

# Benjamin Reesor (1836 - 1917)

## 1871-1878

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### Jan 1871

**January 6 1871** Drew wood AM Went to Duncan's with Susanna to get her measured for pr shoes PM  
W pretty cold

**7** Helped to Move Machine to Br Cs AM. drew a load of straw to S Spence PM. W. very Cold

**Sunday 8** went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St John 4 C by Br C S Hoover of Altona  
with his son were here after service W. mild snow from East

**9** Took little girls to Br S's to visit brought them home again good sleighing. W. Cold clear

**10** Chored & I & Children Cleaned up wheat on new barn floor W. Cold Cler

**11** Drew a load of wood to Walkey & 2 loads for ourselves W. mild

**12** threshed at Br Cs with our Machine *{illegible number}* bus Oats & 113 bus Wheat. W. warm  
thawing I was sitting up at Flavius last night their baby is very sick with Inflammation

**13** Finished threshing at Br C's AM threshed 86 bus Wheat. Took Br Cs sleighs to Br S to get fixed  
PM. W. very warm clear thawing

**14** I went to Cedar Grove with Janet & J B drew wood to Walkeys AM I & J B drew some Oat sheaves  
into new barn out of Old PM W. mild thawing a little drizzly rain PM

**Sunday 15** at home all day. Saml Doner & wife & Mrs Baker from Nottawasaga were here at dinner  
W soft & rain ~~Nearly~~ nearly all day. heavy this evening roads getting thin

**16** Cut sheaves for us AM with horse power & for Br C PM. W. snow nearly all day. pretty Cold

### Jan 1871

**17** helped Br. S kill 8 hogs W. Cold, clear

**18** went to J B's I & he went to George Millins stock sale awhile P.M. Saw cows sell at from \$300 to  
\$400 W pretty cold. clear. sleighing good

**19** Went to Br inlaw M N's W. pretty Cold. Cloudy AM. Clear PM

**20** Delivered 2 beef Cattle at J McCalls for the Butcher at \$25.00 per head. They are rising 2 years old I bought them in the fall @ \$18.00 Went to B'Ss PM. W. Cloudy & damp

**21** Went to McCalls for the Price of my Cattle & to J D's AM. Chored PM W. soft snow nearly all day. Mild. Old Samuel Hoover died last night. he has been sick a good while

**Sunday 22** Went to Flavius. W. very Cold. Clear heavy wind last night. Samuel Hoover was buried today. at Wideman's. it was to Cold for Nancy & the baby to go to the funeral

**23** Chored & Cut wood. W. Intensely Cold. about the coldest of the season

**24** Thawed back pump & drew some wood I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove this evening W. Clear milder

**25** Went to B.S.s & to Duffin's Creek Brewery AM. Chored & went to J D's PM. W. very Cold

**26** Chored. Went to J D's visiting this evening W Strong snow & wind from East nearly all day. didn't snow much

**27** had J D with his oxen to load logs to draw up to saw into wood with Machine. I used his sleigh and pulled out the tongue the first load this morning then we fixed driving house doors AM I chored PM. W. a little windy & squally at times. Mild 17.2.5

## **Jan 1871 Feb**

**28** I & Nancy went to Markham W. Cold

**Sunday 29** I went with Br C to the Funeral of the Widow of the late Rev Adam Wideman of Almira. W. Milder Cloudy. a little snow AM F.inlaw's youngsters were here tonight.

**30** Drew home logs for Machine AM J D helped with Oxen & R W with Br Cs team I drew some wood & Chored Pm W. fine AM. snow from East PM

**31** Went to Cedar Grove & got barn ready for Clover Machine They Came here tonight W. rain nearly all day

**Feb 1** had Jonas Miller Threshing Clover Seed Threshed 1 bus for Flavius 2 1/2 bus for Br N & 14 bus for myself W. Mild

**Feb 2** threshed 4 bus seed this morning Then I took my Mother to J D's & helped J B chop untill noon he is working for me by the day didn't do much PM dont feel well. W. Cloudy & squally with snow a little sunshine PM

**3** Went to Munase Fret's on a visit then all went to Br N's this evening W. west wind very heavy this evening

**4** Brought home new sleigh from Walkeys made by Michael Burkholder & Walkey. Then went to Special School Meeting in our Markham section the annual meeting was Protested on account of an illegal vote on the appointment of Samuel Shank as trustee he was reappointed today. Chored PM W. very cold Preacher Michael Shank from Indiana was here {this evening} {page is damaged}

## **1871**

**Sunday Feb 5** All went to meeting at Hebron remarks by Rev H Barkey sermon on St. Mat 22 C by Red M Shank from Indiana I went to see Br C PM he is sick with Pleuresy. he is rather better Br inlaw John Hoover was here tonight he is learning the shoemaking trade at C Raymers W very cold

**6** Chored AM J B drew wood to Walkeys & I helped him to load PM. W very cold this morning. Milder PM. Clear

**7** J finished drawing Walkeys & 2 loads to the House AM. Both Chopped PM. I & J went to John Stover's after supper W. East wind Milder

**8** Chopped Cordwood then both I & J B helped R W Clean wheat for Br C PM W. mild Br C is pretty sick yet

**9** Cleaned some wheat AM Both helped Flavius Cut Cedar Posts in his swamp PM. W soft snow AM Colder PM snow storm from N West this evening

**10** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Red M Shank of Ind. Sermon on St Mat 8th C by Red D Brenneman of Ind. Br in law M N were here at noon went to Br Cs awhile PM he is pretty sick yet. W. Mild pretty strong west wind didn't snow much last night a little squally today

**11** Took 40 bus 58 lbs Treadwell wheat to Cedar Grove Mills AM @ \$1.35 cts per bus R W helped me clean Grist & I helped him draw straw for bedding PM J D were here tonight W. pretty cold

## **Feb 1871**

**Sunday 12** at home. W. Snow from East nearly all day. didnt fall very deep. Mild

**13** Went to A B's on a visit W. pretty sharp. clear

**14** Went to S Lehman's on a visit. W. rather milder

**15** Went to Forest Mills AM. Chored & drew wood PM was at Br C's last night he is rather better.  
W. pretty mild. wind from East

~~16 I went to Clark's Mills to look for Pea bran got none~~

**16** Chored & Chopped a little AM J B came PM then we finished Duncans wood 3 cords then we cut drags untill night W. windy

**17** Drew home 16 drags W. fine Clear east wind Commenced snow soft from East after dark

**18** I & J went to C B's to help thresh. stormed and blowed from north so we didnt thresh snowed about 6 in last night rained some this morning. freesing this evening

**Sunday 19** Went to Br S's on a visit. W. Clear a little snow this morning

**20** I & J B helped C B thresh until about half past 2 PM W. Mild. Clear. rather sharp

**21** Drew home 23 drags. W fine pretty sharp

**22** I went to Markham to F inlaws for dinner Then to Br inlaw M Ns to ask him to saw wood with his Machine on Monday. brought Adeline home. She his been at her Grandfather's the past week. W. Clear. Sharp East wind

**23** I & Flavius moved horse Power from Br Cs Flavius's were here on a visit W. fine Clear

**Feb 1871 Mar**

**24** Drew home 3 loads timber & took chop to Mill W. warm. Thawing

**25** Drew 1 load lumber AM. brought home Chop PM. W. Mild Clear

**Sunday 26** at home all day W. mild. soft snow & rain tonight

**27** Got Cent shod AM Went to funeral of Michael Burkholders little child. PM W. windy clear

**28** Had Br inlaw M N to saw wood Cut all the logs except 2 rough ones. W. fine

**March 1** Helped Flavius saw wood W. Clear

**2** I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's Then I & him went to Uncle Joseph Burkholder Sale PM Uncle is giving up farming & his son Christian is going to farm W. Cloudy rained a good while PM

**3** Chored AM R W helped split wood PM. W. rain AM. Clear pretty Cold PM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM

**4** Went to B.S.S. AM Chored PM W. Mild Clear beautiful

**Sunday 5** All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Red H Barkey sermon on {*blank space*} by Red J Wideman F inlaws & S Lehman's were here after service & M N & A Bs at supper & F inlaws youngsters & J H Ramer's girls this evening W. fine bright Clear warm spring weather

**6** Chored & fixed rack on Sleigh AM then started to take a Cord of green sawed basswood to Markham PM. roads rather bad. left wood in Br Ns lane W. thawing Cold N W wind

**7** helped R W hang up Br Cs Pork to smoke AM hung up {*bottom of page cut off*} went to Christ Stovers this evening W. mild East wind

### **March 1871**

**8** Went to F inlaws. W. Mild Thawing. Sleighing gone

**9** Chored. W. thawing, water high. began to rain after dark

**10** Went to Old John Stover's to Engage Jane Stevenson to work for Br C W. mild. Clear

**11** Chored. W. Cloudy drizzly PM. raining tonight

**Sunday 12** I & Nancy went to Br Cs on a visit he is able to sit up awhile. W. soft snow awhile this morning Clear today. mild. roads awful

**13** Chored. I & Children cleaned a little Clover seed. I went to Cedar Grove PM W. Clear mild Br S's Mill dam broke today.

**14** Tapped 18 trees. sap run splendid. W. warm. Clear

**15** Commenced to boil sap. soft snow & rain from east. had to quit. at noon. rained nearly all day

**16** Chored AM. boiled sap PM. W. dull AM Ice thawing from trees. More clear PM. Br C getting better. he is mostly up in the afternoon feels rather dull today. Caught a little cold

**17** Boiled Sap didn't run much today. W. Cloudy

**18** Helped R W & J D sow grass seed for Br C AM. Went to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine Clear

**Sunday 19** Went to C Bs on a visit. W. Clear froze last night

**20** Chored AM. Went to Br. S's Bee fixing dam PM. W. fine Clear PM. cold east wind AM

**21** Chored & went to Election at Belford. Voted for H. P. Crosby in Opposition to Dr Hostetter the Patent Combination Candidate. AM Went to Br S's Damfixing bee PM. W. Clear. Cool

**22** Boiled sap W. rather cold. Clear

### **Mar 1871**

**March 23. 1871** Chored. didnt feel well W. Cold a few inches snow last. night a little PM

**24** Chored AM helped M Dyke Clean Peas that he threshed for me PM W. Clear. thawing

**25** I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramer's W. Cool air, Clear. froze hard last night thawing in sun today. roads very bad

**Sunday 26** at home all day J McGaw was here Br N's, CB's girls & Br C's girls were here PM W. mild thawing. Commenced to snow from east tonight

**27** Helped R W Clean Peas & wheat for Br C AM Chored & gathered sap PM. W. about 8 in snow last night & some AM. a little flurry PM. soft. beginning to thaw

**28** Boiled Sap. W. fine Clear thawing PM.

**29** I & Nancy went to Toronto W. fine Clear roads bad

**30** I boiled sap. AM. Chored PM W. cloudy

**31** I & W. Cleaned Clover seed & I went to Barrow's to get him to see Franks foot he is lame. having Caulked himself a while ago W Morrison Commenced work on Wednesday morning 29 @ \$120.00 for 7 months

**April 1** Cleaned some seed Peas & helped M Dyke clean 55 bus Oats that he threshed. W. some snow from east. wet

**Sunday 2** went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 22nd C by Revd H Barkey. Abraham Doner was here after service W. Clear. rain from East tonight

**3** I boiled sugar W Picked in fallow W. rain last night awhile PM today

## **April 1871**

**4** I went to J D's AM & to Old John Stover's for Jane to work at Br Cs she is not well didnt come W. Clear. very windy PM

**5** I & J D went to Toronto. took nearly 13 bus Clover seed for Myself & a few bus for him sold @ \$4.25 per bus. W. hard frost last night fine today

**6** Chored W Cut some maple tops W. clear

**Good Friday 7** Went to J Ds on a visit W warm clear. Thunder shower last night warm this evening. were at Br Cs for supper

**8** I boiled some sap & W took Plow to shop AM Drew a heap of edgings away from Mill & brought one load home PM. W very warm clear

**9 Sunday** At home J D's were at my Mothers W. warm clear

**Easter Monday 10** Went to Markham & to F inlaws Hired a boy David Stevenson for the summer @ \$5.00 per month. W. Clear rainy PM raining heavy this evening

**11** I went to Cedar Grove AM Brought girl Jane Stover to work for Br C PM W. Cold west wind Started to fish with Simon Hoover & Martin Neighswander Ja{illegible} & two Yake's Camped on the Banks of the Big rouge about 10 PM this evening

**12** Caught 88 suckers & got home at noon W Commenced to Plow sod south of lane old Part We intend to break the rough too W. pretty cold clear

**13** Chored Drew old stumps off new rough sod & brought sugar utensils W. fine clear. shower AM

## **April 1871**

**14** Burned stumps. W. cool. windy. Clear

**15** Burned ~~stumps~~ stumps. W. Cool. windy. clear

**Sunday 16** Went to A B's. W. Cool. Clear

**17** Went to Markham AM burned stumps PM. & brought 4 bus seed spring wheat from D Hoover's @ \$1.40 per bus David Stevenson Commenced work today at noon @ \$5.00 per month

**18** Fixed up Chunk heaps in rough sod then began to gang plow in north half of NW Corner field about 10 AM. W. Cool, raining a little this evening

**19** Gang Plowed AM Chored PM W. heavy East Wind AM rain from East PM. Dr Doherty was here taking the Dominion Census today

**20** Chored & Cleaned grist & W drew wood AM I took grist to Cedar Grove Mills & W drew a load of edgings PM. I & W sowed some Clover seed in west end of big field where it Caught badly last year. after supper W. showery AM clear PM

**21** Finished Sowing Clover seed & began to sow Spring Wheat in NW Corner field. it was too wet then W Began to gang plow behind Cider house PM & I brought home grist W. Cloudy

**22** I sowed Plaster on little meadow below garden AM. Made new pump platform & fixed back garden fence PM. W pretty drizzly AM. rather Clear PM

**Sunday 23** Went to Meeting at Cedar Grove Michael Frets's were here after service W cool. Clear

#### **April 1871**

**24** Finished Sowing Spring Wheat & a few Oats in NW Corner field. north part. Sowed field behind Cider house with barley PM W Cool Clear

**25** Finished harrowing field behind Cider house this morning. & Carried potatoes out of Cellar AM. W. began ganging sod fallow East half of field East of dam & I & Nancy went to Whitevale PM Planted a few Early rose Potatoes this evening W. rain AM. Clear PM

**26** I went to B. S. & to A B's AM rolled barley behind Cider house PM. W. cool clear W finished ganging sod fallow & began Plowing east half of big field

**27** Chored & Cut wood I went to Cedar Grove & to Br S's after supper W. rain nearly all day Thunder Shower tonight

**28** Cleaned some seed Oats this morning then boys Pointed Stakes along north fence & I brought a load of fence Caps from Br S's PM. W rainy awhile this morning Clear today

**29** Boys finished Pointing Stakes & I took salts this morning dont feel well AM helped boys drive stakes & Cap about 30 rods of north fence from townline west PM. W. Cloudy drisly

**Sunday 30** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat 18 C by Rvd H Barkey Visitors PM Br S's Br N's Br Cs J Ds A B's & Martha Shank. W. Clear rather Cool



## **May 1871**

**May 1st 1871** Finished Staking & Capping north fence to 11th Con. W. fine Clear warm

**2** Went to W N's then I went to Claremont to Tailor to get measured for clothes W. Clear

**3** I & W plowed in east end of big field. W blow from east like rain

**4** Chored. I went to J Burrows PM for powder for sick cow PM W. rain from East all day heavy wind cool

**5** Oiled harness AM. Fixed some fence on Pickering Town line where two Posts broke with heavy wind. & W went to B.Ss PM W. rain AM Cloudy PM

**6** Drew home wood for my Mother AM I & Br N put bottom boards on posts opposite Br C's PM. & W sowed Plaster W. Cloudy AM Clear PM

**Sunday 7** went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Revd H Barkey sermon on St Mat 18 C by Revd J Wideman. Went to Uncle D Burkholders W. Cold north wind. Clear

**8** Sowed 17 bus barley for Br C AM helped Br W finish plowing east end of big field PM went to B's this evening W began plowing west end of field near Hoover's W. Cool windy

**9** I & my Mother went to Markham AM sowed sod fallow 5 acres barley PM W. Cool north wind

**10** Went to J Burrow's AM. he was not at home Went again PM. got some more Powders for sick Cow I & W sowed 15 bus Oats on east end of big field after supper. W. Cool. Clear

**11** I sowed about 12 acres for Br C W. fine Clear

**12** I & W sowed grass seed on Oats in big field F inlaws were here yesterday 11th

## **May 1871**

**12** this morning then I sowed peas in west end of field near Hoover's 4 1/2 acres & 2 bus south of garden of the kind Called Crown Peas. W warm

**13** W rolled Oats. 5 acres barley sod fallow & Peas. I went to see Burrows Cow is no better W. Cold north wind

**Sunday 14** at home all day. Skinned dead cow PM. Br S's were here at supper W. Cool

**15** Took a load of Sawed Basswood to Markham for G T Bambridge W. Plowed turnip ground W. warm

**16** I rolled spring wheat & oats in N West field AM Took some Peas & Oats to M Dyke's PM fine clear. small shower PM

**17** Had John Stover to help trim Orchard W helped raise up A McCreights home to put a wall under W. cold wind Clear

**Ascension day 18** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 24 C by Rd H Barkey. Went to A B's PM. W. fine Clear

**19** Had John Stover help trim Orchard AM I helped Flavius fix his dam to wash sheep PM W finished Plowing turnip ground W. warm

**20** Went to Simon Hoover's on a visit & I went to Watson Tailor for my Clothes W. very warm Uncle Daniel Burkholder died this morning with something like Inflammation on the lungs

**Sunday 21** All went to J D's W. warm. Clear

**22** Went Uncle Daniel's Funeral Sermon's on Rev 14 C 15 Verse by Revd Jos & Henry Barkey

## **May 1871**

Steckley & Johnson Had a part in Englis{h} Went to F inlaws after service W. fine Clear

**23** Planted corn East of dam I helped to scrub Hebron Chapel PM went to B's after supper. W. Cool Clear

**24** I & W Cut rail timber AM All went fishing to big rouge J D & his little boy Ike Davis. W & D & little Johny & Flavy Caught 15 fish had more fun than fish I went to Burrows this evening Cent has the Mange. W. fine & Clear

**25** Took buggy to B's to get Tires set & broken spring fixed AM helped fill dung PM. W began drawing on fallow south half of North West corner field & beech tree knoll W. very warm fine Thunder Shower tonight after dark

**26** boys drew dung I Chored & Cut seed potatoes Shot a woodchuck in Scarboro pastures W. fine Clear

**27** washed sheep at Flavius's AM put in new-{ber} post at field near Hoover's & fixed fence at Creek at Townline & dug garden I brought Home buggy after supper W. fine Clear

**Sunday 28** Went to Meeting at Wideman's Sermons on St Mat 26 C by Revd Brubacher of Pennsylvania on St Mat 27 C by Revd T Moyer of Clinton about 26 Visiting Brethren & were Present at the Conference on Friday

## **May 1871 June**

Lords supper was Celebrated Today. Went to S Lehman's after service J Ds my mother & Susan Burkholder at Br Cs were to meeting with us today

