# Clara Philp Giffin (1885-1971)

## 1907 Diary

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## **CANADIAN SCRIBBLING DIARY 1907**

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## CALENDAR 1907-08.

1907

## **MEMORANDUM FROM 1906**

{"All Paid" written over the following: }

Mar. 19, 1907. Mother shoes, \$3.50

" 22, 1907 my shoes \$4.25

" 23 1907 Brocks " \$2.00

Aug 24. 1907 Clara's shoes {'Paid' written on top of 'at'} at Clemens \$2.75

Shoes polished. (paid) 25¢

Sept., 9. Mother got Low Shoes at Pollocks {\$}1.00. paid for.

Oct. 23/'07. Brock's work shoes at Clemens (\$2.00) paid.

nov 30/07 Ma got a pair of felts " " \$1.10

" " Brock got " 8 rubbers " \$.70¢ "

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## 1907 31 DAYS JANUARY

7. MONDAY. (7-358) Will Walker got our team and trucks to draw sugar-beets. Da done chores, then up helping load beets. Home after dinner. Rained hard almost all forenoon. Newton and Kyle out fixing at furnace pipes. Brock took Olive back to school. Very mild and foggy forenoon. Ellen Stubbs buried.

8. TUESDAY. (8-357) Da choring and helping load beets, finished them and he took load down after dinner, Newton and Kyle finished cold air pipes. Put an outside one in on East side. Bill Barry here in afternoon. Gave him \$3.00. owing \$1.25¢ yet. Will Walker gone back to Elmira to-day. Very foggy all day, cleared at night, and got colder. Got first fresh egg to-day.

9. WEDNESDAY. (9-356) Da choring in forenoon. Took chop to town in afternoon. Very stormy at times, and then bright. cold.

10. THURSDAY. (10-355) Da choring forenoon, cleaned up some oats and took them to Ad. Flath, brought home load of coal for furnace. Ma and I trimmed up some of the cabbage. Cold day, Very stormy at times, blustry night. Put on coal fire in furnace. Doesn't heat north bed room or library with wind on that side of house.

11. FRIDAY. (11-354) Da choring and brought up two loads of coal. Ma at town in afternoon. Olive stayed for party at ada White's. Skating on pond after tea. Fine day, but rather cold morning.

12. SATURDAY. (12-353) Da choring and put a post in cow stall. Brock went for Olive this morning. She has very bad cold. Very stormy morning, cleared off and was lovely mild day. Skating on pond at night.

13. SUNDAY. 1 after Epiphany. (13-352) Ma and Brock up to se Miss Stone, afternoon Da up to {Wooddisse's?} with Jersey Cow. raw east wind blowing. everything rimed up with frost. foggy night.

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#### 1907 31 DAYS JANUARY

#### 21. MONDAY. (21-344)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. Brock took Olive back to school. Went to see doctor about {ring worms?} I went to grandma's and stayed in for tea meeting. fine bright day but sharp. great small pox scare. alma {quarintined?}, number of cases in Peel {illegible}.

22. TUESDAY. (22-343) Accession of King Edward VII.

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. I walked home in forenoon from Drayton. very fine at times, then again stormy.

## 23. WEDNESDAY. (23-342)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. very fine and bright all day. cold.

24. THURSDAY. (24-341)

Da choring in forenoon took coal oil can and went to town with Charlie Walker in afternoon. fine forenoon, but storming and snowing in afternoon. East storm, very cold.

## 25. FRIDAY. (25-340)

Da choring in forenoon. Helping Harry Newton fix library pipe on furnace. We went for Olive. very snowy till four o'clock rather mild. snow light and feathery.

## 26. SATURDAY. (26-339)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. Brock went to town in afternoon. got \$20.00 from Jack Brooks and paid Hefkey's bill. most beautiful day.

27. SUNDAY. (27-338) Septuagesima Sunday.

Home all day. Charlie Walker here also Wat. Burrowe. fine day. light snow falling towards night. water pipes at barn started to freeze up, but got them thawed.

## JANUARY & FEBUARY - 1ST AND 2ND MONTHS. 1907

28. MONDAY. (28-337)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. I took Olive back to school. She staying at grandma's. Have the mumps at Henderson's. I up to a party at Burt's. rather nice day, little snow falling. not very cold. {illegible} Brown {out?} of arthur here to buy Bull calf.

## 29. TUESDAY. (29-336)

Da choring in forenoon, Went to Drayton with Uncle Rich'd about business of the estate, in afternoon. Jim gregory and {illegible}{Hartness?} put still wheels on cultivator, in forenoon. light snow falling.

#### 30. WEDNESDAY. (30-335)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. I over to Burrows to spend evening. Walkers and Will Gregory there. Beautiful bright day. Tom Henderson called this evening and took away mirror out of our dresser. It was badly spotted.

31. THURSDAY. (31-334)

Da choring in forenoon. Harry Philp got our sleighs to draw pressed hay. Drew out manure in afternoon. Brock and I went to Carnival with Pages sleigh load. not very cold. Roy Bilton & Myrtle Crocker married.

1. FEBRUARY-FRIDAY. (32-333)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. {Wa?} at town for dinner, brought Olive home. rather mild but now east wind.

2. SATURDAY. (33-332)

Da choring and took a grist to town. Cecil Walker brought our mail. foggy and misty forenoon, windy afternoon J.Eaton, merchant prince, Toronto, buried. Jack Ritch sold {illegible} business to {illegible} the Isaac.

3. SUNDAY. (34-331) Sexagesima Sunday.

Home all day, bright but stormy at times. rather cold.

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## 1907 28 DAYS FEBRUARY

#### 4. MONDAY. (35-330)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. I took Olive back to school. Will Gregory oiled wind mill after dinner. bright day but very sharp. H Heseltine cut down Poplar tree along sideroad. Terrible storms in north west, Drains blocked, cattle perishing and full scarce.

5. TUESDAY. (36-329)

Da choring in forenoon, drawing manure in afternoon. Jim {illegible} Grogan and {illegible} Holliday here for dinner. Cecil Walker here in afternoon. {illegible} Binning here for tea. Billy {Jain?} called for {him?}. light snow falling all day cold.

## 6. WEDNESDAY. (37-328)

Da choring in forenoon, finished drawing manure. Uncle Willie called this morning and again at noon. Ad {Flath?} came out for load of straw and stayed for dinner. Brock and I walked up to see {Win?} Walker after tea. She sick with cold. very fine day. quite frosty. H.Heseltine cut down other Poplar tree along sideroad.

#### 7. THURSDAY. (38-327)

Da choring in forenoon, cleaned out hen pens afternoon. Olive 17 years old. H. Heseltine cut some Poplar trees down next to J. Walker. Beautiful bright day. not so cold.

#### 8. FRIDAY. (39-326)

Da choring and took out a small grist. I went for Olive. {illegible}. Yake and {illegible} R.R Hambly out for tea. Sarah Burrows rode to town with me. very bright day. not cold.

#### 9. SATURDAY. (40-325)

Da choring in forenoon. He and Jack Walker up to milk letting in Rothsay. Jack and {I.Hilborn?} got this route for &\.25. {illegible} and Brock at town. Took turkey gobbler to John Dowling. not very bright; inclined to be mild.

10. SUNDAY (41-324) Quinquagosima-Shrove Sunday.

Home all day. Very stormy and getting cold.

#### FEBRUARY - 2ND MONTH. 1907

#### 11. MONDAY. (42-323)

Da choring in forenoon. fixing saw. log bunks in afternoon. I took Olive back to school. very bright, but inclined to be a little stormy. very cold. Thermometer registered 12°below zero at six o'clock to night.

12. TUESDAY. (43-322)

Da choring in forenoon, took a small grist to the mill. Uncle Rich'd called in this forenoon. Lizzie and Retta Hilborn here for tea. fine bright day cold morning 16° below.

13. WEDNESDAY. (44-321) Ash Wednesday.

Da choring in forenoon. Da {illegible} and I over to Jammie Duncan's wedding. Harry Philp took Tom Sow to Stevens for Da. very bright afternoon, not cold but little snow blowing. Wallace Walker helped Brock do chores. Da {31?} years old, Uncle Jim 34.

## 14. THURSDAY. (45-320)

St. Valentine's Day. Da choring in forenoon. Wat and Charlie Walker cutting ice at 12th bridge. Da drew up two loads in afternoon bright for while this morning, but got stormy.

15. FRIDAY. (46-319)

Da choring in forenoon. Drew ice in afternoon. Wat and Charlie Walker cut it. I at town for Olive. We two over to Hilborns to spend evening. heavy snow storm in afternoon, but very mild night.

16. SATURDAY. (47-318)

Da choring in forenoon. Drawing ice in afternoon. Wat and Charlie Walker cutting ice. very fine day. mild.

17. SUNDAY. (48-317) Quadragesima-1st Sunday in Lent.

Jack Brooks, Mr. Henderson and two children out for dinner. Jimmie and Mary Ritch and Jack's two children, here in afternoon and for tea. very fine bright day.

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## 1907 28 DAYS FEBRUARY

18. MONDAY. (49-316)

Da choring in forenoon, He and Wat. packing at the ice. Jim Gregory and Whaler here in afternoon to see Wat. I took Olive back to school. Fair all day. not very bright. very nasty raw east wind blowing all day.

## 19. TUESDAY. (50-315)

Da choring in forenoon, He and Wat packing ice in afternoon. Gideon Moore here for dinner, and got a Chimney tile. Gavin Montgomery here asking for party at Mr.Duncan's. on Wednesday evening. rather bright afternoon. foggy morning, soft snow fell. very mild night.

## 20. WEDNESDAY. (51-314)

Da started to do chores, but could get no water, pipe coming to {trough?} frozen. Watered cattle after dinner, he and Wat finished packing ice. Brock and I over to party at Mr.Duncan's. Had good time. I out in morning, told young folks to come in Friday. Downey's here and finished up put on locks & lifts on windows, hung wood house sash, and made door for manhole. Beautiful forenoon. got stormy in afternoon and was a fierce storm at night: sharp wind. miss {illegible} & Katie Wilson called in afternoon.

## 21. THURSDAY (52-313)

Da choring in forenoon, took chop to town in afternoon. little snow fell in afternoon, very fine rest of day. Beautiful bright night.

## 22. FRIDAY. (53-312)

Da choring and went for Olive. in afternoon, Mr.Kemp from {distowel?} here for dinner, Went away again about two o'clock. Brought down a fine Plymouth Rock Rooster. The young people round here, in to spend the evening. very fine day but quite sharp.

## 23. SATURDAY. (54-311)

Da choring in forenoon, cleaned out hen pens, pig pens, and horse stable. Ma at town in afternoon. Beautiful bright day, quite mild rather raw wind at night.

## 24. SUNDAY. (55-310) 2nd in Lent.

Mr and Mrs. Thompson and Hazel here in afternoon and for tea. raw wind all day. not cold. Hazel weighs 20 1/2 lbs & will be 8 mos. old 8th march.

Frank McLagan's birthday.

## 1907 31 DAYS MARCH

## 4. MONDAY. (63-302)

Da choring in forenoon, Took grist of chop to town in afternoon. J. Corbelt assessor here in afternoon. Brock took Olive back to school. She boarding with Grandma. little stormy in forenoon Beautiful afternoon. sharp. Has to water cattle with pails.

## 5. TUESDAY. (64-301)

Da done chores and filled up twenty bags of chop. Took it to mill in afternoon, but did not get it home. Water cattle with pails. rather fine forenoon, foggy. Terrible heavy snow storms and blows, in afternoon. not very cold.

## 6. WEDNESDAY. (65-300)

Da choring and went for his chop in afternoon. Ma at Drayton all day. Uncle Jim here in forenoon. Beautiful bright day. Dan Mitchel married to Miss Ruston.

## 7. THURSDAY. (66-299)

Harry Philp came down for stock rack this morn. Da went up and helped him load Logs, then done his chores. Jack Noble and Mr. Welsh here for goose-wheat in afternoon. Wheat came 50 \$9.50¢. I took Retta's clothes home this afternoon. Dull day. rather cold last wind. looking softer towards night: Da & Ma 25 years married to-day.

