

COURTLAND C. OLDS 1875 DIARY.

A summary of the 1875 diary of Courtland C. Olds follows as done by Harry B. Barrett in February 2004, while in Homosassa Springs, Florida.

Friday Jan 1st to Sunday Jan 10th, 1875.

Ma, Samantha and I were invited to have New Year's Dinner with Mrs. Sweetlove and Mr. Hall. I spent most of the afternoon very pleasantly with Miss A. We took tea with Miss Giles and several other friends, very enjoyable, socially speaking. Very mild and spring-like. On Saturday Thomas and I worked as usual. Ma stayed in Dover, but Samantha and I are here. It has turned stormy, with 4 inches of snow. Sunday: I went out to hear Mr. Stibler. Annie was there and stayed to class. Had dinner at Mr. Hall's where Ma has been for last few days. I felt in a good degree the presence of the Master. My soul has rejoiced in Him.

Monday: Tom took grist of buckwheat. I went to Town Meeting to vote. A new Council with Mr. Routh at its head is on paper. They had a large majority. Had our dinner at Mary Jane's. I am making preparations for raising one corner of the Driving Shed. On Tuesday Tom and I lifted it with a jack screw in morning. I returned the jack and went to see Mr. Craigie. Stopped to warm at Mrs. Bowlby's where I saw Annie for a short visit. Tom threshed oats the rest of the day. On Wednesday Tom was off to Simcoe. I cut wood and did chores. George Buck here talking politicks [sic] this evening. Thursday: Tom drawing wood. Ma and I took dried apples to Jarvis but found price same, but trade was inferior goods to that in Dover stores. Trip a mistake.

Friday Tom and I worked on new cow stable under the east shed. Days are too short but floor is laid. On Saturday we worked at cutting and splitting wood in the wood house. I have enjoyed a goodly portion of the Divine Presence. Sunday was too cold and stormy to go out to meeting. I had Tom's chores to attend too as well.

Mon Jan 11th to Sun Jan 17th, 1875.

Thomas went out to mill. I worked on cow stable. I went to Smith's tonight to get School accounting in order. Teacher has a sore throat. On Tuesday I helped Tom get his supply of wood. I went to Dover with buckwheat for George Buck at the mill. I called on Mrs. Bowlby and surprised to find her very low. Mr. Hall came home with me.

Wednesday Thomas cut wood in the woods. I went to the school meeting. Mr Smith left the trustee-ship. I did not like this much. I took Samantha home. Mr. Hall here all day, until Harvey Mudford came for him. Thursday we got up corn stalks from little barn in the woods. Mr. Hall returned. Ma fell over a chest and seriously strained her shoulder.

Friday Tom and Mr. Roberts, with 2 teams are threshing for me at Horn's. I have house and barn chores to attend to. Mrs. Wark has been helping. Mr. Hall left again to-night. On Sat. Tom worked in the wood house. I went to Dover for mail etc. heard of death of Colonel (Wm. Mercer) Wilson, our County Judge. Also Mr. Fleming, ailing for some time. Went to Bowlby's on way home. Saw A. briefly, perhaps my own fault. Ma could not go to church, so took Thomas. Heard Mr Bryers preach this morning and went again to hear Mr. German, our old minister, this evening. Exchanged a few words with A. (nnie Douglass?)

Mon Jan 18th to Sun Jan 24th, 1875

Voted for Mr. McCall for provincial member of Parliament. Went on up for Samantha, as

ma is quite disabled. Tom splitting wood. Capt. McFell and wife visited this evening. On Tuesday we cut wood. Mrs. Wark went to Dover. I went up to George Matthews shop with old Blucher. Wednesday we cut wood again. I had Maggie shod this afternoon and attended the Missionary Meeting. Called on Mr. Hall and drove over to Mrs. Boelby's who I found improving but was disheartened at A. not wanting to accompany me to meeting.

Thursday We threshed some 85 bus of buckwheat, making a total of 100 bus. Also threshed 145 bus of oats. Snow and good sleighing. Thomas drew 2 loads of loggs [sic] to mill Friday, and I did chores. Samantha and I went out to tea meeting. Saw A(nnie Douglass) but did not speak to her. I do not know what to do about this matter. Saturday Thomas drew loggs, making 3 12 foot and 1 16 foot loggs at Thompson's Mill. Mr. Hall here since last night. A snow storm kept us from church, but had good conversation with Mr. Hall this Sunday. I have enjoyed to a considerable degree the presence of the Lord.

Mon Jan 25th to Sun Jan 31st, 1875.

Thomas drew loggs and a pine stump for kindling from the woods but drifted roads did not allow him to take them to mill. I did chores and split wood. Mr. Hall upset in the lane on leaving to-night. We cut and drew loggs for the next 2 days. A cattle buyer was in but made no sale. On Thursday Tom took 2 remaining 12 foot logs out to mill. We began cutting oak logs with intention of taking them to Bulbek's [sic] (Belback ?) Mill, believing it right to patronize both mills. Mr. & Mrs. Murphy to visit. they stayed until Fri. evening. We cut pine stubs for logs. I went to hear the Swiss Bell Ringers, "Beedles" (?) Was delighted with their music. Saturday we continued to cut loggs as I am considering making an addition to the barn. On Sunday I went to church alone hearing Mr. Shibley preach, Ma's shoulder too bad to bear exposure. We also had excellent class meeting. My sister came home with me. We both went out to evening service. I saw A. and permitted to speak to her.

Mon Feb 1st to Sun Feb 7th, 1875.

Thomas was ill from Sat. to Wed. which upset my plans to go to a party at Hall's. Scythera Marr, she used to be, came with her husband as I was considering going. I had full days of chores. Then Tues. Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Shibley and Walter Olds all came. Partly sold 2 steer at \$50.00 a piece. Wed: Tom back working. I went to Mrs. Beaupre's funeral this morning and had dinner at Mrs. Sweetlove's. I also wen to Scottie's and then to see Annie, but she was just going visiting. Very stormy. Mr. Hall came home with me to-night.

Thurs: Tom cutting wood and shelling corn. Our friends still with us. George and Massie came this afternoon. Pleasant to have friends call. It seems a part of our nature to associate with our kind. Fri: Tom getting up wood. I took Mr. Hall to Simcoe, a very cold ride. Mrs. Murphy went home tonight. Sat: We cut wood in the woods this morning, Tom continued in the wood house. I went to Quarterly Meeting in Dover. Confirmed sale of 2 steers to Mr. Ross at \$100.00. I will keep them for a couple of weeks. On Sunday Samantha and I went to Quarterly meeting, ma stayed home as Mr. Hall still here. Mr. Hamilton from St. Williams circuit preached. I took Mr. Hall with me this evening but had an accident when Maggie ran off with the cutter shafts, breaking them badly. Had to walk home.

Mon Feb 8th to Sun Feb 14th, 1875.

Spent day doing chores and looking for missing portions of harness, which I had no luck

with. Nellie had quite an affecting time with little Tippie about her father. (?) I never saw a more tender-hearted child. Tues: I went to shop to get an axe hardened. Tom and I then got up 2 loads of corn stalks from little barn. I have a lame knee. Tom and I worked at sawing stove wood in the wood all morning. He kept on in afternoon while I went to Dover for cutter, but it was not repaired yet. Had a pleasant time at Mrs. Bowlby's this evening.

Thursday we cut wood until noon when weather forced us to stay at inside work. I was sick on Friday with a cold. Tom went to Dover for cutter. Storming and roads drifting in a terrible manner. I spent Saturday reading – a real treat for me. Ma and I went to meeting Sunday being first time in over six weeks she has been out. Rev. Wood preached about the marriage supper. Took dinner at George's and had serious time with the drifted roads.

Mon Feb 15th to Sun Feb 21st, 1875.

Cuting wood. Mr. Hall and Miss Skinmore came out. He stayed so I took her home this evening, finding her a most interesting young lady. Mrs. Sweetlove had quite a joke on me in consequence. We got in 2 loads of oat straw and 3 of wheat in the waggon house for bedding on Tuesday. It has been an extremely cold winter. Wed: Bitter cold. We worked in the woods. Our supply of water is giving out, even in the creek. It has frozen up completely.

Thursday Mr. Hall and I went to Simcoe re a matter with Miss Howell. Made the necessary arrangements and home again for dinner. Feel it is good to serve the Lord. Friday: Thomas at work as usual. He took Samantha home this afternoon. I went to Dover with Mr. Hall to see Mr. Lawson but found he was a way. Called on Mrs. Sweetlove where I saw Annie. Saturday Thomas drawing manure. I was doing chores and cutting wood. I took the old peacock over to Buck's and also made a bargain for old Nell for 20 cords of wood. On Sunday Ma and I went to meeting. We took Nellie and Tippie, who have been here 3 weeks, home.

