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Apr 1883

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April 2 John went to Markham with *{piece of page missing}* I & Nancy & little ones went to J Ds with *{illegible}* sleighing getting thin W. fine thawing

3 I & Nancy & all little ones went to *{illegible}* Hoover's. John & Flavius went to Peter *{illegible}* Sawing Bee W. very fine Cler

4 took sap Buckets to Bush W. fin

5 Chored. W. rain all day.

6 Three Boys helped Br Ns thresh awhile A.M then sawed wood W. fin

7 I went to Cherry wood this morning with Cutter. tapped 120 spiles on Buckets PM. W. about 4 in snow last night thawing again today. vey fine

Sunday 8 at home all day Br Cs girls were here PM & Br C this evening W. fin Clear sap run well Snow going fast

9 Boiled sap W. fine I helped {Wm} kill Pigs PM

10 I & Nancy started to go to Markham water in rouge very high turned back I & John took 1/2 ton hay to B Cs {Illegible} at Cherry wood @ \$12 Per ton W fi{illegible}

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{I} & Nancy went to Markham *{illegible due to page damage}* Bridge at Br Ss & School *{illegible due to page damage}*dge gone. ~~Boiled sap~~ Sawed wood W. fine

{illegible due to page damage} Boiled sap & Chopped feed awhile *{illegible due to page damage}* M. W. fine some frost last night

{illegible due to page damage} Boys went duckshooting & I got {J}ess shod AM sawed wood PM I went to Ceder Gove this eveing W. fine Cler. white frost last night

14 I took Susanna to Dr Tabor AM took saw to Peters PM Boys sawed wood W. vey warm Snow about all gone 60 deg in shade gathered 42 big pails sap this eveing east wind few last days.

Sunday 15 Susanna was not able to go to Meeting Nancy staid with her the rest of us went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C 6 Br C Br Cs youngsters were here PM. W. fin warm. fine showr this eveing Some thunder Aunt Lucy Burkholder was here too PM

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16 Boys gathred Pine wood in O*{illegible due to page damage}* bush I Boiled Sap W. fine

17 I went to see Dr this Morn{illegible due to page damage} then Boiled Sap Boys gather{illegible due to page damage} wood AM Took grist whea{illegible due to page damage} to Ceder Grove Mills PM W. vey f{illegible due to page damage} Great fun last night spearing Suckers in our field Caught about 20

18 I went to other place AM I & Herman went to Markham PM. boys sawed wood W fine. east wind. roads pretty good some bad frost holes in the hills

19 Chored in barn AM I went to Dr PM & I & Flavius brought home grist after supper. boys fished awhile in our Creek with net PM Caught one water pretty high. heavy rain last night. rainy nearly all AM

20 I boiled sap boys Cut down some dead trees & stubs AM C Murrison helped saw PM. W. fin a slight frost last night

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I Boiled sap & finished off about {illegible due to page damage} gallons molasses which makes {ab}out 13 gallons this season it {has} been a poor sap year C {Mo}rrison helped saw wood Pm {illegible due to page damage} frose pretty hard last night fine warm today we Catch a few suckers in our fields every day we have Caught 41 so far.

Sunday 22 at home all day I went to Dr's this evening. Susanna has very sore mouth & is very weak & sick Rhumatics are better Br S's children & Br N's Jacob were here Pm. W. Clear pretty cool

23 Boys split wood. I went to Markham PM. roads dry. W. very Cool

24 split wood AM Flavis & Herman went down little Creek spearing for suckers PM Caught 2 C Patton fixed pump Pm I went to Dr

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this evening. susanna not better W. squaals of snow Cold N Wind

25 I went to Dr this morning boys sawed wood John hung gate on other place Flavius took sow to Lottons & brought her home this eveing Peter's & Mother inlaw were here & we Caught 2 suckers above dam W. Cold. fine & Cler ground frose hard this morning Boys went down little Creek tonight & speared 15 large suckers & 2 creek suckers which makes 68 so far

26 I & Adeline went to Toronto sold 50 lbs butter @ 23½ cts 22 doz Egg @ 14 cts 6½ bus Oats @ 50 cts boys fixed fence & gathered some sap speared 2 suckers W. rained all PM {illegible} coming home from City

April 1883 May

I boiled 2 gals molasses & we {c}hopped a lot of Oats & Tailings {illegible due to page damage} barley W. fine Cler

28 I & Nancy & boys went to Funeral of Sam G Ressor's wife at Cedar Grove AM boys split some rails PM. Danl Ramer's were here PM. W. squaal of snow this Morning fine today

Sunday 29 at home Br S's were here PM

30 split rails & sawed some pine wood behind Cider house & fixed fence at dam & made bars W. froze last night

May 1 I & Herman & Adeline helped Scrub Meeting house AM John Grubbed one field at other place Flavius & Herman brought home Sap Buckets from bush & I boiled 6 pails sap for vinegar W. fine warm

May 1883

2 I sowed 4½ acres Oats at other place AM Flavius harrowed Jo{hn} ganged in furrows in 2 fields home I started to go to Markham PM rained a little didn't go stopped at Cedar Grove W. fine AM Clo{udy} PM

Ascension day 3 I & Nancy & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on Acts 1 C by Br C. Susanna is some better but not able to go out Mary Dyke was here at supper to say goodbye they are moving to Muskoka Ann Shirk has been here a few days W. rained nearly all day. small Meeting

4 I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Enos Hoover's & Called at J B's boys chopped feed We threshed some barley rakings after supper W. cloudy AM Cler PM

5 John & Flavius split rails at other place AM I went to Markham boys sowed oats east of dam PM W. Cler Cool

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Sunday 6 at home Adeline & boys went to meeting at Cedar Grove AB's & NB's were here {P M} Br. N's John's Called a little while white frost this morning, very fine today

7 Chored & I went to Cedar Grove AM I & John {&} Herman put in logs at Mill PM Flavius {br}ought J B's horse. he has to go on Jury & {illegible} work his horse till he comes home W. rain AM cloudy PM

8 ~~John~~ Flavius finished sowing oats AM began sowing barley in field near Hoover's I & John piled lumber AM John harrowed PM Herman got J B's horse shod W. fine

9 I & John put in logs & Piled lumber Flavius finished sowing barley W. Cold east wind

10 Drew in logs & Piled lumber Flavius rolled Oats & began barley W. warm AM rained some PM. very heavy tonight

11 Draw in logs & piled lumber W. fine Cool this morning warmer today boys chopped some barley this evening I took 3 spring waggon to Cherry wood to get reaches fixed this evening

12 I & John piled lumber Flavius & Herman plowed in Corn stubble AM I & Nancy went to Markham & boys drew in logs PM W. frost last night Cold N Wind today.

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Sunday 13 all went to meeting at Hebron suitable remarks & sermon by Br C & S Hoover for the Celebration of Lords Supper Jesse Hoover's was he{re} after service M N's youngsters and Abraham Hoover 8th Picking at sup{per} W. Cold last night ice this morning

Whit Monday 14 John Flavius & girls went to A B's all the rest of us went to Motherinlaws W. rather Cloudy east wind rained awhile Coming home

15 Piled lumber & drew in logs I & John plowed 2 furrows along fence on Pickering townline W. warmer clear

16 I & John piled lumber & put in logs Flavius & Herman plowed last of corn stubble {Gourley} banked Pickering Townline fence W. Cold wind

17 John sowed Peas Benjamin harrowed Herman finished rolling Barly John harrowed some of fall wheat it is badly killed out on high ground Herman is rolling it I & Flavius piled lumber & put in big logs & a few of Br S's big ones that laid near mill I & Nancy went to Vinegar Hill to W{ea}ver for Carpets after supper W. east wind

18 I & Flavius piled lumber Herman {illegible}d wheat John dug garden W. strong east wind pretty warm growing weather

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19 Boys finished rolling oats & wheat at Other place John Plowed and harrowed ground {edge of page damaged} middle of field behind Cider house {edge of page damaged} Carrots & early Potatoes AM I & Herman {p}iled some lumber PM R. Gourly bank{ed} {edge of page damaged}ence W. very fine warm fine shower PM

{Sun}day 20 at home all day boys & girls went to Br C's W. cloudy & Clear

21 Chored John got Farmer shod W. rain from east all day

22 I & John drew away last of lumber at mill to pile PM. chopped some barly when we got home W. rainy AM cloudy PM boys carried some Potatoes out of cellar PM

23 I & Flavius went to Toronto sold 36 lbs butter @ 21cts 11 lbs butter @ 22 cts 23 doz eggs @ 15 cts & 10½ bus Oat @ 50 cts W. rain this morning pretty fine day

24 Made a large & a small gate for back yard Uncle Saml Reesor brought Rev A Martin G Gayman & Deacon Metz from Clarence NY they were here at supper W very fine

25 I took PM Joseph Gingerich Pre Menno Cressman & Deacon David Cressman to yearly conference

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at Wideman's Meeting house There were 37 Bishops Preachers & Deacons assembled everything passed off reasonably w{ell} W fine. boys planted early Potatoes

26 all went to meeting at Hebron Pre Saml Weber Called this morning with Br C then I went with them awhile to J B Reesor's service by Bishop Amos Cressman Pre Hahn from Clarence NY & Pre Saml Weber Br N brought Br C & A Cressman & Hahn after meeting then I went with them to N B's & then I took Hahn to Sam Reesors W. rain nearly all day. heavy PM

Sunday 27 I & Nancy left little ones at Br S's & went to Meeting & Sacrement at Widemans three boys & girls went in spring waggon Br C Bishop Gayman & Cressman officiated we went to Daniel Widemans for dinner W. fine AM heavy showers PM woods turning green

May 1883 June

28 Chored AM washed sheep PM W. fine clear pretty windy

29 John & Flavius went fishing this {m}orning with Thomas & B Diller {C}aught about 30 suckers then they drew stones off Clover we finished Piling lumber & Covered piles PM W. fine

30 Drew dung sheared sheep & boys plowed some for Corn W. fine began to rain about supper time. pretty heavy

31 boys split some rails in other bush then J B came we had intended fix north part of Townline fenc. was too wet so we overhauled fence on north side of little lane south of young Orchard W. fine warm cler growing weather

June 1 Boys drove stakes along north fence AM

2 Boys plowed Corn ground I sowed half of it with White Russian Oats it was pretty wet and getting late for Corn W. warm clear

Sunday 3 Boys and Girls went to meeting *{illegible - entry at bottom of page cut off}* W. fine cler

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4 J B & R Gourly helped to pull down & Build up about 30 rod of Board fence along Pickering Townline W. fine west wind

5 Planted about 2 acres corn Patton beg{an} fixing driving house W. warm lightning & heavy rain & some thunder at Bedtime

6 Boys helped shingle AM drew dung on Potato & turnip ground PM W. some rain this evening very warm I drew 2 Basswood logs to Mill with waggon

7 I went to Gregorys gardens for Tomatoe Plants this morning Boys helped shingle & finished drawing dung They went fishing to Milne's this evening caught fine Mess W. fine warm

8 I went to Markham AM Boys plowed W. fine AM very warm Pm

9 Boys finished plowing & harrowing John went to raising at J D's. PM W. Drissly, a shower at noon

Sunday 10 all went to meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 15 By R'd S Hoover Br N's Came PM W. fine Cool

11 Boys drew home 2 loads hay AM drew stones off meadow I & Herman took 20 bus grist to Major Mills after supper W. very heavy rain last night Strong west wind today

12 Done Markham roadwork on hill at corner of field behind Cider House W. fine W. wind

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13 Planted Potatoes I & Patton fixed Cart & Horse Power & Put new finger in Cradle PM he finished driving horse AM W. fine