## 8. FRIDAY. (67-298)

Da choring and fixed tongue into old cutter. I went to town for Olive in afternoon. rather fine forenoon, but pretty stormy at times.

## 9. SATURDAY. (68-297)

Da and Brock choring and cleaning pens all day. Most beautiful bright day. not cold.

10. SUNDAY. (69-296) 4th Sunday in Lent.

Olive, Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson came here about eleven o'clock and stayed all night. Beautiful bright day. rather cold wind, but very warm in sun. water came into trough, but froze up again.

## MARCH-3RD MONTH. 1907

11. MONDAY. (70-295) Da done chores and started to draw out manure. Watered cattle with pails, but water came into trough in afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson started for Mt. Forest about eight o'clock. Brock Took Olive back to school. Beautiful bright day. snow going off with sunshine.

12. TUESDAY. (71-294) Da choring and drawing out manure in afternoon. Mr. C. Walker brought up six bags of chop from mill for us. Hosheal Hilborn here in afternoon. Ma helping Mrs. B. put down carpet. Very foggy all day. misting in afternoon Very dark night. mild. Watered cattle with pails. {Party at W. Drury's.

13. WEDNESDAY. (72-293) Da choring in forenoon. Watered cattle at ditch. Harry Philp here for dinner, and took two sheep away with him. Wat. and Harry fixed lower windmill, Da drawing manure. Ma down to Mary Ritch's for dinner. Very fine bright day. snow dasappearing quickly.

14. THURSDAY. (73-292) Da done chores in forenoon, drawing out manure in afternoon. rather dull morning, some snow falling, cleared off and was nice day.

15. FRIDAY (74-291) Da done the chores. He and Brock drawing manure. I down for Olive. HerB Benson his wife and 6 week old baby here for tea. Very bright day. rather raw wind.

16. SATURDAY. (75-290) Da and Brock done chores, finished drawing out manure, and cleaned out all pens. I in town helping Miss Duncan settle, sleighing done. Very bright all day. Strong wind. snow disappearing quickly.

17. SUNDAY. 5th in Lent. St. Patrick. (76-289)

Home all day. Cecil Walker here for dinner. quite fine day. little dull towards evening. strong wind.

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#### 1907 31 DAYS MARCH

18. MONDAY. (77-288) Da choring and putting away cutters went up to Mr. Kennedy's for a collie pup. Brock took Olive back to school. Lovely bright day. duller towards evening. little snow fell through night.

19. TUESDAY. (78-287) Da choring in forenoon took a few bags chop to mill ^with trucks and got some shoes on team. Charlie Walker went with him. Brought Will Walker and his trunk home. He

done at Elmira. I ironing at Burrows this afternoon. Very dull nasty foggy day. Very fierce wind at night, scuds of snow. Newsteads run in out of storm. <u>terrible wind</u>, stove pipes red hot in store room.

20. WEDNESDAY. (79-286) Da choring all day. Took nails out of boards up round house. Very fine all day. beautiful night. wind rather strong all day, but fell at night.

21. THURSDAY (80-285) Da done chores in forenoon. Helped Henry Heseltine cut a little wood in afternoon. Henry took a load straw and couple little pigs. Will Walker here in afternoon and for tea. fine all day, but not very bright. mild. Will Gregory 27 years old. May Gordon 30.

22. FRIDAY. (81-284) Da choring in forenoon, taking nails out of boards and straightening up outside. Ma went to town for Olive and got Dick shod. Minnie Walker and Cecil here in afternoon. looking like rain, but roads muddy. I 22 years old.

23. SATURDAY. (82-283) Da choring in Forenoon. He at town in afternoon with team. Brock down also, Got turkey from J.J. Dowling. Da over to H. Hilborns for pipe wrench to fix wind mill. Got it going after dinner. Will Walker and Will Gregory here for tea. Mr. Walker came down after tea played euchre. dull damp day. thunder, lightning and <u>rain in night</u>.

24. SUNDAY. Palm Sunday. 6th in Lent. (83-282) Ma and Brock up to see Miss Stone in afternoon. Olive and I up to see Mabel and Harry after tea. very foggy forenoon, but cleared off, not very cold.

#### MARCH-3RD MONTH. 1907

25. MONDAY. Annunciation - Lady Day. (84-281) Will Walker came down this morning helped Da do chores, then they went to bush and cut down trees in bush. Wood. bee in afternoon, 14 for supper. Will Walker Gregory, Wat, Hosheal, John Walker, Ross and Charlie Walker here after tea playing euchre. Brock took Olive back to school. foggy, but cleared off and was bright.

26. TUESDAY. (85-280) Da choring in forenoon, splitting and piling wood in bush, afternoon. Will Walker started in bush, afternoon. Will Walker started for {Lumusden?} ^Assa. this morning. Going to work for Frankie Page. Joe Bell here to see about goose-wheat, afternoon. dull all day. Very threatening. heavy rain and thunder storm, between five and six to-night.

27. WEDNESDAY. (86-279) Da choring in forenoon, picked up little round house, then went to bush to split wood. Quite heavy rain at noon, kept spitting little rain all afternoon. Very mild. Jack Walker and Geordie Barber up here in evening.

28. THURSDAY. (87-278) Da done chores in forenoon, at Mr. Morrisons wood. bee in afternoon. Ma went to Drayton for Olive. Brock stopped school. Very fine all day. roads very muddy with frost coming out.

29. FRIDAY. Good Friday (Dominion). (88-277) Da and Brock done up the chores, then Da went to bush for a couple of hours. At wood-bee at Wilmot Drurys in afternoon. Brock drove team up to McDonalds for exercise. Jack Brooks brought our scales home. Very dull at times with heavy showers. Windy at night.

30. SATURDAY. (89-276) Da and Brock done chores, then he helped us clean kitchen pipes and splitting and piling wood rest of day. Brock took a few bags chop to town in afternoon. Very fine bright day. John Walker, his mother, and Thelma up here in evening.

31. SUNDAY. Easter Sunday. (90-275) Olive and I up to see Minnie Walker in afternoon. Cold with snow flurries. ground frozen up hard. Winnie McEwing 22 years old.

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#### **1907 30 DAYS APRIL**

1. MONDAY. Easter Monday (Dominion). (91-274) Da and Brock done the chores, drawing out manure in afternoon. Percy McEwing came up this forenoon and stayed for dinner. Very bright all day, but very sharp wind. road frozen hard.

2. TUESDAY. (92-273) Da and Brock done chores and finished drawing at manure. Olive and I up to see McDonald girls this afternoon. bright forenoon, but dull afternoon. wind rather cold.

3. WEDNESDAY. (93-272) Da done chores, Brock took <del>me</del> Clara to Drayton in morning. Went to sew for Miss Duncan. Da at bush in afternoon. Henry Heseltine here for dinner. Little shower at noon, rather dull day.

4. THURSDAY. (94-271) Da and Brock done chores in morning. Then fanned up seed wheat. down Clara sewing for Miss Duncan. Dull day, raining off and on in afternoon.

5. FRIDAY. (95-270) Da and Brock done chores in morning and fanned up chop. Da went with chop to Drayton in afternoon. Fine day but cold wind.

6. SATURDAY. (96-269) Da and Brock done chores in morning. Da drew one load of banking in forenoon. Ma at Drayton in afternoon. Ma in to see Janet Henderson She sick with, they think, appendicitis. Da drew banking in afternoon. Old Mr. H. Walker here in afternoon. Bright day but very cold wind.

7. SUNDAY. Low Sunday. (97-268) Uncle Jim here for tea, Olive gone to town with him, Mr. and Miss Duncan brought me home and stayed for tea. Art. Page here. Very dull and windy, showery afternoon.

#### APRIL-4TH MONTH. 1907

8. MONDAY. (98-267) Da and Brock choring. Wheeled a little banking up to house in forenoon. Cleaning up seed grain in afternoon. Very nasty day. snowing in afternoon. Very soft under foot.

9. TUESDAY. (99-266) Da and Brock choring and cleaning up seed grain. Joe Bell called for his seed wheat. Got 13 bushels @65¢. at Drayton in afternoon. roads very muddy, light snow falling all day mild. snow melted as soon as it fell. dull. Flock of wild geese gone south, this afternoon.

10. WEDNESDAY. (100-265) Da and Brock choring and cleaning up seed grain. Wat took his away, also our fanning mill. Ma up to Uncle Rich<u>ds</u> in afternoon Jim Mc.Groagan here for tea. quite fine, freezing hand. strong cold wind.

11. THURSDAY. (101-264) Spring Horse Show. Da and Brock done chores, then took grist to mill. Brought home a load of coal from Flath paid for it. Took down 5 of our hogs and siz for Wat, to Mc.Groagan. Stayed to horse-show. Brock at Grandma's for dinner. quite fine forenoon, but dull, with raw wind afternoon.

12. FRIDAY. (102-263) Da and Brock done chores, then Brock took team and took some oats to Ad. Flath, also paid him for turkey \$1.75¢. Brought home grist. Hosheal Hilborn here in evening. Paid him for threshing. \$15.95¢ Da cleaning pens. ground covered with snow this morning. mild day. snow disappeared. road very bad.

13. SATURDAY. (103-262) Da and Brock done chores, Brock went down for Olive right after dinner. She has to go to school Sat. forenoon, and at eight in morning. Bob and Bill Gass. here for seed wheat. very nasty raw cold wind. dull. Mr. Richardson, drover here.

14. SUNDAY. 2nd after Easter. (104-261) Mr. McEwing here in afternoon and for tea. Very cold all day. dull. ground frozen very hard.

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## **1907 30 DAYS APRIL**

15. MONDAY. (105-260) Da done chores, Brock took Olive back to school. Charlie Walker came down and helped Da cut down, Poplars and old willows in low orchard. Very fine forenoon. dull afternoon getting colder and snowing at night.

16. TUESDAY. (106-259) Da and Brock done chores, then Da splitting at Poplar trees till noon, Then Mr. Walker came down and they worked at trees in afternoon. Earl Lowes came for me to-night to go to sew. Very disagreeable day. Stormy towards night ground covered with snow.

17. WEDNESDAY. (107-258) {This entry in different handwriting, along with all following entries, until stated otherwise} Robt & Brock choring morning then C. Walker helping Robt cut up old dead trees in low Orchard from 10.oclock till six I down to Drayton. in the afternoon Cold wind all day. Brock round and kept fire on in kitchen.

18. THURSDAY. (108-257) Robt & Brock choring forenoon C Walker here from 10 till six helping cut up old trees Cold wind & clowdy all day Brock yoaked up a pair of calves Drunk & Jersey

19. FRIDAY. (109-256) Robt & Brock choring C Walker here helping cut up old apple trees, finished at supper him. Wm. Richards here with summon from Ruben Downy

20. SATURDAY (110-255) {here return to regular handwriting} Da and Brock done chores, then drew up wood from low orchar. Brock went for Olive. Earl brought me home. John Walker up here in evening. Very bright day, but cold searching north wind. {different handwriting} Robt & Brock drew wood with Elsie She went fine, second Time she was hitched

21. SUNDAY. 3rd after Easter. (111-254) All at home Very fine bright but cold wind Clara & Olive went for a walk

## APRIL-4TH MONTH. 1907

22. MONDAY. (112-253) {different handwriting} Robt & Brock chasing and started to cultivate root ground but could not for frost. & then drew up stuff of fence bottom behind the poplars. Clara {tok} Olive to school forenoon. Robt went to Dick Lowers for seed wheat and took Clara to sew with him Terrible windy till evening

23. TUESDAY. St. George. (113-252) {different handwriting} Robt & Brock choring, then cultivating root ground and {stcoter?} it {brohect} them harrowed it. Very fine day of cultivation. Jas. Gregory here for wheels

24. WEDNESDAY. (114-251) {different handwriting} Robt & Brock choring Brock went to Drayton to post some letters Robt cultivating on the field next the bush I went to Drayton aft Henry H. here in the Evening and started a drain Robt ploughed it out after tea. Very fine day.

