

INTRODUCTION

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The diaries of my father, the late Alfred L. Arner, give a first-hand sketch of the labour, trials and sacrifices experienced in building and sustaining the quality of farming which he attained -- an operation which he said "took two generations to build." The diaries depict the second generation of that growth.

His father, Charles T. Arner, had wisely selected this rich, sandy loam land with Carolinian forest situated between the main Cedar Creek and the south (or Whittle) branch of Cedar Creek, along the present Arner Townline and with bush extending along the main Cedar Creek to the present County Road 20, one-quarter mile west of Arner (lots 33, 34, 35, 36.)

Perhaps some aspects of the farming were typical of that era but in other ways it was unique, as the diaries will indicate. The labour force intensified over the years to include, along with Canadians, many immigrants from various European countries -- Italy, Poland, Hungary, the Ukraine to name a few.

But without my mother Minnie, Alfred's beloved soulmate and willing helpmate, the operation would not have succeeded. Her supporting role included feeding a gang of single workmen three meals a day around a large dining table in the summer kitchen throughout the summer and fall harvest season.

Dad always asked the blessing at every meal. On wash day, Minnie washed the men's clothing and bedding hanging the extra overalls over the fences. She filled the cellar shelves with half-gallon jars of fruit and fried-down crocks of pork which Dad had cut. She ran the cream separator in the basement, churned butter and made bread besides tending chickens and gathering eggs.

The pictures accompanying the diaries will illustrate Dad's deep appreciation for the land, the bush, Cedar Creek and the neighbourhood. When he wrote his diaries as his personal and farm record, he never would have dreamed that they would some day be published for others to enjoy. I trust that he would approve my intent to pay tribute to his integrity, ingenuity and diligence which portray him as an unsung hero among farmers.

My father's fascinating hobby of photography, with the equipment of camera, tripod and solutions for film development in his dark room, was far from profitable as revealed in the photo cash account at the back of the 1908 diary. His pictures add a visual dimension to the diaries showing his keen perspective of the rural way of life.

I am deeply grateful to the Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society (HEIRS) for their interest in the diaries and their assistance in helping to preserve them as an agricultural heritage.

Names Mentioned in the Diary

Alfred was born October 19, 1882 (the same year as the house was built.)
Alfred's parents were Charles and Ellen E. (Fox) Arner
Ellen's parents were Adam and Amanda (Thomson) Fox.
Alfred married Minnie Adams, on June 27, 1906 --
daughter of George Adams and Helen Fletcher, of Tilbury East Township, Kent County.

Dave Ritchie, frequently mentioned, Alfred's good friend, married **Ada Iler** and went West.

John and Cora Malott Staddon, parents of Fred and Will, corner of Arner townline and Lake Rd.

G. Arner would be Gordon Arner, the butcher.

Elam Beeman (nickname: Eal) - neighbour to the south.

Feb 24: Skating with David Ritchie and John **Arner's** boys, **Everett and Lorne**.

Feb 28: Uncle **Ernest Fox**

March 6: **Mr. Eede is Richard**, as he would only refer to "P." as **Percy Eede**.

March 8: **Frederick Gale**, a Bernardo Home boy from England, worked for his keep.

March 11: Aunt **Mira (Fox) DuBois**, Ellen's sister, lived in Windsor, later lived in La Jolla California.

April 9: Hedge in front of house in Harrow where Grandpa and Grandma Arner moved to.

May 2: **Uncle Charles and Aunt Anna Fox**, Ellen's brother Dr. Charles Fox.

May 12: **Vida** is Minnie's sister.

June 2: **Ernest Thomson and Susie McLean**, (Helen Huffman's parents.)

June 7: **Wigle girls (Ethel Pickard, Edith Gauthier, and Edna Wilson)** daughters of **Darius Wigle**.

June 14: **E. A. Brown** was Mother's boss at Kingsville Woollen Mills.

June 18: **Mr. Curtis**, a blind piano tuner, father of Mrs. Ray Clark.

June 27: This was the wedding photo they didn't get done on their wedding day a year before.

July 4: Cedar Creek bridge -- would this be the picture we have?

July 5: **Roy and Mabel Allen** were living at New California. (Marjorie's parents.)

Aug. 10: Cedar Creek Bridge on Kingsville-Harrow road -- the bridge in the picture?

Oct 6. Jean has a picture of this event.

Nov. 1: **C. S. Miller** had drug store in Kingsville; (father of Christine Adams of Adams Motel.)

In the text, some printed lines have a line drawn through them, as Alfred also crossed them out.
The diary began on January 11, not January 1st, 1907

MINNIE'S WORK ETHIC.

This diary is mostly about the farm and what the men were doing, but a letter of appreciation written by their daughter Isabel reveals the exceptional work habits of both Minnie and Alfred.

“Thanks to you and daddy I have had many, many opportunities – expression lessons, music lessons, nice clothes as a child, in fact good basic training. The good teachers, the recitals, the public speaking contests, the clothes needed for them, preparation of hair, etc. What effort it must have taken, and you were there *on time*. It has taken a long time for the *reason* for many things to come to light but I can say now that you gave us a *secure* background and that is so important.

“The good wholesome food, the chores, the routine – I know now routine has to be established – it doesn’t just happen. You two did a marvellous job and we can never thank you enough.

“Remember when we used to make bread – the bread sitting in that metal container with the lid on a kitchen chair rising – remember the nice crisp loaves – crusty– those round shapes were the best. That was the *real* thing.

“Remember the churn at the foot of the back steps and how we watched it for the bits of yellow on the glass. Can’t you hear the butter as it shaped into long rolls, slapping against the sides as we churned. Those were *good* sounds.

“How about wash day, when we used the long washer made from wood. You know, it was shaped like a bathtub. That’s going back a long time.

“Those fried cakes you made were good, too. Remember the pork you fried down in the old woodhouse, and how you put it in crocks with the plate on top, weighted down with a stone, and the fat cooled and came up to cover the plate a little.

“You know the little smoke house where we made our own bacon. That was good until the time you started to use some junk on the meat to make a faster process. Was that ever good bacon when it came out from the slow, slow long-time smoking.

“I’m glad I was born when I was. I’m so happy to know something except thie “push-button” system of living.

“Didn’t we have a beautiful garden? Grapes, blue and white, and *big*, loaded right to the ground. Cherries – 4 trees – I thought they would be there forever. The berries – big red raspberries, thimble berries, we had everything. I thought everybody had the same, that they went with life.

“The planning excellent. The execution splendid too. You set such an example. Your vision for the welfare of your family was very far-reaching. One would almost think that you two were endowed with supernatural powers.”

Friday, January 11 (*first entry*)

Herbert & I sawed wood on lot 35.

Weather: very mild, indication of rain tonight.

Saturday, January 12

Herbert & I finished splitting wood sawed day before, choared about the rest of the day.

W:- Snow last night, but nearly all melted today

Sunday, January 13

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I went to church this a.m. at the Iler Settlement. John Staddon & wife were here today.
W:- A drizzling rain most of the day.

Monday, January 14
Mother, Herb & I killed and dressed chickens.
W:- disagreeable with plenty of mud.

Tuesday, January 15
Another slack day, dad delivered chickens to G. Arner. Herb & I went to shooting match at Arner.
Herb brought 2 turkeys and 2 chickens home.
W:- Little colder today, 26 [degrees] this p.m.

Wednesday, January 16
Choaring, hung up four bales of tobacco on lath.
W:- wind blowing strong from the east & threatening snow. 28 degrees this p.m.

Thursday, January 17
Choaring, picked & dressed five chickens & one goose to send to Windsor.
Harry and Edith Matthew drove up and spent the evening.
W: Fall of three inches of snow last night

Friday, January 18
Done chores, Dad & Herb went to Harrow & saw Dr. Hazzard.
W:- Raining a little this p.m.

Saturday, January 19
Mother and I went to Windsor,
W: -very sloppy today.

Sunday, January 20
Mother and I went to Mr. and Mrs. Gottman's this p.m.
W: - Bad wind storm last night and today, considerably colder.

Monday, January 21
Returned from the city this p.m.
W:- Steady cold today, not thawing any.

Tuesday, January 22
Dressed and delivered to G. Arner's 7 chickens.
W:- Cold today, thermometer standing 4 above zero this p.m.

Wednesday, January 23
Dad & Herbert cut and hauled logs to bed some hickory trees.
I ran the washing machine and other odd jobs about the house.
W:- 6 below zero this a.m.

Thursday, January 24
Dad and I went to Harrow with load of straw for Uncle Ernest,
also did some cleaning upstairs in the house.
W:- Snow flurries most of the day, 8 above zero this a.m.

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Friday, January 25

All hands cut wood on lot 36 cutting 2 1/2 cords, Aunt Delilah Wright visited here today.

W:- Higher temperature this a.m. being 22 above zero.

Saturday, January 26

Father went to Windsor Herb and I did chores and Herb went to a shooting match at Arner in the afternoon.

W:- 18 above zero this a.m.

Sunday, January 27

Mother and I went to Uncle Ernest's this P.M. Aunt Bessie quite sick.

W:- 10 above zero this a.m.

Monday, January 28

Father returned from the city this a.m.

He attended the preliminary part of R.A. Algers funeral yesterday.

We all sawed wood on lot 36, cutting & piling 3 1/2 cords.

W:- Temperature 10 above zero this a.m. Snowing a little this p.m.

Tuesday, January 29

Mother, Herbert and I went to Harrow this a.m. Herb and I were at division court.

Mother stopped at Uncle Ernest's over night.

W:- Snowing a little this a.m. Temperature 22 above zero.

Wednesday, January 30

Father went to Harrow afternoon and brought mother home this p.m.

Herb and I cut wood on lot 36, cutting a little over a cord.

John Arner & a Mr. McLean were here this a.m. soliciting for shareholders in a Farmers' wholesale purchasing concern.

Weather clear today, temp. a.m. 12 above p.m. 6 above zero.

