec 20th cloudy and Soft after noon wet to day Catharine was married to George Brock

Thu Dec 21, wet most of the day and part of last night attended ~~ben~~ thr School Examination this after noon, not doing much to day

Fri Dec 22nd cloudy and Soft. Soft Snow this Evening was Sawing Stove wood this fore noon. Setting in the house talking with William Farlardeau he has just came back from Decota.

Sat Dec 23rd cloudy and Soft. John and I was Sawing Stove wood.

Sun Dec 24th cloudy and Soft

Mon Dec 25th clear part of the day and moderate not doing much to day was keeping Christmas

Tue Dec 26th clear fore part of the day and Soft. I was thrashing peas.

Wed Dec 27th cloudy and Soft. I attended the School meeting to day

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Thu Dec 28th cloudy and Soft, was thrashing peas

Fri Dec 29th cloudy and moderate. finished thrashing peas, John took a load of barley and corn to Florence Mill and got chopt

Sat Dec 30th cloudy and cool. John and I was Sawing Stove wood part of the day

Sun Dec 31st cloudy and cool.

Mon Jan 1st 1883, cloudy and cool. Some Snow. was cleaning up some peas this fore noon. after noon fixing up a Stall in the Stable

Tue Jan 2nd cloudy and cool. John and I was Sawing Stove wood.

Wed Jan 3rd cloudy raw cold wind from the West. I was chopping wood John and Anne went to Dresden

Thu Jan 4th cloudy and cold. John and I Sawing Stove wood.

Fri Jan 5th cloudy and cold. Some Snow last night. John was drawing wood I was Splitting Stove wood in the shead

Sat Jan 6th cloudy and cool, John & Walter drawing wood. I was Spliting and pileing it in the Shead.

Sun Jan 7th cloudy and coldCamden Gove January 1883

Mon Jan 8th Snow in the fore noon. after noon clear. John & and I were Shelling corn and putting up a load of grain to get chopt

Tue Jan 9th clear and cool, pretty sharp this morning. I was butchering pigs for myself to day John. W. Snarey and Chester helping me. John took a load of grain to Florence to get chopt

Wed Jan 10th cloudy and quite cold. John went to Florence for the chop feed in the fore noon after I went to Thamesville with pork Sold it for \$8.90c per cwt

Thu Jan 11th clear and not So cold. I went to Dresden took down a pig pig for David Merck

Fri Jan 12th cloudy not quite So cold. was Sawing Stove wood.

Sat Jan 13th cloudy Soft very high wind from the South West. Snow last night we wear Sawing wood part of the fore noon I and Sashbrook was makeing a Stand for the well at the School house this after noon

Sun Jan 14th cloudy part of the day and cool

Mon Jan 15th clear and cold. John and I was Sawing Stove wood

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Tue Jan 16th clear part of the day and cold. was cutting wood again to day

Wed Jan 17th a Soft Snow most of the day, not doing much to day attended the Sale of widow fr Farerdeaus.

Thu Jan 18th clear and pleasant. John and I Sawing Stove wood.

Fri Jan 19th cloudy and Soft. not very well to day not doing any thing William Clement and Wife was here last night, they went away this fore noon.

Sat Jan 20th cloudy and soft rain in the after noon. we ware cleaning up Some wheat and Shelling corn and prepreing a load for mill

Sun Jan 21st cloudy part of the day and very cold

Mon Jan 22^{ond} clear and very cold. the coldest day this year. the themomiter 10 deg below zero. not doing any thing to day but feed Stock and make fiers.

Tue Jan 23th clear and cold. not doing any thing to day but feed the Stock

Wed Jan 24th clear part of the day and not quite So cold I was Splitting Stove wood in the Shed

Thu Jan 25th clear and pleasant. I was chopping wood. John getting the horses Shod.

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Fri Jan 26th clear and pleasant. Anne, Walter and myself went w to Dresden. I took Some grain and got ground

Sat Jan 27th cloudy and Soft. Some rain last night was cutting wood part of the day.