25. THURSDAY. (115-250) {different handwriting} Robt & Brock choring. Robt gone back behind poplars to plough Brock went over to Jim Mitchells to see about Tile for Henry while Brock was away. then Brock went to tell Ad. Flath that G. Gray was {comming}. Cloudy & raw wind; H.H. Digging <u>all day</u>

26. FRIDAY. (116-249) {different handwriting} Robt & B. choring B. went over to tell Ad. Flath that G. Gray was expected this aft. Robt ploughing ..fore.. B. gone to meet train Robt filled up chop at noon, & started with it till he met B. comming with G Gray & then Came back Downy & Flath here here for a final settlement but could not come to terms B. took G Gray to the night train quite warm, frosts tonight

27. SATURDAY. (117-248) {different handwriting} Robt & B. choring then sowing oats & harrowing them. &then after tea Roby ploughed in the drain {&that} Henry dug. B. went for Olive & took some papers for & London to look over Earl brought me home. Very fine day

28. SUNDAY. 4th after Easter. (118-247) {regular handwriting} Brock, Olive and I down to Presbyterian church at night, Olive stayed down. Olive and I out to bush this afternoon. Got may flowers and hepatica's. Beautiful spring day.

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## 1907 30 AND 31 DAYS APRIL & MAY

29. MONDAY. (119-246) Da and Brock done chores, Da plowing back of Poplars rest of day. Quite a heavy rain early this morning, also a shower this forenoon and again at night. dull all day. Started to draw milk to-day. J. Hilborn this week, we not sending yet. Earl Newstead {Newstead has been written over something else, which is now illegible} came after his turkey, this afternoon.

30. TUESDAY. (120-245) Da and Brock done chores, then carried rotten apples out of cellar. After dinner Da dug grass roots out of rhubarb bed. J.J. Dowling called this afternoon. Very cold heavy rain, greater part of forenoon. freezing at night. A great amount of water lying up on ground.

1. MAY-WEDNESDAY. (121-244) Da and Brock done chores then Da plowing back of Poplars. I at town in afternoon. Very fine all day. roads drying up. Mr. Thompson called.

2. THURSDAY. (122-243) Da and Brock choring, then Da plowing. He went to town at night with Wat. Very fine all day. looking a little like rain.

3. FRIDAY. (123-242) Da finished plowing sod. then plowed little patch by strawberries. Brock drawing up some wood to house with stone-boat and Dick from orchard. Mr. Thompson called with bread. quite fine day, but turned colder towards night.

4. SATURDAY. (124-241) Da and Brock done chores then got ready a grist. Da took it to town in afternoon. Brock went for Olive. Da and Ma down to spend evening with Mr and Miss Duncan. ground covered with snow this morn. It disappeared. sloppy. rather cool all day. Elsie, colt, five years old.

5. SUNDAY. Rogation Sunday. (125-240) I walked up to E. Church, had dinner with Miss {Stovel} and came home again. Mr. {J}. Craig called here in afternoon. Mr. Thompson and Jack Brooks called this evening. Very fine morning, but got dull toward evening.

## MAY-5TH MONTH. 1907

6. MONDAY. (126-239) Da and Brock done chores, then Da went back of Poplars to cultivate, but was too wet, then cultivated a dry piece on others side of wheat, also went a few rounds in field next to bush. I took Olive in and brought Grandpa's out to spend day. Brock took them home after tea. Ma 44 years old. Very nice day. Mr. Duncan started for Hamilton, on his way to the old country.

7. TUESDAY. (127-238) {different handwriting} Robt & B. choring morning Clara walked to Drayton to help mrs Gordon Reid. Robt cultivating in the field next to bush also sowing & harrowing in the same field dull in morning brightening up some at noon

8. WEDNESDAY. (128-237) {different handwriting} Robt & B. choring then went back to work on other place for the first cultivating sowing and harrowing weather a little cleared Jim Bready here for first time Robt went to Drayton at night

9. THURSDAY. Ascension Day Holy Thursday. } Quebec (129-236) {different handwriting} Robt & Brock choring morning then back on the other place All day Cultivating sowing & Harrowing beautiful fine breezy day

10. FRIDAY. (130-235) Da and Brock choring and Da working on other place. Cold, but bright. Mrs.W. Gordon 36 years old. mr. Duncan Jimmie and mary Ritch and Joe Arbuckle and his mother sailed for the old country on S.S. Virginian. hard frost at night.

11. SATURDAY. (131-234) Da finished cultivating & sowing second fourteen acres field on other place, Harrowing after tea and gone to town. Miss Duncan brought me home and Mr. Yake came along. Stayed for tea. Brock brought Olive home at noon. cold north wind, but bright. Muriel Robertson & Lizzie Caram here for a few minutes.

12. SUNDAY. 1 after Ascension. (132-233) Home all day. rather raw cold wind. alice Page 22 years old.

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M.E. Magee

Betty.

Mrs. Chas. Benson.

#### 1907 31 DAYS MAY

Carrie 15 years old Da very hoarse. Olive not very well. Dr. says she must be quiet

13. MONDAY. (133-232) Carrie {foaled} this morning, colt smart (.Doll). Da and Brock done chores, then Da cultivated back of Poplars, till noon, with Elsie & her mother, sowed it in afternoon. Colt went fine. Mr. McEwing here after dinner taking levels round house. Ma took Olive to school and stayed down to help houseclean, Da gone over to Ad. Flaths with a summons for him. Very windy and quite warm. Geo. Gray summoned, also Harry Newton and Mr. McEwing.

14. TUESDAY. (134-231) Da and Brock done chores, then Da walked to town, to attend court Downey has him sued for \$42.25, balance due on house. {Morphy}, lawyer. Jamison, Judge. Would take no evidence, but Geo Gray's. Da was allowed for work that was not done. Brock harrowing all day. Very windy all day, and quite hot. Young cattle out in yard all night. John Walker here in even. Uncle Will called this evening. Jack Brocks got a fat cow. <u>Sta</u>r. Emerson Howard and {Wes.} Berry got her.

15. WEDNESDAY. (135-230) Da and Brock done chores, Da cultivated till noon with colt & Molly. Brock helped Jack Walker fill up some grain, and he took five bags to mill for us. Jim Brady here for dinner. Da sowing back of Poplars in afternoon. Rather dull with showers in afternoon. quite a heavy one between five and six to-night.

16. THURSDAY. (136-229) Da sowing behind Poplars and harrowed it. Mr. Craig cultivated two little fields on other place. Put young cattle over on other place this evening. Bright day and very windy.

17. FRIDAY. (137-228) Da sowed two little fields on other place and harrowed one of them after tea. Baker called to-day fine and bright at times, then dull. Strong wind all day. looking like rain to-night. cold morn.

18. SATURDAY. (138-227) Da and Brock spread 13 loads of manure, from a pile in front filled next to Walkers, in forenoon. Mr. Craig came along about eleven and harrowed till noon on other place, Then he cultivated and Da sowed below wheat. <u>Finished sowing</u>. Ma went for Olive at noon. bright day. warm and windy. Olive at Clara Walsh's party, on 6th {Mary lane'}.

19. SUNDAY. Pentecost- Whit Sunday. (139-296) I walked up to English church to Grandma's. little sprinkle of rain early this morning, but cleared off and was very bright. getting very cool towards evening. Very windy. Ross McEwing here for dinner.

## MAY-5TH MONTH. 1907

20. MONDAY. (140-225) snowed this morning Da finished harrowing little field on other place and harrowed what was sowed on Sat., also cultivated and harrowed little field on east side of barn for garden. Brock took Olive to school. Got bag potatoes from Gibbs \$1.10¢. Ad. Flath here for seed grain at night. Da worked "Carrie" to-day. <u>very</u> cold all day, although it was quite bright. J. Walker got turnip drill, sowed mangal

21. TUESDAY. (141-224) Da done the chores, took a grist to town and got two shoes sett on Mollie. Cut a bag of potatoes and planted them in afternoon. Miss Duncan drove over and had tea. Brock went for Olive, but she could not come. Very cold wind, quite heavy frost this morning. bright and windy.

22. WEDNESDAY. (142-223) Da choring and cutting potatoes this forenoon. J. Walker up here in forenoon. Jim Bready here for dinner. Dan Hambly called. Planting potatoes in afternoon, and

planted garden vegetables after tea. Myrtle Burrows and Muriel Robertson here for while in even. Very hard frost this morn. Dull all day, Sprinkling rain at night. Olive walked home at noon.

23. THURSDAY. (143-222) Da done chores, then ridged up and sowed the mangals. Cultivating root ground, in afternoon. Brock drove Ma down to Grandma's in morning. She walked home at night. Very nice fine day little windy.

24. FRIDAY. Victoria Day (Dominion). (144-221) Olive and I walked down to Drayton this morning Brock wheeled to moorefield and saw boys start for race Rus. Dynes 1st 31m. 20 sec. Farley 2nd 31m. 22 sec. beautiful day. I walked home in evening. Da harrowing little, plowing in orchard and drew manure away from ^round house.

25. SATURDAY. (145-220) Da finished plowing orchard and harrowed it. Olive walked home at noon. I over baking for mrs. Burrows. John Walker here in evening. Got setting of duck eggs. Very fine forenoon and very windy, cool<del>w</del> and raining a little at night.

26. SUNDAY. Trinity Sunday. (146-219) Uncle Rich'd and Aunt Emma here for tea. Dull and foggy in morning. cleared off at noon. Heavy rain in afternoon. raining at night. Put fire in furnace but smoked terribly. Think something must be lodged in chimney.

Stella Chubb.

Guelph.

Oct. 30, /'07.

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Will {Herrons} birthday.

## 1907 31 AND 30 DAYS MAY & JUNE

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27. MONDAY. (147-218) Da done chores. Brock took Olive back to school. Set out a few strawberries and got ready some raspberries. Very disagreeable day. <u>Very cold snow flurries in</u>

forenoon and a while after dinner, then stormed steadily. windy. ground white with snow tonight. Brought ponies home from other place.

28. TUESDAY. (148-217) Da plowed little rape patch on other place. J.J. Dowling called and bought cattle. muddy and sloppy, but snow disappeared. Cold morning, moderating towards night.

29. WEDNESDAY. (149-216) Done chores, then took three head of cattle to town. J. Walker helped. Wat. took two pigs for us with his. Jim Bready here for dinner. Da and Brock helping Wat. plant potatoes in afternoon. Ma and I over to H. Hilborn's to see Sarah's baby. Gladyse Irene, She a month old last Saturday. Very fine day- warm. little frost at night.

30. THURSDAY. Corpus Christi. (150-215) Put cows out to pasture. for first. Da cleaned out pens, and fixed up gaps back on other place. Helped John Walker plant potatoes this afternoon. Brock and Ma over to cemetry in afternoon. Bill Barry and J. Walker up here in evening. Da cut tops out of some little maples. Very fine, air has a chilly feel.

31. FRiDAY. (151-214) Da cultivated and harrowed root ground. Planting out some strawberries. Ma at town in afternoon. Brock went up to Rothsay with Mr. Thompson. quite fine day. strone breeze. Dan Hambly called.

1. JUNE-SATURDAY. (152-213) Da and Brock drew out enough manure for Barrys potatoes in forenoon, Planted them in afternoon. Jack Walker helped. Gave Bill \$1.25 finishes paying him). Olive walked home at noon. Brock wheeled to town this evening. I baking for Mrs. Burrows. John Walker up here in evening. dull all day little rain in afternoon, bleak East wind.

2. SUNDAY. 1 after Trinity. (153-212) Brock and I up to English Church. in forenoon. Very fine day, quite windy and air cool. Rev. Carrie preached. He the new man who came after Naftel.

## JUNE-6TH MONTH. 1907

Mollie foaled, colt. "Dan", Mollie 16 yrs.

3. Monday. Birth of Prince of Wales (154-211) Brock took Olive and I down the I helping Mrs. Gordon make Eliza Christians wedding dress. Roy Farewell out to see Mollie. Da drawing manure on to turnip ground in afternoon. Brock wheeled to town at night. Very five day. lovely night. Ross McEwing & Harry Lowes up here in evening.