Thursday, January 31

Cut wood on lot 36. Herb and I put up 2 cords of furnace wood this p.m.

Father went to Harrow with a grist to be chopped.

W:- cloudy, snow flurries. 16 above zero a.m. 28 above p.m.

Friday, February 1

Cut an elm tree on lot 34 & sawed it nearly all into stove and furnace wood.

W:- cloudy 28 above zero this a.m. & 34 p.m. misting slightly tonight.

Saturday, February 2

Father and Herbert went to Harrow and dad was appointed Clerk of the Township.

I went to shooting match at Arner and brought in 3 chickens and 2 ducks.

W:- Clear today, 34 above this a.m. & 14 above p.m. high S.W. wind.

Sunday, February 3

I went skating on the lake this afternoon.

W:- partly cloudy. 6 above zero this a.m. & 12 above tonight.

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Monday, February 4

Father & Herbert drew furnace wood,

I worked washing machine, split some wood and went out to the lake. Skated home via Cedar Creek

W:- partly cloudy, 6 above this a.m. 14 above this p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

Father, Herbert and I sawed some wood on lot 35, also skidded some small logs.

W:- snow flurries, 12 above zero a.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Father and Herbert sawed wood on lot 35 -

I went to Harrow to help Uncle Ernest unload a car load of page fence.

W:- clear, 2 above zero this a.m. 12 above p.m.

Thursday, February 7

Herb and I split and piled some wood on lot 35,

also sawed wood on lot 34 & cut down 1 hickory tree.

C.T. went to Kingsville to get hardware for his house.

W:- partly cloudy, 12 above a.m. 16 above p.m.

Friday, February 8

Herb and I sawed in forenoon on a hickory on lot 34. Father went to Harrow.

Herb went to S.D. Balkwell's sale and I went to the lake and went iceboating with H. Fox and F. Iler.

Weather partly cloudy, 8 above zero this a.m.

Saturday, February 9

Mother and I went out to Frank Moore's this a.m. and collected the balance of the rent for Grandpa.

Dad went to Harrow, Herb and I sawed on hickory on lot 34 a.m. and Dad and I this p.m.

W:- moderate, partly cloudy, southwest wind.

Sunday, February 10

I went to the lake and went iceboating with H. and T. Fox and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd.

W:- moderate, partly cloudy, high west wind.

Monday, February 11

Father went to Kingsville and mother to Uncle George Fox's.

Herb and I unloaded Minnie's furniture off a car at Arner and cut a little wood this p.m. on lot 34. Ack. Wigle

W:- partly cloudy, N.W. wind. temp. 16 above this a.m. and 10 above this p.m.

Tuesday, February 12

Dressed 6 chickens that Herb and I got at shooting matches.

Sawed wood on hickory tree on lot 34, about 1 1/2 cords.

W:- cloudy part of the day. Zero this a.m. 18 above this p.m.

Wednesday, February 13

Sawed wood on lot 34, sawing 1 1/2 cords, father went to Harrow this a.m.

Herb, D. Ritchie and myself were down to E. Beeman's this evening.

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Weather, clear and warm, south wind, temp 22 above a.m. and 42 p.m.

Thursday, February 14

Father and mother went to Uncle Ernest's for dinner.

Herb and I sawed a little wood this afternoon.

W- partly cloudy, snow flurries. Temp - 30 this a.m. 20 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Herbert helped Charles Staddon saw wood.

Father and I thinned out the dead berry canes and burned them, also trimmed some grape vines.

W- clear - partly cloudy tonight - temp. 28 this a.m. and 37 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

Hauled some furnace wood and a load of hay to Harrow.

Ernest Thomson bought 1 ton of hay, paying \$10 for same.

Mother went to Windsor this a.m. - I went down to Eals to a surprise party tonight.

W:- Partly cloudy - very warm.

Sunday, February 17

I went out to John Arner's this p.m.

W:-, clear and warm, thawing considerable

Monday, February 18

Hauled load of hay to Uncle Ernest Fox.

Ernest Thomson was down and bought another ton of hay paying \$10 for same.

Mother returned from the city this p.m.

W:- warm and clear, south wind, cloudy tonight.

Tuesday, February 19

Sawed wood today on lot 33, some furnace and some stove.

W:- - clear - northwest wind, moderate.

Wednesday, February 20

Father and Herbert cleared the meadow on lot 34 of sprouts etc. I choared about the house.

W:- - cloudy - snow this afternoon, colder tonight.

Thursday, February 21

Sawed on hickory tree on lot 34.

W:- clear, one snow flurrie. Temp. 4 above a.m., 8 above p.m.

Friday, February 22

Herb and I sawed wood in forenoon. Father went over to see Mr. Clark.

Father and I went to Kingsville in afternoon to hear J. Gilchrist's trial for shooting

W. O. Heath's dog, decision reserved.

W:- - clear - 2 below zero this a.m. 8 above p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Sawed hickory wood today on lot 34. Father went to Kingsville this a.m. Bought 2 1/2 bu. clover seed from Philip Butler.

W:- - clear - 2 above zero this a.m. east wind tonight.

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Sunday, February 24

Father and Herbert went to Harrow this p.m.
I went to the lake and went skating with David and John's boys.
W:- - partly cloudy - snow flurries.

Monday, February 25

Cut hickory wood on lot 34 and some choaring.
W:- - clear - temp 22 a.m.

Tuesday, February 26

Father went to Kingsville with a grist.
Herb and I choared about most of the day, killed and skinned the bull.
W:- - partly cloudy - 18 above this a.m.

Wednesday, February 27

Cut wood on lot 34, finishing two hickory trees.
W:- - clear - east wind 16 above this a.m.

Thursday, February 28

Killed and dressed 12 chickens to go to Windsor, Herb and I took same to Harrow this p.m.
also 9 bushel of apples which Uncle Ernest had sold.
W:- - clear - east wind, moderate

Friday, March 1

Sawed wood this a.m. choared about in afternoon.
W:- raining tonight, also foggy.

Saturday, March 2

Herbert and I bulked tobacco in tub house and a little in barn.
Father attended council meeting. Minnie returned after a two months visits at home.
W:- - cloudy - snow squalls - colder

Sunday, March 3

Minnie and I went out to John Arner's - I went skating with some other boys.
W:- - cloudy - snow flurries - moderate.

Monday, March 4

Cleaned wheat today. Father hauled 57 lbs. to Harrow to Tim Flood .
W:- - partly cloudy - 14 above this a.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Cleaned wheat today - Father hauled to Harrow.
Herbert and P. Eede went to concert at Woodman hall Colchester tonight.
W:- - clear - rising west wind shifting to northwest. Temp. 26 this a.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Father went to Uncle Lewis Arner's today.
Herb and I hauled furnace and stove wood,
also returned Mr. Eede's grain sacks, curtain stretchers and quilting framer.
W:- - clear - moderate - northeast wind.

Thursday, March 7

Stripped tobacco -

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W:- cloudy a.m. snowing p.m. - 26 above this a.m.

Friday, March 8

Stripped tobacco - the boy from the home arrived this p.m. (Frederick Gale).

W:- - partly cloudy - 26 above this a.m.

Saturday, March 9

Sowed clover seed this a.m.

Stripped tobacco, sold 3700 lbs. of hay to Andrew Brimmer @ \$10 per ton.

Father and mother went to Harrow in afternoon -

W:- - clear and fine.

Sunday, March 10

David R. was out today - Father and mother went to R. Eede's for dinner -

W:- snow flurries this a.m. clear p.m.

Monday, March 11

David and I went to Amherstburg this a.m. to the city this p.m. Stayed at Aunt Mira's over night - went to hear Ellen Terry at the Detroit opera.

W:- very fine. Thawing considerable.

Tuesday, March 12

David and I came from Windsor to Amherstburg by car this a.m.

Started for Uncle Lewis Arner's at 10:30 o'clock. Buggy broke down 1 1/2 miles out of town,

David went back and had it fixed, I walked to Uncle Lewis's.

David called at 5 o'clock and we arrived home at 8.

W:- Raining, foggy and pitch dark.

Wednesday, March 13

Bulked and stripped tobacco today. David went home this a.m. Young calf came at 6 o'clock.

W:- Cloudy all day, raining tonight.

Thursday, March 14

Stripped tobacco, David came out this p.m. and helped. Father went to Harrow in p.m.

W:- - cloudy - very muddy.

Friday, March 15

Stripped tobacco, David helped again today.

W:- - clear and partly cloudy, shower this p.m. and muddy.

Saturday, March 16

Stripped tobacco, David helped this a.m. went home at noon.

Father went to the city, Minnie went to Kingsville by train to spend Sunday.

W:- Clear and warm south wind - muddy.

Sunday, March 17

I went out to the lake and David and I brought G.P.'s colt out here. Herb went to J. Arner's today. I was over to see James Brimmer.

Monday, March 18

Finished stripping tobacco. Father returned from the city this p.m. with a H&A 22 rifle for Herbert.

W:- Clear and warm today, threatening rain this p.m.

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Tuesday, March 19

Sawed furnace wood on lot 34.

David came out in forenoon and helped with wood, then rode G.P.'s colt for the first time in afternoon. Father went to Harrow on horseback.

W:- - partly cloudy, showers early a.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Sawed chestnut posts in the grove. Lewis Iler trimmed and piled the limbs.

W:- - clear and temperate, a north wind.

Thursday, March 21

Herbert and I sawed down an oak tree on lot 35 at the south branch and started cutting it in furnace wood. Father and mother and Fred went to Harrow with a small load of household effects and did some straightening about the house.

W:- - partly cloudy, southeast wind - warm.

Friday, March 22

Herb and I sawed furnace wood, the oak cut yesterday.

We went shooting muskrats in p.m. I brought in three. Father and Fred went to Harrow.

W:- - partly cloudy, very hot, 74 degrees in shade at noon, hottest day in Detroit in 33 yrs.