**Whit Monday 29** Meeting & Celebration of Lords supper at Hebron Revds T Moyer S Weaver of Waterloo C Gayman of Cayuga & Jac Wideman & Br C were Present & Deacon Wismer of Clinton. a good many Visitors after service T Moyer C Gayman & wife Jac Wideman & wife & his Mother inlaw. Altona Saml Hoover & wife M N's & Simon Hoovers wife S Lehman's & J H Ramer's! & F inlaws Br S's & Samuel Weaver & wife from Waterloo & John Gayman & T Wideman were here PM W. very warm & Close Thunder Showers passed over PM

**30** Planted Potatoes. W. very very warm fine rain started at bedtime didn't rain much

**31** W harrowed sod fallow south of lane I killed Calf & shot large woodchuck! Chuck in the brain with my rifle AM Took grist barley chop to Cedar Grove Mills after supper W. very warm

**June 1** had J B with Br Cs team & RW F to help draw dung on fallow got it nearly Covered W. very warm. Shower much needed

**2** boys drew dung bring our pigs C B's & Br C's & I clipped our sheep (12) & Put lime on Corn W. very warm

## **June 1871**

**3** Nailed some boards on fence opposite Br Cs & made new bars boys finished drawing dung on fallow & drew some on heap back of barn & drew stones off new meadow in west end of big field W. warm heavy thunder storm went round PM. a little rain here. not much

**Sunday 4** Went to Br S's they were not at home Came back & staid at home all day W. warm thunder shower went round PM

**5** Went to Cedar Grove this morning for a Plowshare then nailed on boards Peter Lehman & wife & Miss Nancy Lehman from Clarence County New York were here this evening W. Cooler

**6** Finished board nailing this morning. Then dug round some big stones in fallow AM Took 8 bus wheat to Cedar Grove Mills PM Spread dung after supper W began breaking fallow yesterday noon. W. pretty warm, like rain tonight

**7** Both plowed in fallow. pretty hard. fine little shower last night.

**8** Helped Br Cs log. W. Cool. Clear. Cold wind this evening Br. C & Br. N Intend going on a visit to Black Creek tomorrow morning

**9** I brought home grist this morning then Plowed finished fallow W. fine. Clear. Br C & N went off this morning. this evening Br Cs oldest daughter {Retura} had a fit she was subject to them several years ago but not lately until tonight I staid until midnight & she fell asleep

## **June 1871**

**June 10** Sawed stub on fallow & rolled it up on stump I fired it then chored until noon W brought home rolls from Whitevale Dave hoed Corn Commenced to rain splendid shower at 3 PM. makes things look fine I went to Cobers & Flavius after supper

**Sunday 11** at home J D's were here. We went to Br C's awhile this evening. W. fine little shower AM. Clear PM

**12** I & W took 2 loads soft wood to Bambridge AM. hoed Corn PM I & A B went fishing to W Milne's with hook & line. Caught only a few had a fine time driving through the creek in the dark. got on a log in the middle of the creek. broke buggy. I jumped into the water. got wet. Patched up buggy & got Home at midnight W. Cool

**13** Plowed turnip land. W brought a load of Br S's lumber home after supper I intend to take it to the bay tomorrow W. almost Cold. heavy north wind

**14** I took 1283 feet Clear Stuff to Bay for Br. S Got Cent shod after supper W. finished turnip land. W. Cool. slight shower at noon

**15** Went to Quilting & barn shingling bee at Simon Hoovers W. showers PM

**16** Plowed in sod fallow south of lane W went to Party on 3rd Con Pickering PM & J B helped me Plow. W. Cool clr

**17** I & Nancy & My Mother went to Uncle Joes he is not very well. W. East wind. looks like rain

## June 1871

**Sunday 18** Went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C Sermon on St Mat 22 by Red H Barkey Old David Hoover's were here after the service W. a little rain from East this morning. Cler today

**19** W Began making turnip drills I went to B.s. AM & to Mill with Chop PM Sowed some turnips after supper Let Job of deepening Creek in N West corner field to J Jarvis at 20ct per rod for part & 25ct per rod for the rest W. cler

**20** Finished sowing turnips W. slow rain from about 10 AM. to 3 PM

**21** I & W worked on road in Markham Drew gravel W. fine cler

**22** I & W Finished road work & drew some rails this evening. W. fine Cler, looks a little like rain tonight

**23** I & W repaired some fences & David finished harrowing fallow AM I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. fine Cler

**24** Made vinegar & ground Mower knives AM I took Cent to Caldwell the Bsmith in Whitevale to get Shod PM W fine rain last night & awhile AM. Clear PM

**Sunday 25** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on Acts 10th C by Revd H Barkey J Ds were here after service & A B's & F inlaws youngster's at supper. W. fine Clear

**26** I Mowed about 5 acres in big field north of old bush W. fine

**27** I brought 500 tiles from Pettys AM boys shook up hay, raked part I began to cock PM began thunder shower about 3 PM splendid rain I went to Cedar Grove this evening

## June 1871

**28** Drew some wood & Chored AM began to shake out hay at 3 PM raked & Cocked after supper didn't get quite all Cocked. W cler

**29** W worked on road in Scarboro I Cocked a little hay then went to J D's raising AM helped old W M put up a few cocks of hay he made Clover on Scarboro side on shares W fine cool Clear

**30** Fixed Waggon rack & drew 1 load of hay out of Scarboro Meadow AM drew 1 load out of Scarboro into new barn & left it standing on waggon to take to J Burkholder tomorrow & drew in 2 loads north of old bush PM I went to Job letting on 11th Con this evening Let it to M Dykes at 28cts per rod Clearing out

ditches & grading road to be performed on or before 10th Septr next. W. fine Cler Cool sharp frost last night

**July 1st Dominion day** stacked the rest of hay about 7 loads had R W & Steele to help AM W took that load to J B & I raked over the meadow PM. I & little boys went fishing awhile this evening little John could not go his foot is sore yet W. fine. Cool. Clear

**Sunday 2** at home all day Nancy went to Meeting at Cobers. & Adeline went to Meeting at Widemans with Br C's W. fine Clear. warm

**3** I & W drew in 1 load rakings & filled in drains with Plow AM I began to mow in field near Hoover's PM. W. fair. warm, Clear

**4** Chored AM. I went to Cedar Grove PM & mowed after supper. W. fine rain AM

## **July 1871**

**July 5** I finished mowing Meadow near Hoover's untill about 3 PM. then raked a little after supper but it was not fit. W. fine Clear shower's went round north PM boys scuffled Corn & potatoes

**6** I & W took horse rake to ~~B-S Shop~~ M Burkholders to get new tooth in this morning began to rake up hay about half past 10 Oclock began to rain about 2 Pm. stopped our operations heavy shower tonight I took Matty Shank to Cobers & brought shovel plow from Br. N's

**7** We all except Adeline went to Grandpa Hoover's on a visit to see the railway & to see the Cars run it was a great sight for the little ones boys put shovel plow through Corn & raked & Cocked some hay W. fine Clear pretty windy

**8** Drew in all hay out of field near Hoovers 19 loads I went to Whitevale this evening to get some Brandy for my Mother she has Bowel Complaint W. fine clear

**Sunday 9** at home all day C B's & Br. S's were here PM. W. very warm. Cooler this evening Mother some better

**10** I went to Markham AM cut little meadow PM except a strip for timothy seed W began crossing old fallow W. fine Clear. like rain tonight

**11** I went to Whitevale for some beef & drew a load of peastraw for M Dyke AM helped Nancy Pick black raspberries PM. Dave raked over meadow near Hoovers & raked little meadow W. a little rain this morning. Cler, warm today

**12** Drew in load rakings out of field near Hoovers & 4 loads out of little meadow which finishes haying except little orchard

## **July 1871**

**12** W mowed in that this morning & this evening. I & little boys to grist & chop to mill this evening W. Cler

**13** W Plowed & I chored AM all hoed turnip PM I brought home grist after supper W. very warm

**14** hoed turnips. W went to Jacob Reesor's barn raising PM. I & Dave took in load of hay out of little orchard & hoed turnips W. very warm

**15** I & Nancy went Markham AM boys hoed turnips & Plowed potatoes PM. I & W brought home load of edgings & had a swim after supper W. very warm looks like rain

**Sunday 16** Went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 12 C 15 to 45 V by Rd H Barkey went to Br S's after service my Mother went to Br N's W. fine. Cooler

**17** Both plowed in old fallow Dave thinned turnips. W. cool cler

**18** Both plowed AM W. finished in a few hours PM then we helped Dave hoe turnips. got pretty near done. W. a slight shower at noon very high wind PM

**19** I went to B.s. W got Jess shod in Whitevale & then helped Dave finish turnips AM I & W helped Br N bind wheat PM Br S cut with his reaper W fine. Clear. Cool

**20** Cut roads round Wheat. I was at Br C's awhile PM helping A McCreight put together his new selfraking Buckeye reaper PM I & Nancy took yarn to A Carnage's after supper W. fine cool clear

**21** Helped Br. C cut his old land wheat W. cool cler

**22** Cut our treadwell wheat & a little Soules good crop W. Cool. I drove all day with vest & smock on

## **July 1871 Aug**

**Sunday 23** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br. C Sermon on Hebrews 54 C by Rev Joseph Barkey Simon Hoover & Martin Neighswander's daughter Elisabeth were here after service I took my Mother to J D's this evening W. fine, cler

**24** Finished Cutting our wheat AM J B & R W helped Cut for J D PM. W. fine cler

**25** I went to Patterson for new Reel Pulley for our reaper Nancy went with me as far as J H Ramer's  
W. fine Cler. roads dusty

**26** I & W Cut barley behind Cider house didn't get quite done W. fine Cler looks a little like rain

**27** I & W helped Br. C draw in 20 loads wheat till supper time when we had a splendid heavy thunder  
shower

**28** Drew home Chips Dave harrowed fallows I went to Cedar Grove Mills after supper W. Cloudy  
AM Cler PM

**29** Drew in our Wheat about 26 loads till supper time Br. C's force helped. then we drew in 6 loads for  
Br C after supper W. Cloudy AM. fine Clear PM

**Sunday 30** Went to Br Ns W. fine warm Cler

**31** Turned barley AM. W helped Br C cut barley PM until sickle knife broke then he scuffled turnips  
Dave harrowed fallow I & Nancy went to Markham this evening W. fine cler

**August 1st** Drew in barley behind Cider house until supper time. then drew wheat rakings about 2 loads  
Br C's & J Davis helped W. fine cler

## **Aug 1871**

**August 2** I took grist wheat to Cedar Grove Mills AM & W drew Steels hay I & W. Cut barley in east  
half of field east of dam PM. W fine

**3** I & W finished Cutting barley this morning & Dave raked field behind Cider house Cocked till noon  
W. helped J D thresh PM I & Dave Cocked barley PM & I brought home grist this evening W. very  
Close. looks like rain

**4** All helped Br C draw in barley W. very hot & Close & sultry. Thunder shower went over this evening.  
rained a few drops here

**5** I & Dave drew in barley rakings behind Cider house 1 load this morning. Then I helped Flavius set up  
Threshing Machine at his Place till noon and awhile PM then I went to Whitevale I got Cent shod W  
helped C B thresh W. fine Cler

**Sunday 6** Went to Meeting at Altona remarks & sermon on St John 9 C by Br C Went to M Ns after  
service W. very warm & dry

**7** Drew 10 loads barley out of field east of dam W. cler



**8** Threshed at Flavius's with our Machine 246 bus wheat & about 45 barley W. fine Cler pretty warm

**9** Drew in 3 loads barley which finishes it AM Cut & bound about an acre Oats in NW Corner field PM.  
W. fine Cler

**10** I & Nancy went to Belford this morning then I helped W plow fallow south of lane W. warm. dry

**11** I killed a sheep this morning. plowed till noon I & Dave drew in load of barley rakings after dinner  
then plowed till supper. went to B's after supper W. close. a little bit of rain this evening

### **August 1871**

**August 12** Finished plowing fallow AM Cut Timothy seed south of garden & W Cut road round spring  
wheat & Oats & I went to B's PM. W fine Cool

**Sunday 13** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans (my Mother went up with J B last night) remarks  
by Br C sermon on by Red H Barkey Went to S. Lehman's after service W. fine cler.

**14** Cut & bound spring wheat until 4 PM then W & Dave went to Show in Markham & I & little boys went  
to W. Milne's at Big Rouge to fish Caught 25 Chubs W. fine Clr

**15** Cut Oats in big field AM bound a few PM rain fine shower about 2 PM. very warm & close AM

**16** Our fine Old cow! Roan! was killed by Lightening last night about 9 O'clock in Middle of barley stubble  
field behind Cider house. Skinned her and took skin to Markham & boys buried her AM. cut nearly all  
Oats PM. W. fine little shower last night vary warm & Close AM. Cooler PM.

**17** Finished Cutting Oats this morning. then bound till night. W. fine Clear

**18** Finished binding Oats till 10 AM. Then I brought Pea rake from Flavius that we have on shares  
boys pulled headlands Pulled some Peas PM W. Cool Cler

**19** Finished Pulling all Peas. & Drew in spring wheat & Oats out of N West corner field. W. windy. Clr

**Sunday 20** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C. sermon on by by Revd H Barkey  
F inlaws were here after service W Cloudy AM fine showering PM

### **August 1871**

**August 21** W harrowed Old fallow & Dave the new I chored we all turned Peas after supper W.  
Cloudy AM Clear PM

**22** Had C B & his team & M Barkey his man to draw in Peas & Oats drew in 4 loads Peas found they were too wet. then they went home & we drew in 7 loads Oats. W. Clear

**23** Had C B's again. finished drawing in Peas & Oats till supper. I & W drew in timothy seed after supper which finishes Our harvest W. warm Close. looks like rain

**24** I & W helped Br C thresh (he had Baldrie's Machine I bought his share in our old Machine last winter when he was sick) Dave drew stones off fallows W. fine

**25** I & Nancy Got up at about 2 O'clock & went to Simon Hoover's & they went with us to Glen Sherrard in Uxbridge to Pick Blackberries then we roamed up & down the hills & Glades in the beautiful wilderness until about 3 PM when we started home after Picking about 4 Pails of berries. W. beautiful. Clear W. began to ridge up in new fallows

**26** I & W drew 2 loads of Duncan's hay rained a little PM. had to leave 1 load. raining now bed time

**Sunday 27** at home all day Br S's were here W. fine Soaking rain last night & awhile AM

**28** I & W ridged up in new fallows W. fine Clear

**29** W finished ridging new fallow till about 10 am then it rained heavy shower boys threshed Peas with horses & helped me kill Pig. PM. Drew big stones off fallow tonight

## **Aug 1871 Sept**

**August 30** Both ridged in Old fallow I brought Duncan's last load of hay into barn this evening Br C loaded it for me. W. fine. slight shower after supper

**31** I & little boys took load hay to Duncan & brought seed wheat from Flavius this morning. Then I plowed. W. fine. Cler.

**Sept 1** sowed new fallow with Soules wheat AM. Sowed a few hours for C B PM then Plowed till night. W. fine Cler. J H Ramer's came to stay all night. My Mother was taken sick very sudden this evening. dizzy. & nervous like W. went for Dr McC. rather easier 4 O'clock Sept 2

**2** Sowed Old fallow with Treadwell & a little Soules W. pretty warm. My Mother a little better

**Sunday 3** at home J Stover's & Br S's were here W. warm, Close this evening Mother not quite so well. she has some Bilious Complaint

**4** I took load wood to Bambridge & took grist barley Chop to Cedar Grove Mills this evening. W furrowed out wheat W. fine Cler. very warm. Close

**5** I took last load wood to Bambridge AM Went to Funeral of David Whaley PM. He fell from his buggy near Markham Village on Friday evening & injured his spine & Died on Sunday evening. W very close & warm

**6** I & W helped Br. S thresh W slight shower at noon

**7** I & W cut Clover seed AM I went to Bs to get Sickle fixed after dinner & W began fall plow in barley stubble behind Cider house & I helped when I came back W. fine Cool

### **Sept 1871**

**8** I sowed 10 bus Wheat for Br C AM Br C helped me Cut Clover seed awhile PM W helped J D log. F inlaws were here at noon W. fine Cler. Cool. Adeline & Susanna had the Measles getting over them nicely

**9** I & Br. C finished Cutting Clover seed AM W & Dave drew dung on barley stubble in field east of dam I helped PM. W. fine. Cler warm

**Sunday 10** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Re H Barky appropriate sermon for Celebration of Lords Supper by Br C Went to Little Chris Hoover's after service W. fine Cler

**11** I & W helped Flavius thresh brought Machine to our place this evening. W. fine Cler

**12** Drew dung AM. I & Nancy went to Markham PM boys finished dung W. fine Clear {M or W} Neighswanders were here PM when we were not at home

**13** W plowed. I & Br C fixed horse stable I asked some hands to thresh on Friday W. Cool heavy north wind PM

**14** W plowed spot where Crown peas were below garden AM I chored & we set Machine & I went to Cherrywood store on 3rd Con Pickering at W Burkholder's Corner. PM. W. very Cool Cler

**15** threshed 100 bus Oats. began to rain 1/2 past 9. began to thresh after dinner threshed 360 bus barley before sunset. good for our old Machine rained drissly sometimes PM.