4. TUESDAY. (155-210) Da helped clean kitchen stove pipes then drew manure on to root ground. John Walker took some chop to mill for us. Colt not very well to-day. John up here in evening. I

came home to-night with Ross. Dull all day. little rain falling all afternoon. quite heavy at times, cooler to-night. Eliza Christian & Walt. Barkwell married)

5. WEDNESDAY. (156-209) Da and Brock drawing manure on to root ground. Jim Bready here for dinner John Walker here in evening. Very disagreeably Uncle Willie 38 years old.

6 THURSDAY. (157-208) Da and Brock finished drawing out manure on to root ground. Jack Walker up here in evening to see colt. It appears all right now. Uncle Rich'<u>d</u> called this morning. Very fine day. windy and rather cool. Mr. Thompson called to-day. Has new horse. Sold other to Hosheal Hilborn.

7. FRIDAY. (158-207) Da working on root ground, all day. Ma walked to Grandma's this morning and back after tea. Mr. Morrison sent for Da just at six to-night. His mare sick. Worked with here till nearly ten. Colt dead. mare partly paralysed. fine all day

 SATURDAY. (159-206) Da working on root ground all day. Olive walked up. Got a ride to 12<u>th</u> with Freds Gilbrie. Brock wheeled to town after tea. Very fine day. Strong breeze. Helped Mr. Morrison bury his mare and colt at noon. Had to kill the mare.

{x} 9. SUNDAY. 2 after Trinity. (160-205) Da and Ma went over to Dick Lowes for dinner stayed for tea. Brock went up to Pages for while. George Pollard and Jack Brooks wheeled out after dinner and stayed the afternoon and evening. Beautiful day. quite warm. nice breeze.

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## 1907 30 DAYS JUNE

10. MONDAY. (161-204) Brock took Olive back to school. Da working on root ground, rolling and harrowing. Brock took wire off posts back off house. Very windy all day. rather dull after tea. Brock hot bag potatoes \$1.35. Da making {pokes?} for geese. They go wandering away. Elwin & Gerald brought Them home.

11. TUESDAY. (162-203) Da drawing brick from station down town for Presbyerian Manse, in forenoon. Working on turnip ground in afternoon. I walked to town this morning and fixed Grandma's skirt. Rode home with Retta Hilborn. Got new hat \$3.50¢. Strong east wind rather cold wind. dull at night.

12. WEDNESDAY. (163-202) Da working on root ground. {doe?} and Wat. Burrows up to Wm Wilsons after tea. Jim Bready here for dinner. rather fine day. Mary Fatheringham married.

13. THURSDAY (164-201) Da and Brock tagged sheep, then Da working on root ground and among apple-trees. Washing sheep in afternoon. Mabel Philp, Min. Very fine day quite windy.

14. FRIDAY. (165-200) Da plowing, harrowing and rolling root ground. Ma at town in forenoon. Drs.Pickel and Farewell called to see colts. Brock wheeled to town after dinner for medicine for colt.Fellow's syrup. Da helped John Walker take out some posts along road, at noon. Very fine all day.nice and warm. Burrows have surveyor Bolton on about ditch on their other place.

15. SATURDAY. (166-199) Da working on root ground all day. Brock took Dick down and got him shod. Fixing pen for little ducks at night. I baked for Mrs. Burrows this afternoon. Olive walked home this afternoon. Had a lesson since dinner. Very fine day. good breeze.

16. SUNDAY. 3 after Trinity. (167-198) Brock and I up to E. Church in forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson called after tea. Mr. Thompson got out and Mrs. T. took Olive and I for a drive. Mr. & Mrs. T. Henderson and children called after tea. Very fine day. good breeze roads very dusty. pretty warm.

## JUNE-6TH MONTH. 1907

17. MONDAY. (168-197) Brock took Olive back to school Da working up root ground. Harry Philp helping ridge up this afternoon. Da sowed turnips. John Walker up here in evening. pretty warm day. quite a breeze.

18. TUESDAY. (169-196) Da shearing the sheep and clipping the evergreens. I at Drayton all day getting Mrs. Gordon to help me with Ma's skirt. <u>Very warm</u> all day. thunder storm with rain in evening Old Mr. Henry Walker here in afternoon and for tea

19. WEDNESDAY. (170-195) Da trimming spruce trees and harrowed rape patch. Jim Bready here for dinner. quite heavy rain after dinner. Very warm and sultry this forenoon. Ross McEwing got waggon and stock-rack this morning.

20. THURSDAY. (171-194) Brock went to town for rape and corn seed. Da plowing and sowed the rape on little strip below ditch. John Walker got turnip drill. Very fine warm day.

21. FRIDAY. (172-193) I went to town, helping Mrs. Gordon sew. Brock came for Dr. Farewell. Carrie had an attack of colic. He took "Dick" home and came for me after tea. Da planting corn. Very heavy electric storm this afternoon. hot forenoon. Presbyterian Church and Mrs, Kirkpatricks house struck by lightning. Mrs. Puckering struck also.

22. SATURDAY. (173-192) Da trimming spruce and doing odd chores. Went to town with grist in afternoon and got horses shod. I started for Olive and met here at cemetry, at night. I baking for Mrs. Burrows in afternoon. Very warm all day.

23. SUNDAY. 4 after Trinity. (174-191) Olive and I down to John Walkers in evening. Charlie Walker and Cecil here going round. couple showers here in afternoon. lot of thunder.

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## 1907 30 DAYS JUNE

24. MONDAY. St. John Baptist - Midsummer Day. (175-190) Da scuffled mangals and garden vegetables then he and Brock hoeing. Ma took Olive back to school and got a present for bride. (Water Set,-\$1.50.) Joe Macdonald brought Mr. Sunders, axx piano tuner, here after tea. Charge \$2.00. Very warm all day.

25. TUESDAY. (176-189) Da and Brock finished hoeing mangals Scuffled potatoes. Grandpa Benson walked out this forenoon, and Brock drove him home after tea. <u>Very</u> warm and sultry in Evening. Lovely moonlight night.

26. WEDNESDAY. (177-188) Da and Brock cleaning pens this forenoon. Jim Bready here for dinner. Da and Ma at Bella Craig's wedding. married to Wilson Hurst of Toronto. I went up to Mabel's, but she was away. Very foggy morning, cleared off was bright, cool, and high wind. Mr & Mrs. Henry Hilborn moved to town <del>yesterday</del>.

27. THURSDAY. (178-187) Doing road work. Da shoveling in pit, Brock driving team.Ma at town this afternoon. Dowlings' two boys out for rabbits this afternoon, Mr. Preston, relieving bank manager, called this afternoon and took snap-shot of house. Very fine day, good breeze.

28. FRIDAY. (179-186) Doing road {'over' directly below} work. Da and John Walker went down to hear trial. (This ditch up in Burrows upper place) I down to see Winnie in evening. Very warm all day. Baker called.

29. SATURDAY. (180-185) Finished the road work a little after four. Came on a little shower I went to town after tea for Olive. Very sultry forenoon.

30.SUNDAY. 5 after Trinity. (181-184) Brock and I up to English Church in morning. Brock wheeled down to Presbyterian Church at night. beautiful bright day. little shower, Early morn Mr. McEwing up here after tea.

## JULY-7TH MONTH. 1907

 MONDAY. Dominion Day (Dominion). (182-183) Brock drove Olive back to school, then he and Da hoeing potatoes. Percy McEwing called. this afternoon. I up to Mabel's in afternoon and for tea.
Quite a heavy shower this forenoon. cooler towards night.

2. TUESDAY. (183-182) Da scuffling mangals, and hoeing. scuffled strawberries after tea. Brock hoeing. Mrs. Burrows brought over a dish of strawberries, first we have had. dull coal forenoon. brighter {Olive starts to write on her exam for Junior Teacher mr. Snider, Arthur, presiding examiner. papers exceptionally hard}

3. WEDNESDAY. (184-181) Da hoeing among goose berries in forenoon. Took wool and a few bags of chop to town in afternoon. Jim Bready here for dinner. Brock at town in morning for beef. Very heavy frost this morning. Every thing in Vegetable and potato line frozen. quite warm all day. 108 lbs. wool 23¢.

4. THURSDAY. (185-180) Da and Brock hoeing among strawberries in forenoon. Drawing muck sods from other place to bank round house. Ma at Drayton all day helping Grandma make soap. John Walker up here in evening. Very fine day. looking like rain.

5. FRIDAY. (186-179) Da drawing banking all day from other place. Very fine day.

6. SATURDAY. (187-178) Da drawing muck sods all day. banking at back of house. Brock and I went to town for Olive after tea. Miss Duncan drove out after tea, then she and Ma went for drive to see Miss Stone. Very warm at times. heavy showers going round. 20 loads of sods drawn.

7. SUNDAY. 6 after Trinity. (188-177) Ma, Brock and Miss Duncan up to Presbyterian Church in forenoon. Orangemens sermon. beautiful bright day.

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## 1907 31 DAYS JULY

8. MONDAY. (189-176) Da drew muck for banking in forenoon. In afternoon drew from pile behind house. Miss Duncan went home this morning and Olive gone back with her. We picking strawberries this afternoon and evening. Very fine all day. Very windy.

9. TUESDAY. (190-175) Da and Brock drawing clay from pile behind house and banking on East side. Ma at town this forenoon for sugar. Preserve 20 lbs of strawberries. Baker called. fine day, but very windy. Uncle John Gordon gone to Hospital, Guelph

10. WEDNESDAY. (191-174) Da and Brock banking round house all day. Jim Bready here for dinner. I up to Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> with some strawberries to sent on milk-waggon to Miss Stone. Very fine day. quite windy in afternoon.

11. THURSDAY (192-173) Da and Brock just choring and fixing round. Bill Barry here for dinner I went for Olive at noon. She finished writing on her exam to-day. drizzling rain falling all day. doing a great deal of good. rain badly needed.

12. FRIDAY. (193-173) Olive, Brock and I over to Arthur, Orangemen celebrated there. Da scuffling and hoeing turnips. dull this morning, but cleared off and was lovely day. inclined to be cool. sprinkle of rain in Arthur about four o'clock.

13. SATURDAY. (194-171) Da hoeing turnips all day. Bill Barry here hoeing his potatoes. Will Gregory patching this side of barn roof in afternoon Brock at town in afternoon with a couple of bags of chop. Very fine day. quite warm.

14. SUNDAY. 7 after Trinity. (195-170) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson drove down from Mt. Forest about five o'clock, stayed for tea. Frank Page here in afternoon. Very fine day, quite warm. Mrs R. Wilson thrown from her buggy and hurt.

#### JULY-7TH MONTH. 1907

15. MONDAY. (196-169) Da helping Wat. cut wood on other place, all day. Brock went to town this forenoon with some chop, but did not get it. Ma over to Wilmot Drurys seeing about butter for Grandma. Quite fine till evening, then rained quite a shower. Jack Brooks called. Mrs. Rich'<u>d</u> Wilson died this morn. Got word, John Lappin was dead.

16. TUESDAY. (197-168) Da up at Burrows for a few hours in morning, finishing wood, then hoeing turnips. Mr. Chaffe here for dinner. Ma down to see old Mrs. Walker in evening. Ma down to see old Mrs. Walker in evening. Olive and I up to Mable's. Very fine day. quite warm.

17. WEDNESDAY. (198-167) <u>Brock 14 yrs. old.</u> Da helping Harry buzz wood in forenoon, Helping Jack Walker in afternoon Brock hoeing roots. Jim Bready here for dinner. Ma at town in forenoon. Da went down to station for bbl. of sugar, from Uncle Jim, after tea. Very warm day. J. Hilborn called to see if we could use some of their beef this week.

18. THURSDAY. (199-166) Da and Brock finished hoeing turnips. Mr. Carrie brought Miss Stone here in afternoon and called for her after tea. Olive, Brock and I over to Methodist garden-party at E.G> Henry's in evening. Very fine day and very hot.

19. FRIDAY. (200-165) Da plowing in orchard, all day. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson called this evening. He has a new horse. Sorrel with white mare and tail, (French) Beautiful horse. Drove round to show us horse very fine day, dull towards evening.

