

# George Lewis' (1838-1911) 1873-1874 Diary

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~~Charles Adams pass Book Feb 20 2 lbs Tobacco 90 [cents]~~

Charles Adams pass Book

1873 charged to G Lewis

Feb 20	To 1 lb Tobacco		45
" 27	" 4 1/4 lbs butter 15		63 3/4
" "	" 2 3/4 " do{?} 15		41 1/4.
" "	" 1 lb pepper		25
Mar 8	" 1/2 brl {barrel} flour 15.	3	25
" "	" 1 1/2 coal oil 45		22 1/2
		{in pencil} 5	22 1/2

{left margin} Sold A Gregg 2 and 3/4 eel cords of wood at \$4 and 40c

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Sept 6th 1873 cutting logs in the fallow Smith polten and I thomas morgan plowing the sumer fallow

Sept 9 Sow'd the eel sumer fallow and I grunting with A lame back

Sept 10th logging Thomas morgan and David John Lee and my self

Sept 11 pulling peas for John lee

Sept 12 logging very warm day band {bland?} night

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Sept 13 punching up logheaps

Sept 14 down to Crofords to Church the first cold day and A Hevy frost at night

Sept 15 to Goodwood it rained all the after noon got a brush hook

Sept 16 tuesday cutting brush in the falow

Sept 17 Wensday Cutting brush on the falow over to Smith Poltens at night and bought A arm chare and raining at night

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Thursday Sept 18 1873 Cutting brush on the falow A very warm day tundering and lightning at night

Sept 19 Friday Cutting brush in the falow band night met at Sanders A beautiful day

Sept 20 Saturday Cutting brush on the falow A very nice day

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Jun 9 1873 ordar to A Gregg James Falkner for <del>order truman Bently.</del>	3	33
June 2 1873 truman bently to order	6	75.
June 10 to order thomas Mantle.	3	13

{The diary now returns to entries from September}

Sept 21 Sunday to church to Goodwood

Sept 22 Monday branding on the falow Dark day and rained all night

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Sept 23 Tuesday 1873 raking and scratching dark and lousy day quit the tobacco

Sept 24 Wednesday raking in the fallow A beautiful day to church to William Gurles

Sept 25 Thursday Started to rain About three O clock in the morning till eleven O clock in the afternoon fixing up on the fallow beautiful afternoon to church to fathers at night

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Sept 26 Friday Went after Horse Doctor for farmer thomas dragging on the fallow

Sept 27 Saturday Started to sow on the new ground A very warm day

Sept 28 Sunday A nother beautiful day all Hands William Gurles to church and to robert ~~chapman~~ Chapmans to tea and then to Brother frederick Croford's to church at night to hear brother conor shout {in pencil: ←}

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Monday 1873

Sept 29 looks like the equinox storm in the morning the afternoon was a beautiful day went to Mrs david Cuninghams sale

Sept 30 Tuesday Sowing the last fall whet on the new ground in the morning went to the doctor in the afternoon

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the 1 October 1873

A beautiful day started at the potatoes Had smith and His son uxbridge show day

Oct 2 thursday drawing logs for ~~st~~ Smith polten thomas Morgan digging potatoes Lizabeth came Home

Oct 3 Friday all Hands to markaham fair A very nice kind of a day all things in a beautiful stile

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Oct 4 Saurday October raind all day

Oct 5 Sunday A little Cloudy all day All Hands to Sisters Gurles to curch and then to Fredrick Crawfords to church at night

Oct 6 Monday fixing the House and diging potatoes and laying the foundation of ~~the~~ ~~house~~ Smith polens house

Oct 7 Tuesday fixing the House in the forenoon and raised Smith Pollens House the afternoon

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Oct 8 Wensday 1873 Thrashing for James Dilling beautiful wether

Oct 9 Thursday fixing the house A beautiful

Oct 10 Friday Broham fair day A Nother very nice day

Oct 11 Saturday choring pick potatoes and cleaning the well out

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Oct 12 Sunday 1873 A prety cold day I went up to Dillings

Oct 13 Monday thrashing Paid six dollars

Oct 14 Tuesday thrashing to fathers George rustenholt cut his throat A little bit {In pencil: →}

Oct 15 Wensday Handling potatoes and puting them in the Seler to balls Sale the after noon

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Oct 16 Thursday 1873 To uxbridge village {In pencil: ←} to send George Rustenholt to the silem {asylum?} Mrs Robert Gurley to A paring bee

Oct 17 Friday plowing the potato ground went to Samuel tods paring be at night

Oct 18 Saturday clening A grist in the forenoon and sowing grass seeds thomas over the old home sted

Oct 19 Sunday to ransom forsith

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Oct 20 Monday to the mill and thomas pughs after aples and to fathers at night to a paring bee a stormey day

Oct 21 Tuesday after aples to Halls and at night to father to A paring bee another stormey day and night

Oct 22 wensday A beautiful day ~~thoug~~ thomas started to plough and I spliting to wood

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Oct 23 Thursday A rainy day Thomas thrashing and I to Goodwood after the plow harness {harness?}