Saturday, March 23

Herbert, Fred and I sawed furnace wood on the oak tree -

Father went to Harrow to special council meet. Mother came home this p.m.

W:- - partly cloudy - little cooler than yesterday, east wind.

Sunday, March 24

David R. and Lorne Arner were out a little while this afternoon.

W:- - warm and clear.

Monday, March 25

Grandfather Fox came down this a.m. and attended the auction sale at C. Botsford's, where he sold his horses. Herb and I were out to the sale. Shipped two loads of tobacco today.

W:- - clear and warm.

Tuesday, March 26

Father finished shipping tobacco today (4190 lbs).

Herb went to John Clark's sawing bee for R. Eede.

I went fishing part of the day getting two rats -

took two sows to George Eede's, a white and black one.

W - partly cloudy - thunder showers - very warm.

Wednesday, March 27

Herbert and I helped Albert Eede saw wood this a.m.

Cleaned the peach brush off the garden this p.m. Also went hunting rats but got none -

Father and Mother went to Harrow today, Mother stayed up.

W:- - Showers most of the day - warm - south wind.

Thursday, March 28

Herbert and I helped Albert Eede saw this p.m.

Father went to Harrow on horseback this a.m. Choared about this a.m.

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W:- - cloudy - changeable wind - showers - raining tonight - very muddy.

Friday, March 29

Herb and I choared about putting tobacco poles down etc.

Minnie and I were down to Culver Arner's this p.m. and heard young Davey play guitar.

W:- - partly cloudy - light showers - warm.

Saturday, March 30

Herbert and I hauled manure out of water shed and put on tobacco ground.

Father and Fred went to Harrow.

W - fair - partly cloudy - variable wind.

Sunday, March 31

Minnie and I went to church today and to Miss Coatsworth's for dinner.

W - partly cloudy - colder - freezing slightly.

Monday, April 1

Choared about most of the day.

Fan was sick this a.m. had Dr. Sparling down, he relieved her some and pulled her through the day.

Dad and I sat up at night.

W - cool - clear - north wind.

Tuesday, April 2

Father went to Harrow this p.m. with a load of posts. Herb and I went to Wilmer Agla's sawing bee.

Fan died this a.m. at 5 o'clock and we hauled the carcass off to be burned.

Mother returned from the city.

W - partly cloudy, cold this a.m. 18 above zero.

Wednesday, April 3

Father hauled a load of posts to Harrow this a.m. and a load of furniture in afternoon.

I choared about most of the day. Herbert was to R. Eede's sawing.

W - clear and warm - south and southeast winds.

Thursday, April 4

Split furnace wood down south this a.m. Father and Herbert went to Harrow with a grist and small amount of furniture and Minnie and I went to town in afternoon.

W - cloudy - warm - showers this p.m.

Friday, April 5

Father and Herbert went to Harrow and took up a load of furniture.

Fred and I put up fence that had blown down along the road. I made a kitchen table this afternoon.

W - cold - north wind - partly cloudy - 28 above.

Saturday, April 6

All hands went to Harrow today except Minnie and Fred who washed the kitchen.

I worked in the house.

W - very blustery - east wind - cold.

Sunday, April 7

We were all home today, rainy most of the day - white sow had five pigs this a.m.

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David was here for supper and is staying all night.

Monday, April 8

Hauled a load of furniture to Harrow today and placed it in the house.

Mother and I stayed up overnight.

W: - cloudy - cold - west wind

Tuesday, April 9

Mother and I fitted oilcloth and carpet.

Father and Herbert pulled the hedge out in front of the house. I stayed in Harrow tonight.

W: - cold and disagreeable - northwest wind.

Wednesday, April 10

Choared about the house, fixing the furnace, varnishing the pipe, etc. this a.m.

Herb and I helped Uncle Ernest put in braces and set some posts on the east line next to Alf. Munger this p.m.

W: - snowing this a.m. partly cloudy and cold this p.m. northwest wind.

Thursday, April 11

Herbert and I went to Harrow and helped Uncle Ernest put up the line fence between dad and Alf. Munger. Father took a load of miscellaneous things to Harrow this afternoon.

W: - cloudy and cold - west wind.

Friday, April 12

Went to Kingsville this a.m. to see about stove. I bought some utensils and a square.

Helped Herb and Mother pack some things to take to Harrow.

Took a young white sow to John Arner's.

W: - cloudy - rain in afternoon - south wind.

Saturday, April 13

Hauled a load of furniture and the stove to Harrow today.

Father and Mother stayed up for the first time.

W: - cloudy - snow flurries - north wind.

Sunday, April 14

Herbert, Fred, Minnie and I were all home today.

W: - cold - ground covered with snow this a.m.

Monday, April 15

Herb and I went to Harrow this a.m.

I made a frame for the sink and a platform for the kitchen pump.

One of the young cows had a calf today.

W: - cold and clear a.m. cloudy and rainy p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

Fred, Minnie and I picked the apples out of the pits and loaded them on the wagon to go to Windsor.

I went up to Bub Butler's this a.m. and got Uncle Ernest's light wagon, also brought the young sow home from John Arner's.

David came out tonight to go to Windsor tomorrow.

W: - cloudy - cold - west wind.

Wednesday, April 17

Minnie set two hens on duck eggs and three on hen eggs.

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David and I went to Windsor with a load of apples.

W: - cloudy - northwest wind - a little snow spitting most of the day.

Thursday, April 18

Sold the apples today, getting \$17.50 for same. I sold 11 rats for \$3.25 at M. Sloman & Co.

We came home this p.m. arriving at 12:30.

W: - clear - moderate - north wind.

Friday, April 19

Made 3 hog troughs and choared about.

Herb and Fred finished splitting furnace wood down south on lot 35.

I took Herbert to Harrow this p.m. and returned about 12 o'clock.

W: - clear and fine

Saturday, April 20

Plowed the corn stubble north of the house. Fred took part of the earth out of the tobacco bed.

W: - clear and fine - south wind.

Sunday, April 21

Minnie and I went to church at Kingsville and Fred went to S.S. at the lake.

W: - clear and fine - south wind.

Monday, April 22

Minnie set 3 hens. Herbert plowed in the 19 acre field and I sowed oats north of the garden.

Went to Kingsville this p.m. and brought home a stove,

Madill and Readman delivered a bedroom suite and combination china cabinet this p.m.

and we paid \$28.00 on same [\$54.00 total].

W: - clear and warm. South wind.

Tuesday, April 23

Herb plowed today, I sowed clover seed this a.m.

Fred and I put up a grist of 20 bags and father took it to mill.

I plowed this p.m.

W: - cloudy - very light showers.

Wednesday, April 24

Herbert and I plowed for oats, we went to the station to see David Ritchie off for Edmonton.

W: - clear most of the day, cloudy this p.m. Sprinkled a little.

Thursday, April 25

Herbert and I plowed this a.m. Rained this p.m. and we choared about.

Herb went to Harrow this p.m.

W: - cloudy - rain - hail and snow - north wind.

Friday, April 26

Choared about this a.m. Herb plowed this p.m. and Fred and I finished the tobacco bed.

W: - cloudy in a.m. clear this p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Herbert and I plowed, he and mother went to Harrow tonight and took up a miscellaneous load.

W: - clear - south wind.

Sunday, April 28

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Minnie and I went to Kingsville to church. Fred went to S.S. out to the lake.

W: - clear and warm. Southeast wind.

Monday, April 29

Herbert and I finished plowing in the big field today.

Father came down and loaded a jag of straw to take to Harrow, & also went out to Wm. Wright's. I signed and sent the agreement to Dr. Barnardo's home, concerning Frederick Edward Gale.

W: - showery - hot - cool p.m. and raining.

Tuesday, April 30

Choared about, done odd jobs of carpentering. Herb went to Harrow with a jag of straw.

Mr. R. Eede borrowed 6 1/2 sticks of dynamite to be returned.

W: - rain - cold - north wind.

Wednesday, May 1

Fred & I cleaned some seed oats, raked tobacco bed and drove stakes around same,

sold Frank Moore 1 bu. seed corn (75 cents). Helped hitch on a load of hay for S.C. Zimmerman.

W: - clear and fairly warm - north and south wind - 1/4 inch of ice this a.m.

Thursday, May 2

Finished cleaning seed oats, manured a spot for strawberries, plowed the garden.

Minnie and I went to Harrow in p.m. to see Uncle Charles and Aunt Anna Fox.

W: - clear - warm - south wind

Friday, May 3

Sowed tobacco seed this a.m. sowed oats this p.m.

W: - clear most of the day - south wind - north wind tonight and cold.

Saturday, May 4

Set two hens, 1 on duck eggs.

Finished plowing garden and set strawberry plants, split wood in morning.

Sowed oats broadcast in afternoon.

W: - snowing this a.m. - fair in p.m. - variable winds.

Sunday, May 5

Minnie and I went to Kingsville to church, Fred went to the lake to church.

Fred and I strolled around the bush this p.m. examining line fence.

Herb came down after horse and buggy.

W: - clear a.m. - cloudy p.m. - southeast wind.

Monday, May 6

I sowed oats most of the day and Fred harrowed. Mother and Minnie boiled lye.

W: - rainy this a.m. - fair this p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

Choared about this a.m. cleaned a few oats, helped a little to make soap.

Mrs. Eede came over and helped with the soap.

Brought the lumber of two chestnut logs home from the mill.

Fred harrowed in the big field part of p.m. I hauled two loads of manure.

W: - rainy a.m. - fair p.m. - southeast wind.

Wednesday, May 8

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Finished sowing oats and Fred finished harrowing the field.
Shipped 16 hogs to Wright at Harrow. Turned 13 young cattle and 4 colts off to pasture.
Minnie and I made garden this p.m. after I helped Father off with the last load of hogs.
W: - clear and fair a.m. - cloudy p.m. - east wind.