14 Drew dung on fallow I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. Fine

15 Drew dung, I Moyers brought David Hoch & wife & Saml Hoover & wife to Dinner then I helped to take the to Br C's J D's Peter Reesor's & Br N's to supper & to Br S's to stay all night W. very fine

16 Boys drew dung I went to Cedar Grove AM I & Benjamin & Abram went fishing with hook & line to dead water of Rouge caught 17 fine ones W. warm

Sunday 17 Boys & Girls went to Cobers meeting J D's were here W. very warm rain north

18 Chored. Boys went fishing at dead water PM. caught 14 fine fish & one Eel W. heavy rain last night & heavy thi evening a sort of Cyclone passed from west to east across north of us blew off some of Anthonys barn & stable roofs about 30 acres of old Milne pine bush

19 drew 3 Basswood logs from old Bush to S M & got them sawed boys fixed some fence along 11th Con Boys planted some potatoes in fall wheat in spots

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that were killed out W. pretty warm very heavy rain some thunder this eving

20 I went to Cedar Grove & boys laid plan{k} floor in part of Driving House AM brought ho{me} load of Culls PM boys brought 2 loads gravel from Br S's Pit after supper W. wet rather cloudy

21 I & John went to Toronto sold 50 lbs butter @ 18 cts, 15 doz Eggs 16 cts, 10 bus Oats 48 cts
W. fine warm

22 Flavius ganged & harrowed turnip land John Plowed in fallow & began to make turnip drills
this eveing I killed Calf & went to Markham Pm W. warmer

23 Sowed turnip W. fine warm cler

Sunday 24 John & girls went to meeting at Elmira little boys went to Br. S's I & Nancy & little
ones went to A B's W. fine warm

25 Boys plowed fallows John & Benj'n topped thistles awhile at other place & I scuffled Corn W.
fine AM rained nearly all PM

26 John got Farmer shod then we chopped some feed Boys plowed awhile PM W. warm,
rained toward evening

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27 Boys laid upper floor in driving house & plowed awhile W. rain awhile PM

28 made stairs in driving house, AM Boys brought *{left side of page damaged, entries illegible}*
loads gravel to put in driving house I took wool to Sparta mills PM Boys Plowed & I & little boys
hoed some Potatoes after supper W. warm

{2}9 Finished Townline fence J B helped 2 of the boys plowed W. fair warm

30 Boys finished plowing fallow I brought some boards for fence we had not quite enough
boys harrowed some of fallow W. fine

Sunday July 1 Herman went to Cedar Grove Meeting. The rest of them went to J D's W. fine &
Cool

2 John & Flavius began plowing fallow of other place I & little boys pulled weeds in wheat. W.
warm cler very strong west wind at noon

3 Boys plowed I & Herman & Benjamin pulled weeds. finished at home & pulled most at other
place. I went to Cedar Grove. Herman & Benjamin helped Br C's raise a stable at Mainlands this
eveing W. warm a shower AM. thunder in the west this eveing & at Bedtime

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4 Boys plowed J B's came I & he went Fishing to mouth of Rouge caught 7 fine Perch W. very warm rained a long time PM. heavy thunder & lightning spoiled our fishing

5 I went to Markham AM Chored Pm W. warm AM heavy rain PM very heavy along 4th Con Scarboro. high water

6 Boys harrowed fallow I & John made new platform for pump at other Place W. warm shower went north Pm

7 I & ~~Flavis~~ Susanna went to Toronto sold 52 lbs Butter @ 20 cts 8 doz eggs @ 16 cts 10 bus Oats @ 48 W. Cool very very heavy rain at noon high water drove through water running over turnpike Coming through Scarboro

Sunday 8 all went to meeting at Hebron except Nancy remarks by R'd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Br C Menno Reesor's were here after service W. fine cool

9 Boys drew dung scrapings on strip of fallow along back lane for feed Corn & John cut little Orchard with mower then he Cut Clover south of bush & I went to Markham PM W. fine Cool

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Boys finished plowing fallow at other place I & Herman planted feed Corn AM I & John got Major shod on hind feet & brought some boards PM boys turned hay raked & Coked little orchard after supper W. fine

11 Herman plowed corn with Dillers Double shovel plow. Flavis drove Peter's team to draw Gravel for Br N's John weeded carrots & raked Clover & we Coked it after supper W. fine Cler pretty warm Drew in hay 2 small loads out of small orchard

12 I brought home rolls from Sparta AM stacked hay south of bush 8 loads Pm. W. fine. heavy shower just as we got done PM built stack

13 Boys drew dung into little Orchard with Cart AM chopped lot of Ch{aff} & Oats PM. I & John helped Peter move his shop after supper I let a field of stumps to W Jones to pull @ 40 cts each W. fine cool

14 Boys mowed Meadow swail AM mowed some with Machine

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I scythes at other place PM I & little boys draw in load rakings of Clover after supper W. fine warm

Sunday 15 at home all day Br C's Thomas Menno & Benj'n Stover were here at supp{er} W. Thunder & heavy rain this morning raining {hard}

16 Boys finished mowing piece at line fence at other place AM. We hoed Corn & turned hay PM I & John took 478 ft white ash to N Burkholder at Cherry Wood after supper. W fine Cool drying day

17 Turned raked & Cocked hay John began Mowing big meadow about 7 O clo Pm W. fine cool

18 John Finished big meadow at 10 AM then we drew in some at other place & drew 2 loads to Abe Hoover at Cherry wood after supper I sold him a lump bargain 3 middling loads @ \$25.00 W. very fine & Cool

19 Drew in 4 loads at other place & I & John took 1 load to Abe Hoover AM raked & Cocked big Meadow after dinner John & Flavius went to raising at Pilkeys after supper W. fine Cool. Cler

20 Boys drew in 2 loads at other place & 8 loads out of Big meadow

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I went to Toronto sold 42 lbs Butter @ 20 cts 9 doz Eggs @ 17 cts 8 Bus Oats @ 47 cts Br C rode with me he is going to Cayuga to assist in ordaining a Minister R S's went with him W. fine.

{2}1 Finished drawing out of big meadow AM .. drew 2 loads in at other place heavy shower stopped us about 1/2 past 2 PM. then we hoed few Turnips & shovel plowed some Potatoes John & Flavis went to Markham after supper

Sunday 22 at home all day A B's were here PM W. Thunder shower last & night. pretty heavy towards morning

23 Boys harrowed fallow at other place AM then they drew in last of hay then ~~at~~ the rakings out of big meadow after supper which finishes our hay making Herman began cross plowing fallow at home W. fine. cool. I went to Whitevale this morning & thinned turnips We made 40 good loads of hay

24 John & Flavis plowed I & little boys hoed turnip. I put Paris Green on Potatoes PM went to Cherry wood after supper. W. fine cler

25 Boys plowed John helped N B draw in hay PM. & Herman plowed I went to Markham AM put Paris green

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on Potatoes Pm. W. fine heard today that Capt Webb swam down the Niagaria River the 24th was lost in the Whirlpool & has not been heard from.

26 John plowed Flavius drew hay out of our swail for J M till supper I & little boys finished hoeing turnips W. warm

27 boys finished plowing fallow after dinner little boys dug out Burrs I went to Cedar Grove AM Cleaned some Oats for C Morrison & then we chopped some till supper W. fine rain last night some more this eveing. some thunder

28 Flavis took grist of Goose Wheat to Major Mills I & John brought some lumber from Mill then we Chopped till dinner put in posts for fence from Corner of new barn to driving house. PM Flavius brought home grist after supper little boys Cut weeds around farm W. fine rain this morning

Sunday 29 all at home Benjamin & Abram went to Meeting at Cedar Grove W. fine

30 Boys drew dung at other Place I put on boards on new barnyard fence PM W. fine

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31 Boys finished drawing dung AM Cleaned Wheat PM W. fine Cler

Aug 1 Cleaned Wheat AM Cut Wheat in N W Corner field PM W. fine rain this morning

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{2} Boys finished Cutting Wheat in N W Corner field {w}est of Creek I Chored around Nancy gave birth to a little Daughter today at about noon fine & smart. W. Clear AM showry PM

3 Cut Wheat at other place W M Cradled boys Cut with reaper I shocked at home AM helped bind PM W. fine

4 Finished Cutting at Other place AM Cut knoll in N W Corner field & road round barley PM W. fine Cool

Sunday 5 Boys & Girls went to Meeting Mother inlaw & Jesse were here PM. M N's at supper A B's awhile this eveing W. very fine

6 Cut Barley W. very fine for working

7 Finished Cutting Barley after dinner then Shocked till night W. very fine warm

8 Finished Shocking barley & cut round Scott Wheat in west 8 acres of big field AM I went to Cedar Grove for Pitman washer Cut wheat till night S Lehmans Called awhile this eveing W. fine

9 Boys Cut Wheat I went to shoemaker AM an Iron broke in reaper didnt get Wheat quite cut so we drew in Wheat at other place 11 loads PM W. fine

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10 Finished Cutting & shocking Wheat & drew 1 load barley AM drew 8 loads PM. W. very fine Cler

11 drew all barley 8 big load & 2 loa{ds} Wheat W. very fine pretty warm

Sunday 12 John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans Flavius & Herman went to Bush Meeting at 8 Con Pickering Aunt Lizzie was here W. fine

13 Drew in wheat W. very fine Cool

14 Finished drawing Wheat 38 loads till about 3 Pm then John took horses to get Shod Flavius took Jess after supper W. fine

15 John helped Peter Reesor to thresh Flavis & Herman Plowed fallow at other place Benj' & Abram scuffled turnips I spread dung AM. went to Markham PM. W. fi{ne}

16 Flavius helped D Hoovers thresh John & Herman Plowed I & Boys spread dung AM. Drew home stove wood with Cent PM. W. fine pretty warm

17 Boys finished plowing AM Scuffled & hoed turnips PM W. warm & dry

18 dug Potatoes in wheat field AM & hoed last of Turnip W. warm & sultry heavy thunder & lightning this eveing fine rain

Sunday 19 John & girls & Br C's Mary & Menno Stovers went to Meeting in Vaughan. G E Thomas's & Br S's were here. Herman & Flavius went to Meeting at Almira W. Cool. fine rain last night

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20 John & Flavis Plowed in Wheat Stubble north of bush Bought Wilkinson Plow off F Johnston @ \$17.00 W. fine Shower this morning took 12 lbs Oats to S Ramer @ 45

21 Boys plowed & I went to Br S PM W. fine

22 John & Herman helped NB thresh Flavius & Benj' harrowed fallow I & {C} Patton fixed straw Carrier & short rakers in thrashing Machine W. very sultry & warm very sharp lightning & some thunder & fine rain at bedtime

23 Flavius helped Br N's thresh at Johnnys John & Benj'n bound Oats at other place W M Cradled W. fine & Cool

24 Boys all went to shock & bind Oats at other place & I went to Markham AM began at home east of dam Cut 9 rounds W. fine Cler pretty Cool

25 Finished Cutting & binding Oats W. fine

Sunday 26 at home John Boyer's were here & Jacob Reesor's PM John & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's Herman Went to A B's Flavius went to Meeting at Cedar Grove W. fine Cler

27 Set Machine & shocked Oats I got ladle fixed then we fixed side gearing at Machine with Babbit W. fine

28 Threshed 400 Boxes barley Machine ran very well W. Cloudy AM rained about 2 hours PM

29 We & Br C with one of his horses threshed 3 loads seed Wheat about 30 bus

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till 9 AM then boys plowed behind barn they harrowed fallow at other place PM. W. fine

30 boys plowed Br N's John & Albert helped PM W. fine Cler

~~Sept~~ **31** boys plowed I went to Toronto. sold Butter 46 20 cts Chickens 50 cts per pair Aunt Lizzy Burkholder went with me W. fin war{m}