Sun Jan 28th clear part of the day and moderate

Mon Jan 29th cloudy and moderate, John and I Sawing Stove wood most of the day

Tue Jan 30th cloudy and Soft. went over the river with John for a load of rails this fore noon after noon was down to the ~~Sh~~ School house helping Survey the School ground

Wed Jan 31st cloudy with high cold wind from the west. we ware drawing rails and wood from over the river

Thu Feb 1st cloudy and cold, we ware drawing rails and wood from over the river

Fri Feb 2^{ond} Snow most of the day. was drawing rails and wood from ~~of~~ over the river

Sat Feb 3rd rain most of the day. the trees covered with ice. a thick crust on the Snow not doing much to day

Sun Feb 4th clear part of the day and cold.

Mon Feb 6th clear most of the day and cold. a very thick crust on the Snow. the boys are Skating on the crust. attended the Quarterly board at Florence

Camden Gove February 1883

Tue Feb 6th cloudy and cool. was felling trees for wood

Wed Feb 7th clear a pleasant winter day. John and I was Shelling corn and putting up a load for Mill. after noon took it to Florence mill and got chopt.

Thu Feb 8th clear and cool. John and I was cutting Stove wood

Fri Feb 9th clear and pleasant. cutting wood again to day

Sun Feb 10th cloudy and cold. very Sharp this morning, we ~~wea~~ were cutting wood to day

Sat Feb 11th clear a pleasant winters day

Mon Feb 12th clear and pleasant. John and I cutting Stove wood

Tue Feb 13th clear and warm in the midle of the day. very Sharp this morning. Anne Alice Ketchison and I went to Dresden I had to attend Coart on a trial between John Campbell and the trustees

Wed Feb 14th cloudy and rain most of the day not doing much to day

Thu Feb 15th cloudy and Soft. we wear drawing tile from Florence

Fri Feb 16th a foggy rainy day, not doing much to day

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Sat Feb 17th cloudy and cool. the boys and were Sawing and Splitting Stove wood at the house

Sun Feb 18th clear and pleasant

Mon Feb 19th cloudy and cool. I went to Florence this fore noon with Charles McIntosh and received the intrest on the money fore the land I Sold him after noon was chopping wood. John ~~wen~~ went ~~th~~ to Thamesville with the girls

Tue Feb 20th cloudy and cold. Snow in the fore noon, the fore part of the day I was chopping wood. John was drawing in the after noon noon I went to Dresden for the chop feed

Wed Feb 21st clear and pleasant John was drawing blocks for fence this fore noon after noon we was cleaning up wheat.

Thu Feb 22nd cloudy and Snow this fore noon we was Sawing Some Stove wood

Fri Feb 23rd ~~cloudy~~ clear and warm the latter part of the day. John and I went to Thamesville with a load of wheat Sold it to T. Syers for one dollar per bushel

Sat Feb 24th cloudy after noon rain and Sleet we ware Shelling corn and putting up a load to get ground. John got it chopt this after noon

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Sun Feb 25th cloudy high wind from the West and cold.

Mon Feb 26th cloudy wind from the North West and quite cold. we was Sawing Stove part of the day

Tue Feb 27th cloudy after noon Snow the fore part of the day John and I was Sawing and Splitting Stove wood. after noon I went up to the School house and voted for Member for the local house

Wed Feb 28th clear and moderate the roads getting pretty bare. John and I was over the river cutting Some Small oak timber for fence posts.

Thu March 1st clear and warm. the wind and Sun has cut away the Snow and ice very fast to day. I was helping Phillip Switzer Score timber for John W. Snareys drive barn John was drawing Tile fr from Florence we Saw ~~blew~~ blue birds the first this season

Fri March 2nd clear fore part of the day latter part cloudy cool. I was helping Switzer again with the timber

Sat Mar 3rd cloudy and cool. they boys and I was Sawing and Splitting Stove wood at the house part of the day.

Sun Mar 4th cloudy part of the day and coldCamden Gove March 1883

Mon Mar 5th clear part of the day and pleasant. quite Sharp this morning. I and John drawing out manure

Tue Mar 6th cloudy. Snow the fore part of the day quite Soft the latter part. we ware Shelling corn and putting up a load to get chopt this fore noon. after noon was drawing wood from over the river

Wed Mar 7th clear part of the day and cool, we were drawing wood from over the river. the road getting quite ~~b~~ bare of Snow again

Thu Mar 8th clear part of the day, we were drawing wood from over the river

Fri Mar 9th cloudy and moderate putting up a load of grain to get chopt, in the after noon, John took it to Florence. Anne Sick Sent for the Dr this evening

Sat Mar 10th Snow Squalls most of the day. Anne Some better. John went for the chop feed this after noon. I was chopping Some wood by the house. Desmond came for the calf I sold him

Sun Mar 11th cloudy and cool.

