

Willie and drove down town to visit Cousin Clare and others and Mrs. McBride minded Giddens. Dad. & I took the plow back to the alewife ditch and plowed all the afternoon. I made a couple of trips out to my first mow and they certainly looked like it. Frank came back and joined us after a while. Dad. went up about half past five to milk and I plowed till after six.

Thursday August 20th

It began to rain soon after breakfast this morning and rained steadily and quite heavily till after dinner. It then cleared up for the rest of the day but it doesn't act as if it was through with us yet. I read all morning, the last bulletin from the Department of Agriculture on Lightning Rods. Frank studied his bee book and Dad minded Giddens and slept. A fellow drove in to see if he could sell us oil wholesale but he couldn't so didn't stay long. This afternoon Frank and I took the down to Joe Howell's and had tea there. Frank stopped in at Updike's on his way home to see how his wife was attached to his bench and was in there about half an hour. We got home about before five. I looked over the paper and then carried Giddens back to where Dad. was plowing and from there to the gully.

We got back about six. Dad. plowed all the afternoon.

Friday August 21st

It rained hard again during the night but has been sunny and windy all day and to night the sky looks clear and it is cooler. Dad. plowed all morning and Frank and I tidied up a little around the yard in the vicinity of the wood shed and shop. This afternoon Frank drove Enah and Giddens down town to go visiting and brought Uncle Ward. back with him as he had some tools he wanted to sharpen on our grind stone and Frank turned it for him. As Jonas wanted Willie at three o'clock. I had to drive down before tea and get Enah and Giddens who was getting home sick. Uncle Ward. wouldn't stay to tea so I took him home. Dad. and I spent the afternoon turning the oats ^{as far as we went} tamed every shock but didn't finish. The ones that stood up weren't very wet but there weren't many that were left standing and the down ones were very wet and some of them sprouted. I had to help Dad. milk the night and it was very late when we got through. We tried to get John into the station and nearly had her in when Tige commenced to bark at the sheep boys coming in and frightened her out. What Dixon came over this morning and Dad. let him have