Sep 1 Boys plowed both AM Flavius finished behind barn PM the rest drew in Oats 6 loads at other place PM I have not been well have had Dysentery most of the time for two weeks. went to Cedar Grove PM W. fine warm

Sunday 2 We all went to meeting at ~~Ceder~~ Hebron except Nancy & little girls remarks by R'd S Hoover Sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C. Enos Hoover A B Ramer's John Stovers & family at noon J B's & Henry Stover's at supper W. Showery this morning & this eveing

3 I went to Markham AM to Register Baby, named her Anne saw Clerk at Markham he is there each Monday John helped N B bind Oats Herman & Flavius plowed at other place W. fine

4 John helped N B AM boys plowed Herman & Benjamin shoveled old wheat & we Cleaned seed Wheat W. showers PM. Thunder this eveing I & Herman went to Br S's this eveing

5 Boys finished plowing at other place AM began sowing behind barn PM W. fine Cler Cool Herman helped thresh at Morrisons for Br C's

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6 I went to M N's for 9 Bushels Treadwell seed Wheat boys finished sowing behind barn & began pulling Peas with rake PM Herman helped D Hoover's Thresh W. fine Cool Clear

7 Boys harrowed awhile behind barn then we drew in 4 loads Oats till noon rained a little after dinner then we sowed Wheat at other place rained pretty heavy this evening

8 three Boys helped Br Ss thresh Benj'n harrowed at other place AM & finished behind barn PM. W. very Cool N W wind very Chilly

Sunday 9 John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans Flavius went with Br C's Thomas & girls Herman went to Br S's I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's. W. Cool & Clear. White frost last night. some things nipped

10 made some water furrows at other place then drew in Oats till 4 PM then finished pulling Peas W. hard frost last night froze Corn pretty bad sweet Potatoes, Cucumbers etc

11 finished drawing Oats 3 loads & then drew Peas till night W. fine Cler

12 Boys plowed AM Flavis plowed the rest of us drew last Peas 3 loads W. fine warm Clear

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13 I & Nancy went to Motherinlaw's Flavis helped Br C's pull Peas AM John & Herman plowed AM John helped J D's Thresh PM with team W. Cloudy AM rained slow PM

14 John & Flavius helped J D's thresh with team Herman plowed W. Cloudy AM Clear PM

15 I & Benj'n went to Toronto sold 42 lbs Butter @ 20 cts Boys finished plowing pea ground & drew some dung on it & sowed about half of it with Wheat W. fine Clr

Sunday 16 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's J D's & Br N's youngsters were here. W. Clear some thunder & rain towards evening

17 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by R'd E Snider from Waterloo Sermon St John 13 C & 35 V by R'ds Buchwalter & Nissley from Lancaster Penn W N's brought E Snider & Saml Stauffer & wife from Pennsylvania after service then we went to Br C's awhile PM. Deacon Burkholder & wife & David Martin were there & the rest of the visitors there are 8 from Penn & 2 from Waterloo They have Meeting at Widemans tommorrow then they go home W. heavy rain last night Clear today

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Boys finished sowing wheat PM except harrowing it.

18 John & Flavius went to Toronto with Benj'ns Diller & Stover's Boys they went to the Exhibition. Herman harrowed Pea ground Wheat. Benj'n raked oat stubble at other place. Jones' men began pulling stumps yesterday Morning W. Cler

19 John & Flavius helped Br C's draw in Peas & Oats I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. fine Cler warm I brought sow home from Lotten's AM

20 Thanksgiving day. Meeting at Widemans Boys went shooting I killed a lamb this evening W. fine warm Cler

21 Boys plowed Jane Duncan & Isa Morrison were here W. fine

22 We all went to meeting at Widemans this PM Adeline & Susanna were Baptized to our faith Br C's Elisabeth & Mary Sarah Moyer Widow Widemans Daughters Esther & Christina W. warm

Sunday 23 went to Martin Barkeys PM W. Cler

24 Boys finished plowing Wheat stubble in big field till about 10 AM when it began to rain. rained heavy all day. Stumpers didnt work PM

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25 boys began plowing in N W Corner field I took about 6 bus grist to Major Mills on spring board PM W. cold strong west wind ~~26~~ Drew some earth into lane from South West Corner of new barn where we intend to build a sheep house.

26 Flavius & Herman plowed AM I & John drew earth. plow broke & I took it to Markham to get fixed boys began to Cut late Oats behind Cider house got half of them Cut when Casting that holds little wheel broke W. fine Cler

27 John brought home plow this morning Br C. finished Oats shortly after dinner John plowed PM Flavis helped Br N's thresh all day I helped N B kill a sheep PM W. fine pretty warm this is my 47th Birthday heavy rain this eving

28 John & Herman plowed Flavius helped Br N's thresh AM Herman brought home grist PM ~~hard frost last~~ W. cool

29 Boys Plowed we dug & drew earth R Gourly dug drain out of Cistern W. fine hard frost last night we dug sweet Potatoes. vines frozen

30 all went to meeting at Hebron suitable sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C. & S. Hoover

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Br inlaw Peter Hoover's were here PM W. fine warm Cler a little rain last night

Oct 1 Boys plowed knoll in N W field Ruhema Diller & her man & we dug out nearly all of the foundation for Sheep house W. sharp N Wind Peter Good & wife were here today

- 2 Boys plowed in field near Hoover's John helped Br C's thresh W. rained till 1/2 past 9 AM Herman & Flavius helped thresh awhile PM I took grist Corn to Major Mills PM
- 3 I & Nancy & little ones took yarn to S Lehmans Ann Shirk went with us Boys helped Br C. thresh Flavis helped handle lumber at S M PM Br S has sold it W. very Cold N W wind Mother inlaw Came home with us to stay awhile
- 4 John helped McCreight thresh Herman plowed I & Flavis & Benj'n drew in O{ats} 6 good loads off 2 acres I & Flavius handled Cler inch lumber awhile PM Br S has sold it too W. Cler Cool
- 5 John & Flavius drew 4 loads lumber to Markham Boys Cut Corn W. Sharp this morning
- 6 John drew 2 loads lumber Flavius helped Peter Reesor thresh Herman plowed & we drew in big load Oat rakings. W. east wind. pretty Cool

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- Sunday 7** at home some of Children were at Cober's meeting & they went to J D's to see Ruhama she is going home tomorrow A B's Jesse & Ben Stover were here at supper W. fine
- 8 I & Flavius went to Markham for 4 Barrels lime AM John & Herman Plowed in field ner Hoovers W. fine
 - 9 I & Adeline went to Toronto Sold 53 lbs Butter @ 21 cts 3½ doz Eggs @ 21 cts Boys plowed & dug Potatoes yesterday PM & today W. fine warm. Close tonight
 - 10 Boys plowed & dug Potatoes I went to School house Bridge in Scarboro to look for sand PM I & Flavius brought a load Mrs {?eeney} {illegible} warm {78 in shade 78 in shade - *written between lines*}
 - 11 John & Flavis finished plowing field near Hoovers Boys dug Potatoes I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. Cloudy mild roads very good
 - 12 Flavius helped Pilkey thresh John & Herman plowed at other place W. rained a little AM
 - 13 Flavius & Herman helped Pilkey thresh John & Benjamin went to Jos Barkeys Sale I & Abram drew some small stones into foundation of Sheep house I went to Cedar Grove W. little rain

Oct 1883

Stumpers finished this morning

Sunday 14 I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's. W. Cold wind

15 Flavis & Herman plowed AM I went to Jacob Reesor's & John got Farmer shod then we Cleaned load Barly John took it to F Mans Bay @ 68 cts Flavis plowed PM I & Herman Cleaned another load

16 I & Nancy & little ones took Mother inlaw & went to M N's then we left her at Enos Hoovers John took load Barly to Bay @ 68 cts W. Cold wind ground froze last night

17 John & Flavis both plowed AM I & Herman Cleaned load Barly John took it to Bay @ 66 cts I went to Cedar Grove Boys Picked apples PM W. Cold east wind froze last night

18 John & Flavius plowed we cleaned load Barly PM W. pretty cold

19 John took load Barley to bay @ 65 cts AM I & he drew dung out of soft place behind hog pen into little Orchard W. fine & warm fine shower this eving Flavius & Herman plowed

Oct 1883

20 I & Herman went to Toronto on Cars Boys finished plowing at other place & began in field east of dam W. pretty Cold. sharp wind

Sunday 21 John & girls went to Br S's I & Nancy & little ones went to Br N's Flavius & Herman went to meeting at Cedar Grove W. raw east wind

22 Killed Pig boys plowed W. Cool Cloudy

23 Boys plowed W. Cloudy

24 John helped Br N's thresh Flavis & Herman plowed W. Cloudy mild

25 John & Herman helped Br N's thresh till about 10 AM ~~then they~~ Flavis & Benjamin plowed they finished shortly after dinner I boiled sauce I & Benjamin & Abram made 2 barrels Cider yesterday. had D Taber last night Nancy had bad spell is better again W. fine mild

26 I boiled sauce AM boys Cleaned up barn set Machine then threshed a lot of barley that blowed over the fanning mill I helped W Morrison kill 4 pigs PM Flavius took 25 bags Chop to Major Mills rest of boys pulled Carrots W. fine mild a drizzle of rain AM

27 I & Herman went to Markham AM boys pulled Carrots. I & Herman topped Carrots & rest of boys pulled White Hoar frost this morning.

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turnip PM. I brought home Chop this evening W. fine

{S}unday 28 all went to Meeting at Hebron except Benj Boys went to J D's little boys to Br S's I & Nancy to D. Hoove's very dark Coming home had to ~~bring~~ bring a lantern strong east wind drizzle of rain

29 John got farmer shod boys made a bin in feeding room for Carrots I & John helped J Mainland kill a Pig PM W. rain all AM & awhile PM

30 Boys drew 5 loads turnip men pull{ed} I & Abram bagged 12 bag Potato & drew them in W. very fine Cler

31 Boys finished Pulling & drawing turnips 12 loads making 17 loads about 700 bus I & Abram drew in Carrots with Cent about 100 Bus W. very fine strong West wind yesterday

Nov 1 I & Nancy went to J B's. John drew a load of sand AM he began to plow turnip land PM W. squalls of snow PM didn't Cover ground

2 Benj Lehman's wife from Michigan & her sister Lizzy Gro{illegible} were here last night I & Nancy took them to Jac Reesors & to Mannass's Frets for dinner & to A B's & to Moyer's to stay all night W. Cool Cloudy

Nov 1883

3 I & Flavis took load of Hay to F Johnston Blacksmith @ \$10.00 AM ~~took~~ Boys plowed W. Cler AM Windy PM rain this evening

Sunday 4 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Jac Wideman Sermon by S Hoover went to Joseph Kochs W. very fine warm

5 I & John took plow to B S's to get Coulter fixed Boys plowed AM then they went to R Berries Sale & I went to Funeral of Ja{nu}s Milroy Junr W. Misty this morning very fine PM took in last of Potatoes

6 Boys plowed AM I & John took Maple log to S M & Flavis finished plowing turnip & Potatoe ground W. rain this morning Cler today Windy PM

7 I & Herman made 35 gals Cider AM drew in Corn PM & Cleared along fence at other place AM where we intend to make Stump fence Brought home grist this evening from Major Mills. W. fine

8 Thanksgiving day all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Luke part of 14th C by Br. C

Nov 1883

I & Nancy went to N B's Pm W. fine

9 Moved Machine to other place W. mild Cloudy pretty heavy thunder & very heavy rain PM

10 Set Machine & I went to Cedar Grove AM ~~(basket)~~ pulled off Corn PM W. Cloudy & drizzle rain PM sent 31 lbs butter to Toronto with N B's @ 21 cts

Sunday 11 I & Nancy went to J Moyer's & to A B's they were not at home came home again W. very fine Cler squaals of rain & strong wind after dark

12 Tried to thresh at other place. Couldn't wind very very strong from west. straw would not go out of barn Came home & tied up Cattle. pretty Cold

13 Threshed all went well over 100 Bus fall Wheat & about 140 Bus Oats got done about 3 PM W. squaals of snow ground White

14 Brought home Thresher AM Cleaned last of Barly & husked Corn PM W. pretty Cold squaals of snow PM

15 John & Herman took 43 bus 20 lbs Barly to F mans bay at 65 cts then they Cleaned some Wheat at other place I & Nancy went to Markham & to Wesley Reesor's for dinner he is married to J H Reesor's Elizabeth.

