

# Benjamin Reesor (1836 - 1917)

## 1904-1905

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*{Front cover of Diary}*

Black Cat Scribbler

*{painting of a black cat and a bottle of Black Cat Shoe Dressing from the Nonsuch MFG Co Limited Toronto}*

~~Beef to Flavius 10 lbs @ 5 cts 50 cts~~

~~6¾ lbs @ 7 cts 45 cts~~

~~4¼ lbs @ 10 cts 40~~

~~One ham 30 lbs @ 11 cts {remainder of figures illegible}~~

### Sept 1904

Private Journal of Benj'n B Reesor

Sept 1st 1904 J took cream Henry Cultivated in sod A helped Johnny Reesor thresh AM A & Henry helped Flavius draw in Oats PM J worked on sod PM Flavis whole family Called after supper Warm a very heavy shower after dark no thunder there is a very heavy battle going on in the far East about a half Million of men engaged

2 Boys Cleaned seed Wheat A took 7 bags Barley to Davids AM they spread dung PM W. a very very heavy rain awhile this Morning distant thunder Creek running Briskly I took Nancy & Mary to G Gower's to see their Baby PM

3 A & Henry ganged in big field J Chored & raked Out stubble south of bush I went to Cedar Grve & brought home some Chop AM W. fine not very warm

Sunday 4 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St Luke 22 vs 23 C by Br C Lords Supper was Celebrated David's were here to dinner Benj'ns Came after dinnr Young folks went to Peters to supper Thomas Diller's & Flavis's were here after supper W. a little Cloudy this Morning fine & Cler today

5 Henry helped Pilkey thresh AM J & A ganged Henry helped gang PM I helped girls wash AM W. very fine Cool Cler there has been a battle raging in the far East at Liaoyang it was decided

### Sept 1904

yesterday. the Japanese are victorious the fighting was Continued for ten days Port Arthur is expected to fall soon

6 A & Henry helped Benj'n draw dung all day with team J worked on wheat ground I & Nancy & Susanna started to go to Br S's but they were not at home so we went to Flavius to dinner W. very fine

7 A ganged in N E field Henry helped Benj'n take in some rakings AM J sowed Wheat East of dam Henry helped N B's draw in Oats PM I & Nancy went to J B's he is up again Called at Abraham Lehmans his wife is very low (like Consumption) W. fine

8 A & Henry ganged J & Anne went to Markham PM W. rather Cloudy AM fine Cler PM

9 A helped Benj'n thresh all day (the Machine runs very well) Henry helped Thomas's draw in grain J finished ganging N E Corner field & harrowed the Knoll we Cleaned 26 Bus seed Wheat for Jas Malcolm I went to Cedar Grove AM & brought home Chop I first took Susanna to Elias's then I brought her home this eveing I also went to B S s & got a Hook to draw Machine into barn it has broken several times W. fine

10 A took 2100 lbs hay to Markham to H Wilson Henry helped Taylor thresh J harrowed N E field AM J & A helped Flavis stack Alsike with team PM

### Sept 1904

Henry & I Chored PM I & Nancy & Susanna went to Br S's they were not at home so we Came home Susanna stayed Henry took a grist to David's & brought Susanna home W. Cloudy and foggy awhile Cler PM

Sunday 11 I & Nancy & Susanna went to Elias's to dinner A & Lucinda went to Meeting at Altona. Henry & Anne went to Davids last evening & staid all night then they went to Christian Brillingers today to dinner & to Levi Burkholder's (Christian's son) to supper W. quite warm & sultry

12 A helped J D's fill dung J & Henry helped Flavius plow at Pearses for Wheat I helped girls wash & went to Cedar Grove AM W. very very fine & Cooler

13 A filled dung at J D's J & Henry Plowed for Flavis I & Susanna went to Markham AM Joseph Shirks were here to dinner W. very fine Cler & Cool pretty strong East wind

14 Henry filled dung at J D's A took Seeder & helped Flavis sow at Pearses till noon J Plowed south of bush & got Horses Chief & Billy shod AM he & A Plowed between showers PM Daniels were here to dinner W. Cloudy showery AM & PM Cooler

15 Henry helped Flavius sow Wheat all day

### Sept 1904

A Plowed AM he took 1930 lbs Hay to Kennedys PM J got Flavis Colt Diamond shod & went around by Armstrongs to get some Powders for the Horses they have a cough he drove a team for Flavis PM at the sowing W. very fine Cler & Cool

16 J & Henry finished Plowing south of bush & began north of bush a piece that was not ganged A helped Flavis thresh AM & helped Benj'n drain PM I got Horse Billy shod on hind foot AM W. Cool strong S W wind heard that Abraham Lehman's wife died this Morning

17 Boys drew dung on N E Corner field {blank space} loads Benj'n & his man helped with team W. fine Cool

Sunday 18 all went to funeral of A Lehman's wife at Widemans Sermons by C Burkholder & Bro C Br C spoke on 1st Cor part of 15th C F Elliot spoke too I & A Nancy Susanna & A Bs went in spring waggon we went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's Henry Annie & Lucinda went with Flavis Colt J went with Our Buggy & Billy W. Cloudy warm a shower Coming home

19 J took 4 live hogs 690 lbs to Markham for Hornshaw @ \$5.00 per cwt AM other boys drew dung {blank space} loads Benj'n & his Man helped with team AM Flavius & his Man helped with team PM I helped girls wash AM W. very fine Cler Cool.

20 Boys drew dung AM Flavius & his man helped with team A & Henry Plowed north of bush PM

## Sept 1904

J took 5 bags barley to David's PM W. a heavy shower at noon some thunder pretty heavy clap struck W Carter's barn on 3rd Con Pickering & burned it down it was occupied by his Brother Benjamin about the whole Crop was burned the Implements were saved Johnny Reesor's brought Wendell Bauman & wife & Absalom Martin & wife and two little boys from Waterloo to stay all night

21 A drew dung Henry helped Benj'n draw dung AM he drew at home PM they got it nearly all out J Picked Golden sweet apples PM he went to see Lapps after dinner & they will buy them W. Cler cool a white frost last night

22 A & Henry plowed J took Cream he Picked apples then he took 27 bags Golden Sweet to Lapps @ {blank space} he took them with Grey Billy & Benj'ns horse W. fine Cler a slight frost last night Henry went for Medicine to Dr Susanna is not so well

23 J & Henry Plowed they got into Wheat stubble single Plowing Henry Plowed for Benj'n PM A worked at stable putting in the windows I got a shoe put on Billy & brought home some Chop PM W. very fine. East wind Susanna doing well

24 Henry Plowed for Benj'n J Plowed in Wheat stubble A Made sash for another window in Horse stable I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM. W. Cloudy drizzly

## Sept 1904

a very heavy rain as we Came home from Cedar Grove about 5 PM rained till about 7 very fast at times some thunder quite warm

Sunday 25 I & Nancy went to Br S's to dinner W. Cloudy this Morning Cleared up fine Thomas's & Elias's were here awhile this eveing

26 Boys Chored awhile then J & Henry plowed & A worked at stable I helped Anne wash W. rain last night & awhile this Morning very fine today

27 J & Henry Plowed A helped Benj'n dig drains I went to Cedar Grove AM I took up Beets in Mangel field PM this is my 68th Birthday Mary was here Sewing & Boiling soap. W. very fine Cler

28 J & Henry finished Plowing Wheat stubble & began on Knoll A helped Benj'n at drain I & Susanna went to Markham AM I took 5 bags barley to Davids & then drew home the Beets PM W. very fine & Cler

29 J & Henry Plowed A helped Benj'n dig AM J went to Nolan's sale of Cattle A & Henry Picked 7 Barrels of Apples PM I & Nancy went to Elias's & to A B's awhile PM W. a shower this morning pretty heavy rain distant thunder

30 J & Flavius Plowed Henry spread dung A went to Toronto 7 Barrels Apples 80 cts each for 5 Bals 75 cts for 1 65 cts for 1 he took 4 Baskets 20 cts for 3 & 15 for 1 I brought load of Chop home AM & another PM W. very fine & Cler a very strong N W wind Cool tonight

### Oct 1904

Oct 1 A shocked some Corn they Cut a few rounds East of Creek then J & Henry ganged in N E Corner field AM (we are ganging the dung down) Henry helped Peter thresh PM I & A ganged J & Nancy went to see Grandmother she had a bad spell is up again (she is at Enos's yet) W. Cool Cler a very strong N W wind all day J went to Beefring Meeting at M Barkeys this eving he drew No 7 for us next year

Sundy 2 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J (he has Cold) remarks by Br C Sermon on {blank space} by C Burkholder Enos Nighswander & family & M N & Danls & Marty were here to dinner & Elias's to supper W. a strong Cold N W wind