Mon Feb 22nd to Sun Feb 28th, 1875.

Ma and I both laid up with sore throats and fever. Feeling really miserable. Thomas our only help. We are recovering Tuesday. I sent Tom for the Farrier, H. Ryerse, as a calf from being injured has a tumour. He lanced it. What we call the German cow's calf, had a calf. Thawing. On Wednesday we did a thousand and one jobs. My throat and neck still sore.

Thursday is cold again. Large snow banks, veterans of the past remain. We dug out the lane and shelled corn for the mill. Friday: Thomas shelling corn. I went to Dover for papers. Saw Mr. Hall and learned his Arbitration Award is not likely to be paid for some time. He has been used dreadfully by the railroad officials. Saturday we were getting a grist of chop and wheat ready. I went to Holcomb's for 10 bus of peas owed me. We were surprised to have Samantha come back, after what she said on leaving. Sunday I drove Maggie, for first since our accident, to church alone. Tok dinner at my sisters. I went to Mrs. Bowlby's and attended evening meeting.

Mon Mar 1st to Sun Mar 7th, 1875.

Storming so we worked at mending harness etc. I took some up to the shop to fix this afternoon. I also made a handle for a butcher knife. I sent Thomas to mill and then to Mr. Ebersole's to a bee for getting up wood for the church on Tuesday. Ma and I had a pleasant evening at David Jackson's. Wed: Thomas went to mill with ballance of grist and brought the whole home to-night. Fearful weather, with a blinding N. E. Snowstorm. Sent a lot of old corn to Mr. Wiggins and a bag of buckwheat to Mr. Huffman. I was choring and cutting wood.

We spent Thursday digging ourselves out and getting up wood. Friday Tom was cutting wood and doing chores. Ma and I went to Dover by going east the plank road, taking dinner at Mrs. Sweetlove's. We spent a couple of hours at Mrs. Bowlby's where I saw Annie. Sat: Thomas drew an oak logg to the Bulbeck mill, but broke down with a pine logg. We spent the rest of the day making repairs. Sunday Ma and I went out to meeting. Mr Bryer preached. Failed to talk to Annie at class, which David Jackson took as leader. Took dinner at Mrs. Hall's but she was quite ill having had 18 teeth extracted.

Mon Mar 8th to Sun Mar 14th, 1875.

Thomas drew 3 loggs to mill. Ma and I went to Simcoe to Murphy's where we found Father Messmore and had excellent visit. Found Mr. Hall at home on our return. Tuesday Tom took last logs to mill. I was choring. Mr. Hall is still with us. Wednesday Tom went to mill for 2 bags of corn and from Mr. Hall he got a ton of plaster and a bbl of salt. Mr Hall left here after dinner. I have been splitting wood as Tom is rather awkward at it. Unckle John Matthews and wife was here to dinner.

Thursday we got some logs for rails and some corn stalks. Miss Charity Kitchen and Sam and his sister Ruth came just as we intended to go to Dover, so gave it up. Had pleasant visit. On Friday Tom drew some manure and got up wood for Mr. Roberts. Ma and I took butter to Dover and had dinner at Walter Olds. I took \$4.00 of missionary money to Annie but did not enjoy her company long which grieved me. We brought Carrie home with us.

Saturday we went at getting wood up in earnest. Thomas's bob sleighs broke down, but we borrowed John Marrs. Mr. Roberts was helping us. Sunday: Ma and I went to meeting and class. Took dinner with Mrs. Sweetlove and then went to Mrs. Bowlby's. I was not pleased with Hellen about card playing etc. (on Sunday)

Mon Mar 15th to Sun Mar 21st, 1875.

We got one load of wood then rain forced us inside. I cleaned and oiled our clock to my satisfaction. It is thawing fast. Tuesday we had to keep at wood despite ponds everywhere in the woods. Wednesday: Despite wet windy weather we worked at the wood as time is short. Thursday we work in the woods as usual. I read an article in the Guardian advising that husbands should give their wives a stated weekly sum of money to pay household expenses, such as for servant girls, clothing, and other necessaries.

Friday: The weather is very cold and blustery. We have a good deal of wood ready for drawing in the woods. I was reading of Florida's climate which gives one quite a notion of emigrating, which is heightened by our severe winters. (Today, Feb 27th, 2004, they are calling for 35 degree F. temperature tonight. It is 50 F. at 3.00 p.m. - Port Dover temp at noon was 48 F. - ? Interesting.) Saturday a severe snow storm has kept us splitting wood in the wood house. The cattle take so much extra care in bad weather we do not do much besides chores. Storm kept us at home. It is a privilege to once in awhile stay home and worship and meditate in prayer.

Mon Mar 22nd to Sun Mar 28th, 1875.

Took old Blutchter up to Unckle George at Blacksmith shop to be shod.. Settled up with his act of \$4.00. Ma and I went out to Dover had quite a visit with Mr. Hall and later with Mrs. Sweetlove. Tiked to her of a circumstance that happened to me at Mrs. Bowlby's. (Card playing by Hellen on Sunday?) Tuesday: Getting up wood with all our might. Wed: With Mr. Roberts help I think we have enough wood in the wood house to last until next winter. Mr. Roberts, now 80 yrs

of age, told me he was through the war under Wellington in Spain. He is remarkably strong and vigorous.

Thomas drawing manure. Ma and I started for Unckle Peter Wycoff's but only got to Dover. Had dinner at Mrs. Halls and called on Mrs. Sweetlove who takes a great interest in Annie and me, making her a mutual friend. Friday we got up wood until rain stoped us. George, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Sweetlove came out. Mr. Hall has been here since last night. It makes me feel good that others think of us. Saturday was pleasant and we split wood most of the day. Mr. Hall is still here and talks about the American Revolution, and many thrilling facts about Washington. Sunday was a beautiful day, but roads are terrible. I went to meeting on horseback to hear Mr. Shibley, both services. Tok Mr Hall with me this evening.

Mon Mar 29th to Sun Apr 4th, 1875.

We cut, split and piled wood. Mr. Roberts helped us clean the well, after 25 years since it was dug. We got dippers, tea cups, tumblers and other articles too numerous to mention. Tuesday we worked at wood as usual, and i did some fencing. I took Samantha home this evening and so attended the meeting going on at Zion. Roads are almost bottomless.

Wed: Still work at wood house. An agent for the Oshawa Manufacturing Company called selling Mowers and Reapers. Have not decided just what we will purchase as it is the only thing we kneed. [sic] Thursday: We now have some 15 cord of stove wood ready for use. Warm rain this afternoon. Friday: Thomas and I took a load of rails to the creek to make repairs. I went out to Dover with Mrs. Wark. Saw Mr. Hall who has had encouraging news about his railroad business. Saturday: I got the wheat on the new ground seeded to clover to-day. It is quite muddy, but the wheat is very green. Much better than usual for the time of year. Sunday: Ma and I heard Mr. Wood preach for the last time, as he is leaving Dover. Had dinner with Mrs. Hall. Saw Annie but briefly. I have a cold and am down at heart as well. But the darkest day will pass.

Mon Apr 5th to Sun Apr 11th, 1875.

Found one of my Maple trees girdled by mice. I bound it up with fresh cow dung hoping to save it. We are moving hay. Tuesday Thomas was back at splitting wood. I went out for my sister and family and found the roads dry and good. I am making arrangements to thresh. Mr. Hall is still with us. Wed: Hunted threshing hands and we threshed 155 bus of oats, dirty job but wind in our favour. We need the straw, too, for feed. Mr. Holcomb over to see us. I have had much of the spirit of prayer to-day. The Lord has been with me.

Thurs: Thomas and I have almost finished the wood. Irae Bint brought a boy, Wesley Widner this evening who will work for \$4.00 a month and promises to be a good boy. I told him if he earned more I would give it to him. Friday: Thomas was moving rails along the side road while I made a couple of gates and fixed fence by the drive barn. I find my boy not very handy as promised. Saturday Tom ploughed the potato patch, geting ready for early potatoes. I took my sister and family home and brought Mr. Hall out. Had quite a conversation about matters and things. It encourages me to have his advice and sympathy. Sunday I took little Leilia to meeting with me. Tonight I took Mr. Hall, hearing Mr. Shibley each time. Saw A. both times, and feel much the worse for seeing her. I pray God that he will see me safely through these trials.

Mon Apr 12th to Sun Apr 18th, 1875.

We fixed a portion of line fence and then Tom ploughed a part of the east front field by the

garden. The hill is very steep but he is so big and strong he succeeded admirably. It is apparently easy for him. I had Mr. Long making shingles for me. Tues: Tom finished ploughing the little corner this afternoon. I planted onion seed and set, being much earlier than usual. Mr. Long is still making shingles.

