

# Benjamin Reesor (1836-1917)

## 1886-1887 Diary

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### January 1<sup>st</sup> 1886

**1** At home all day Boys went shooting W very {m}ild & Calm all day. like April. I gathered fine lot of Beechnuts. they were plenty this {fall}

**2** Boys Sawed pine wood I & Flavius made arch in old bush for Boiling Sugar W. raw {north} wind

**Sunday 3** I & Nancy & little ones went to J. D's. W. drizzly AM rain from east all PM

**4** Sorted Potatoes in Cellar. some are rotten Benj<sup>n</sup> Commenced going to Scho{ol} today. W. rain from East all day, high {wind}

**5** Spread dung in young Orchard. Flavius went to Markham J & F went Shooting M{illegible} Shanty in Sugar Bush after they Came home W. Clear this Morning, getting Colder

**6** Cleaning grist & John took it to Mill Boys threshed Peas W. vry Cold N wind

**7** Chored & Threshed Peas. W. 5 below Zero

**8** F took 16 ½ bus Peas to Mill & Chored W. Cold I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM East Wind

**9** Chored. Cleaned 20 ½ Bus Peas at other barn Menno Stover threshed them John Brought home grist of flour W. Snow from N East nearly all day

**Sunday 10** at home all day. Menno Stover's were here W. very Stormy North wind. Cold & {illegible}

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## Jan 1886

11 I went to Whitevale & telegraphed to Dr Freel to Come to Br Cs his wife is rather worse Herman began going to School J & F went Foxhunting AM John helped Peter B kill Beef PM W. pretty Cold. N. Wind

12 Killed a Beef AM N B helped. Boys helped him kill a Pig PM. W. 14 dg below Zero this Morning. very Calm

13 I went to Markham AM Boys went to T Ryan's Sale PM. W. getting Milder roads wearing down

14 Boys Sawed fire wood. I went to Markham PM Nancy went with me to T McDowell's then we visited there this evening. W. fine Milder

15 Boys Sawed AM F went to Whitevale PM W. very fine Mild

16 Oiled Harness & Chored. W. rained from East all day. turned to snow after dark

**Sunday 17** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon St. Luke 15 C R<sup>ed</sup> S Hoover M N's Youngsters were here PM I & Nancy went to Br Cs PM W. fine Mild & wind PM. thin sleighing.

18 I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's W. Mild. raw east wind Coming home Boys helped N B Kill Big hog A M took Cord Pine to Scarboro School PM

19 Dug a grave for D Hoover's Child AM John went to Green River for bran PM I was. at Graveyard {torn edge - illegible} Child Buried PM. W. east wind & little snow AM west wind PM

## Jan 1886

20 I got horses Shod I went to Ceder Grove AM Started Machine & Chored PM Br C brought his wife here awhile PM W. Mild. Snow PM

21 Threshed between 6 & 700 Bus Oats W. about 9 in snow last night Mild & drizzly this Morning a little Colder & Cler today Strong wind. went down towards eveing

**22** Boys Finished & split nearly all of Pine wood at School AM S Lehman's son & Daughter were here ~~PM~~ today! W. Milder Storm from West after dark

**23** Chored & sorted Potatoes W. 5 below zero this Morn'g I went to Whitevale PM

**Sunday 24** at home A Bs & N Bs were here today & Br Ss. this eving. W. Milder Slegh'g good

**25** F took grist of Peas away from Major Mills they Cannot run the Mill the race is full of ice) he took them to green River. we Cleaned up barn floor & Chopped Some Oats & spring wheat PM W. Sharp this morning. milder today

~~25 Herman went to Toronto with Br Cs Then}~~

**26** John brought home grist AM he & Flavius dug a grave for John Boyer's Child they brought it from Michigan. Tilman Shenk helped dig it W. very fine

**27** Herman went to Toronto with Br Cs Thomas Sold Beef Hide 47 lbs @ {illegible} John & Flavius helped Bury Boyers Child B inlaw Peters were here. Sermon by Br C & Peter Baker. old John Boyer spoke too W. mild a little rain PM

John Wideman's were here this eveing. Feb *{written above the top line of the page}*

## **Jan 1866**

**28** went to J Bs Boys worked in bush. W. fine  
Simon Hoover's were here this evening

**29** I went to Markham AM Boys Cut logs for Shingles W. very fine & mild a little snow

~~Boys~~ **30** Boys drew 1 log to S M Drew 2 logs to A B Ramers for Shingles PM. I & H & Benj<sup>n</sup> Cut few logs PM. W. Fine. good sle'ging

**Sunday 31** at home all day. Young folks went to P Bs this eveing W. fine

**Feb 1** N B helped kill 6 Pigs A M F & H helped him kill 9 Pigs PM. John took Shingle log to A B Ramer's PM. W. fine Zero this morning

**Candle Mas day 2** F & N B took Pigs to Toronto @ \$5.60. John took Shingles log A M we chopped lot of feed. Spring wheat & Oats PM W. Clear nearly all day. Cold west wind

- 3** Chored I & John brought load dry pine from other bush for Oven wood PM. W. 14 dg below Zero this morning
- 4** Chored Boys threshed Peas PM I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. very Cold Clear 14 dg below Zero this morning
- 5** Boys Finished Threshing Peas & Cleaned them W. 18 deg below Zero. Milder & snow PM
- 6** Chored. Boys helped Menno Stover Clean Peas at other barn AM. W. milder some snow PM J H Ramer's were here this evening

## **Feb 1866**

- Sunday 7** at home all day Boys & girls went to Br Cs his daughter Ketura has been bed fast about a week. Martin Barkeys were here this even'g W. fine
- 8** Killed Flavius's Pig AM drew home Pea Straw from other place PM. W. very fine 40 deg above Zero at noon
- 9** F & Br Cs Thomas went to Toronto sold Pig 5.90 per cwt 10 lb Butter 20. 14 doz Eggs 26. W. very fine 40 deg at noon John took Shinglle log AM I & he Cut down stub PM
- 10** I & Nancy went to Dannil Ramers 2 Boys helped Br S's thresh W. thawed some east wind
- 11** I & Nancy & little girls went to Br inlaw Peter's for seed Barley 2 Boys helped Br Ss thresh AM. W. soft. drizzly rain awhile PM. east wind. sleighing going
- 12** Boys drew dung on wheat at the other place from home. hung up meat to smoke W. soft
- 13** Chored. W. rain all day, water high
- Sunday 14** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Mark 3rd C by Br C B Stover was here PM I & Nancy & little ones went to Br Cs PM & staid the eve'ng W. mild. soft snow PM
- 15** Boys went Fox hunting. I bought Combined Seeder & Drill. Masson's Make Oshawa \$63 Br inlaw Peter & Jesse brought Colt. Nancy bought it at \$50.00. Coming year old W. soft snow all PM

## Mar 1886

Clean Oats AM W. thawing Sleighing going  
Br Ns was here this evening

**Sunday 7** at home all day young folks & Thomas went to M N.s PM. W fine

**8** Chopped grain & Cleaned grist Wheat AM F took grist about 15 bus fall Wheat & 5 10 lb {*written above "5" bus*} for J Mainland to B Hoover's I & other boys Cut & drew 2 Basswood & 1 pine log PM. W. fine. soft snow PM

**9** J helped J D's thresh with team I & other boys Cut & drew 2 pine logs AM. B Gayman & Anne Culp from Clinton were here PM W. froze last night. Soft snow made sleighing a little better I & Nancy went to Aunt Lizzy B this even'g

**10** Cut & drew home logs for firewood John brought home grist AM Nancy was at Br Cs PM ~~S~~ ~~Lehm~~ S Lehman's were there & brought her home & staid for Supper. W. fine. thawing a little

**11** Boys Cut & drew home logs for wood I went to Ceder Grove PM B inlaw D Hoover Called PM. I & Nancy went to see Abraham Hoover in Cherry wood this Morning he is very sick with Paralysis & Heart Disease his right foot is shrunken & withered away W. fine thawing some

**12** Chored. Hitched up 2 year old Colt PM went well W. soft snow nearly all day

## Mar 1886

**13** drew home logs AM Nancy & Benj' went to Markham. I went to Whitevale Boys Chopped grain & John began grave for Abe Hoover he died this Morn'g. W. fine

**Sunday 14** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon by Rd Sam Hoover on Heb 11<sup>c</sup> J Bs were here PM I & Nancy & little ones went to Menno Stover's this eveing ~~a little~~ W. fine Clr

**15** Went to Funeral of Ab Hoover a Methodist Minister & Saml Hoover Preached Sermon M Ns & J H Ramers were here PM. Brinlaw Saml Hoover's this eveing W. a little snow last night. fine today

**16** Peter helped us Kill 7 Pigs AM. I went to Meeting house PM to see about building some sheds. agreed to build 14. W fine

**17** I & Nancy went to Solomon Burkholders Called at Benj<sup>n</sup> Lehman's & M Ns & Simon Hoovers. Sleighing about gone. W. very fine F & B. took 6 Pigs to Toronto @ \$6.95, 13 doz Eggs 14 <sup>cts</sup>

**18** Boys Chopped grain & sawed wood I went to Gunn's AM Boys drew out pine wood with 2 teams PM Isaac Moyrer & Amos Moyer were here at noon. I took Pig to Gunn's. PM

**19** J & B drew out wood awhile AM. I & F & H fixed ready to thresh PM. rained awhile AM. quit at noon threshed about 200 Bus Oats PM. W. rained awhile PM very heavy thunder & sharp lightning this evening & through the night

**20** I & Susanna went to Markham AM Boys Cleaned up barn & sawed wood W rather foggy & mild. roads bad ~~light~~ light east wind.

**Sunday 21** I & Nancy & little ones started to go to A Bs road damaged on 4th Con then went to J Ds W. heavy rain AM Clear awhile PM. drissled awhile at sun set. Clear Coming home. wind east this morning west through the day. east this evening

**22** Sawed wood AM all went to Lotton's Sale PM. W. rain. damp. west wind soft snow PM

**23** Boys split wood in Shed AM. all went to Murrays Sale PM. bought Pair Bob Sleighs \$1.25. W. very Cold N W. wind

**24** I & Flavius took Buggy to Pringles in Markham to get fixed AM Tapped about 100 Buckets PM sap run pretty well W. Milder & fine. frose hard last night

**25** Boys sawed wood I & little boys chopped Oats AM. W. very fine

### **Mar 1886 April**

**26** I & little boys Boiled Sap. Boys went to Sale at Boyds Belford PM. & this evening. W. fine

**27** Boiled Sap & Sawed wood W. Fine

**Sunday 28** I & Nancy & little ones went to A B I have very lame back. W. fine.

**29** Cleaned Wheat. John went to Sale of Abe Hoover's things at Cherrywood PM W. rain nearly all day Back very lame

**30** Cleaned last of Wheat. Benj<sup>n</sup> boiled Sap W. rain nearly all day

**31** Chored Boys Sawed little wood John drew some pine roots into sugar bush PM. Benj<sup>n</sup> Boiled Sap PM W. rained off & on all day Sap has run well the last few days My back is very lame yet

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Boys Shovelled old Wheat AM helped Br Cs Thomas hitch up & drive Colt & John took harrows to Bs PM W. Flurries of Snow AM. high wind all day. not cold

**2** Boys Sawed wood John went to Markham AM. drew Pine roots to sugar bush PM. Benj<sup>n</sup> Boiled Sap all day. W. ground white with Snow this Morning. Back a little better

**3** Boiled Sap & Sawed wood. John & Abe Chopped Some Oats AM W. froze hard last night thawed today

## **April 1886**

**Sunday 4** at home Aunt Lizzy & Rosina Burkholder. A Bs Jesse & Martha were here at dinner & Br C & wife at Supper. W. froze hard last night fine today

**5** Boys Sawed wood John & Benj<sup>n</sup> split rails in the bush PM. I went to Br Ss PM to see his Dam. part of the Tumbling dam broke away on 21<sup>st</sup> {h}lt. W. raw east wind

**6** I went to Cedar Grove this Morning Boys Sawed wood at home & Chored. made axe handles. W. very strong north east wind & heavy Snow PM. not Cold. very very heavy storm

**7** Boys drew rails along bush at the other place with Sleights AM Sawed wood PM W. about 5 in Soft Snow yesterday & last night. mild today sap run PM

**8** Boiled Sugar F went to Markham AM. Sawed wood PM. Sap run well

**9** Boiled Sugar F went to Markham AM I got Farmer Shod & Chopped Oats Sawed little wood W. froze a little last night Sap run all night & today Snow going away

**10** Boys sawed at home AM F & H went to Menno Stover's sawing Bee PM. John took Nancy & I to Station we went to Toronto Benj<sup>d</sup> Boiled Sap all day. W. Cloudy AM Clear PM

### **April 1886**

**Sunday 11** all went to Meeting at Hebron. remarks & Sermon on St John 12<sup>th</sup> C by Br C W. rather raw Cold wind

**12** Began boiling sap at half past 4 O<sup>c</sup> this Morning Boys Sawed wood W. Cloudy AM warm rain PM & this eveing

**13** Boiled Sugar & Sawed wood W. fine

**14** Boys Sawed wood AM. Went fishing to Milnes PM Caught 8 & bought 2 doz I boiled 7 quarts Molasses We have Made 103 1/2 lbs Sugar & 57 quart Jars of Molasses. W. Fine

**15** Boys split rails in other bush. I went to Br Ss in Whitewale AM. & to other bush PM. W. very fine & warm. roads bad

**16** Boys Split rails. they went fishing to Cedar Grove awhile PM Caught 93. Br Ss Dam is broke & the fish get up to Cedar Grove. I went to Whitevale B S. AM W very fine warm

**17** I Boiled about 5 Jars Molasses Boys Chored. Cut down few trees in Dooryard that Stood too Close W. very fine warm growing weather

**Sunday 18** I & Nancy & little ones went to Br Ss they were not at home. Children Stayed. we went to Br Ns. W. very fine & warm about 70 deg

### **April 1886**

**19** J & H Chopped Some Oats AM went to Br Ss PM to help fix Dam F & B tried to plow sod at other place. too soft. W. very very fine Thunder Shower went round PM Three boys got up after Midnght and went to Cedar Grove & Caught 85 fine suckers

**20** I and Adeline went to Markham AM F & H helped Br S fix Dam we put in Stakes for Bush fence at other place PM W. very fine & warm

**21** I & Nancy went to Markham & to Mother inlaw Boys Picked Stones off Meadow & Sowed Some Oats at other place W. very fine & warm

**22** Sowed about 5 acres Spring wheat made Some garden. W. very fine trees Coming into leaf starting to bud out

**Good Friday 23** all went to Meeting at Hebron except Ester & Henny. remarks & Sermon on Isaiah 53. C by Br C. Tilman Ramers & Abram Reamans. Came at noon W. fine rain at bedtime.