3 Henry helped Peters thresh J & A Pulled Mangels & drew in 7 loads I helped Anne wash AM I gathered Melons & Early Cabbage & took in the Beets out of front garden W. still a Cold N W Air

4 Boys Cut Corn East of Creek & then Pulled & drew one load of Mangels AM A helped Andrew Dimma fill silo PM J & Henry took in 2 loads Mangels PM I took 5 bags Chop to Davids PM W. very fine this morning Clouded up drizzly rain awhile PM slight frost last night

5 A helped A Dimma finish filling silo till about 9 AM J Cut Corn below house awhile

## Oct     Oct   1904

then Henry put on his Horses & cut till about 10 Oc then Benj'n got the Binder J Plowed till noon  
A & Henry spread dung awhile PM I brought home some Chop AM W. Cloudy a heavy rain PM  
Jess Reesor Called PM

6 Henry ganged awhile AM J & A Chored then they Pulled some Mangels Henry went about  
1/2 past 2 to help Gordon Dimma fill silo J & A drew in load Mangels Flavis's Fanny was here  
today Helping our folks I went to Cedar Grove & brought home some Chop W. quite Cool

7 Boys & Anne went to David's then Called to see Grandmother she is pretty well. then they  
went to Markham they Came home early I took grist to David's after dinner W. Cler. Cool.  
sharp air from East

8 Henry helped G Dimma fill silo till after dinner awhile then they Came to Benj'ns J & A Chored  
then they began to Cut Corn about 10 AM they Changed Horses and J finished it about 3 PM A  
went to Benj'ns with team about 3 PM & helped W. Cloudy Some Showers AM Cloudy PM  
shower this eveing Milder there was a heavy frost yesterday Morning the Corn is frozen

Sunday 9 at home Elisabeth Stover & Br C's Becca's sister Leah Steiner from Pa were here to  
dinner Leah is here at Br C's on a visit

## Oct 1904

W. Cloudy a little rain this morning a very heavy shower after dark. rained very heavy

10 A & Henry helped Benj'n finish filling silo before dinner J took Cream then he & A & Henry  
helped Thomas fill silo at Gower's PM Daniels were here to dinner Adeline stays to help the silo  
fillers are here tonight Levi Ramer Herman and Delos Reesor W. warm strong wind Clouded up  
towards eving quite a few shower's after dark. distant thunder rained very heavy, and sharp  
lightning

11 filled our Silo got done before 6 O'clock was bothered some with the Pipes stopping the  
Corn was wet & sloppy W. Cloudy mild. Daniel Came for Adeline this evening Mary was here all  
day

12 A & Henry went to help Flavis fill his silo they Came home before dinner. rained nearly all day J took grist to David's & got Billy's front shoes set AM we cleaned some barley to take out the Timothy seed PM & Henry took a load to Davids toward eveing Dr Called to see Susanna she is not so well

13 A & Henry helped Flavius fill silo with team got done soon after dinner then they pulled Mangels J took Cream then he ganged W. fine Cler PM

14 A & Henry Pulled Mangels J ganged awhile then helped the boys & they finished Pulling Mangels till noon then they drew in 17 loads PM W. fine & Cler

### **Oct 1904**

I & Nancy & Anne cleaned out front garden PM

15 Boys finished drawing mangels 9 loads AM that Makes 45 loads then they shocked Corn & drew a load to A B's PM I & Nancy started after dinner & went to J B's he has had another bad spell but is up again then we went to C Burkholder's to supper & then to Hermans & staid all night W very very fine & Cler sharp frost last night

Sunday 16 went to Meeting at Widemans suitable sermons by C Burkholder & Br C for the Celebration of Lords Supper Menno Burkholder's Daughter Martha was Baptized went to Widow Anne Barkeys to dinner. then Called at Enos's to see Grandmother. she is quite well W. very very fine. warm & Cler. sharp Air White frost last night A Henry & Anne were in Meeting too J took Susanna to Elias's & he went to Hermans to dinner

17 A helped G Maxwell fill silo AM J & Henry Picked Winter Apples AM then they dug the Potatoes PM they are badly rotted. W. very fine & Cler white frost last night I helped Anne wash AM

18 J ganged in Mangel ground A & Henry Picked winter Apples W. very very fine & Cler

19 A & Henry Picked winter Apples J went to T Kennedy's sale at Agincourt W. very fine

20 A & Henry Picked Apples AM & spread dung PM J ganged I took Susanna to J D's then brought home 5 bags Chop

## Oct 1904

AM brought home another load of Chop & then brought Susanna home PM W. rather Cloudy & pretty warm Flavius & Fanny helped us Peel Apples tonight There has been a terrible Battle in the East About 400,000 men engaged. the Russians lost about 40,000 Men Killed or wounded but they are Pushing the Japs pretty hard.

21 Boys spread dung & ganged it down in N E Corner field A took {blank space} bags Cider Apples & 10 Pails of Peeled Apples to Lapps this Morning but the Mill was full & he brought the load home again we take it over in the Morning & they will make our sauce I brought home 2 loads of Chop from Davids today W. a slight rain this morning Cler today a strong squaal of Wind & heavy shower about 4 PM. not long. a heavy rain last night

22 Boys finished ganging in N E field AM & began in Pasture field behind Cider house PM A took Apples to Lapps this morning & left them they are so busy we will not get the sauce before Wednesday W. Cool a slight squaal of sleet this eveing

Sunday 23 A Henry & Anne went to Jacob Reesor to dinner J went to Flavis to dinner I Nancy & Susanna went to A B's to dinner W. fine

24 A & Henry Plowed J Picked Apples I went to Meeting house & helped M Barky & Albert Make a new stand AM I went to Cedar Grove & to Davids & brought Chop W. Cool E wind. Cloudy

## Oct 1904

J helped Anne wash AM sharp frost last night

25 J & Henry Plowed Flavis helped from 9 o'clock {illegible} A dug drain at Benj'ns AM he Plowed PM & J went to Barne's sale at Bob Reesor's farm PM I & Nancy went to Elias's PM to see Baby Boy born this Morning W. Cool

26 A worked in stable J Henry & Flavis finished Plowing sod AM they plowed in Corn stubble PM J got Benj'ns Horse & hitched him & Billy to spring waggon & took Barrel Snow Apples to H Wilson & 3 bags Barley to Dr Robinson Nancy went with him W. fine a little rain this Moring a little snow in the Air PM Henry Stover Came to stay all night



27 A helped Benj'n drain AM J Henry & Flavis Plowed in Corn stubble. A drove Flavis team PM F went home to Pick Apples Boys finished Corn ground till night W. sharp frost last night fine today The Russian Baltic fleet sailed for the East to take part in the War the Japs are pressing the Russians pretty hard as the fleet was sailing in the North Sea they saw a fleet of Hull fishing vessels & they fired into them & Killed several & wounded more & it is reported one was sunk there is great excitement in Great Britain about it and it is hard to tell what will come of it. This is the 47th anniversary of our Wedding

28 A helped Benj'n all day J ganged Potatoo ground Henry drew some dung on East end of big field AM & ganged some of it then he Plowed Headlands in big field & J

### Oct 1904

finished ganging in dung PM I brought home the Cabbage PM W. rather Cloudy raw Air

29 A helped Benj'n AM J & Henry Chored J took a load of Barley to Davids Henry drew home a lot of stove wood then they drew the winter apples in & put them into the Old Kitchen I & Susanna went to Cedar Grove AM I & Nancy went to Elias's PM Mary was not so well yesterday but is better today W. quite fine & Cler Herman's were here to supper. the affair of Russias attack on the British fishing boats is in a fair way of being settled

Sunday 30 All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat 7th C by C Gayman John Brillinger & Minnie Hoover Marty Ramer David Weaver & Barbara from Missouri & Ann Diller were here to dinner Davids & Marty were here to supper W. fine Cler. sharp Air frost last night

31 J took Cream A & Henry drew the last of the stove wood into shed AM they topped the Turnips & brought 2 loads of gravel from Collins PM J went to Spences sale on the old David Brands farm he bought a Jersey Cow to Calve on Dec 26th @ \$25.00 Paid Cash \$23.90 W. fine Cler sharp frost last night

Nov 1 A helped Benj'n drain all day J & Henry Knocked out the Turnips then J took Susanna to Elias's & then went to Cedar Grove

## Nov 1904

he & Henry Chored & Made some water furrows in Corn ground & Plowed a strip East of Orchard I helped Anne wash AM & brought Susanna home this eveing W. fine Mild Cler AM rather Cloudy PM