**16** Finished threshing about 1/2 past 3 the whole lot amounts to 470 bus barley 132 Soules wheat 37 bus spring wheat 12 bus rakings about 100 bus Oats. W. Cler AM all day

### **Sept 1871**

**Sunday 17** I & little girls went to Meeting at Hebron suitable remarks & sermon for the Celebration of Lords Supper by Revs Jos Barkey & Br C. W. Cool Clear

**18** I sowed new ground stubble for Br C AM got Flavius rack & brought in 1 load Clover seed PM. W plowed till supper John & Joseph Weaver & their wives from Waterloo Jacob Reesor's & Manasses Frets' were here at noon little boys are starting with Measles W. Clear

**19** Fixed staked & Capped some fences at Creek Crossings & W Cut Corn I took some grist to Cedar Grove Mills PM. W. a little rain last night. Clear today

**20** Shocked Corn & Drew in last of Clover seed about 2 loads. boys Picked apples & I brought home Grist W. cool clear

**21** I went to Whitevale AM boys Drew in haystack AM Cleaned load Soules wheat & brought home load Chips PM. W hard frost last night. warm today

**22** Took 40 bus 50 lbs Soules wheat to Whitevale @ \$1.23 AM & @ about 40 bus PM @1.22 W was at Bee fixing bridge in north lane W. fine

**23** Took 22 bus 5 lbs Soules wheat to Whitevale @ \$1.22 AM Made 1 barrel cider at P Lapps PM. W. warm clear

**Sunday 24** at home AM Went to A B's PM were not at home then went to J D's W. fine. Clear

**25** W helped Sanderson thresh. I boiled sauce & brought Chop home W. fine. a raining a little this eveing

### **Sept 1871 Oct**

**26** W helped Sanderson thresh I brought My Mother Home from J D's I chored AM Made a barrel Cider PM. W. fine rain last night. Cool today

**27** I boiled sauce Took my Mother to J Ds this morning & brought her home this evening boys dug potatoes W. blustery & a little rain PM. This is my 35th Birthday

**28** Thanksgiving day. All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on 5th Book of Moses by Revd H Barkey W. Cool clear

**29** Finished digging Potatoes W. Cool

**30** I & Dave drew home wood & Chips AM I took little girls to Smerdons to get new boots Measured PM W plowed W. fine Cler

**Oct 1** Went to A B's on a visit. W. fine warm Cler

2 I took 50 bus 24 lbs barley to F mans bay @ 57ct per bus Barley is an extra bright sample this season & an extra low price. W helped Br. N dig potatoes W. fine warm clear

3 I & W plowed in wheat stubble W. Drissly rain this morning. a little at noon

4 I took 50 bus barley to bay @ 55ct W fine Clear

5 I took 51 32 lbs barley to bay @ 55ct per bus W finished plowing wheat stubble except headland W. fine warm clear

6 I took 51 bus barley to bay @ 56 cts boys went to Markham Fair I helped C B kill 2 pigs PM  
W ~~fine?~~ Cloudy AM clear PM

7 I bought 865 lbs bran at Whitevale AM @ 60 cts per 100 lbs Chored & Cleaned load barley this evening boys helped Br C dig potatoes until nearly night W. pretty cold. Cler

**Sunday 8** went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on St John 15th C by Br C went to Br N after service W. cler 77.2.5

## **Oct 1871**

9 I took 50 bus 29 lbs barley to bay @ 56 cts W began to plow in barley stubble East of dam W. fine warm Clear

10 I & Dave drew in clover seed out of little Orchard & 2 loads Corn W. fine Clear

11 I helped W plow AM helped Flavius get Out Telegraph posts PM There is a line to be built between Whitevale & The Ringston road. W a little rain last night rather Cloudy today raining tonight

12 I & Nancy went to John Stover's on a visit Then I & John went to Joseph Ramer's sale I bought woodenheaded horse fork @ 75 cts W fine Cler

13 Cleaned a load barley AM W took it to bay PM 53 bus @ 58 cts I & Dave picked apples. I & Nancy went a while to A B's PM W. fine Cler

14 Cleaned load barley & I & W sawed rail timbers AM W took 42 bus barley to bay PM @ 57 cts I brought windlas & buckets from J Clark's to deepen our back well next week W. a little drissly

**Sunday 15** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on {blank space} by Red H Barkey Saml Ramer & his sister Adeline & Matty Shank were here after service W. very heavy wind last night & today. Terrible fire in Chicago on the night of the 8th Oct & following day. the main part of the City is burnt. 150,000 people houseless

**16** W finished plowing barley stubble in turnip field I brought home meattubs from Dimmer AM Picked some apples & drew a load of Corn PM. W. Cool. Clear

**17** I & W put in a few Posts opposite Br Cs in a low place am I went to Henry Peter's sale & boys drew in last load of Corn PM W. Clear AM a little drizzly PM

## **Oct 1871**

**Oct 18** Chored sawed wood in woodshed & husked Corn W. pretty cold Cler

**19** W began to Plow in NW Corner field where Oats & Spring Wheat was I chored AM helped John Stover kill 3 pigs that he bought from me & one for our own use PM. W fine Clear heavy wind PM. Jacob Shant's & wife from Berlin & Uncle Saml's were here PM

**20** I chored & fired pine stumps where W. is plowing Picked a few apples. W. pretty Cold

**21** brought home Our Cider barrel from J D's AM drew a load of water from Flavius & Chored PM W. Cler Cool

**Sunday 22** at home all day Took my Mother to J D's AM brought her home PM. W fine Clear day

**23** I & Sanderson Put new stringer in bridge on townline AM helped Kirton take stones out of back well well PM. W warm smoky

**24** Finished taking stones out of well AM he dug a little PM W. fine Cler

**25** I made 83 gals Cider at Lapps AM I & Nancy went to Markham PM. boys tended Kirton W cold a few drops rain East wind tonight

**26** I & Dave tended Kirton W helped Br C thresh he got Dyke to work in his place PM. I got plow fixed to plow at Beford Match tomorrow tried in our sod. found it too hard. wont go. J B Came. fix woodshed & Pantry W. some thunder fine shower this evening

**27** I & Dave tended Kirton W helped Br C finish threshg W. Cler AM, fine Shower PM Kirton didn't dig much PM

**28** W plowed behind Cider house. I & Dave tended Kirton no water yet. very hard digging J B left this Morning W. Cool

**Sunday 29** went to Meeting at Altona remarks & Sermon on St Mat 22 C by Revd H Barkey went to Simon Hoover's W Cool

**Oct 1871 Nov**

**Oct 30** I drew some water & 3 loads wood AM & boys tended Kirton I & W tended PM he struck a splended spring about 10 AM & another PM appears to be plenty of water W. fine Cler

**31** tended Kirton made another splendid strike lots of water Commenced to stone up about half past 10 oclock W Clear began to rain from East this evening after dark

**Nov 1** boys tended Kirton I drew 9 loads stone for well W. cold wind

**2** I drew 4 loads stone AM boys began pulling turnips I helped PM. W sharp Cold wind Cler

**3** I helped Kirton finish stoning well AM I & Nancy went to Markham to see Pump maker Called at Simon Ramer's W. Cler

**4** All Pulled turnips left 20 drills to pull W. raw east wind

**Sundy 5** at home all day Hoover's young folks were here PM W. Cool cler

**6** I helped John Stover kill 6 hogs AM boys drew in 9 loads turnip J B ~~was~~ is here Cutting wood for my Mother AM & Carpentering for me PM W froze pretty hard last night

**7** Drew in 20 loads turnips McDonald of Markham lengthened & put in back Pump PM W. pretty Cold

**8** Drew in 8 loads turnip AM I & W took 50 bus to Kirton in Sparta PM. Dave & J B finished pulling about 20 drills PM J B finished a granary in old farm for me W finer Cler Cold wind

**9** I & JB went shooting in big swamp & on the Rouges didn't get much. bush too dry. W beautiful

**10** Drew in 1 load potatoes, began to rain at 10 Oc husked Corn & killed Pig

**11** Finished drawing in Potatoes AM W plowed behind Cider house PM. I & Dave drew stones away from new well PM W. Cler sharp Cold North wind

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pretty cold

{part of page missing} {24} helped Br N kill hogs. W heavy soft snow AM thawing PM

{25} W helped J D thresh with team I & little boys drew {ho}me pine wood & edgings with sleighs. W  
thawing, snow going

**{Su}nday 26** at home all day. W. drissly thawing

**27** I worked on road in Scarboro. W helped finish thresh at J D's AM. Plowed sod PM. W. freesing  
sharp

**28** Helped Br C kill hogs. W. very Cold

**29** Made ready to kill our hogs tommorrow W Cold Cler

**30** Killed our 6 hogs. W fine some Milder

**Dec 1** Chored. Cut a lot of Edgings. W. Milder

**2** helped Br N kill hogs AM. Chored PM. W mild Cler

**Sunday 3** I & little girls went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C. sermon on St Luke 10th C  
by Rev H Barkey. W. mild Cler. Br. S's youngsters & C B's were h{ere} PM ~~PM~~

**4** Had J D with oxen to skid up logs for Sawing Machine. W. mild AM some snow squalls PM

**Dec 1871 Jan 1872**

**Christmas day 25** went to Meeting at Hebron Remarks by Br C Sermon on {blank space} by Red H  
Barkey Br S's were here PM John Stover's were here this eveig W. fine Clear. heard today that J H  
Ramer's house was burned yesterday morning at daylight & a good part of the furniture

**26** Went to S Lehman's W. Cold

**27** I & R W killed our beef W some snow squalls Received a ~~subpoena~~ summons to appear at Court  
as a Petit Juryman on the 8th of January 1872

**28** went to Markham & a while to JH Ramer's W. Cold

**29** Had Jonas Miller to thresh few loads Clover Turned out 5 bus. I & J B began drawing wood drags  
PM. drew 8 PM



**30** I & J B drew 6 logs AM then he went home & I brought load edgings PM. W. East wind rain this evening

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**31** Went to Flavius' W. thawing rain after {page torn} F inlaws Came to stay all night

**Jan 1st 1872** at home all day. Br. N & Mr Moyer from {page torn} were here awhile AM. W fine Clor. roads a sheet of ice {page torn} the centre of the turnpike. fields mostly bare

{page torn} I & J B drew 16 logs. Uncle Saml's youngsters & youngsters from Cayuga & Anne Reesor were here {a}t noon. W. strong sharp East wind

**3** I & J B drew 9 logs AM Cut some sheaves put Brine on Pork & I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM. W East wind soft snow & a little rain PM. mild

**4** I & JB & little John brought home Cow that I bought of A B @ \$35.00 this morning. then we drew 11 logs W. sof. Cloudy

**5** I Chored AM. Helped Br C kill beef PM W. fine R W Killed my Poor Old Faithful horse! Tom! tonight Aged. 29 yrs 6 m. he got down and Could not rise

**6** I & Nancy went to Markham. Called at J Stover's for dinner he bought 2 steers off me @ \$25.00 each I moved horse power behind Cider house W. Cold north wind

**Sunday 7** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on St Mat 8 C by Br. C Saml Ramer & Mary Hoover & F inlaw's youngsters were here PM I went to see J B to chore for me I intend to go to Toronto tomorrow W very cold a little milder this evening

## **Jan 1872**

~~Sunday 7~~ **Jan 8th** Walked to Markham this morning Took the train on the Nippissing Railway to Toronto to serve on the Assize Court as Petit Juror engaged my board at the Black Horse Hotel was not Called into the Jury Box today W. Cold

**9** Feel rather lonesome. not Called today

**10** was Called today on the Traviss Murder Trial. was kindly Exempted by the Crown Atty Mr K McKenzie.

**11** Murder Trial Concluded this PM. Traviss Found. Guilty.

**12** Ordinary Business

**13** Ordinary Business. Dismissed this PM. in time for the Train to Get to Markham but I took the Rouge Stage. & Hurrah for ! home sweet home ! {*page torn*} {Go}t home about 8 PM found all in tolerable {*illegible, page torn*} Nancy has pretty bad Cold

{*Page torn, Sunday 14*} at home Cober's were here this evening Continuation of remarkable fine weather

**15** Away to Toronto on the Nippissing again this Morning Br S's Tilman took me to the station he is Choring for me a few days J B was here last week ~~NB?~~ I forgot to mention that M ~~N~~ Neighswander Sowed wood for me on the 8th Inst

**{16}** Ordinary Business

**17** ditto

**18** ditto

**19** do

**{2}0** Dismissed in time. & away home on the Narrow Guage. Br N met me at the station very fine weather all week except some soft snow on Friday PM

**Sunday 21** went to A B's they were not at home Br S's Came here PM his son Menno came this evening to Chore for me this week

**22** off on the Nippissing to Toronto again. a week of Ordinary business. rode home with Br S in his Cutter this evening.

**Saturday 27.** found all very well at home

**Sunday 28** Went to J H Ramers on a visit they have a son all pretty well. fine weather last week. sleighing bad in Toronto

**Jan 1872 & Feb 1872**

**Monday 29.** Br S's Menno took me to Station this morning. another week of business got discharged this morning

**Feb 3** were Paid off about 11:00 AM rambled about town untill 3.30 PM then Hip, Hurrah, for Markham & sweet home Got home about 7 PM. February 3 found all well

**Feb 4 Sunday.** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 6 C by Rvd H Barkey. F inlaw's were here & S Lehman's PM W. fine mild

**5** all went to Br S's My Mother went as far as Br N's W. fine good sleighing

**6** Went to A B's. W. about six inches snow last night

**7** Chored. J B's were here awhile PM. W. fine

**8** Tilled beds & chored. W. Clear got medicine for my mother she has bowel complaint

**9** Cut some straw for bedding. & went to J D's & to Cedar Grove PM. W. fine Clear mother better

**10** didnt feell well. have Influenza. took salts M Neighswanders & Rudolph Moyer's from Scott were here. W. fine Clear mild

**Sunday 11** at home all day. W. fine mild

**12** I Took 6 bus grist to Cedar Grove Mills W fine

**13** Chored. W. rain from East nearly all day

**14** Chored. W. Windy a little snow. Cold

**15** Split some wood & drew a load of sawed wood into woodshed brought grist home PM W. NW wind pretty Cold

**16** Chored. Took Chop to Mill. W. fine Cler

**17** Chored. brought chop home PM. Colon Reesor & wife were here this evening. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 18** at home A B's were here W. fine mild Cler

**19** Chored. W. beautiful. Clear. Abraham Doner & wife & C B's & J D's were here this evening

**20** Chored. W. fine Cler thawing

**21** Chored. top threshed some Oats I & little boys finished Cleaning Timothy Seed pretty near one bushel

**22** J B Came to help me Clean Wheat got only one load Cleaned. had visitor Manasse Fretz's & Mar{?} Neighswander's. Joe Wideman fixed Clock. W. pretty Cold

## Feb 1872

23 I took 47 bus treadwell Wheat to Cedar Grove @ \$1.23 & took 35 bus 52 lbs PM

24 R W helped me run through a load this morning took it out 35 bus 33 lbs AM Chored PM W mild snow going fast. road getting Muddy

**Sunday 25** at home all day. W. Colder AM Cold heavy west wind PM. froze hard. Cler PM

26 Chored. Started about 5 PM. to go for Dr Mc heard on my way that he was at Uncle Joseph Burkholder's with Dr Lizars who is Operating on Uncle Joseph by Cutting for ; { *upside down exclamation mark* } stone in the bladder! Brought Dr with me this evening W. very Cold. pretty heavy NW. wind

27 Nancy gave birth to a son about 1.Ocl this AM. doing very well. I took M C home AM Chored PM. W. very Cold yet

28 Drew 9 loads wood for Steele W. pretty cold Uncle Joseph Died this morning

29 Brought Horse power from Flavius AM I own the whole Machine now bought Out Flavius & having bought out Br C last winter F inlaws were here today W. fine

**March 1st** Uncle Joseph was buried today I didnt go My Mother went with A B's W Clear Cold

2 Chored. W. fine. Clear Nancy & baby doing finely

**Sunday 3** Meeting at Hebron I didn't go Old M Neighswanders & young Mort's were here W. fine Clear

4 Chored. very very Cold. NW. wind all day

5 Chored W. Clear. Calm. biting. Cold

6 Went to Flavius's Sale bought Neckyoke @ 50 cts Waggon rack 75cts Cider barrel \$1.00 & Pair Bobsleighs \$16.50. W. severe Cold, hevey north wind. Flavius has rented his farm to T. H. Hall & he is putting up a house on the north end of his farm on the 4th Concession for himself

## Mar 1872

7 Brought home My Purchases from Flavius AM Went to Cedar Grove PM. W. Milder

8 Went to Cherrywood ; that is Walkey's Corner ; AM with old buggy. went to Markham PM W. mild

**9** Went to Markham to Make Affidavit as Witness to the will of my late Uncle Joseph Burkholder at the Office of N Mans W. East storm snow & drizzly rain all day didn't amount to much after all

**Sunday 10** at home Br S's Flavius & Isaac Reesor were here Cober's Called a little while W. mild the snow yesterday helped the sleighing a good deal

**11** Went to J D's & to Cedar Grove AM Simon Hoover's were here when I got home. W. fine, warm. Clear

**12** Chored & got horse Power set. made ready for threshing W. fine. warm. Clear. thawing. There has still been thin Sleighing so far. but it appears it wont last much longer

**13** threshed AM. got on very well. Put through over 200 bus Oats AM. got done before dinner. W. fine AM Cloudy PM. Heard that Michael Burkholder's little boy about 7 years Old got Accidentally hung in a Cow Chain yesterday eveing

**14** Chored AM. went to Funeral of M Burkholder's boy at Hebron PM. W. fine. Clear. snowing tonight

**15** Chored. I & little boys Got a grist ready PM Jacob Grove & family were here PM. W. Clear sharp

**16** Went to Cherry-wood AM, & to Cedar Grove with grist Chop PM. W Clear sharp

**Sunday 17** at home Br. N's & Br S's youngsters were here. W. Cler. Sharp a little snow squally

**18** Helped Br. C's hang up Pork AM. Got mine out of tubs PM. W. Clear. sharp. Commenced to snow from East very heavy this evening about sunset

**19** Hung up our Pork. R W & W M helped. W. heavy NW wind all day. Cold. drifting snow

**20** Chored. I & little John Cut some sheaves W. Cold freezing yet Hard windy yet

**21** I & little girls & John went to Markham & to J H Ramers for dinner. W. pretty Cold N W wind pretty good sleighing in the ditches along the fences. all the gullies are solid ice

## **Mar 1872 April**

**22** brought home buggy from Cherrywood AM J B was here awhile PM. I went to Cedar Grove PM W Clear

**23** didnt do much except fix single Harness a little. have bad Headache. W. snow from East AM. Clear PM

**Sunday 24** at home Jac Reesors were here PM & C Bs & Br N's & Br S's awhile My Mother was taken sick yesterday & was worse today Dr was here PM is rather better this evening W. fine mild

**25** Fixed & Oiled single Harness & Chored W M helped Flavius draw stones this evening. I bought 2¼ Acres of land off C B being the Corner of Lot No 1 5th Con Scarboro. for the Sum of \$200. \$50. Cash down & the balance in 3 yearly Instalments without Interest

**26** I helped T Sanderson at Sawing Machine W. mild Snowed a little last night. thawed a little today

**27** I & W drew 4 Cords wood for My Mother AM drew some in field PM. W & J Atkinson Chopped some for Me this spring W. Snow going very fast

**28** Chored. Went to Cedar Grove PM. W soft snow all day. mild

**29 Good Friday** My Mother & we all went to Br C's W. new snow nearly all went today. fine warm

**30** I & W drew out Cordwood W. fine Clear mild

**Sunday 31 Easter.** this was the day for Meeting at Hebron didn't Open. strong wind & rain from East all AM about 6 in snow last night. mild

**Easter Monday April 1** at home all day W. heavy north wind. a little snow. illegible unpleasent

**2** All went to Markham & to J H Ramer's W. fine. Pretty good sleighing this morning. bad this evening W M. Commenced work this morning @ \$125.00 for 7 Months.