20. SATURDAY. (201-164) Brock took grist to town and got horses shod. Da digging round apple trees. Got a card from Frank Wilson saying he wanted ponies, John Walker took his mare and our buggy and they left here for Mr. Forest at 20 min. to four. Got there at 6.30. Home again at twelve. Ponies looked fine. Brock met night train for John and got Mrs. Fleming and Alwyn. cool day.

21. SUNDAY. 8 after Trinity. (202-163) We three up to Presbyterian church in forenoon. Art. Garneau and Vance here for dinner, also little Gladyse Barber. Da and Ma over to Bob. Mitchells after tea. Olive and I over at Burrows. {A} fine day, but not very bright.

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## 1907 31 DAYS JULY

22. MONDAY. (203-162) Da and Brock cutting weeds in forenoon Scuffled all the turnips and among raspberries in afternoon and evening. About two o'clock this afternoon two drunken sots brought ponies back from Mr. Forest Frank Wilson sent ^them a letter with them. Very sultry this forenoon. quite a shower of rain Early this morning. dull afternoon. 25 young turkey goes in the night.

23. <u>TUESDAY</u>. (204-161) Da started to eat hay back by Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> Raking in afternoon. Brock at John Walkers hoeing turnips After tea, John and Alwyn Fleming came up and put up some hay. Olive and I at town in afternoon Very fine all day.

24. WEDNESDAY. (205-160) Da cutting hay next to Uncle Rich'ds Have 14 acres {'afternoon' written directly below} cut back there. Brock raking in afternoon. Da, John and Alwyn put it up. Jim Bready here for dinner for last time. quite fine day. little sprinkle of rain in morning. shower going round. quite windy and cooler to-night.

25. THURSDAY. (206-159) Da, John, Alwyn and Brock drawing in hay all day, from behind Poplars. Retta Hilborn brought over two baskets of cherries at noon which Bill Richards sent out \$1.30¢. Very foggy for while in morning, but cleared off and was fine day. good breeze. threatening rain at night.

26. FRIDAY. (107-158) Da and Brock putting gravel ^walk up to door in forenoon. Hoeing turnips in afternoon. Heavy electric storm in night. some rain, rather dull forenoon, but cleared off and was very windy. cool. I not well to-day.

27. SATURDAY. (208-157) Da mowing on other place in forenoon After dinner Jack and Alwyn came up and they brought in what hay was back by Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> line fence, then Brock raked and ^they put up hay on other place. Ma at Drayton in forenoon. Very fine day.

28. SUNDAY. 9 after Trinity. (209-156) Olive Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. Olive and I stayed for dinner with Miss Stone and walked home. Earl Lowes and Alex McLellan here for tea. Very fine day. Cloudy at night.

## JULY & AUGUST-7TH AND 8TH MONTHS. 1907

29. MONDAY. (210-155) Brock ^finished mowing on other place about four o'clock. Da, John, and Alwyn drawing in all forenoon, with Jacks team, Jack raked up what was cut and then they put it up.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Fleming up here in evening. Very fine day, but pretty windy in afternoon. turned cold towards night.

30. TUESDAY. (211-154) Da cutting hay at Jack Walkers till noon, brought team home, then went back and coiled up what was cut. Brock down also. Will Philp here for scraper (road) at noon. rather dull all day, brightened a little towards evening. Cool.

31. WEDNESDAY. (212-153) We finished haying. Jack and Alwyn helping. Ross and Harry Lowes came up and drew a couple of loads also. After dinner all went down and helped Jack put up his hay. Da "greened" the potatoes after he came back from Walker's. Miss Duncan called this evening. Olive and I went to town after tea. Myrtle Burrows rode down with us. Very fine day.

1. AUGUST-THURSDAY. (213-152) Da and Brock down at Jack Walkers this forenoon. Finished Jacks' hay. Up helping Harry Philp with hay in afternoon. McEwings fixing up low well to water their stock. Their water is done. quite a nice shower after tea. warm forenoon. Peel and Co's Legging Factory burned down about one oclock this morning.

## 2. FRIDAY. (214-151) Da {banking} potatoes in forenoon and scuffling

strawberries. hoeing roots in afternoon. Olive walked to town for party at Emma Haddows. Brock raking and Da mowing fence corners. John Walker came up after tea and helped take in load of rakings. Gladyse Barber up for while. rather dull but cleared up. cool.

3. SATURDAY. (215-150) Da hoeing turnips all day. Brock took few bags of chop down this forenoon and had some shoes set on horses. Brock hoeing in afternoon. He and Ma at town after tea. Olive walked home this morning. I out to berry bush this morning. Scarcely any berries. Very fine day. cool evening.

4. SUNDAY. 10 after Trinity. (216-149) Olive, Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. Alwyn Fleming here in afternoon and for tea. rather cloudy at times cool.

#### 1907 31 DAYS AUGUST

5. MONDAY.. (217-148) Da and Brock finished hoeing turnips Bill Barry came down, hoed his potatoes and scuffled them, then helped Da at banking the house in afternoon. dull day. little rain in afternoon.

6. TUESDAY. (218-147) Da banking round house in forenoon. He and Ma at Mrs. Melsaac's funeral in afternoon. Rev. Carrie here to tea and spent the evening. Very foggy but cleared off and was quite warm. Mr. Slimmon came out and hung two screen doors.

7. WEDNESDAY. (219-146) {different handwriting} Da banking round house all day. Brock and I took Clara to station in morning. Went to miss Johnson's wedding. Da went to Page's to help in haying but was not needed. Bill Barry here in afternoon to Parisgreen his potatoes. Fine day, but warm.

8. THURSDAY. (220-145) {different handwriting} Da working round house all day. O.B. Henry and Mr. Hall here in forenoon and went over the house. Mrs. McDonald, Margaret and Janet here in the evening. Art Page here to-night to get Da to help them in hay to-morrow. Fine day but very hot.

9. FRIDAY. (221-144) {different handwriting} <del>Da working round house in forenoon,</del> Picking lumber at back of house ------ and cleaning dining house here over helping Frank Page's in haying. Brock and H at Drayton after led to get word from Clara. Cecelia up here in evening. Fine day but <u>very</u> hot.

10. SATURDAY. (222-143) {different handwriting} Working at rails in forenoon and choring round. Picking up boards and cleaning up at back of house in forenoon, after dinner gathering up the rails and burning brush in field next to sideroad. Hoeing strawberries after tea. Henry Heseltine here for dinner, got 2 bags of chop. Brock to Drayton in forenoon with chop. J Walker here for pump head. fine day but <u>very</u> hot.

11. SUNDAY. 11 after Trinity (223-142) {different handwriting} Ma and Da went to J. Ritchie's for dinner and tea. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Hazel here in the evening. Fine day but very hot and close very dry weather.

## AUGUST-8TH MONTH. 1907

12. MONDAY. (224-141) Da helping Jack Walker shock barley in forenoon. Brock met me at noon train, then he took a grist to town in afternoon. I had a splendid time in Guelph. Very fine day, looked like rain. roads very dusty, and dry. Olive got word she has passed her matriculation.

13. TUESDAY. (225-140) Da plowing some on Hilborn's hill and drawing it home for banking. Mr. Carrie called Olive, Brock and I over to Presbyterian Garden Party at Montgomerys. Had a splendid time. Very fine, but very strong^high wind in afternoon. Cool evening.

14. WEDNESDAY. (226-139) Da drawing banking all day. I went to town after dinner. Got paper with report of Junior Teacher. Olive failed. Just 4 passed out of 20 in town. Da and Brock pruned some brush piles on other place, after tea. fine day- everything very dry. Henry Heseltine called this forenoon.

15. THURSDAY. (227-138) Da and Brock drawing clay from hill all day, for banking house. Mrs. Geo. Hicks, Mrs Jewel (Clara Annis) and Sarah Burrows here in forenoon. Geo Pollard came out this forenoon to say good-bye. He leaving town. Very fine all day and very dry.

16. FRIDAY. (228-137) Da and Brock drawing banking from hill for house. Uncle Rich'<u>d</u> broughtBetty Walker here this forenoon. I took her down to Noecker's in afternoon and went for her after tea.Had quite a shower of rain in forenoon and again in afternoon. Beautiful night.

17. SATURDAY. (229-136) Da and Brock drawing banking all day. Got a load of gravel after tea. and put it down at gooses' trough. Olive, Betty and I round to John Philp's and round by Rothsay in afternoon. Them at town at night. Very fine day, but very windy. Tom Henderson and two children here for dinner

18. SUNDAY. 12 after Trinity (230-135) Olive, Betty and I up to English Church and went to Uncle Rich'ds for dinner. Betty stayed there. Ross and Percy McEwing in afternoon and for tea. very fine day. quite warm.

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## 1907 31 DAYS AUGUST

MONDAY. (231-134) Da helped Brock load up a grist of chop and he took it to town in forenoon.
Da helping Jack Walker draw his barley. Came home in afternoon and got our binder ready to cut.
Betty, Mabel and Mary called this afternoon. Betty going to Blackbridge tomorrow. Very fine day.
Brock wheeled to town for beef after tea.

20. TUESDAY. (232-138) Da drawing banking for house in forenoon. Cutting barley behind old driving house. Brock and Alwyn shocking up. Brock drove Ma to Grandma's. Bob. Gass brought Mrs. Lappen and Jean here after dinner. Bob and Mrs. L. went to town and Ma came home with them. They stayed all night. <del>very-</del> little rain this morn. dull forenoon cleared up after dinner. cool. Mr. Thompson called.

21. WEDNESDAY. (233-132) Da and John Walker cut little patch of barley on other place, then cut half of oats next to line fence then cut barley next road. Brock and Alwyn shocking. Got it all up.

Olive and Jean walked to town this afternoon. Mr. Thompson called this afternoon. rather damp for while this morning. Da cleaned out pig-pens. turned out fine, but wind was cool. quite frost.

22. THURSDAY. (234-131) (234-131) Da helping John Walker cut grain and Brock shocking. Ma and Maggie up to see Aunt Emma in afternoon. Olive and Jean walked up to Rothsay in afternoon, and Mr. Carrie brought them home and stayed for tea. Retta and Lizzie Hilborn and Mrs. Dodds over this evening. Da gone up to Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> at night to see old Flora. They had to kill her; broken leg. very fine warm day.

23. FRIDAY. (235-130) Da and Jack Walker started to cut oats on other place after dinner. Da cut goose what in forenoon. They shocked it before starting to cut oats. Brock and Alwyn shocking. Jack Brooks got some oats. Very fine but windy.

24. SATURDAY. (236-129) Da and Jack finished cutting 14 a<u>c</u>re field on other place, at noon. Then cut 5 acres next to Walkers line fence. I took Maggie and Jean up to Rothsay before tea. Olive and I at town after tea. Alwyn and Brock shocking all day. Very windy all day. quite fine.

25. SUNDAY. 13 after Trintiy. (237-128) Bank boys came out for dinner (Mr. Fowlie, Mr. O'Hara, and Mr. Preston) went back about five o'clock. quite fine forenoon, but dull and cloudy in afternoon. Very windy. cool.

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER-8TH AND 9TH MONTHS. 1907

Mr. Fielding - tea man here this morning.

26. MONDAY. (238-127) Finished cutting here. Had five binders, John Walker and ours. Brock and Alwyn shocking. Finished about four o'clock. Mary Philp and Beatrice Harris here in afternoon. Mr and Miss Duncan and Mr. Dicks here after tea. Fine day, but windy. Will Craig called at noon.

27. TUESDAY. (239-126) Da and Brock cleaned out root house in forenoon. Da at flax-bee at Mr. Craig's in afternoon. Brock went to town for coal-oil. Very dull all day. little showers of rain at times. foggy. Alex Haddow came to buy oats. none to sell.

28. WEDNESDAY. (240-125) Da scuffled strawberries this morn, then he and Brock at John Walker's finishing cutting. Put binders away in low driving house (Jack's also) then drawing in barley from behind low driving house. Brock and Alwyn went over to Mr. Craig's flax-bee in evening. Ella Gregory called this forenoon for a book she lent me. Very nice all day. bright, rather breezy, cool evening.

29. THURSDAY. (241-124) Da, Brock, Jack and Alwyn drawing in barley till noon. Da went with load of cheese to Moorefield in afternoon. Brock helping Jack draw in. Harry Caram brought out Lizzie and Willa Caram and Hattie Ruppel this forenoon then he called for them at tea time. Muriel Robertson called to say good-bye To Olive, she going to St. Catherines to school. Very fine day.