2 A helped Benj'n AM J brought 500 tiles from Cherrywood & Henry plowed A B's garden AM A & Henry drew in the Turnips about 5½ loads J & Anne went to Markham PM W. rather Cloudy East wind AM very fine & Cler PM Br inlaw Jesse Hoover Came to stay all night

3 A helped Benj'n all day J & Henry began to dig a drain in Potatoe ground south of graveyard to empty into Creek they then started about 10 Oc with big waggon to Dave Ramer's to vote this is the day of Dominion Elections they brought home a load of Chop from David's Henry worked at the drain PM & J went to help Thomas to run our Machine at Roach's while Herman & Levi Ramer go to vote W. very very fine Cler

4 A helped Benj'n all day J took Cream Henry worked at drains AM Henry helped N B's thresh PM Davids were here to dinner W. rather Cloudy Air from East the Laurier Government was Triumphanty returned yesterday about 66 Majority

## Nov 1904

5 Henry helped N B's thresh AM A helped Benj'n AM J worked at drain AM A helped Bob Mi{ro}y thresh PM Henry went to M Lee's Plowing Bee at Belford PM & J worked at drains I & Anne & Benj'n's Wilfred went to Cedar Grove PM W. raw sharp Air from East Cloudy Clearer PM

Sunday 6 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks & sermon on St Mat part of 6 Chap by C Burkholder went to Ed Moyer's to dinner W. very fine Cler day sharp N W wind roads very very good Thomas Dillers & George Gower's were here with our young folks to dinner

7 A helped Benj'n AM J got Barrel Cider Made AM Henry dug at drain J helped Bob Milroy thresh PM A helped Henry at drain PM I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. Cool. N W wind sharp frost last night

8 A helped Flavis thresh Alsike at Pearce's all day J & Henry dug a branch drain East of lane at Townline AM they dug out some stumps & roots where fence was south of bush PM I & Nancy & Susanna went to Br C's to see Elisabeth Stover married to Bishop Paul Martin of Woolwich W. very

very fine & Cler Thomas's brought David Cressman & wife & left them here to supper Henry took them to Br N's Herman Came from the threshing to stay all night

9 A helped Flavis thresh all day (Our Machine works well in Alsike) J went to Unionville for some Cement AM

### **Nov 1904**

Henry drew Limb wood on pile in bush AM he plowed strip where they took out The stumps W. very very fine sharp frost last night

10 Henry got Mares shod AM he & J brought load pine roots from 5th Con & Chored PM A helped Flavis finish threshing Alsike it turned out very well W. very very fine Colder frost last night Elisabeth & Paul left this morning for her future home in Woolwich I & Nancy were in Cedar Grove yesterday

11 Boys Cut up wood for Engine AM A worked at stable & Henry helped Flavis draw dung PM W. hard frost last night very fine & Cler today

12 Henry helped Flavis draw dung AM he went to J D's PM to help thresh it was too windy to thresh in the barn so they moved the Machine to a Buckwheat stack J & A Cut feed & Cleaned about 6 bags wheat J took it to Whitevale PM @ \$1.00 per Bus A worked at Box stall they raised up driving House a little W. a very strong rather Cold wind all day W & SW

Sunday 13 A Henry & Anne went to Meeting at Wideman's J & Susanna went to Elias's to dinner I & Nancy were at home J Cober's were here to dinner W pretty Cloudy this morning Cleared up fine pretty strong wind PM not Cold

14 Henry helped J D's thresh all day A got Horses Chief & Billy shod AM he & J dug some garden for Br C PM & filled the drains that they dug last week

### **Nov 1904**

W. very fine & Cler pretty strong N wind not so cold I helped Anne wash AM J helped her awhile

15 Henry helped J D's thresh AM I J & A Cut a lot of straw to fill beds & also a lot of Corn & got barn ready to thresh PM Machine came right after dinner we got word that J B was very bad I & Nancy went before 10 Oc to see him we found him very sick the Dr Came Just as we got there & said he was no better he spoke to us but is weak the Machine run very well W. very very fine & Cler. sharp Air white frost last night

16 threshed. got done about 3 PM about {blank space} mixed grain {blank space} Barley & {blank space} oats W. white frost last night fine Cler today Herman's Lydia & Harvey Came yesterday Morning Lydia helped us yesterday & today

Thanksgiving day 17 all went to Meeting at Hebron Except J he has a bad Cold remarks & sermon on St Mat 7 C 7 to 14 V by Br C Danils & Marty Davids & Hermans were here to dinner W. quite Cold raw E wind quite fine & Cler

18 A went to help Benj'ns thresh but there was a Casting broke on the Blower & they had to send to Toronto for a new one so A dug at the drain at Benj'ns J & Henry drew in our feed Corn & Henry brought home big load of Chop I took 5 bags Oats to Davids this morning Peter's brought Amos Weber & wife from Woolwich to dinner W. very fine East wind. not strong heard today that J B was a little better yesterday

19 A helped Benj'n thresh AM AM he worked at the drain PM J & Henry worked at Box stall AM

## Nov 1904

Henry helped F McCreight thresh PM J went to see J B PM he is very Poorly W. Milder quite foggy & Misty nearly all day

Sunday 20 At home Ada Hare was here to dinner I & Nancy went to Elias's PM W. very foggy & Misty all day Some wind after dark. Mild all day

21 A helped finish drain at Benj'n. Henry helped F McCreight finish thresh a few hours then he Plowed where the shocks of feed Corn stood J took Cream then Plowed they finished it till eveing I went to see J B. AM he is very bad he Could speak very little he has Lagrippe with his old Complaint also his liver is deranged W. wind turned to the North in the night quite sharp Air fine today Herman came to stay all night Machine is at J Milroys

22 A went after 8 Oc to help thresh at J Milroys for Flavius Henry helped to put Battens on Meeting house sheds at Hebron AM he helped Anne Clean house & Carpets & put them down again I & Nancy & J took A B's to Brother inlaw Johnny Hoover's & to M N's to dinner W. rather Cloudy this Morning very fine and Mild today heard that J B is very bad yet has very very bad spells of Pain

23 Boys put Cement floor into one of the new Box stalls we intend to put in some Sows this winter Henry Plowed the Potatoe patch in north side of old Orchard & he Plowed about 1½ hours for Benjn to make us even

### **Nov 1904**

I & Nancy went to J Cober's to dinner we bought some Honey off them W. rather Cloudy all day East wind PM Mild

24 D Burkholder's son Joseph Came this Morning with the Sad news that my Dear friend John F Burkholder died yesterday about 4 PM Funeral tomorrow at 1/2 past 9 to 8th Con (Wideman) I & J & Henry went to tell the friends AM A went with Thomas to funeral of J Larkins wife She was burned to death on Monday PM her Clothes Caught fire at the stove she lived till night in great Misery Boys Chored PM W. Cloudy N E wind some squaals of snow toward eveing

25 I & Nancy A & Henry went in spring waggon to Funeral of Johnny Burkholder service at the house by C Burkholder Sermon on St Mat 24th C 44th V by C Gayman a Mr Wallace a Baptist spoke too W. a sharp wind from the north Cloudy AM Cler PM J took Cream & Chored there were a good many at the funeral we went back to the house of mourning for dinner

26 Boys dug a drain for Thomas J went to David's for some Chop AM he & Henry began a Job on 11th Con PM drawing some stones into a hole & Cleaning out ditch. W. fine Cler. Cold

Sunday 27 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St J part of 14th C by C Gayman no visitors Elias's were here awhile PM

## Nov 1904 Dec

with their Baby Boy Franklin W. sharp N wind some snow in the Air AM the ground is not Covered This is the 40th Anniversary of my Fathers death

28 Boys burned big brush heap where Elder bush was in Calf Pasture then A & Henry sawed up limb wood in old bush J brought home some Chop AM then he went to Markham PM & got 2 Teeth Pulled & got filled W. Cler Sharp 8 above Zero this moring

29 Henry helped Anne wash AM they Chored PM I & Nancy went to Thomas Dillers to dinner W. a squaal of snow last night ground white this Moring Cloudy all day but soft. snow all gone

30 A & Henry drew home limb wood from old bush & cut up some of it J & Nancy went to Br inlaw Enos's Grandmother is quite smart. I have bad Cough so J went with Nancy. W. sharp N W wind Cler

Dec 1 Henry helped Thomas Clean Wheat all day Jess Burkholder helped A saw Poles in old bush (Jess cannot stand the dust) J went tending Machine in Hermans place they are at J Murisons W. sharp & Cler N W wind

2 J went threshing they Came to Pilkeys after dinner A & Henry Cut some Poles then drew them home 3 or 4 good loads A helped Pilkeys thresh PM Henry helped Anne Paper Pantry & Piled some wood in shed W. quite Cold Cler