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W. very heavy snow from south west all AM. not very Cold ground covered about 2 inches

16 Cleaned all Wheat at other place W. very Cold this morning N W wind

17 I & Flavius took 66 Bus 50 lbs amber Wheat from other place it being all the Saleable Wheat off 10 acres to Hoover's Mill at Pickering Village @ \$1.07 per B I went to Boxgrove PM. W. sharp west wind. ~~Cloudy~~ clear. milder this evening

Sunday 18 at home Johnny B's were here & Br S's PM. W. cloudy thawing

19 Trimmed Pine stumps at other Place AM. Commenced stump Boat & boys Plowed in Corn & late Oat's stubble PM. W. fine thawing I went to B. S's

20 I & Nancy & little ones went to B inlaw S Hoovers they were not at home little boys & girls stayed there & we went to Peters W. rather Cloudy a little rain PM Flavis helped N B thresh

21 Flavis went to help Pilkey thresh & John & Herman helped N B Benjamin Plowed they all came home about 10 AM rain stopped them some thunder rained till after dinner we pulled off corn Benjamin asked few hands to husk Corn tommorrow evening

Nov 1883

22 John & Herman helped NB thresh Flavius & Benj'n finished plowing root ground except headland & a little more. W. pretty windy this morning had a husking Bee this evening Joe Sprague brought a Mason here this eveing

23 I went to Toronto to Buy some Chains & nails Boys finished plowing root ground & tended Mason W. fine

24 I tended Mason he finished sheep pen wall & I took him part of way home John & Flavis trimmed stumps W. fine

Sunday 25 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 22 C by Br C M N's. Danl Ramer's & A B's Jesse & Martha were here PM. W sharp east wind

26 John & Flavius went with team to help N B draw in hay stack began to rain about 10 AM rained all day

27 Boys trimmed stumps I went to Markham PM W. pretty fine roads bad

28 Boys trimmed stumps W. Cold

29 Flavius helped Pilkey thresh John & Herman trimmed Stumps AM D Burkholder began at sheep house we helped him PM W. Cold wind PM

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30 B John helped J D's kill hogs we raised sheep house PM W. fine

Dec 1 Flavis worked Scarboro road work we help D B at sheep house John took grist Chop to Major Mill PM W. fine AM soft snow PM

Sunday 2 at home Br C's Keturah & Menno Stover were here PM W. pretty cold

3 Put up stakes along sideroad at other place AM Drew 4 stumps PM W. Cold west wind AM

4 Killed 7 hogs W. fine mild PM

5 John helped Br Cs kill hogs Herman helped D Hoovers thresh Flavis helped D B at sheep house W. fine mild

6 John & Flavius helped N B draw in haystack & Herman helped D Hoover's thresh AM Herman went to S Ramer's sale & John & Flavis went shooting with Simon Hoovers & few more shot nothing I helped D B shingle all day W. east wind rather mild thawing

7 John drew home wood AM Herman helped B D finish shingles began to rain AM rain more or less all day mild

8 John got Farmer Shod I went to Markham AM we helped D B & Banked around wall PM W. mild seen 3 or 4 plows at work today

Dec 1883

Sunday 9 at home Benj'n & Barbara Diller brought Frank Drudge from Clarece N York here this eveing he stays all night W. fine mild

10 John went visiting with Drudge I & rest of boys opened mouth of tile drains AM Flavius plowed in old Orchard PM W. a few showers AM very Cold West wind PM freezing

11 boys drew 16 stumps into fence I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM S Ramers has sold out to Joe & John Hoover W. milder squalls of snow PM shower of rain after dark

12 John helped N B kill hogs we clean{ed} grist tailings & wild goose & Flavius & Herman took 57 Pidgeons & grist to Major Mills this PM I helped D B at Sheep house PM W. pretty Cold W. wind

13 Boys drew stumps AM I helped Pil{key} Kill hogs PM J D's were here this eveing W. quite mild & soft PM

14 I & Nancy & little ones went to J H Ramers to get venison Flavius plowed some in old Orchard W. roads very muddy warm AM blowed up very Cold PM. freezing very hard

15 I went to Br S's & Cedar Grove AM drew stump PM W. very Cold AM some milder PM

Dec 1883

Sunday 16 at home Boys & girls went to Br C's PM W. pretty Cold

17 drew stumps W. fine pretty Cold

18 I & Nancy helped A Bs kill hogs boys drew Stumps AM trimmed some PM W. fine AM about an inch of snow last night blowed from west PM

19 drew big stumps N B helped with team John got Maj & Farmer Sharped AM. W. Cloudy rather sharp

20 Flavius got Nelly & Jess sharped & John brought home grist AM we trimmed some stumps PM W. cold

21 drew stumps N B helped with team W. fine pretty Cold. about 1 inch of snow last night

22 drew stumps N B helped with team W. Cold about zero this Morning. about 1 inch snow last night

Sunday 23 went to meeting at Hebron except Susanna & little ones remarks by Br C sermon on St John 3rd C by Saml Hoover Peter Bs were here after service W. very very Cold this morning snow from east PM mild this evening

24 I & girls went to Markham with sleigh boys went Shooting W. frosty pretty Cold. rough sleighing

25 Christmas day Flavius & Herman

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went to Br S's Br C & his family were here young folks went to Peter's this eveing W. fine mild

26 I & John went to Markham boys drew home wood Jesse Hoovers was here at noon boys drew stumps awhile PM. W. milder thawing

27 Drew stumps AM Chored PM Flavius brought loads of pine from other place with steers PM W. fine AM snow from east PM wind turned very very strong from north this eveing blowed very hard

28 Finished stump fence AM 125 stumps we fenced west side & north side up the hill of N W corner field at other place boys went to sale at late Alex Whaleys I went to Major Mills PM. W fine rough sleigh N Bs were here tonight

29 Cleaned & drew 2 loads old wheat to Cedar Grove @ \$1.6 & \$1.05 W. east wind

30 I & Nancy went to I Moyers Boys & girls went to meeting at Widemans W. fine AM snow PM

31 Cleaned & drew 2 loads Wheat

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to Cedar Grove @ \$1.05 I & Nancy & little ones went to Br C's this eveing Boys drove gray mare Maggie awhile this eveing she went well W. fine mild sleighing good

Jan 1 1884 Three Boys & Br N's Peter went shooting to Simon Hoover's they got 1 rabbit Girls & Br C's youngsters went visiting to Simon's Hoover's this PM then they all Came home together we & the rest of Children went to Br S's W. fine winter day 2- Br N's were here this evening

2 Chored W. snow from east last night & AM. wind turned to west PM. blowed hard

3 I helped Br N's kill hog W. very strong west wind all day Cold Zero

4 didnt do much John started to Major Mills with grist didnt get there roads Blocked Br C. started to go to Waterloo train Blocked in Scarboro yesterday he stayed in Toronto W. very Cold yet

5 I & Flavius went to Markham Boys brought home horse power Br C. came home today W. not so Cold

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Sunday 6 I & Nancy went to Uncle Saml Reesors they were not at home but Isaac Widemans were at home so we staid Our young folks & Br C's youngsters went to Christian Stover's this evening W. milder

7 Set Machine & asked hands to thresh on Wednesday W. fine milder

8 Chored W. snow from east all day not much wind. our four Geese were stolen last night

9 Threshed. got a late start Thresh{ed} nearly all fall Wheat about 150 Boxes it is a poor Crop W. snowed all night there is 15 in new snow this morning snowed slowly all day rather mild

10 Threshed rest of Wheat about 25 Boxes & Russian Oats about 90 then about 240 Boxes of other Oats W. mild snowed heavy towards eveing no wind

11 Broke road into bush & cleaned up fl{illegible} about 15 Boxes Oats W. rather Cold PM

12 I & Nancy went to Funeral of John Stovers Daughter Martha went to Mother inlaws for dinner Boys drew home wood W. mild

Sunday 13 Went to John B Reesors Martin Barkeys were here this eveing W. snow from east awhile this morning 2 feet snow on the level

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14 Chopped Barley & Oats for Cows AM Oats PM our chopper works very well we had it back to get it fixed I went to Cherrywood & to Moyers with Br C PM W. pretty cold PM

15 didnt do much boys ground axes AM brought home grist PM. W. very Cold 12 below zero this morning

16 John & Flavius helped Br S's thresh with team W. milder Herman goes to ~~school~~ school

17 Boys cut sawlogs in other Bush I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. frosty mild

18 Cleaned 38 bus 43 lbs Keim Wheat & took it to Cedar Grove @ \$1.00 per Bus W. milder I & Nancy went to Br S's Menno's they were not at home

19 Cleaned 38.44 lbs Keim Wheat took it to Cedar Grove Mills & shoveled snow at Hebron PM W. rather Colder

Sunday 20 all went to meeting at Hebron except John remarks & sermon on John 14 C by Br C J B's. Menno Burkholder Tilman McDaniels Herman & Elvia Lehman's were here PM. W. fine Cold 8 deg below zero this morning

21 I & Nancy went to Markham AM boys finished Cutting green logs AM Sawed in old bush PM W. Cold

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22 Cleaned some wheat screenings AM Boys drew 7 logs PM. W West wind

23 John & Flavius both went to Dr Tabor AM. they are sick vomited last night I & Benjamin went to Cedar Grove PM W. snow pretty heavy PM. W mild

24 I & Herman went to Isaac Moyers sale PM I bought 3 Butter Baskets & sundries @ 25 cts W. very Cold sharp N Wind

25 I & Herman helped A McCreight thresh W. very very Cold 17 below zero at our places 30 at Markham John & Flavius not well yet

26 Herman helped McCreight finished thresh AM I & Nancy went to John Stovers then I went to meeting house at Widemans PM to see about Maintaining Stover's went to Br inlaw Saml's to stay all night W. fine not very Cold

Sunday 27 went to meeting at Wldemans remarks by Br C Sermon on Hebrews by R'd S Hoover went to R'd Jos Bar{keys} after service W. sharp east wind

28 Chopped few Oats & Peas & Oats mixed W. snow AM fine PM

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29 Boys drew some logs D Shavers were here PM & this evening W. mild soft

30 Flavis went to Toronto with Benj'n Diller W. rained & thawed all day John & Herman drew 1 log

31 I & John took fat Cow to Butcher Glenn in Markham @ 42 dollars W. fine. drew logs PM

Feb 1 Chopped lot of feed Peas & Oats Tailings & Oats & Oats for Horses AM Chopper works well. boys drew Butt Logs PM the last of the green ones & they brought home some old ones for firewood. W. fine mild

2 Boys brought home some old logs AM I & John took two of them to A M they were too good for wood & John took one maple from old bush PM I & Nancy went to Br S's Menno's they were not at home then we went to Br N's W

Sunday 3 at home young folks & Br C's & Br N's young folks all went to Menno Burkholders this eveing A B's were here W. fine mild