**3** Drew some hay from Flavius for Steele & Cleaned grist AM. W took it to Cedar Grove & then we drew some rails PM. W. fine Cler

**4** Drew some rails & then drew out Cordwood W fetched home grist this evening Abraham Hoovers were here for awhile PM W. froze hard. last night. thawed today

## **April 1872**

**5** Chored AM W finished drawing Out wood † I & Nancy went to A B's & I went to Whitevale & got Jess shod PM. W. fine Clear thawing sleighing gone

**6** I went to duffins Creek for a keg of beer W split sawed wood we fixed up some fences along fallow in Scarboro PM. W. fine. very warm

**Sunday 7** at home all day. J D's were here W. mild some rain

**8** didn't do much. my Mother was pretty bad last night W went for Dr this morning he came this evening W. foggy & Cloudy

**9** I went to Markham to get some Medicine for my Mother she rested pretty well last night. W. foggy & a little rain this AM warm Clear PM distant thunder PM. John Stover's oldest daughter died today of Scarlett fever it is very prevalent this spring

**10** Chored W ground axe at Br C's AM. both chopped ~~dead~~ dead timber in old bush PM. W. a little squally

**11** both Chopped. I helped Br N Clean some Oats that he bought off me @ 40 cts per bus. I cant chop very much have Rheumatiz in my shoulders W. fine Clear

**12** Cleaned seed Oats & sorted some turnips W. rain nearly all day I went to Cedar Grove this evening

**13** I Chored AM brought home Iron plow from Walkeys where I had it fixed W Chopped. W. very windy. Cold

**Sunday 14** at home. Br S's & C B's were here PM. W cler

**15** Sowed grass seed on fall wheat in NW field & some on Oat stubble where it caught badly AM sawed big elm into Cordwood in Markham fallow PM. I went to J B's this evening W Clear AM snow squally awhile PM

**16** Went to F inlaws & to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's W. Cold N.W. wind Cler roads getting pretty good

**17** I & W sawed Old logs in Markham fallow AM Had A Purdy with J D's Oxen to log PM. got finished W fine cler

**18** I got Cent shod AM I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W began Plowing sod below garden W. fine Cler roads prety good. hard frosts few nights back

**19** Both plowed J B's were here. W. fine. warm. Clear. drying fast

## **April 1872 May**

**April 20** W finished plowing below garden & Commenced in sod near Hoover's I helped Flavius draw sand & fixed board fence along pickering townline my Mother is rather poorly today W. fine cler

**Sunday 21** at home all day Mother very poorly A B's J D's C B's Br C & Br S? N's were here PM. W. fine. Clear

**22** Went to Markham AM got Medicine for My Mother AM. Chored PM W. Cold blustering Dave Stephenson Came to work today @ \$45.00 for 7 months W. went to plow for John Stover blustering, a little snow squalls. Cold wind froze last night

**23** Both plowed AM. Chored PM. W very Cold Wind AM. about 3 in snow fell PM

**24** Sawed Elm Cordwood in two AM W helped J D log PM I & Dave brought home & planted about 20 Black raspberry bushes PM W. warm Snow all gone

**25** Both plowed AM I brought load of lime from Jim Hadleys for Flavius PM. W. warm. Close

**26** I plowed W is not well. W. fine Clear

**27** Both plowed W. Cold NW wind. J Wideman & wife Came to stay all night

**Sunday 28** I staid at home with My Mother & little boys. Nancy & little girls went to Meeting at Hebron. F inlaws youngsters were here after service David Burkholder's at supper W. fine Cler

**29** Sowed sod below garden with Oats J B Came PM to fix garden fences & lane fence. W. Cold East wind Clear

**30** I sowed 4 bus spring Wheat in north side of field back of garden AM & Dave gang plowed it in then I helped J B at lane fence. W finished sod till supper time then rolled Oats after supper W. Close & warm distant thunder. looks like rain

**May 1** Got Br Cs gang Plow boys both Ganged in field back of garden AM threshed Crown Peas PM W. a little rain this morning. Showry PM. makes things grow

## **May 1872**

**May 1** Great fire reported in Markham last night have not heard Particulars yet David Burkholder's son Abraham's wife died Suddenly this morning

**2** boys gang plowed last year's Root ground & nearly finished back of garden I helped J B at lane fence W. fine

**3** Sowed sod with peas. Nancy went to Abraham Burkholder's wife's funeral with Br. C & Br N's got sod harrowed twice W. began to rain about 10 to 2 PM. Clearing till night

**4** W began to plow in East end of big field where Clover missed. Dave finished harrowing sod peas till 10 AM then I helped to plow W. Cold north wind



**Sunday 5** at home Br N's were here PM. W. fine clear

**6** I sowed last years turnip ground with barley & Dave harrowed it. I took my Mother to J Ds. W began to plow behind Cider house. W. fine warm Cler

**7** I sowed barley in field back of garden AM W & J B plowed behind Cider house J B hitched his horse with old Dick Dave harrowed barley I plowed PM & JB worked at lane fence w. vy warm

**8** Plowed & brought 10½ bus white oats from Old Willie Morrison's AM sowed field behind Cider house PM. got harrowed once a little showery PM

**Ascension day 9** I went with Children to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C. Sermon on St Luke 24 C by Rvd H Barkey W. warm Cler

**10** I sowed Crown Peas in N W Corner Dave gang plowed them AM J B & W. fixed fence at Scarboro Pasture. W ganged PM & Dave finished harrowing Oats W. fine Cler

**11** I & Nancy went to Markham AM sowed grass seed on Crown Peas PM Dave finished harrowing. W. plowed in big field W fine Clear Saw the results of the fire in Markham today Hon D Reesor's stable fired by an Incendiary were burnt his Dwelling Carleton's stable & Store D Johnston's Saddlery Mair's Law Office

## **May 1972**

A building Occupied by A Barber the Anglo American Hotel Pringls Dwelling Workshop & Showroom Burks Store & J Robinsons dwelling The Economist Office was only saved by the greatest exertion all the Contents were removed & everything put into Confusion so there was no Issue last week.

**Sunday 12** at home Jacob Reesor's youngsters were here. & Br S's youngsters PM W. fine Clear. Cool. a good shower would do some good now

**13** I & W finished Plowing East part of big field Dave carried potatoes Out ~~40f~~ of Cellar J B finished west lane fence to Cider house from townline W Cool Clear

**14** Sowed Peas in East end of big field Took my Mother to Br N's PM. My Mother is very restless at night & rather weak in her mind W. fine Clear. east wind PM

**15** Took my Mother to B'r S's & then went to Markham AM Planted Early Rose Potatoes PM W. fine Clear

**16** I rolled some Peas AM. boys fired fallow south end of Markham bush. all fought fire PM. it ~~run~~ run over nearly the whole of the Old bush. but I hope it did not do it much harm. it burned about 10 rods of fence on the 11th Con. W. Shifty wind. Cler

**17** I went to Whitevale AM to get Deed drawn by T P White for 2¼ Acres of land that I bought of C Burkholder for \$200. burned & Picked in fallow PM Dave finished rolling Peas PM W. fine cler

**18** Chored & Picked in fallow AM put up new fence along 11th where it was burned PM W strong East wind. a little rain tonight. fire about out

**Whit Sunday 19** I & Nancy went awhile to J Cober's W. heavy rain about all night & a good deal today will do a great deal of good I hope

**Whit Monday 20** I & Nancy little boys & My Mother went to J Ds W. Clear with a few sunshiny showers. things look green

**21** boys drew Old rails wood & stones off little fallow I chored & went to Frys for some plants W. fine warm cler

## **May 1872 June**

**22** Dave harrowed root ground & W plowed potatoe ground got done about 3 PM then Cleaned grist W. fine AM rain PM. slowly at first heavy tonight Heard today that Uncle Jacob Burkholder Died last night

**23** I & Nancy went to Uncle Jacob Burkholder's funeral at Widemans. Discourses by J Stekly & Shoults Went to F inlaws for dinner boys fenced pastures on Scarboro Side W. wet this morning, fine today

**24** W Commenced plowing new fallow I brought Home Grist AM helped plow PM. W. Clear AM. some squalls of rain PM Planted a little Corn AM

**25** I went to Fmans bay AM for some Plaster didnt get any AM. dug garden PM. W. strong north wind

**Sunday 26** My Mother Nancy & little girls went to Meeting at Hebron. Sacrement today. I & little boys staid at home. I was not well, had to vomit last night. Danl Widemans & S Lehman's were here at Dinner & Menno Burkholder's & M Nighswender's at supper. Abraham Burkholder & his family & his Mother were here awhile W fine Clear

**27** I & Neighbours Moved graveyard fence to the north & rebuilt it W plowed little Orchard for Old Steele to plant potatoes on shares W. a few heavy showers

**28** W plowed in fallow I & Dave worked at fence on west side of field near Hoover's W. cool clear

**29** W finished plowing new fallow AM Then we all Dug & Raked back garden till about 4 PM then pulled Pigeon Weed till ~~eight~~ night W. fine. Cler

**30** I chored boys drew old rail pieces where Dave & I fixed fence then drew stones off west end of field near Hoover's where we are going to summer fallow. harrowed potatoe ground. & Piled some ~~lim~~ limb wood after supper. W. dribbling, & heavy shower tonight

**31** Planted about an acre of Potatoes in East side of field East of Dam W. fine Cler

**June 1** began to draw dung on fallow W. fine looks a little like rain

**{June 1872}**

**Sunday 2** At home Flavius' Br N's & A B's were here W. Cool Cler

**3** Drew dung W. fine some East wind

**4** Spread some dung AM I took chop to mill & W began plowing fallow PM. W. Shower AM & another after supper rung Pigs tonight

**5** Both plowed in fallow W. fine. Cler north wind AM J B's were here at noon

**6** Both Plowed AM. W went to A Snider's on 3rd Con Pickering I took my Mother to J Ds She is getting very weak in her mind and body W. very warm

**7** Washed sheep AM Dave helped Br C plant Potatoes AM Chored PM. W. began to rain about 10 AM. rained nearly all day

**8** W went to Flavius log house raising on his end of lot on 4th Con. I took My Mother to J D's PM Saw Baby, born about noon W. some showers

**Sunday 9** We all & My Mother went to Br S's they were not at home staid for dinner with the young folks Martha Shank & her Man & Christian Stover's were here at supper Mat{ty?} got married this spring to Mr Ebenezer Coo{k} out west in the Township of Dorchester W. Cler heavy rain last night

**10** Finished plowing fallow & started plowing turnip ground AM W plowed some PM & I went to J D's. W. fine AM some very heavy rain & Thunder PM. Started water pretty high

**11** Sawed some rail cuts AM boys & C B & his boys went fishing PM. got nothing W warm & slight shower this evening

**12** I Plowed garden for Flavius at his new house AM Helped W plow turnip ground PM. W helped Flavius Put rafters on his house after supper. W. fine warm. Cler

**13** Both plowed in turnip ground till near noon when it began to rain. rained nearly all PM. I shot a bird up at dam today which Puzzles me to name it belongs to the Crane specie I should think

**14** Drew rails out of Scarboro bush along 5th Con ready to fence it in. I took Nancy & My Mother to J D's & then went to Mr Swallows near Duffins Creek with my Bird to get it stuffed it proved to belong

## **June 1972**

**June 14** to the Crane Specie. but it is Commonly Called a shitepoke or Bittern then I got a keg of beer at the Creek Brewery W. warm slight showers PM roads heavy

**15** Finished drawing rails out of bush & then drew 7 loads from Br N's W. fine Clear

**Sunday 16** All went to Br N's. W. fine Cler A B's were here at supper

**17** I & Nancy went to Markham AM I went to Cherry wood PM. W harrowed turnip ground Dave hoed Early rose Potatoes W. fine Cler

**18** Dave harrowed old fallow W drew a few rails & then began to make turnip drills I helped scrub & wash Meeting house PM. W. fine Clear

**19** Chored AM. Sowed about half of turnips PM. Uncle John Burkholder was here at dinner W. warm clear

**20** I & Nancy went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's his wife was confined about a week ago and is rather poorly but is getting better W helped Br C draw stones W. very very warm. sultry

**21** Finished sowing turnips in East half of field East of dam about 4 acres & 1 acre of potatoes. AM began drawing dung on heap in fallow Intend putting it on pea ground in field near Hoover's East part west part is fallow. W. rather Cooler

**22** Drew dung. Mother rather Poorly. getting weak W. pretty warm

**Sunday 23** I & Nancy staid at home. Meeting at Hebron my Mother is pretty bad we have to set up with her all night quite a few visitors. W. fine Cler

**24** boys drew dung I helped to wait on my Mother She is very restless. sleeps very little. dozes a great deal. Imagines strange things. and consequently takes a great deal of attendance she got a little

stronger this evening so I gave her a short drive in the buggy. W. fine Cler Jacob Kendrick & wife were here today with Jac Reesors & Old Samuel Neighswenders

**25** Waited on my Mother. She is still pretty strong Joseph Shirk's were here today. M Dyke's little Mary Died today. W. fine. Cler. looks a little like rain

### **June 1872 July**

**26** W harrowed in new fallow. AM. he plowed on roads PM. I chored. My. Mother still keeps pretty strong Uncle Joseph's widow & young Christian, Little Chris Hoover's & Jacob Widemans were here today. W. pretty warm

**27** W worked on road with team I Chored Dave finished harrowing new fallow W. warm cler we are still up every night with My Mother

**28** W finished road work with team AM went to Party at Cherrywood PM. I Chored My Mother rather poorly. W. very warm. nice shower PM John Stover's were here PM

**29** I. W. & Dave worked Scarboro road work with team. W. very very warm

**30 Sunday.** at home all day. Mother very poorly W. hot close

**July 1** W. began Mowing little meadow in Scarboro. I waited on my Mother she is a little stronger PM W. very warm I & little boys brought home new 3 spring waggon from Cherry wood @ \$100 PM they allow me \$10 for our old double buggy

**2** I chored W finished Mowing in Scarboro I & Dave raked & Cocked some PM

**3** I took Broken horse rake to get fixed AM W mowed in Orchard raked & cocked the last of the hay in Scarboro PM. W very warm. shower & Thunder went round west & south tonight

**4** I got Cent shod at Bambridges AM. W mowed in Orchard finished till supper. Then we scuffled potatoes after supper. W. Slight Shower about noon our turnips are Coming very slow, scarcely any to be seen Thos Wilson of Markham Village died yesterday from the effects of a fall off a building the day before

**5** Drew in 3 loads hay out of Scarboro AM raked & Cocked part of Orchard PM. W. pretty warm

**6** Fixed up Horse fork & raked rest of Orchard AM Drew it in 3 loads PM. W. rather Cooler S Lehman{ns} were here at supper

**Sunday 7** at home all day J Ds Brs S's & N's & Old Uncle Saml Flavius' were here today W. rather cooler

## **July 1872**

**8** W mowed fence Corners I & Br C Took reaper to pieces AM. Then I took Pitman & Boxes & knives to Mongolia to get repaired PM. Went to J B's for supper. W. pretty warm

**9** Raked & Drew in a small load of fence corner hay Simon Ramers were here PM Martin Neighswander's wife & Tilman Widemans wife were here today & F inlaws awhile AM. W pretty warm

**10** W began to crossplow fallow I went to Belford AM didn't do very much PM began to rain very heavy about 1 O'C had a Splendid heavy rain soaked firstrate doing a great deal of good

**11** I took reaper springs & some small jobs to Cherry wood AM turned some fence Corner hay & Chored PM. W. pretty warm slight Shower PM

**12** brought home hay rake & reaper springs. & went to Cedar Grove AM Cleaned out drain through north end of pasture field at Pickering town line & Drew in last of fence Corner hay PM W. very warm. to warm to plow PM Great Accident yesterday PM on Nippissing at Boyer's bridge. Double Engine & 18 Cars off the track nobody hurt

**13** I mowed in pasture field W plowed in fallow I & little boys went to Cedar Grove after supper. W fine. rather Cool

**Sunday 14** We all & My Mother went to Br. S's in new Buggy Nancy & little girls then went to Meeting at Cedar Grove. My Mother is stronger but very restless at night we have to sit up with her every night. W pretty warm Clear

**15** I went to B Ss. this morning & Chored Dave raked hay in Pasture & W plowed AM. Drew in about 4 loads PM W. very very warm, sultry

**16** I Mowed in west end of big field W. very warm had a slight shower after supper

**17** I finished Mowing. W finished Plowing old fallow AM. raked & Cocked what I mowed yesterday W. very warm

**18** Drew in hay west end of big field 8 loads W. Cooler I went for Dr for M Dyke tonight got back at midnight W. pretty cold driving

## July 1872

**19** Drew in rakings 1 load AM. W scuffled turnip drills (there are scarcely any turnips) PM. then he went to show in Markham after supper. I & little boys took grist to Cedar Grove Mills PM. W. fine

**20** I & Nancy went to M Neighswanders & Simon Hoover's I took part of reaper to Mongolia W. fine  
clr

**Sunday 21** I & Nancy staid with My Mother girls went to Meeting at Hebron. W. fine shower this morning another heavy one PM. not many at the Meeting Old Danl Hoover's & Isaac Reesor were here PM Isaac is !doing the amiable! to Janet while I am writing. my Mother is not so well today as she was. a few days ago she was able to walk to Br C's

**22** I went to Markham AM. W helped Br. Cs get Out a stick of timber. W drilled over about an acre of turnips PM & I sowed them white globe seed. W. fine. Clear

**23** Boys Cut roads round upper wheat field & I helped Br. C get reaper ready AM I raked off for Br C cutting his barley & W began crossing new fallow W. fine, a little rain PM

**24** I helped Br C finish Cut barley with reaper W. Cler

**25** Cut 8 rounds wheat in NW field this morning then I went to raising Br. C's barn at Dyke's boys bound wheat & Cut a road round field at end of lane. W. pretty warm. looks like rain tonight

**26** Cut Wheat. a little rain AM. Clear PM

**27** Finished NW field till 4 Oclock then drew Steele's hay 2 loads after supper. W. fine. Cler

**Sunday 28** at home all day Ruhamah & Benjamin Diller were here W. fine Cler

**29** Cut wheat in Scarboro W Cradled in rough part till about 11 oclock when it began to rain drissly & Cloudy all day heavy shower about supper time I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove after supper I shot a 9 1/2 lb woodchuck this evening

**30** Finished Cutting Wheat didnt get it all bound W. Cler

**31** Finished binding & Shocking wheat AM I & W cut barley back of garden. Dave helped Flavius bind wheat PM. W. fine. Cool. Clear

## **Aug 1872**

**August 1** I & W cut barley in field east of dam 5 acres finished at about 1/2 past 2 O'clock then drew in 2 loads Treadwell wheat began to rain about 6 O'clock

**2** I went to Markham AM Chored PM W. warm Cler AM. Showry PM

**3** Drew 2 loads Edgings AM W finished Plowing new fallow & drew out some wood He harrowed PM. & I & little John went for my stuffed Bittern & got a barrel of salt at Bay W. fine warm. Cler

**Sunday 4** We & My Mother went to A B's they were not at home. then we went to J D's PM. W. fine Cler

**5** Finished drawing in N W wheat field 12 good loads W. Cler

**6** Drew in Soules wheat in field below townline till supper then I went to J B's & boys drew in 3 loads barley W. very warm clear

**7** drew in 4 loads barley till 11 o'clock when a shower Came up then I & Nancy & little boys went to A B's & I went to Cherry wood Came back after supper boys brought 1 load & I helped to bring 2 more till night

**8** Drew 1 load of barley out of lower field & 9 out of upper. Simon Hoover's were here at supper W. fine very warm this is Election day in South Ontario Cousin T P White is endeavouring to run out Tory Gibbs

**9** Drew 3 small loads barley out of upper field & W took waggon to shop to get Tires set AM began pulling sod Peas with horse rake. works well. W. fine warm very sorry to hear that Tory Gibbs is elected

**10** Finished pulling Peas till about 3 PM Cut road round spring Wheat till supper W brought waggon home after supper. W. warm