Mon Mar 12th cloud and cold. we were drawing up wood and putting in the wood Shed. the ground and river froze Solid yet. John Greenwood was getting ice out to day, the first Lamb for this season

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Tue Mar 13th clear and warm. we were drawing hay from over the river. the roads getting quite soft towards Evening.

Wed Mar 14th clear pretty high wind from the West the frost and Snow going fast. this fore noon drew the last of the hay from over the river. after noon was Scraping up manure about the barn yard.

Thu Mar 15th cloudy and cold. we were hauling manure to day.

Fri Mar 16th clear part of the day and cool we were hauling out manure again to day

Sat Mar 17th clear part of the day moderate this after noon. cloudy and looks like rain this evening, we were getting out manure again.

Sun Mar 18th moderate in the morning. the latter part of the day cold blustering and Snow.

Mon Mar 19th a blustering Snowing Stormy day. Snowed all last night and most of the day to day. about ten inches of Snow fell the last thirty hours. not doing much but look after Ewes and lambs Six or Seven Ewes had lambs and one Ewe died Since the Storm com- ~~menced~~ - menced quite cold to night. a dull looking Sight for the blue birds and robins

Camden Gove March 1883

Tue Mar 20th clear and pleasant we were not doing much to day

Wed Mar 21st clear and pleasant a very Sharp morning. we was cleaning up timothy ~~Sea~~ Seed part of the time to day.

Thu Mar 22nd clear most of the day, and pleasant after 9 AM. very cold in the morning the themomiter has been blow Zero the last three mornings. we was Shelling corn and fixing up a load of chop for mill and Sawing some wood at the house to day.

Fri Mar 23rd a rough blustering Snowing day. I was thrashing out oats. John went to Florence mill with some grain and got chopt for the eat cattle

Sat Mar 24th clear and warm in the midle of the day pretty Sharp this morning. I was thrashing out oats the boys was drawing wood

Sun Mar 25th clear and moderate

Mon Mar 26th cloudy and Soft. Sharp in the morning the boys was drawing wood. I ~~was~~ was thrashing out oats

Tue Mar 27th clear part of the day and cool. I was thrashing out oats. John was chopping Stove wood

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Wed Mar 28th cloudy and moderate. finished thrashing and cleaning the oats

Thu Mar 29th clear and pleasant. I was tapping a fiew trees and trimming the grape vines and Some of the apple trees

Fri Mar 30th cloudy part of the day and cool part of the fore noon helping John W. Snarey try to get a Sow and pigs over the river on the ice but cold not make it work. Mahlon Gibson had to get his oxen and draw theem over on the Sleigh. after noon we was Sawing and Splitting Stove wood

Sat Mar 31st clear most of the day wind from the East and cold. the boys and I ~~chopp~~ Sawing and Splitting Stove wood at the house

Sun Apr 1st cloudy and cold. wind from the East

Mon Apr 2nd clear and cool. I was Sowing grass Seed this fore noon. after noon John & I finished ~~cutting~~ cutting the Stove wood at the house

Tue Apr 3rd clear most part of the day and pleasant. this fore noon went up to Florence and paid the Dr for attending Anne, paid Joseph Shepley ~~and~~ for makeing Johns and mending Walters boots paid john young for tile

Wed Apr 4th cloudy and Soft looked like rain but none came ~~came~~ I was Scraping up
manureCamden Gove April 1883

Thu ~~Fri~~ Apr 5th cloudy and rain most of the day not doing any thing this fore noon. after
noon was triming the apple trees

Fri Apr 6th cloudy and cool, was triming apple trees the ice Started in the river to day for the
first time this Season

Sat Apr 7th cloudy and Soft Some Snow lat night and to day. not doing much to day

Sun Apr 8th clear and warm a pleasant day

Mon Apr 9th clear a fine day I was at the blacksmith's this fore noon after noon was triming
bushes in the garden