Wed: I got a load of slabbs, [sic] to fix fence across the creek, from Bulbeck's mill. Tom working in the garden. I went for Samantha this afternoon. Thursday: Mr. Long and Frank are making shingles, while Tom is doing odd jobs. Ma and I went to Dover for groceries. I helped Mr. Bryer fix the church fence. We took dinner at Mr. Halls. I saw Sweetlove tonight.

Friday a blustery day I cut wood for fence blocks in the woods. Mr. Hall came in from Simcoe. He is dissatisfied with his own home now, Sweetlove having returned to occupy his place as head of the family. Saturday we were drawing manure. It is very frosty so cannot farm. Our lambs have started and we lost the very first one. We separated the yearlings from the old ewes, and clipped their behinds. Mr. Murphy here. Sunday: Ma and I went out to meeting.

Mon Apr 19th to Sun Apr 25th, 1875.

Thomas is drawing manure and bringing back wood on his return. I was collecting Bull money, getting \$7.50 from different parties, and promise of more soon. Tuesday I was collecting again. I went to Uncle John's this evening, as Nora was home. Tom drew manure. Wed: Tom and I shelled corn and cleaned it for the mill. Ainsley Heath and Joe Wally here and I gave them an order for a Burdick Reaper, with a Baltimore Rake, on condition, if I see one I like better.

Thursday Tom went to mill with grist and wheat. I tended lambs and a calf born to the big red heifer. Surprised at how gentle she was when I milked her for first time. Pearce Flanders here and he went to Jarvis with me. I settled with Elliott on way. Friday Tom harrowed big flat for oats. Ma and I were out to Dover all day, having dinner with Mrs. Sweetlove. Fell in with the Flanders troupe of Indian Singers and persuaded to attend their concert in the Town Hall. I enjoyed their sweet music but had to come home in the dark to pay for it.

Saturday Tom drew manure. It is bitter cold. I purchased a little pig from Edward Stringer for \$2.50. The Flanders troupe visited and Peres and Maggie are staying over Sunday. I went to church alone for Mr. Wood's farewell sermon. He read it verbatim, the first I have heard in our church for a long time. Had the pleasure of exchanging a few words with A.

Mon Apr 26th to Sun May 2nd, 1875.

Thomas finished the oat ground this afternoon. Peres and Maggie still here as he has a bad cold. James Holcomb's father was here, being 83 and his memory good. He told us many interesting stories. Tuesday Thomas preparing the big flat and I drilled some oats there with the new drill. I am very pleased with it. Took Maggie, or rather Mrs. Flanders, to Jarvis this a.m. & saw them off on the train for Caledonia. Mr. Hall came and is threatening to come live with us altogether. Wednesday I finished the big flat sowing about 11 bus of oats, and grass seed too. Mr. Hall and our young visitors Tippie and Willie Sweetlove left us this morning.

Thursday Tom worked on barley ground. Rain this afternoon forced us to stop. He worked on cleaning harness and I was making a stone-boat, an indispensable farm vehicle. Henry came about getting old Nell and our horse rake. He talks of selling for Wiggins in Dover. (Wiggins built farm implements) Friday Thomas was putting up fences that blew down last evening. I went to Dover for stuff for Ma and the papers. I worked on garden and fences later. Saturday we were blessed with a warm rain. Tom ploughed a little on corn ground. I went up to the blacksmith shop with some

jobs. My mind much occupied in thinking of A. Like to see her. Sunday we were forced by weather to miss the Quarterly meeting at Zion (Renton) I went to the Advent church where a minister from Pennsylvania preached a memorial service to the late Mr. Elwell, the former pastor of the church. Few there however.

Mon May 3rd to Sun May 9th, 1875.

Tom fixed fence while I got potatoes out of the hole. I received a copy [sic] of a new paper "the Toronto & London Liberal Advertiser." Much pleased with it and think I may take it in place of the "Spectator" as they are the same price. 2. Tuesday: Disagreeable job to perform this morning as our little grey cow "lost her withers." We were unsuccessful. The smallest red heifer also came in. Read of the great revival in England under Moody & Sankey.

3. Wednesday: Ma and I went to Dover with eggs and to get some groc. We called at Mrs. Bowlby's and I saw A. Tom finished preparing barley ground and stated on the front field for oats. I drilled barley in the rain. 4 Thursday: We both worked at roadside fence, moving it out to gain some ground. It interferes a bit with the road which will be corrected soon by statute labour. Tom ploughed corn ground this afternoon.

5. Friday: Tom ploughed in a.m. and then harrowed in barley. I worked at fence and then drilled barley, coming up short a few bushells. Mrs. Hall and Mrs Sweetlove visited us.

6. Saturday: Tom ploughed. Ma and I went to Dover, she taking dinner at Mrs. Hall's where she had a tumor removed from her neck y Dr. Salmon, of Simcoe and Dr. Stewart. I had dinner at Homer Sovereign's. I went to Mrs. Bowlby's where I saw Annie, and was very glad for the privilege of meeting her. 7. Sunday: Went out to meeting seeing Ma (at Mrs. Hall's?) before church. Mr. Shibley preached. Took dinner at Mrs Hall's and went to see Homer with George after. I went to Mrs. Bowlby's but the girls acted so strangely I was sorry I went. Had a seious wetting going home.

Mon May 10th to Sun May 16th, 1875.

(have decided to identify the day of the week by numbers, from Monday - 1. To Sunday 7. From now on, thus saving space.)

1. I went to Elliott's for seed barley and them worked on road fence. Tom was drawing rails and fixing fence. Have had Mr. Hall with us to-day. 2. Tom ploughed corn ground. Mr. Hall went with me to Dover and back to see Ma. Dr. insists she stay there. I sowed the rest of the barley. 3. Thomas whitewashed and papered his house. Mr Hall and I doing sundry jobs around the house. 4. Tom ploughed potato patch and sowed small piece of oats. I worked at side-road fence. After dinner I took Mr. Hall home and saw Ma. Sent away for the new Liberal News.

5. Tom ploughed corn ground. I can lay over about 30 panels of side-road fence a day, I found, and finish it up. 6. Tom ploughed and I fenced. I attended the meeting of the Quarterly Board this p.m. Settled up with our two ministers and only short some \$18.00, and it promised. I brought Ma home this evening. 7. Went to meeting expecting to have Quarterly Meeting Service. Mr. Willam Austin's funeral at Mount Zion required Mr. Shibley's services, however, and absence from here.

Mon May 17th to Sun May 23rd, 1875.

1. Thomas puting oats in the corner field. I planted potatoes. Mr. & Mrs. German and little boy Charley here this evening. They look much as of old. 2. Mr. German left. Ma and I took Mrs. G. and Charley down to Capt. McFell's and left them till after dinner when I took them to Mr. Scotts

in Dover. Saw Mr. Hall and Gilbert Moore, President of our road, who came to settle about some right-of-way. Mr. Hall hoped to make an arrangement about his arbitrated property. 3. Tom ploughing and I planting garden stuff. Had company of Samantha and a Miss Tait, which hindered me some. I feel discouraged about certain matters.

4. Tom has corn ground ploughed at last. I worked in garden and did some ditching in front flat. Mr. Ross agreed to take our fat steer the end of the month for \$50.00. 5. Tom working corn ground and i at fencing. I went to Thompson's aw mill for our lumber. Mary Jane and her family here to-day. The Lord has given us warm, pleasant weather.

6. Tom working as usual. I got home 2 small loads of lumber, owing to the greenness of it. Mr. Hall came home with me. He still is uneasy about his railway matter. 7. I went alone to meeting. Heard a new minister, Rev. Mr. ———, of Waterford, who has exchanged with ours. I spoke to Annie but nothing more. L feel quite unhappy of late.

Mon May 24th to Sun May 30th, 1875.

1. Beautiful rain, much kneeded and Thomas enjoyed a hollowday. I went for lumber stoping in Dover where many pleasure seekers were celebrating the Queen's birthday. Saw Miss Skimmonns (?) And liked to have got into a trip to Brantford, by her means. 2. Tom continues as usual. I went out this morning for Mrs. Sweetlove and Miss Skimmons and after dinner for lumber. 3. Tom still works on corn ground. I worked in the garden and afternoon got last part load of lumber. Heard that the Woodstock road will be in operation [sic] by July 1st. Mr. Hall don't believe it. 4. Tom is finally marking out the corn ground. I planted seeds in the garden. Our old friend E. H. is still with us making us happy with his company. His memory of old times is good. 5. Tom marking and I planting corn. Ma, Samantha and Mr. Hall all went to Dover.

6. Rain forced us inside. Tom cleaning harness and I making a plough handle. This afternoon we were back to corn planting, with Mr. Roberts helping. Had Samantha. Mother and Miss Tait with us it being the birthday of both them and Ma. They stayed the night. 7. Mr. Hall went out with me to meeting but he did not return. We had a Baptist brother from near Zion, Elder Smith. I came home directly after. Saw Annie but was not permitted to more than speak to her. I desire her company so much. How mysterious are His ways.