**Sunday 11** at home. W. warm. a little Cloudy

**12** Cut spring wheat AM. J B helped. W helped Flavius thresh with team W. Cloudy AM fine shower about 1 O'clock PM. I & Nancy went to Whitevale PM

**13** I & J B began Cut Oats in field behind Cider house AM bound spring wheat PM. W. pretty warm. Cloudy W. helped T Hale Husk AM & CB PM



## **Aug 1872**

**14** I & J B brought log boat from Br S's to Move thresher Out of old barn into new. & fixed old barn roof AM bound & cut some Oats PM W helped CB thresh awhile AM W very close Cloudy AM. began to rain tonight at dark

**15** Had Br. S with his Kirby to finish big Oat field & little one below garden except some that were down. our machine needs the Boxes filled and we didnt like to run it. we got big field all on shocks tonight. W. fine Clear

**16** Bound Oats & Cut what was down. AM J B & W drew in 2 loads barley rakings & 2 wheat raking & I & Dave finished Oats W. warm Close

**17** Moved Thresher out of Old barn into new this Morning. then drew in 7 loads peas & 2 loads Oats after supper. W. warm Clear east wind PM

**Sunday 18** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron I staid with my Mother She is a great deal better but it was rather wet for her to go Br S's were here PM. W. slight shower this morning another pretty heavy at noon

**19** Finished drawing sod Peas 8 loads & set power this evening J B is here again W. Close a little rain tonight

**20** threshed 31 boxes Oats 13 boxes rakings & 63 boxes Treadwell wheat didnt go very well broke two arms. W. very warm. flies very bad

**21** Made up for lost time went very well today threshed 100 bus Treadwell wheat till noon boys & J B pulled peas in big field PM. & I brought 2 pigs from A B's W. very very Close

**22** Finished pulling peas in big field AM Drew in Spring Wheat 4 loads & 2 loads Oats PM. Dave thinned globe turnip W. very Close. warm Mr James Metcalfe Elected by Acclamation on the 20th Inst for East York

**23** Drew in Oats below garden 5 loads & 7 loads out of field back of Cider house W. fine Clear

**24** I got Frank shod this morning W & J B drew in 2 loads Peas out of big field when I came back we drew in last Oats 3 loads behind Cider house. Drew in 12 loads Peas. Finished big field PM R W helped W. very warm

## Aug 1872 Sept

**Sunday 25** went to Meeting at Wideman's Remarks by Red Joseph Barkey. Sermon on St Mat 18C by Br C went to S Lehman's PM & to J B's for supper. W. pretty warm

**26** I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramers J B & Dave pulled Crown Peas & W helped Sanderson thresh W. fine Cler

**27** I J B & Dave Pulled Peas AM W helped Sanderson finish thresh AM. helped us pull Peas PM. W. fine Clear

**28** Finished pulling Peas AM W began to draw dung off heap in fallow on sod Pea ground & I, J B & Dave drew in 4 loads Crown Peas W. fine warm cler

**29** Finished Peas 3 loads AM I & J B drew dung & W began to plow Pea ground PM. W. fine shower tonight

**30** I & W plowed J B & Dave finished drawing dung & spreading it J B went home tonight W. very heavy north wind. Cold as October a little drizzly rain

**31** Both plowed. Dave took share to B Ss & thinned Globe turnips. W. pretty Cold & windy yet. Cler

**Sept 1 Sunday** at home. I went to Dr Mc Nancy has symptoms of Vomiting & Cramps or spasms W cler

**2** Nancy better again. I plowed in pea stubble nearly finished AM W. plowed in new fallow I skinned Br Cs 3 year old Netherly mare she died last night of Influenza or distemper & took skin to Markham to get dressed for a robe they thought they Couldnt do it in the summer season so I sold it for \$1.00 W. Cool. Cler

**3** I finished Pea stubble till 10 Oc then helped W finish new fallow till supper Dave harrowed Pea ground with Dick & Br Ns old Prince I sowed some of the new fallow Treadwell wheat after supper W furrowed out in fallow & Pea ground W. cool

**4** Finished sowing new fallow. then helped W plow Dave finished harrowing new fallow. W. windy. Cloudy began raining nicely at about 6 Oc this evening raining yet

**5** Both plowed AM. I sowed 4 bags Treadwell on west end of field near Hoover's PM then plowed till night Dave harrowed. W. rather Cloudy. looks like rain

6 Dave finished harrowing till about 10 oc then I helped W plow sold some Treadwell wheat yesterday & today @ \$1.37 per bus for seed W. warm fine rain last night

## **Sept 1872**

7 Both plowed. Cleaned some seed wheat this evening W very warm

8 at home all day J Ds were here W. very warm

9 sowed Peaground except headlands W. drizzly rain till about 10 am Then Cleared up

10 Finished sowing harrowing & furrowing out wheat AM. Then I brought 1/2 ton of bran from Green River Mills @ \$12.50 per ton PM & W had afternoon to himself & got Mare shod this evening W. a little drissel of rain this morning very warm Pm

11 I & W Drew Duncan's hay W. very warm. foggy this morning

**12 Thanksgiving day.** All & My Mother went to Meeting at Hebron nemarks by Br C sermon on 5 book Moses 8 C by R'd H Barky. A B's were here after service Br C's at supper. W. heavy shower about 10 Oc some more PM. & heavy This evening

13 I Took 50 bus 43 lbs 2 loads Treadwell wheat to Cedar Grove Mill @ \$1.37 W went to M Dykes Plowing Bee W. some rain This Morning. blowing Cold north wind today

14 I little boys & Dave Made 37½ gals Cider at P Lapps am W began to fall plow in barley stubble in turnip field I boiled sauce & Dave helped to Plow Pm. W. fair Cler

**Sunday 15** We all & My Mother went to meeting & sacrement at Hebron Remarks by Re Jac Wideman appropriate sermon by Br C Br inlaw Saml Hoover's & Abraham Hoovers of Pickering were here after service F inlaw's boys at Supper W. fair Cler

16 I took Pini{on} belonging to gearing to village Am Old Hewitt thought I would better bring the whole gearing so I took it Pm. W. fine Cler

17 I & Nancy went to Whitevale factory for Cloth Am Br inlaw John Hoover was here when we got home on a shooting tour. I went with him awhile after dinner. I shot 2 black squirrils he had shot 2 before dinner ~~boys~~ W finished Plowing stubble East of dam this morning then him & Dave drew soft wood out of Flats on Scarboro side to the house & chips Pm. W. fine Cler beautiful

18 I & Dave drew 3 loads Chips Am & Drew home 3 Iron wood Poles for arms for horse power. Dave harrowed East of dam & I & Br N put in the Arms. W. Cloudy fine shower tonight

## Sept 1872 Oct

**19** I went to B.Ss & took Janet as far as Bradshaws Corner she has Cold. AM Chored & went to Cedar Grove PM W plowed below garden yesterday & today Dave helped PM. W. squalls of rain . & blustery

**20** Dave finished below garden then helped W plow in little field that I bought of C B this spring they got all done except headlands. I went to Belford for shear & Chored AM. J B was here for some Cut sheaves. I rode with him to Cedar Grove & killed lamb Pm. W. Cool, Cler

**21** Boys plowed below lane. I pulled off boards on line fence between little field I bought off C B & our field & Chored AM. finished board fence along Markham bush through swale PM. W. fine Cler

**22 Sunday.** We all & My Mother went to Br S's W. fine Cler

**23** Brought Hewitt & the Gearing AM he put them in & fitted them all right there I took him home PM W plowed. W. pretty warm thunder went round north this evening

**24** I & Nancy & Mother went to Abraham Hoover's on 8th Con Pickering then I & he went to R'd H Barkeys sale I bought nice little Eel spear @ 21 cts W. fine beautiful Cler

**25** I Chored AM Took 9 bus Peas to Walkey PM boys finished plowing below lane. AM Helped Br N thresh with team PM. W. Clear windy

**26** We all went to F inlaws to quilting & Put old roof on driving shed all in one piece. W. fine Cler. Cold East wind Coming home boys helped Br N thresh am & Br S. Pm

**27** I asked hands & fixed things ready to thresh tomorrow boys helped Br C to thresh. W. fine Cler rather Cold I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove this evening

**28** Threshed right along all day my Old Machine ran like a top. run out 310 bus barley & 123 bus Oats. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 29** I Nancy & My Mother went to C B's W. rather showry high wind

**30** I went to Cedar Grove AM & then shot a fine Squirrel ~~mw~~ went to Jos Badgerow's sale & Picked some Cider Apples Pm W. fine Cler, a little windy

~~Oct 1 I & Dave made a barrel Cider & W plowed~~ W helped C B plow & Dave began in field back of garden

**Oct 1** I & Dave made a barrel of Cider & W plowed AM I Boiled Sauce & Dave Plowed Pm W went home his little Brother Alick is very sick. he died this evening. W. cler

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**Oct 2** I Chored began to make a leech vat & helped to Pick some apples M Nighswander's wife & boy got some to Dry on shares W. fine cler beautiful

**3** I took Nancy & my mother to Uncle Samls AM & then threshed beans & helped Simon Hoover Pick some Apples. brought Nancy & Mother home this evening. W. very fine Cler

**4** I & Nancy went to funeral of little Alexander Murison. to Markham village I killed a calf after we came home W. very fine Cler

**5** I got Jess & Cent shod at Bambridge. My Mother went to J H Ramer's I went there for dinner W. fine clear heard a drunk man on Townline about 9 Ocl tonight found it was John Hollinger. W drove him home & I followed in buggy & brought W home

**Sunday 6** at home all day My Mother went to Meeting at Cedar Grove with Br C & our team & spring waggon W. a little rain at noon. heavy thunder lightning & rain tonight

**7** I & Dave Cleaned some barley this morning then I went around Through Pickering to Canvas for pupils for a German school to be held in our Church. Then we cleaned some more barley this evening he plowed while I was gone. W. was away looking for a farm to rent. W. fine cler heavy rain last night

**8** I chored AM & Dave Plowed till noon then he had to quit. Our Horses & every otherbody's Horses are getting sick with a sort of Epidemic enfluenza. I went to stable raising at Flavius Pm. W. fine clear ~~Willie~~ Willie came home tonight. he has rented Garnabil Harrington's farm on the Markham & Scarboro Townline near the 7th Con

**9** Picked winter apples AM began digging Potatoes PM. I took grist to Cedar Grove mill PM. W. fine warm cler

**10** Dug Potatoes. I brought home grist this evening W. Cool

**11** Dug Potatoes. I went to stable raising at J D's Pm W. cool

**12** Finished digging Potatoes. good Crop. W. Cool rather cloudy

**Sunday 13** All went to Meeting at Hebron except My Mother & John & little Benjamin My Mother has a Cold remarks by Br C

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**Sunday 13** Sermon on {blank space} by Rd H Barkey. J B's were here after service they are keeping house for Br N's they are away to Michigan & Waterloo. W. fine rain last night. Cloudy this morning. Clear today.

**14** Sawed some Cedar trees that I got from Flavius a year or two ago for my Old Milk Can. AM Cleaned barley & put it back in bin again horses are not fit to team it away at Present I went to Harrison's sale at Cedar Grove PO PM. he is leaving W. pretty Cold. windy. met J Lapps men dragging out one of his horses that died with Epidemic

**15** Finished Cleaning barley & some wheat tailings W plowed awhile AM. I & Nancy started to Belford Jess got sick turned back. she is better again. W. Cloudy. Cold. some soft snow from about 11 Oc till 3. all Thawed again

**16** W plowed. I killed a pig AM. I & Nancy went to Belford PM. Dave Picked apples. W. Cold. NW wind cler

**17** I & Dave made 2 barrels Cider AM & W plowed Tilled beds PM. W. white frost this morning clouded up. East rain Pm

**18** W Plowed second time in West half of root field Dave Picked apples. I got some Powders at Barrows for horses AM they are hardly well yet I helped J D thresh PM W Cler

**19** I helped J D thresh until about 3 Pm boys both Plowed. W. fine cler. a very little rain AM

**Sunday 20** We & my mother went to Jac Reesor's W. fine clear

**21** I drew 2 loads Cider apples 42 bus to P Lapp @18 cts per bus W plowed. W. very fine beautiful weather Old Dick died (aged 29 years) last night

**22** I Nancy & my Mother went to P Stovers & I went to Uncle Josephu's sale I bought Hendry Plow @ \$12.00 & a lot 90 of sap buckets @11½ cts apiece W. fine warm cler, look a little like rain tonight a little drizzle this evening

**23** W brought 197 4 in tiles from Cherry wood this morning then we Commenced to draw Potatoes into Cellar I & little John brought home my Plow & buckets PM. W. very fine

**24** I & Dave drew in Potatoes. W helped Br C log. W. fine cler

**25** Chored AM. I & Dave helped Steele divide Potatoes that he Grew on shares in little Orchard & drew his share home for him. W took 40 bus 40 lbs barley to Whitby @ 68 cts per bus. W. cloudy a little rain This morning pretty heavy This evening rainy yet 9 o PM

**Oct 1872 Nov**

**26** Chored I got some Powder at Barrows for Frank Pm he didn't seem to be very well after his drive yesterday W very steady rain all night and all day. raining yet about 11 Oc

**27** at home Br N's were here PM. I went to Burrows this evening Franks legs were swelled some Jimmy Juni{or} came with me & gave him a Ball. W. rained nearly all day looks like Clearing up now. very wet & sloppy

**28** Chored this Morning began to Pull turnips about 10 Oclock J B came to help. W. fine cler. Frank some better

**29** J B plowed in sod behind barn along bush awhile this morning & I helped Br C kill 2 pigs Then we all pulled Turnips. W. fine warm clear Frank some better

**30** J B went to Ws Plowing Bee on Gamabil Harrington's farm I & Dave Pulled turnips after the frost was off . W. fine warm clear

**31** I started a little after 2 Oc this morning to go to Toronto with Br. N he had gone when I got there. Then I walked to Agincourt Station on the Nipissing. got well serenaded by a Lynx on the Markham road about 5 Oc. AM. went to Toronto for some German school Books that came to me by Express from Elkart Ind rode home with Br N's. W. very fine cler white frost last night

**Nov 1** Pulled turnips awhile AM Chored Pm W. a little rain AM. cloudy PM. Cut a tree in Scarboro bush that we thought had Coons in it but we found none

**2** J B & Dave drew 4 loads turnips AM. (they also drew 4 loads on Thursday AM) I chored & went to Belford we all Pulled Pm. finished about 3.30 Oc Pm then J B & Dave went home & I went to Cedar Grove W fine cler

**3** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C Sermon on {Blank space} by R'd H Barkey J D's were here when we Came home & Abraham Doner Came Pm. W, fine a few drops of rain Pm

**4** Drew in 10 loads turnips W, very fine cler

**5** Drew in 17 loads turnips with 2 teams. Frank is better again. W. East wind. began to rain at dusk from east

**6** Drew in 10 loads turnips which finished them W. Cloudy mild

**7** Drew two loads Potatoes out of field into little Orchard & Pitted them. Chored Pm. W. clear AM rained nearly all Pm Nancy & Adeline went to quilting at M Neighswanders

## **Nov 1872**

**Nov 8** Took 6 ewes to Br N's & brought Galloway Bull from Br S's I intend to fatten him on shares. AM I & Dave took last potatoes 15 bags into cellar & drew 3 loads wood Pm W. rather cold. a slight squaal PM. Heard that Josiah Parsons shanty south of Br N. was burned this PM. & his 3 children burned to death !shocking!

**9** Dave Plowed in root ground. I chored & went to Cherry wood AM. Took Some chop to Br S's Chopping mill in his sawmill. & helped M Dyke clean a lot of Peas brought home chop this evening. W. fine cler. sharp frost last night.

**Sunday 10** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rev H Barkey sermon on St John 10 C by Br C. I & Nancy went to Br C's awhile Pm. W. fine clear

**11** I went to see J B to come & help me to draw barley to Whitby. AM. Helped M Dyke to put in some 4 in tiles south of Graveyard PM W. Cloudy mild

**12** I & J B took 2 loads 88 bus 19 lbs barley to Whitby @ 65 cts. W. drizzly rain a few hours this morning Cleared up PM. road very heavy & slippery Mr Dyke & Dave dug ~~ditch~~ ditch along west side of lane & on Townline past old lime kiln to let water run east from lane into creek

**13** J B took 50 bus 30 lbs barley to Whitby @ 65 cts I & R Gourley dug a grave at Hebron for Michael Burkholders child AM. Went to Funeral PM Dave Plowed in root ground. W. fine clear AM. strong East wind PM. began to rain about 8 Tonight

**14** I & Dave Drew some lumber to new barn at M Dykes I & Br C have Traded land I give him my Scarboro fifty acres & the corner field that I bought off C B & \$500.00 for Lot No 4 containing 70 acres. {Wavy line} I took grist 10 lbs wheat to Cedar Grove Mill this evening cold wind cler

**15** I & Dave moved some stones out of Cellar at Dyk's barn & I went to get in a few logs at Sawmill AM I cut some Cedar logs in Flavius swamp to lay stable floors at Dyk's & helped Dave finish putting dung on potatoe pits PM. W. hard frost last night ground froze hard



**16** I went to Markham Dave & W drew Horse dung on heap in field below garden I & W brought load of Planks to Dykes This evening W. Cold clear

## **Dec 1872**

**Sunday Novr 17** at home all day. W. Cold Windy Cler froze hard

**18** I Drew Cedar from Flavius swamp to Dykes. AM went to Belford PM. W Pulled down south garden fence front of house & dug out lilac bush & Plum trees. Plowed it up & bought 250 2 in tiles PM W. very Cold Cler windy

**19** Helped Carpenters Boyd & his two men at stables at Dykes Cut a few more Cedars in Our little swamp in N W Corner field. W. very Cold. rather Cloudy windy

**20** I drew some lumber AM Went to J Ds for my mother & took Janet McGaw home PM. her time is up with us. Boys drew wood AM W. & R W sawed some rail timber PM. W. very Cold. windy Looks like freeing up

**21** I asked hands to thresh tommorow W helped R W saw a few Cuts & then he & Dave drew wood Carpenters finished stables. W. Cold. windy

**22** Threshed 187 bus Oats & 47 spring wheat all went well Finished before 4 Oc W. slight dribbles of snow from East

**23** I & W Drew scattered stones on heap at Dyks barns. Dyke helped Dave Cut wood. W. some snow from west AM. all thawed Pm

**Sunday 24** at home Br S's & C B's were here. A B's awhile PM. W. a great deal Milder looks like opening out

**25** Helped Br C kill a pig & Went with W to unload 500 2 in tiles at M Dykes to drain Barn walls AM Took Dave & his trunk home PM. W very very strong west wind calm tonight pretty cold

**26** I & W Chored AM brought in Plows & built a Culvert at end of lane. Then we went to D Brands Sale PM. I bought a Crowbar at 80 cts. W. Cold this morning very Clear & beautiful through the day. Cold again this evening the roads are as good as June frost in yet

**27** I Taught German School in Hebron Chapel in my Br Cs place he has been teaching the last few weeks & today he has the Threshing Machine & Could not lave home W. Cold windy

**28** I chored AM. J B was here at noon I went to A Bs & J D's PM to ask them to help to kill hogs on Saturday W. Cold a little flurry of snow PM