**24** Cleaned Seed Oats I & Herman took 11 bags Oats to Cherrywood to Dan Hoover

#### **April 1886**

to get Chopped our mill needs new Concave boys drew home hay PM. W rain AM & nearly all PM. Cooler

**Easter Sunday 25** at home all day. W. Clear AM. rain towards eveing

**Easter Monday 26.** at home. Boys went Fishing to Big rouge AM. Caught 10 went to Petticoat Creek PM Caught 2 Br inlaw Peter & Jesse. Came this eveing to fish. we went with them spearing in Petticoat Creek. Caught 2. W. sunny this Morning. fine today

**27** Sawed pine logs for Oven wood in Orchard I & Flavius & Herman Sawed few White Ash logs in other bush PM. W. rain awhile AM fine warm PM. I went to Br Ns & Br Ss PM

**28** Drew rails & Posts for Bush fenc at othr place AM Boys went fishing down Petticoat with net after dinner Caught 35 fine Ones Planted Maple trees where they missed on Pickering townline. PM went Shearing this eveing. got 20. W. very fine warm

**29** I & John & Benj' Delivered fat Cattle at Markham. old Cow & 2 year old Steer a \$56.00 I took 23 suckers to Br inlaw Peters then brought boys home. W. fine

#### **April & May 1886**

F & H plowed Sod at the other place AM rather wet. Three boys plowed in fallow Wheat PM. all killed out W. fine. Showers in north this eving I went to Sewells PM Bought 13 Bus Seed Barley @ 50 cts it is rakings. regular Price is 75 cts but Seed Barley is very scarce a great deal of fall wheat is plowed down

**30** Boys drew stones off new meadow behind Cider house John went to B S I went to Cedar Grove AM J & H harrowed field back of garden F brought home seed barley I went to Cherrywood PM. W. a little Cooler John finished sowing root ground with spring wheat. Strong East wind

**May 1** John Sowed Oats back of garden F G Grubbed Wheat field east of dam with old Seeder. The wheat is killed except a land or two on North side. he patched that with spring wheat I walked to J Tripps PM. W. fine & warm Bush nearly in full leaf boys put in last of turnips out of Pit

**Sunday May 2** we went to Br Ss Boys & girls went to Johnny Bs W. fine warm Cler

**3** Sowed wheat field east of dam with Oats I & Benj<sup>n</sup> put new tongue in roller AM dug garden PM. W. fine warm

**4** sowed Barley back of barn AM H got nellie Shod 2 boys plowed in Corner wheat field PM W. fine AM Showry PM brought home Sap Buckets

**5** 2 Boys plowed in Wheat field we worked in back garden AM Finished Sowing barley behind barn PM I got strawberry plants at Br Ss PM W. fine. rather Cool

**6** Sowed barley on east 7 acres in NE corner field. Isacc Moyer's brought two Anne Moyer's at dinner W white frost this Morning

**7** Sowed Peas in South half of NW corner filed W. fine air rather Cool

**8** F sowed knoll with Peas AM he has sewed wheat at other place PM John Patched it with Oats AM but there is not very much wheat left. W. fine & rather Cool I & Nancy went to Green River Store this evenig

**Sunday 9** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St Mat 18 by R. Jac Wideman C Burkholder & A B Ramer's were here PM. W. fine Cool

**10** Boys began to sow Peas & some Oats at other place. began to rain about 10 AM very strong wind from east I & Nancy went to Clairmont then to M Ns got home without much rain

**11** drew home hay John went to B Ss F took Oats to D Ramer's to get chopped Plowed Sod & sowed Peas PM. W. cler

**12** Sowed Peas on sod at other place & south of barn W fine I & F took Mare May to horse [Daybreak]

## May 1886

13 Sowed young Orchard at the other place with Peas & Oats Mixed. AM Chored PM W. east wind AM rain from east PM

14 I & Nancy went to Markham AM Fixed gate & drew rails at other place PM W. very foggy AM Cler PM

15 John went to Markham AM Took Colts & Cattle to Pasture at other place. Fixed fences at home PM W. very heavy rain & Thunder last night. high Water today

**Sunday 16** J & H & girls went to Meeting at Widemans. J Ds & P Bs were here PM. W. Cool. Cler

17 Split Oven wood & boys drew rails at other place AM. Boys worked at Bush fence. & I & Nancy went to Funeral of Susan McWaire PM Sermon by Pe{cy} She was Joseph Berkeys oldest Daughter got supper at J D Ramer's W. White frost this morning I went to Whitevale this Morning

## May 1886

18 Boys dug Post holes for Bush fence John sowed five Acres Oats in N W field it is not all fit yet I & Benj<sup>n</sup> trimmed little Orchard PM. F rolled PM W. fine warm Cler

19 F rolled all day I rolled PM John drew dung on east end of big field for Corn AM. he & H & Benj<sup>i</sup> washed sheep PM. W. fine

20 J & H helped Peter B draw dung with team F rolled. & Sowed last of Oats in N W field. I went to Markham AM. & got 7 Cavities in my Teeth filled by Dr Robinson W. very fine

21 Boys Finished Sowing. few low places I went to Claremont for new Clothes AM F & Benj<sup>n</sup> drew Stones off Meadow at other place. W. fine AM little rain PM

22 worked at Bush fence AM. Sheared Sheep & Planted Corn PM. W. fine warm

**Sunday 23** at home. A Bs were here PM Boys & girls went to Br Ss. W. fine Cool

24 Boys & girls went to S Lehman's W. fine

25 drew dung on root ground I got Nell Shod PM. W. very Cool. Strong N wind

26 Boys drew dung AM H & J helped Peter B Pull down Barn PM

### May 1886

F & Abram went to Toronto Sold 2 Calves \$10.00 15 doz Eggs 10 cts W. fine Cool

27 Boys Plowed Potatoe ground I took Bishop Gayman & Pre A Rittenhouse from Br Cs to I Moyer's & left them at J D's then Came home Philip Hoch Came PM then I Moyer's & M Barkey's & John G Reesor's brought Saml & John Moyer's & Amos Moyer & Raty Housen then I took Hoch to Manasse Frets this eveing W. rainy this Morning fine today

28 Bishop Gayman & Pre A Rittenhouse were here last night & I took them to Yearly Conference at Widemans today a great many visitors about 100 altogether. Passed off reasonably well W. very fine day I brought home Moses Weber Daniel Weber & Levi Martin. left Menno Shants at Br Ns & Bishop A Martin at Br Cs

29 all went to Meeting at Hebron except Benj he took the two Webers & L Martin & C Snider to Station. Pre Jos Wismer's &

### May & June 1886

wife & A Krats & wife & Manesse Frets's & wife were here at dinner W. very fine day Bishop A Martin I Webber H Detwiler & Joseph Wismer were at Meeting Boys plowed turnip ground F went to Dankard's Meeting PM

**Sunday 30** Herman & girls. & I & Nancy & Abe went to Meeting at Widemans Suitable Sermons for Celebration of Lords Supper by Bishop Gayman & Martin went to J Bs after Service. W very fine

31 Boys dug Post holes and drew wood into shed J & F helped Peters draw sand with 2 teams PM Br Ss brought Jacob Hoch & wife AM Jacob Reesor's brought J Brubacher & wife & Lydia Brubacher. Isacc Moyer's were here at noon. W. fine Cler

**June 1** Worked at bush fence & drew wood into shed. W. fine Clear

2 Boys worked at bush fence I & Benj<sup>n</sup> finished drawing wood into Shed AM Br Ss brought Pre Isacc Rittenhouse & wife PM. we took them to Isacc Moyer's this evening. W. fine Showers at noon

**Ascension day 3** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on Acts 1<sup>st</sup> C by Re<sup>d</sup> I Rittenhouse W. fine. cool

## **June 1886**

**4** Boys worked at Bush fence I went to Markham AM. W. fine Cool

**5** J & Benj<sup>n</sup> worked at Bush fence I & F & H helped at Bee to Overhaul fence in front of Meeting house W. fine AM nice rain PM

**Sunday 6** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Re<sup>d</sup> Jos Barkey Suitable Sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C W fine Jos Barkeys were here

**7** Boys worked at Bush fence I went to Markham PM W. rain this Morn'g

**8** drew dung on fallows with 2 teams & 3 waggons. I harrowed fallow W. fine cool

**9** drew dung. I & J & Benj<sup>n</sup> went to help finish fence at Meeting house PM. M Ns were here. W. fine cool John went to Markham for Plow shares this evening

**10** Boys Plowed fallow finished drawing dung AM. W. a little rain AM

## **June 1886**

**11** Plowed fallow W. fine

**12** Boys finished Plowing fallow & Potatoe ground I & Herman helped at building 14 sheds at Meeting house. got all Posts Set. John brought load scantling for Sheds PM. W fine Cool Cler

**Whitsunday13** Boys & girls went to Drudges we went to Johnny Ramer's. they were not at home. we went to J D's. W. fine

**Whit Monday 14** I & Nancy & little ones went to Menno Stovers. they live on I Moyer's place, Boys helped N B move a building. girls & Ketura went to Johnny Ramer's. W. a very little rain last night. very warm today

15 Planted Potatoes. I & Nancy went to see Grandmother PM She had Erysipelas on face is better again {*written above previous line*} F took 18 bus Grist Wheat to B Hoover's W. very warm

16 I & Susanna went Toronto 60 lbs Butter 14 cts 11 doz Eggs 12 cts Boys Chored. harrowed

### June 1886

fallow. W. rain this Morning. & heavy rain PM. Coming home

17 I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Johnie Hoover's. his wife is very sick. Boys worked at Bush fence PM. W. showers this morn'g. heavy rain PM Cold wind this eveing

18 Herman went for Grist it was not done I & J Put up some wire fence at Bush fence F & Benj topped thistles at other place W. Cooler

19 I & J worked at fen AM Boys topped thistles at home AM I went to Markham & Boys finished Bush fence PM W. fine Cool

**Sunday 20** I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Altona remarks by Br C Sermon on by R<sup>ed</sup> S Hoover (he still speak english at the latter part of his Sermon at Altona & Cedar Grove) went to H Boyer's & to Menno Burkholders W. very very fine June day

21 Boys plowed turnip ground I & J hoed early Potatoes. & Chored. I went for Burrows. little Mare Topsy has sore eye & Charley has something in his foot wooden thorn. Burrows took it out. W. fine

### June 1886

a very little rain this eveing. Cool

22 Boys made turnip drills John brought home grist from B Hoover's took along 8 Bus Peas to D Ramers & got them Chopped W Cloudy. a little rain after supper

23 Chored. Steady rain about all day

24 I & J & Benj<sup>n</sup> Put in logs F & H drew home last of old hay & 2 loads of sand W. a little rain this Morning. Cloudy today

**25** Cut Some sawlogs & drew them with trucks W. fine Cool H & Benj Sowed turnips PM. heavy Showers tonight

**26** J & Benj<sup>n</sup> drew 4 logs I & F & H worked on roads Markham work 2 times AM. Three Boys topped thistles I & John drew 4 logs & brought load of lumber for Meeting Sheds PM. W. fine Clear

**Sunday 27** I & Nancy & little ones went to N Bs for dinner. Johnny Reesor were here at supper W. fine

**28** Boys mowed fence Corners & Topped last of thistles Benj<sup>n</sup> walled between sleepers in old barn John mowed half of Clover field at other place PM. W. fine Cool I went to Cedar Grove PM