3 J went threshing A helped Pilkeys thresh AM Henry took grist to Davids AM A & Henry put apples down Cellar out of Old Kitchen PM I took Susanna to Elias's AM W. Cler sharp

Sunday 4 A Henry & Anne went to Meeting at Altona Br N's J D's Benj'ns & Thomas's & whole family were here to dinner W. fine Cler sharp it has been

## Dec 1904

pretty Cold the last 3 or 4 day down to below 10 deg above in the moring about 20 at noon. this moring it was about 15 deg above. at noon about 28

5 Henry brought home grist A put some Hoops on meat tubs AM they Cut up old stable rubbish PM Herman Came to stay all night the Machine is at Pherrils W. Cloudy rather milder

6 Boys cut up some Pine stumps on 5th Con & brought home a load AM they Chored & Cleared up shop ready to Butcher tomorrow W. Cler Milder

7 Killed 3 pretty big hogs for our own use & 3 light ones for Toronto Flavius & Fanny Benj'n & Fanny & Elias helped W. very fine strong wind awhile PM not Cold. Calm tonight

8 Henry helped Anne Clean Kitchen & finished papering Pantry J Chored A went to Toronto 3 Pigs \$7.00 per Cwt 318 lbs 2 Barrels hand Picked Snow Apples \$1.25 per Bl 2 Bls Fallen Kings \$1.00 per Bl W. strong N W wind all day squaals of snow at times not so Cold

9 J & Henry went to Markham & went to David's to dinner then went to sale at Balsdon's on the 9th Con Markham A Chored Jinnie Armstrong was here to see sick Cow the one that J bought at Spence's sale one Cow was loose in the stable & we think she hurt her W 8 above Zero this Morning about 16 at noon Cler this is Nancy's 65th Birthday

10 Boys Chored Henry went for Armstrong this Morning he Came after dinner. Cow worse W. 3 above Zero this Morning 8 through the day Calm Cler. the Japs have Closed up on Port Arthur so that they have Battered and sunk the Russian fleet in the harbour

### **Dec 1904**

there has been a Terrible loss of life

Sunday 11 at home all day Flavius & family were here to dinner Armstrong Came to see the Cow she is still living about the same W. 8 above this Morning getting Milder dry snow all day about an inch & a half on the ground

12 Henry helped Benj'n Butcher a 600 hog A helped till she was hung up J went AM to tell Armstrong that the Cow is about the same A took a grist to Davids PM I went with him to Flavis W. Milder some snow there are a few sleighs running but the snow is light & dry

13 A & Anne helped Flavis Kill Hogs Henry took grist Chop to Whitevale. (David can do very little water low) & he went to Armstrong to tell Jimmie that the cow is dead J went to look for Foxes saw none W. 8 above this morning 10 above all day a few in dry snow last night Herman came to stay all night

14 A Henry & Anne Picked 14 Geese J took cream & got Chief & Billy shod AM Davids were here to supper W. Milder fine & Cler

15 A went to Herman's & done some Beamfilling he took Anne & Flavis's Fanny to Locust Hill they went to Toronto he Came that way & brought them home this eveing J went to Markham AM to get a Tooth filled Henry went to Toronto 14 Geese 182 lbs @ 10½ cts lb 3 Brls Apples \$1.25 for snows \$1.12½ for fallen Kings & red Pippens Elias's were here to dinner they left the Children & went to Markham W. fine not very Cold

### Dec 1904

the roads are a mixture of dry snow & dust

16 Boys took a fat Heifer to the Old Lewis farm we sold her to E Lewis @ \$38. they also drove a fat Cow with her that Lewis bought & she was left here they opened the silo & Chored PM I went to Cedar Grove PM W. very fine & Cler quite Mild PM

17 A & Henry Cut & split some Pine roots on 5th Con AM they drew home 2 loads PM J got horse Billy shod & brought home a bag of salt from Cedar Grove AM he went looking for foxes PM saw none W. W. fine quite mild

Sunday 18 at home Elias's were here to dinner with their Baby boy Franklin J Henry & Anne went to B Diller's to supper W. Mild East wind tonight

19 A & Henry brought a load of Pine roots AM J helped Anne wash & took Susanna to Elias's this Morning & brought her home this eveing A & J Battened the silo Building PM Henry brought home some Chop from Davids PM W. mild squaals of snow

20 A & Henry went to cut Pine roots Came home before dinner snow stopped them A went to help J Boyd thresh for Benj'n PM Peter Jacob & Elisabeth brought Mary Rittenhouse from Clinton they were here all PM W. snow from south East about all day Mild Herman got his finger smashed at Smiths at Belford after dinner Coupling the Engine to Machine he Came here & J took him home he went in Cutter the sleighing is a little rough

21 Henry helped Boyd thresh AM then he helped Scott for Benj'n PM



## **Dec 1904**

A went to help run Machine in Hermans Place at Scotts all day J Anne & Nancy Picked 7 Geese  
AM he went to Cedar Grove PM W. fine & Cler 5 above this Morning milder through the day  
fair sleighing

22 A went threshing Henry & Nancy went to Markham AM J & Henry Chored PM W. fine a  
little squaaly awhile AM quite Mild PM

23 A went threshing Henry took 20 bags Chop to Whitevale & brought it back again AM they  
Chored PM W. began to thaw through the night sleighing gone, blowed up Cold this eveing

24 A went threshing J & Henry Cut up some Pine roots AM Henry went to Cedar Grove PM  
Benj'ns Wilfred was here all day W. quite Cold all day raw N E wind

Sunday Christmas day 25 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks by C  
Burkholder sermon on St Luke part of 2 C by Br C Joseph Burkholder & John Heatwole from  
Virginia were here to dinner W. bitter Cold N E wind a few snow flurries

26 Our whole family were home to Goose roast W. quite sharp Air from N E Cloudy the boys  
all went after dinner to Benj'ns while he done his Chores when they Came back Pilkeys family were  
on Our Pond & they were Playing Hockey one of them struck J on the Eye we Telephoned for Dr  
he Came

## **Dec 1904 Jan 1905**

the Eye Ball was struck & is pretty sore

27 A went to thresh Came home after dinner didn't thresh Henry helped Thomas's Clean some  
grain J has to Keep in the house Dr said he should keep in today it feels some better W. strong  
East wind rain all day

28 A went to thresh Came home again Henry Chored J's Eye is doing well Henry helped  
Anne wash AM W. very strong west wind last night & all day Cold. Squaals of snow

29 A went to thresh Came home after dinner they threshed a few hours too windy Henry took  
J to Markham to Dr he says his Eye is doing well W. strong W wind rather Milder very slippery &  
Icy a great Many people falling & breaking their limbs

30 A went threshing Henry got Horses Chief & Bill sharpened AM he took 12 bags Chop to David's PM J took Susanna to Benj'ns this morning & brought her home this eveing W. Milder Cloudy

31 A went threshing Henry Chored AM he helped Thomas's thresh PM J brought home Chop & went to Cedar Grove PM W. soft Ice gone Thomas's Man Jesse Burkholder was Coming home from Toronto yesterday the Team ran away & one horse was Killed

Sunday Jan 1st 1905 at home Br C's were here to dinner A Henry & Annie went to Meeting at Altona W. mild & Cler AM Cloudy PM

2 A went to Build a foundation wall for Henhouse for Jim Murison Henry helped Benj'n AM J helped Annie wash then he went to Thomas Dillers & bought 7 sheep @ \$26.00

### Jan 1905

he & Henry brought them home PM W. Cloudy slight rain PM a few squaals of snow Colder this eving

3 A went to J Murison's this morning to work at the wall but it was too Cold then Boys Chored AM Henry helped Thomas's thresh PM Benj'ns & Nancy Grove were here to dinner W. 4 above Zero this Moring 10 above at noon Colder this eveing Herman is going with the Machine again he came to stay all night news Came today that Port Arthur fell on New Years day

4 Henry helped Thomas thresh AM A helped about an hour Henry helped Flavis PM A helped at Flavis's PM for Bob Milroy J Chored W. Zero this Morning up to 17 PM J went with Flavis to take the Cream AM

5 Boys Chored Henry went to Markham PM W. 4 above Zero this morning 8 above today sharp East wind A Henry & Anne went to Thomas Dillers this eving

6 Henry went to David Reesor's to learn to run the Chopping Mill David has to go to Toronto on Jury next week & he wants Henry to run the Mill A helped Taylor's thresh J went to Cedar Grove AM W. strong East wind & snow all day not fast milder

7 Boys Chored A took Cream with spring waggon I went with him to Br S's W. snow last night & all AM Cloudy & a little snow PM rather Mild there is plenty of snow for sleighing

Sunday 8 I & Nancy went to M Barkeys to dinner A Henry & Anne went to Johnny Reesors to dinner U Druges & family were here to supper W. very fine winter day. very fine sleighing.