Thursday, May 9

Run out and cleaned the furrow in the oats field.
Opened the fence for the young cattle and colts to go in the south bush,
and shut two gaps in the fence.
Minnie cleaned the storeroom.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Friday, May 10

Hauled manure on the potato ground and plowed the same. Minnie and Fred cleaned the cellar.
Granny cow had a bull calf today noon.
W: - partly cloudy a.m. - rain and snow this evening - cold.

Saturday, May 11

Father and Mother came down and we killed two hogs for home use.
Cleaned some oats for seed at Harrow. Made a stump heap over horse carcass.
W: - frost this a.m. - cold and clear today - north wind.

Sunday, May 12

Minnie, Vida A and I went to church today at Kingsville, heard Dr. Tucker of Toronto in morning
and Rev. Baldwin a missionary from Japan in evening.
W: - clear and warm - southeast wind.

Monday, May 13

I cut two hogs up this a.m. and helped cut meat to fry down. Started plowing for corn this p.m.
Fred picked potatoes out of the pit this afternoon.
W: - clear and warm, very fine - south wind.

Tuesday, May 14

I plowed in sod field. Mother and Minnie finished frying the pork. Drove to Harrow in p.m.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Wednesday, May 15

Fred and I planted part of the potatoes this a.m.
Choared about this p.m. building chicken coops, going to hunt Baily seed corn etc.
W: - rainy most of the day - warm - cooler tonight - south and southwest wind.

Thursday, May 16

I plowed for corn with Lewis' 2 furrow plow.
Fred finished planting potatoes in oats field the 13 west rows being the Vorhem variety.
Ern. Thomson got a ton of hay this a.m.
W: - partly cloudy - cool - southwest wind.

Friday, May 17

Plowed for corn with 2 furrow plow. Minnie and Fred cleaned the back veranda.
W: - partly cloudy - warm - south wind - threatening rain tonight.

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Saturday, May 18

Plowed today.

W: - partly cloudy - very warm - rain last night.

Sunday, May 19

Minnie, Fred and I went to Father's for dinner today. Saw Ben. Ulch's stable burn on our way home.

W: - mostly clear and warm - cloudy and cold tonight with north wind.

Monday, May 20

Plowed with 2 furrow plow for corn. Fred and Minnie cleaned front veranda.

W: - clear in forenoon - cloudy in afternoon - very cool.

Tuesday, May 21

Plowed for corn this a.m.

Planted corn for S. Agla and W. Agla this p.m. while W.A. plowed in my stead.

Andrew Brimner got a load of hay and Father and Fred drove two cows to Harrow this p.m.

W: - clear and warm today - ice this a.m. - southwest wind.

Wednesday, May 22

Finished planting corn for Bub. Agla and he finished plowing for corn in my place.

Fred rolled the field and plowed for corn. I drew a load of wood this p.m.

W: - cloudy in a.m. rain at noon - rain tonight.

Thursday, May 23

Choared about in a.m. splitting wood etc.

went down to see Grandpa Arner and weeded tobacco bed in afternoon.

I went to Harrow in evening. Took out a policy in London Life Insurance Co. with A. Agla.

E Beeman brought a calf to pasture.

W: - showery - cool.

Friday, May 24

Bred clipse to C.B.'s Hackney. Fred and I hauled manure on corn ground down at the creek a.m.

Fred disced corn ground and I pitched a load of hay on for Andrew Elliot this p.m.

W: - cloudy most of the day - clear this afternoon - cloudy tonight.

Saturday, May 25

Fred disced this a.m. I split wood, pitched on 1/2 ton of hay for Randy Huffman.

Hauled manure this afternoon.

W: - cloudy and rainy since noon and wind seems like Red Bird storm.

Sunday, May 26

Home most of the day. Fred went to S.S. I was out to J. Staddon's a little while this a.m.

Bad thunderstorm and high wind today.

W:- Warm and sultry. South and west wind.

Monday, May 27

Hauled manure on corn ground down at the creek.

Went to Harrow in p.m. to get the Chatham wagon.

Father came down and got the buggy and went down to Grandpa Arner's.

W: - cloudy - cold - west wind - very wet from rain yesterday.

Tuesday, May 28

Hauled manure this a.m. Fred disced corn ground this p.m.

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I shelled a little seed corn and went to Eal's and got a bushel of white cap corn.
Run wheel hoe in garden.
W: - clear and warm today. Southwest wind. Ice this a.m.

Wednesday, May 29

Eal Beeman and Fred cultivated corn ground.
Sold Hue Russel 1/2 ton of hay also Moony the fisherman 1/2 ton.
Sold McDonald in Harrow a load also. Shelled seed corn.
Herbert picked a pit of potatoes and hauled them to Harrow.
W: - clear and warm - southwest winds.

Thursday, May 30

I went out this a.m. and got George Atkinson's corn planter and commenced planting corn, getting about 2/3 done. Fred cultivated corn ground, Eal helped this a.m.
W: - clear and warm - east wind

Friday, May 31

Finished planting corn in 15 acre field this a.m. Planted a field for Eal Beeman this afternoon.
Fred cultivated this a.m. and harrowed this p.m.
W: - clear and very windy - east wind.

Saturday, June 1

Finished planting E. Beeman's corn this a.m. Did not do much of anything in p.m.
Fred harrowed in corn field in a.m.
W: - cloudy - rain this p.m. - east wind

Sunday, June 2

All went to church this a.m. I went to Harrow and brought father down to go to Grandpa Arner's.
Ernest Thomson and Miss McLean were here for tea.
W: - cloudy - cold - wet - east wind.

Monday, June 3

Went fishing this a.m. Sold John Clark 4 lbs of potatoes @ 60 cents per lb.
Hauled manure in p.m. on hillside at Cedar Creek. Minnie went to Norman Iler's in afternoon.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Tuesday, June 4

I started plowing on hillside. Fred drew manure on same in forenoon. Choared this afternoon.
Grandpa Arner died at 11:30 o'clock today, having aged 83 yrs, 10 months and 20 days.
W: - heavy rain this afternoon - south wind shifting to southwest overnight.

Wednesday, June 5

Went fishing this forenoon but did not get anything.
Choared about this afternoon, made a platform to weigh hay on.
Mildred Wigle and Harold Gracey were married this p.m.
W: - rainy all day - very wet about - water is lying on the corn field.

Thursday, June 6

Run water off the cornfield this a.m. Minnie and I went to Grandpa's funeral this p.m.
Aunt Eliza Arner came home with us and is staying overnight.

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Fred cut the rye out of the 3 acres of wheat this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - wet - west wind.

Friday, June 7

I went to Leonard Wigle's barn raising today. Fred hauled manure.

Minnie and Aunt Eliza went to Harrow this a.m. M. went to Wigle Girls Tea.

Will Iler got 500 lbs of hay.

W: - cloudy most of the day - rain tonight

Saturday, June 8

I plowed on the hillside, Fred harrowed part of the corn field, finishing what was started.

W: - clear and warm - east wind.

Sunday, June 9

All home today. Fred went to Sunday school.

W: - clear and very warm.

Monday, June 10

Fred harrowed the corn field. I plowed on the bank of Creek this a.m. cultivated garden, helped make garden, run water furrows in corn field in p.m. Minnie hoed in garden

W: - partly cloudy - east wind - raining tonight.

Tuesday, June 11

Father and Uncle Ernest came down and got a jag of hay.

Shut in the pigs from running at large and castrated them.

Fred and I went fishing this p.m. getting 12 carp. We also plowed and disced some on the hillside.

W: - hot and sultry in a.m. Heavy thunder shower tonight. Very wet tonight.

Wednesday, June 12

Father came down this a.m. and took a grist to Harrow to get chopped.

Sprouted some potatoes, Minnie cut some.

I finished plowing on hillside pulled dock out of the oats and rye out of the wheat north of the house.

W: - cloudy - threatening rain - east wind - very wet and cool.

Thursday, June 13

Weeded tobacco bed, sprouted potatoes in the barn.

W: - rainy all day - very heavy rain last night - nearly everything flooded this a.m.

Friday, June 14

Bred Clipsey again today. Sold some white flint corn to a Mr. Beer.

I run water furrows in the corn field this a.m. Fred weeded tobacco bed.

We pitched on a load of hay for J. Drummond. Father brought the chop down.

Pulled dock in the oats field this p.m. Minnie went to Mrs. E. A. Brown's tea.

W: - clear all day - warm - very wet - fields nearly flooded.

Saturday, June 15

Finished weeding tobacco bed this a.m. Hauled 8 loads of manure on tobacco ground.

W: - clear and very warm - still wet from Wed. night's rain.

Sunday, June 16

All went to church today, strolled over to the bush and corn field this p.m.

The corn is just nicely up. I can see the rows across the field.

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W: - clear and fine, warm, south wind.

Monday, June 17

Disced, harrowed, marked out and nearly finished planting corn and potatoes on the hillside by Cedar Creek. Fred also cleared the sods from around the fruit trees.

W: - clear and very warm, about 80 in the shade, south wind.

Tuesday, June 18

Finished planting Queen of Nishne corn on the hillside, also finished the potatoes, the 6 north rows being Klondike, while the south part are Gold corn, planted Klondike's on the north and south headlands of the corn field and Burpee's early on the west. Mr. Curtis tuned the piano this p.m.

W: - clear and hot - south wind.

Wednesday, June 19

Hauled 10 loads of manure on tobacco ground today. Lewis Iler got Prince to plow with today.

W: - clear most of the day - cloudy tonight - very hot.

Thursday, June 20

Harry Lumsden helped today, we drew 9 loads of manure on tobacco ground and Fred pulled dock on same this a.m. Harry plowed tobacco ground, I cultivated corn, Fred re-planted corn this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy and hot - variable winds.

Friday, June 21

H. Lumsden plowed for tobacco, I cultivated corn, Fred replanted corn.

W: - very hot, south wind - heavy thunder shower this evening.