Tue Apr 10th clear and warm a very fine day I was working on the under ground drain Anne &
John took a grist to Dresden and got ground

Wed Apr 11th cloudy fore part of the day, high wind and cold. I was working at the ditch John
Started plow this after noon

Thu Apr 12th clear part of the day and pleasant. I was working at the ditch John was plowing

Fri Apr 13th clear part of the day and cool. pretty high wind from the East, John was plowing.
I was ditching

Sat Apr 14th clear and quite hot the themoiter at 84 deg. I was working at the ditch. John
was plowing

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Sun Apr 15th cloudy Some rain

Mon Apr 16th clear and pleasant. I was ditching John plowing. Duncan and Sarah Bolton was
hear to day

Tue Apr 17th clear and pleasant a very fine day John was plowing. I was ditching. Sold a white
Bull calf Charley Grant to H H Scarlett to day.

Wed Apr 18th clear and pleasant. I finished the ditch to day. John was plowing. I Saw Some
barn Martins to day.

Thu Apr 19th I was fixing up fence John was plowing

Fri Apr 20th clear part of the day and cool. I was takeing part of the fence down between me and William Saw. am going to repair it over. John was plowing most of the day he took Tory up to the Dr this fore noon & a tooth drawn

Sat Apr 21th clear part of the day and pleasant John was plowing. I was laying up fence on the line between me and William Saw

Sun Apr 22th cloudy and cold. Some Snow

Mon Apr 23th cloudy high wind from the North and quite cold. John finished plowing the field Across the road. I was fix laying up fence

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Tue Apr 24th cloudy and Snow Squalls most of the day. I was Stakeing the fence part of the time. John was harrowing the ground for oat. before Sowing.

Wed Apr 25th cloudy part of the day and cool. I was repairing fences John was harrowing.

Thu Apr 26th cloudy after noon wet fore part of the day repairing fence this Evening was Shelling corn to get chopt John commenced drilling in oats was Stopt by by the rain

Fri Apr 27th cloudy Some rain. I was takeing up potatoes out of the pits John was drilling in oats

Sat Apr 28th cloudy fore noon after noon clear and cool. heavey rain last night. I was pileing brush that was cut out of the Orchard the fore part of the day, was over the river fixing up fence in the after noon. John took Some corn and oats to Florence Mill and got chopt.

Sun Apr 29th clear and cool

Mon Apr 30th cloudy and cool. I was digging in the garden this fore noon, after noon went to Florence for Some apple trees I had ordered they had not come. John was drilling in oats the fore part of the day. latter part cultivating. Saw some chimney Swallows the first this Season.

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Tue May 1st clear and warm. I was diging in the garden and takeing up a pit of potatoes in the fore noon. after noon Sowing barley, John was harrowing

Tue May 2^{ond} cloudy and warm. was Setting out a fiew apple trees and Sowing grassseed to day, John was harrowing

~~Wed May,~~

Thu May 3rd cloudy warm and thunder Showers I was cutting and planting a few potatoes. John was cultivating the little field North of the ~~hou~~ house, this after noon.

Fri May 4th cloudy, and warm, very heavy rain last night the ground too wet to work I was setting a few grafts and making trellises for the grape vines

Sat May 5th cloudy and cool. was digging in garden and taking up a pit of potatoes John and the girls were at Seth Crowell's wife's funeral

Sun May 6th clear and pleasant attended the Quarterly meeting at Florence Church

Mon May 7th cloudy rain and thunder most of the fore noon. fore part of the day I was cutting seed potatoes after noon attended Quarterly ~~Meeting~~ official - Meeting at Florence

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Tue May 8th cloudy, I was spreading manure. John plowing the field East of the house for corn,

Wed May 9th cloudy threatened rain but little came. I was spreading manure in the fore noon, after noon sowing barley and grass seed quite windy this evening

Thu May 10th cloudy and wet most part of the day. I was repairing the line fence between me and Bilton when I could for the rain John and ~~then~~ Anne went to Dresden

Fri May 11th clear part of the day and cool. this fore noon was picking up the old rotten pieces of rail where Whitaker Bilton had moved the line fence. after noon was at the raising of a barn for Henry Lampman

Sat May 12th clear part of the day and cool I was repairing fence John was plowing