### **June July 1886**

**29** F & Benj<sup>n</sup> went to barn raising at Peter's Bs J Mowed other half of Clover at other plac & H Mowed fenc Cornes Both went to raising PM. W. fine

**30** Raked & Cocked all the hay at other place I & John took 400 ft Sheeting to D Ramer's & brought load lumber home for Meeting Sheds AM. I & Nancy went to Martin Barkeys for Strawberries & I brought waggon wheel from Cherrywood after supper. W. fine

**July 1** Drew in all hay at other place 13 good loads. W. very fine Cler

**2** J & F finished Markham road work with 2 teams drew gravel H Cut about 3 Acres in field behind Cider house W. warm

**3** I & Nancy went Toronto 50 lbs Butter 17 cts 9 doz eggs 12 cts J finished cutting behind Cider house W. fine. warm

**Sunday 4** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks Br C Sermon on St. Mat 22 by R<sup>d</sup> S Hoover C Brillinger & wife & D B Hoover & wife were here at noon & J Bs at supper W. very warm

**5** Drew in nearly all hay behind Cider house J Stove's were here. W. very very warm

## July 1886

6 Finished drawing hay behind Cider house F & H went to raising at D Reesor's farm on 11th Con. Peter's & Motherinlaw were here today W. very very warm 88 dg in shade

7 Cleaned load Oats. & I went to Whitevale PM. W. pretty warm. fine breeze

8 I & Nancy & little ones went to S. Lehman's they were not at home. we Staid & had dinner then we Called at J H Ramer's for supper John took load Oats 80 Bus to Toronto @ 34½ cts F cut hay south of bush W. fine cooler

9 Drew in Some hay at other place Herman took about 79 Bus Oats to D Ramer's to get Chopped & brought home Sheeting. drew in hay south of bush 4 loads. W. pretty warm

10 Mowed in swale back of Orchard I went to M Barkeys this Morni'g J & F went to R Clarks raising PM H & Benj<sup>n</sup> drew in some hay at other place & raking south of bush. W. fine warm I went to see Patton after supper

**Sunday 11** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C Sermon on by R S Hoov(er) went to Enos Hoover. & to D Nighswander at Supper. W. fine. Cool this Morning

## July 1886

12 H & F finished Mowing Swale AM J brought 43 Bunches Shingles from A B Ramer's. Scuffled Potatoes F took gist Peas about 20 Bus to Whitevale PM J Plowed creek east of Orchard after supper we intend to clean it out this fall W. warm

13 J & F Rolled & harrowed fallow AM I & Adeline went to Markham PM brought in last of hay Ulrich Burkholder & wife from Indiana were here at supper W. a little like rain

14 Chored. Boys began plowing sod South of bush after Supper. W rain through the night & till supper

15 Boys plowed I & Herman piled lumber. W. Some drizzle A M & PM

16 Boys finished plowing harrowing & rolling sod I went to Markham AM H & B hoed Potatoes & Cut weeds around other place. W. Fin. thunder Shower went round north this eveni'g

17 Three Boys turned dung at other plac{e} John went to Lacys for lime got none I & Nancy started to go to Jacob Grove's after supper turned back Thunder Showe Came

## July 1886

W. Thunder Clouds around all day rain after supper

**Sunday 18** I & Nancy & little ones went to A Bs for dinner & to M Barkey's for supper yonge folks went to J Ds. W. Cloudy Cool

19 Four boys helped N B thin turnip I & Abram & Henry brought 400 Bricks from Oneils yard on 6th Con Markham W. fin pretty warm. a little rain this eveing

20 Three boys helped N B finish hoeing turnips John drew stones into Barnyard for paving I & Abram brought lime from Markham AM. W. fin warm

21 Patton & Son Came this morning we Shingled Mother's Kitchen. John went Toronto 40 lbs butter 17 cts 8 quts Black Currants 10 ct F Paved some in Barnyard & drew some stones W. warm

22 John began Plowing fallow. rest of us helped Patton & Son shingle big house. W. Cool last night warm today F brought big load sand after supper. we are laying the Shingles in Mortar on big house.

23 Finished Shingling big house warm

24 Three boys Plowed. Patton's boarded east Gable of big house, W. very warm

## Aug 1886

road plank PM did not get them W. very Cool. Strong wind. a little rain last night

4 I went to Markham this Mornig we began drawing in barley behind barn a little before noon. W. Still a little cool

Some talk of frost this Morning

5 finished drawing barley out of both fields till noon 23 loads J harrowed fallow F drew gravel into barnyard I & B piled ~~gravel~~ lumber PM W. fine warm

6 Cut about 4 acres oats at other place till Supper F brought load gravel after supper W warm cler

7 Shoveled out of Creek AM drew in fall wheat PM W. warm

**Sunday 8** 3 boys and girls went to Meeting at Widemans Johnny Boyer's were here we went to Peter's awhile this eveng they are both Sick. W. warm & dry

9 F went to Markham for a barrel salt John brought Planks for bridge AM began Cutting. Oats east of dam PM W war{m}

10 Finished east of dam & began in field back of garden I went to Whitevale PM W. very warm & dry Parching wind

### Aug 1886

11 Finished with half of Oats ~~east of dam~~ back of garden & cut Spring Wheat Joe Spragge & his Brother built new Chimneys on house didn't get quite done. W very warm. heavy thunder storm went North east a nice little shower here

12 2 Boys helped B B thresh Finished spring wheat & Boys Cleaned roof of house I went to Markham PM W. not quite so warm

13 Boys Cut Oats at other place that was Sowed in fall Wheat AM Cut South half of Oats back of garden PM. I got tires set of 3 spring wagon AM. W. fine

14 Cut late sown spring wheat AM Boys drew in 5 loads Oats at other place PM I & Nancy & little Anne went to J. Groves for supper & to Tilman Wideman's to stay all night. W. very fine. Cool N W wind

**Sunday 15** went to Meeting at Almira remarks by R<sup>e</sup> Jos Barkey Sermon on St Mat 25 C by R<sup>e</sup> J Wideman went to C Gayman's to dinner & to John Wideman to supper. W. fine Clr

## Aug 1886

**16** H helped N B draw in Peas AM F & B Cut Peas & Oats mixed in Orchard at the other place AM  
J got horses shod. Boys Shoveled wheat in granary PM W. Clou AM. rained few hours PM. from  
east cool 47 I & Nancy went to Peters to sit up Both he & his wife are sick. he is up again

**17** I & Abram went to Markham AM Boys drew dung on Plowed sod south of bush. set Machine  
& asked hands to thresh tommorrow. W. Cloudy

**18** Threshed. all went well. about 550 Bus barley. & little fall Wheat W. very fine

**19** Boys pulled few Peas AM I & Herman drew 2 loads Spring Wheat AM. Boys drew 5 PM. &  
Pulled peas at other place after supper. I & Nancy went to Markham & to B Hoover's to see Twin  
Boys. W. fine. Cool, Clr

**20** Four Boys Pulled Peas at other place I & Abram drew in 2 loads spring Wheat after supper I  
went to Cedar Grove PM. W. pretty warm. rather Cloudy I & Br C & Thomas had a run after a dog  
supposed to be mad. did not get him

## Aug 1886

**21** F helped McCreight thresh 3 boys pulled Peas. W. fine

**Sunday 22** at home young folks went to Johnny Ramer's Br S's were here & J Ds at supper. W.  
fine Showers AM

**23** Boys pulled few Peas & harrowed fallow I & Adeline went to Whitevale W. fine I & J put in  
Sluice way on sideroad at Br Cs Shower AM. but we need a soaking rain

**24** Boys plowed in fallow & drew off stones Two of them Pulled Peas at other place PM.  
Stu{m}pers Came this eveing

**25** Finished Cutting few Oats at other place this Morning then Cut last at home 4 acres & Pulled  
some Peas H & B pulled last of Peas at other place AM. W. fine Clear warm

**26** drew Peas at other place W. very hevly dew. very warm today

**27** Finished drawing Peas at other place & few Oats. W. very very warm very hevly dew

**28** drew in Oats at home all day. boys went to Menno Stover's binding Bee I had a Surprise this evening in passing Br Cs they called me in & there I seen seven dear friends from Ohio Pre A Brubacher & wife Deacon C Lehman Lissy Caty & Susanna Lehman & Caty Weaver

### **Aug & Sept 1886**

**Sunday 29** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by B C Sermon on St. Mat 18 C by R<sup>e</sup> A Brubacher Jacob Groves youngsters were here at dinner & Enos Hoovers at Supper W. not so warm AM pretty warm PM

**30** I & Nancy & J Ds took visitors to Manasse Fret's & to N Bs to dinner to Saml Reesor's not at home to Johnny Ramer's & to Menno Reesor's & to Br Ss to Supper & to stay all night W. fine shower AM

**31** I & Nancy Br Cs & Br Ss took Visitor's to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by R<sup>e</sup> Jos Barkey Sermon on St Luke Part of 16 C by R<sup>e</sup> A Brubacher took Visitor's to Jos Barkey's for dinner then we & Br Ss took the Lehman friends to little C Hoover's to Supper & to Peter Burkholders they were not at home then to Chris Burkholder's & left them to stay all night W very fine & Cool Boys plowed in fallow

**Sept 1** Boys Pulled last Peas at home I & John drew in 2 loads Oats at other place PM W. fine

**2** drew in last of Peas. W. fine Cool

### **Sept 1886**

**3** F & H helped Br N thresh we drew in last of Oats at home PM I went to Markham AM Boys finished plowing & harrowing fallow W. fine Clr Cool

**4** drew in 2 loads Peas & Oats Mixed out of Orchard at other place AM 2 boys plowed South of bush PM John brought 22 Bus Seed Wheat from Johnny Ramer's then he sowed fallow W. fine clr looks like rain this evening

**Sunday 5** I & Nancy & little ones except Abram went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by R<sup>e</sup> Jos Barkey Sermon on St Mat part of 5<sup>(th)</sup> C by Br C Went to Br inlaw Peter's then went to Peter

Burkholders to help Br Ss take the 5 Ohio Cousins to J Widemans & to Widow Kindig's then left them at A Burkholders W. very fine

6 Boys Plowed South of bush John sowed a 7 little of it this evening W. warm

7 Boys plowed in Pea ground at other place John finished Sowing south of bush W. warm

8 Ohio Cousins were here we took them to Drudges to Supper & left them at J Ds

### **Sept 1886**

they are going to Waterloo tommorrow W. very warm. Cooler this evening

9 Boys drew dung on Peaground & finished plowing W. fine heavy rain about noon

10 Boys finished drawing dung I & Br C went to Markham PM I & Nancy went to see Menno Stover after supper he has been very sick is a little better W. Cooler hevy shower north & South PM. not much here

11 Sowed 4 acres Peaground at other place AM Herman helped draw in Oats for Menno Stover other boys drew off 9 stumps into line fence PM W. Cool

**Sunday 12** at home Br Ns & A Bs were here at noon. W. fine rain last night & awhile AM

13 J & H scraped out at Creek below Orchard F & B threshed Peas AM J took Peas to Whitevale & brought home Two furrow gang Plow @ \$15.00 W. Cool. very high wind tonight

14 I & Nancy went to Saml Lehmans H ganged in barley stubble near Hoover's rest of boys cleaned turnips W. very fine

### **Sept 1886**

15 I & Nancy & Br C & wife went to Markham AM. to sign Deeds of transfer & 1 acre of land in Markham village on Vinegar Hill to F K Reesor for the Sum of \$200. Boys ganged J plowed behind barn AM I went with N B to drive his horse for him he drove 4 head of Cattle to Pasture at Downies at Duffins Creek. W. strong east wind

16 Chored F & B hitched up 2 yr old Colt PM he went well J plowed behind barn W. heavy rain AM Thunder shower this eveing

17 B plowed behind barn PM H ganged AM Plowed behind barn PM I & J shot & buried Old Cent AM. made railing on bridge at our Corner PM. F harrowed with 2 year old Charley PM W. very fine the ground is well soaked now ~~48~~ Maggie was sick with Milk fever on Tuesday & few days since she is better again Frank was

18 J Plowed F ganged PM Frank was sick this Morning is better again H & B scraped barnyard PM W. very fine I walked to Whitevale AM

### Sept 1886

**Sunday 19** at home I & Nancy went to Br C a little while PM Herman went to Meeting at Wideman's Elias Stover went with him W. Cloudy this Morning rain AM

20 Boys plowed I & B went to Markham AM I went to Cherrywood PM W. fine Cool AM squaals of rain PM hevy after dark

21 Boys plowed & trimmed few stumps I & Nancy went to Toronto 38 lbs Butter @ 21 ct I sold 4 Hogs @ 7.00 to be Delivered Friday or Saturday W. fine

22 Boys Plowed F & H went to Markham PM for Boots. W. Cloudy. shower this eveing

23 Boys Plowed Herman helped Stumpers load Machine AM I & J & B killed 4 Pigs PM F Helped Stumpers take Machine to Menno Burkholder's PM J got Major Shod ~~PM~~ this evening W. fine