Saturday, June 22

Harry and I plowed in the orchard, finishing at 5 o'clock. H. rolled tobacco patch.

I harrowed corn ground by creek and rolled the orchards. Fred replanted corn.

Lewis Iler borrowed 2 bags of oats. I paid Harry Lumsden \$3.00 for the 3 days work.

W: - very hot - south wind - thundering most of the day.

Sunday, June 23

Went to the lake this a.m. I washed the buggy. Fred went to S.S.

Uncle Ernest brought Maud and Top down today, noon.

Minnie and I went to church, tonight I heard Mr. Newton preach to the Masons.

W: - Showers, heavy rain tonight - warm.

Monday, June 24

I took George Atkinson's corn planter home from Eal's this a.m. Fred helped about the house.

Cultivated the garden and cleaned the water furrows in corn field.

Drove Minnie out to Norm Iler's this p.m. to take eggs for incubator. Fred replanted corn this p.m.

W: - hot and very wet - south wind.

Tuesday, June 25

Received \$2.50 from Will Iler for hay.

Worked tobacco ground, east part of the orchard ready to plant.

Sowed 10 rows of sugar beets in the south tobacco patch. Herb came down this a.m. to help.

W: - very warm, 82 in the shade at 3 p.m. - south wind - threatening rain tonight.

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Wednesday, June 26

Took old sows down to the old house.

Planted beans and set tobacco in east part of orchard, set some tobacco in west orchard.

Wheeled to Harrow this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy, cool west wind.

Thursday, June 27

Minnie and I went to Kingsville this a.m. and had out photos taken by G.N. Arnold.

Rosie Wright Woodbridge came up and had dinner with us.

Fred planted sugar cane and replanted corn on the hillside.

I cultivated corn and Fred planted pumpkin seeds in the cornfield this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Friday, June 28

Cultivated corn in big field. Fred worked up the tobacco ground by the grove and rolled the same.

Planted a few tobacco plants in the orchard. Herb came down again today. ~~Took young Shorte cow down to J. Moore's.~~ (deletion was Alfred's)

W: - clear and warm, east wind.

Saturday, June 29

Set 2325 tobacco plants in the patch by the grove buying same from Harry Lumsden.

Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m.

W: - cloudy sultry threatening rain this pm. Today fine.

Sunday, June 30

Father and mother were down today.

W: - clear and hot

Monday, July 1

I finished cultivating corn in the big field. Harry Lumsden plowed in the fallow field.

Brought a young heifer and her calf up from the bush at noon.

Fred was sick today, keeping his bed most of the day.

W: - partly cloudy - local showers - southwest wind.

Tuesday, July 2

Finished setting tobacco. I cultivated corn on the hillside.

Harry Lumsden plowed in fallow field, using two furrow plow this p.m.

W: - cloudy in the a.m. - clear p.m. - cool - northwest wind.

Wednesday, July 3

Cultivated potatoes down by the grove and part of the tobacco in the orchards a.m.

Harry L. plowed on fallow. I cultivated corn this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - south wind - very cool last night.

Thursday, July 4

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Harry plowed on the fallow, Fred planted pumpkin seeds, replanted beans and planted water melons. I cultivated corn in big field. Cedar Creek bridge was torn up today to put on another cement top.
W: - cloudy in a.m. clear this p.m. southwest wind very warm.

Friday, July 5

Harry plowed on the fallow, I cultivated corn this a.m. and tobacco this p.m.
Fred hoed tobacco and uncovered after the cultivator.
Minnie was out to Roy Allen's to a thimble party.
I went to Harrow this p.m. bought a plow point from R. Heaton and paid 35 cents for same, also bought 4 cultivator sweeps @ 45 cents each and had them charged.
W: - hot and close - southeast wind.

Saturday, July 6

Cultivated tobacco in the orchard and Fred hoed and uncovered tobacco in a.m.
Cultivated corn and Fred rolled on the fallow field in p.m.
W: - hot and sultry - southwest wind.

Sunday, July 7

Fred went to S.S. and church, the rest were home all day. Herb came down tonight.
W: - hot and clear - southwest wind.

Monday, July 8

Harry Lumsden plowed in the fallow field.
finished cultivating corn in the big field making the second time through it.
Herb and Fred hoed tobacco. Brought scrawny cow and his calf up from the bush.
Dr. King (of Kingsville) died today.
W: - clear and warm - 86 in the shade - southwest wind.

Tuesday, July 9

Harry L finished plowing this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.
I cultivated tobacco in the garden this a.m. and Paris greened potatoes this p.m.
Herb replanted tobacco down by the grove,
Fred finished hoeing tobacco and hoed some in the garden.
W: - partly cloudy - hot and dry - southwest wind.

Wednesday, July 10

I cultivated tobacco most of the day. Fred uncovered plants, split wood and hoed some tobacco.
Herb went to Harrow this a.m. with a wagon and mower to make hay.
W: - partly cloudy - warm and dry - south wind.

Thursday, July 11

Replanted tobacco plants, Fred sprouted potatoes in the barn.
I took some photographs of Arner this p.m.
W: - rain last night - rainy most of the day - east wind - changeable this p.m.

Friday, July 12

Finished plowing fallow field and Fred finished rolling it. Herb brought the mower down this p.m.
W: - clear and warm - partly cloudy this p.m. - west and north wind.

Saturday, July 13

I helped haul hay up at Father's today. Fred disced on fallow field this a.m.

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and hoed tobacco this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - southeast and east wind.

Sunday, July 14

Fred went to S.S. and church this a.m. Mother and Father were down a.m.

Minnie and I went to church at Kingsville tonight.

W: - clear most of the day - warm - south wind.

Monday, July 15

Herbert cut hay this a.m.

I cultivated tobacco both ways down south also run over the beets with the wheel hoe.

Minnie and I went to Kingsville this evening.

W: - cloudy most of the day - rain at 5 p.m. lasting over an hour - south wind.

Tuesday, July 16

Herbert tedded hay this a.m. and cultivated potatoes down by the creek.

I hoed tobacco in the garden. Fred disced on the fallow field.

Uncle Ernest came down this p.m. and he, Herb and I hauled two loads of hay, just before a thunder shower.

W: - very sultry and hot most of the day - rain this p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Unloaded two loads of hay this a.m.

Uncle Ernest and Herbert weeded potatoes down by the grove the remainder of the day.

I cultivated corn this a.m. Garden and tobacco this p.m.

W: - hot and sultry - showery, heavy shower about 4 o'clock - south wind.

Thursday, July 18

Mowed hay, cultivated tobacco in the garden, tedded hay and raked same this a.m.

Hauled 4 loads of hay this p.m. Went out to Norman Iler's and brought home 54 chicks from the incubator hatching.

W: - clear and warm - north and south wind.

Friday, July 19

Hoed potatoes this a.m. tedded hay and raked the remainder of the 4 acre field.

Hauled 2 loads this a.m. and 4 this p.m. one being timothy from the west field.

H. mowed this a.m.

W: - clear most of the day - shower at 5:30 this evening - very warm.

Saturday, July 20

White sow had pigs this a.m. Cultivated corn this a.m.

Uncle Ernest hilled the potatoes down by the grove. H. mowed and Fred hoed the cane.

Hauled 5 loads of hay this p.m. Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - west wind.

Sunday, July 21

Minnie, Vida Adams and I went to church tonight.

Albert Eede and wife were over this afternoon. Herbert came down from Harrow this p.m.

W: - clear most of the day - raining tonight.

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Monday, July 22

Herbert mowed hay. Fred took grist to mill at Harrow.

I cultivated some tobacco in the orchard and corn this p.m. Uncle Ernest came down this p.m.

W: - cloudy most of the day - clear and hot tonight.

Tuesday, July 23

Bugged potatoes this a.m. Herb mowed some hay. Hauled 8 small loads of hay.

Brought a young cow and calf out of the bush. Fred went to John Arner's to a social tonight.

W: - clear and warm - south wind - very fine tonight.

Wednesday, July 24

Unloaded two loads of hay this a.m. Hauled a load of wood to the wood house.

Cut the field of wheat out north this p.m. and shocked it.

W: - rain this a.m. and at noon - clear this p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Cut wheat in 15 acre field today. Hauled one load of hay this p.m. Father mowed most of the day.

W: - partly cloudy - southeast wind.

Friday, July 26

Finished cutting wheat today. Father finished mowing the clover field.

W: - clear and cool - west wind.

Saturday, July 27

Hauled 7 loads of hay, finishing the hay for this year.

W: - clear and warm - southwest wind.

Sunday, July 28

Fred went to S.S. and church, he also went to Uncle Orlando's for dinner.

Minnie and I were home all day.

Monday, July 29

I cultivated corn this a.m.

Herbert and I drew wheat in p.m. hauling 2 loads and unloading 1 already hauled.

W: - clear and warm

Tuesday, July 30

Father and the rest of us hauled 7 loads of wheat.

W: - clear and warm - southwest wind.

Wednesday, July 31

Hauled 8 loads of wheat. Willie Baldwin helped.

W: - cloudy part of the day, thunder shower at 5:30 this p.m.

Thursday, August 1

Herbert cut thistles, Fred hoed tobacco, and he and Herb brought in the last load of wheat.

I helped Willie Baldwin hoe tobacco today.

W: - clear most of the day, raining tonight.

Friday, August 2

Herb and I hoed and thinned beets most of the day, unloaded the last load of wheat this a.m.

Fred helped pull weeds and cut burdock. Young white had 6 pigs this a.m.

W: - clear and partly cloudy - southwest wind - cool tonight.

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Saturday, August 3

Minnie and I went to Kingsville and she went to see Dr. Lee.

Herbert cultivated potatoes and corn down by the creek.

I finished cultivating corn in the big field for the 3rd time this a.m. Cultivated in the garden this p.m.

W: - cloudy - rain part of p.m.

Sunday, August 4

I went to Harrow this a.m. Home most of the day.

W: - clear and warm - west wind.