30. FRIDAY. (242-123) Da and Brock helping draw in at Jack Walker's in forenoon. Drawing in here in afternoon. Ma went down for Grandpa and Grandma in forenoon and took them home after tea. Very fine day.

31. SATURDAY. (243-122) Jack Walker and Alwyn helping draw in here all day. Drew 14 acres of oats from other place. Brock, Olive and I down town after tea. quite fine all day. Very smoky in mornings now. Mr. Preston, relieving bank manager left town to-day.

1. SEPTEMBER-SUNDAY. 14 after Trinity. (244-121) Olive, Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. Jean Lappen came home with us. rather dull in forenoon, brightened up in afternoon. heavy rain after tea and on into the night.

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#### 1907 30 DAYS SEPTEMBER

2. MONDAY. Labour Day (Dominion) (245-120) Da down to Isaac Hilborn's threshing in forenoon.He, Ma and Brock raised potatoes in afternoon. Olive, drove Jean up to Rothsay this morning. Rev.Carrie called this forenoon. rather dull in forenoon, but cleared up towards night.

3. TUESDAY. (246-119) Da and Brock finished taking out rest of potatoes, cultivated the ground and picked over potatoes left them in a pit in field. Ma at Grandma's all day. Uncle Will up and they put up a cool stove. Jack Walker and Alwyn up here, in afternoon, drew in goosewheat and then some oats back of Poplars. Jim Barber up here in afternoon and for tea. fine day. Very warm at times. High School started in town. Olive didnot start.

4. WEDNESDAY. (247-118) Finished harvest, here after dinner, then went down and finished John Walkers. Jack and Alwyn up here in forenoon. Brock went to town with a couple bags of chop. Mrs. Dick Lowes called this forenoon. She and Dick going west next Tuesday. Very fine, but cloudy in afternoon. sultry.

5. THURSDAY. (248-117) Da and Brock cleaned out root-house and cleaned out furnace pipes in forenoon. Choring and Da walked to town in afternoon. Geo. and Miss Duncan here for tea. Mr.

Carrie called after tea and Olive went to town with him. Very heavy rain this forenoon, dull afternoon. Will Gregory and Hod. Holdborn called this afternoon.

6. FRIDAY. (249-116) Got horse-rake out. Brock raked barley stubble. Da working among strawberries. They drew in the raking in afternoon. I walked to Drayton this forenoon. Maggie Lappen came here to-night from Uncle Sam's. quite fine all day. good breeze. Little Dicky got out of his cage and turkeys killed him over in orchard.

7. SATURDAY. (150-115) Da started to plow barley stuble below turnips. Brock went to town in afternoon. Ma drove Maggie up to Rothsay after tea. Mr. Yake walked out this afternoon and stayed for tea. Da drove him home after tea. quite a shower this forenoon. dull and misty at night dark night.

8. SUNDAY. 15 after Trinity (250-114) Olive, <del>Brock</del> and I up to church this forenoon. rather raw east wind, looking very much like rain at times.

## SEPTEMBER-9TH MONTH.

9. MONDAY. (252-113) Da plowing barley stubble all day. Ma at Drayton in afternoon. Olive and I up to Mable's after tea for basket of apples. rather dull forenoon, but cleared off again. Mr. Johnston called at night to settle his account.

10. TUESDAY. (253-112) Da plowing till eleven o'clock, then a rain came on. At Wilmot Drurys threshing in afternoon. Very wet day. dull. Brought up four heifers and cow that are to go away to marrow.

11. WEDNESDAY. (254-111) Da up and helped raise Harry's windmill then took a load of hogs and five head of cattle. Wat, Jack Walker and Alwyn helped down with cattle. Da plowing after he came home. Brock took down some chop after dinner. I helping Sara Burrows sew. quite fine at noon but raining again at night. MAgent here, and ordered fruit trees. (Geo Duncan and Maggie Cunningham married.)

12. THURSDAY. (255-110) Da finished plowing barley ground. Olive and I over to Retta Hilborn's in afternoon, to play tennis. I helping Sara Burrows Sew in forenoon. Showery forenoon, clear bright afternoon.

13. FRIDAY. (256-109) Da plowing on wheat ground all day. Brock helping Adam Flath harvest today. Alwyn Fleming came up here, and took some views of the house. great growth of grass now. Very fine day. Art. Page brought over a basket of plums to-night. 14. SATURDAY. (257-108) Da up and helped Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> finish harvest on both places. Brock went over to Ad. Flath's to get loan of light waggon. Took some chop to town in afternoon. Olive and I down at night. Very fine day.

15. SUNDAY. 16 after Trinity (258-107) Olive, Brock and I up to church this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock called this afternoon. Had her mother Mrs. Johnson with them. Very fine day. quite warm. beautiful night.

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## 1907 30 DAYS SEPTEMBER

16. MONDAY. (259-106) Da finished plowing wheat ground. Brock went down town for his grist, in afternoon. Sara Burrows, Miss MacIntosh and Mrs.(Dr) Tupper here in evening. Very fine day. cloudy. Very heavy shower Early this morning.

17. TUESDAY. (260-195) Da started to draw wood from bush and filling wood-house. I walked to town this morning to sew for Grandma. Richardson, cattle buyer called. Very fine day, good breeze. looking like rain to-night.

18. WEDNESDAY. (161-104) Da finished drawing wood, then brought potatoes into cellar and started to plow stuble below wheat ground. George Moore came after light waggon and left another in its place. Fine day. Ike MacIsaac married to Mary Hammond.

19. THURSDAY. (262-103) Da plowing stubble all day {above: 'Arthur Fair.'} Helped Jack Walker lower his pump in well, and picked our pears. Brock took me to town to sew and came after me. He and Olive back to Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> for crab applies. Foggy morning; turned fine, little shower in afternoon.(Got two baskets of Plums; Lombards & Green Gages. For \$1.50.)

20. FRIDAY. (263-102) Da plowing this forenoon, cultivated barley ground in afternoon. Mr. Thompson brought his calf out this evening, to pasture. Very fine day and Very windy. Palmerston Fair.

21. SATURDAY. (264-101) Da plowiing all day. Brock went to town for chop in afternoon. Very fine day, but windy and cool towards night. little frost.

22. SUNDAY. 17 after Trinity. (265-100) Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Henderson and children out for dinner. Olive, Brock and I up to Presbyterian Church at Rothsay in evening. Very fine day, but cool wind. cold night.

### SEPTEMBER-9TH MONTH. 1907

23. MONDAY. (266-99) Da plowing all day. Brock helped Mr. McEwings take thirteen head of cattle to Drayton this morning. Then he hoeing strawberries. Ma and I picked geese. Olive walked to Drayton before dinner little dull, like rain, but cleared off at night. cool wind all day. young Henry boys here to see about rabbits. Lice very bad on turnips now.

24. TUESDAY. (167-98) Da plowing stubble all day. Baker called. Very disagreeable at times. Smart little showers at times all day. Very high wind. cold.

25. WEDNESDAY. (268-97) Da plowing stubble all day. Brock over to McKee's and Rheame's hunting a lamb. Ma went down to Grandma's. I rode down with her, fitted the skirt and rode home with Mr. McEwing. Very disagreeable day. Heavy showers at times, little snow with rain. Very cold high wind. Wat. B. over, he going to take half interest in Post Office Box.

26. THURSDAY. (269-96) Da finished plowing, then he and Brock picked stones off it. Olive walked to Drayton and got Mrs. Cosford to fit her coat, in afternoon. Very fine day, but awful windy.

Mr. Henderson delivered a little table here \$3.50 and left Brett for dinner

27. FRIDAY. (270-95) Da harrowing all day, the field he finished plowing yesterday. Ma went down to see Mrs. McEwing this afternoon. Mr Carrie and his brother Cyril here for tea. Brock wheeled over to Moorefield Show in afternoon. half-past three. coal and damp to-night.

28. SATURDAY. (271-94) Da and Brock choring in forenoon, Da walked to town after dinner. Alex Hamilton, (candidate for Dominion House) drove him home and stayed for tea. Very wet day. rained steadily all day, a cold bleak rain. Very dark night.

29. SUNDAY. 18 after Trinity. St. Michael (Michaelmas Day). (272-93) Da went for a walk in afternoon, Mr. Craig here in afternoon. dull all day. misty at night.

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<-Jack Ritch sold his farm {above: 'Clemens farm'} to Gideon Moore for \$66 50

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Grandpa Philps house rented to Arthur Perkin. \$30.00 a yr.

Eggs 20¢ a dozen

Butter 26¢ C {Fla.}

# 1907 30 AND 31 DAYS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

30. MONDAY. (273-92) Da plowing stubble back of Poplars. Brock went to town after dinner with a little chop. Olive and I down to John Walker after tea. quite misty early this morn, but cleared off. Was windy and cold, but bright.

1. OCTOBER-TUESDAY. (274-91) Da plowing stubble all day. Ma and Brock went for Aunt Emma and went up to Rothsay to divide up Grandpa's Philp's effects. Da went up after tea for Grandpa's clock. Brock wheeled to town this forenoon. Very fine day, pretty warm.

2. WEDNESDAY. (275-90) Drayton Fall Fair, Da plowing all day. The rest of us went to the Show. Brock came home. We stayed for concert. Beautiful day. Splendid crowd. 48<u>th</u> Highlanders' Band furnished music and put on the concert. It was splendid.

3. THURSDAY. (276-89) Da plowing all day. I went down town this morning for fruit at Richard's, basket peaches \$1.25, 2 of Grapes 30 & 38¢ a 2 of Tomatoes 35. Uncle Jim Grandpa and Grandma here for while this forenoon fine forenoon, but dull and had a smart shower about six. Very warm this forenoon.

4. FRIDAY. (277-88) Da plowing all day. quite dull all day.

5. SATURDAY. (278-87) Da plowing all day. Brock to town twice with chop. Myrtle Burrows here for an hour after dinner. Heavy shower of rain in forenoon, cold wind in afternoon. Da and Brock brought up pumpkins after tea. hard frost.

6. SUNDAY. 19 after Trinity. (279-86) Olive, Brock and I up to English Church this morning. dull forenoon, cold rain in afternoon strong wind.

## **OCTOBER-10TH MONTH. 1907**

7. MONDAY. (280-85) Da plowing till three o'clock, then came in. Heavy rain and thunder storm came on. Lot of rain fell. Brock took Ad. Flath's waggon home Roy brought home our six young cattle which had been in the bush. Beautiful morning. good breeze. but pretty warm.

8. TUESDAY. (281-84) Da plowing all day. Ma at Drayton in afternoon. Roy brought down some chairs, that belonged at Rothsay. Very fine day. cold wind. Very hard frost.

9. WEDNESDAY. (282-83) Da finished plowing behind Poplars. at noon. Then cross plowing piece below turnips. Ma, Olive and I up to Aunt Emma's at a quilting. Da and Wat. Burrows took down our old hens and their own to Henry Irvine 302 lbs @ 5¢ lb. \$15.10. rather dull. little sprinkle of rain. lightning at night.

10. THURSDAY. (283-83) Da plowing all day. John Walker up here in evening. Very nasty day. drizzling at times all day. cold Olive, Brock and I picked some apples in low orchard.

11. FRIDAY. (284-81) Da plowing in forenoon, at Jack Walker's threshing in afternoon. I went down for Mrs. Gordon this morning and took her back after tea. Very disagreeable day. drizzling rain at times all day.

12. SATURDAY. (285-80) Da at Mr. Morrisons threshing This forenoon. Plowing in afternoon. Brock took down a load of chop, some for Burrows also, and got team shod. Olive up to Mabel's in forenoon. rather fine at times. couple of little showers. We washed chairs which came from Rothsay. 9 of them.

13. SUNDAY. 20 after Trinity. (286-79) Olive, Brock and I up to E.Church to morning and evening service, "Harvest Thanksgiving". Celia Groves up here from Walkers for dinner. Very dull day. little mists of rain at times. Da over at Wm Lowerys in afternoon.