Sun May 13th clear part of the day and cool

Mon May 14th cloudy and wet. thunder Showers through the day. I was working in the shop sharpening saws part of the time. John was plowing when the rain would let him, the ground is getting very wet

Tue May 15th clear and cool, was splitting rails on the river flats

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Wed May 16th clear and cool. was splitting rails in the fore noon after noon John and I were at the raising of Nelson's ~~Barn~~ Young's Barn

Thu May 17th clear fore part of the day. cloudy this evening looks as though we might have rain frosts the last three nights a sharp one last night. was repairing fence to day ~~h~~ Hugh

Mead. & Alice DeCuite was here last night and this fore noon. Anne went to Dresden to See Richard Tiffin he is very sick

Fri May 18th cloudy part of the day and thretened rain but not much came. the boy and I gettin out manure.

Sat May 19th cloudy warm and pleasant. was Spreading manure this fore noon. after noon at the raising of John Young's barn. John was plowing for corn. Walter Sprading manure.

Sun May 20st cloudy and cool.

Mon May 21 a cold rain all day. Setting in the house most of the day

Tue May 22^{ond} Snow this fore noon. rain all night the ground very wet I was Sawing up old rails in the wood Sead part of the day

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Wed May 23th clear was letting water of the corn ground of the barley this fore noon after noon went up to Florence with B.Y. Snarey.

Thu May 24th clear most of the day and hot. A Sharp frost last night. cloudy this Evening we was repairing fences makeing a pen for washing the Sheep

Fri May 25th clear and hot John and Anne went to Dresden. I was helping to clear the Organ. the fruit trees are blossesming.

Sat ~~Apr~~ May 26th heavey rain most of the day, not doing much to day

Sun May 27th cloudy and thunden Showers went South and West none here

Mon May 28th cloudy, hot part of the day not doing much the ground to wet to work went to Florence this after noon

Tue May 29th clear and pleasant. the ground to wet yet to work, wer was repairing fence part of the day. the apple trees only nicely in bloom

Wed May 30th cloudy. after noon rain. Commencec putting up a pice of board fence had to Stop at noon for the rain

Thu May 31st clear and cool. John and James Staggs was working at the fence. I went to Dresden this fore noon for nails

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Fri June 1st clear and hot in the middle of the day. James Staggs John & myself working at the board fence by the Side of the lane. a frost last night.

Sat Jun 2nd clear and warm, I was ~~repa~~ re pairing fence this fore noon. after noon we ware washing Sheep.

Sun Jun 3rd cloudy in the after noon. and warm

Mon Jun 4th flying clouds and hot. heavey thunder Shower last night. this fore noon I went over the river to get Mr Skinner to Shear the Sheep. after noon the boys and I took the young cattle over to the other place and made Some fence poasts and brought home

Tue Jun 5th clear fore part of the day and hot havey thunder and rain this Evening. I was panting beans and corn in the garden the fore part of the day. latter part Selling Seed corn. John commenced harrowing the corn ground

Wed Jun 6th flying clouds most of the day. ~~heav~~ heavey rain in the Evening went up to Florence this fore noon. claning a load of wheat for Mill in the after noon John commenced to harrow in the after noon was Stopt by the rainCamden Gove June 1883

Thu Ju 7th clear most of the day and ~~het~~ hot. the boys and I was pileing manure in the fore noon. John finished harrowing and commenced marking out the corn ground. Mr Skinner commenced Shearing the Sheep this after noon

Fri Jun 8th clear most of the day and hot cloudy this Evening and looks like rain we was planting corn. Mr Skiner finished Shearing the Sheep this afternoon

Sat Jun 9th cloudy wet fore part of the day. I finished planting corn in the field East of the barn

Sun Jun 10th cloudy and cool.

Mon Jun 11th cloudy, went over the river and gave the young cattle Some Salt this fore noon after noon was planting potatoes James Staggs & John working at the fence this after noon. Cool.

Tue Jun cloud and warm, I was helping Albert Ketchison plant his corn. John & James Staggs was working at the fence

Wed Jun 18th flying clouds and cool, went to Dresden to Mill, James Staggs child died last night

{page two} {a few calculations} $155 \times 75 = 11625$ $1089 = 11665$ ++++++ $155 \times 80 = 12400$
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