Monday, August 5

Fred started to disk the fallow field. Herb and I thinned beets a short time this a.m.

H. and Fred split some wood in the woodhouse.

I paid Harry Lumsden \$5.00 part payment on account of \$8.75 for work in tobacco plants.

W: - rain nearly all day - south wind - clear tonight.

Tuesday, August 6

Choared about cutting grass around the yard, most of the day.

H. Paris greened potatoes down by the creek. Fred disked on fallow field this p.m.

~~Took one of the young spotted cows over to Jack Moore's.~~ (deletion was Alfred's)

Father came down and took home a load of wood. C.S. Miller wife and family called this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - southwest wind.

Wednesday, August 7

Herb and I finished thinning beets. I cultivated tobacco down south and also some in the orchard.

Fred finished disking the fallow field today.

W: - clear and hot - southwest wind changing to north tonight.

Thursday, August 8

Herb and I cultivated corn.

Fred hoed tobacco and went to Harrow and brought down the spring tooth cultivator and little team.

W: - partly cloudy - hot - south wind.

Friday, August 9

Herb and I put in 10 hours doing road work, hauling 11 loads of sand from the side of the road by Cedar Creek and putting same on the flat. Fred hoed tobacco.

Two of Minnie's sisters, Vida and Laura, visited her today. Minnie and I went to Kingsville tonight.

W: - clear and warm - southeast wind.

Saturday, August 10

Herbert and I put in 10 hours doing road work, hauling 10 loads of sand from the roadside, 2 of which were taken to Cedar Creek bridge over the Kingsville and Harrow road.

Fred hoed tobacco.

W: - clear and hot - southeast wind.

Sunday, August 11

Minnie, Laura, and I went to church this a.m.

Minnie and I went to Essex this p.m. and saw the ruins caused by the explosion of a car, of 5000 lbs of dynamite ~~nitro-glycerine~~, at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Monday, August 12

Topped the Zimmer Spanish tobacco in the garden this a.m. and Fred hoed weeds in same.
Herbert cut oats and I shocked. I went to Harrow tonight after twine.
W: - hot and partly cloudy, variable winds.

Tuesday, August 13

Cut oats, Herb drove the binder and I shocked. Fred carried the weeds off the oat patch this a.m. and he and Minnie weeded in the garden this p.m.
W: - clear and warm - high west wind.

Wednesday, August 14

Finished cutting outs this p.m. nearly finished shocking. Fred cultivated on the fallow field.

Thursday, August 15

Herbert and I finished shocking outs this a.m. and picked tobacco worms.
Herb cultivated out at the creek and I cultivated tobacco, beets and cane this p.m.
Fred finished cultivating on fallow field this p.m.
W: - clear most of the day - cloudy this p.m. - east wind.

Friday, August 16

Herbert hilled potatoes down by the creek in a.m. and went home this p.m.
I cultivated tobacco in a.m. and corn in p.m. Topped some tobacco.
W: - raining this a.m. partly cloudy rest of the day - southwest and west wind.

Saturday, August 17

Cultivated corn today. Fred pulled weeds in the corn. Minnie and I went to town tonight.
W: - partly cloudy - clear tonight - variable winds.

Sunday, August 18

Fred went to S.S. this a.m.
Minnie and I went to Kingsville to the afternoon meeting of the Summer school.
W: - clear and warm - east wind.

Monday, August 19

Took Limpey cow to J. Moore's this a.m. Herb and I hauled 6 loads of oats today, unloading 4. Fred hoed a little among the tobacco in the orchard.
W: - clear and hot - southeast wind.

Tuesday, August 20

Hauled two loads of oats this a.m.
Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m. and she had some teeth filled.
Herbert hauled a load of gravel this p.m. to take to Harrow. Father came down this a.m.
W: - Drizzled rain part of the day; cloudy and rainy - north wind.

Wednesday, August 21

Herbert hauled two loads of gravel to Harrow today. I took an old sow to Harrow this a.m.
Fred pulled weeds in the tobacco. Fixed the fence around the hog pasture this p.m.
Sold G. Arner's calf.
W: - clear and cool - north wind.

Thursday, August 22

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I helped Charles Staddon thresh this a.m. Herbert hauled a load of sand to Harrow.
Fred cultivated on the fallow field. I suckered the Zimmer Spanish tobacco this p.m.
Herb and I hauled 1 load of oats.
W: - clear and warm - cool tonight - southeast and east wind.

Friday, August 23

Finished hauling oats today, drawing 4 1/2 loads. Fred finished cultivating fallow field this p.m.
W: - partly cloudy - south wind - very dry and dusty.

Saturday, August 24

Cultivated corn in big field. Fred wormed tobacco and gathered some elderberries.
Took large spotted cow over to J. Moore's
W: - clear and very warm - high west wind - very dry.

Sunday, August 25

All went to church this a.m. Home remainder of day.
W: - hot and windy - dry and dusty - west wind.

Monday, August 26

Cultivated corn in big field this a.m. Topped tobacco this p.m.
Fred wormed tobacco, hoed some tobacco and drew two jags of wood.
Herbert made ready to go to the west and started at 10 o'clock this evening going to Windsor to take the C.P.R. Took young Longie cow to J. Moore's.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Tuesday, August 27

Hauled 18 loads of manure today. Harry Lumsden pitching in the yard.
Fred hoed in tobacco and split a little wood.
W: - cloudy and showery - southwest wind.

Wednesday, August 28

Hauled 17 loads of manure. Harry Lumsden pitched.
Fred went to Harrow to work on summerfallow.
Gord Arner took a cow and steer out of the bush today. Minnie and I went to town tonight.
W: - partly cloudy - sultry - variable winds.

Thursday, August 29

Hauled 20 loads of manure. Harry Lumsden helped. Fred came home from Harrow this p.m.
W: - partly cloudy - south wind - threatening rain tonight.

Friday, August 30

Hauled 15 loads of manure and scattered same. Harry Lumsden helped.
Paid Harry Lumsden \$5.00 for 4 days hauling manure @\$1.25 per day.
Fred suckered cane and cut weeds on fallow field.
W: - partly cloudy - very warm - variable winds.

Saturday, August 31

Topped and suckered tobacco.
W: - clear and warm.

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Sunday, September 1

Fred went to S.S. rest were home.

W: - clear and warm.

Monday, September 2

Finished topping tobacco today also suckered some - Fred split wood most of the day.

W: - clear and warm - west wind.

Tuesday, September 3

Plowed and scraped in the ditch running through the fallow field.

W: - clear and warm - cool tonight.

Wednesday, September 4

Scraped on ditch in fallow field. I went to Harrow this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - cloudy tonight.

Thursday, September 5

Finished cleaning ditch in fallow field, blew out two stumps in fallow field.

W: - partly cloudy - west wind - shower this p.m.

Friday, September 6

Fred went to Harrow to help father put in rye. I choared about cutting a few golden rods.

Minnie cut down some corn this p.m.

W: - clear and warm - cool tonight.

Saturday, September 7

Cut golden rods and hazel bushes in little field north of house.

Fred returned from Harrow this p.m. from helping put in rye.

W: - cloudy - rain this p.m.

Sunday, September 8

Fred went to S.S. and church.

I went to Harrow and spent most of the day with Father, Mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Gottman.

W: - cloudy part of time - threatening rain.

Monday, September 9

I went to mill at Harrow with a grist.

Bought a washing machine and wringer from E. Townsend and Co.

Fred picked worms on tobacco and helped about the house.

W: - partly cloudy in a.m. - clear this p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Placed tobacco scantling in east end of stable. Cleaned and fixed the grain bins in the barn.

Went to Harrow tonight.

W: - rain nearly all day - east wind shifting to S.W.

Wednesday, September 11

Suckered part of the Zimmer Spanish tobacco also some Burley.

Fred ran the washing machine this a.m. and cut weeds on fallow field part of p.m.

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The agent for Dr. Bernardo's home (Mr. Rodgers) called here today and interviewed Fred and I.
W: - clear this a.m. - cloudy p.m. - showers - high southwest wind.

Thursday, September 12

Finished hauling manure and fixed the fence around the hog pasture this a.m.
Finished suckering Zimmer Spanish tobacco and Fred started on the patch down south.
I went to Harrow this p.m. and exchanged the New Century washer, bot. of E. Townsend for one Easy Washer.
W: - clear and warm - northwest wind.

Friday, September 13

Suckered tobacco most of the day. Fred drove Maude to Harrow this p.m. and left her.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Saturday, September 14

E. Beeman brought horse to pasture. I went to Albert Eede's threshing finishing about 3 p.m. Hauled a load of wood for threshing. Fred helped about the house and suckered tobacco down south.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Sunday, September 15

Fred went to S.S., Minnie and I were home all day. Father and Mother called this a.m.
Nina Malott and Wilfred Valade had tea here this p.m.
W: - clear and hot - south wind - 82 degrees in shade.

Monday, September 16

Scraped a ditch in the barnyard this a.m. Got ready in general for threshing.
A. Brush threshed this p.m. 315 bu. of wheat and 207 bu. of oats.
W: - clear and very warm - southwest wind.

Tuesday, September 17

Finished threshing today noon. Threshing in all 480 bu. of wheat and 460 bu. of oats.
Paid Adam Brush \$23.50, being amount due him for the above threshing.
I went to W. Agla's threshing this p.m. Fred suckered tobacco today.
W: - cloudy all day - sprinkled rain this a.m. - heavy shower this p.m. - variable winds.

Wednesday, September 18

I went to W. Agla's threshing this p.m. Took young Shortie cow to J. Moore's this a.m.
Sold O.J. Arner 21 bu. of seed wheat and received \$10.00 as part payment.
Paid 2 July the rate per bu. to be decided when bulk of the wheat is sold. (*See 1908*)
W: - rainy last night and this a.m. - cloudy p.m. - sprinkling tonight

Thursday, September 19

I suckered tobacco in the orchard this a.m. Fred helped with the washing.
Fred and I went to Harrow this p.m. and brought the disk (which had been to D. Renaud's for repairs) and Longie cow home.
W: - cloudy in a.m. - clear p.m. - east and south wind.