24 I & Nancy & girls went to Funeral of R<sup>ed</sup> Jos Barkey he died on Wednesday evening {*written between the lines*} F & B took Pigs to Toronto weighed nearly 500 lbs Funeral Discourse by Br C & Jac Wideman & R<sup>d</sup> Totten W. Cloudy & foggy all day

25 Boys Plowed J & B Piled some lumber & brought home lambs this eveing

## Sept 1886 Oct

J Bs were here at supper W. rain this morning & awhile AM. very warm cler PM

**Sunday 26** all went to Meeting at Hebron Suitable remarks & sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C Ann Shirk was here PM. W. rain all AM not very many in Meeting. had a fine meeting

**27** Boys Plowed I & Herman Made about 50 gals Cider PM. W. fine today. heavy rain this evenig this is my 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**28** 2 boys helped Peter thresh. Boiled Sauce I & Abe ~~Mad~~ made about 35 gals Cider PM. F & H Plowed. W. drissly rain PM hevy this eveing

**29** 2 boys helped Peter till 4 PM. Boiled Sauce. F & H Plowed Abe drew off stones then he Plowed too. W. very fine & Cler

**30** I & Nancy & little Anne went to Br inlaw Peter's for dinner Motherinlaw is not very well then went to M Ns & staid all night. W. fine strong S West Wind rain tonight heavy

**Oct 1** went to Simon Hoover's for dinner then Came home. W. very Cool Cloudy

**2** boys helped N B thresh yesterday and today other boys finished Plowing N W corner field

## Oct 1886

**2** drew out Scrapings of barnyard PM J went to Markham for Boots & plowed in Creek. W. fine Clr Cool a little Snow in the air yesterday at Altona & here too

**Sunday 3** I Moyer's J D's & A Bs Childr{en} were here W. fine Clear Cool -4 white frost last night

**4** I went to Cedar Grove AM 2 Boys Scraped out Creek J plowed in barley stubb{le} near Hoover's W. rainy AM

**5** I went with Br C to Markham for lime went round by Unionville to see Old John Stover he is Poorly Boys plowed B threshed Peas PM W. Cloudy warm

**6** John helped Br C thresh with team B helped too PM I & F plowed AM I & H took 14 bus 20 lbs Peas to D Ramer's to get Chopped H threshed Peas AM W. very fine warm Cler

7 J & B drew dung on South half of field east of dam it is ganged F & H finished field near Hoover's as far as it is ganged the rest is single plowed F. scraped Creek J & H began plowing field east of dam right through ganged part & all W. very fine warm growing weather

### Oct 1886

8 Boys went to Markham Fair I & Henry went to Cedar Grove AM I & Abe & Henry drew in Pumpkins & Squashes PM. W. vey vey fine & warm

9 Boys plowed F got Frank shod PM then we Set Machine & threshed Oats this evening W. very very fine & warm Br inlaw Enos was here AM

**Sunday 10** I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Ramer's Three Boys & girls went Meeting at Altona Benj<sup>n</sup> went to J Ds W. very fine & warm

11 dug Potatoes W. vey warm & fine

12 Boys plowed. F went to work for N B. PM. his man Elias Stover is sick W. litle squaals of rain & warm

13 Chored AM I & John Made 50 gal Cider PM Boys Plowed W. drissly AM Cleared up PM

14 Boiled Sauce boys Plowed AM threshed Peas & Plowed awhile PM. W. fine AM heavy rain awhile PM. very heavy gale of wind after dark. & all night Cooler

15 Boys plowed. finished field east of dam & began crossplowing field back of garden it was ganged. W. very high Cold wind all day some drissle of rain Boiled Sauce AM I went to Cedar Grove PM a little while to B F Reesor's & D Dickson's Sale. didnt stay long pretty Cool Picked few Potatoes that were plowed out

### Oct 1886

16 John took small grist Peas to Whitevale H & *{hidden in page crease}* Plowed awhile AM dug & Picked last of Potatoes AM all Picked apples PM. W. Cold air from north. fin clr

**Sunday 17** at home W. Soft Snow AM ground Covered rain PM. snow going

18 Boys plowed. W. fin snow all gone

19 Boys nearly finished plowing back of garden AM B. Picked apples PM. J & H finished plowing back of garden then we drew wood to leave at other place for steaming. W. very fine warm

20 Boys plowed Orchard at other place I & Susanna went to Markham She got all her upper Teeth extracted AM. boys scraped out Creek at town line other side of fence PM W. fine warm

21 I went to Whitevale Boys fixed up barn at other place ready to thresh AM threshed with W Reesor's steamer PM W. Strong N W wind Clr mild

22 Finished threshing about 9 AM J & F took Steamer to Whitevale Peas & Oats turned out well B took 6 bags Peas to D Ramer's to get Chopped AM J took 18 bags Oats PM. W. fin Clr

#### Oct 1886

23 B helped Johnny B thresh I & J & F drew off 45 Stumps Abe helped N B dig Potatoes H ~~were~~ worked for N B yesterday & today F has been there since the 12<sup>th</sup> inst at noon. Elias Stover is very sick yet he is deranged the most of the time the Doctor says it is Neuralgia on the brain. W. very very fin Clr

**Sunday 24** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St. Luke parts of 21<sup>st</sup> C by Br C Ann Shirk was here I & Nancy went to Br Cs PM Br S's youngsters were here PM W. fine

25. began Pulling turnips John took Chop Peas & Oats to Whitevale & got Horses shod AM B helped Johnny B finish threshing a while this morning I went to Markham PM got Nell shod at Whitevale as I went. W. fine AM. rough & rainy PM

26 J helped Br C thresh with team. H helped AM Boys finished pulling turnips W. fin

27 I & B helped work at Meeting house Sheds other boys drew turnips 9 loads W. Cloudy AM drizzly rain nearly all PM. raining at Bedtime. this is the 29 anniversary of our wedding day

#### Oct 1886 Nov

28 Cleaned grist & Chored. W. rain nearly all day

**29** J took grist 18 bus Wheat to B Hoover's F & H took 7 bags Peas to D Ramer's with Mag & Charlie AM I & F took about 50 Bus old Wheat to P Hoover's PM @ 71 cts. it is a little Musty. W. fine

**30** Boys took 3 loads. over 150 Bus Wheat to P Hoover's @ 70 Cts it is a little Musty he thinks he paid too Much for the last load I & B<sup>r</sup> S were at W Milnes AM W. very fine

**Sunday 31** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by R<sup>e</sup> Jac Wideman Sermon on *{space left blank}* by Br C went to Tilman Reesor's & to B<sup>r</sup> inlaw Peter's at supper W. very very fine like September

**Nov 1** I went to Markham AM Mother inlaw & Peter's were here boys finished drawing turnip 13 loads we have about 1000 Bus W. very fine & warm

**2** I & Nancy & little ones went to M Ns Boys plowed in turnip ground J & B went Shooting PM Shot 4 Partridges & five Squa{illegible} W. very very fine & warm roads good

**3** H plowed in turnip grond J drew 2 loads lumber from Milnes to Meeting house F & B took load Cider apples to P Lapps @ 15 cts AM drew in Corn PM W. very vey fine

## **Nov 1886**

**4** I & Nancy went to A Bs after dinner Motherinlaw & Peter's were there too. then after dinner A B & I & Peter went to Old Saml Stover's Sale I bought Cooking stove @ 4.25 H & B went to Sale F went Shooting J Made 25 gal Cider PM. W. fin. rather Cold N W wind

**5** J went to Drudges Plowing Bee. he has bought A Whaleys farm F drew 2 loads Wheat H Plowed Potatoe grond & took 10 bags Peas to D Ramer's W. fin. D Burkholder Came to Make Storm doors Jac Wideman came to stay all night

**6** Chored & Cleaned load Wheat AM boys all went Shooting PM I & Abe & Henry brought home Pea Chop PM W Soft snow All AM. & a little PM mild

**Sunday 7** I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's W. pretty Cold. snow thawed some

**8** Boys trimmed Stumps & F took last load Wheat @ \$68 cts it is musty then they drew stumps PM. we & Br Cs went to Jacob Reasor's they were not at home then Br Cs staid at our place for supper W. fine rather Cold West wind

9 Worked at s<sup>2</sup>ed Sheds at Meeting house F helped AM H PM. John took grist chop & H plowed last of root ground AM they trimmed Stumps PM. W. vey fin snow all gone

### Nov 1886

10 D Burkholder Made Storm doors F brought home Chop AM they Cleaned up along line fence where we are building Stump fence PM B helped Br Cs PM W. drissy rain AM mild PM

11 D B finished Storm doors AM boys Cut & drew Hemlock logs AM Drew stump PM. W. mild

12 Boys drew stumps AM dug garden PM. I went to J Bs he helped me get → 4 White Brahma Rooster's @-\$ 50 cts each 1 @ 40 W. Cold N Wind freeinging

13 I & Nancy went to Toronto 18 lb Butt @ 22 <sup>cts</sup> we went on Cars. boys brought home Colts Cattle & Sheep from other place Fixed henhouse. W. Cold frose hard

**Sunday 14** I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Bs W. very fine. getting milder

15 Boys drew stumps AM I & J cut & drew 4 3 Basswood logs F got Maggie shod & {illegible} & H dug garden PM. W. pretty Cold. Clr

16 J & H Cut & drew 4 Basswood logs AM J took 20 Bus Peas to D Ramer's & got them Chopped I went along to S M & Piled Some lumber F & H dug among Raspberries B has been working for Br C some days W. fine Clr

### Nov 1886

17 Three Boys & Thomas went to Uxbridge to Shoot Rabbits They went with Br inlaw Peter Jesse & Enos. They brought home 2 W. rain all day from east.

**Thanksgiving day 18** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St. Luke 12 C by Br C Ann Shirk was here Isacc Moyer's brought Anne Moyer here PM I took her to Br Ns after supper W. strong S W wind & squaals of snow PM. freeinging

19 Boys went to draw stumps Broke harness I went to Cedar Grove AM I & John brought Sawdust to bed Pigs. rest of boys Cleaned wheat tailings. W. very strong W wind little snow

**20** I & F went to Markham he got 11 Cavities in his upper Teeth filled J & H burned stumps AM. went to C Stotts Sale PM I & F Cleaned out Creek at Townline a little W. very fin & Clear Br inlaw J R Hoover was here at dinner

**Sunday 21** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Mat 16 C by Br C. Saml Hoover Came very late John G Reesor's & Matty Cork were here at dinner & Gid Brownsbinger we went to Br Cs for supper with Matty W. very vey fin & Clr

### **Nov 1886**

**22** F helped J D thresh with team B helps Br C rest of us killed Pig & opened Mouths of tile drains. W. fin Clr

**23** husked Corn & Chored. W rain nearly all day F took 24 bus Oats to D Ramer's PM

**24** Boys trimmed trees in other bush I & J fixed hog pen roof & brought home Chop PM, W Cold Clr

**25** I & H went to Markham F helped J Ds thresh with team J took Colt to Burrows AM F brought home load Planks from Mill & J & H brought Mortar from other place PM W. some soft snow. Mild

**26** Boys began putting new floor in Horse Stable it is spoiled with dry rot I & Nancy helped A Bs kill a hog & a beef W. vey fine. a few inches of snow

**27** worked at stable floors. got done for the present. W. fin Clr

**Sunday 28** I & Nancy & little ones went to Peter Reesor. J Ds youngsters were here. W. Fin

**29** Chored AM John took about 700 ft Clear lumber for us & about 200 ft for Br S to Green River Station. W. pretty Cold

**30** I helped Br C Kill hogs & F helped N B

### **Nov & Dec 1886**

J & B burned Stumps & H went to Markham PM W. pretty Cold

**Dec 1** we Killed 7 hogs. W. fin

**2** F & H helped Br S thresh we Chored W. pretty Cold Some squalls of snow

**3** J & H helped Br S thresh B helped for Br C I & F drew Cord first Class wood to Cherry wood School at 4.50 AM & a load Hard Culls to P Robinson @ \$2.50 PM. W. Cold. roads pretty good good

**4** Boys drew some wood home out of old bush AM drew together drags in other bush PM. I walked to W A Milne's AM to pay my bill & lumber that we got for Meeting Sheds. W. very Cold rough N wind

**Sunday 5** at home N Bs were here at noon Johnny Ramer's & M Barkeys at supper W. Milder dry flakes of snow all day

**6** H drew wood home out of old bush J got Horses Shod F & B burned stumps AM F got Horses shod J & B brought load of {h}ay from other place PM W. vey fine mild C Morrison was here at noon

## **Dec 1886**

**Be 7** Boys drew Stumps S Lehman's were here at dinner. they & we went to Johnny Ramer's this evening. W. very fine Sinclair Holden Buried today

**8** B went to Toronto with Br Cs Thomas F & Nancy went to Markham AM Trimmed Pine trees & J took Oats & Peas to D Ramer's PM. Br inlaw Simon's were here this eveing W. fine

**9** Boys drew stumps I went to Cedar Grov{e} AM. W. very fin & Mild roads good This is my Nancys 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**10** I went to Markham to see the weekly Market it commenced last Friday the was a good attendance. & fair prices. Boys drew stumps AM Herman went to F K Reesor's sale J & F went to look for Hound he is lost two weeks ago. I & Nancy & little ones went to J D's this evening. W. fine