9 Henry went to run Davids Chopping Mill

### Jan 1905

David went on Jury J helped Anne wash AM A went to ask hands to get up wood for A B's I spoke to David Reesor for some Pine roots & fallen wood on Saturday J & A & Benj'n went with our team Flavis & Elias Barkey Came with teams Thomas helped to load they drew 5 big loads W. very fine AM snow awhile PM

10 Boys Chored A took bags Chop to Davids AM Brinlaw Peters widow Mary & her Son Leonard were here to dinner W. strong N W wind last night & today not very Cold More Calm tonight Some drifts

11 A fixed our Goat Robe it was torn in places J Chored W. Cloudy AM snow from East PM

12 Boys Chored & shoveled snow AM they brought home Chop & a big load of roots W. quite foggy AM Clerd up before noon strong N W wind towards evening Herman Came to stay all night J took Susanna to Flavis's AM brought her home PM

13 Boys Chored AM A drew a load of gravel from J Laughlins for Alf Ireson PM J & Anne went to Cedar Grove PM I went with A to A B's & Elias's W. sharp fine Cler

14 A drew a load of gravel for Ireson AM J Chored. A took grist 8 bags to Davids PM Henry is getting along well running the Mill but the water is very low. J went to Markham PM & got 1 Tooth pulled and {?} filled W. 3 below Zero this morning about 8 above through the day

Sunday 15 at home Elias's were here to dinner W. wind from west some squaals of snow pretty Cold 10 or 12 above

16 Henry went to run Davids Mill J helped Anne wash AM

## Jan 1905

A Chored AM he drew gravel 2 loads from Collin's Pit on sideroad between Br C's McCreights there is a grant of \$40.00 J went to Cedar Grove PM W. strong W wind not very Cold

17 J drew 4 loads gravel A & Anne helped M Barkeys & Elias's to Butcher W. Cloudy & west wind AM not Cold very fine & Cler PM Br inlaw Enos Hoover's were here to dinner

18 A drew 1 load gravel this morning then they began to get a load of Apples ready J took 15 bags Chop to Whitevale PM they could not do it A filled 8 Barrels Apples J went to Cedar Towards eveing W. Milder snow PM

19 A got Horses Chief & Billy shod AM he brought grist from Whitevale PM J went to Cedar Grove PM W. some rain last night Cloudy Mild

20 A went to Toronto 7 Barrels Spies 1 Barrel Spitzenburgs spies \$1.75 spits \$1.00 1½ doz Eggs 30 cts per Doz J & Anne went to Daniels J went to E Hiseys sale W. very very fine good sleighing to Toronto

21 A Chored J took Susanna to Elias's AM J went to Turner's sale PM A took Horse Bay Billy to Armstrongs to get some Medicine for him PM W. Cloudy Mild squaals of snow

Sunday 22 All went to Meeting at Hebron except J remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat part of 8 C by C Burkholder Herman's were here to dinner J D's young folks & Peter's young folks were here to supper W. very very fine winter day

23 J went to look for Foxes saw none A helped Anne wash AM he Chored PM

## Jan 1905

Jesse Reesor from Toronto was here to supper W. 3 above Zero this morning Calm milder today very good sleighing

24 J Chored A went with Benj'n's team to help bring threshing Machine from J Pikes to Thomas's Gower farm W. Mild More or less snow all day

25 A went this morning to help Thomas's thresh at Gowers didnt thresh too windy & Cold J took cream in Thomas's place they Chored PM W a very strong N E wind all day the snow that

fell yesterday is blowing 8 above Zero this Morning going down 3 above tonight The Provincial Elections Came off today

26 Boys Chored A walked to Cedar Grove AM he brought the Globe with the results of the Election The Ross Government is defeated by 40 of a Minority Henry came home at noon the weather is so Cold & the water is so low he was afraid if he would run the Mill the race would fill with Ice. Herman Came to stay all night W. 7 below Zero this morning about 10 above tonight Strong N wind all day the east & west roads are badly drifted

27 A took 20 bags Chop to Whitevale & got it done AM Henry went to Chop a little had to quit they Chored PM W. pretty Cold. West wind

28 A & Henry helped to Move the Machine from Gowers to N B's they shoveled snow they had 3 teams on the thresher the Engine had enough to do to draw the Tank it was after 2 Oc when they go to N B's W. pretty Cold strong wind

Sunday 29 at home J A & Anne went to Elias's to supper W. pretty sharp Air Cloudy

### **Jan 1905 Feb**

30 J helped Anne wash. A & Henry shoveled snow on Scarboro Townline AM J & Nancy went to Markham PM A & Henry hitched up Mare Bell rising 3 years old she went well they drove her with Mare Jennie W. quite fine

31 Boys Chored AM A & Henry drove Mare Bell PM W. began to snow some time last night snowed More or less all day a dry fluffy snow quite Calm & Mild about 4 in fell

Feb 1 1905 J & Henry went to look for Foxes AM saw none. A fixed Harness AM. A took 16 bags Chop to Whitevale & left it there he & Henry drove Mare Bell. Mary & little ones were here to dinner. W. Cloudy day flurries of snow AM More Cler PM. Mild. Thomas called after supper with a New Come out Englishman that he has hired there are a great many Coming out wages are high Benj'n hired a Man @ \$200 a year

Candlemas day Feb 2 A & Henry drove Mare Bell to Whitevale AM they done nothing PM Davids & Daniels were here to dinner W. fine Clear all day sharp Air N W 3 above this morning Amelia & Eva were here all day

3 Boys Chored A went to Cedar Grove PM W. 6 below Zero this morning 6 above through the day down again this eveing

4 Henry brought Grist from Whitevale AM A & Henry drove Mare Bell PM W. 8 below this Morning 10 above at noon going down tonight fine & Cler all day

Sunday 5 at home A Henry & Anne went to Benj'ns to dinner W. 4 above Zero this Morning sharp N E wind pretty strong PM began to snow from East toward evening

### Feb 1905

6 A & Henry took 9 live hogs to Locust Hill AM @ \$5.25 per Cwt 1715 lbs they Chored PM I went to Trustee Meeting at Hebron Martin Barkey Albert Reesor & myself have been reelected we also took into Consideration the building of a wire fence around the Church Property W. about 4 or 5 in of fresh snow this morning Mostly in drifts squaals of snow at times not so cold

7 A & Henry helped Nancy & Anne to quilt J went out to Collect some Money to help Delos Reesor he has been unfortunate he lost one of his feet last summer & lost some money in an Agency Business. W. Cler Cold strong N W wind

8 A & Henry shoveled snow on Scarboro Townline & on 11th Con AM J helped Anne wash & went to Cedar Grove AM A & Henry went to Markham PM W strong East wind all day some snow PM not so Cold

9 A & Henry Elias & Joseph Barkey Cut up Pine stumps for A B's AM (A B is hardly able to Cut) A & Henry began to Cut stove wood in old bush PM J went out to Collect for Delos Reesor PM W. snow & wind last night Mild. thawing today

10 A & Henry Cut wood J collected a little AM A helped Flavis Cement the floor of his separator room Henry went Collecting PM J did not feel well W. fine Cler not Cold a raw N W wind

11 A & Henry Cut wood AM A helped Flavis fix separator stand & then Chored Henry went to Whitevale PM J went to Dr for medicine for Susanna PM W. Cler Zero this Moring Milder today I went as far as Benj'ns with Henry

Sunday 12 all at home all day W. snow & snow from East all day pretty fast wind not strong. not cold quite mild towards eving

## Feb 1905

13 Boys Chored & shoveled snow around the house AM J & A took grist 12 bags to Whitevale PM they bought a Cutter & Buggy off B Ellison \$36.00 Cash for Cutter & \$76.00 on or before Mar 1st for the Buggy Henry & Anne went to Cedar Grove PM W. pretty Cold Cler sharp wind from N W some drifts in East & West roads

14 A & Henry cut wood awhile Came home too Cold A walked to Cedar Grove before dinner they Chored PM W. 8 deg below Zero this Morning Strong N W wind all day barly 2 above at noon 9 above this eveing

15 A started to take Cream turned back at Cedar Grove roads blocked. they Chored today W. Cold strong wind from West. not far above Zero all day

16 A & Henry cut wood AM Henry went to Markham A Chored PM E Lewis & H Hibbert were here to dinner Herman came to stay all night they intend to thresh at N B's tomorrow W. pretty Cold strong W wind all day