Friday, September 20

Scattered manure and disked on fallow field.
W: - clear and warm - south and southwest wind.

Saturday, September 21

Scattered manure and disked on fallow field.

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W: -partly cloudy - cool - southwest wind.

Sunday, September 22

We all went to church this a.m. Father and mother were down for dinner.

Edgerton Scratch and wife were up for tea tonight. (*Spelling: Egerton*)

W:- clear - cool - west wind.

Monday, September 23

W. Agla got 9 bu. 18 # wheat this a.m. to pay for same when the bulk of the wheat is sold.

Suckered tobacco this a.m. Scattered manure and disked on fallow field this p.m.

W: - clear and partly cloudy - southwest wind.

Tuesday, September 24

W. Agla got 42 lbs. wheat this a.m. make in all 10 bu. he bought for seeds.

Finished scattering manure and disked on fallow field this p.m.

W: - very cool - temp 50 this p.m. - high southwest wind all last night and today.

Wednesday, September 25

I sowed wheat today using T. Eede's drill. Fred cultivated on fallow field.

W: - cloudy and very cool - 44 degrees this p.m. - west wind.

Thursday, September 26

Ira Agla got 10 bu. 20# wheat this a.m. paid \$5.00 on same price per bu. to be set when bulk of the wheat is sold. Finished sowing wheat and run and cleaned the water furrows.

Fred suckered the Zimmer Spanish tobacco.

W: - warm and clear - cloudy tonight - temp 54 - frost this a.m. - temp 40 degrees.

Friday, September 27

I went to R. Eede's threshing today. Fred suckered tobacco this a.m. and split wood this p.m.

W: - cloudy - rainy this p.m. - north wind - cool - 54 degrees tonight.

Saturday, September 28

I went to R. Eede's threshing and Fred went to Harrow with a load of chop.

W: - cloudy in a.m. - rain this p.m. - raining very heavy tonight - east wind - temp 60 degrees.

Sunday, September 29

Fred and Father came down this a.m. and brought the load of chop. Minnie and I were home all day.

W: - very cloudy all day - misting some - north wind.

Monday, September 30

Helped Mr. Eede finish threshing this a.m.

Fred suckered and I cut tobacco, hauled the Zimmer Spanish in.

W: - clear and cool - 47 degrees tonight 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Cut and hauled two loads of tobacco from down south.

W: - partly clear and warm - east and southeast wind - heavy white frost this a.m. - thermometer stood at 38 degrees but little damage done - tobacco touched a little - temp. this p.m. 58 degrees at 10:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, October 2

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Finished cutting tobacco this a.m. Hauled two loads from down south, finishing it.

W: - clear and very warm - south wind.

Thursday, October 3

Hauled two small loads of tobacco out of the orchard this a.m.

Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m. and had tea at E.A. Brown's

W: - clear part of a.m. - rainy the rest of the day - southwest wind - warm.

Friday, October 4

Run the land furrows on the wheat field and cleaned them this a.m.

Finished hauling tobacco this p.m.

W: - cloudy and misty this a.m. - partly cloudy p.m. - west wind.

Saturday, October 5

Stripped, cut and hauled the sugar cane to the mill at Sol. Iler's

Minnie went to Kingsville this p.m. and got her hat fixed.

W: - clear and cool - 44 degrees at 11 p.m.

Sunday, October 6

All went to church this a.m. Roy Allen and wife and John Arner and wife were here for tea tonight.

W: - partly cloudy - warm - southwest wind.

Monday, October 7

I commenced cutting corn this a.m. Fred helped with churning and washing, also stripped and topped some cane down by the creek.

W: - clear this a.m. - heavy rain this p.m. - wind southwest and west.

Tuesday, October 8

Cut corn today. Fred and Minnie picked some apples this a.m.

Fred cut & I hauled the cane to mill that grew by the creek this p.m.

W: - cool and mostly clear - northwest wind - a little frost tonight.

Wednesday, October 9

I cut corn this a.m. Harry Lumsden helped this p.m. Fred and Minnie picked apples.

W: - partly cloudy - fairly warm - shower this evening - south wind.

Thursday, October 10

Harry Lumsden and I cut corn today. Fred and Minnie picked apples.

W: - partly cloudy - cool - southwest wind.

Friday, October 11

Harry Lumsden and I cut corn. Minnie and Fred finished picking apples.

W: - partly cloudy - occasionally showering - west wind.

Saturday, October 12

I cut corn, Fred choared about and helped a little this p.m. to cut corn. Minnie went to town.

W: - cloudy and cool - north wind.

Sunday, October 13

Fred went to S.S. this a.m. Minnie and I went up to Father's this p.m.

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W: - cool - north wind.

Monday, October 14

Harry Lumsden and I cut corn on the hillside by the creek and in the big field lacking 3/4 of a row of finishing. Paid Harry \$4.25 for 3 1/2 days helping cut corn.

W: - heavy frost this a.m. - partly clear and warmer - southwest wind.

Tuesday, October 15

Finished cutting corn this a.m. Fred pulled the beans this p.m.

I swept the stable roofs this p.m. Run a negro down this a.m. who had shot three black squirrels.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm - southwest wind.

Wednesday, October 16

Took young Jane heifer to J. Moore's this a.m. Went to Sol. Iler's and got the sorgum 12 gallons. I dug and Fred picked the potatoes in the corn field this p.m. I went to Harrow tonight.

W: - partly cloudy a.m. - clear p.m. - warm - south wind.

Thursday, October 17

Dug potatoes down by the old house.

W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Friday, October 18

Fred took a load of chop to Harrow this a.m.

went to Kingsville with 10 1/2 bu. of potatoes for C.A. Quick.

Also deposited the \$50.00 in the bank I got from Grandpa Arner's estate.

W: - cool and clear - north wind.

Saturday, October 19

I went down to Minnie's home to get her cow and calf, arriving there at 6 p.m.

She and Fred worked at the potatoes.

Sunday, October 20

W: - Rainy and snowy. Northeast wind.

Monday, October 21

I started for home at 8:30 this a.m. and made Leamington at midnight, arriving home at 5 a.m. next morning.

W: - clear and warm - southwest wind.

Tuesday, October 22

Arrived home at 5 o'clock this a.m. Dug potatoes down by the grove the rest of the day.

W: - clear and warm - southwest wind.

Wednesday, October 23

Dug potatoes down by the creek and Fred picked them.

W: - cool - north wind.

Thursday, October 24

Dug potatoes by the creek, Fred picked them. Minnie picked hickory nuts in the yard by the road. Harry Lumsden, Culver Arner, Elam Beeman, started for the north woods, to hunt deer, this a.m.

W: - Frost this a.m. - warm the rest of the day - south wind.

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Friday, October 25

Finished digging potatoes this a.m. Returned Gord Allen's wagon and stock rack in a.m.
Took a load consisting of wood and potatoes to Harrow this p.m.
Minnie and Fred picked hickory nuts this p.m.
W:- clear and fairly warm - North wind.

Saturday, October 26

Started husking corn this a.m. I went to Byron Staddon's threshing this p.m.
W: - heavy frost this a.m. - warm and raining this p.m. - north and south wind.

Sunday, October 27

I drove mother to home this a.m. and stopped for dinner.
W: - rainy most of the day - raining very hard at night.

Monday, October 28

Choared about today.
W: - cloudy and cool - quite wet about.

Tuesday, October 29

Pulled sugar beet and hauled one load to the pit.
Fred went to Harrow this p.m. with horses and wagon to be used to go to Windsor,
but was sent back on account of muddy roads.
W: - clear and fairly warm - north wind.

Wednesday, October 30

Husked a little corn down by the creek. Finished hauling roots this p.m.
Aunt Mira telephoned from Windsor to me today re the renter on the farm.
W: - partly cloudy - southeast wind.

Thursday, October 31

Covered the beets this a.m. and done some other odd jobs. Husked corn down by the creek this p.m.
W: - cloudy and warm - threatening rain - east wind.

Friday, November 1

I went shooting black squirrels this a.m. getting three.
C.S. Miller and children came up this p.m. to go shooting and hunt nuts,
did not get any game, got a few chestnuts.
W: - cloudy all day - south wind - raining tonight

Saturday, November 2

Tore up the floor in the two north stall of the stable this a.m.
I went to the lake and got some fish in p.m.
W: - rainy all day - south and northwest winds.

Sunday, November 3

All went to church. Dean Hind preached this a.m. at Epiphany church Kingsville.
Minnie and I had dinner at the Misses Coatsworth's. Took young Spot cow to J. Moore's this p.m.
W: - cloudy and cool - northwest wind.

Monday, November 4

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I husked corn by the creek. Fred helped wash this a.m. and gathered some walnuts this p.m.

W: - cloudy and fairly warm - southwest wind.

Tuesday, November 5

I dug earth out at the north end of the barn and filled in at the stable.

Fred choared about this a.m. and hauled a load of pumpkins this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy - showery tonight - fairly warm - south wind.

Wednesday, November 6

Fred and I dug some at the north end of the barn and done some more filling in the stable.

W:- foggy in a.m. - cloudy the rest of the day - rain this p.m. - north wind - cool.

Thursday, November 7

Fred and I took Longie cow to Harrow, also took her to bull at Forcythe's.

Husked a little corn this p.m.

W:- partly cloudy - cool - northwest wind.

Friday, November 8

Husked corn in a.m. Minnie and I went to Mrs. Peter Wright's funeral this p.m.

Fred dug out some earth at the north end of the barn.

W: - mostly clear - southwest wind.

Saturday, November 9

I hauled two loads of sand from the lake. Fred dug out.

W:- - partly cloudy - southwest wind - little rain tonight.