Feb 1884

4 Cut down old Beech tree for wood & John drew Maple Logs W. east wind

5 Boys drew home some logs for wood I & Nancy went to John G Reesors this eveing W. mild. Dr Taber died this morning

6 Worked in other bush John Wildeman & Wife came to stay all night W. snow AM Nancy and Flavis were at Markham PM

7 Three boys went to Johnny Boyer's Sale W. very very fine warm Cler

8 Worked in other bush W. foggy

9 Went to other bush John drew one log I & Flavius Came home rain & soft snow AM. fine. PM G Lehman & Wife were here at dinner

Sunday 10 went to J D's young folk to A B's W. fine

11 drew logs I & Nancy went to Br S's Menno's this evening W. fine

12 Chopped a lot of grain AM all the young folk went to S Lehman's PM Simon Hoover's Came PM & staid this evening W. fine AM sleet & rain from east from 3 PM. not Cold

13 Boys Cut logs AM drew PM I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. fine mild

Feb 1884

14 Boys went to W Anthoneys Sale I took Machine Canvas to to N Burkholder's at Cherrywood to get fixed PM. W. pretty Cold

15 Cut down big dead pine in other bush W. fine sharp

16 Boys finished sawing pine AM Chopped some Oats PM young folks went to J D's this evening W. fine

Sunday 17 all went to meeting at Hebron remarks by R'd S Hoover Sermon on St John 11 C by Br C David Nighswander's were here PM & Martin & Elisabeth Stover from Nottawasaga & Rosine Burkholder were here tonight W. fine thawing PM rain this evening

18 Killed fat Heifer AM boys drew logs PM. W. very fine mild went to aunt Lissy Burkholder's this eveing

19 Chored AM boys went with 2 teams to D Hoover's Bee to draw lumber PM had bad luck broke both sleighs W. drizzly AM cler PM thawing

{Entries for Feb. 20 to March 4 missing}

Mar 1884

Br C's today W. pretty cold I have Boils on under lip since Sunday

5 Boys Chopped lot of Oats & Mixed grain W. very fine. Boil very sore Boys & girls went to M Nighswander's this evening

6 Boys split wood AM they all went to Daniul Hoover's sale PM John H Ramers was here & he went to sale J B left his horse & went Peter & Jesse Hoover Called & went I had to stay with the women Boil very sore. very fine day Dan has rented his farm to Ben Burkholder & he is moving into Cherrywood

7 Flavius & Adeline went to Markham AM they sawed a tree in other Bush to Make a load of wood for J McGaw W. a little snow last night. Boil sore

8 Boys Cut Sheaves & brought load of pine from other Bush AM Then they got Br C's sleigh & brought McGaw's wood as far as Br C's PM W. stormy AM fine PM got Br C. to look at my face dont know but he thinks its a boil

Sunday 9 at home Flavius & Herman went to Meeting at Cedar Grove AM Flavius went for Old Dr Tabor

Mar 1884

He is in the Deceased D's office in{blot} {illegible} he took a different view of it he recommended Poulticing with hops & gave me some medicine W. stormy PM

10 John & Benjamin took McGaws wood AM rest of boys made road to draw dung on heap on Oats stubble east of dam W. fine mild, face some better

11 Nancy John & girls went to Wedding at Br C's his daughter Mary was married to Jonas Ramer's son John, Flavius & Herman drew dung PM W. rainy AM fine PM

12 Boys drew a few loads dung then they sawed wood too soft to draw dung W. fine Cler thawing

13 Boys drew dung till nearly night then they hitched up Colt Frank he went well W. fine Cler Thawing a little my face is getting better

14 Boys drew hay from other place. W. fine warm thawing. my face getting better. my under lip was swelled so that I could hardly eat anything it breaks inside occasionally & bleeds it ran very little matter outside

15 Boys drew home hay AM Chopped a lot of grain PM Joseph Barkeys were here this evening I went out a little today W. fine Cler

Mar 1884

Sunday 16 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on Hebrews 4 C by R'd Jos Barkey Simon Hoover's old Mrs Wideman & David Stover were here after service W. fine Cler mild

17 Boys drew some wood from other bush Flavius & Nancy went to Markham PM W. mild rained awhile AM

18 John & Benjamin Cut a few Hemlock logs in other bush I took team over & they drew 1 AM
Boys all went to J Higgins Sale PM I got Cold AM dont feel well. Jacob Moyer from Jordan Came
to stay all night W. fine

19 John went visiting with Moyer today W. rainy soft snow this eveing

20 boys drew home some logs for wood from old bush

21 I & Nancy went to Saml Hoover's & Br inlaw John Hoover's boys drew dung on heap with 2
teams W. very fine thawing sleighing going fast

22 Got sap Buckets down & soaked them AM John & Benjamin Cut some drags in the other bush
Flavius & Herman drew pine roots into old bush PM to boil sugar W. warm Cler, sleighing about
gone

Mar 1884 April

I & Abram went to Cedar Grove this evening with Cutter tough going Br S & wife were here PM
he hung storm door at front door

Sunday 23 I & Nancy & little ones went to N B's W. rained awhile AM foggy & mild

24 I & Nancy went to Motherinlaws I bought 10 Bus Peas off Br inlaw Peter @ 70 cts per Bus
did not bring them home W. fine mild thawing

25 Tapped trees sap did not run very well I went to Vardons Sale PM W. fine warm Cler

26 I & Flavius Chopped some Peas & Oats this Morning W. began to rain at 9 AM rained all day

27 Boy sawed wood in other bush W. fine

28 Boiled sap Flavis went to Markham W. fine

29 Boys sawed in other bush AM they helped Peter PM it was too windy in bush, very Cold &
windy from north

Sundy 30 I & Nancy went to A B's W. very Cold north wind froze hard

31 Boys sawed in other bush Peter & his man helped AM W. very fine

April 1 sawed at home W. fine 2 John went to Markham PM

2 John & Flavius went to J D's sawing Bee PM W. Drissly snow & rain about 2 in snow this morning

April 1884

3 I & Nancy went to Markham AM Boys sawed wood W. strong North wind

4 Boiled sap W. strong N W wind

5 Boiled sap John & Flavis helped Br S's thresh we have made 32 quarts Molasses sap run well yesterday W. very strong N W wind today freezing tonight

Sunday 6 at home Isaac Moyers Menno Reesor's Br N's youngsters & A B's Children were here. W. fine

7 Boiled sap & sawed wood W. fine

8 I & Nancy went to M N's boys Boiled sap Herman helped John Ramer's move he drove Cattle W. fine

9 Boys sawed we Boiled sap Michael Fret's were here W. fine ground white with snow this morning

10 I went to Markham Boys sawed wood We made 41¾ lbs sugar yesterday & today W. fine

Good Friday 11 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on Isaiah 53 C by Br C I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's PM W. fine Cler roads getting good

April 1884

12 Plugged stump fence & burned some old stumps W. very fine warm

Easter Sunday 13 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by S Hoover sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C Tilman Reesor's were here W. strong east wind AM fine PM Cler

Easter Monday 14 I Nancy girls & little ones went to Br C's to quilting. W. fine mild

15 Chored I went to Cedar Grove AM W. strong east wind rained nearly all day

16 John & Flavius plowed some sod at other place I & rest of boys boiled 7 quts fine Molasses we made over 16 gals & 41 lbs sugar

17 I & John went to Br inlaw Peter's for 10 Bus seed Peas got new harness at M Whites Complete for \$25.00 AM I & Flavius put in logs John & Herman drew off stones at other place. W. fine

18 I & Flavius piled lumber John & Benj drew off stones Patton fixed table W. very fine

19 I & ~~John~~ Flavius piled lumber

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John & Herman Chopped some grain AM drew off rails & burned roots PM W. very fine & warm

Sunday 20 I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by R'd Jos Barkey sermon on {*blank space*} by Br C went to C L Hoover's after servic & to Enos Hoover's at supper W. very fine warm AM blowed up Cold PM Boys & girls went to Johnny B's

21 I & John & Flavius & N B dug a grave for old Hannah Stover & then all went to her funeral she was buried at Hebron Sermon by Jac Wideman & Sam Hoover Henry Stover & his sister were here boys plowed sod at other place where we stumped W. Cler Cold N wind

22 I & John took away some lumber AM Br S's are not sawing for a few days Flavis grubbed & John plowed at other place PM I went to sale of old James Peter's Chattels & Homestead PM bought garden hoe & axe 30 handsleigh 25 cts W. fine warm cler, east wind

April 1884

23 Flavius grubbed at other place John harrowed at home W. fine Cler

24 I sowed 1 field Black barley at other place AM & some Oats PM John sowed 4 Bus spring wheat in east end of field east of dam & began sowing Oats in field near Hoover's Flavius harrowed with Cent & Maggie Herman harrowed at the other place with Jess & Nell. W. fine warm Cler

25 Sowed Oats at home & at other place with 3 teams W. fine day

26 Finished Oats in west 8 acres of big field & nearly finished N West corner field with Barley Maggie has sore shoulders so we hitched up Frank & Flavius harrowed with him he went well W. fine warm Cler

Sunday 27 at home Br N's were here & Diller's youngsters W. fine a slight shower this evening

28 Sowed field back of Cider house with Barley. W. raw Cold N wind

29 Flavius helped N B plow John went to Major Mills.

March 1884 May

I brought load of rails from other I & Benj & Herman pulled down about 40 rods of fence along west end of N East Corner field I & Nancy went to Markham & boys laid up the fence PM. W. very Cold last night froze ice like glass

30 John helped N B with seeder we & Flavius drew old rails into wood shed AM Flavis plowed sod at Other place I went to tell about Meeting on Saturday there are visitors Coming from Pennsylvani W. Cool wind

May 1 Flavis helped N B with seeder John Plowed sod AM I sowed it with Peas PM Herman harrowed with Cent & Maggie John helped harrow when he was done Plowing W. warm a little rain PM

2 John & Herman finished harrowing Peas at other place Flavius sowed knoll with Peas AM John rolled & Herman got N B's roller & helped roll PM they got Both Barly fields rolled & knoll Peas

May 1884

W fine shower last night Cold W wind today

3 all went to Meeting at Hebron today Sermon on St {*blank space*} by R'd B Lehman from Lancaster Pa remarks by Bishop R Martin Root of the same place Deacon Henry Nissly & wife & C Hostetter were here last night & Bishop M Root a while this morning W. fine Cool wind Boys & N B went fishing to Big Rouge PM Caught 50 suckers

Sunday 4 John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans Flavis went with Br C's J D's were here W. fine

5 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks by Bishop Root sermon by Pre B Lehman went to M N's to H Boyer's at supper W. ~~fine~~ foggy AM very fine & warm PM growing weather

6 R Gourley helped us plant Maple trees from Meeting house to north lane about 116 trees some few white Ash Boys drew dung out of heap on Carrot ground & Flavius plowed it W. fine warm

7 I & John & Herman piled lumber & Flavis rolled at other place AM W A little drizzly AM strong wind & rain from east PM

May 1884

8 Cut some Black Ash logs & drew them to S M A I went to Markham PM W. drizzly AM & PM

9 Chored & Boys partly Made a gate AM I went to L Crosbeys sale with N B. PM W rain AM some thunder shower's PM

10 Sawed up old apple trees into stove wood & Boys dug post holes for Back garden AM drew back from log yard at Br S's for Mulch for Maple trees PM W. fine warm

Sundy 11 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by R'd Jac Wideman sermon suitable for Lords Supper by Br C Jac Wideman M N's young folks & Simon Hoover's young folks were here W. fine Cool wind

12 Flavius rolled at other place & John finished plowing orchard at other place & I sowed it with Black barley AM Flavis rolled at home

May 1884

John brought Barrel of salt from Dunbarton & I went to Funeral of Old James Boyd at Cedar Grove PM. W. fine warm

13 I & Adeline went to Toronto Sold 45 lbs Butter @ 25 cts 15 Doz Eggs @ 16 cts Boys drew dung on Corn & Potatoe ground W. East wind & driving rain nearly all way home

14 I & Nancy went to J B's boys Sowed Carrots & plowed Corn & Potatoe ground W. strong N wind

15 I & Flavis put in posts & put on Scantling for garden fence AM I & John went to Markham PM W. fine AM some thunder & rain PM

16 John & Herman drew old stumps & roots on heaps at other place I & Flavius worked garden fence I Paid late Dr Taber's Bill to Mr Beaton at Whitevale this Morning W. strong N wind

17 I & Abram went to Markham I & Flavis finished garden fence & gate PM John & Herman Burned stumps & drew off roots W. milder, a little snow north yesterday.