**29** I went to meeting at Cedar Grove AM. C Bang of Michigan & L Hoover of Rainham Preached on St John 3 C ~ 16 V made ready for killing hogs PM Br C & L Hoover were here a little while PM W. very Cold Clear

**30** Killed our 7 hogs. W. very Cold & windy. Coldest day this season a little squall of snow about noon

## **Dec 1872**

**Dec 1 1872** Sunday at home all day. W. milder snowed from East nearly all day about 4 in fell. mild tonight

**2** Helped Nancy fix up things rendered lard. W very soft snow going fast. Just now blowing up again. 9 OC looks like getting Colder

**3** Helped Br N kill hogs. W. mild a little snow. thin sleighing

**4** I & Nancy helped A B's kill hogs. W. Fine mild thin sleighing

**5** I & Nancy Helped Br Cs. kill hogs W. mild Cloudy

**6** I helped Br S's kill hogs. W. fine mild

**7** I didn't do very much got Cold in nose & head {g?} Frank front shoes removed AM. W. fine mild

**Sunday 8** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on Luke 15 C by Rd H Barkey M N Junr & Abraham Burkholder were here PM W. fine mild a little flurry of snow last night. a little thin sleighing

**9** Chored. got bad Cold in head. W. very Cold windy

**10** Bought barrel salt at Cherrywood @ \$1.60. AM Auctioneered a small family sale for my Mother PM I bought sugar kettle @ \$1.25 3 sap buckets @ 6 cts & Cross cut saw @ 50 cts hoe @ 6 cts W. some milder

**11** Went to Whitevale AM Chored & Put brine on 1 tub full of Pork PM. W. Clear sharp. thin sleighing

**12** Helped C B kill hogs. W. fine, not very Cold

**13** Took 5 bus grist spring Wheat to Cedar Grove Mill AM didn't do much PM Have bad Cold in head W. pretty Cold, Cloudy

**14** Brought home grist of flour & took out some Chop to Cedar Grove mill AM Helped M Dyke Clean up 5 1/2 days threshing of Peas PM. W. Milder looks a little like a storm

**Sunday 15** Went to Flavius' they were not at home then went to Br C's he was not at home. then went to Br N's & found them at home. W. very windy AM. Calm PM. J D Came & Took my Mother home with him this morning & brought her back again this evening

**16** I helped J D's kill hogs. W. pretty sharp Cler PM

**17** Chored. Put brine on last Pork PM. W. Clear sharp. Barbara Barkey got Married today to old Isaac Moyer from Clinton

**18** I went to Markham AM Chored PM Had visitors this evening Br N's Christian Gayman & Mother inlaw Aunt Barbara Burkholder Jas Shirks & wife J D's. W. Flurrys of snow. good wheeling & thin sleighing

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**19** all went to meeting at Hebron Remark by Rd H Barkey Sermon on St Luke 12 C by Rd C Gayman Visitors after Service Rd H Barkey & wife & J Stovers W. fine Cler Br C & family were here this evening. snowing now 9 PM

**20** I brought home Chop from Cedar Grove Mills AM Chored PM. W. about 9 in snow last night soft drizzle AM

**21** Chored AM Put in & fitted 2 windows in Dyke's stables PM. very Cold Job. W. very Cold sleighing fair

**22 Sunday** at home C B's youngsters were here. W. very Cold

**23** We killed & dressed 4 geese AM. started to take them to Markham PM. turned back at Silver Spring farm (D Reesor Junr's) too Cold, windy. snow squalls from west J B was here for some feed at noon

**24** Intended to kill Galloway this AM. Br S & his man Came but it was so cold that we Postponed it. I went to Markham PM. W. very Cold Cler

**Christmas 25.** We all & my Mother went to Br S's by Invitation to help Dispatch a splendid fat Gobbler. W. Cold pretty strong blow from East

**26** Chored. W. Snowed slowly from east all day

**27** I & little Herman went to A B's to help kill Goat & Beef. W. Cold AM. Milder PM

**28** I Br S & his man J Davis killed Galloway Bull W. a great deal milder. snowed slowly. large flakes

**Sunday 29** I took my Mother to J D's awhile staid for dinner W. Clear pretty Mild

**30** I helped C B at threshing. W. rather sharp C B's & Old Isaac Moyer's were here tonight J B is here tonight

**31** I helped Br S finish threshing about 3 PM J B staid till I Came home & Cut some sheaves with my Cutting box for himself. W. milder Cloudy

**January 1st 1873** at home all day M Ns were here at noon & Br Ns & Br Cs this evening. W. mild Cloudy

**2** Took 6 bus Chop to Cedar Grove Mills AM went to J Ds PM. W East wind sleet & slight rain PM

**3** Chored & brought home Grist PM. Shot 2 black squirrels. burnt nipple out of rifle. W. mild. heard that Mother inlaw is sick

**4** I & Nancy went to see Mother inlaw she is pretty sick with inflammation. W. blowing from West AM fine PM J H Ramer's Came to stay all night

### **Jan 1873**

**Sunday 5** I opened Hebron & put on fire but there was no Preaching heavy snowstorm from East all day

**6** Chored AM. Went to help C B kill a hog PM sprained my back in helping to place the scalding trough. had to go home. W. fine Clear. didnt snow very much yesterday

**7** didnt do much. back lame yet. W. mild

**8** didnt do much. Chored a little. W. some blowy

**9** Went to Belford AM. I to Br S's PM. W. very sharp

**10** Chored. All went to Br. C's this evening. W. very Cold. west wind

**11** Chored. W. very Cold Clear

**Sunday 12** All went to J Ds. W. pretty mild. East wind tonight

13 I went for Dr Mc. AM. Br C has a bad spell again Caught Cold. a little Congestion on the lungs. Chored PM W. drizzly rain. thawing pretty freely

14 Chored AM. Went Belford PM. I & Nancy went to Colon Reesor's this evening they were not at home W some westuwind

15 Helped J D thresh. W. heavy storm wind & snow from East AM. Cleared up PM. mild tonight

16 Helped Br S & R W kill a beef for Br C PM W. rained nearly all AM. & again this evening Br C is not much better yet

17 I & Nancy went to Simon Hoover's & brought H Barkeys daughter Sarah to work for Br C. S Lehman's were here this evening. W. Cold north wind. Cler

18 Chored. W. Pretty Cold

**Sunday 19** at home. W. pretty Cold Nancy had a sick spell after supper. vomited & Pain on stomach some better now bedtime

20 I got Frank shod AM took small grist Chop to Cedar Grove mill PM W. dribbling snow all day. Nancy better again

21 I & Nancy went to F inlaws. W. snowed fast from East all day. Mother inlaw some better

22 Chored. I & little boys Cleaned some tailings for Chop PM Br S's were here this evening. W. fine Clear

23 All went to A B's. W. very sharp East wind pretty Cold

24 Chored AM. made road through field below garden PM. lane pretty well filled up Snowed from East last night & all AM. snow pretty deep. Mild

25 Took grist Chop to Cedar Grove Mills AM I & Nancy went to Belford PM. W. pretty Cold Cler

## **Jan 1873 Feb**

**Sunday 26** at home all day have lame back sprained it again yesterday. W. pretty Cold

27 Chored. was at Br C's nearly all AM he is some better but he is not up much yet. W. fine Clear

28 brought home Chop AM Chored PM. W. very Cold J B Came to saw wood for my Mother PM

29 Chored. W. very very Cold. J B sawed wood for my Mother AM. & then we filled a bed for her PM

**30** I & Nancy went to see her Grandfather at Jesse Reesor's & visited awhile at B G Reesor's they moved back from the Township of Hay where they lived some years & now live in Jesse's old house. W. pretty Cold

**31** Chored W. fine Clear. Cut some beef for Br C. he is getting better

**Feb 1** went to Br Cs AM to meet M Dyke & made bargain about Dyke renting the farm that I got from Br C. I & CB shoveled snow at Hebron PM. John Cober's & Matty Cook were here this evening. Matty is staying all night W. frosty Cold

**2 Candlemas day. Sunday** All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Re H Barkey sermon on {blank space} by Re Jos Barkey about 3 dozen visitors PM. all J D's F inlaw's youngsters. Uncle Joe's younsters Janet & John McGaw & B F Reesor & wife W. Clear very Cold

**3** I & J B & little boys tramped some loose Oats in old barn with horses. W. fair. mild. Cloudy

**4** Cleaned Oats about 30 bus AM Chored PM J B went home PM W. fine Clear thawing

**5** Chored I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove PM W fine Cler

**6** I Nancy & my Mother went to Uncle Joseph's old place Where his son Christian lives & Called awhile at J B's W. very fine\_clear

**7** I Nancy & my Mother went to Br inlaw M Ns W. foggy this morning Cleared up very fine today

**8** I & little John went to Walkeys to get horses shod Walky was not at home. Chored W. squally AM Cler PM

**Sunday 9** All went to Br C's he is generally up all day W. Cold. pretty strong NW wind all day. Calm tonight

**10** Thawed Br C's Cistern Pump AM Went to get horses shod PM shop was full Heard today that Henry Barkey daughter Fanny was buried in the Township of Hay yesterday. She was married to Joseph Smith of the Township of Vaughan W. very Cold last night

## **Feb 1873**

**Feb 11** all went to Meeting at Hebron Remarks by Red H Barkey sermon on St John 3 Chap by Rd Jc Hagery F inlaws & Altona Daniel Hoover's were here PM W. fine

**12** I helped C B saw wood. J B Came to work for me. he Cut some dead trees in Old bush W. Cler

**13** I & J B drew home some wood & helped M Dyke Clean 75½ bus Peas & I went to show old W M where to Cut some sawlogs in my Pine bush this evening. W. sharp cler

**14** I & Nancy went to S Lehman's They were not at home then we went to Br inlaw David Hoover's. staid for dinner. W. pretty sharp AM. mild PM cloudy

**15** went round neighbourhood awhile AM with Br C's man James Morrison to see if we could find the dogs that worried 3 or 4 of Br C's sheep last night. Could make out nothing helped them to bleed & skin one PM. Br C is able to go out a little again W. very fine Cler pretty sharp

**Sunday 16** all went to Br Ns. W. mild. sharp East wind PM

**17** I & little boys Cleaned grist I took it to Cedar Grove Mill PM. Br C & his family were here at Turkey roast today. W. very fine mild Clear Br S's were here tonight

**18** J B Came this morning & Cut wood AM Then I got Br S's Oxen & J B drove my Horses & we drew in 9 sawlogs out of my bush at Dykes PM. W. Mild thawing

**19** Drew in 1 logs W. fine Cler

**20** Drew in Six, 6. logs AM & a lot of fine wood logs home & brought home grist tonight W. fine Cler, East wind tonight

**21** I took Pork out of brine AM I J B & Noah Burkholder drew oat sheaves out of old driving house loft into new barn PM. W. snow from East AM Cler west wind PM

**22** I J B & N B. drew soules wheat out of old barn into new W. pretty Cold. Cler

**Sunday 23** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks & sermon on St Luke 10 C by Re H Barkey. A B's were here after service. W. very Cold Clear

**24** Chored AM I went to Markham PM W. very Cold strong west wind some snow AM

**25** Thawed Br C's Pump AM I & R W hung up our Pork PM. W. very Cold

**Feb 1873 Mar**

**26** I & Nancy went to J H Ramers Called at Dr Mc Nancy has Cold. Got wolf teeth taken out of young mare Nell's mouth at Bambridges W. fine Cler

**27** Shovelled some to get out through field AM went to George Tra{vi}'s sale with Br S & his boys PM W. very heavy snowstorm from East last night & awhile this morning roads drifted pretty bad but the storm did not Continue long enough ~~th~~ to fill them up altogether

**28** went to W Morrison's AM took grist Chop to Cedar Grove Mills PM. W. fine mild cler

**March 1** I & M Barkey shoveled snow at Hebron AM. I went to Markham PM W. mild

**Sunday 2** all went to Meeting Remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 19 C by Re H Barkey M N Junr were here PM. W. fine mild.

**3** Chored I asked some hands to thresh on Wednesday F inlaws were here. W. very strong north wind getting very Cold

**4** made ready to thresh went to J Ds at noon to get him to come & help to set Machine. I went to Cedar Grove this evening W. very Cold strong air from north

**5** threshed. Put on new belt. great bother. stretched continually. had to take it off and put on the old one old machine went well then threshed 96 boxes soules wheat & 130 bus Oats got done before sunset Simon Hoover's Came this PM. W. sharp getting milder

**6** Chored. got stiff leg. Br Cs old mare kicked me yesterday went to Whitevale PM W. fair mild

**7** I Nancy & my Mother went to D Burkholder's W very fine cler

**8** Took home Br N's long sleigh AM. I went to Cedar Grove to hear D Brenneman & Wismer Preach PM. W. very Blustery & windy

**Sunday 9** We & my Mother went to C B's W. mild

**10** I Nancy & Br C went to Whitevale to get Deeds made for the Land that we exchanged in the fall. AM I cut wood & went to Cedar Grove PM. W. fin cler

**11** I & J B Cleaned wheat AM I took 45 bus 41 lbs Soules wheat to Cedar Grove Mills PM @ \$1.35 per bus W soft Snow about 5 in last night & this morning nearly all thawed today fine cler PM Isaac Moyer's moved today

## **March 1873**

**March 12** I & Nancy & little girls went to meeting at Hebron to hear Wismer Brenneman & G{rub} Preach. Christian Burkholder & wife were here PM. W. mild



**13** I & J B drew home 8 logs from Dyks bush AM & 9 logs from old bush PM. W. very fine mild Cler

**14** I & J B drew home 4 logs from old bush AM I went to Cedar Grove & J went with me as far as Br Ns PM then we filled 20 bags with barley this evening we intend to take it to Markham station in the morning. W very fine

**15** didn't {word crossed out} do much J B went home this morning. W thawing & raining nearly all day. very warm a clap of thunder

**Sunday 16** at home all day. awhile at Br Cs W. very high wind last night & all day. water pretty high

**17** Chored AM I & Nancy went to Markham & a little while to J H Ramer's PM. W. fine mild Cler sleighing going

**18** Went to S Lehman's. W. East wind some snow Coming home

**19** Helped M Dyke Clean Peas Measured up 81 bus W. fine Cler W Morrison Junr was Married today to Isabella Duncan

**20** I & M Dykes went to Br S's this morning to sign Lease I went to Cedar Grove. Chored PM. Commenced to make a Fish net for Br S. W. soft snow, heavy this evening

**21** Chored. W. mild. a little stormy. snow about 9 inches deep

**22** I went to Markham with sleigh. snow soft

**Sunday 23** all went to Meeting at Cedar Grove Little John was not very well so I took him & Flavius to Br S's & went to meeting again. all went to Br S's after service remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Re H Barkey. W. fine West wind PM

**24** went to W Morrison's this morning Chored today J B was here awhile PM Br C this evening W. fine Clear

**25** Chored. W M & his wife Isa. & Jac Wideman's were here PM. W. some wind & snow from East. mild

**26** Chored worked a good while at fish net W. snow nearly all day from East wind turned to north tonight

**27** Chored & shovelled snow. helped hold a top hog for C B, & then one of our own PM. W very strong north wind last night. Scarboro town line blocked full some places mild Calm today

**28** I & Nancy went to F inlaws & Called at J H Ramers W. mild. Sideroads full of snow beginning to thaw PM

**Mar 1873**

**29** Went to W Morrisons AM to try to hire his son Charles. offered him \$18.00 per month but he wants \$19.00. Could make no bargain Chored PM W. rain nearly all day. snow getting soft

**Sunday 30** Went to meeting at Hebron remarks by Re H Barkey sermon on St John 4th C by Br C. J D was here at Dinner. Jane Duncan Came PM to stay all night. W. Cold & stormy North wind last night & this morning. Calm today. thawing again

**31** I & W M Cleaned some Oats that he is buying off me AM. then we went to a sale at Cole's on Reynold's farm PM. I bought Hay Knife at 40 cts W. soft snow AM. very fine Clear PM

**April 1** Chored. Br inlaw John Hoover was here. W. fair blowed up from East this evening with a little snow

**2** Hired Charles Morrison @ \$150.00 for 8 months & he does his Own washing Went to John Stover's sale PM. W. mild, pretty strong west wind sleighing about gone

**3** tapped about 50 trees sap runs well. W. fine Cler

**4** Tapped about 20 trees sap didn't run very well was about sick PM better again this evening. W. East wind PM

**5** Chored gathered some sap PM. W. pretty heavy thunder & sleet this morning. showry & some thunder nearly all day

**Sunday 6** at home all day Br C & his family were here PM. W. drizzly rain nearly all day snow going

**7** C Morrison Commenced work this morning he boiled sap AM & I went to Br S's to help kill a pig didn't kill it. I boiled PM & C chopped wood W. very foggy & dull. Close. water pretty high

**8** Chored AM I & Nancy went to Belford PM W. rain about all last night & all day. spring Coming

**9** Cleaned Oats. swept up barn & cleaned out stable W. rained all day. very dull weather

**10** I boiled a little molasses out of some sap that was left on Monday C shovelled out the lane & got Nell & Frank shod & Chopped some in old bush. W. Clear nearly all day west wind

**11** Good Friday I & Nancy went to Flavius W.

**12** I went to M Dykes & to S M AM I & C sawed some logs at wood shed PM. W. very fine, Clearest day this good while

### **April 1873**

Saw a Proclamation at sawmill today to the effect that Parties wishing to Catch suckers or Mulletts must get a Licence to do so, or get fined I suppose

**Easter Sunday 13.** Br S's & C Bs were here & Br Ns PM. W. fair. beautiful Clear

**Easter Monday 14** I took my mother to J D's AM round home PM Br C's were here awhile. W. fine

**15** I boiled sap. W. strong East wind

**16** I took Jess & Cent to Bambridges to be shod Adeline & Susanna went with me & then we went to J H Ramer's to get Caroline to work for us she was not ready. W. very strong East wind began raining heavy about dark this evening. roads good

**17** Cleaned seed spring wheat & Grist of wheat & Chop. W. soft snow from East all day Gathered some sap & rain water after supper

**18** I went to S M & helped J Davis draw in our logs AM I & C took back lumber PM. W some drizzly AM Cler PM

**19** I & C drew 1 load lumber & he took Chop to Cedar Grove Mill AM drew 1 load Planks to Dykes & 1 load home PM. I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove & brought Chop home this evening. W. Cler Cold wind PM

**Sunday 20** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 7 C by Re H Barkey J D's were here PM. W. Cool. Clear

**21** I boiled sap busy all day. C drew rails from M Dykes along 11 conc to Fix fence along north W. corner field W. Cler cool wind some squalls of snow this evening

**22** I went to Belford this morning C boiled sap till I Came he began plowing sod in field behind Old barn PM I went to S M & Cedar Grove mill this eveing W. Clear Cold wind hard frost last night

**23** Helped Br S kill big pig & brought home Grist AM Plowed a little PM J H Ramer's were here PM Caroline Ramer Commenced to work for us today W. Clear

**24** both Plowed. W. Clear AM Cloudy PM. cool

**25** both Plowed. W. fine Cool wind hard frost last night

**26** C Plowed I went with Carpenters to M Dykes awhile AM to start them to finish horse stable then I boiled sap. brought home load of lumber this evening W. Cool Cler Willie & Isa were here tonight