Sunday, November 10

Went to church this a.m. had dinner with C.S. Miller's, also tea and went to Kingsville Methodist church at night.

W: - cool and rather disagreeable - a little stormy at night - northwest winds.

Monday, November 11

Fred and I went to Harrow with a load of wood, helped ship some apple bbls. for Aunt Mira. Brought 2 calves home. Also 2 bbls. of Saugeen Portland Cement which was purchased from Ern. Townsend and Co. @ \$2.00 per bbl.

W: - clear and pleasant - north wind - heavy fall of snow this a.m. making everything white.

Tuesday, November 12

Husked corn this a.m., hauled the fodder from down by the creek and one load of wood this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy - cool - west wind.

Wednesday, November 13

Choared about this a.m. Husked corn in p.m. Effie Orley (Iler) visited Minnie this p.m.

W: - cool - high southwest wind - frost this morning.

Thursday, November 14

Fred and I husked corn this a.m.

Brought a heifer out of the woods just after M. to be killed for our own use.

Ern. Wagle killed the heifer this p.m., paid him 50 cents for doing same.

Sold him the hide which was worth \$3.00.

W: - cool and clear - northwest wind - temp 26 this a.m.

Friday, November 15

I husked corn this a.m. Fred dug at he north end of barn. I dug this p.m.

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Fred churned and upset the butter, also got a little jag of corn from the field.
H. G. Arnold was up, went for a little hunt, bought some butter and paid for same.
Also 130 lbs. of oats on credit.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Saturday, November 16

Fred and I finished digging at north end of barn,
put up frame for cement fence on wall and put in the cement, completing it at 8:45 o'clock tonight.
W: - clear and fairly warm, 22 degrees this a.m.

Sunday, November 17

All went to Harrow for dinner and to O.J. Arner's for tea.
W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Monday, November 18

Husked corn today.
W: - partly cloudy - southwest wind - warm.

Tuesday, November 19

I went to Ruben Arner's threshing this a.m.
and struck out some lands in the timothy sod field this p.m. Minnie and Fred washed.
W: - clear most of the day - foggy in a.m. - north wind.

Wednesday, November 20

Fred went to Harrow with a load of wood, chop and meat, returning this p.m.
I plowed on the timothy sod using Lewis Iler's two furrow plow.
W: - cloudy - rainy this afternoon - east wind - shifting to southwest tonight.

Thursday, November 21

Husked corn today. Father came down this a.m. to see John and Ruben Arner.
Eal. Beeman got his horse out of the pasture this a.m.
W: - cloudy and fairly warm - southwest wind.

Friday, November 22

Plowed on the sod field, Fred choared about. Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m.
W: - cloudy and cool - east wind.

Saturday, November 23

Plowed again today, lacking only one land of being over to the chestnut grove
in the middle of the field. Fred sorted apples in the barn today.
W: - partly cloudy - disagreeable - northeast wind - slight frost this a.m.

Sunday, November 24

Minnie and I went to Kingsville to church this a.m.
Aunt Martha Grenville came from church with us and had dinner. Fred went to S.S. this a.m.
W: - partly cloudy - southeast wind.

Monday, November 25

Husked corn today, brought in the load to the hog house.
W: - clear most of the day, cloudy tonight and showery.

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Tuesday, November 26

Hauled earth from the roadside and commenced filling in at the north end of the barn.
Put the coal tar on the new cement work by the foundation of the barn.
W: - clear and cool - southwest wind.

Wednesday, November 27

Hauled earth and filled in at north end of barn.
I went over to the section at noon hunting clover seed, for the promise of some from Leonard Wigle.
W: - clear in a.m. - cloudy p.m. - southwest wind.

Thursday, November 28

Hauled earth and finished filling in at North end of barn. Put some in the stable.
W: - partly cloudy - cool - west wind.

Friday, November 29

Husked corn in a.m. and finished filling earth in the stable in p.m.
W: - cloudy and cool.

Saturday, November 30

I went to Harrow this a.m. and pulled the flues out of the furnace this p.m.
Took same to Scratch and Ford, Kingsville to be repaired.
C.S. Miller and children were up hunting the p.m. Got one black squirrel.
W: - cloudy - cool - northeast wind - snow flurries this p.m.

Sunday, December 1

All went to church this a.m. Minnie and I had dinner at Lewis Malott's.
W: - cloudy and cold - snow flurries - north and northwest winds.

Monday, December 2

I helped Eal Beeman get his calf out of the bush.
He paid me \$4.00 amount being due for calf pasture and two months horse pasture.
Brought a young sow home from G. Atkinson's hog.
Percy Eede returned home this p.m. from the lakes.
W: - 22 degrees this a.m. - snow flurries - northwest wind - warmer tonight.

Tuesday, December 3

Husked corn today. Fred helped with the washing in a.m.
W: - cold - northeast wind - temp 22 this a.m.

Wednesday, December 4

Choared about today. Brought the apples in from the barn, hauled a load of wood,
a jag of fodder, finished levelling the earth in the stable and got the horses back into it again.
W: - cold - northeast winds - 18 degrees this a.m.

Thursday, December 5

Husked corn in a.m. I went to Charles Staddon's hog killing in p.m. Fred picked some corn and split wood. David Ritchie returned from the West this p.m. had tea here and I drove him to John Arner's.
W: - clear and cold - southwest wind - 20 degrees this a.m.

Friday, December 6

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Husked corn today. Father and Jim Thomson were here for dinner.

W: - clear and warmer - southwest wind.

Saturday, December 7

Husked corn today.

Paid Harry Lumsden \$3.75 in potatoes balance due him for work during the summer.

W: - clear most of the day - partly cloudy in p.m. - very warm - south wind.

Sunday, December 8

Minnie and I went to father's for dinner. Fred went to church.

W: - clear and warm - south wind.

Monday, December 9

Finished plowing the lands on the fall plowing, run water furrows in same. Cleaned the cistern.

W: - rain early this a.m. - foggy in a.m. - colder in p.m. - south and southwest wind.

Tuesday, December 10

Husked a little corn this a.m. Brought a load of wood up to take to Harrow tomorrow.

W: - colder - snow squalls most of the day - 22 degrees this p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Fred hauled a load of wood to Harrow.

I brought Minnie's sewing machine (which she purchased from T. Eaton Co.) from Arner this a.m. and set it up. Went down to Adrian Fork's to a shooting match in p.m.

W: - cloudy and cold - northwest wind.

Thursday, December 12

Husked corn today.

W: - partly cloudy - cold - northwest wind - 22 degrees this a.m.

Friday, December 13

Husked corn. Minnie and I went to Harrow this p.m.

W: - cold and disagreeable - threatening to snow - northeast wind.

Saturday, December 14

Worked at the furnace trying to get the joints off the fire box.

Fred cleaned the hen house and split wood. Minnie and I went to Kingsville in p.m.

W: - stormy - rain and snow - east wind.

Sunday, December 15

All went to church. Minnie and I had dinner at Thomas Clark's.

W: - snowing lightly most of the day - south and northwest wind.

Monday, December 16

Choared about this a.m. Went to Lewis Iler's hog killing this p.m.

W: - partly cloudy, fresh west wind - temp at 8 p.m. 30 degrees.

Tuesday, December 17

Went to Kingsville this a.m. in the cutter.

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Took Fred to Dr. McIntyre and had a tooth pulled, paid 50 cents for having same done.
I husked corn this p.m. Fred stopped about the house.
W: - clear and fairly warm - west wind.

Wednesday, December 18

Went to R. Eede's and Byron Staddon's hog killings this a.m.
Had a shooting match this p.m. and shot off 15 ducks.
W: - cloudy and snow drizzle most of the day - fairly warm - southwest wind.

Thursday, December 19

Brought the cattle in from the bush. Slimmey cow had a calf about a week old.
Hauled a load of fodder and a little corn from the cornfield.
W: - partly cloudy - high southwest wind - cold - 22 degrees this a.m.

Friday, December 20

I husked corn part of the day. Fred choared about the buildings most of the day.
Ernest Wigle bot. 12 ducks at 40 cents each this a.m.
W: - partly cloudy - warm - southwest wind - 32 degrees tonight.

Saturday, December 21

I husked corn today, Fred choared about the barn and hauled a load of corn from the field.
W: - warm and cloudy - southwest wind.

Sunday, December 22

O.J. Arner, wife and Aunt Martha Grenville were here to dinner. Fred went to church this a.m.
W: - cloudy and warm - raining a little tonight.

Monday, December 23

Minnie and I went to Kingsville this p.m. rainy all day.
Received \$1.75 from H.G. Arnold for 4 bu. of oats.
W: - rainy - southeast wind.

Tuesday, December 24

I went to Harrow this a.m. and took three ducks to mother.
Went to Arner this p.m. to a shooting match and brought home 2 chickens.

Wednesday, December 25

Minnie and I went to her father's today for dinner. I came home this p.m.
W: - snowing this a.m. - clear part of p.m. - snow nearly all gone - south wind.

Thursday, December 26

Fred and I husked corn this p.m. Minnie returned tonight after spending Xmas at home.
W: - partly cloudy - clear part of p.m. - sprinkling rain tonight - very warm - south wind.

Friday, December 27

Husked corn and drew 1 3/4 loads in.
W: - partly cloudy - showers this p.m. - very mild and muddy - 47 degrees this p.m.

Saturday, December 28

Went shooting muskrats, secured 10.
W: - very wet and muddy - high water in the creek.

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Sunday, December 29

Fred went to church. David was here for dinner and tea.

W: - cloudy - heavy rain this p.m. - south wind.

Monday, December 30

I went shooting muskrats this a.m., getting 4.

Went to Kingsville this p.m. and got the flues for the furnace.

W: - partly cloudy - rainy in a.m. - snowy this p.m. - colder.

Tuesday, December 31

Worked at the furnace putting it together.

Mable Arner spent the afternoon here it being her birthday.

W: - warm and clear - southwest wind.