## A Toast.

Here's to the man whose hand

Is firm when he clasps your own-

Like a grip of steel

That makes you feel

You're not in the world alone.

Here's to the man whose laugh

Puts the sombre clouds to route-

The man whose fair

And kind and square

To the one that's down and out.

Milwaukee Sentinel

October Moods.

October held a carnival,

When summer days had fled;

His halls were trimmed with blue and gold;

And banners flowing red.

Now all the world with foul and fruit

Were at his table fed;

The richest wine of bough or vine

Before his guests were spread{.}

October held a funeral

When summer nights were fled;

and all the leaves and all the vines

And all the flowers were dead.

The richly colored drapery

Was burial robes instead,

And, shorn of pride he lay and died

Upon a humble bed. C.

{Lue} Mitchell {bo'F} Billy West's farm {above: '50 ac.'} on 10th con.

Nathaniel " " 50 ac from Jim Farrow \$10 00.

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# 1907 31 DAYS OCTOBER

14. MONDAY. (287-78) Da plowing all day. Ma and I at town afternoon. Brock over to Wm. Lowery's for 6 hens (white Wyandottes \$6.00) after tea. Brock drew in a few grey stone turnips this forenoon. Very nice day. quite fine afternoon. Cool wind Had letter from Uncle Jim, he says Mr. Reynolds had a stroke.

15. TUESDAY. (288-77) Da finished crass ploughing piece below turnips at noon. At Uncle Rich'ds threshing in afternoon (Bell Farm) Brock, Ma, Olive and raking up mangals. Brock at town this morning. Beautiful day. warm. hard frost this morning. Took in three loads of mangals.

16. WEDNESDAY. (289-76) Da threshing at Uncle Rich'<u>d</u>s home place till eleven o'clock, then came home and topped {mangals} for an hour. At Charlie Walkers threshing in afternoon. Brock took down 3 hogs to Dowling this morning. Came to \$40.20¢. We finished taking up mangals. and got in a load of swede turnips. Very fine day.

17. THURSDAY (290-75) Da at Charlie Walkers threshing for a couple of hours then at Harry's till half past three Olive took Ma to Drayton. she staying all night with Grandma, and going to y.p.g. Concert. Brock went over to Geo. Lunzs' after a lamb we lost. Bill Barry here all day raising his potatoes. Mr. Carrie here after tea. beautiful day, quite strong breeze.

18. FRIDAY. (291-74) Da started to cross plow field next to bush. Brock helped Jack Walkers raise his potatoes this afternoon. I went to town this morning for Ma. quite cold wind. little scud of rain and hail this morning.

19. SATURDAY. (292-73) Da cross plowing all day. Brock to Drayton in afternoon with a couple bags of chop. rather cold wind all day. not very bright. churned for first. Sat. night and Sun. morn's milk 7 lbs. butter

20. SUNDAY. 21 after Trinity. (293-72) Home all day. Ross McEwing up here in afternoon. quite fine. Very cold night.

# **OCTOBER-10TH MONTH. 1907**

21. MONDAY. (294-71) Da plowing all day. Brock and Olive picking apples at Frank Pages in afternoon. Got a can of snow apples. quite fine day, but cold wind in afternoon.

22. TUESDAY. (295-70) Da finished the lower half of field and started in upper half to plow. Brock at town this morning with chop. Da down to meet night train but painter never came. We took in garden vegetables this afternoon. beautiful bright morning, little duller towards evening.

23. WEDNESDAY. (296-69) Da plowing all day. Brock went down with Jack Walker to Drayton. He took 5 sheep for us. \$27.20. Billy Sweeney came here about five o'clock to finish painting. Will Gregory brought him. Brock took up a few turnips in afternoon. Olive and I up to Chas. Walkers in evening. quite fine day. Cold wind. hard frost at night.

24. THURSDAY. (297-68) Da plowing all day. Brock cleaned horse stable then went up to Uncle Rich'<u>ds</u> and picked 6 bags of spy apples, then Da went for them after tea. Got 9 bags of apples. Olive and I down to Isaac Hilborns in afternoon. Mr. Craig and Annie here to spend evening. Billy painted verandah floors and ridge {roll} on house. beautiful bright day. quite a breeze.

25. FRIDAY. (298-67) Da finished plowing and harrowed the field. Brock at town this forenoon and again in afternoon. for paints and oil for Billy. He painted the yellow chairs, quite blustry squalls of rain and snow at times. High wind and cold.

26. SATURDAY. (299-66) Da and Brock cleaned out root-house and piled up mangals, then topped turnips till four o'clock. Da harrowed them out and Brock took Billy Sweeney down to 4.36 train. He finished painting. fine bright day, but wind cold. churned 61/2 lbs. Bill Woods distributing tax receipts-\$64.60¢.

27. SUNDAY. 22 after Trinity. (300-65) Home all day. Sara Burrows here in evening. drizzling rain all day. <u>very dull</u>.

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Jennie Craig operated on at St. Joseph's Hospital.. Guelph..for appendicitis - about 2 weeks ago.

Billy charged \$1.28 for painting chairs.

Will HEsTon Guelph

mabel Philp at Durham for Thanksgiving.

### 1907 31 AND 30 DAYS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

28. MONDAY. (301-64) Da finished topping turnips and harrowed them out. Brock picked some spy apples in afternoon. Killed chickens for us in forenoon. Killed and dry picked 19 Chicks. Ma took them to town in afternoon. Got 9 & 8 ¢ a lb. for Them. rather fine, but cold wind. Uncle Will up from Guelph to-day. Turnips very small, a poor crop this fall.

29. TUESDAY. (302-63) Da went over to vote, then, Brock he and Bill Barry taking up {below: '(con)'} turnips. Da and Bill gone to town at night. Alex Hamilton defeated. Martin elected over 300 of a majority. Very hard white frost this morning. dull and cold ground very sticky.

30. WEDNESDAY. (303-62) Da, Bill and Brock took down 6 head of cattle to Dowling for \$150.00. cattle very poor price now. Then drew turnips all day. I met Stella Chubb on noon train. Over at Retta Hilborns for an hour in afternoon. Lizzie home from west. Beautiful bright warm day.

31. THURSDAY. (304-61) Thanksgiving Day. Da, Bill and Brock finished taking up turnips and took up the carrots. Paid Bill \$1.25 a day. Olive, Stella and I went to town in afternoon and went to Methodist {fowl} Supper. Put horse in at Henderson's quite fine all day, but not so bright. Old Mrs. Reilly brought home from west to be buried.

1. NOVEMBER-FRIDAY. (305-60) Unloaded carrots into cellar. Changed sheep on to new pasture, picked spy apples. Got ready tank for milk. Olive, Stella and I up to cheese factory and round by Rothsay this forenoon. Took Stella to 4.36 She gone home. dull all day. raw east wind. Cheese factory closed. Henry Heseltine got some chop ^here this forenoon.

2. SATURDAY. (306-59) Da and Brock choring and making a dog kennel. Jack Walker up here in afternoon. Very disagreeable day. rained steadily all day not cold, but beginning to feel that way at night.

3. SUNDAY. 23 after Trinity. (307-58) Olive, Brock and I up to E. Church this forenoon. Da at Mrs. Wards funeral in afternoon. Cold wind all day with flurries of snow, roads very muddy.

## NOVEMBER-11TH MONTH 1907

4. MONDAY. (308-57) Da started to plow 14 ac. field of sod on other place. Brock at Drayton in forenoon to get churn fixed and some pails mended. dull day. came on a little shower at six. Mrs. Vincent Adams brought home dead from west. Mrs. Wm Adams (Isabelle Gordon) died last o night.

5. TUESDAY. (309-56) Da at McEwings' threshing all day. Brock took team and load of chop down this forenoon. Brock choring afternoon and walked up to Orange Hot Supper in Rothsay, in evening. rather fine, a little misty at times. cleaned wood work in kitchen and windows in lower flat.

6. WEDNESDAY. (310-55) Da at McEwings' threshing till noon, finished there and went to Henry Liborns. Ma at Drayton in forenoon. dull all day, turning colder towards night and wind rising. quite misty for a time at noon.

7. THURSDAY. (311-54) Da finished threshing at Hilborns this forenoon. Plowing sod on other place in afternoon. Brock at town this forenoon. Very windy and cold. Preserving citrons to-day.

8. FRIDAY. (312-53) Da plowing all day on sod, on other place. Ma and I at Mrs. Wm. Adams funeral in after-noon. Brock drove Wat's horse down to Dr. Farewell in forenoon. rather fine day. raw wind.

9. SATURDAY. Birth of King Edward VII. (313-52) Da plowing sod on other place. Brock over to Pages with some citrons and round to see Wooddisse's water works. We cleaned stove pipes. Very raw cold wind. I misting and raini<del>g</del>ng. at night.

10. SUNDAY. 24 after Trinity. (314-51) Olive, Brock and I up to English Church this morning. Sarah Burrows and Celia Groves called this evening. Celia going to Fergus to work. snowed through the night and at times to-day. not cold.

got 5 gal. coal oil & 1 bag of Flour. (Thompson)

Got a letter from Uncle Jim saying That Uncle Will saw Dick Chambers & Mr. Smith at Guelph on Sat evening and They were coming back from burying Eliza. She had some sort of cancerous growth in throat. Cancer inwardly operated on but wound bled and could not be stopped

Mrs. Chas Walker a year dead to-day.

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### 1907 30 DAYS NOVEMBER

11. MONDAY. (315-50) Frozen too hard to plow, so Da drew stone out of the field up to old barn, in forenoon. plowed sod in afternoon. Brock went to town this morning to get cheque cashed to pay E.G. Henry his dues. cold wind. few flurries of snow.

12. TUESDAY. (316-49) Da drawing up stone in forenoon plowed sod for a while, then drew some more stone frozen very hard in morning. Retta and Lizzie Hilborn over to spend evening. quite snowy at times and cold wind. Kept cows in stable over night for first.

13. WEDNESDAY. (317-48) Da and Brock finished drawing up stone about four o'clock. Then Brock drove Grandma home. Ma went for her this morning. Cold raw wind blowing started to snow and turned out a very blustry afternoon. Brought calves home to-night.

14. THURSDAY. (318-47) Da and Brock set up dog kennel, then at ten o'clock Da went to Isaac Hilborn's threshing. Brock took back a jag of hay to young cattle. Olive and I over at Burrow's in evening. heavy snow falls at times. ground all covered with snow.

15. FRIDAY. (319-46) Brock drove Da down to I. Hilborns threshing then Ma took horse and went to see Miss Stone. Da and Brock choring and brought up young cattle {above: 'in afternoon.'} and ponies, and tied cattle up. Went to town after tea. Very fine day, but wind rather cold in forenoon. Beautiful night.

16. SATURDAY. (320-45) Da and Brock choring, then Da went for a load of coal to Flaths shed, in forenoon. Ma at Town this afternoon. Da choring in afternoon and went after sugar-kettle to lower well. Very fine day and beautiful moonlight night. freezing hard at night.

17. SUNDAY. 25 after Trinity. (321-44) Olive and I up to E. Church in forenoon. Mr and Mrs. Jack Ritch and Muriel here for dinner and tea. beautiful bright day. thaws during day, but freezes up again at night.

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18. MONDAY. (322-43) Da and Brock done chores then Da went to town. Then drawing out manure in afternoon. Mr. Carrie called this morning. Aunt Emma here to get couple of geese for ^Hot supper. Very nice afternoon. ground very dirty and sticky. Bill Gass fell out of grain mow at Ducherings and broke his right arm above wrist.

19. TUESDAY. (323-42) Da drawing out manure all day. Ma at town in forenoon. Mr. Carrie walked out this afternoon for tea. rather dull all day. mild.

20. WEDNESDAY. (324-41) Bill Barry down this morning and helped Da and Brock draw manure all day. Ma took the five geese up to Aunt Emma after dinner. Da gone to town to-night. Mrs. Alex Cooper and Tof. walked out and took up carpet of front room in old house. A man here from Mr. Forest here to see Thompsons calf. Bought it. raw East wind all day. raining at night. Da got 3 "Rhode Island Red" Pullets and 1 Rooster from Wad. Gordon.