17 A helped N B's thresh Henry Chored & went to Cedar Grove AM he split some wood in the bush PM W. strong W wind and some squaals of snow the roads are badly blocked the Baker did not Come this week Henry brought some bread from Markham yesterday Herman Came to stay all night

18 A took a calf that we sold to E Lewis's @ \$9.00 to Littles (formerly Lewis's farm) he also took 2 Calves for Benj'n & 1 for Bob Milroy & a sheep for F McCreight Benj'n & Bob went along Henry went with Thomas to take the Cream. roads were bad. AM A & Henry took 850 lbs hay to Lapp Bro's @ \$7.00 per ton PM I & J helped shovel & fix up Meeting house PM W. fine & Cler pretty near Zero this moring 14 at noon

## Feb 1905

Some West wind but not so strong

Sunday 19 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J he staid with Susanna remarks & sermon on St Mat part of 8 C by Br C Elias's Daniels & Marty & Benj'ns man George Patenden were here to dinner & N B's boys to supper W. fine & Cler sharp near Zero this Moring Mildr today

20 A & Henry Cut wood AM A went to Bee getting up Ice on Br S's Pond for Kennedys PM  
Henry Chored W. Milder thawing PM

21 A & Henry Cut Ice J took grist Chop to Milnes AM A & Henry drew Ice to Flavis PM we help  
him to fill his house & get a share W. mild Cloudy thawing PM young folks met here this eveing  
to Eat Apples & Popcorn

22 Henry went to Markham then went to Daniels to dinner he Called at Enos's to see  
Grandmother she is pretty well J & A Chored W. snow from East almost turned to rain. PM  
Cloudy quite foggy PM

23 Boys Chored J took Anne to Carpet rug sewing Bee at M Barkeys W. soft light fall of snow  
nearly all day Mild

24 A & Henry cut wood AM Henry helped Flavis draw in hay stack PM W. very fine Cler Mild  
day J & A cleaned some Timothy seed PM

25 A & Henry cut wood all day W. Cloudy at times but a very fine day Mild

Sunday 26 at home A Susanna & Anne went to M Barkeys to dinner W. fine but a sharp N W air  
there was a heavy hoar frost on the Trees a few Morings through the week

27 A & Henry took 8 live hogs 1540 lbs to Markham for Hornshaw @ \$8.25 per Cwt AM

### **Mar 1905 Mar**

they filled 6 Barrels with King Apples PM W. quite fine. sharp 8 above this Morning 26 above  
today

28 J & A took 1180 lbs Hay to Lapps @ \$7.00 per ton Henry Picked 8 Roosters AM A helped  
Thomas Clean Oats J & Henry took a Calf to M Barkeys to get it dressed PM W. very fine  
thawing some

March 1 Henry helped Thomas Clean Oats awhile AM A took Cream Henry took grist Chop to  
Whitevale PM & Paid B A Ellison for new Buggy A went to Bobby Milroys Sawing Bee PM W. very  
fine Cler there has been terrible fighting in the far East for the last 10 days. The Japs are having  
the best of it



2 Henry & Nancy went to Markham & to Enos's to See Grandmother she is quite well they went to J H Ramer's to dinner A went to Toronto (Flavis went with him) he took 6 Barrels King Apples @ \$1.75 per Brl 1 Calf 81 lbs @ 9 cts per lb 4 pair Roosters & 1 pair hens 67 lbs 14 cts per lb 4 doz Eggs 30 cts per dozen W. a very very fine day very fair sleighing to Toronto

3 J went with Flavius up into Markham to look at some Horses Flavis would buy a team then they went to Pearsons sale on 4th Con Scarboro A & Henry Chored AM they went to sale PM J bought a Pair of Breechings @ \$1.35 a Horse rake near new @ \$16.00 Paid Cash \$15.50 Mary & Children were here all PM Elias was at sale W. very fine Mild thawing

4 A & Henry took 1170 lbs hay to Kennedys @ \$8.00 per ton AM they brought home Horse rake from Pearson's PM W. a little snow last night strong wind today

Sunday 5 Henry & Anne went to Meeting at Widemans we were at home Isaac Reesor's

### Mar 1905

family Flavis's & family & Elias's & family were here to dinner Benj'n & family Came PM W. very fine

6 A & Henry cut down trees in Old bush AM they chored PM Herman & Lydia were here to dinner W. Cler. fine sharp. Terrible fighting going on in the East the last 5 or 6 days 100,000 Killed & wounded on both sides. The Japs are having the best of it so far

7 A trimmed up some trees AM he went to J Malcoms sawing Bee PM Henry drove to Halfway House & went to Toronto J Chored W. mild Cloudy PM

8 A took Cream Henry went to Markham AM he took Train & went to Stouffville & was back to Markham at about 11 Oc he was home soon after dinner J went to Walkers sale on 5th Con Scarboro with Benj'n A & Henry helped Anne Clean Clothes room off Kitchen PM W. soft snow awhile AM fine Cler PM

9 J took Susanna to Dr AM she is not so well A went to Stouffville Market got 5 bags Potatoes @ 75 cts I & Nancy went with him to C Burkholders staid till he Came back then he took us to Hermans to dinner bought 5 bags. Up to date. Potatoes off Herman @\$1.00 per bag for seed Henry went to Bob Milroys sawing Bee PM W. fine Cler this Moring Misty awhile AM Cler again. Cloudy towards eving the Japs gained a great victory over the Russians

10 A & Henry cut down trees AM Henry Chored & A took grist Chop to Whitevale & J went to Petch's Sale with Thomas PM W. raw March wind Calm this eveing

11 A took Cream AM Henry went to John Milroys sawing Bee PM

### Mar 1905

A & J went to Bee to draw stumps from David for A B's there were 5 teams & brought a load each W. Cler Sharp air

Sunday 12 I & Nancy went to Benj'ns to dinner Elias's were here awhile PM W. Cler Sharp air

13 J & A took 10 live hogs 1990 lbs to Markham for Hornshaw @ \$5.60 per Cwt AM A went to Pilkeys Sawing Bee J & Henry took 5 sheep to M Barkeys to get dressed PM W. sharp 6 above this morning over 20 at noon very fine a little snow at noon M N was here to dinner Awful fighting in the East Mukden taken by the Japs half of Czars army destroyed

14 J & Henry Chored AM J went to Burks sale on 7th Con Pickering & Henry took a fat Cow to E Lewis's old farm @ \$33.00 A went to Toronto 5 Carcass Mutton @ 8 ct about 60 lbs each 1 Bal King Apples \$2.00 8 doz Eggs 20 cts 6 sheepskins \$1.50 each except 1 fallen one @ 50 cts W. very fine he went with sleigh very fine roads S Lehman's here to dinner

15 A brought a load of Sand from Whitevale for M Barkeys J & Henry Chored AM Henry went to Markham J took Nancy to A B's awhile PM Abe is not so well A Chored PM Elias's were here this eveing W. very fine Cler

16 Chored AM A & Henry went in Henry's new cutter I & Nancy & J went in other Cutter Anne went with Joseph Barkey we all went to Menno Burkholders to see Henry Married to Menno's daughter Sarah W. Mild Cloudy all AM began to snow slowly & light {w} wind very heavy for a while held up about 2 PM very fine Coming home

### Mar 1905

Flavius & Benj'n done our eveing Chores Mary was here with Susanna Henry & Sarah intend to go on a Trip to Stayner tomorrow Morning

17 A & J Chored A went to Cedar Grove AM Davids were here to dinner he & boys went to J & R Clarks sale on Pickering Townline PM W. quite fine & Mild thawing some J bought 2 Heifers about 2 yr Old @ \$24.00 each Russell stays till Sunday

18 J & A brought the Hiefers home AM they Chored PM W. Mild some drizzle AM rain at times PM foggy this eving

Sunday 19 all went to meeting at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks & sermon on St Mat part of 14 C by Br C Widow Ann Barkey & Aunt Lizzy Burkholder & Davids & Marty were here to dinner A & Anne went to N B's to supper W. Mild Cloudy the snow is soft roads bad

20 A helped Anne wash AM J walked to Cedar Grove AM he went to Peter Reesor's PM and traded one of the Hiefers that he bought for a 2 yr old newly Calved Hiefer & we gave \$8.00 boot W. fine Cler thawing

21 A Chored J went to Meeting of Shareholder of threshing Machine & Davids Chopping Mill there was a Devidend of \$22.00 & they Kept \$60.00 in hand for next years expenses Henry & Sarah Came home from their Trip we expect they will stay here all summer We put the Pork into the Garret W. Cloudy Mild thawing