### **April 1873 May**

**Sunday 27** all went to Meeting at Hebron. remarks & sermon on {blank space} by Br C. went awhile to Br C's PM. W. fine. Cool Clear

**28** both Plowed. finished sod behind old barn. W. fine Cler

**29** I sowed about 6 bus spring wheat in field East of dam. Little John gang Plowed it C plowed last years root ground in same field W. fine Clear

**30** I & Flavius Put 8 new Pannels Pickets round south side of Front garden. C Plowed. W. very fine. warm. cler Little John Finished Ganging west half of field East of dam. A M

**May 1** Finished sowing & Harrowing field East of Lane with spring wheat. W. fine Cool. looks like rain tonight

**2** Cleaned seed Pea's A M. C took plow to shop and I drew some lumbr P M. W. rainy A M. rather drissly P M. C plowed below Orchard aftr supper brought home 22 sucker's that Br S. gave me They are Caught in number in the Rouges

**3** Both plowed in field of sod below Orchard A M I went to Markham for Norway spruce trees about 60. P M W. rather Cloudy Cool

**Sunday 4** Went to Isaac Moyer's at George Tran's old place on 4th Con Pickering at noon then to A B's P M W. fine Clear

**5** both Plowed below Orchard I & Nancy went to Belford this evening. W. Clear. Cool

**6** C finished Plowing this morning. I got 6½ bus Gealand Oats at C B's & sowed them below orchard C Harrowed. I helped finish harrowing P M then rolled them. C began Plow in field back of garden W. fine Clear Cool

**7** I rolled spring wheat till supper time then Chored in garden. C Plowed. W. Cold East wind looks like rain

**8** Oiled good double harness. W. rain & wind from east all day

**9** Oild single harness AM brought home sap buckets & kettles & Chored & I went to Cedar Grove P M.  
W. rain AM Cler PM

**10** C plowed for C B. I Nancy & little John Took Cow Daisy to W M's he bought her for \$35.00 W.  
Cler. West wind

**Sunday 11** We & my Mother went to J D's W. fine Clr

**12** Went to Saml Hoover's at Altona. went Trout fishing I Caught 4

### **May 1873**

& he Caught 4 in a short time Went to M N's for supper W. fine Cler. Cloudy this evening. C plowed  
in field back of garden, pretty wet yet. My Mare Jess had a fine Mare Colt yesterday morning

**13** I went to Br S's for some Goodrich Potatoes A M. Chored P M W. Cold wind. C Plowed

**14** Went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Rev Joseph Barkey sermon on St Mat 18 C by R'd  
Daniel Lehman from Hay. went to F inlaws after service Called at J H Ramer's for 2 Pigs W. fine Cler.  
Cold north West wind C finished Plowing back of garden

**15** Sowed sod field behind barn with Peas harrowed twice & Part third time. W. clear Cool wind N  
West

**16** Finished harrowing Peas & then sowed field back of garden with Oats & harrowed it. W. Clear  
Cold wind

**17** C Rolled Peas & Oats. which finishes Our Seeding I went to Cherry wood A M. & I & Nancy went to  
Markham P M. bought 9 apple trees at Crosby Nursery. W. fine warm Clear. but Cold wind

**18 Sunday.** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans Appropriate Texts & sermon's by Br C & Jos  
Barkey for the Celebration of the Lords supper. went to Jacob Widemans after service. W. fine. Clear.  
Cool wind from north

**19** I & C Picked stones off big field which is new meadow on East Part. A M I helped James Milroy Put  
on some Grafts P M. W. fine warm Clear

**20** Drew in Potatoes out of Pits & Planted Early Potatoes in both gardens. & F inlaw's were here a little  
while P M W. pretty warm. a very little rain P M Potatoes well saved.

**21** C Plowed 2 lands sod north of graveyard A M then we planted it with Corn P M. I helped Br C's  
sow grass seed this morning. W. fine warm Cler

**Ascension day 22.** at home. M N's Junior's were here Br C's at supper. W. fine Clear

**23** Dunged & Plowed little Orchard. I & Nancy went to Belford after supper. W. very warm. Cler warmest day this spring

**24** I took J H Ramer's Tilman & Lizzy part way home they were here a few days & got 1 bus Peas Chopped at Cedar Grove mills A M

## **May 1873 June**

**24 of May** Had Flavius PM to help fix some board fence C Picked stones on Meadow. W fine warm clr bush green. Turned cattle into new clover pasture PM have had Milch Cows in Orchard last week or two

**Sunday 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron Suitable Texts & Sermon for the Celebration of the Lords supper by Rev Jos Barky & Br C Visitors after service S. Lehman's Abraham Hoovers of Pickring Jesse Hoover & Esther Stover & Isaac Moyer's Children, J B's & Br N's wife & F inlaw's ~~were~~ & Br S's youngster's were here at supper. W. very fine Clear

**26** I & C overhauled 40 rods fence in 11th Con along N. West Corner field which is in Clover Pasture W. warm Cler looks a little like rain

**27** I & C & J B overhauled fence from 11th Con between big field & N W Corner field down to head of dam J B is working for Br N. W. fine warm Clear

**28** I brought home harrows from B S AM took 11 bus wheat grist to Cedar Grove Mills PM. started harrow turnip ground below garden C Plowed sod north of graveyard for Potatoes I hauled few stones off Clover. W. fine

**29** I harrowed turnip ground AM. went to Br S's barnraising on his Markham farm PM. C drew stones off meadow W. warm AM a little rain & a very Cold blow up PM.

**30** I & C finish Picking & drawing off stones off meadow AM Carried about 50 bags potatoes out of Cellar & Pulled weeds out of wheat ~~frost~~ opposite Br. C's PM. W. pretty Cool. Cler frost last night

**31** Washed sheep AM. I & C helped J D Plant corn PM. W. looked this morning like a little frost last night Heard today that Pre Tilman Moyer of Clinton is Dead

**Whit Sunday June 1** I & girls & John & Flavius went to Meeting at Wideman's Remarks Rd Jos Barky sermon on St John Part of C & C by R'd H Barky went to F inlaws after service & to S Lehman's PM. W. fine beautiful

**Whit Monday** I Cut seed Potatoes AM Kept holiday PM Went to Cherrywood & a few minutes to A B's W. fine Br N & H Barkey Came home from the states

## **June 1873**

**June 3** Drew dung on turnip ground I talked with Br N awhile AM he has been through Pennsylvania Ohio & Michigan in Company with Rd H Barky. I sheared our sheep PM W. fine clr

**4** drew dung. W. very Close, a little rain PM

**5** W C harrowed & furrowed sod north of Graveyard for Potatoes & I worked in garden AM Planted Potatoes with hoe PM. W. very warm, clr John Stover & wife were here at noon

**6** Finished Planting Potatoes AM. C drew dung & I went to Burrows PM Frank is lame on hind leg W. pretty warm. Close smokey

**7** C Plowed in turnip ground I spread dung Plowed PM had Br C's mare with Cent Frank a little better is lame in Cord inside hind leg

**Sunday 8.** I took My Mother to J D's this morning then I & Nancy went to Old Daniel Hoover's W. Clr

**9** Both Plowed in turnip ground. J Stover took away 20 bags Potatoes this evening @ 35 cts per bag they are very Cheap & Plenty this spring. W. Clear

**10** Took wool to Cliffs at Altona. went to Simon Hoover's for dinner. W. very Close & warm a little rain. PM. C finished Plowing & Harrowing turnip ground

**11** I drew lumber to M Dykes for building a Kitchen C rolled & harrowed turnip ground & drew a few loads dung into fallow. W. fine Clr

**12** had W Clod to fill dung drew on fallow with 2 teams . W. fine

**13** Finished drawing dung on fallow Piled a little that was left in yard W. Clod helped. W. fine Cler

**14** I & little boys fixed some fence & Pulled Pidgeon weed AM Chored & Helped Stover bag a load of Potatoes @ 35 cts Per bag PM C is not well went home this Morning. W. very Close warm began to rain slowly this evening

**Sunday 15** I & Nancy went to Meeting at ~~He~~ Cedar Grove remarks & Sermon on St John 5 C by Red H Barky. J D's were here PM W very warm not much rain last night Old Jacob Smissen is here, he Came last night

**16** Chored & shot a young Hawk in his nest in C B's bush AM Finished Pulling weeds in wheat & went to Fry's for Plants PM W very close shower went round south west at noon

### **June 1873**

**June 17** Caught 32 Colorado Potato Beetles on Potatoes in little Orchard, they have been coming from the far west the last few years they have been very numerous in some fields in this vicinity the last year Then I drew 19 logs out of the old bush with hind waggon wheels C is not able to work sinc last Saturday Morning Saml Brubaker & wife were here awhile AM. W. very warm

**18** drew some timber to Dyke's AM took spring waggon to Cherry wood to get Boxing fastened. got 5 half bunches shingles at A B's for Dyke's Kitchen W. warm clr

**19** C came this Morning. both worked on road drew gravel W. very warm

**20** both drew gravel. W. rather Cooler strong wind. J H Ramer's were here this evening

**21** I worked on road C began breaking fallow Isaac Moyer's & his Brother & wife & Brother inlaw & wife were here awhile PM. W dry & warm

**Sunday 22** Went to Meeting at the Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on St Part of 7 C by R'd H Barkey P Hoover & family were here after service heard this evening that Br S's wife was very sick I went out after dark. found that she was better again she was nearly strangled with a drop of Molasses in her throat. W. a few drops of rain this morning. Cloudy this evening

**23** I went to Markham. got some Medicine for my Mothers Cough. got Cent shod. took 2 bags Potatoes to Jose Wideman & got Dinner at J H Ramers & brought 2 Pigs home with me spread some dung & Plowed one round of fallow. a shower stopped us

**24** both Plowed. Flavius spread dung PM W. fine rain last night, a showery AM very acceptable grain need it very bad much spring wheat looked very yellow but the shower brightened it up

**25** Both Plowed AM. C began to make turnip drills I & Nancy took reaper to Mongolia to get Boxes filled went to Lehman's for supper. W. fine Clear crops growing again

**26** I Plowed AM brought turnip drill & Sowed Part PM C finished making drills about 3 PM then Plowed W. fine

**27** I finished Sowing then Plowed. C went to Party at Cherry wood PM I & little boys Plated some Potatoes below garden in turnip field after supper W. very warm



## June 1873 July

**28** I & C finished Plowing fallow AM Planted some Potatoes below garden & it is rather late but we are trying an experiment hoed Corn and some early Potatoes I & Nancy went to Belgard this eveing W. very warm & Close about the warmest day yet

**Sunday 29** I Nancy & My Mother went to Meeting at Widemans Appropriate Sermon by Rd H Barkey & Br C for the Administering of Holy Baptism which was Performed by Br. C. Ten Converts were Baptised. Vis John Gayman Joseph Koch & wife Christ Burkholder & wife Abraham Wideman & wife Elisabeth Burkholder & Red H Barky's Daughters Sarah & Anne his son Henry & wife applied but Could not attend his wife is in Ottawa getting a Cancer Cured. went to F inlaws after service W very warm

**30** I went to Markham to buy some shingls & get horses shod. W. fine rain last night & some today

**July 1** Chored & drew some old rails home AM I & C helped Br C saw wood M N brought his Machine PM. W. some rain last night, warm today

**2** Helped Br C finish sawing & set up saw at home AM. Sawed PM. W warm shower last night & a little PM. Abraham Hoch from Clinton was here awhile PM

**3** Finished sawing about 70 logs. AM. Mowed swale opposite Br C's PM W. very warm. Cler

**4** C finished swale & Piled Pea straw dung & I Chored AM Punched thistles in spring wheat & raked & Cocked hay PM. W. very warm. Cler

**5** I, C & Flavius mowed swale in field East of Orchard W Morrison Junr was here awhile today he borrowed my Old hay rack. W. pretty warm AM high wind PM

**Sunday 6** at home all day. J D's were here at noon Br inlaw Saml Hoover's were here at supper. W. warm. Cler

**7** Raked & drew in swale East of Orchard 3 loads W. fine

**8** C helped Br N mow. I mowed nearly all East half of big field with Machine W. few drops rain this morning. fine today

**9** Finished Mowing a little Clover & went to see C Patton to put up Kitchen at M Dykes AM had Flavius & Br C's team & 2 men to draw in Clover about 7 small loads till supper time. W. fine Cler

**10** I & C Helped Br C get in 3 loads Hay with team began to rain at 8 O'clock fine rain till 3 PM things growing fine. cleaned grist

**July 1873 1872 1873 Aug**

**July 11** I took grist wheat to Forest Mills. Peter Hoover has bought them. W. fine warm Cler. C harrowed summer fallow

**12** Mowed Orchard I & Nancy went to Markham PM W. warm Clr

**Sunday 13** went to Meeting at Cedar Gove remarks by B.C sermon on {blank space} by Rd J Wideman. W. very warm clear

**14** C Mowed west end of big field with Machine I mowed fence Corners & Chored & Raked part of East half after supper W. very very close & fine shower at noon

**15** I helped Patton's work at Dyke's Kitchen AM raked Orchard & raked & Cocked west end big field PM. W. fine

**16** Helped Flavius Put roof boards on kitchen at Dyke's this Morning then I & C Helped Br C's draw in 3 loads hay C's Men helped us draw in about 8 loads PM which finishes our haying. W. fine. Cler

**19** Split wood AM I & Nancy went to Altona factory for grain had supper at M N's W. shower this morning very heavy rain PM didn't get wet. very lucky

**18** C helped Br S draw dung with team I & Br N finished Kitchen at M Dykes PM. W. warm. showers PM

**19** C helped Br S draw dung with team I scuffled some turnips I & little boys hoed Corn & I helped Br C draw 3 loads hay after supper. W. fine cool. Cler

**Sunday 20** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd H Barkey Sermon on St John 9 C by Br. C. J H Ramer's girls & Ma{fu}s were here. W. fine Cool. Clr

**21** I & C helped Br N bind Diehl Wheat. W. fine Clr

**22** I & Br C went to Toronto with my Waggon & his team. took old Potatoes @ 70 cts per bag wool at 36 cts sheep skin @ 75 cts. Butter @ 20 Eggs @ 15 ct. W. very fair. warm, Clear C scuffled Potatoes & began plowing fallow

**23** I & C Plowed in fallow AM thinned turnips PM W. warm

**24** I, C, & Steele hilled sod Potatoes & thinned turnips. W. warm

**25** C Scuffled turnips AM. Both hoed PM. W. warm fine shower thunder this evening

26 Thinned turnips AM. C went to M C Frets barn raising PM I & Flavius & Br C's man Cut East half fall wheat near Br C's PM W. warm cler

**Sunday 27** went to J Ds W. warm

28 I & C helped Br C bind fall wheat W. warm. shower this evening

29. hoed turnips awhile, then Cut rest of wheat near Br. C's W. warm shower PM

30 Cut about 10 acres of wheat field near Hoover's. Br C & his 2 men helped. W. fine clear

31 Finished field near Hoover's R W helped W. warm Cler

**Aug 1** I & C hoed turnips. W. warm cler. Tho's Ansley an old school mate was here at noon

2 nearly finished turnips I took Emaline Raymer Part way home after supper. She is working for us. W. warm. shower PM

**Sunday Aug 3** we & my Mother went to Br N's. W. fine clear

4 killed Calf & drew in 2 loads wheat from near Br C's AM both plowed in fallow PM. W. fine clear

5 Plowed AM fixed road at dam & drew in 4 loads wheat off old land PM W fine cler

{6} drew in all wheat. 10 loads. Flavius helped. W. fine. S Lehman's were her

{7} I scuffled all turnips & I & Nancy went to Belford this evening C helped Burkholder thresh. W. very warm close

{8} C Plowed I raked wheat stubble AM & Plowed PM. W. fine cler

{9} C finished Crossing fallow & I finished raking stubble AM. drew rakings 4 loads PM. W. fine. pretty warm

**Sunday 10** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Rd H Barky Sermon on St Luke 16 C by Br C. went to Colon Reesor's after service W. fine clr

11 Chored C helped B C Pull Peas a little while then it rained Cut some oats in field back of garden PM.

12 I & C helped Br N thresh AM then came home (C stayed to finish) I & Br C cut 3 rounds oats then it rained a shower Cut a few rounds Oats then it rained a shower. Cleared up finished the field PM Helped Br C in his field below our lane after supper. W. fine PM

{13} Helped Br C finish his field till noon bound ours PM. W. fine warm

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{Sh}ocked our oats AM Cut spring wheat Br. C's helped W. fine clear

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3 pm, a shower stopped us a m W. fine cler PM Plowed late Potatoes pm

**Sunday 17** Went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on by Rd H Barkey. Visitors Rev H Barkey J H Ramers & some of Jac Wideners & David Ramer's young folks. W. fine Cler

**18** Pulled Peas with horse Rake works well AM helpd Br C cut spring wheat Pm W. Cler.

**19** Pulled Peas AM C & Flavius helped Br C cut Oats Pm. I & Nancy went to Cherry wood & to A B awhile Pm W. fine clear

**20** Finished Pulling Peas till 4 Oc Flavius helped PM then set horse Power Pm W. fine clear

**21** Flavius helped Sanderson thresh, I & C drew in 10 loads Pm. W. warm

**22** I & C drew in 10 loads Peas. W. very Close warm

**23** Threshed 299 boxes fall wheat. W. shower last night Cooler today

**Sunday 24** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cober's AM went to J B's Pm his wife is sick W. fine cler

~~25 I & Nancy took yarn to S Lehmans C mowed fence Corners W. fine rain last night Cler today~~

~~26 Cleaned up barn floor & turned Peas am finished drawing in Peas 2 loads & a load fence corner hay PM W. fine cool cler~~

~~27 I & C drew in spring wheat 2 loads Nancy helped unload Pm. W. fine~~

~~28 I & C & Flavius drew in Oats 10 loads W. fine warm Clear.~~

~~29 I begin raking spring wheat stubble F inlaws came am C began harrowing fallow am. he helped J D Pm I & Flavius cut nearly all oats below orchard W. very warm close~~

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~~30 I finished raking spring wheat stubble C harrowed then we cut last Oats till noon bound them Pm  
W. warm Close~~

~~Sunday 31 We & my mother went to A B's W fine rain last night~~

~~Sept 1 I & C ridged up Shocked Oats after supper W very windy~~

~~2 I sowed 4 acres wheat for Br N am he plowed in my place C plowed W fine clear~~

~~3 I & C finished Plowing till 4 Pm brought in very big load spring wheat raking W. Cloudy drizzle  
tonight PM~~

### **Aug 1873 Sept**

**Sunday 24** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cober's AM went to J B's Pm his wife is pretty Poorly W.  
fine cler

**25** I & Nancy took yarn to S Lehmans to get woven C mowed fence Corners W. fine rain last night  
Cler today

**26** Cleaned up barn floor & turned Peas. finished drawing in Peas 2 loads & a load fence Corner hay  
PM W. fine cool cler