21. THURSDAY. (325-40) Da plowing sod all day. Brock drove Olive and I up to Rothsay in afternoon. We helping wait on tables at English Church Fowl Supper. Ma and Brock up to tea in evening. Very windy day. scuds of rain in forenoon. quite mild.

22. FRIDAY. (326-39) Da plowing sod all day. Brock went to town with some chop. Fine day. not very bright, but mild. freezing a little at night.

23. SATURDAY. (327-38) Da plowing sod all day. Brock done chores in forenoon. Olive and I at Drayton in afternoon. Beautiful bright day, roads very sticky about noon. Freezing hard to-night.

24. SUNDAY. 26 after Trinity. (328-37) Olive, Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. Elwin Philp here in afternoon. Da and Ma went up to see Bill Gass, about four o'clock. Very fine bright day. Cold east wind. frozen hard in morning, but thawed and was sticky by noon.

Mr. Carrie boarding at Kirk patricks in Drayton.

Roses - Red and WHite moss 75¢ Each

Rambles. Red, Brambler, Queen of Prairie . . Dorothy 1.95/\$3.25

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#### 1907 30 AND 31 DAYS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

25. MONDAY. (329-36) Da plowed in manure in field next ^Walker line fence, Brock at town with chop this afternoon. Tom Long, nursery agent, here for dinner ordered five Rose bushes from him. very fine day. frozen hard this morning. mildest to-night.

26. TUESDAY. (330-35) {different handwriting} Da and Brock done chores in forenoon. Brought young cattle from other place. Ma tool Clara to Drayton in morning, she helping Mrs. Gordon. Da down in afternoon with Frank PagE. Soft wet snow falling all day, colder towards night.

27. WEDNESDAY. (331-34) {different handwriting} Brock choring in forenoon. Da helped John Walker lake a cow and two calves to Drayton, brought home white wyandotte cockerel. Brock went hunting in afternoon with Mr. Thompson, J. Amy and J. Brooks but did not get anything. Da to Drayton in afternoon with chop. Clara helping Mrs. Gordon. Fine in forenoon but soft snow and rain at night.

28. THURSDAY. (332-33) Brock choring in forenoon. Da went to Drayton in forenoon with chop. got home about two o'clock. Choring in afternoon. Mr, C, Walker and Cecil here this Evening to cut the cabbagE. Clara helping Mrs. Gordon. Soft snow in forenoon also afternoon but finer towards night.

29. FRIDAY. (333-32) {different handwriting} Da and Brock done chores and cleaned pens in forenoon. Drawing out manure in afternoon. J. Cole buried to-day. Clara helping Mrs. Gordon. Heavy fall of snow in night and snowing off and on all day. mild. Mrs. J. Gregory here for gauder paid \$1.40

30. SATURDAY. St. Andrew. (334-31) {different handwriting} Da and Brock done chores in forenoon, Then Da went for a load of coal. Brock drove me down to Drayton in afternoon and came home with Da, he brought home a load of coal. Got Dick showed. I brought Clara home. Fine day until about three o'clock, then a heavy soft-snow falling till night.

1. DECEMBER-SUNDAY. 1 in Advent. Birth of Queen Alexandria. (335-30) Brock, Olive, and I up to English Church in forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowes and Russel here for dinner, stayed afternoon

and for tea. Had cutter out for first time. Slipped along very well. Not very cold. heavy snow falls at times.

# DECEMBER-12TH MONTH. 1907

2. MONDAY. (336-29) Da done chores, Brock gone to ask hands to thresh Brock went to town after dinner. Jack Walker came up and helped straighten up in barn. Hosheal brought seperator over, but says engine is broken. Da and Brock went round and told hands not to come. Beautiful bright day. quite cold and sharp.

3. TUESDAY. (337-28) Da and Brock choring in forenoon drawing manure in afternoon. Olive and I at town in afternoon. Minnie Walker, Mabel, Miss Agar and Sarah Burrows here for tea. beautiful bright day. quite sharp.

4. WEDNESDAY. (338-27) {different handwriting} Da and Brock done chores in forenoon. Roy Farewell here and dehorned bull. Da over to Henry Hilborn to see about threshing. Choring in afternoon. Clara walked to Drayton in morning helping Mrs Gordon. Fine day rather cool.

5. THURSDAY. (339-26) {different handwriting} Da and Brock done chores in forenoon, then Da went to station for bbl. of sugar. Choring in afternoon. Hershel in to say he will thresh Friday afternoon. Billy West here for a kitten and went over house. Cecil Walker here after tea to ask Da to go up to play cards but he did not go. Fine day but looking like a thaw. Roy here at night brought invitation to party at Billy Murphy's J. Higgins & V. DelmagE got it up

6. FRIDAY. (340-25) Da and Brock done chores in morning. Da went over to H. Hilborn's to see if the Engine was {fixed}. It was not choring in afternoon. Brock took a couple of bags of chop to Drayton. Beautiful day.

7. SATURDAY. (341-24) Da and Brock done chores in morning. Da went over to H. Hilborns about {two} and was there until three o'clock helping Hoshel fix Engine. Then brought machine over and set it. I down to Drayton in afternoon for Clara. Very soggy all day and soft.

8. SUNDAY. 2 in Advent. Conception Day. (342-23) Clara Brock and I up to church in morning. Cecelia Groves here in morning for a short time misty in morning and raining in afternoon and at night.

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# Miss Agar, teacher supply ing in miss Grants' place

Bert Brownlee's birthday 21

# 1907 31 DAYS DECEMBER

9. MONDAY. (343-22) {different handwriting} Threshing all day. I drove Clara down to Drayton in morning to Mrs Gordon's. Sara helping us with dinner and tea. Will Gregory and Mr. Chas. Walker stayed to play cards and all night. Raining off and on all day. Very dull.

10. TUESDAY. (344-21) {different handwriting} Finished threshing in about half an hour, then Da at Burrow's threshing rest of day. Brock choring. Bill Barry here in afternoon for some potatoes. Ma went to Drayton in afternoon for Clara. Da over to Burrows at night playing cards. Turning colder and flurries of snow.

11. WEDNESDAY. (345-20) {different handwriting} Da at Burrows' threshing until ten. Came home and chored till noon. At page's threshing in afternoon. Ma and took Clara and Brock to station this morning. They gone to Guelph to Fat Stack Show. Cold wind snowing off and on all day.

 THURSDAY. (346-19) {different handwriting} Da at Page's threshing in forenoon. There choring until three. Walked to Drayton and got home about six. Went to pay Taxes. Sharp day. Cold wind.
Mr. Woolner killed by train up by Weigh's sideroad.

13. FRIDAY. (347-18) {different handwriting} Da done chores in morning then went to Page's to help cut wood was there until about three. Bill Gass walked down this forenoon and stayed all night. Brock walked home from station to-day noon. Mrs. Joe Gordon brought home dead on noon train buried off train. Rather mild, like thaw. East wind.

14. SATURDAY. (348-17) {different handwriting} Da and Brock choring all day. Bill Gass here all day. Terrible stormy, high East wind not much calmer at night.

15. SUNDAY. 3 in Advent. (349-16) {different handwriting} Bill Gass went over to Bob. Mitchell's this morning. Ma and Da at Mr Thompson's for dinner and tea. Soft snow falling all day rather mild. Will make good sleighing.

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16. MONDAY. (350-15) Da and Brock choring, then Da took out a load of chop. Bill Gass came over from Mitchells and went to town with Ma. I came home on noon train from Guelph. Da helped Jack Walker kill hog this afternoon. Bill came here to-night. rather cold, quite stormy.

17. TUESDAY. (351-14) Da and Brock done the chores, then we killed and picked 8 geese. Mr. Cragg from Mt. Forest here and took away Mr. Thompsons calf. Mr. Wilson Clark here and bought three geese 1.50 a piece. rather fine at times, then very thick snow-falls. not very cold, Bill Gass went home this forenoon.

18. WEDNESDAY. (352-13) Da and Brock done chores, we picked five ducks, then they killed seven turkeys. Brock went to town this afternoon. Da took the fowl down to night after tea. rather stormy at times not very cold.

19. THURSDAY. (353-12) Da and Brock done the chores then cleaned up a grist and Da took it out this afternoon. Olive and I went down to Jack Walkers' but they had retired Very stormy at times, blowing pretty steady at night. not very cold.

20. FRIDAY. (354-11) Da and Brock done chores and filled up a grist of chop. Took it to town and got 5 gallons coal-oil. Ma at town this afternoon. Olive went with her and stayed with Grandma, I down to Jack Walker's this evening. looking like a thaw. rather mild.

21. SATURDAY. St. Thomas. (355-10) Da and Brock done the chores, and Da took out a grist of chop after dinner. Brock went down for Olive towards evening. Jack Walker left Thelma here while he and his mother went to town. Beautiful bright day.

22. SUNDAY. <u>4 in Advent</u>. (356-9) Olive Brock and I up to English Church in forenoon. very fine day. foggy in morning and towards evening. Cyril preached; Mr. Carrie being ordained in Hamilton.

Had a splendid time in Guelph. Boys. I met at house. Bert Brownlee, Fred Beck Will Herron, Frank McLagan, Frank Howard.

Norman Peel buried.

J. Gregory 1 pair goose 1.40

W. Clark 3---- " \$1.50- 4.50

Aunt Emma 2 "

Da suffering very much with boils.

Ross had his hand operated on. Straightening the finger.

The Merry Company

Merry Company. {rest is faded}

# 1907 31 DAYS DECEMBER

23. MONDAY. (357-8) Da and Brock choring in forenoon Da and Wat. killed a pig for us and one for them selves at Burrows' in afternoon. Brock at Drayton in afternoon. terrible storm and snow for a while in afternoon. Not cold, quite soft snow fell. like sleet in forenoon.

24. TUESDAY. (358-7) Da and Brock done the chores in forenoon Then he drew out seeds off barn floor and fired them. Brock, Olive and I at Drayton in afternoon. Mr. Carrie came out for tea and stayed all night. rather fine forenoon, but quite stormy at times in afternoon. not very cold. cut and salted pork in forenoon.

25. WEDNESDAY. Christmas Day (Dominion). (359-6) Da and Brock done the chores. Ma went down to Grandma's in afternoon. Percy and Ross McEwing spent the afternoon with us. quite stormy all day. not cold. Mr. Carrie went to Rothsay to preach in morning.

26. THURSDAY. (360-5) Da and Brock done the chores and drew out manure. Uncle Will and Grandma called here in forenoon. Grandma stayed for dinner. Uncle Will called again after dinner. Olive and I up to Uncle Richds and round by Mr. Craigs with piece of meat. quite fine, till towards evening. raw east wind and ^snow drifting some.

27. FRIDAY. (361-4) Da and Brock choring in forenoon drawing manure in afternoon. Very disagreeable day. raining in afternoon turned a little colder through night. Very sloppy under foot.

28. SATURDAY. (362-3) Da and Brock done the chores in forenoon, also in afternoon. Hung "Jake", the pup he got from Kennedy. He was no use. Sarah Burrows and her Uncle Charlie here after dinner. Olive and I at Drayton in afternoon. Very fine day. sleighing almost done.

{X}29. SUNDAY. 1 after Christmas. (363-27) Ma, Olive and Brock up to English Church in forenoon. Art Armstrong and Norman Flath walked out and spent the afternoon and stayed for tea Geo. Pollard drove out and stayed afternoon and evening. Very fine all day. started to snow and storm after tea.

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30. MONDAY. (364-1) Da and Brock choring in forenoon. Brock took out some chop with cutter. Da finished drawing out manure. almost rain in forenoon. could not hang clothes out. wetting snow at time in afternoon.

31. TUESDAY. (365) Da and Brock choring all day, washed young cattle's neck in afternoon. Harry Caram and Lizzie here in afternoon and for tea. Very stormy at times. Very high wind. rather cold

Aug. 14, 1907. Got \$200.00 from H. Heseltine. I paid it to Billy Sturtridge in afternoon on acc't, McLaughlan & SturtridgE.

July 15. Burrows erected a wind mill on other place. Frank Page having two Erected.

37 loads gravel. June 27

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