22 Boys Chored AM J went to Saml Shanks sale at Whitevale (Jacobs son) Henry went to Cedar Grove PM he & Sarah went to Elias's to supper

### Mar 1905

I walked to A B's & to Elias's PM A B is quite poorly the Dr says he is wearing down he sits in his Chair & sleeps he rests very bad at night W. Mild thawing the roads are very very bad the snow is deep & soft there are no waggon tracks yet

23 I & J helped Jack up Meeting house floor it had settled down a little in the Centre A & Henry went to help Cut up pine stumps at A B's PM W fine mild Cler thawing Creek very high A & Henry Oiled a Double sett of Harness AM

24 A took some things to family of English Immigrants living in David's house they are Poor then he took sow to Flavis's & went to Cedar Grove AM Henry went to Kennedys sawing Bee PM W. soft thawing rather Cloudy Rouge very high sleighing going Air turned N W it has been S E over a week

25 Boys Chored AM J & A went to Becketts sale on the old Teenie Ramer farm PM W. very fine & warm they went to sale in spring waggon

Sunday 26 at home all day W. dull drizzly rain at times snow going

27 J & A took a sow to Flavis then they went to Menno Reesor's & bought a Heifer about fat @ 23.00 Henry Came home about 10 AM Sarah stayed he helped Flavis draw in a Haystack PM J & A cut some Pine roots on 5th Con PM W. very fine & Cler snow going very fast we Tapped 2 trees in the dooryard last week the sap does not run much

28 Boys drew one load roots AM Henry got Mares Minne & Jennie shod on front feet & Brought small load PM J took horse grey Billy to Armstrongs PM he is turning blind

### Mar 1905 April

in one Eye W. quite warm snow nearly gone

29 J took Cream with spring waggon A & Henry Cut up Apple limbs for wood W. Cler 58 deg

30 J & Anne went to Markham A fixed Harness Henry worked in bush AM they took 17 bags Oats to Elias's that we borrowed from them in the fall they want them for seed W. Cler partly Cloudy AM quite warm

31 Boys Chored cut feed & Hitched Mare Minnie & Bell to big Waggon & brought our Democrat waggon home from W Trans it was left there in the fall when they threshed the boys had it to take the big rope A went to Flavis's sawing Bee PM J went to W Scotts for 5 Bus Goose Wheat @ 90 cts Henry split wood in bush PM W. quite warm Cler. rather Cloudy PM

April 1 A helped to Move G Gower's to the Old P L Barkey farm with team J took Cream with Grey Billy & Democrat Elias Called to say that little Alma is sick I walked down Henry took Nancy with Mare Minnie Alma was sleeping so I went to see John Clark he was taken with a stroke a few months ago his left side is paralyzed he is bedfast but Can eat & rest well we staid to dinner at Elias's Alma awoke & seemed quite better W. fine Cler quite warm roads drying

Sunday 2 at home A & Anne went to Elias's after dinner Alma quite well they went to Flavis after supper W. quite fine & Cler sap running Henry went to Menno Burkholder's last night & stays till tomorrow White frost last night

3 A made a window frame for Old Box stall Henry & Sarah Came before dinner Henry went to F McCreights

### April 1905

Sawing Bee PM J & Anne went to Markham PM J got 5 new upper Teeth Anne got some filled W. strong East wind began to rain after dark. sap running we are boiling on the stove we mix some sugar

4 A fixed single Harness Henry trimmed some trees in bush AM Joseph Burkholder Came this Morning to tell us that Barbara Barkeys Died yesterday eving will be buried tomorrow 1/2 past 1 Oc PM I & J went AM to tell the friends we had about a dozen hands sawing wood PM Mary & Children were here too W. pretty Cloudy AM warm Cler PM

5 Boys split wood in bush AM Henry Sarah & Anne went to Funeral of Barbara Barkey at Wideman's PM J & A went to Benj'n Stover's sale (Christians son on the old Homestead) W. quite warm & Cler. I have bad Cough

6 A & Henry Oiled sett double Harness J & Anne went to Markham AM A helped N B's cut feed PM J ganged in furrows PM W. Cool Herman Came to stay all night they took Machine to J Murisons to thresh Clover

7 Boys Cleaned seed grain I & Nancy went to Br S's AM his wife is sick W. very raw Cold air A went to Jess Burkholders sawing Bee PM White frost last night sap running today Herman came to stay all night

8 A got Horse Chief shod on fore feet J & Henry Chored AM Henry took grist Chop to Davids & got Mare Bell shod on fore feet PM J & Henry chored AM Henry took Grist chop to Davids & got Mare Bell shod on fore feet PM A went to Elias's sawing Bee PM W. froze last night Cler Mild today Herman was here to supper they Cut feed at Thomas's awhile & Cleaned the Boiler

Sunday 9 I & Nancy & Susanna went to Flavis to dinner A & Anne & Elias's went to Daniels to dinner Henry & Sarah went to B Dillers to dinner

## April 1905

& to J D's to supper W. Cool wind this Moring warm & fine through the day roads very good they were not bad when the snow went away this is Grandmother Hoover's 89th Birthday.

10 A & Henry grubbed awhile behind Cider House till rain stopped them Henry helped Thomas's Clean Oats awhile PM J went to Scott's in Scarboro for 1½ Bus Red Clover seed @ \$8.00 per Bus W. cloudy began to rain about 8 Oc. rained off & on till about noon

11 Boys Chored J sowed a little more than a Bus spring Wheat south of grave yard before dinner A & Henry sowed Mixed grain south of bush PM I went to Br S's AM his wife is no better I took Susanna to Elias's this eveing left her there W. Cooler

12 A took load of Oats to Locust Hill for Thomas Henry helped Flavis Cut wood J Chored till about 10 Oc then he Grubbed in big field they began to work at Seeding PM I & Nancy started after dinner & went to Davids & staid all night W. fine Cler some frost last night

13 we went to Daniels to dinner we Called at Br inlaw Enos's to see Grandmother she was not at home so we Came home Called at Br S's his wife is no better W. frost last night Boys began at seeding at 10 Oc

14 Boys sowed field behind Cider house with Oats & J harrowed Knoll they sowed it with Mixed grain yesterday they worked some in big field W. rather Cloudy & Cool Herman's Called AM Jac Wideman was here to dinner he Cleaned our Clock a little snow in the air

15 J & Henry took 2 Basswood logs to S M on Trucks A Soled Boots awhile they went on the fields awhile before dinner

## April 1905

then they finished Sowing Big field with Oats till evening W. sharp frost last night some squaals of snow PM Half yearly Conference was held at Hebron PM I was not there

Sunday 16 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by C Burkholder sermon on St Mat 18 C by C Gayman Pre C Burkholder & wife Widow Mary Burkholder Johny's widow) & Nancy Grove Matty Burkholder George Cober & John Brillinger & his wife Ada Hare were here to dinner Flavis & Family were here after supper W. a Cold strong N W wind squaals of snow AM sap running.

17 J & Susanna went to Markham AM I helped girls wash awhile AM didn't finish A & Henry & Benj'n & his Man Pulled down the line fence between us & them we intend to build it up again W. strong N W wind a little snow on the ground this morning sap running well.

18 A & Henry helped Benj'n & his Man finished laying up & staking the fence they tied the stakes with wire J got Horse Grey Billy shod all round AM he helped at fence PM the sap ran well W. strong Cold N W wind there has been a hard frost every night lately

19 Boys Cut up rubbish behind Cider house & drew it into woodshed AM they worked in N W Corner field PM Made it ready to sow W. Cler. froze last night strong W wind the frost was not quite all out PM quite warm PM

20 Boys worked at seeding sowed N W Corner field with Oats & began south of Orchard sowing with Barley Henry rolled in big field till after 4 PM a slight rain stopped them J brought Susanna home from Elias's after supper she was there a few days

### **April 1905**

W. warmer Cloudy the wheat Came out well this spring but it needs a good warm rain

Good Friday 21 all went to Meeting at Hebron except Nancy & J they staid with Susanna remarks & sermon on St Mark part of 15th C by Br C no visitors Benj'ns were here all PM Henry & Sarah went to M Barkeys to supper W. a fine steady rain last night turned to snow this morning snowed steady from N E till noon Cloudy PM some flurries towards eveing ground all white Cool

22 A got Horses Chief & Billy 6 shoes set AM they chored the rest of the day W. very fine & Cler snow all gone except a little behind fences

Easter Sunday 23 I & Nancy & Susanna went to J D's to dinner A & Anne went to Davids Ester is sick with La Grippe & Influenza Henry & Sarah went to Meeting at Altona W. a beautiful Cler Easter day