Mon May 31st to Sun June 6th, 1875.

1. We planted corn with Mr. Roberts help, leaving only a few rows to finish. I am still troubled with what some people call the blues. 2. Finished corn planting and washed the sheep. Our lady folk are cleaning house and as a consequence the men folk have to suffer. Always had a sort of superstitious horror of this operation. [sic]

3. Have Thomas sowing plaster on the front meadow. This evening he took the teem to Bulbeck's Mill and drew our Saw Logs to the roolway. [sic]. Mr Ross came for the steer. Learned of the death of our shingle-maker, Mr. Long. He was ill a very short time. 4. We fixed a watering place this morning, besides killing caterpillars on the apple trees. Tom then manured the apple trees and I worked in the garden. Mr. Buckley, the Advent minister visited to-day. Had a conversation about the Advent peculiarities which were not very agreeable.

5. Tom finished manuring the apples this morning and went to raising at Mr. Smith's. I worked all day in the gardem. Cunningham returned the horse rake and told me J. W. Savage was appointed to succeed Mr. Bryers on our circuit, with a young minister whose name is Ford. 6. Tom drew manure on field by Walter's house we will plough for wheat. Ma and I went to Dover.

Confirmed that William Savage is our new minister. Learned Annie and Hellen had gone to Brantford for the Conference. 7. Went to the Advent church to hear Mr. Buckley. Spent rest of the day reading. Mr. Hall and Tippie are with us. No meeting in Dover as Minister at Conf.

Mon June 7th to Sun June 13th, 1875.

1. Tom drew manure and took Mr. Hall to Dover to-night. I was engaged much as usual. 2. Tom drew manure. Tim Stone, of Nanticoke came to shear sheep at 4 cents a piece. I moved the privy and worked around the house. Troubled with Chronic Bronchitis. 3. As Road Master this year, I went to warn out the hands to do their Statute Labour. Heard the by-law to grant the Woodstock Railroad \$10,000.00 was defeated by 47 votes. Nothing more than I expected.

4. Tom still in the manure business. Ma and I went to Simcoe about selling our wool. Took dinner at Thoms Murphy's. Had tea at Walter Olds on way home. Found him in a low state of health, but strong in his Lord. 5. Sold my wool in Simcoe at .36 cents / lb. Not docked a single pound, which was unusual for me. Averaged 5 lbs a sheep. Mr. Hall went with me. 6. A strong wind and rain last night leveled enough fence to keep Tom and I busy all day. 7. Ma, Mr. Hall and I went out to hear Mr. Bryer preach for about the last time. Dinner at George Hall's. The wife of our man was delivered of a baby daughter this evening, increasing the farm population by one.

Mon June 14th to Sun June 20th, 1875.

1. Commenced road work, and had some difficulty getting scrapers. Worked on hill by Walter's. Tom off due to new daughter. 2. Tom manuring. I worked on the road. Ma went to Dover, Mr. Hall to Simcoe. He has apparently become a part of our household. Have felt more than usual the Divine Presence to-day, leading me onward and upward.

3. Tom at manure. The statute Labour is well nigh complete. Only 4 days to put in yet. Our friends, Mr H. and Tippie, are still with us. 4. Tom did his dreaded road work, and I finished my share as R. Master, of which I am very thankful. No trouble but a few insinuations and even hints. The unpleasant matter of the new line, making as it does a new road part of the way being the foundation of a good many ill feelings and unpleasant words. I have kept house, Ma being in Simcoe. 5. Had Tom drawing manure again. I cultivated corn and potatoes. Corn only half up and coming slowly. Crows have done their full share. May sow buckwheat in place of some of it. 6. Tom still at manure. I picked up around the barn. Ma and I took little Tippie home after spending past few weeks here. Ma saw Mrs. Bowlby who said her health is failing fast. 7. We stayed home all day as no service in the church. Nora Matthews here to-day. We attended meeting to-night to hear Mr. Bryer preach his last sermon here.

Mon June 21st to Sun June 27th, 1875.

1. Tom manuring, the job hangs o forever, or so it seems. I was cultivating. Very dry and crops suffering. We have to draw water from the creek, something we have not done in years. 2. Welcome showers, Tom piling manure in the yard. I am repairing farm machinery. 3. Tom drawing manure again. I went to the blacksmith shop for repairs. Ma and I went out to meet our new minister. He came about 5 o'clock and we had tea prepared for him and his teemsters. I was much pleased with him. 4. Tom has put half our manure on field by Walter's house now. I have been in the garden and patching the barn roof. Getting rain now at last.

5. Heavy rain so Tom is clearing the hill west of Walter's. I was patching but shingles on south side of barn so rotten I began putting on a new roof. It is due to chaff and dirt lodging in the

shingles. 6. Tom drawing manure on the 10 acre field. I took Samantha home and then went to Joe Wooley's for dinner. Called on John B. Carpenter and saw his thoroughbred cattle. He has 10 cows and 2 bulls. Saw A. tonight for which I was glad. 7. Went out expecting to hear Mr. Savage but it was young Mr. Ford instead. Though not as fine looking as Mr. Shibley he has a better ballanced head. Had an excellent class meeting.

Mon June 28th to Sun July 4th, 1875.

1. Thomas ploughing by Walter's house, rain having softened the ground. I cultivated corn one way and began the other. 2. Thomas ploughing and Mr. Roberts spreading manure. I have been fixing up around the barn. 3. We are all working at the same jobs today. Some are haying, which puts me in the notion. Mr. Hall left again today. 4. I went to Dover this afternoon. A big crowd as it is Dominion day (July 1st) and many came to see the opening of the new Woodstock Railroad. The first time that ever I saw a train of cars in Dover.

5. Still Thomas ploughing summer fallow and I cultivating with all my might. I have cultivated the corn twice one way and once the other. I may yet get half a crop if it is not so late it freezes off. Still wish I had sowed it to peas. 6. Tom still ploughing. I finished cultivating corn and am getting machinery ready for haying. 7. Ma and I went to church. The young minister gave a good sermon, characterised [sic] by a good deal of originality and fervency. Had a good class meeting. Saw A(nnie) for which I felt thankful. Took dinner at Mrs. Hall's.

Mon July 5th to Sun July 11th, 1875.

1. Thomas ploughed the strip along the flats, gained by moving the side road fence, for buckwheat. Mr. Roberts and Henry were helping about half our time today. Had a heavy rain but I cut a half acre of hay. 2. Tom sowed the buckwheat. Mr. R. and Henry hoed corn, hindered some by rain. I worked in the shop. Samantha came home today. 3. Thomas ploughing summer fallow as usual. I commenced haying in earnest. Henry cut around the fences and spread manure. Mr. Hall to see us. He has about settled the arbitration matter.

4. Tom ploughed and Henry and I hoed some corn and then we turned to raking and cocking hay. The main axle-shaft broke in two (mower) by which I will be led to \$6.00 or more of expense. Will have a steal [sic] one instead. 5. Tom ploughed this morning and then we all worked in the hay, getting in 6 loads. It was a little green but rain threatened.

6. Tom ploughed again and then we all worked in the hay. Got in 3 more loads. I got the mower in working order again, so finished the front field. 7. Ma and I went to Meeting, hearing our senior minister, Mr. Savage for the first time. His sermon on church building, would seem that he has our church already in mind. Had dinner at Sweetloves. Saw Annie to speak to only.

Mon July 12th to Sun July 18th,

1. Tom finished the field by Walter's and then helped with hay. Henry not here but attending his rake business. I mowed in the big corner field and it is a good crop. 2. I have been cutting hay. Ma and Samantha went out to Sweetlove's for cherries. Received a beautiful, unsought Chromo, "Little Goodie Two Shoes." 3. Henry back and Mr. Roberts. We raked and cocked two days cutting, and got in 3 more loads of hay. Makes 12 in all. Heard Mrs. Bowlby is unwell and other news which makes me feel bad.

4. My 3 men have put 8 more loads under shelter in the little barn today. I raked stubble and then was mowing. Have had a rush of visitors, among them our new minister. 5. Heavy rain stoped

hay. Henry and Mr. R. hoeing. I went to Dover for papers and mower repairs. Visited at Bowlby's for a little. 6. Have been cutting thistles with the team and drew in 4 loads, 24 in all, of hay. 7. Mr. Hall being here Ma did not go to church. I took my sister and family and left them in Dover. Mr. Lord preached a good sermon but I did not feel first rate owing to circumstances with reference to A. I was permitted to see her, but our continued separation made me feel bad. Lord help me to wait patiently his will, whatever it may be.

Mon July 19th to Sun July 25th, 1875.