May 1884

Sundy 18 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by I Hoover suitable sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C went to Br inlaw Peters PM & to C Burkholders at supper W. fine

19 Nancy Painted the two Kitchen floor's on Saturday I Painted the second Coat today Boys drew dung on turnip ground W. fine warm growing weather woods turning green

20 Boys drew dung I & Susanna went to Markham AM W. shower awhile AM & awhile PM

21 Boys finished dung & marked out Corn & planted some & I Painted front Kitchen stoop AM washed sheep & finisshed planting Corn PM. W. real warm May day J B's & J D's Came home from Clarence NY this eveing

Ascension day 22 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke C by S Hoover W drissly rain PM

23 I & Nancy went to Uxbridge to M Williamsons for 6 Bags Potatoes @ 75 cts per Bag Boys dug garden & Plowed turnip ground W. warm

24 Boys plowed John sheared sheep PM W. fine

Sunday 25 at home N B's were here & A B's PM W. rain this morning

May 1884

26 Boys finished plowing turnip ground AM planted Potatoes PM W. fine warm

27 Finished planting Potatoes AM I & Benj' went fishing to Dead water PM Caught 13 Boys harrowed & rolled turnip ground drew stones off Meadow W. fine

28 drew stones & roots off fallow at other place AM boys began to plow & went to Cedar Grove PM W. Cold N wind frost some places last night

29 Boys plowed I burned roots AM have very lame back PM Herman & Benj pulled weeds in wheat W. Cold N Wind frost in places

30 Boys finished fallow at other place we have none at home. I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM. W. a little milder our early Potatoes were nipped a little with frost last night

31 I & John went to Markham AM bought new Buggy off R Pringle @ \$90.00 Paid \$30 Cash & he takes Axles at 70 cts each toward Balance & some Blk ash @ \$14.00 per M Boys Chopped Oats AM drew dung on feed Corn ground PM. W. fine mild

June 1884

June 1st Sunday, I & Nancy went to P B's W. fine warm

Whit Monday 2 at home young folks all went fishing girls & Flavius & a lot More went to F Mans Bay got fine lot fish W. shower this Morning thunder in the north PM Shower this evening N B Pulled down his Barn today

3 Fixed fences John Plowed ground for feed Corn AM Three Boys helped N B Clearing away timber at his Barn PM fine

4 Made stone Pavement from driving house to stables & Boys brought 2 loads gravel from Br Ss to put on it a Pedlar left a Washing Machine here on trial we are to have a new one for \$10.00 if it gives satisfaction W. pretty warm Cler

5 R Gourlay helped us raise house at other place 1 foot then he and boys dug in Cellar under it W. warm

6 Boys & Gourlay dug in Cellar I went to Markham AM trimmed some apple trees & put on few grafts PM W. very warm

June 1884

7 I & Abram went to Toronto Sold 38 lbs Butter @ 16 cts 12 doz Eggs @ 15 cts Boys & Gourlay dug in Cellar W. very warm

Sunday 8 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by R'd S Hoover sermon on St John 15 C by Br C M N's Johnny Ramers R'd Sam Hoover's & Abraham & Samuel Smiths young folks from Vaughan were here after service M N's staid for supper W. very warm Clr

9 ~~Three~~ Two Boys went to N B's Barn raising I & little Boys planted feed Corn & some blanks in Common Corn AM little Boys & the girls went to raising PM W. very warm AM fine rain PM a little thunder Cooler PM

{1}0 Sawed Basswood logs in old bush AM Chored PM all went to N B's to put on Purloin plates after supper W. Cloudy

{1}1 Boys dug in Cellar W. drizzly all day

{1}2 I & Benj'n went fishing to dead water with J B & Br S's David Caught over 40 fine Catfish Boys drew stones for Cellar at other place AM Dug Post {h}oles for fence in front of new {barn} PM W fine warm

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13 R Gourly helped finish Cellar & began to Clean out ditch on west Side of lane I & John brought load of sand from J D's Creek then we drew 4 more out of a heap that laid at other place since barn was built I went to Cedar Grove PM W. fine Cool

14 Boys plowed in turnip ground

Sunday 15 I & Nancy went to Funeral of Simon Ramer's wife, went to Jonas Ramer's for dinner. W. fine, pretty warm

16 I & The new Boys & 2 teams put in Markham road work drawing Gravel W. warm

17 Scuffled & hoed Corn plowed in turnip ground W. very warm

18 Boys finished plowing harrowing & rolling turnip ground we Chopped few Oats PM. W. very very warm thunder showers went round PM a very little rain here

19 Boys Made turnip drills W. very warm

20 Boys harrowed fallow at other place AM John took grist wheat to Major Mills PM W. very very warm

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Sent 28 lbs Butter to Toronto with Br C @ 16 cts

21 Flavius sowed turnips AM Boys topped thistles at other place PM W. very very warm 87 deg at our place 93 at some places

Sunday 22 at home Boys & girls went to A B's I & Nancy & little ones went awhile to N B's after supper W. pretty warm

23 John & Flavius fixed fences at other place AM Topped Thistles in big Oat field PM I & little boys scuffled & hoed Carrots Peters & Motherinlaw were here PM W. heavy thunder & rain north a little here PM

24 I & Nancy took wool to Altona Mills {Bo}ys drew 3 loads gravel from Br S's {g}ot dinner & supper at Simon Hoover's W. very heavy rain nearly all PM

25 Chored AM Boys hitched Frank in waggon & brought load rails PM W. rain nearly all AM Cool PM

26 {h}ad R Gourlay to make sod walk on {e}ast side of lane Boys turnpiked lane from {C}ider house down little hill made sod bridge for Cider house John Brought 1 load of gravel from Br S's W. fine Cler Washing Machine agent Came & I Paid him Boys went fishing to dead water this eveing Flavis caught Eel

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27 John done Scarboro road work with team I & Flavis brought load gravel from sideroad near H Moore's in 3rd Con of Scarboro then I went to see Clerk of Scarboro to see if I could buy a quantity to finish gravel lane boys topped thistles PM. W. pretty warm

28 Chopped some Oats & Finished grading lane AM then topped thistles W. fine hoed Corn PM

Sunday 29 Boys & girls went to Br N's & to J D's I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Ramer's they were not at home then we went to Martin Barkey PM Joseph Shirk & wife Came to stay all night. W. fine warm Cler

30 Boys drew dung at other place I & little boys hoed Corn W. warm ~~July 1st~~ I went to Funeral of Joseph Lapps boy PM very warm

July 1st Boys plowed at other place W. very warm I & John made Picket fence for hens PM Flavius got gravel in his eye Breaking at a stone with sledge

2 Flavis went to Dr Robinson AM John & Herman plowed W. Cooler

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3 John cut grass south of bush till about 10 AM Br C's took Mower till about 2 PM then John Cut in big Meadow Herman finished plowing fallow at other place then he brought turnip disk from Br S's & began to run it over the drills to break the Crust they are not Coming very well Flavis done nothing but his eye is getting better W. warm

4 John nearly finished big Meadow I & other boys hoed Potatoes Herman finished rolling turnips AM Chored PM. W. fine AM rain PM

5 Chored AM John & Flavius went to J Boyds barn raising PM W. showers AM & PM

Sunday 6 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 15 C by R'd S Hoover J B's Gibner's Simeon Wideman Aaron Burkholder were here PM. & Br S's at supper W. fine Cool, Cler

7 I went to Markham & Boys Chopped some Oats AM I put Paris Green on Potatoes Boys raked & Cocked hay south of Bush {illegible} mowed swale in meadow PM W. fine Cool

{illegible} I went to Toronto sold 54 lbs Butter @ 19cts

July 1884

Boys mowed swale along line fence at other place AM drew in hay south of bush & 4 loads out of Meadow PM W fine Cool

9 & 10 worked at hay & scuffled turnips W. fine warm

11 drew in hay W. heavy rain PM

12 Chored AM Boys mowed swale at other place PM helped N B lift sleeper in barn after supper W. rain AM rain & hail about 5 PM, hail done no damage here but at 6th Con Markham cut crop all down

Sunday 13 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by R'd Jos Barkey Sermon on St Mat 24 by R S Hoover went to Danl Ramer's after service W. fine cool

14 I & Benjamin Cut Thistles on Scarboro road & Boys Chopped Oats AM I & Nancy went to Motherinlaws Boys shook up hay PM W. Cool

15 & 16 drew 18 loads gravel from J D's Creek into lane W. very Cool for the season

17 Boys & girls went to John Ramer's raising I & Benj'n drew 3 loads gravel & drew in one load hay at other place W. fine Cool

18 Flavis got Jess & Nell shod I & John drew 2 loads gravel AM hoed turnips PM W. fine shower last night

19 hoed turnips AM cut few acres wheat on high ground in field behind barn PM W. fine Cool

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Sunday 20 Boys & girls went to Meeting at Altona we & little ones went to J D's W. fine

21 Cut Wheat behind barn W. fine

22 Cut high ground at other place W. warm

23 Chopped last of Oats & hoed turnips I got Cent shod AM. W. fine

24 Finished hoeing turnips & hoed thistles out of Potatoes & Corn AM Cut some Wheat behind barn till near supper began to rain slowly, pretty nice shower after dark, warm

25 Finished Cutting Wheat behind barn & began Cutting Peaground wheat in east end of big field W. fine pretty warm

26 Finished Peaground till noon & Cut at other place PM, nearly finished W. fine

Sunday 27 I went to Funeral of Old Edmund Anthony, he was buried at Highland Creek Johny B's were here PM W. heavy rain AM. fine PM. the Funeral was at 12 Oc

28 I & Abram went to Markham AM {b}oys hoed turnips at N B's fixed shocks finished Cutting wheat at other place PM began cutting barley behind {C}ider house after supper W. fine

{2}9 I & Herman went to Toronto sold 50 lbs {B}utter @ 18 cts 6 doz eggs @ 18 cts

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1 bag new Potatoes @ 1.10 boys Cut Barly W. fine

30 cut barley AM drew in 5 loads Wheat with 2 waggons till 1/2 past 3 when it began to rain. it rained more or less till eveing a very heavy Clap of thunder about 7 PM

31 Chored AM put up Barbed Wire along Meadow fence to protect trees all Picked raspberries in other bush after supper we got about 20 lbs W. rainy AM fine PM

Aug 1st Boys helped N B finish hoeing turnips AM finished Cutting Barly behind Cider house till supper Cut 4 rounds in N W Corner filed after supper Flavis went to Markham after supper. W. fine Cool Cler

2 Three boys Cut Black Barley at other place Benjamin Cut N W Corner field I & Nancy went to Markham PM W

Sundy 3 Went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy Staid with little ones they have Cold remarks by Br C sermon on St James 3rd C by R'd Jos Barkey Joseph Groves & old Johnny Stover , Br inlaw Saml Hoover's S Lehman's were here . W. fine very warm Shower PM