Oct 24 Friday A beautiful day spliting wood in the fore noonor {noon?} pulling turnips the afternoon

Oct 25 Saturday Shingling for Smith Polten

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Oct 26th Sunday to church to Mrs Gurles and to G edward Mantles at night rather cold day

Oct 27 Monday Shingling for Smith Polten thomas plowing

Oct 28 Tuesday A rainey day spliting wood the fore noon to goodwood the afternoon raining and snowing {In right margin} all the afternoon and A paring bee at night

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Oct 29 Wensday Choring thomas plowing frose prety Hard

Oct 30 Thursday Mooving Smith Polten in his new house A prety hard morning

Oct 31 Friday Cuting and drawing turnips got in eight ~~eds~~ loads it Snowed one inch at night and quite blustering

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November Saturday 1 1873 Helping to raise fathers House the fore noon and finished the turnips the afternoon A little and cold

November 2 Sunday to the dedication of the new church the fore noon and to church to fathers the afternoon and to Claremont at night baptising at night seven were baptised A raw drizzling day

Nov 3 Monday to Goodwood the forenoon to get {A?} land side splitting wood the afternoon ~~thomas st~~

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Nov 4 Tuesday 1873 Splitting wood in the fallow

Nov 5 Wednesday Splitting rails A nother beautiful

Nov 6 Thursday Splitting rails the fore noon Smith polten Helping went to Farner dillins wood be the afternoon

Nov 7 Friday thomas I and I Splitting rails the fore noon Smith polten Helping to youngs paring bee

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Novem 8 Saturday Splitting rails thomas plowing the sod no snow yet

Nov 9 Sunday to James percey all day ~~and~~ went to church at night

Nov 10 Monday Thomas and I Splitting rails quite a nice day down to church at night

Nov 11 Tuesday Thomas and I splitting rails and went to Crofords to A paring bee it started to snow at night

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Nov 12 Wednesday 1873 The first of winter About three inches of Snow to start of on this morning Splitting rails

Nov 13 Thursday Drawing rails on the Slais {sleighs} for the first time

Nov 14 friday Took the sheep up to Edward Lewis to the ram on the Slais drawing wood the after noon and puting the drags and plow and things up for winter

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Nov 15 Saturday 1873 Went to Claremont Claremont with the Half inch baswood for Mr bundy all Hands thinking that the snow will go of

Nov 16 Sunday All Hands to Church To Hear Mr Shermans Fare well Serman His text St John 16 Chap and 13 vers A full Church

Nov 17 Monday to Claremont with chop with the wagon and thomas started to Chop

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Nov 18 Tuesday 1873 Geting the Horses shod all A round to thomas latchum

Nov 19 ~~Thursday~~ Wensday to Godwodod selling my cord wood to A Gregg at 4.40

Nov 20 ~~Friday~~ Thursday Cilling Pigs Smith Polten Helping A beautiful day

Nov 21 Friday salting pork rather stormey started at John Lee's bob sleg

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Nov 22 Saturday ~~Choring~~ Drawing wood the forenoon ~~ch~~ choring the afternoon A beautiful day

Nov 23 Sunday A nother nice day ~~th~~ to church the fore noon and Lane Pugh the afternoon and A House full of visators

Nov 24 Monday Drawing Gravill on the roads Good Slaing ~~and~~ A little snow this morning

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Nov 25 Tuesday Drawing Gravill put in to days on the roads cold A nough

~~Nov~~ Nov 26 Wensday drawd one lode of wood to Good wood and started to draw logs to the mill and gave James Dilling forty five pounds of pork A side and sholder

Nov 27 Thursday A Stormey day snowing from morning till night working at John Lee's bob sleighs settled in full with John lee up to date on all accounts

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Nov 28 Friday 1873 A beautiful day after the storm all Hands at John Lee's bob sleighs

Nov 29 Saturday A nother ~~pe~~ beautiful day all Hands at John lee's bob Sleighs

Nov 30 Sunday All Hands to John Lee's and Had A Good filling out

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December 1st Monday 1873 rather A cold day all Hands at John Lee's bob Slais

Decem 2 Tuesday Completed John Lee's bob sleighs A rainy day for A wonder

Dec 3 Wensday Completed John Lee's bob sleighs and started them for the George Childs black smith shop A good rainy day from morning till night

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Dec 4 Thursday 1873 one of the windiest day that I ~~thin~~ ever saw I think lorenzo Van horn Cild {killed} Got 6 post's from ranson Fosith

Dec 5 Friday ~~Thursday~~ A Calm after the Storm Choring

Dec 6 Saturday Fixing up around the barn the forenoon went van horn's funeral the after noon A beautiful day

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Dec 7 Sunday 1873 A very nice day down to Thomas Mantle's the fore noon and to t church Edward's mantles at night around family at Super

Dec 8 Monday laing fence worm {warm} the fore noon it raining the after noon Drawin rails Lizzie went to Buffelo Thomas went to Scott