1. Mr. Roberts and Henry helping today. Got in 4 loads. I was much pleased at seeing the Burdick Reaper tried tonight. Mrs. Bowlby and Miss Douglass here with Hattie. Both the former and latter are very bad. Cannot live long. 2. The men got in 5 more loads of hay. I finished cutting the big field but have had a lot of trouble with the mower. Everything has seemed to go wrong end foremost from the commencement. 3. Mr. R. & Henry got in 4 ore loads, 37 in all. I began mowing the orchard but mower went wrong, discouraging me about my failures. I went to Simcoe last night about a new Reaper and it was set up this morning.

4. Finished the big field with 2 more loads. Mr. Roberts cut thistles this afternoon. I went to Dover on business and to see a load of excursionists from Erie, Pa. Had a most enjoyable time. 5. Repaired mower and finished the orchard, permitting me to realise the truth of the old adage; "All's well, that ends well." Henry and Mr. R are on their own hook again. Only Thomas helping. Met with the Miss Savages last night and pleased with their appearance generally.

6. Spent all day getting the orchard raked and in. Henry & Thomas got a load of hay that was cut along the creek. I commenced cutting wheat this evening. It was very uneven, some in the milk. I forgot to state that we got in 42 loads of hay this season. 7. Ma and I went out to church. I was permitted to see Annie, and O! How I would like, not only to see her, but to enjoy her company as of old. Had dinner at Mrs. Hall's, but Eddie and Mr. Hall were unwell.

Mon July 26th to Sun Aug 1st, 1875.

1. Rain stopped us, but after dinner we cut around the new field wheat. Henry came at noon and worked a little while. 2. Got new ground half done. The new Reaper goes splendidly. Ma brought Miss Boss home today to see us. 3. Joe Long helping, with Henry & Thomas, so got the new ground wheat all done except cutting around the stumps. I had to go to Dover for gloves to bind thistles in. Thistles worse, and wheat not as good, as expected.

4. We have been cutting the Deible (?) Wheat east of the house. The greater part is not much good. 5. Put up the wheat next the bull pasture and this afternoon were cutting next to McBride's. Mr. & Mrs. Homer Sovereign visited this evening. Miss Boss still with us and little Maggie Powell, Berkley's eldest daughter. 6. Cut the heavy centre of our field today and got it all bound and shocked up. Machine works even better in heavy grain. Old friend E. H. Staying with us tonight. 7. I went out to meeting, Mr. Ford preached. I saw A. but not to speak to.

Mon Aug 2nd to Sun Aug 8th, 1875.

The weather is threatening, and we had Joe Long and Mr. Roberts helping to finish binding and shocking the wheat, for which I am thankful to the Great Giver. 2. Rain. I took grist of wheat out. Thomas worked on the fallow. While waiting for the grist I went to Mrs. Bowlby's and saw Annie, but she seemed to act coldly to me. O! How I would like to tell her of my feelings and of my sadness of heart. 3. Thomas breaking our big black colt on the summer fallow. I sold the old mare's

Nell and Jamie to Cunningham, so must work the colt. Worked in the garden. 4. Thomas cut around the barley this morning and then I cut barley while he ploughed with the colt. She goes splendidly. Our minister and Lady to see us. George Hall was out, his father having started for Spencer, N. Y. this morning.

5. Heavy rain frustrated our plans. Tom ploughing and I doing sundry jobs. 6. I cut around stumps in the barley field and setup sheeves. I attended the steward's meeting re; the minister's salary. Agreed to \$1200.00 for the two of them. Took tea with the Miss Savage's. 7. I took Mr. Cook to meeting this morning. He has been with us since last evening with his lady, formerly Miss Velmia (?) Horton. Our Superintendent gave an excellent sermon. I went out again this evening and took Mrs. Cook. The sermon was again excellent.

Mon Aug 9th to Sun Aug 15th, 1875.

1. Turned over the barley, then got in 6 loads of wheat. Henry and Mrs. Roberts little boy helping. 2. Drawing with 2 teams. Edgerton McFell and Johny McBride came and little Waine [sic] Murphy. Finished filling barn with wheat. 3. Finished wheat, save rakings, getting in 31 loads in all. Got 1 load of barley, but rain came at supper time.

4. Mr. Hall and I went looking to buy lambs but failed. He got 25 this afternoon. Thomas and I got in 3 more loads of barley. 5. Tom and I got in 5 more loads of barley. Samantha and her bro. Fred and sister Mary Ellen, who came to dinner, went home today. Fred promised to help us in the oats. 6. Thomas ploughing due to more rain. I went to Dover and saw Mr. Hall who failed in his sheep buying. 7. Went to Quarterly Meeting at Zion, Mr Savage preached. Had a 2 hour love-feast, and could have lasted as much longer and all not have spoken. Samantha was there and came home with me. The brethren at Zion are complaining about the smallness of their church, and not without reason.

Mon Aug 16th to Sun Aug 22nd, 1875.

1. Thomas and I drawing barley and wheat rakings. Two men here putting an improvement on our Reaper. 2. I cut oats on the big flat and cut the remaining barley this forenoon. I had the misfortune to break the cog wheel that drives the rake on the Reaper, all to pieces. The improvement did not prevent breakage after all. Mr. Hall came again. Ma was up to Uncle John's and saw Nora. She has just returned from the Music School at Sandusky, Ohio.

3. Thomas raking. I was taken with something like Cholera Morbus in the night and not out of bed all day. 4. Rain stops us. Thomas ploughing. I kept to the house. Nora Matthews and her Ma visited, and cheered us up a good deal. 5. Too wet to harvest, so Tom ploughing. I turned over barley this afternoon. Mr. Hall here talking buying lambs and cattle for fattening. 6. I went out this morning for groceries. Thomas and I drew barley. There are more loads than we expected as a large part of the field was spoiled by Canada Thistle. 7. Went out to Meeting alone as Samantha went home. Stayed in town to give the Sweetlove's the horse and buggy to go to Woodhouse. I went over to see Annie but such a crowd I could not talk much to her.

Mon Aug 23rd to Sun Aug 29th, 1875.

1. We drew barley all day. I went for threshing help tonight but everybody is so busy, I did not succeed very well. 2. Thomas and I got in the rest of the barley and wheat rakings this morning. A Mr. Tanner, who bought the old horse rake, helped us. The threshers came about noon and the wheat turned out pretty well. On another tour for threshing hands this evening, without succeeding

very well. 3. Threshed all day but did not go as fast as I would like. Still trouble finding help. 4. Completed the job of threshing today. Had to work short a hand or two part of the time. Am thankful our grain has turned out as well as it has. Surely the Great Giver of all Good has smiled upon us. 5. Our threshers left and I was very thankful to see them go, as I always am. We threshed some 530 bus of Barley, and 309 bus of wheat. Straw was enormous.

6. Commenced cutting oats in the Flats. Drew 4 loads this afternoon, with Johny McBride helping. He started to work for a month for us at \$16.00. Mr. Hall bought a steer of McWade and brought it here to fatten on pasture. 7. Spent the Sabbath at home. Long cherished hopes have been long in my mind, and the petition of my heart has often went [sic] heavenward. I feel the Lord hears me and it seems so strange that the promise is unfulfilled so long.

Mon Aug 30th to Sun Sept 5th, 1875.

1. Johny, Tom and I at work with all our might cutting oats on the Flats. We drew in 3 loads this afternoon, making 7 in all. 2. Finished the oats at last, leaving quite a bit on the ground the grain being so ripe. Commenced cutting the little front corner. 3. Finished cutting, binding and shocking up today. Went out to Dover for groceries and found them all closed. I brought Mary Jane and her children home with me. Heard Mrs. Bowlby had gone off for her health. 4. Men ploughed this morning and got in the last of our oats this afternoon. 13 loads in total. So thankful this work is done at last. Just had another little difficulty with Thomas.

5. The men ploughed all day. I was putting away chaff and cleaning up the barn. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Sweetlove to visit us. 6. Johny and Thomas helping today as usual. I spent morning tracking down the little bull. This afternoon Johny went to bring him home. Ma, Samantha and my sister's family all went to Dover with me. Saw Annie only to exchange a few words with. 7. Took Mr. Hall out to meeting. Took dinner at George's. Went to see Annie but was not very well treated. Mrs. Bowlby and Hattie are both away for their health and the girls are alone.

Mon Sept 6th to Sun Sept 12th, 1875.

1. Thomas ploughing and Johny harrowing. Mr. Roberts is helping by digging roots. I sold 18 bus of seed wheat to James Horn at whatever the market price is when the marketing season comes. 2. Working ground, but it is hard work. Sowed some wheat. Heard the Canada Southern railway is soon to run a train from Dover to Hamilton. 3. We all three worked at seeding. Mr. Hall came tonight and says he has purchased addition cattle. 4. Johny away threshing. Thomas ploughing and I have been harrowing all day. Went off after some lambs, and Mr. Hall has bought quite a stock of sheep and lambs already.

