

August

TUESDAY 11

1874

Had quite a brisk shower last evening which has stopped harvest-work for a few hours this morning. Was building a low cedar rail fence around the rape plot. Helping J Learmont at wheat-binding and cutting and binding oats in ~~the~~ our old orchard field. Harvest-apples are the choice fruit just now.

WEDNESDAY 12

Memorable as the hottest day of this summer, the mercury stood at 100° in the shade of one of the willows in the dooryard. Cutting peas in forenoon. After dinner with help of J Learmont, 4 of us bound 6 acres of spring wheat, a very fine crop.

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THURSDAY 13

1874

Again without hired help our day man had to go home last night. Was pulling peas all day, cut fully $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres, are pretty ripe and pull easily. Father & Emma & Ellie finished binding the oats. Spent evening at No 10 in social chat with the neighbors.

FRIDAY 14

At same work as yesterday. After dinner, reaped the 6 acres of Mammoth spring wheat - which was sown on the fall wheat-field, rather a thin crop, but the grain is very plump and handsome. Weather dry, cool at night and warm and smoky at day time - -