4 I & John & Benj'n put in 8 big logs AM Boys fixed up up shocks PM

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W. fine AM heavy shower about supper time heavy rain last night Flavius helped N B bind fall wheat PM

5 Flavis helped N B bind till supper Then we turned loose Barly W. fine drying

6 Put Paris Green on Potatoes & turned out some Wheat shocks AM drew in {1}6 loads fall Wheat PM my back got so lame I had to quit I went to see for a hand got J Mainland to Come tommorrow W. fine drying day

7 & 8 Boys & J M drew in all Wheat & some barley W. fine warm I laid in bed Can hardly move

9 boys drew in alone I am in bed W. fine warm

Sunday 10 Three boys & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's & to Funeral of Saml Browspergers wife PM I am in bed W. fine very warm

{1}1 Boys ganged barley stubble with 2 teams W. very warm Br C got medicine for me, D Robinson

{1}2 Boys finished ganging stubble fallow at other place W. warm

13 Boys drew dung on stubble Herman helped B Burkholders on Hoover's place to thresh PM

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14 They have the grain & rakings all in the barn. Moyers & Uncle Jos widow were here W. warm

14 Boys drew dung & Cut road round N East Corner Oat field. Herman helped B Burkholder thresh AM W fine

15 Boys Cut Oats D Stover Helped bind he works for Br C. Flavius helped Br N's thresh W. fine warm I got as far as the Kitchen on the Lounge yesterday & today I walk{ed} to the barnyard W. warm

16 Boys finished Cutting one field Oats & spring wheat Flavis helped Peter Reesor thresh W. warm

Sundy 17 at home Br S & Br C's & A B's young folk were here W. warm I walk on crutches

18 Boys shocked big field of Oats & Cut some North of bush D Stover helped W. very warm

19 John & Flavius helped J D's thresh with team Herman Benj' & Abram finished Cutting & binding Oats north of bush W. very very warm 89 deg in shade

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20 John & Herman helped Br S's thresh rest of boys & J D's man Jim Gunn Cut Oats at other place W very warm I walked to Br C's with one crutch fine shower last night

21 Boys shocked Oats & cut Black barley at {o}ther place in young Orchard AM set Machine PM & threshed Barly & wheat rakings after supper with six horses, I drove. W. fine shower at noon.

{2}2 John finished Cutting Black barley at {o}ther place other boys shocking Oats north {o}f bush AM Boys pulled Peas on Knoll {l} took 10 bus grist & 8 bus Barly chop to Major Mills PM Boys

began pulling Peas at other place after supper W. fine Cool Br C took 27 lbs butter @ 19 cts 14 doz eggs @ 18 cts to Toronto for us today

{2}3 Flavis helped A McCreight thresh {J}ohn & rest of boys pulled weeds out of Potatoes AM little boys hoed turnips & John & Herman Pulled Peas PM {I} & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM Danl Smiths {w}ere here at supper W. strong N W wind very cool

Aug 1884 Sept

Sunday 24 I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's W. fine Cool

25 B Three boys helped Br C thresh with 3 horses I & Nancy went to Markham AM W. rather Cloudy a little rain PM

26 Threshed about 600 Bus barley & 30 Wheat W. fine wind from north fine Shower last night

27 drew in Peas at home & 4 loads from other place I dont feel well W. fine

28 drew in 2 loads Peas from other place & Spring wheat 2 loads & 10 loads Oats north of bush W. very heavy dew this morning. fine

29 John & Flavius plowed in Pea ground at other place H & Benj' Chored & spread dng W. soaking rain last night Cloudy today

30 Flavis harrowed Pea ground at other place J & H Herman plowed in Barley stubble at home Flavius plowed too PM he is working Maggie & 2 yr old Frank they work well I went to Markham AM & to Cherrywood PM W. foggy AM Cler PM

Sunday 31 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C Ann Shirk was here last night & today at noon We went to Br S's PM W. fine Cool

Sept 1 Boys Plowed awhile began drawing in Oats about 10 O'clock W. fine I helped unload

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{2} Boys plowed awhile this Morning then drew last Oats at home 3 loads Flavis & Benj'n
{h}elped B Burkholder thresh PM I & rest of boys drew in Oats at other place 7 loads PM. W. very
hevy dew, fine warm today

{3} boys plowed barly stubble AM John & {B}enj' drew in Black barly 2 loads at other {p}lace out
of little Orchard & brought home {l}ast load Peas where we intend putting {w}heat I & Nancy went to
Johnny Reesor's went to Markham W. pretty warm

{4} John plowed & harrowed last of Pea ground {a}t other place F & H harrowed & rolled {b}arly
stubble John began sowing PM I went to Cedar Grove 88 deg W. very warm

{5} John Finished sowing Herman took 300 {ti}les to other place that he got last night {at} Pettys
R Gourly & Flavis dug drain {in} Pea ground Benj' helped PM Flavis {fin}ished harrowing wheat at
home John {&} Herman Plowed Peaground PM I went to Markham PM W. very warm

{6} Gourly & Benj' finished drain 3 boys plowed W. very warm

{Sun}day 7 at home Br C's youngsters Johnny Ramer's {J} D's youngsters were here. W. very
very warm

{8} Three boys plowed at other place nearly finished Benj' drew home wood with Cent & Cart W
fine Cler PM

{9} {s}hower last night a little rain AM. Cloudy AM Sowed Wheat at other Place W. very warm

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10 Finished harrowing Wheat Piled brush & Pulled few Peas at other place one load & drew them
home W. very warm thund{er} shower this evening. Cooler now

11 Herman helped Murray thresh he lives on Pilkeys farm I & rest of boys & Adeline threshed
about 30 Bus O{ats} this Morning John & Benj'n began fall plowing in big field I & Flavis threshed
Peas Benj got Nell shod W. fine Cool I went to Br S's for Strawberry Plants

12 I & Nancy went to Toronto sold 26 lbs Butter @ 24 cts Eggs 16 do 18 cts Chickens 45 per pr
Lamb skins 60 & 50 cts each Boys plowed & threshed Some Peas W. fine Cool Cler

2 13 Boys Plowed I took Nell to Burrows She has a cough I & Nancy & Esther went to Vaughan with Br C staid all night at Danl Smiths W. fine Cool this evening

Sundy 14 went to Vaughan Meeting remarks & sermon suitable for Celebration of Lords Supper by Br C went to Abraham Smiths after service then Came home. W. fine

15 Boys plowed I & Flavius brought home 17 bags Pea & barly Chop with Colts from Major Mills PM W. fine

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{16} Three boys Plowed AM I & Flavis {m}ade bottoms for 8 Potatoes Pits PM went to Br S's & Cedar Grove AM. W. fine

{Jo}hn & Herman finished plowed big field except Headlands

{17} John & Herman began plowing in N W {cor}ner field rest of us dug Potatoes I {we}nt to M Frets this morning W. N W wind

{18} Boys Plowed Flavius & Benj'n dug Potatoes Br S & C & M C Frets raised up our {m}eeting house with Jacks it had settled {in} the Centre I helped dig Potatoes PM W fine Cler Cool pretty strong wind

{19} All dug Potatoes Herman got Jess shod {A}M we quit about 3 PM young folks {w}ent to Paring bee at M N's W. rather {c}loudy, east wind rained some after dark

{20} I & Susanna went to Markham to Dentist, both got Teeth drawn boys finished {d}igging Potatoes AM very good crop {b}oys went shooting awhile then we threshed about 65 bus Oats with {illegible} horses. W. Cool fine Cler

{Sun}day 21 I & Nancy & little ones went to J Ramer's W. Cler Cool

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22 Boys Plowed & threshed Peas I took Jack home to Uncle Saml's PM W. rainy & showry nearly all day

23 Boys plowed I & Flavis took his plow to Markham PM to get fixed he broke it this AM W.
Cool east wind & fine rain towards eveing

24 John & Herman finished N W corner field except a little on Knoll Flavis & Benj'n brought home
Plow W. show{er} this morning warm today hevy rain tonight this is my son John's Twenty first
Birthday

25 Flavis & Herman finished plowing Knoll & began behind barn I took Br C to Green River
Station on Ontario & Quebec Railway it is on W Butte{n} farm near Belford (& I think it ought to be
Called Belford) the road has been in running order since about the 1st of July. Br C is going to
Jordan for a fe{w} days, then we run about 100 Bus of barley through the Machine to beard it I
went to Uncle Josephus Reesor's PM to tell them that Old Christian Hoover will be Buried tomorrow
Christian Raymer was Buried yesterday

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{th}en we cleaned & bagged a load of barley {W}. Cloudy this morning warm & fine today

{26} I & Nancy went to Funeral of Christian Hoover {S}ermon by R'd Jac Wideman & a young
{B}aptist Minister went to Br inlaw Peter's {Jo}hn took load Barly to F mans Bay 56 cts Boys cut
some Corn & Cleaned {an}other load. W. fine, east wind PM

{27} Chored AM Boys plowed PM W rain AM {Th}is is my 48th Birthday

{Sun}day 28th All went to Meeting at Hebron {s}uitable sermon for Celebration of Lords {Su}pper
by R'd Jac Wideman & Br C {M}anasse Frets & wife came PM W. fine rain PM

{29} Three Boys plowed I Plowed in Herman's {p}lace with Cent & Jess PM he got his shoe
{fi}xed in Makham. W. very fine

{30} John took 65 Bus barley to Bay AM 58 cts. Herman helped Br Cs thresh with {te}am W. rainy
AM Cler PM

{31} Flavis harrowed in big field awhile then {th}reshed Peas he & John plowed PM

{Oc}t 1 Flavis & Herman helped J D's thresh {wi}th team Br inlaw Peters were here & Mother {in}law, she staid

Oct 1884

John doesnt feel well Benj'n finished plowing field behind barn I & John Clea{ned} load Barley this eveing W. fine Cool PM

2 John took 49 Bus barly to Bay @ 56 AM I & he Made 50 gals Cider PM Flavis & Herman harrowed big field twi{ce} W. rather Cool AM drissly rain PM

3 Three Boys went to Markham Fair with Br C's Thomas & D Stover Br S's wife & Old Saml Nighswanders widow we{re} here Nancy took her Mother to A B's this Morning W. foggy AM very fine & warm P{M}

4 Flavis & Herman plowed spring wheat Stubble in root field about 2 acres John & Benj'n threshed few Peas & Cleane{d} them & mixed some Barley with them for grist Chop 20 Bus I went to Cedar Grove & got Cent shod AM John took Chop to Major Mills & got Farmer shod PM W. cler very very warm -7 78 deg in shade I & Benj'n dug sweet Potatoes PM about 4 or 5 Bus

Sunday 5 at home John & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's Flavis Herman & Esther went to A B's Br S's J D's & A B's were here W. fine

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{6} Flavis & Herman Plowed in N East field & John & Benj' Put load of barley through {M}achine & Fanning Mill AM John took {blank space} to Bay PM @ 56 cts then I & Flavis Benj'n drew in Corn with Cent. W. very fine

{7} Finished drawing Corn W. fine

{8} Boys plowed Herman took 16 Bus {g}rist to Major Mills this Morning {F}lavis brought it home this eveing {Ha}d husking Bee this eveing W. {ra}in nearly all PM Blowed up Cold

{9} Boys finished plowing west half N East field AM all Picked {a}pples PM I went to Green River {S}tation for Pre J Brubacher & wife Pre H Langemecker & wife from Penn {to}ok them to Br C's W. Cler Cold wind hard frost last night