5. We all worked at seeding and getting the fences up, which is gratifying to me. Pleased with a visit from our minister and his lady this afternoon. 6. Thomas being unwell I ploughed and found the ground exceedingly hard. I am much pleased with the black colt we have just broken. Went out to Dover with Mr. Hall by way of William Banister's on the lake shore. A delightful drive on the shore on a hot day. 7. Ma and I went to church. Heard Mr. Savage preach an excellent sermon. The love-feast and sacrament [sic] were seasons of refreshment from the presence of the Lord. Took dinner at Mrs. Hall's, just returned from a visit to her mother in Spencer. Fred came after our girl on account of sickness at home.

Mon Sept 13th to Sun Sept 19th, 1875.

1. Took Mr. Hall to Dover and walked home. My men are preparing the field by the drive-

barn for wheat. Brought home a Reaper cog wheel which came by express from Brantford to John McBride. Talked to Mr. VanDusen about hedge plants which he sells at 25 cents / rod. (Vandusen worked for a nursery in the peninsula -St. Catherine's ? He sold many of the Osage Orange fence rows in Norfolk at this time. He is buried in Walsh cemetery.) 2. Thomas and Johnny working wheat ground, but Johnny sick this afternoon. I was digging and burning stumps in the same field. Mr. Hall is with us and as full of talk as ever.

3. Thomas sick so I ploughed with his team. Mr. Hall left again but by all appearances he is planning to live here 4. Thomas and his little boy Tommy both ailing with the chill fever. Rain this afternoon when Mr. Smith here to visit. 5. Thomas still ill. Johnny helping me. Went to Dover for papers and groceries. Brought little Tippie Sweetlove home with me. I saw 3 vessel loads of coal which had just arrived for transportation on the railroad. Mr. Hall had gone to Port Rowan. Saw Mrs. Sweetlove and had quite a visit.

6. Thomas still ill. Johnny and I were seeding and almost finished. The drill I find, works well on a steep hillside. 7. Home today because of rain.

Mon Sept 20th to Sun Sept 26th, 1875.

1. Johnny and I helping thresh with 2 teams and paid Mr. Tanner for helping in Thomas's place. Samantha came home and told us her mother was dead and buried Friday last. She told us Walter Olds was dead also, to be buried tomorrow. She went home again though we need her so much. 2. Johnny helping Smith thresh for me. Thomas not able to work. I attended Walter Olds funeral, which was small as another family member's funeral, Robert Culver's daughter, was the same time. W. Williams preached in the Simcoe church. Bro. Olds death was triumphant.

3. I got the ballance of the field by the drive barn drilled, then helped Johnny & team thresh at Smith's. Thomas's being sick is putting us back badly. 4. We finished at Smith's and are cutting corn this afternoon. It is not injured by frost as much as I expected. Mrs. Hall came to see us. There was a weding [sic] over at the church tonight of Rousel (Russell?) Lampkin and Dora Butler. 5. Johnny and I got the corn field half cut and in shock. Mr. Lambert of Jarvis visited us. Feel much discouraged by certain prospects and scarcely know which way to turn.

6. Joe Long helped cut corn until stoped by a shower about 2 o'clock. Johnny and I then cleaned barley which in spite of our stirring of it is quite musty. 7. With Mr. Hall with us and no hired girl we were unable to get ready to go to meeting. O! What a joy that our God is not confined to assemblies but is everywhere present to own and bless his children.

Mon Sept 27th to Sun Oct 3rd, 1875.

1. Johnny and Thomas cutting corn. I was to Jarvis with Mr. Hall about selling barley and wheat. I accomplished nothing. 2. Johnny completed his month at \$16.00 / month. Thomas was drawing home pumpkins and digging potatoes. I cut clover seed with the Reaper. Find it just the thing as it leaves a high stubble to protect the roots through winter. 3. Cleaned a load of barley and sold it to Mr. Heatrwell in Jarvis for 65 cents a bus. Good barley has fallen from 75 to 68 cents in a week. Think I should sell all mine as soon as I can [because of it being musty].

4. We cleaned and sold another load of barley in Dover for 65 cents / bus. Sent money due on a drill note to Hamilton. 5. Thomas and I cleaned another load of barley and took to Dover where I was a long time lined up in a crowd of wagons to unload. Paid a note on the Reaper. 6. Thomas worked at ditching, while I took our last load of barley out. Got only 61 cents / bus. Was told something that disturbed my feelings very much with reference to A. but am finding strength

from on High, to be sufficient, even in this. 7. Ma and I went to church for first in 3 weeks. Had dinner at my sister's and a half hour sing with the Miss Savages. I am much pleased with these young ladies. Pleased that Samantha is back.

Mon Oct 4th to Sun Oct 10th, 1875.

1. Thomas finished the ditch and then cocked clover seed that I was raking. I settled up with Tom and had quite a time with him. He charged me over hours in haying and harvest. I finally offered to let it go on hid cost time, which he objected to. 2. Thomas helping in clover seed. Mr. Hall and I went to Cowan's sale below Jarvis but did not buy. Got in 2 loads of clover seed as it seems an east storm is brewing. Made a final settlement with Thomas in allowing lost time for over hours. 3. Got in 2 loads before rain. Felt discouraged in not being able to go on the excursion of the first passenger train over the road to Woodstock. Not advisable due to clover and expecting soon to lose Thomas.

4. Thomas and I cleaned 35 bus of barley for spring seed. He then was ploughing. I was off trying to find a market for wheat. Was informed by Mrs. Sweetlove that A. and R. O. were not to be united as yet though the latter appears to be very desirous of it. 5. Thomas and I cleaned wheat and took out a small load for \$1.00 / bus, with 2 pounds off / bus. Sold the ballance of the barley for 60 cents. Our barley overuns the machine measure of 230 bus by 10 bus. There was an excursion to Woodstock from Dover. 6. Thomas away on business. Ma and I went to the Township Show. But did not show anything. It was high on quality but low on quantity. Took tea with Mr. Savage and spent an hour there. 7. Ma and I went out to meeting this morning. I saw A. for which privilege I felt thankful.

Mon Oct 11th to Sun Oct 17th, 1875.

1. Thomas ploughing for me. We got in a load of clover seed, making 5 loads housed. Had a man, William Smith to hire for a year. Made out to make a bargain, after some talk, to hire for nearly \$20.00 / month and he boards himself for \$230.00 / year. 2. Thomas ploughing and then got in 4 loads of clover seed. Commenced gathering apples. 3. Thomas ploughing this morning and we have completed drawing the seed. He has now completed his year. 4. I cleaned a load of wheat myself and took it to Port Ryerse. I sold for 96 cents and did not hear half the grumbling I did in Dover for the very same wheat.

5. Rain prevented Mr. Hall and me from going to the Norfolk Agricultural Show in Simcoe. I cleaned another load of wheat. Thomas told me he had another place to go. 6. Got a load of wheat out and sold for 95 and 97 cents to midge-proof and Breadwell, respectively. Paid Schofield's account and \$24.00 to Thomas, now owing him \$66.00. Heard of death of William Beaupre, who fell down a 3rd storey window in Hamilton. 7. Went to meeting taking Mrs. Sweetlove's little girls. Heard a missionary sermon from William Williams of Simcoe. Did not see A. tonight which disappointed me greatly.

Mon Oct 18th to Sun Oct 24th, 1875.

1. My new man came today and Thomas moved away so the tennant house is almost ready for him. Had a man here about taking the farm but did not make a bargain. 2. Took out a grist of wheat for home consumption. My man went with me to get a stove. I visited several members about Quarterage and was reasonably successful. Took dinner at Mrs. Hall's. Went to Mrs. Bowlby's recently returned home. She looks very bad & is doubtless failing fast.

3. My man was after his wife and moveables and toward night was getting his house in order. I was gathering apples as fast as possible. Mr. Hall came and brought Hamur (?) and George's children. He also brought discouraging news about our business, but it could have been worse. 4. My man off with his wife for furniture. They have been married only a week or so. Mr. Hall left with his charge. I gathered apples, finding them much better than expected.

5. My man got up some wood and was then ploughing. Ma and I were out to Dover most of the day. At the Factory purchased cloth to the value of \$19.60 which we intend to go to our factory stock, which we sold some time ago to Robert (?). 6. William ploughing and I gathering apples. Mr. Hall and I signed an agreement about stock. I have had misgivings but perhaps it is all for the best. This at least we will hope. 7. I went to the Advent church. Heard new minister, Mr. Catter, who has much of Mr. Ebersole's style. Went to Dover tonight and heard our junior minister. Saw A. and brought my sister and family home with me.

Mon Oct 25th to Sun Oct 31st, 1875.