Easter Monday 24 A took Cream we have to take it on Monday & Friday now. they filled 4 Barrels & 9 Baskets with Apples & they sowed about a bag of Barley below orchard PM & fixed some board fence on Pickering Town line W. Cloudy AM Cler PM Br inlaw Saml Hoover's were here to dinner

25 A went to Toronto 4 Barrels Russets @ \$1.75 & \$1.50 9 Baskets apples 25 cts each for 6 .15 cts for Johnston Apples J & Henry Rolled after 10 Oc there was some frost last night

26 Boys finished rolling they also finished seeding east of graveyard

### **April 1905**

a slight frost last night fine & Cler today I & Nancy went to Br S's AM his wife is up in the Rocking Chair I & Benj'ns Wilfred went fishing back of Cedar Grove PM Caught 22 Chubs

27 A & Henry helped Women make garden J rolled Wheat & harrowed in root field I went to Cedar Grove AM & to M Barkeys & Elias's PM W a very fine Cler warm day

28 J helped Benj'n at seeding with team AM A took Cream Henry dug in garden AM A & Anne went to Markham PM A got some Medicine he is not well they Called at Davids Esther is some better J Plowed & harrowed a strip in root field PM. W. very fine Cler day

29 Chored & Planted 5 drills Potatoes in west end of root field AM Boys trimmed raspberries bushes in back garden & I went to Cedar Grove PM Henry & Sarah went home to Mennos PM J went to W Clods this eving & bought 4 doz Suckers @ 30 cts per doz they have been Catching the last 3 or 4 weeks & there has been no rain to raise the Creek since the snow is gone W. quite warm a fine shower last night a little thunder drissly awhile AM Strong N W wind

Sunday 30 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by C Gayman sermon on St Mat part of 18th by C Burkholder (Br C was not there has bad cold) (umfrage) went to Tilman Reesor's to dinner Called at David Esther is getting better

### **April 1905      May**

A & Anne went to Herman's to dinner Flavis & family were here with J & Susanna to dinner W. fine shower last night mostly Cler today strong N W wind Cool

May 1 A & Henry Plowed Corn ground J helped girls wash AM (I helped awhile) he Plowed PM A Mended Boots W. sharp frost last night fine Cler today



2 I & A Anne & Sarah helped scrub Meeting house till after 10 Oc J & Henry Plowed awhile in root ground they Chored PM W. some frost this moring began to snow after Breakfast turned to rain before dinner drissly at times PM ground white for awhile all gone tonight

3 Henry helped girls Clean house J & A Plowed in root field AM J Plowed A & Henry Picked 9 Roosters & filled 4 Barrels Apples PM W. showery awhile AM a few more fine showers & distant thunder PM

4 A went to Joseph Groves for 5 sewer pipes J & Henry Chored & put Manure on raspberries bushes AM J & Nancy went to Markham & to Daniels (Enos Ramer is very sick) They Called to see Grand Mother she is well A & Henry put sewer pipes across lane PM W. Cloudy AM fine Cler PM East wind

5 Henry worked at Benj'ns J Chored I & Nancy & Susanna went to Elias's to dinner A went to Toronto 4 Barrels Apples 3 Russets 1 Man{illegible} @ \$1.75 per Bals 9 Roosters 52 lbs @ 15 cts per lb 11 doz Eggs @ 13 cts he also took a lot of Chickens for Flavis & 1 Rooster for Benj'n W. a slight drissle AM fine PM.

### May 1905

there was a heavy rain last night after Midnight a few heavy Claps of thunder one struck an Elm tree quite near Elias's house

6 A worked at foundation wall at J Murisons AM J & Henry drew home 3 big loads of rubbish from line fence between us & Benj'ns AM they Chored PM W. Cloudy AM rain all PM

Sunday 7 I & Nancy & Susanna went to Johny Reesor's to dinner A & Anne Henry & Sarah went to Thomas Diller's to dinner. W. rather Cloudy AM fine Cler PM strong N W wind

8 A worked at Murison's finished the wall & began to put the building on it its to be a Henhouse J & Henry went to Br S's to fish after Breakfast Clods Caught a few dozen suckers there on Saturday evening but there were none this moring so they went to Milnes & Caught 50 Flavis helped them W. fine AM a few showers PM windy A went for Jimmie Armstrong last evening Mare Jennie foaled on Thursday & she seemed to be sick but Jimmie says she is all right

9 A worked at Murisons Henhouse till 4 PM Herman's Lydia Came for him to take Herman's horse around this week Herman is not well J & Henry Chored & Made a enclosed yard in S W Corner of

old Orchard for our Gander & one Goose the are Cross at some of the goslings Henry helped Benj'n Make fence PM Thomas took his English man Will Price to Markham & had him examined by Dr Robinson

### May 1905

Squire Wilson & Lawyer Wilson as to his sanity they committed him to Toronto Gaol he has been acting queer lately W. fine Cool Cler strong wind PM

10 Henry helped Benj'n at fence I & J fixed fenc along Pickering Townline AM J & Henry Plowed in root ground PM A Came with horse then they planted 6 more drills Potatoes Davids Came after supper Esther stays till Sunday W. quite fine

11 J & Henry Plowed in root field A Made a rail fence out of Ceder poles from gate that goes out of one barnyard into the other there is a new gate at the S E Corner of the horse stables there are 3 Panels of pole fence between the two gates A left on the route to W Armstrongs about 3 PM W. fine AM Cloudy PM drissly rain after 3 PM

12 J & Henry worked on root ground I brought seed Corn from Cedar Grove AM & they sowed it about 5 acres PM J went to Meet A & brought {him home - *very faint*} this eveing but he did not Come W. quite fine

13 J & Henry sowed the Mangels about {*blank space*} & J rolled some barley East of Orchard it is up nice but was too wet to roll any sooner W. quite fine I got a letter from Herman this eveing stating that he is no better & that A will have to stay

Sunday 14 all went to Meeting at Hebron except J & Susanna remarks by C Burkholder sermon on Luke 22 & 23 C by Br C Lords Supper was Celebrated Menno Burkholder's & Matty Enos Nighswander & Mart & Daniels were here to dinner W. Cloudy began to rain about 8 AM rained till near noon rather Cloudy PM A Came home he went to Meeting but he had to go to Hermans again

## May 1905

15 J took 6 bags Barly to Davids & got it Chopped then they Carried the seed Potatoes out of the Cellar and Cut a lot. then they plowed in root ground PM W. warm. Clouds went around north all PM

16 J & Henry finished working root ground Henry brought a load of gravel for end of lane J Plowed A B's garden I & Nancy Called awhile at U Drudges then went to Hermans to dinner he is getting better then we went to Mary Burkholders to supper W. Cloudy this Moring Cler today Cloudy again a few heavy showers Coming home

17 J & Henry brought home some lumber from S M & brought a bag of salt from Cedar Grove they fixed the mouth of a drain & drew some dirt into a washout in field south of graveyard along Creek W. misty a while this Morning Cler awhile Cloudy towards eveing drissly rain after supper

18 Boys straightened up fences A helped till 3 PM then he went off with the horse Henry brought a load of gravel to barnyard gate from Collins Johny Reesors brought Bishop Paul Martin from Waterloo & wife (Elisabeth) & Amos Weber & wife W. Partly cloudy

19 Boys Planted Potatoes & drew 5 loads gravel into lane I brought Bushel Potatoes from M Barkeys & went to Cedar Grove AM W. fine Cler Cool N W wind

20 Henry & Sarah went to Menno Burkholder's J worked on Turnip ground & drew 1 load gravel PM I took Susanna to Flavis AM brought her home PM & took her to Elias's to stay all night W. fine Cool slight frost last night

Sunday 21 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks by C Burkholder sermon on 1st Corinthians 13 C by Bishop Paul Martin we went to Jac Widemans to dinner & to Saml Barkeys to supper.

*{at the bottom of back cover}* Henry & Sarah & J & Anne were in meeting too W. sharp & Cool N W wind.

*{inside of back cover}*

~~304 lbs Barley to Dr Robertson~~

~~98 lbs~~

402 lbs

~~April 22 1905 410 lbs Oats to M Barkey Paid~~

~~T Reesor to Beef June 22 to 7 lbs @ 7 cts~~

~~June 29th to 6½ lbs @ 5 cts~~

~~July 6 to 5 lbs @ 5 cts~~

~~" 20 to 6¾ lb @ 7 cts~~

~~" 27 to 8½ lbs @ 6 cts~~

~~Aug 3 to 5¾ lbs @ 6 cts~~

466 lbs Oats from Flavius Sept 21st/05

464 lbs             Sept 27/05

930     returned Jan 18th 1906

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