**11** B & H trimmed young Pines J brought home Oat Chop & I & F mended eave troughs & pipe on house & gutter on kitchen AM all boys went to Stouffer's sale in Clarks Hollow PM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM. roads gettig soft. W. warm. thawing

**Sunday 12** at home all day. W. Mild. Strong E Wind

**13** F & H helped McCreight thresh. B helped for Br C John & Abe Shoveled Barley W. drizzly rain more or less all day

**Dec 1886**

Old Nancy Musselman Burried yesterday

**14** turned up old logs in other bush AM trimmed young Pines around old bush PM. W. very Cold

J has lame shoulder

**15** H went to B S. S. I & F Cleaned grist Peas & Oats in other barn AM B took grist to Cedar Grove Mills & H & F brought load hay from other Plac PM W. very Cold. raw wind from N East a very little snow last night

**16** *{quite a few letters crossed out}* ~~I & H~~ F helped J D thresh H helped for ~~B~~ B C ~~W~~. B helped dress Chickens & Ducks & Brought home Chop. W. pretty Cold

**17** H & B went to Markham Market sold Ducks 6½ & 6 cts per lb Roosters 50 & 45 cts per {pair} Chored PM. W. fin Milder

**18** Asked hands to thresh AM set Machine & Boys drew off one big stump PM W. about 3 in snow last night. Mild J went to Markham AM

**Sunday 19** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St John 12 C 24 V to end of C by Br C Saml Wideman B Stover & D Ha{ri}s youngsters were here. W. fine mild

**20** Threshed about 100 Bus spring wheat about 20 bags Mixed wheat & over 200 Bus Oats. W. mild S W wind all day

**21** Finished threshing till 3 PM about 550 Bus Oats. W. mild & snow from S West PM

## **Dec 1886**

**22** Boys drew five Stumps AM I went to Markham AM Chored PM U Drudges were here this evening he took sick & they Staid all night W. fine Mild roads pretty level.

**23** Boys drew stumps I & Nancy went to Menno Reesor's this evening. W. fine Mild Drudge was better this morning. & they went home

**24** Chored Cleaned Some Mixed Wheat PM J took some Peas & some Oats to D Ramer's PM W. Snow from east all day. soft & Mild Colder this evenig

**Christmas day 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Luke part of 2 C by Br C Menno Burkholder's were here after Service. W. good Sleighing fine clear winter day

**Sunday 26** I & Nancy went to Funeral of old Saml Barkey Sermon by J Wideman & Saml Hoover went to Motherinlaws after Service. W. fin winter day Snow this Morning & PM good Sleighing

**27** H & B sawed wood in other bush F & J Hitched up 2 yr old Colt AM J brought home grist PM W. fin Cleaned load Oats PM

**28** I & Nancy went to J Bs boys drew home some wood from bush & sawed in other bush W. cold W wind. Ontario Elections Today

## **Dec 1886 & 1887 Jan**

**29** I & Nancy & little ones went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's F & B took 67 bus 24 lbs Oats to Toronto @ 31½ cts H went to Toronto with Br Cs Thomas H bought new watch B bought new Gun W. pretty Cold from N. east.

**30** Boys drew home hay & Pea straw from other place. W. Cold

**31** Boys sawed wood at other place AM Chored PM. W Cold AM Snowed PM Medicine Man. Dawes. came to stay all night

**Jan 1st 1887** at home all day boys went Shooting a little then Boys & girls & Br Cs Thomas & Keturra & Johnny Ramer's went to Menno Stover's this evening W. Cold

**Sunday 2** at home Br Ss Came PM & Staid this eveing W. vey vey Cold little Anne was not well these few days this eveing she is worse J & F are just gone for Dr Robinson 12<sup>o</sup> PM

**3** Boys took Grist 20 Bus Peas & 20 Bus Oats to D Ramer's W. very Cold. Coldest Morning

**4** H helped B Burkholder thresh other boys sawed wood J Drew few logs AM I & Abe went to Markham Anne some better W. Milder Good Sleighing

**5** H & F helped B. B. thresh AM J took 20 Bus mixed Peas & Oats to D Ramer's AM

### **Jan 1887**

Killed Beef PM Gave my Order to H L Vansant for Brantford Binder \$175 W. a great deal Milder

**6** F & B Sawed in other bush J took Nellie to Stouffville to try to sell her. didnt Sell I & H Cut up beef & rendered tallow Jac Wideman Came to stay all night W. Milder

**7** Boys threshed Peas I & Nancy went to J H Ram(er's) their boy Ambrose is very sick we staid to dinner W. pretty Cold

**8** Boys drew some logs F & B took grist to B Hoover's with Colt Charly I went to Hebron Meeting house to settle for sheds W. rather Cold

**9 Sunday** at home all day W. Snow from east all day did not drift

**10** *{written in blue pencil}* I went to Hebron Meeting to See Mary B{ear} Commence Teaching German School we have hired her for 2 Months @ \$12.00 & board Boys drew home Some wood. W. pretty Cold I went to Cedar Grove PM

**11** I went to Pay W Jones for pulling stumps AM Boys Cut wood in Shed & Chored W. very Cold S W wind drifting Some *{resumed writing with black pencil}* Sold 14 Sheep to H Harding for ~~\$68.?~~ \$68.00

**12** Boys delivered Sheep AM went to othr bush to draw out logs. broke harness got to fixed PM. W. pretty Cold Some Snow PM

## Jan 1887

**13** Herman took me to Markham this Morning to see Dr Robinson Anne is worse then I took Midland for Toronto to get some German School Books got none to Suit Me Came home on CPR. boys drew some logs W. wind from east drifted some

**14** Chored. W. snow from east nearly all day. Anne pretty sick Dr was here last night. I think Medicine Made her Sick

**15** took grist Oats to D Ramer's AM & 27 bus 5 lbs Oats to Cedar Grove Mills PM for C Morrison. W. Cold Snow very deep

**Sunday 15** All went to Meeting at Hebron except John & Susanna they staid with Anne (she is some better) remarks & sermon on St. Luke 11 C by Br C M Ns Br inlaw Peter & Albert & Mary Hoover were here & Elias & Ben Stover & Gid Brownsberger at Supper. W. fine. Milder. Albert & Mary Hoover Thomas & Ketura were here awhile last night

**17** I & J made hog trough AM he brought home Chop PM F & H have bad cold W. Strong. W. wind not very Cold. drifting some fresh snow last night

**18** Boys not very well yet B is going to German School nearly every day

## Jan 1887

I & B went to Funeral of Peter Lapps wife at 11th Con PM. W. very Cold School Mam Came here to board this evening N She was at N Bs & Tilly is sick

**19** Chored AM I & J took 1/2 Cord wood to School Teacher living in our house at other place F & H went to German School PM W. very stormy from W AM Calmer PM

**20** I & F & Susanna went to Markham F got 2 Cavities filled got impression taken for new set for Susanna Tillman Ramer's John Lehman's & Wesley Reesor's & Peter & Freeman Ramer were here this evening, W, Mild Thawing Soft wind

**21** Got 2 loads wood ready AM J & F took it to Markham PM. W thawed fast last night. froze a little this morning. Mild today

**22** Boys Chored J took load wood PM I & Nancy went to Drudges PM Ruhema is sick

W rain more or less all day

**Sunday 23** I & Nancy & little ones went to Br Ns he has been sick a week or more is better. W. mild rain more or less

**24** J got horses Shod AM took load wood PM F & H drew dung to other place W mild

**25** Boys went shooting a little I went to Markham J Took load wood @ 4.25 boys drew dung PM. W. fine Mild

### **Jan 1887 Feb**

**26** J took load wood @ 4.00 AM boys Chored AM boys went to other bush Cut Some logs I dont feel well bad Cold W. Strong Cold N Wind

**27** J took load wood AM @ 4.25 F got horses Shod. F took load @ 4.24 PM H got Nell Shod. W fine Mild Cler

**28** I went to Markham AM J took load wood @ 4.25 boys Cut logs W. fine Mild

**29** F took load wood @ 4.25 AM J took load to School master in our house PM @ \$4.00 F & H Sawed PM. I & Nancy went to D Haris this evening W. fine

**Sunday 30** I & Nancy & Henry went to Meeting at Altona remarks & Sermon on St. Luke part of 5 C by Br C went to G E Thomas's PM. W. fine & Mild blowed up strong W wind & soft snow PM Calmer this evening

**31** H went to German School J & F Cleaned Peas at home & I went to Cedar Grove AM we Cleaned Grist Peas & Oats at other barn & J took it to D Ramer's PM W. fine AM Snow PM

**Feb 1** Boys we sawed in other bush I went to Markham AM J brought home Chop F & H girls Br Cs & A Bs youngsters went to D Nigh

### **Feb 1887**

Swander's this PM. W. fine pretty Cold

**CandleMas day Feb 2** F went to German School. I & J Chored W. snow & strong wind from east all day pretty Mild no sunshine all day

**3** Killed 4 pigs AM N B helped Chored PM. W. fine Mild

**4** J took 4 Pigs to Toronto @ \$6.25 lard 9 cts 7 doz eggs 30 cts Beef hide 6.50 cts pr lb F took load Oats for N B. with his own team. W. fin pretty sharp

**5** F & B sawed wood in old bush AM we cleaned load Barley AM F took it to Markham 59.45 lbs @ 55 cts PM H & B Sawed wood PM W. Cold

**Sunday 6** at home all day W Cloudy Mild drizzly nearly all day

**7** Cleaned load barley AM Boys threshed Some Peas PM. W Snow AM Sleet PM

**8** Chored F & H went to School PM W rain nearly all day. J took 12 Bus Chop to D Ramer's this evening

**9** F took 88 bus barley to Markham AM @ 55 cts J & Adeline went to Markham PM boys Cleaned a load PM I went to See I Moyer he is sick I & Nancy & little ones went to A Bs this evening. W. very fine

**10** F took 95 Bus barley to Markham @ 56 AM J took load Second Class

## **Feb 1887**

Hardwood PM we cleaned another load barley. W. fine Mild raining tonight

**11** F went to German School boys Chored drove Colt to Cedar Grove this evening W. Snowed all day Mild. Snow deep

**12** Chored AM J & F took 116 bus barley to Markham @ 56 cts PM. W. fine Clear

**Sunday 13** I & Boys & girls went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy Sprained her Knee this Morning so she staid with Henry & Abe they had sore throat, are better remarks by Br C sermon on ~~St~~ 1st Cor 10 C by S Hoover. J Bs Mich Frits's & A Bs youngsters at dinner & Saml Hoover's Youngsters at Supper W. fine

**14** J took load wood to Markham AM we Cleaned load barley F took it PM 71 bus he took 19 bags Oats along to D Ramer's. boys Sawed PM. W. fine

**15** boys Cleaned Peas AM J & H helped dig grave for old John Stover PM W. Soft drizzly rain AM Clear PM

**16** All went to Funeral of Old John Stover except School Mam & few of little ones

### **Feb 1887**

Sam Hoover & Jac Wideman Preached Henry Stover's & Br inlaw Saml Hoover's were here at dinner. W. fin Mild

**17** Boys sawed in other bush AM F fixed Saw PM J drew Some logs Old Saml Stover's & their daughter Fanny were here today W. very fine & Clr

**18** Boys threshed few Peas AM went to Shaws Sale PM. W. Strong E wind all night & AM little snow Calm PM began to rain about 4 PM. Cleared up again

**19** I & Susanna went to Markham to Dentist AM. her Teeth were not ready. Herman took her again PM. Boys Chored. W. Mild very Strong W. Wind at times

**Sunday 20** at home all day W. fine Boys & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's

**21** Sawed wood in old bush F took load Second Class wood to Markham @ \$3.00 PM. J Ds were here this evening. W. fine

**22** Killed Herman's Pig AM Sawed some wood PM. W. very fine J took Chop to D Ramer's PM

**23** F & H went to Toronto Pig \$6.00 I & Nancy went to Jac Reesor's last night

### **Feb 1887 Mar**

Gobbler \$1.25. Chickens 95 cts for 2 pr 9 ½ doz Eggs 24 cts Oats 34 cts W fine Strong east wind this eveing B went to Toronto on Cars. Came home with boys I & J drew 2 Cords Soft wood to J Boyer he lives in Br Cs house, at \$2.00 per Cord

**24** Boys went to N Bs AM to help move Some Pigs AM threshed Peas PM. W. rough rather Stormy took Chop to D Ramer's this evening

**25** Boys threshed Peas all day. Finished them. W. fine Clear sharp this morning School mam went to Br Cs to board Ketura is sick and they need help

**26** Boys Cleaned Peas AM 50 bus making over 100 that they threshed since the fall brought home Chop PM. W Strong east wind rain this evening

**Sunday 27** at home all day W. Strong W wind all day. Cold

**28** Chored AM. I & Herman went to Markham PM W. very Cold N W wind

**March 1** F took load 2nd Class wood to Markham @ \$3.00 AM

### **Mar 1887**

boys drew dung to ~~the~~ Other place Menno Burkholder brought M Rittenhouse & John Moyer AM John took them to M Barkeys J Ds & Peter Reesor's PM other Boys helped Br Cs set up Coal Stove PM. W. fin Clr PM