1. We ploughed and I gathered apples. This afternoon I sorted lambs having some 51 ewes and 40 weathers. Mr. Hall came and said we would have to go to Simcoe tomorrow about our mortgage. 2. Wm. ploughing. Mr. Hall, Ma and I settled the mortgage in Simcoe, but it was over \$35.00 to get it received, which seemed expensive. I will try to think it is all for the best.

3. William ploughing as usual and I husked corn. My sister and family are here making plenty of company. 4. William still ploughs. I cut wood and husk corn. Ma, Mary Jane and I at Uncle John's this evening. I am down hearted about A. after what I have heard. 5. A heavy rain stoped us. We have been cutting wood in the woods. Mr. Smith visited us.

6. William cleaning up the barn yard between showers. I took Mary Jane and her family home. I had a little conversation with Annie which was sad for me and brought little joy. 7. So stormy we stayed at home. I have been thinking of what occurred last night. I have been reading my diary of my dealings with God in the past and am thereby strengthened.

Mon November 1st to Sun Nov 7th, 1875.

1. William ploughing as usual and I getting up wood. The past is a day I hope never to forget. My privilege to experience the glorious sanctifying power of Christ. This blessing has been mine before, but now, thank God, it is a source of unspeakable joy to my poor soul.

2. William ploughs all the rest of the week. I went out to see about our railway stock which I hoped to have paid by George Hall. He seems rather careless about the matter. I visited among our class delivering tickets and collecting Quarterage. 3. Gathering garden stuff as fast as I am able. Got cabbage, turnips and radishes put away. 4. The weather has moderated and I husked corn. I went to look at a yoke of oxen at Jack Butler's. They are a noble yoke and at the price might do well.

5. I husked corn then went to the shop and to Caleb Matthews after plaster. 6. William went to Jarvis on business of his own. Ma and I went to Dover about our mortgage. Had dinner at Mrs. Sweetloves. Went to Grandfather's about old title deeds to our place. Did not get much but he treated me with kindness. 7. Our friends Mr. Hall, Mrs. Sweetlove and Miss Skimons came this morning preventing our going to church. I took the ladies to Dover tonight and went to Meeting. Talked to Mrs. Sweetlove about matters of a religious nature. She is such good company anyway.

Mon Nov 8th to Sun Nov 14th, 1875.

1. William continues to plough with a fair prospect of finishing before winter. Mr. Roberts helping me get 10 bus of potatoes in the cellar and some 70 bus more pitted. 2. I had a visit from Mrs. John Murphy, from near Normandale, where she is living on a farm. She had a sad story about dishonest and unruly farm servants, etc. 3. Rain. We were forced to work inside cleaning wheat for market. 4. I took butter to Dover and did other business. Took dinner with Mrs. Sweetlove. Called on Mr. Savage, where I had a spirited conversation about the doctrine of Holiness, which he does not acknowledge as possible.

5. William has about finished fall ploughing. I was husking corn. I had an offer for lambs at \$ 3.25 a head. I asked \$3.50. 6. William finished furrowing the field by McBride's. I attended the Quarterly Business Meeting in Dover. One unpleasant happening for me, so may not attend them for awhile. Perhaps I do wrong however. 7. A violent snow storm meant taking a great deal of time with the livestock and prevented our attending the Quarterly Meeting. Still the Lord has been near and blessed my poor soul.

Mon Nov 15th to Sun Nov 21st, 1875.

1. William drawing manure on the bob sleighs. I have been storing apples and cabbage. I went up to the shop and found a market for a few apples. Thomas was here for a small ballance due him. 2. It Continues stormy. Willie and I are choring around the barn and husking corn. 3. Willie drawing manure and I sorting and storing apples. I measured up the ballance of our wheat, moving it from the barn floor to the granary. Winter reigns supreme.

4. Willie draws manure and i am at sundry jobs. Went to see about geting cider made. I saw Mr. Hall tonight. 5. Willie ploughing again. I went to Simon Balch's cider mill with 30 bus of apples and brought home about 100 gallons of cider. Ma sold the forty weather lambs in my absence, at \$133.00 for the lot. 6. The snow has gone and Willie is ploughing in the 10 acre field. Ma and Samantha went to Dover, so I have been keeping house. I paid Thomas Wark the ballance due him. Mr. Hall came home with Ma full of talk as usual. 7. Mr. Hall kept me from going to meeting as I desired.

Mon Nov 22nd to Sun Nov 28th, 1875.

1. Willie and I drawing corn on the bobs. Got over 100 shocks in the barn which will doubtless give us cold fingers more than once before it is husked. 2. We got in another 120 or more shocks, the ground being quite soft due to the thaw. Mr. Hall still here and we talked of emigrating to Florida or South Carolina. 3. Willie ploughing again and I have been cutting wood, in the wood house and in the woods. Mr. Hall reluctantly left us again.

4. We finished drawing the corn stalks and Willie then drew up wood and manure. I had the disagreeable job of settling a disputed claim of our old teacher, Miss Kniffen. I succeeded at last. 5. Rain had us husking corn all day in the barn - very agreeable work.

6. Willie ploughing. Ma and I went to Dover and I left her there this afternoon. 7. I went out to our Quarterly Meeting in Dover. Rev. John Ryerson from Brantford preached. And administered the sacrement. He is quite old and feeble but his mind as clear and his sermon so forceful and God-like. It seemed like a voice from the world above, his life being so nearly spent.

Mon Nov 29th to Sun Dec 5th, 1875.

1. Willie finished our fall ploughing. I was doing various jobs for winter. Mr. B. Vandusen here and stayed the night. He is an interesting old man. Told me something of the DesJardin Canal

I never heard before, and of an underground lake west of Paris which took 2 years to fill in when building the Great Western. 2. Bitter cold, we worked in the woods. Ma's plants froze badly, and will not bear the last of it for some time.

3. Willie getting up wood. This afternoon he went to Dover with me to bring Ma home. I exchanged friendly greetings with A(nnie). 4. Willie banking up the house. Our house takes a good deal of work each winter, as its age is beginning to tell. 5. Willie drawing manure and I repairing the barn for the comfort of the cattle. 6. Willie is husking corn, saying he never did it before. He is not much at it either. I continue to repair the calf barn and clean up rubbish around the buildings. Our hired girl went home today. 7. Stayed at home today because of rain.

Mon Dec 6th to Sun Dec 12th, 1875.

1. Husking corn and drying apples. Have dried nearly 12 bus this fall. Went up to Uncle John Matthews this evening, Nora being home. 2. It continues warm and we husk corn still. I am reading the History of England, and am as much interested as when a school boy. 3. We finished husking corn in the drive barn and this afternoon are cutting wood in the woods.

4. Willie got up wood this morning and we both worked in the woods in the afternoon. Ground covered with snow although it is quite warm. Feel the hallowed influence of that love which passeth understanding on my heart. 5. Willie getting out manure. Ma and I went to Dover over terrible roads. While Ma was at Dr. Stewart's I had dinner at Mrs. Halls. Heard Homer Sovereign is in a low state of health. Eddie Hall came home with us.

6. Getting out manure on barley ground. I never see the time when I have not plenty to do. Willie's brother David came to stop all winter with him, I believe. He looks like his brother, I expect to hire him for next summer, if he does not want too much wages. 7. Ma and I went to meeting. After dinner at Mrs. Halls I went to see Homer Sovereign, who has been ill. Saw Frank Willson there, he is much improved by city life.

Mon Dec 13th to Sun Dec 19th, 1875.

1. Willie and I cut wood and then drew up wood for Mr. Roberts. I am refitting the cow shed to make room for a large number of cattle. Make it to hold 20 head instead of 8 or 9. Up to Uncle John's tonight. 2. Willie and David getting out manure. I worked on cow shed. Had a pleasant visit with Nora who has much improved in her playing. 3. Willie husking corn. I was up to the shop and on the way home called on Leonard [?] about going to hear the Bell Ringers in Dover. Snow storm prevented it. 4. David and I took a grist out to Dover. He drove team home and I visited a number of old friends. I stayed for tea meeting and had company of some fine young ladies, but not Annie, in the evening.

5. Intended to kill hogs, but due to cold worked in woods instead. David drove out for our grist. Have been unusually drawn out after God today. 6. Willie and I in the woods all day. Had some men looking at the lambs, asked \$4.00. 7. David and I went to meeting. Heard Mr. Ford preach. Ma and I heard him again this evening. Had experience with regards Annie.

Mon Dec 20th to Sun Dec 26th, 1875.