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Dec 9 Tuesday 1873 Went up to Dillins to put the Shed roof on A pretty rainy day



Dec 10 Wensday puting up fence

Dec 11 A prety raney day till noon to John Himkel Crosgrove wood be and A dance all night

Dec 12 Friday blew monday after spree drawing rals the after noon

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Dec 13 Saturday 1873 A Snowing all day

Dec 14 Sunday Down to Wilsons prety Hard Slain {sleighing}

Dec 15 Thursday drowing Hemblock Saw logs A very nice day warm

Dec 16 Tuesday Athawing day drawing logs the forenoon to mother rushus wood bee th after noon up to S percies at night

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Dec 17 Wensday 1873 slain goin of fast drawin logs to the mill

Dec 18 Thursday Drawing saw logs

Dec 19 Friday I finished drawing Saw logs snowing Margret Pugh and Margret Comten Came to our place

Dec 20 Saturday drawing wood to Goodwood baught A new {parts?}

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Dec 21 Sunday 1873

A terable nice day Mrs Comton and Margret Pugh and alma and malindy and thomas and ann down to uncle ~~Edwards~~ Edward'd and I down to Hillins

Dec 22 Monday drawing wood to Good wood the sun melted the snow on the road

Dec 23 Tuesday drawing wood A Nice day

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Dec 24 Wensday 1873 Drawing wood A very nice day

Dec 25 Thursday in bed till eleven at Dillins went to Claremont the afternoon not aney slain much at Clare mount warm A nough for the eves to drop

Dec 26 friday drawing wood to Good wood snowing the afternoon and at night

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Dec 27 Saturday 1873 Drawing wood snowing all day went Sanders at night paid John crosgrove twelve Dollars

Dec 28 Sunday A little like winter this morning church to fathers and Charles adams down to my place and I not to Home

Dec 29 Monday took one load of wood farmer took sick A prety wintery day

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Dec 30 Tuesday 1873 A prety Cold day A the first thing is mas to patrick Crosgrove, and rased ellin of the grave and then went to Claremont the baptice tea party and Had A big time

Dec 31 Wensday the last day of the year A little cold to Claremont with chop ten bags of oats and four of peas {olders?} Gregs funeral

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January 1st 1874 Thursday New years day A very warm day Helpin James {and?} ~~He Hugh~~ Hugh youngs to saw in my falow and broat {illegible} and I went to the unxbridge village to pay the ~~se~~ note on the mchine

Jan 2 Friday drawin wood to A prety nice day

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Jan 3 Saturday 1874 the slain all gon or there about raining one load to good wood and then went to nathen bentles and paid four Hundred Dollars on the place and came by Claremont and fetched my cutter Home

Jan 4 Sunday the slain all gone the bare ground {ground} looks nice the wheet is as green as a leek

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Jan 5 Monday 1874 Thomas and I fixing the well the forenoon went up to the lexion {election}  
the after noon Mr ~~Percep~~ Percy defeated # by 60

Jan 6 Tuesday Started to draw the Green wood out A Snowey day and A little like rain at  
night

Jan 7 Wensday A cinde {kind} of A Hailing day and started to rain at night drawing wood the  
after noon out of the woods

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Jan 8 Thursday 1874 Drawing wood out of the woods Snowing

Jan 9 Friday Drawing and snowing

Jan 10 Saturday drawing wood snowing all day like fun

Jan 11 Sunday A prety nice day thomas and I down David Pugh with the new cuter for the  
fast time

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Jan 12 Monday 1873 Drawing wood out of the woods took the saw to John Sanders

Jan 13 Tuesday drawing wood out of the woods thomas mooved to the village

Jan 14 Wensday drawing wood out of the woods plenty of snow for slain

Jan 15 Thursday the first cold day to Edward mantles to A wood bee and then over to  
Patrick ~~crossgrove~~ corsgrove at night to it

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Spree ~~ad~~ and staid all night till broad day light and A prety colde~~ay~~ morning

Jan 16 Friday Hard A nough this morning after the spree doin nothing all day

Jan 17 Saturday went to th uxbridge village with A load of cordwood for thomas Morgan A  
nice day

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Jan 18 Sunday 1874 A beautiful day Jane and I to Goodwood to meeting in the after noon

Jan 19 Monday drawing wood the fore noon and it started to rain~~af~~ about 10 O cloclck went to Claremont the afternoon and baught A Clock

Jan 20 Tuesday drawing wood ~~to~~ not feeing {freezing?} much

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Jan 21 Wensday 1874 raining the fore noon making A ash House cilling A sheep the after noon thawing very much

Jan 22 Thursday A rainey day bilding The ashhouse and choring it round the snow prety near all gone

Jan 23 Friday A terable nice day the sone shone as bright as A new Dollar drawing wood out of the woods and to Good wood at night and the to fathers

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Jan 24 Saturday 1874 A litle colder the fore noon Snowed very Hevey parts of the after noon and turned quite cold at night

Jan 25 Saturday A ~~an~~ wintery day to meeting to fathers

Jan 26 Monday

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