**2** Killed 4 Pigs J took load wood AM Boys drew home hay & load dung & brought home some Pine for oven wood PM I went to see Br N he has been confined to the house about 8 weeks with Influenza. W. very fin Mild

**3** F went to Toronto 4 Pigs \$6.30 14 ½ doz Eggs 20 cts H took 2 loads wood to Markham. J & B Chored W. very fine

**4** H Took load wood to Markham other boys Chored AM Boys all went to Sale near Cobers PM (Man's name is Collins) H Barkey's & Schoolmam's Mother were here today this was last day of German School. W. very fine sharp

**5** H & F took load of wood AM done nothing PM. W. Strong east wind all day. Snow PM

**Mar 1878** {*should be 1887*}

**Sunday 6** at home all day Could not get out of lane Boys & Girls went across field to Br Cs PM.  
W. ~~Clear~~ fin Mild

**7** Boys Shoveled out lane J went to Markham with Cutter PM I went to see J D AM he has  
abscess or Some kind of gathering in his mouth I & Nancy went to See Moyer this eveing he has  
been Sick a few weeks W. very fine Clr & Mild

**8** F took last load 2<sup>nd</sup> Class wood to Markham AM I & Nancy & little ones went to Br inlaw Peters.  
Esther went to work at Br Cs this week Ketura is in bed some weeks Boys & girls went to Menno  
Burkholders this eveing W. fin Clr rather sharp AM

**9** Boys brought home load wood & Sawed it Cleaned some harness I & F took grist Chop to D  
Ramer's PM. W. Mild. Rained awhile PM

**10** Cut down ash tree behind driving house & Cleaned Seed Peas for Br inlaw Saml Hoover

**Mar 1887**

his son Simeon brought 20 Bus to Exchange F took grist Chop to D Ramer's & brought some home  
I went along as far as Br Ns. He is getting better I was at J Ds this morning. He is Mending. W.  
fine Clear. Sharp AM

**11** J brought home Chop H went to Markham to get Boots Fixed AM drew home 4 small loads  
hay from other place PM. W. sharp. Fine. I & Nancy & little ones went to Br Cs after supper

**12** Chored & Cut up dead Black Ash {*possible faded illegible word*} east of Orchard I & Henry  
went to Cedar Grove & I went to see J D he is Mending W. fin

**Sunday 13** all went to Meeting except Some of boys. they have Cold. remarks and Sermon on  
St Mat 11 C by Br C A G Burkholder's & J Stovers were here at noon & Peter Burkholder's &  
Eli{as} {*faded*} Lehman's at supper. W. pretty Cold Cloudy PM

**14** Washed & Oiled Harness W. very Cold. Strong N East wind all day

**15** boys split wood I & J brought home boards from S M AM boys all went to sale Maxwells PM.  
W. pretty Cold windy clr

**Mar 1887**

16 Made Hatching nests for hens. 3 boys cut wood in other bush PM. W. Cold raw wind

17 John went to Markham AM. Sawed wood in other bush. Daniel Ramer's were here. W. Cold raw wind

18 Boys Sawed wood I & J drew 2 Maple logs AM J drew home Pine stove wood from other bush PM. I & Nancy went to J Ds & to Aunt Lissy Burkholder's this eveing. W. raw Cold Wind Aunt Lizzy fell on the stove and burnt her right hand badly this evening

19 I went to Markham boys drew home wood AM they went to sale at Malcolm's at Cedar Grove PM W. windy. rather milder

**Sunday 20** I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Br C Sermon on Philippians 2nd C by R<sup>e</sup> Saml Hoover went to Enos Hoover's for dinner & to Menno Burkholder's for Supper. W. mild a little wind

21 Boys sawed wood at other bush F took grist 24 bus Wheat to B Hoover's PM I & Nancy & little ones went to Menno Stovers this eving W fine mild

**Mar 1887**

22 boys Sawed wood & took grist Chop to D Rame's PM I & Nancy went to Jacob King{illegible} W. Mild AM raw Cold wind from north PM

23 Boys Sawed wood H brought home Chop I went with him as far a Po. W. Clear Sharp

24 Boys Sawed wood I & H got down Sap Buckets & soaked them W. mild began to rain this evenig

25 F & B got Colt Charley Shod on fore feet Other boys Chored AM I & F went to Markham brought home big grist wheat 12 bags other boys Sawed wood PM. W. very raw cold wind from N W all day

26 boys Sawed Wood W. pretty Cold

**Sunday 27** *{switched to blue pencil}* at home all day. Mary Bear was here She is working at Br Cs W very Strong east wind all day. Snow this eveing

**28** N took Grist Chop to D Ramer's AM Boys all went to Burges's Sale above Belford PM. W. Cler. Cold N W wind about 5 in new snow last night

**29** J took Abram to school Farmer took sick on the road he got him to J Ds & brought Barrows. He had something wrong on Kidneys Boys Brought home Chop & took some Oats to D Rame's

### **Mar 1887 April**

A B's were here this eveing W Cold N wind

*{switched to black pencil}*

**30** J brought Farmer home this morning he is better Benj<sup>n</sup> brought home Oat Chop. They Sawed wood in other bush PM. W. fine *{written between the lines above and below}* F went to Downie's & to Markham with N B 34 I & Nancy went to P. Bs after supper his wife is very sick. some better

**31** Boys sawed wood H went with Br Cs Thomas to Markham AM he has sore hand. W. fine warm.

**April 1st** ~~Fixed~~ Boys Sawed wood I & Nancy & little ones went to Br S's this evenig. W. fine. Cler. sleighing going

**2** Fixed wire loops on Sap Buckets to hang them to the trees AM Tapped near a hundred trees PM. J got horses Shod & H went to Markham with Springboard PM W. very fine Cler Sap runs {Midling} well

**Sunday 3** at home all day Boys & girls went to Johnny Ramer's with Buggy W. fine Mild

**4** Gathered sap. (didn't run much) & chored AM I & Nancy went to Markham PM. Snow going very fast roads Muddy. high water

**5** Sawed wood AM F & H went to A McCreights Sawing Bee PM W. very Cold raw N wind froze hard

## Apr 1887

**6** Chored & Sawed wood J went to Kingston road to see how road is for Wheels then he went to Markham to see Butcher to buy Pigs Butcher Came PM. Bought 7 Pigs @ \$43.00 W. fine. Mild. Thawing again

**7** I went to Jac Reesor's & M Fretz's & Boiled 6 qts Molasses Boys Sawed wood & put Battings on part of Meeting shed roof PM W. very fine froze last night. thawed today

**Good Friday 8** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on Isaiah 53 C by Br C. B stover was here at noon Br C & wife awhile PM. & Menno Stove's at supper W froze last night vey fin & clr

**9** I made 14 Jars molasses H helped J Ds thresh with team AM F & B went to Will Reesor's sawing Bee PM J opened 11th Con & got 10 bags Oats chopped PM. W. very fine & warm.

**Easter Sunday 10** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St. Mat 28 C by R<sup>e</sup> S Hoover Jos Grove & wife were here at noon

**Easter Monday 11** at home all day H took

## April 1887

girls & Mary Baer to Markham Station they are going to Stouffville to H Barkey's to stay till tomorrow Boys went Shooting W. rather cloudy PM. warm

**12** I boiled sap J {delivered} hogs alive at Markham Station. F brought home girls J & H trimmed pine trees along Scarboro townline W. a little drizzly rain PM. Rather Cooler Called in Burrows this evening. Mag is sick

**13.** Boiled Sap AM Finished off 19 qts Molasses PM. Went to W Reesor's & to I Moyer's this eveing W. Cold East wind Boys Sawed wood

**14** Boys Sawed wood I went to Cedar Grove PM W. raw rather Cold east wind. Roads good

**15** Boys Sawed wood. I & B & Abram went to Br Ss & to Kirkhams with Moyer's Dip net to try to Catch Suckers. Got 1 at Kirkhams there were a good many Caught yesterday got home at noon

Grandmother & Peter's were here when we got home. W. drizzly this Morning. Fin at noon  
Showry PM hevy thunder & rain this eveing

### **April 1887**

**16** Chored AM J & F went to Br Ss AM to look for Suckers got none then I & Nancy & Boys  
went to Funeral of Ulrich Burkholder at Hebron Sermon on 2nd Tim 1 C 12 V by Baptist Minister  
Signging in German Boys Piled wood PM. I went to S M & to Cedar Grove. W. Cold NW wind,  
freezing tonight

**Sunday 17** at home Br Ns were here H went to Meeting at Wideman's with B Cs Thomas Boys &  
Girls went to A Bs W sharp frost last night fine today

**18** Boiled 13 Jars Molasses Boys took grist Chop AM & brought it home PM Sawed Wood. W  
white frost last night. Fine today H got Nell shod

**19** I & Nancy wen to Br inlaw J Hove's at dinner to J Bs at supper Boys worked at other place  
W. white frost last night fin today

**20** boiled 14 Jars Molasses Boys Caught 19 Suckers PM J & B went to John Milroys raising AM  
W. fin mild I went to Manasse Frists this Mornig

**21** Boys Caught 43 Suckers AM

### **April 1887**

Chored PM I went to Markham this evenig W. Showry this morning heavy thunder Shower went  
round N East after dinner

**22** I & J Put in 22 logs B went dipping with I Moyers to Kirkham's got none there were a great  
Many Sucker's Caught in the big Rouge these fine days Boys drew off roots & stones I Boiled  
about 15 Jars Molasses today which makes about 80 Jars for the Season W. vey strong east wind  
very strong PM

**23** Chored AM Boys Chased very large white bird didnt Shoot it J Plowed at other place I & H piled lumber PM W. rained a little this morning blowed up Cold this evening. Boys speared 9 Suckers at Br Ss this evenig there were a good many Caught there lately

**Sunday 24** at home all day Boys & Girls went to Br Ss. W. Cool. a little Squaals of snow

**25** F & B got up early & went to Br Ss & Caught about 50 Suckers Br Ns Albert helped them Boys drew off roots & Plowed at other place

### **April 1887 May**

I & F & B brought load of turnip from Br Ns they have more than they can feed then we return them in the fall W. fin

**26** Boys drew off roots & stones & plowed I & Nancy went to Toronto 34 doz eggs @ 13 W. fine a very little rain Cool white frost this moring.

**27** Boys drew off stones & roots AM J sowed Oats at other place PM W. sharp frost last night. ~~fin~~ fine today

**28** Boys harrowed & grubbed with both Seeders in field back of garden & sowed strip of mixed Oats & Peas behind barn for green feed AM they sowed about 42 ~~æh~~ acres spring wheat in east end of big field I & B helped girls scrub Meeting house PM W. east wind AM. Drissly rain PM hevy this eving

**29** Chored. W. rained heavy last night little drissle today. Water high

**30** Boys plowed & drew off roots at other place took & brought home grist Oats to D Ramer's W. Cler. Cold N wind I went with N B to Wilsons nursery in Picking AM

**Sunday May 1** I & Nancy & little ones went to N Bs PM W. drissly AM Clear PM

**May 1867** {s/b 1887}

2 Boys plowed & worked at other place Sowed Oats & Peas & Oats Mixed at other Place PM. J Milroy was here PM Putting on some grafts. J & Br Ns Albert Caught 85 Suckers at Kirkham this Moring. W thunder in the distance this morning. a little rain

3 Boys sowed barley back of garden I went to Markham with Br C PM. W. fin warm

4 Boys sowed Oats in south half of N W Corner field & on knoll. grubbed N E Corner field W. fin warm

5 Sowed barley in about 7 acres east end of N East field W. fin warm

6 Sowed Oats in west part of N E Corner field W. a very little rain this morning. Fine today Mare Maggie had fine Colt after Supper

7 Sowed field behind barn with Oats I & B & F planted 18 trees along Picking townline where Mice had Killed them burned brush east of Orchard W. very fine growing weather

**May 1887**

**Sunday 8** All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by R<sup>e</sup> S Hoover Sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C Nancy was taken with a Sick Spell & I had to bring her home after the Text was read Ann Shirk & Dave Stover were here. W. fine. warm

9 Boys ganged 3 acres east of dam & Sowed it with Multiplier Peas & began ganging in N W Corner field F & B went fishing with B Diller AM Caught 9 I went to Cedar Grove PM. & to Cherrywood after Supper got Medicine off Burrows Horses have Influenza W. very fine warm & growing 40 F & B fixed fences at other place PM

10 Boys Sowed Peas north half of N W Corner field F & B fixed fencs at other place AM we took young Cattle to other place to pasture W. vey vey warm & fine

11 I went to Markham AM J Plowed at Other place H & B drew off roots & stones at other place F rolled W. fine & warm

12 J & H plowed at other place I sowed about 3 bus Peas & F harrowed them AM he took 6 bags Chop to Cedar Grove Mills & brought it home W. fin

## May 1887

**13** F rolled J & H finished Plowing at other place. Sowed last of Peas PM which finishes our Seeding. W. very fine & Clear. Cooler Bush fairly green. Grain growing fine