{10} all went to Meeting at Hebron {re}marks by J Brubacker sermon {on} St John 5 C by H Langemecker frost last night

{11} {Jo}hn & Flavis began plowing at other place PM we Picked apples W. fine I & Nancy took Mother in law home PM Boys plowed at other place I & {FI}avis drew lime from

Oct 1884

Br S's to house at other place AM Boys went shooting PM shot Partridge & old County Rabbit W. warm

Sundy 12 I & Nancy & little ones went to M N's got there at noon heavy rain this morning intended to go to Meeting W. fine PM

13 Herman made 55 gals Cider AM Boys plowed Old Morrisey began wall under house at other place W. fine

14 Boys drew stones Herman helped Br N's thresh Flavis Made 70 gals Cider this morning we boiled sauce W. fine

15 Herman helped Peter's thresh Boys ~~plowed~~ finished plowing at other place we boiled sauce I brought 6 Barrels lime from Markham PM W. fine

16 Boys began plowing big field second time yesterday & today W. fine ~~47~~ John took 66 Bus barly to Bay @ 47 cts W. squaals of rain

17 Boys plowed I & Herman brought 2 loads Sand from Milners PM we threshed Oats awhile this morning W. fine

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18 I went to Markham AM Boys Plowed Flavis took grist Barly to Major Mills & brought it home John drew stones for wall & we picked apples PM W. fine Cool wind

{Su}nday 19 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans {r}emarks by R'd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Br C Elisabeth Koch was Baptized we {we}nt to Tilman Reesors after service. W. & roads fine

{20} Flavis made 52 gals Cider AM I went to {Ced}ar Grove & Boxgrove for Crocks they had {no}ne so I got them at Cherrywood, John {&} Herman plowed W. fine Jones's men {we}re pulling stumps at other place @ 50 cts

{21} Boiled sauce I & Flavis drew small load {sto}nes & small load loam for Masons AM I went to Whitevale AM John & Benjamin {pic}ked lot of Cider Apples into large Bin {illegible} we let Cows into Orchard to eat {illegible}rest W. fine Cler

{22} Boys plowed awhile AM then we all killed {pi}gs till noon I & Nancy went to Altona {illegible} Mills for Cloth PM W. heavy rain last night Cool PM

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23 I & John & Benj'n went to Toronto sold 4 pig{s} \$6.75 per Cwt 20 lbs Butter @ 26 cts, 6 doz Eggs 2{2 cts} Flavis & Herman finished Plowing big field second ti{me} W. Cold AM snow this eveing

24 Boys went shooting AM threshed Peas PM snow squaals PM W. about an inch of snow on ground this Morning I went to Cobers AM & to Cedar Grove PM

25 Boys threshed Peas AM Pulled turnips PM I took 15½ bus Peas to Major Mills PM. W. Cold N W wind snow all gone

Sunday 26 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on 1st Cor 13 C by S Hoover B Stover was here at noon I & Nancy & little ones went to Br N's PM. W. ground froze this morning. got Milder PM ~~fine~~ Cloudy tonight

27 I began teaching German in our Meeting house Boys began plowing in north side of Meadow.
W. rain last night & awhile AM

28 Boys pulled Carrots AM & turnips PM W. fine

29 Boys pulled turnip & finished drawing in Carrots W. white frost last night fine today

30 Boys nearly finished pulling turnips till noon drew in PM. W. very fine turnips good crop

31 Boys drew Cellar full W.

Nov 1 drew turnips in Pit with two Carts (got Br C's) AM worked at Cow stable we are
overhauling it PM W. cloudy AM, rain PM

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{S}unday 2 I & Nancy & little ones went to John Ramers Boys & girls went to J D's Benj'n went
to Br S's PM. W. Cool west wind pretty Cler

{3} I taught school all last week & began again {t}his morning. Boys finished drawing turnip {t}ill
noon began to cover it PM. W. fine Nancy & John went to Markham PM

{4} Boys worked in Cow stable W. rain from East all day

{5} Boys finished stable so we got in 5 Cows they {th}reshed some Peas Flavius helped handle
our {c}lear lumber AM W. Cold N W wind snow this eving

Thanksgiving day 6 all went to Meeting at Hebron except girls they staid to Cook for Stumpers
remarks & sermon on St Luke 4 C by Br C A B's Jesse & Martha {we}re here PM I & Nancy went
to N B's {P}M. W. ground white with snow pretty cold N wind

{7} John drew 2 loads lumber to Station {at} New Railroad at Belford we ~~kille~~ {k}illed a pig this
Morning boys threshed {P}eas Flavis took 14 Bus to Major Mills {th}is evening W. snow about all
gone

{8} I taught School today because there was none {on} Thursday We threshed some Oats this
eveing Boys plowed sod & took in Potatoes out of pits

Nov 1884

Sunday 9 at home all day Boys & girls went to Johnny Ramer's PM. W. very fine

10 Boys took in last of potatoes out of pits 100 bags altogether W. very very fine

11 Benj'n took in few small pits of Potatoes Boys finished plowing north half of Meadow then began plowing root ground. W. rather Cloudy

12 Br C taught School I & Nancy & some of little ones went to Br inla{w} Peters 2 boys helped N B thresh PM 2 boys plowed W. fine rather Cloudy

13 Benj'n & Herman plowed John & Flavis helped N B thresh. W. very fine

14 boys finshed plowing root grond & began in east half of N E corner field it is next years fallow W. fine

15 I & Benj'n & Flavis plowed AM John & Herman threshed Peas Herman & Susann{a} & Nancy went to Markham & I went to Cherrywood John Flavis & Benj'n plowed PM W. very fine roads good

Sundy 16 at home Johnny Ramers were here

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{at} noon & Br C's youngsters PM. W. fine

{17} Herman helped Br N's thresh rest of boys {fin}ished plowing next years fallow {W} drissly rain this morning blowed up cold North wind today

{18} John & Flavis helped J D's thresh with {te}am Herman helped Br N's W. cold frose hard

{19} Boys fixed up things around the barn {P}ut apples into Cellar Stumpers {illegible}nd to quit work. Cler & Cold today a little snow in the eveing

{20} I went to Markham AM Br C taught School {AM} I taught PM. Boys drew chip dung {ou}t of Wood shed & threshed Peas W. fine

{2}1 Boys threshed Peas, Flavis drew home {w}ood from other bush PM. W. very fine

{2} drew wood from other bush with 2 {t}eams AM Flavis drew last of it PM & John & Benj'n brought some pine {f}or Ovenwood PM W. east wind

Sunday 23 all went to Meeting at Hebron a man from Vaughan Fred Brown was Baptised to our faith Br C was alone there were very few at meeting heavy rain from east till after diner

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Fred Brown was here after dinner PM & staid all night young folks went to Br {illegible} PM

24 Boys trimmed Stumps AM John got Major shod in Whitevale Flavis & Herman threshed Peas PM. W. Cold & Blustery snow squaals PM

25 John & Herman helped J D's thresh with team Flavis & Benj'n went to Make Cider PM didnt get it made Mill out of order W. snow all day 3 in

26 Flavis & Adeline helped N B's kill hogs John is not well Herman drew rails in line fence on heap between us & McCreight W. very cold Herman helped dig grave PM

27 Most of us went to Funeral of A Hoover's baby Br C & Sam Hoover Preached W. milder we began drawing Stumps PM got 2 in the fence. W. geting milder

28 I helped Br C kill hogs Flavius taught{t} school rest of boys drew 15 stumps W. fine

29 I went to Markham AM boys trimmed stumps I went to A B's PM W. fine road very good

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Sunday 30 John & Flavius & Adeline went to Meeting at Widemans I & Nancy & little ones went to A B's Herman & Susanna kept house W. pretty Cold

Dec 1 Killed 8 hogs W. very fine

{2} Boys drew stumps W. fine

3 Boys drew stumps B Diller helped with team I went to Markham PM Br C taught School W. very fine

{4} Boys trimmed stumps I & Nancy {he}lped A B's kill hogs W. very fine {J}oseph Weber & wife & little grand daughter Came to stay all night

{5} Boys trimmed stumps AM then they went to Nighswanders Boys Sale PM. W. fine

{6} Chored & threshed few Oats AM Boys went {s}hooting PM. W. Cloudy AM heavy rain PM

{S}unday 7 Boys & girls went to Johnny B's {we} were at home all day W. a little drizzly windy

{8} John Made 58 gals Cider AM Flavis Finished Cow stable W. fine mild

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Henry Wideman & his oldest son from Hay were here at supper fine Mild

9 Flavis Nancy & Susanna were in Markha{m} AM W. slight squalls of snow

10 Three Boys helped Br C's thresh with team W. cold

11 Boys dug garden Herman helped Ben Burkholder's thresh PM. W. milder

12 I & Nancy went to J B's Boys Plugged stump fence AM went shooting PM Herman helped Ben B thresh W. pretty cold

13 I went to Br S's Boys worked at other place Herman helped Ben B thresh I & John went to Markham PM. W. pretty Cold Cler

Sundy 14 I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's W. Cold Cler

15 Flavius helped N B clean wheat John helped J D's kill hogs W. about 3 in snow last night some rain this Morning Herman commenced going to School today

16 Boys Chored & threshed some Peas then drew out some Pine wood at other place George Booth is cutting som{e} Soft & hard wood W. cold. a little stormy PM

17 Boys drew out wood W. South West wind cold

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{1}8 John drew out wood Flavis & Nancy went to Markham AM they threshed some Peas & John took 10 bus Chop to Major Mills PM W. Cold

{1}9 This was my last day teaching German School Boys Cleaned grist wheat John took it to Mill PM W. very very Cold 16 deg below Zero thin sleighing

{2}0 Chored split wood W. Milder east wind snow PM

{S}unday 21 all went to Meeting at Hebron {r}emarks & sermon on St Mat 6 C by Br {illegible} old Uncle Samls were here after service W. Mild some snow

{2}2 Chored AM threshed few Oats & killed pig & some Chickens PM. W. rain from east AM cleared up Colder PM

{2}3 drew some rails out of line fence AM {J}ohn & Herman drew 7 Basswood logs to S M PM Flavius & Br N's Jacob went to Toronto {s}old Pig 165 @ \$5.75 per Cwt 15½ bus Oats @ 38 {cts} {C}hickens @ 60 cts per pr they went with sleigh W. fine Mild

{2}4 Chored Flavis helped Br C's clean Oats {A}M John & Adeline went to Toronto on {t}rain W. snow from east all day Mild

Christmas day 25 all went to Meeting at Hebron {r}emarks & sermon on St Luke 2nd C by Br C {illegible} Ns Martin Barkey's Br C's & J D's young folks {we}re here this evening W. pretty sharp good sleighi{ng} snow nearly foot deep

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26 Threshed over 400 bus fall Wheat it is a very good crop it yields near 40 bus per acre W. very Cold this morning fine today

27 Threshed a few Oats AM Boys went shooting while PM they all went to A B's this eve{ing} W fine

Sunday 28 I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Jos Barkey sermon on Isaiah by Saml Hoover went to Saml Hoovr's after service & to Menno Burkholder's this eving W. fine mild good sleighing

29 I & Herman went to Markham AM John drew logs we went to Br C's this eving W. thawing

30 I & Nancy went to D Nighswander with Buggy sleighing gone

31 Skidded Basswood logs John got horses shod W. thawing

Jan 1st 1885 young folks all went to A B's I Moyers were here W. Cold

2 Boys oiled harness I went to Br S's Am loosened stumps PM W. very Cold

3 boys loosened stump I & Nancy went to Markham AM W. very Cold

Sunday 4 at home Peter B's were here W. Cold

5 Boys skidded logs in old bush AM went Shooting to Johnny Ramer's PM. W. Milder

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