1. Felt quite unwell, mostly on account of the great trial of my faith which occurred last evening. Seems necessary, too, that I be more careful of my diet, being inclined greatly to biliousness. Have been much of the time in prayer because of the strange path by which the Lord leads me. He has given partial relief of my doubts and fears. 2. Willie husking corn. Ma and I went to Dover this afternoon. My dark season has almost passed away, Thank God! 3. The rain

has passed, Willie husked corn and I worked on the wood pile. Mr. Hall has come to see us, and tell of his law suit with Gordon of Simcoe. 4. Willie husking and I worked on cow stable. Mr. Hall here and cheerful as ever. I went over to hire the school teacher for another year this evening. 5. Things continue as usual. I have one row of stalls in the north end. 6: I have spent Christmas Day at home with no company. Ma prepared dinner for several we expected, but due to weather none came. 7. Due to rain we could not go to church. Spent the day reading, but am about read out.

Mon Dec 27th to Fri Dec 31st, 1875.

1. Willie and I husked corn all day. Mr. Hall left, he seems quite unsettled about his business matters. The law suit has turned him all around. What awful things law suits are. 2. Willie and I in the woods this morning and he and David then husked corn. We have had mild weather for it this winter and so no frozen fingers as usual. 3. Went out to trustee's meeting and annual meeting this morning. Spent afternoon visiting after dinner at Mrs. Halls. Saw Homer, Mrs. Bowlby and Hattie. Found them all failing.

4. Ma and I went to Simcoe by way of Dover. An unpleasant ride because of the mud. Friends from Pelham here to visit tonight. 5. Laverne Horton here. We went up to Unckle John's to dinner. Willie and I were cleaning ditches the weather being unusually warm. Frost is completely out of the ground.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1875.

January

3	Pd for Guardian		2.00
4	Pd - wallpaper .50, Nails .20, Postage .91		1.61
5	Pd - to Jack Screw		.30
6	Recd for dried apples	6.00	
17	Pd - Collections		.11
20	Pd - Ma's Linament		.25
22	Recd B.[utter] money	2.00	
22	Pd for tea meeting etc.		1.00
29	Pd Ma's medicine .20, Bell Ringer's .50		.70

	8.00	11.97.	February.
6	Pd for ? .20, Collection .06	.26	
11	Recd from Ross	20.00	
11	Pd Railroad stock - 10.00, Schofield - 10.00	20.00	
11	Pd Lamp wicks - .10, Spirits of Camphor - .20	.30	
27	Pd for Alcohol	.20	

20.00 20.76

March

5	Recd on Steers	25.00	
5	Pd McGilvey - 5.00, Canada Farm - 1.00		6.00
5	Pd Ma S. M. - 1.00, Thomas cash - 5.00		6.00

7	Pd Coll. - .05, Lefons on act. - 5.00		5.05
8	Pd Young Folks mking & Seeds		1.46
8	Pd Basket - .30, Cow chains - .78, Hymns - .48		1.56
12	Recd from Ross	10.00	
12	Pd Missionary subsc. 4.00, Harness Repair. .50		4.50
12	Pd T. L. Gillies .50, Donation to Woodhse .50		1.00
22	Pd Mrs. Stephenson 4.00, Subsc to Sunday Sch 1.00		5.00
22	Pd Ma's bulbs 1.13, Samantha mend shoes .10		1.23
25	Recd from Ross 10.00, B[ank] money 1.00	11.00	
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		46.00	31.80
April			
1	Pd Samantha 4.10, Harness Repair .62		4.72
2	Pd Postage .69, Glycerine .25, Clover seed 3.27		4.19
2	Pd ½ bus clover seed 2.50, Thread .10, Groc 2.37		4.97
12	Recd for eggs 2.12, - 15 th for eggs 2.17,	4.29	
12	Pd for Garden seeds .18, Groc .69, Harn Rep .25		1.12
12	Recd for Vinegar .25, bal cattle 1.40, Ross 35.00	36.65	
19	Pd Thomas wk .69, wall paper .16		.85
19	Recd B. Money 7.50, 9.50, 1.50	18.50	
23	Pd for cl seed 7.91, Pig 2.50, Coll .10, Brandy 1.30		11.81
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		60.44	63.68
May			
5	Recd for eggs 2.75, from Mrs. Hall 4.00	6.75	
8	Pd for groc 2.75, for seed barley 3.60		6.35
11	Recd for eggs 2.30, B. money 1.00	3.30	
11	Pd for groc 2.40, wall paper etc .39		2.79
15	Pd for Liberal 1.50, groc. 1.85, groc. 2.94		5.29
18	Recd for eggs 1.85, 28 th eggs 2.94, Ross 10.00		14.79
28	Pd Coll. .15, To Thompson for sewing 10.00		10.15
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		10.05	49.37
June			
2	Recd from Ross 4.00, 5 th Ross 20.00	24.00	
2	Pd Thomas 4.00, 5 th , Thomas 10.00		14.00
5	Pd minister's Sal 5.00, Sup. Min. fund 1.00		6.00
5	Pd Samantha 3.50, Glycerine .20 Groc 1.60		5.30
5	Recd for eggs 1.60, for Wool 65.99	67.59	
11	Pd umberella 1.23, Thomas 2.99, Lyons act 27.23		31.45
12	Pd Min. Sal. 1.00, Samantha 5.00, Ma- S. M. 5.00		11.00
17	Recd Ma & Mrs. Hall 1.75, Eggs 1.40	2.15	
19	Pd Samantha 1.80, Groc. 1.40		3.20
19	Recd for shoulder 5.12, from Collins B.M. 2.00	7.12	
19	Pd shoes 2.00, groc .35, Sa-tha 2.50, Ma S. M. 1.12		5.97

22	Pd threshing 10.00, McGilvrey 5.10, Groc 1.81		16.91
		190.86	93.83
July			
2	Recd eggs 1.81, Buckwheat .74, Eggs 2.06	4.61	
6	Pd groc. 2.06, sheep shearing 1.47, Thos. 5.00		8.53
16	Recd from Ross 20.00, 23 rd Eggs 1.30.	21.30	
16	Pd Thomas 12.50, Harness .75, Cunningham 5.00		18.25
28	Pd for Groc. 1.60, Binder gloves 1.50.		3.20
		25.91	29.98
August			
2	Pd Samantha .10, garden seed .20, groc 2.55		2.85
2	Recd for eggs 2.55, 12 th eggs 2.18	4.73	
12	Pd groc 2.18, Coll .25, Willie Ebersole .25.		2.68
		4.73	5.33
September			
1	Recd for eggs 2.38, seed wheat 16.00	18.38	
8	Pd Groc. 2.38, Thomas 5.00, Timothy seed 1.00		8.38
15	Pd Samantha 5.00 Express on reaper wheel .50		5.50
20	Pd groc 1.56, Samantha 1.00, groc. .55		3.11
25	Recd eggs 1.06, Barley 27.40, Barley 32.50.	60.96	
30	Pd wagon repair .10, Note on Drill 40.00		40.10
		79.34	57.09
October			
2	Recd for Barley[2pmts] 59.31,	59.31	
2	Pd postage .05, Note on Reaper 43.35		43.40
7	Pd Note on rake 18.00, Stephenson act. 15.35		23.35
7	Recd on Wheat and Barley	29.54	
9	Pd Postage act. 1.03, Thomas for work 20.00		21.03
12	Pd John McBride 5.00, Joe Long wages 3.50		8.50
		88.85	96.28
November			
11	Recd from Ma 1.00, for Butter 9.20, apples 4.00	14.20	
11	Pd for oilcloth 1.00, Samantha 7.00, Hall paper .15		8.15
17	Pd Ma S.M. 2.00, Blacksmith act 4.00,		6.00
20	Recd Lambs 62.16, Butter 6.50, from Hall 15.00	83.66	
20	Pd Thomas Ball 67.45, Thompson Levine act. 5.00		72.45
20	Recd for dried apples 2.00	2.00	
26	Pd Bishop puck [?] 10.00 Groc. 2.30		12.30
		99.86	98.90

December		
10	Pd for nails .35, other .05, tea meeting .40	.80
18	Recd from Ma	.50
20	Pd for Figgs [sic]	.10
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		.50 .90

SUMMARY
1875

MONTH	RECEIVED	SPENT
January	8.00	11.97
February	20.00	20.86
March	46.00	31.80
April	48.44	51.87
May	35.82	37.37
June	94.72	70.95
July	25.91	29.98
August	84.07	22.62
September	88.85	146.26
October	120.87	122.08
November	99.86	98.60
December	.50	.90
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	647.13	625.28

Mortgage for \$2,000.00 made by Mary Pollard of Toronto - dated 20th, October 1875.
Payable to yours after date with interest at 8 per cent per ann., payable 1/2 yearly on the 20th day of
April and October.

Caleb Matthews	Port Dover, March 11 th , 1875.
To E. Hall	Dr.
1874 Nov 26 th , To one Barrel of Salt	\$1.50
1/4 m shingles	.75 \$2.25.

Harry B. Barrett, March 2004.