**{1}4** Planted early Potatoes J & B drew rubbish from around the place to sugar Camp F rolled at home H at other place both finished W. fine

**Sunday 15** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat 1{3} by R Jac Wideman went to Br inlaw Peter's for dinner then to Gibmer's they were not at home W. very fine roads good

**16** Drew dung on root ground F got Mag Shod AM went for Burrows PM old Jess had dead Colt W. Cler very warm at noon

**17** drew dung on root ground J Plowed PM Buried poor Old Jess She could not get up John Shot her at noon W. Cooler looks like rain this evenig

**18** Boys drew dung J Plowed harrowed & rolled Potatoes & corn ground W. fine

**Ascension day 19** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on Acts {illegible} C by Br C Mathy Cook & Br inlaw Jesse were here PM W. very fine & Cler

**20** drew dung I & H went to Markham PM W fine PM

**21** Finished drawing dung on root ground AM Planted Corn J took 13 bags Oats to D Rs PM W fine

## May 1887

**Sunday 22** I & Nancy & little ones went to A Bs young folks went to J D's PM. W fin

**23** I went to Whitevale Boys Planted Buffalo Bill & Beauty of Hebron Potatoes & F Sheared J Milroys sheep AM I & H took 170 feet lumber to D Ramer's to get dressed & brought home Oat Chop Boys fixed fence along 11th Con PM. W. very warm thunder north

**24** Boys went fishing to mouth of Rouge Caught 16 I & Abram & Henry went to School house and Cut some beanpoles & caught about 50 fish. W. fine rain last night & another heavy shower PM grass & grain are very far advanced

**25** Boys Plowed in turnip ground I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. Cooler

**26** Boys Plowed I went to S M & to Cedar Grove AM I & Nancy Planted Melons PM W. fine ~~warm~~ rather cooler

**27** went to other bush to Saw Shingle timber this morning. Began to drizzle Came home & Cleaned Spring Wheat. Boys went to Saw PM. Rained again I took 6 bags Pea & barley Chop to D Ramer's PM wet Coming home

**28** Sawed Shingle timber Abram harrowed turnip ground we fixed fences PM. W. fine Clr Cool

**29** F & H & girls went to Meeting at Wideman's I & Nancy & little ones went to J Ds W. fine

**Whit Monday 30** I & Nancy & little ones went to S Lehman's to dinner I & Nancy got Supper with John Lehman's Boys went fishing

## **May 1887 June**

Benjamin went to Toronto with Br S & Bertha & David & J D's two girls to go to Niagaria Falls tommorrow W. fine strong east wind PM

**31** Finished Sawing Shingles timber Abram harrowed turnip ground W. drizzly this Morning pretty Cool

**June 1** I brought Benj<sup>n</sup> home from Br Ss AM he got back from the falls Boys Chored W. drizzly rain AM

**2** drew Stones off fallow at other place small ones on middle of road J went to Markham W. Showery drizzly

**3** I & Benj went fishing to Kingston road Caught a few Boys drew Stones & dug out Burr's W. foggy AM. Clr PM. Very growing weather

4 drew off Stones AM Planted Chili Potatoes PM H went to Dunker's Feast with Br Cs Thomas.  
W. fine Cler Warm PM

**Sunday 5** all went to Meeting at Hebron Suitable Text remarks & Sermon for Celebration of  
Lords Supper by Br C Enos Nighswander's & Enos Hoover's were here H Boyer's & M Barkeys at  
supper W. a little rain this Morning. Fine today

6 Chored AM drew out big Cedar log Out of Swale at other place I went to Cedar Grove PM W.  
drissly all AM & awhile PM

### June 1887

7 Adeline & F went Toronto 45 lbs Butter @ 17 cts 24 Doz Eggs 12 ct 4 bags Potatoes \$1.00  
other boys drew Stones & dung at other Place I trimmed & Burned Pine brush at end of lane in Br  
Cs field. W. Cloudy. Cler this eving

*{writing changed from black to blue}*

8 drew off stones B began plowing fallow at other place PM field where we drive in W. foggy  
this Morning. Cleared up fine

9 B plowed other boys drew dung J has very lame back about a week F brought Burrows this  
eving Charly horse has Influenza he lanced his throat. W. fine warm Peter brought his wife &  
Children this morning & left them here all day W. fine I & J hoed early Potatoes got ripe  
strawbery in our garden today

10 Boys pulled Pidgeon weed I & John drew 2 Cedar logs to S M for Cedar Posts we piled some  
lumber AM he got Major Shod this eving W. very warm & fine Isaac Moyer's brought Amos  
Moyer & wife to stay all night

### June 1887 *{in black}*

*{blue pen}*

11 I & Nancy took A Moyer's to Peter Bs while there to J D's for dinner then we Came home F  
plowed other boys Chopped Thistles W. fine warm

**Sunday 12** I & Nancy ~~went~~ & Abram went to Meeting at Widemans Herman & girls went too remarks by Jac Wideman Sermon on by Br C Br S's Tilman & wife & Joseph Hoover & his wife were Baptised went to C Burkholder's to dinner & to Gibner's to supper. W. very fine Cler

**13** I went to Markham AM I & J went to Job letting on Pickering townline PM we began {P}lowing & scraping at end of lane after supper doing Scarboro road work W. fine

**{1}4** F & H finished Scarboro road work AM I & B took 12 bags Oats to D Ramer's PM. W. fine warm

**15** Plowed at other place W. Warm

**16** J Bs were here J & H worked road work in Markham drawing gravel {F} & B trimmed brush at dam & topped thistles W. very very warm

## **June 1887**

**17** J & H drew gravel AM F filled I & B dug out Burdocks ↓ H plowed PM I & H drew one load gravel which finishes road work then H plowed too F & B Scuffled Corn & I helped to hoe it W. little rain last night some PM & this evenig

**18** Scuffled & hoed Potatoes ganged turnip ground topped thistles at other place W fine. Cler

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy & Henry Started to go to Meeting at Altona turned at Sideroad. heavy rain. soaker at home all day. Cler PM

**20** F & B began drain behind barns to drain walls AM topped thistles PM J & H finished plowing fallow AM H ganged turnip ground J harrowed fallow PM I went to S M helped Br S saw Some Cedar Posts AM went to Whitevalle PM W. Cler very warm Br inlaw Peter got dinner here he got load of tiles at Cherry wood

**21** I & J got 25 Cedar Posts at J {faded and illegible} at Cedar Grove this morning hevy rain & some thunder Am & PM

## June 1887

R Wallace was here at dinner boys turned dung in other barnyard after supper

*{switched back to black pencil}*

**22** dug in drain AM took ½ ton hay to W Burkholder's @ \$5.00 PM harrowed turnip ground PM.  
W. show{ery} heavy rain after supper

**23** Boys drilled turnip ground & sowed some this eveing I went to Toronto 52 lbs butter 15 cts 7  
doz eggs 15 cts 2 bags Potatoes \$1.10 W. fine

**24** Finished sowing turnip Finished drain behind barn Shovel plowed early Potatoes W. warm

**25** I went to Whitevale boys moved fence at other place along townline where we intend to Make  
Straight rail fence {word scratched out} F mowed fence corner at other place AM I & he drew 3  
logs to S M & H took load bolts to A B Ramer's B mowed fenc Corners PM J has lame back W.  
fine Cool

**Sunday 26** at home Johnny Reesor's were here at noon & Jesse & Martha too. Johnny Ramer's  
were here at Supper. W fine

**27** H began digging Post holes at other place F & B drew sawlogs & I went to Markham AM

## June 1887 July

I & F drew logs PM H & B dug post hols J harrowed fallow PM W. fine Cler

**28** F & H dug Post holes J drew gravel at Bee on Scarboro Townline B filled I & Nancy went to  
Meeting at Altona Jac Wideman D Wismer from Kansas & Ab Honsberger officiated went to M Ns  
for dinner W. fin very warm Saw great smoke as we were going up townline this morning heard  
this evenig that it was George E Reesor's barn on the Old John Reesor place that was burnt. B F  
Reesor's Mill at Newmarket was burned last Friday Morning

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**29** Scuffled & hoed Potatoes awhile then all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by R<sup>e</sup> Jac Wideman Sermon on St John part of 11 C by R D Wismer A B Ramer's & M Ns were here J took load Bolts to A B Ramer's & F went to Bs H & B dug post holes PM W. very very warm

**30** Boys dug Post holes J Cut most of Meadow at other Place I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. very very warm

**July 1** John finished Meadow at other place Boys dug few post holes AM raked & Coked half of meadow PM W very very hot & close

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**2** F took 12 bags wheat grist to B Hoover's J took Mower to get fixed at B.S.S. H & B Cut thistles AM raked & Coked last of hay at other place PM W. very warm a little showery this evening

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**Sunday 3** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon by S Hoover on Heb 11 D Nighswander Tilman Reesor's & Herman & Elvia Lehman's were here at noon Isaac Moyer's at Supper. W. warm

**4** Cut young Orchard AM F went to J Goulds raising I & other boys drew in hay at other place all except rakings about 11 loads. W. very very warm & close thunder Showers went around this evening. A little rain last night. A little this evening

**5** hoed Corn & Scuffled it AM H took last load of Shingle bolts & brought home grist hoed Potatoes PM. W. fine little rain last night. Warm today I went to Funeral of ~~Andrew~~ Andrew Reesor's Child it was kicked to death by a horse on Sunday PM

**6** had Peter's Man & team to help Scrape out & Straighten Creek at other place two of our teams helped J went to Toronto 52 lbs butter 16<sup>cts</sup> 1 bus old ~~Pota~~ Potatoes 55<sup>cts</sup> W. warm fine Breeze from west

7 J took Mower to Whitevale AM to get Boxing filled tried to Mow PM it would not Cut I & he took it to S Ramer's PM then I went this eveing & got new Pitman rod. At S Ramer's Boys mowed fence Corners at home. W. very very warm & Sultry

8 J Mowed Meadow behind Cider House mower works splendid F & H turnpiked on Cedar Grove lane AM Finished Cutting fences Corners PM drew in load hay out of little

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this evening W. very very warm & dry

9 Weaned & Sorted Pigs this morning raked & cocked hay till about noon nice little Shower hilled up early Potatoes after dinner (had a mess) gathered fence Corner hay then raked all of meadow after supper it is not all fit to Cock W warm

**Sunday 10** I & Nancy & little ones went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C sermon on Philipians 2nd C by R<sup>e</sup> S Hoover went Br inlaw Peters for dinner & to Br inlaw Samls for supper. W. very fine & Cool. West wind

11 drew in 12 loads hay behind Cider house Shovel plowed some of Potatoes W pretty warm

12 Boys mowed swail back of garden AM drew in rakings 2 small loads & began swail in N W Corner field after Supper Peter's & Motherinlaw were here today. W. very very warm again

13 Boys finished Mowing & drew in swaile PM I & Henry went to Markham PM Saw the ruins of Cedar Grove Store & Stables all burned down on Monday night W. very warm

14 Finished putting Paris Green on Potatoes then boys all went to Funeral of Thomas Milroy had S Ramer here PM fixing reaper F brought new reaper from Gilchrists Vansant gave it to him on 24th May & promised to Send us another and did not do it so he gave it up to us Boys Cut road round Wheat South of bush

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W. warm ] 15 drew in last of hay tried new binder I went to Markham after supper binder works pretty well W. warm a bit little rain AM & at noon. Not much

**16** J cut barley for Peter binder didn't work very well boys hoed & scuffled turnip AM Cut Wheat north of bush with reaper PM I Painted stoop W. very warm I think it was the warmest day this summer 100 deg in shade

**Sunday 17** I & Nancy Mary & Anne went to Johnny Boyers W. good Shower last night very very warm today

**18** J Cut awhile for Peter this morning came home tried to fold binder. broke {b}utter I went to Stouffville got another Casting boys Cut wheat north of bush with reaper. Expert came at noon. Fixed Knotter on binder. Tightened Canvas. Cuts first rate W. pretty warm J cut barley in N E Corner field.

**19** J finished N E Corner field AM began in field back of garden PM boys finished wheat north of bush W. very warm

**20** J finished barley AM Cut for Peter PM boys Cut fall wheat at other place I & Susanna went to Markham PM. W. very warm

**21** J Cut for Peter Boys Scuffled & hoed turnips I painted at front Stoop of big part of house very warm. Patton making Chests

**22** Boys worked at turnip J & H plowed fallows at other place W. a vry little rain vry vry warm

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**23** J Cut 9 acres barley for Peter I & Other boys drew in about 14 loads fall wheat it is a very good crop except a few spots killed out. I went to see John Stover he was badly Kicked by a horse on Tuesday he lives on the 3rd Con Scarboro W. not so warm

**Sunday 24** I & Nancy Mary & Anne went to Meeting at Widemans remarks & Sermon on {space left blank} by Br C went to C B Hoover's for dinner Mary went to Br inlaw Peter's to see Esther she has been there since 12th July then we went to young Mannasse Fret's they live with Mik{e}'s for supper W. Cool this Morning warm PM

**25** Drew in all the barley & 2 loads fall wheat 20 loads W. Cloudy this Morning. Warm

**26** drew in last of Wheat at home 19 loads in all then went to other place & drew in that 5 loads till noon. Boys finished hoing turnips & hoed feed Corn. & I went to Markham PM. W. very warm

**27** Cut Oats at other plac AM I helped Patton fix Horse Power & Kitchen table he has been here some days Making Chests 2 boys Cut Mixed Peas & Oats in orchard at other place PM I nearly finished Painting Stoop PM W. very warm & Sultry. Dry weather

**28** Boys Finished Cutting Oats at other place I & Nancy went to Toronto 46 lbs Butter 22 cts 10 doz Eggs 15 cts W. very warm & sultry fine Breeze

**29** J cut Spring Wheat & began Oats other boys drew in Mixed Peas & Oats at other plac & some rakings at home W vry warm

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**30** J Cut Oats H got Nell Shod AM Shocked Oats & drew in last of rakings & load Mixed Peas & Oats. Widow Anne Barkey & Aunt Lissy were here PM. Br Cs Ketura was here all day she is very weak yet. W. quite warm. I finished Painting Stoop

**Sunday 31** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on *{blank space left}* by Br C Tilman McDowels were here at noon & A Bs at Supper W. very warm

**August 1** F & H helped Br S thresh J Cut Oats W. very warm

**2** F & H helped Br Ns thresh B helped for Br C J finished Cutting Oats I & Susanna went to Markham & J & Abram Plowed fallow at other place PM. W. vry vry warm & dry Br inlaw Peter brought Esther home

**3** Boys drew dung at other place I & J set machine AM threshed 3 loads seed wheat with 5 horses PM it turns out very well run through few Oats too they turn out well but the grain is light W. very vry warm Peter Came this eveing for Esther again his wife Mary is not well.

**4** F & B helped A McCreight thresh till about ½ past 2<sup>oc</sup> J & H finished drawing dung at other place then H took Nell to Daybreak we drew in Spring Wheat PM 7 loads W. vry vry warm & sultry

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**5** boys worked at turnips AM J plowed fallow I spread dung F H Cut Oats for A McCreight boys pulled Peas at other place & I plowed W. fine little shower last night & another at ~~sy~~ supper time some thunder

**6** 2 boys plowed fallow we moved dung in barnyard to make room for straw stack Asked hands to thresh on Monday 2 boys Pulled Pees Peas F finished Cutting Oats for McCreight PM W. fine Cool strong wind from north

**Sunday 7** I & Nancy & some of little ones went to Br Ns then we went to Funeral of my Old Uncle Ira White at Cedar Grove at 2 PM he died in the Township of Malahide then we went to Br Cs for Supper. W. fine Cool

**8** Threshed about 420 bus barley a load of Oats & nearly all spring Wheat it is very poor & Shrunken & Midge eaten W. Fine Clear. Cool

**9** Drew in 9 loads Oats at other place 2 boys Pulled Peas. W. warm

**10** drew in 20 loads Oats at home I went to Markham AM W. warm

**11** Chored AM Cleaned Spring Wheat F took 32 bus 45 lbs old spring Wheat to Spinks @ 78 <sup>cts</sup> PM J & H went to G E Reesor's barn raising B ganged barley stubble W. nice rain early this morning till 9 AM Br inlaw Peter brought Esther home

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**12** F cut Oats for Peter. B helped Johnny B thresh J & H Pulled Peas W. fine

**13** F finished Peter's Oats before noon. other boys Pulled Peas at home we all drew in Peas at other place 14 loads PM. W fine Cool

**Sunday 14** at home Boys & ~~girls~~ girls went to Menno Stove's PM. N Bs & Aunt Lissy were here PM. W. fine cool

**15** Boys Finished pulling Peas 4 acres in N W Corner field & drew them in *{blank space}* loads & then drew in 4 loads Oats I & Susanna went to Toronto. It was Toronto's Civic Holiday we did not

know it. Business was Closed. I managed to sell 28 lbs butter 22 <sup>ct</sup> 17 doz eggs 10 <sup>ct</sup> to 14 <sup>cts</sup> to the ~~Butt~~ Butcher's they were open awhile in the morning W. fine Cool dry. Nice Breese

**16** F helped Br C thresh with team. H helped for Johnny B we drew in last of Oats & nearly finished pulling Peas in root field we pulled them with sulky rake I & Nancy went to A Bs this eveing W. warm. Cool this eveing

**17** Finished drawing in Peas till about 4 PM 9 loads then F & B went to Markham W. cloudy a drissly rain this eveing at dark. finished harvest

**18** H harrowed fallow J ganged Barley stubble. Very hard F got Charley shod AM F & B helped Br C draw in & I went to Markham PM W. fine

**19** H & B helped Pilkey thresh F helped B B thresh J & Abe & I Cleaned up both Barn floors at home AM Pulled foxtail out of Potatoes PM I went to Cedar Grove after Supper. W fine J took old waggon to B s s

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to get tines set did not get it done Blacksmith is not working. They took new waggon up few days ago & it is not done either

**20** J & H plowed fallow at other place F Scuffled turnips we dug early Potatoes Br Cs Thomas brought a son of Jacob Mensch from Penn & Noah Weber from Waterloo they were here at dinner W. fine

**Sunday 21** I & Nancy & little ones went to Johnny Ramer's they were not at home then we went to Drudge's they live on Alex Whaly Place. Staid to dinner I seen little boys I then went to Menno Reesor's staid to supper (and seen little girls) W. Cloudy drissly rain AM

**22** boys finished Scraping Creek at other place I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Peters he was sick last week is Poorly yet Called at Mineral Spring. W fine Cool

**23** B began work for Br C. Thomas has gone to Pennsylvania with A Mensch J & H plowed at other place F went to B s s brought home waggon AM drew dung on barley stubble PM ~~I &~~ W. fine Showers after Midnight

**24** Boys drew dung all day with 2 waggons I asked hands to thresh at other plac tomorrow W.  
Cler Cool wind from north

**25** Had W Reesor to thresh at other place with steamer threshed about 60 bus F Wheat 70 Peas  
& 250 Oats got done about 2.30 PM then J took Steamer to J Jarvis & H took 15 bags Oats to D  
Ramer's W. Cool N Wind

**26** H helped J Ds thresh with team J & F Plowed at other place I went to Funeral of Widow  
Lehman at Altona with Br C

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Sermon by Br C on 1st Cor 15 C {?}54 & 55 V Sam Hoover spoke awhile W. very Cool N Wind

**27** F & J Plowed Abram too PM H helped thres{h} for W Reesor I & Abe & Henry took 10 bus  
Pea{s} to D Ramer's got them Chopped AM W. fine very Cool Morning & evening some talk of  
frost

**Sunday 28** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St John {blank space} C  
by Rev<sup>d</sup> S Hoover H Stover's H Wideman & wife from Hay Ann Shirk & Menno Burkholder's girls &  
Josey Burkholder were here I & Nancy took H Wideman's to Chris Stover's & to Br Cs for Supper &  
awhile to Br Ns & to old Joe Reesor's where they stay all night W. fine

**29** Boys plowed. W. fine Cler Deepened Creek at other place

**30** Boys Harrowed & rolled fallow at other place I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Peter's PM  
Motherinlaw was sick is better again Peter is Poorly W. Fine warm I went to Cherrywood AM

**31** J Sowed nearly all fallow H ganged at other place F worked at Br Cs B hurt his finger W.  
fine Clr warm I went to Whitevale PM

**Sept 1** J Finished Sowing & got Br S's Truck he & H drew 6 Maple logs PM F drew wood in Shed  
out of old bush W. like rain PM

**2** H ganged I & J drew 2 Maple logs & took about 1200 ft Sheeting to D Ramer's AM F drew  
gravel into our Meeting Shed {&} J Bs & into barnyard I & J helped him PM W fine nice little  
shower last night. Very dry yet Drew Muck out of dam it is dry long ago

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F & Abram went to Toronto 32 lbs Butter 22 <sup>ct</sup> 22 doz Eggs 14 <sup>ct</sup>. I went to Markham & to Conference PM W. Cler Cooler Wind

**Sunday 4** Boys & girls went to A Bs little ones went to Br Cs I & Nancy & Anne Shirk went to Cober's PM W. fine warm. Fire raging in Burrows Slash on old Abe Hoover place & one in Tait Swamp. vry vry dry

**5** H ganged at other place J & F drew muck out of dam AM took 14 bags Cider apples to P Lapps to sell PM W. warm

**6** Finished drawing Muck this morning brought home gang Plow began ganging Fall Wheat stubble ~~north~~ north of bush & Plowing south of bush I & H took 5 bags Peas to D Ramer's this evening W. fine rain last night little AM

**7** boys ganged & brought home Chop & Drew lumber Plowed South of bush I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Simon Hoover's I went to Stouffville. Went to J B's were not at home went to Br inlaw Eno's were not at home then we Came home W. Cler very Blustery N Wind PM Cool

**8** F helped Peter's fill dung I & H Plowed south of bush AM J ganged B came home at noon Thomas came home last night Andrew Miller Becca's Brother Came with him & Two girls *{writing in blue pencil}* named Anne Miller & Leah Esch *{illegible}* W. fine & Cler

**9** finished ganging Wheat Stubble north of bush & began Oat Stubble in N E corner field other boys Plowed & scraped creek below garden W. Cool fine rain this eveing

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**10** J & H helped draw gravel on Big Rouge Hill with team F ganged B took 15 bags Oats to D Ramer's AM F & B went shooting PM B shot 5 Partidges & Abe brought home Oat chop this eveing W. very Cool

**Sunday 11** 3 Boys & girls went to Meeting at Altona we were at home all day Ann Shirk was here W. very cool this morning

**{12}** I went to Markham AM took Ann Shirk to Br Ss PM F ganged H harrowed B Cut Corn  
W. Cloudy AM Cler fine PM

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**13** F ganged H harrowed I rolled north of bush PM where we intend to sow Timothy {illegible} &  
Abe went Shooting PM Shot W Pidgeons Black squirrel W. fine Thunder shower this morning

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**14** I & Nancy & little ones went to M Ns F ganged B Plowed at other place W. very fine

**15** 2 boys Plowed at other place AM H went to {M}arkham F ganged PM Br Cs brought  
{illegible}dy & Anne Miller & Leah Eschleman here they staid to supper W. fine little shower PM

**16** H & B helped N B thresh J Plowed at other F ganged AM then he {P}lowed at other place  
too {illegible}m & Abe ganged W fine Cool I went to Cedar {G}rove PM

**{17}** H & B helped N B thresh F helped Johnny {R}eesor thresh we Sowed Timothy Reed this  
Morning Br inlaw Peter Came to Shoot J & A went with him they shot a grey Rabbit & Black  
squirrel I & H took 8 bags Pea Chop to D Ramer's & Abe & H brought it home PM Fixed Vinegar  
PM. W. Fine warm Clr

**Sunday 18** F H & B & Girls ~~went~~ {illegible} to Meeting {a}t Wideman's I & Nancy went *{words  
illegible due to damaged page}* Wideman & wife He *{illegible due to damage}* {w}ife were

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*{corner of page folded over}* Sacrement was held we went to J Bs yong folks went to Tilman  
Reesor's W. fine

**19** H ganged B Picked Cider apples I went to Cedar Grove & hunted up Copper Kettle AM I & F  
Piled Maple Flooring PM B went to Make Cider didnt get it Made W fine Br Ns & J Bs started for  
Ohio & Indiana today

**20** F & H helped Peter thresh B got Cider Made AM he helped Pilkey this PM J finished ganging behind barn we boiled Sauce PM W. fin warm

**21** F helped Peter thresh AM H & B Boiled Sauce at other place AM Killed 3 Pigs PM W. Misty this Morning very warm today Sho{wer} PM

**22** J Plowed at other place AM Put in Posts at other place PM F & H went to Toronto 3 pigs {318} 318 lbs @ \$7.00 29 lbs Butter 24<sup>ct</sup> W. Cool

**23** F & H Plowed B {Pic}ked Cider apples I went up through Markham PM to appoint Meeting at Wideman's tommorrow at 2 PM W. {illegible} raw N Wind. Preacher from Ohio & Water{illegible}

**24** J & H finished plowing at other place for the present F & B drew out limb wood in {illegible} bush W. Cold this Moring Milder & fine today

**Sunday 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron sermon on {illegible} 26 & 27 C by Br C & R<sup>ev</sup> H Beerey from Wayne Co Ohio Sacrement was held today M Ns Menno Burkholder's & D Stover were here {&} R<sup>d</sup> H Beerey I took Beerey to Jac Reesor's to I Moyers {today} to supper & to Br Ss to stay all night W. very smoky {illegible}

**26** F & B helped B. Burkholder thresh H helped W Reesor {illegible} Made Cider we Boiled Sauce PM W. fine

*{illegible due to damage}* Dug Potatoes & Boiled Sauce J Brought h{illegible} W fine

**28** *{illegible due to damage}* H Ca{illegible} {illegible}one at {manse} I went to D{illegible} Sale bought {illegible} Tile scooper {illegible}ake 25 cents sugar kettle {35} {illegible}

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