**27** I & C drew in spring wheat 9 loads Nancy helped unload Pm. W. fine

**28** I, C, & Flavius drew in Oats 10 loads W. fine warm Clear.

**29** I begin raking spring wheat stubble F inlaws came AM C harrowed in fallow AM. he helped J D  
Pm I & Flavius cut nearly all Oats below orchard Pm W. very warm close

**30** I finished raking spring Wheat stubble C harrowed then we cut last Oats till noon bound them Pm  
W. warm Close

**Sunday 31** We & my mother went to A B's W. shower last night

**Sept 1** I & C ridged up fine rain last night windy today

**2** I sowed 4 acres wheat for Br N AM he plowed for me W fine cler

**3** I & C finished Plowing till 4 Pm drew in big load spring wheat rakings this evening. W. Cloudy  
drissling tonight

**4** Chored AM. began to sow wheat about 3 PM W rainy AM cleared up PM

5 I finished sowing & harrowing wheat. C helped Br C Plow W. fine Cool cler

6 C furrowed out wheat field & I went to Cedar Grove AM I & Flavius drew in Oats below Orchard 3 loads for us & one for himself Pm C got Nell shod & Picked stones off wheat W. very cool

**Sunday 7** I, Nancy & my Mother went to meeting at Widemans, Lords supper was Celebrated went to Christian Burkholder's at Uncle Josephs place W. Cloudy rained PM

8 I & Nancy started at 4 am went to F inlaws then they went with us Berry Picking into Whitchurch didn't get many got a good few Hazelnuts had a fine day & a Pleasant time. W. Cool this morning. beautiful today C helped Br N Plow

9 C finished Picking stones off wheat then we fixed some fence. AM. Cleaned Wheat PM. W. fine clr

10 I took 52 bus 50 lbs Treadwell wheat to Major Mills @ \$1.23 cts per bus I sold it last week it is about 2 cts higher at the present time C helped M Dyke thresh. I took a grist to Cedar Grove Pm W. fine

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### **Sept 1873**

**11 Thanksgiving day** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Rev H Barky Went to Br C's Pm

12 Cleaned wheat Am I took 52 bus 25 lbs to Major Mills Pm W very warm close

13 Cleaned wheat Am I took 39 bus 55 lbs to Major Mills at \$1.25 ct then I and Flavius went right across to Markham for some dressed lumber for Flavius. W. Cold blow up last night. fine shower. pretty Cold today

**Sunday 14** Went to Meeting at Hebron Appropriate remarks & Sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Revd Jos Barkey & Br C. Daniel Smith & wife from Vaughn & Henry Barkey Junr & wife & Mrs Oberholten from Buffalo were here. W. Cool. Cler

15 split sawed wood Am. Chored & killed a lamb PM W. White frost last night froze Potato tops Cloudy AM. rain nearly all PM

16 Split wood. pretty Cold. windy

17 Finished splitting wood AM. G Finished pulling Foxtail in turnips. W. Clear AM. a little sprinkly Pm

**18** Picked small stones off Clovr AM. I & Nancy went to Markham & C began to Plow near Br Cs Pm  
W. fine warm Cler, Br C & Br S started for the Township of Hay this PM

**19** I & little John Cleaned Old barley AM I took it to Markham station Pm 31 bus 32 lbs @ \$1.5 per bus  
C Plowed. W. rainy wet AM. fine Cler PM

**20** I went to Whitevale this morning drew some stone AM Finished Picking stones off Clover Pm  
went to Whitevale this evening W. Cler very Cold wind

**Sunday 21** at home all day. Isaac Moyers Br Ns & J. D's were here W. fine Cler

**22** C Finished Plowing near Br Cs Both Plowed Pea stubble. James Morrison Cut Clover seed W.  
Cloudy began to rain about 5 Pm

**23** Both Plowed AM I & Flavius Put window in Dyke's Kitchen & Put on Battings. W. fine Cler

**24** I went to Cherry wood to C.B's this morning then Plowed. Br N helped us today W. fine Cler

**{25}** *{page corner turned up covering date}* Chored awhile. AM then C Plowed I took 10 bus Oats

## **Sept 1873 Oct**

to Br S's to get chopped after dinner then Plowed W. fine rain last night & this morning cler today Br.  
S & C came home from Hay last night then Br C started this PM to go to Clinton to Conference

**26** I & C finished plowing Pea stubble W. Warm, fine

**27** I, C & Br N Plowed in fall wheat stubble near Hoover's W. very warm. I went to Markham station to  
meet Br. C this eveing this is my 37th Birthday

**Sunday 28** All went to Br S's W very warm, sultry

**29** C top threshed Oats I & Nancy went to Cherry wood & to A B's for dinner. both Plowed Pm. W  
fine rain Am

**30** Both plowed. W Cool. Clear

**Oct 1** I & C helped Br. C thresh. W. Cool, west wind Clr there was meeting at Hebron today. Rev D  
Shirk from Waterloo is visiting this Vicinity

**2** Piled some wood & drew 1 load Clover seed AM drew 5 more Pm. fixed boards on waggon base, it is very short this year. W. fine Cler. rather warmer had a short visit from Red Joseph Hageys daughter and Miss Shants from Waterloo {Young} Dan Hoover's brought them

**3** drew small Jag Clover seed. Then I & Nancy & all the Children went to M N's my Mother went Br C's C went to Markham Fair. W. Cler. Sharp Cold wind a little Cloudy like rain

**4** C toptreshed Oats I chored AM. Took 2 bags peas to Br S's to get Chopped & went to J Stover's. PM. W. rain all AM. & a good while Pm.

**Sunday 5** I & little girls started to go to Meeting at Cedar Grove. Jess the mare got Sick, I turned back girls went on foot. Mare better again. Br. N. brought a second Cousin of mine this evening his name is William Burkholder he comes from Ohio. W. fine mild Cloudy

**6** I & C dug Potatoes on sod north of graveyard with forks. W. Very Cold. bitter north wind

**7** I & little John brought a 2 yr old Cow and 2 yearling heifers from J Stovers. I bought them for \$30.00. AM Took 10 bus Oats to Chop at Br S's Pm. W. fine Cler

## **Oct 1873**

**Oct 7** Ground froze last night C helped T Hall thresh

**8** I & little boys Made 2 barrels Cider. W. very fine C helped Hill thresh

**9** Boiled sauce & finished digging sod Potatoes. W. very fine Simon Hoover's were here today

**10** Boiled sauce & dug Potatoes in turnip field they were planted the 27th & 28th days of June the Harrison & Garnet Chili Kinds and they are a very fine Crop W. fine Cler beautiful I & Nancy went to Belford this evening

**11** Both plowed AM. Picked a few apples Pm W began to rain about 3 Pm I & Nancy went to A B's this evening

**Sunday 12** Went to Meeting at Hebron Sermon on St Luke 10th Chap by Rev Joseph Hagey & Rev Abraham Martin. Visitors Enos Hoover & Esther Stover J B & wife F inlaws & Abraham Martin & wife & a few young folks were here this evening W. Cool. Cloudy

**13** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemens sermon on St Luke 10th Chap by Red Menno Cressman from Waterloo & Red Hagey & Martin after which Candidates were Nominated for the Ministry for the district East of the 10th Con of Markham Where the following Brethren were nominated Viz David



Burkholder, Menno Burkholder, Samuel Hoover, John Hoover & Jacob Reesor. and it Pleased God in his Infinite goodness to once more let me stand free in return for which I hope he will grant me grace to lead a new life of thankfulness went to F inlaws after service. W. pretty Cool. looks like rain F inlaws son Peter Came home with us tonight

**14** I & girls & Peter went to Meeting at Widemans again when the Candidates drew Lots & it fal to Bro Samuel Hoover (may the Lord be with him), went to J H Ramers after service. W. very fine Clear beautiful

**15** Both plowed AM. Picked apples Pm W. fine warm

**16** I & C finished plowing in field near Hoover's AM Picked apples Pm W. fine. Cler. very warm

**17** I drew out Cord wood for Flavius AM Took 10 bus Oats to Br S's to Chop Pm. C harrowed west half of field back of old barn AM drew on dung Pm W. Cler

**18** drew dung AM. Chored Pm. W. Cloudy Am rainy Pm. ~~I & Nancy went to Bel~~

## **Oct 1873 Nov**

**Oct 18** I & Nancy went to Belford this evening

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy went to David Hares on a visit they live on Lot No 10 5th Con Scarboro. W. fine mild, rather cloudy

**20** I & Nancy took 10 bus grist to Cedar Grove Mills Am then went to Michael Fretz's. I & he went awhile to Jos Break's sale. W. Cold wind AM soft snow C plowed for his father & heavy rain Pm

**21** C plowed for his father AM began in Oat stubble Pm. I killed a pig & chored. W. Cool. windy

**22** Both plowed in Oats stubble. W. Fine Cler

**23** I & little John Made 70 gals Cider I plowed awhile Pm. W. rainy

**24** I boiled sauce. plowed awhile Pm. W very fine

**25** Both plowed. W. fine Clear

**Sunday 26** at home. Br N's were here. W. Cloudy cool

**27** C. finished plowing oat stubble I & Steele divided Potatoes in little orchard. W. Cloudy. Cler at noon mild

~~Sunday~~ **28** I took 14 bus Oats to Br. S's to chop Am C drew dung on Pea stubble. rained till 3 pm then C drew dung & I shot 3 Black squirrels in old bush

**29** I went to Blford & Whitevale AM C finished drawing dung. Both began Pulling turnips Pm. W a little snow last night. Cold. north wind today

**30** Pulled turnips. W. ground a little frozen thawed Pm

**31** Pulled turnip W. fine. W Burkholder threshed Peas

**Nov 1** drew in potatoes out of pits AM I took Emaline Ramer home PM C finished pulling turnips Pm W. ground white with snow this morning all away tonight

**2** at home all day A B's wife was here & J D's awhile Pm W rather Cloudy a little rain PM Robert Dimma Died yesterday of Typhoid fever and there are several other cases through Markham this fall

**3** Drew wood into woodshed & C drew in 3 loads turnips Received a visit this evening from Manasee Frets & wife & David Frets & wife & Br C. W. rough wind. Calmer tonight

**4** Drew in 20 loads turnip. W. Calm fine Cler

**5** Finished drawing turnips 17 loads W sharp. Calm. Cler

**6** I & Nancy went to S Lehman's W. sharp ground froze this morning

**7** Chored awhile then Plowed in dung on Pea ground. W. Cler, froze this morning

### **Nov 1873**

**8** Both plowed. W. cloudy. rain last night. a little this morning

**Sunday 9** Went to Meeting at Hebron. remarks by Rev S Hoover sermon on St Mat. part of 16 C by Br C. Br S's youngsters were here PM. M N's dau Elisabeth is here tonight W. Cloudy Cool

**10** Chored & Cut some wood in old bush I & Flavius built a Store room at end of Dykes house PM. W. fine Clear hard frost

**11** dug out stones in garden AM. finished plowing in dung Pm. W. frost am milder Pm

**12** C helped C B build stump fence I & Nancy went to quilting at A B's W. about 5 in snow last night. Cool Cloudy today

13 Tied up Cattle. brought in sheep. Cleaned Peas & took them Br S's to get Chopped. W. Cold, looks wintry

14 Drew 2 sawlogs. sleighing thin. sleigh creaks like January

15 I got Frank shod C cleaned out henhouse am Cleaned out mouths of drains Pm W. getting softer

**Sunday 16** at home C B's were here W. mild thawing

17 Drew wood into shed. & I went to D Hoover's am C took Oats to get Chopped at Br S's & I went to funeral of Ulrich Burkholder's Child at Hebron PM. sermon by Mr Finch. W. rather Cold E. wind

18 Put up new hog post AM. C cut lying wood in old bush. I didn't do much dont feel well. W. Cold

19 Helped Br C kill hogs. W. fine cler

20 I Nancy & little boys went to Markham to get boots got dinner at J H Ramers. W. Sharp. Clear good roads for wheels

21. Chored split wood in shed a m. I & C battened store room at end of Dyke's house Pm. W. snowed till about 2 Pm. pretty fair sleighing now

22 C drew home Cordwood out of old bush I chored & asked hands to help Kill hogs on Monday. W. Mild

**Sunday 23** at home all day. W. a mild

24 Killed our hogs. W. snowed last night & AM fine Pm

25 Helped Flavius kill hogs. W. pretty Cold

26 Took Pig & Potatoes to Mrs Smardon. Pig @ \$6.00 per {lb} Potatoes @ 60 cts per bag. W. sharp this morning. fine today slighing fair

27 Helped J D kill hogs. W. snowed nearly all day slighing getting pretty good

**Nov Dec 1873**

28 Helped Br S's kill hogs. W. sharp this morning, fine today

29 I drew a load of lumber home AM Chored Pm C chopped drags in old bush. W. fine, sharp

**Sunday 30** I went to Meeting at Cedar Grove alone little boys have all got Whooping Cough & Nancy staid with them. remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on St John 3 C 16 to 22 V by Rd S Hoover W. fine. Br S's were here Pm

**Dec 1** Chored C flailed Oats Am Cut drags in old bush & a few near old dam Pm. W. snowed Am Cloudy Pm Cold

**2** I didnt do much Am pretty sick. C threshed Peas A M & drew home 7 drags Pm. I & little boys took Chop to S M Pm. W. soft snow & rain from East nearly all day & warm tonight. thawing

**3** I & Nancy helped A B's kill hogs. W. rainy all day

**4** Went to Cedar Grove AM. Chored Pm. C helped Sanderson thresh yesterday & Am today. he helped Br S today Pm W. sleighing all gone. very very high wind last night & today. trees going down in all directions

**5** I & C helped Br S thresh. W. fine. sharp pretty Calm I went through my bush at Dykes. about 50 pines blown down, not very much hardwood

**6** I helped Br C kill 2 pigs AM I & Nancy went to Belford PM. W. fine. pretty mild

**Sunday 7** at home. Nancy & Susanna went to Meeting at Hebron. I staid with my Mother she is not very smart. C B's were here awhile Pm & Br C this evening. W. fine reports state a good deal of damage by the late storm. J D's barn & a good many more were unroofed ---

**8** I & Adeline went to Markham. AM Chored & asked some hands to thresh on Wednesday: Pm W. Cloudy AM Showry Pm rained pretty heavy this evening

**9** Went to let the cutting of my logs in Dykes bush to old W M AM asked some hands Re to set machine PM. F inlaws were here today. W. rather showry at noon J B came here. he intends to help to thresh & cut wood for my mother.

### **Dec 1873**

**10** Threshed, about 250 bus Oats. Couldnt mark boxes ran Out too fast. & 121 Boxes spring wheat. machine went very well. W. fine. mild. Cloudy, good wind

**11** Cleaned up barn floor & Grist AM C threshed a few Peas & banked turnip Cellor with dung. & I took Grist Oat Chop to Br S. Pm. W. a little Snow last night. soft. going again today

**12** Chored. AM Took Grist 12 bus wheat to P Hoover's mill Pm. C chopped in Old bush W. soft cloudy

**13** Chored. C threshed Peas Pm. W. began to snow early this morning very heavy quit about 3 PM about 8 in deep pretty Cold tonight

**Sunday 14** at home all day. W. mild.

**15** Went to S M. AM Chored Pm W. Mild

**16** B Took small load of straw to Henry Stovers & brought home grist from P Hoover's AM Chored PM. had a short visit from Jacob Kendrick & wife PM. All went to Br Cs tonight. W. fine beautiful

**17** I went with Br N. Old W M. & Hugh Clark of Scarboro through Br N's bush & J Ds & my Own bush to look at the fallen Pine trees I sold 9 of mine @ \$30.00 per tree to Mr Clark to be taken at his own risk to be paid for when taken away on in 3 months. Chored Pm. My mother is Poorly. Br N. went for Dr Black PM Dr McCausland has been very sick with Typhoid fever & is not able to Practice yet.

**18** C came this morning to work his last half day of his time so/we sawed Cordwood in old bush Chored Pm. W. fine soft, snow going. Dr. Black Came to see my Mother this evening. he thinks there is danger of her getting deranged. as she was 2 year's ago

**19** Chored. W. soft snow from East. lightly not much fell

**20** I went to Markham to Dr. AM. & I & Nancy went to Belford PM. W. a little snow this morning fine today. sleighing thin. my Mother a little better

**Sunday 21** at home Flavius's were here Br S's & Br C's Pm & C B's awhile tonight My Mother rests better today W Burkholder Came tonight to thresh Peas tommorrow

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**22** I helped W Burkholder thresh Peas awhile W. sharp

**23** killed our beef Br C & his boy P Mitchel helped. W. fine beautiful as April. thawing a little. My Mother is rather better

**24** I took Beef hide & 5 geese to Markham. Henry Stover's Child was buried at Hebron today. W fine mild

**Christmas day 25** at home all day. Meeting at Hebron we Couldnot go. waited on My Mother she rested very bad last night. better today Henry Stover's were here Pm. W. Mild Cler

26 I helped Nancy render tallow. W. some snow

27 Chored AM. Went to Belford PM. W. soft snow

**Sunday 28** at home all day. A B's were here PM W. rather Colder. My Mother about the same

29 Helped Br C clean Peas AM took grist Chop to Br S's PM W. storm & blow from west

30 Went to P Hoover's AM Chored. PM. W. Cold Aunt Esther Armstrong & Uncle Sam's wife were here today

31 I & Br C went to Markham I took 3 geese Sold them for \$2.00. AM Chored PM Aaron Shants & his sister from Waterloo Br S youngsters & Saml Reesor's youngsters were here awhile PM. W. fine milder

**Jan 1st 1874** at home all day Br S's J D's & Br C's were here David Burkholder's Called awhile PM W. fine mild Clear

2 Helped Br C kill a beef A.M W Burkholder Came this morning to thresh Peas helped him awhile PM & I & Nancy went to Freeman's on P Milne's farm on Townline near Br S's & to Cedar Grove this evening W. mild

3 Helped W B Thresh Peas. Cleaned 49 bus PM W. soft

**Sunday 4** I & Children went to meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with my Mother remarks by H Barkey sermon on St Luke 2 C by Br C Menno Burkholder M N's Enos Hoover & Caroline Ramer were here PM W. like April snow Just all gone the air took it away roads muddy, blowing pretty heavy tonight

**Jan 1874**

5 Chored AM went to Dykes bush with John Milroy PM sold him some small building timber W. fine like April

6 went to Belford AM. helped Br C clean Oats PM W. sleet & snow nearly all day. not very Cold my Mother is very weak in her mind we have to sit up with her

7 Chored. W. Cold rain nearly all day. Ice on trees

8 Chored & waited on My Mother. W. soft. Ice falling off trees. Getting Mild sleighing middling

9 Waited on my Mother she is getting worse. she keeps standing on her feet the most of the time & her mind wanders greatly. J B's were here. W. mild snow this evening

10 Chored helped GB Br C's Clean a few Oats PM J B is here drawing home drags out of Old bush.  
18 My Mother no better. sitting & sleeping in a Chair all last night & all day. sitting yet. W. mild a little snow PM

**Sunday 11** My Mother sat & slept untill after dinner then she awoke & we put her to bed. she ate a little occasionally. This evening between 8 & 9 she awoke again with a little help she walked the floor & ate heartily now she has laid down again a little after 9. W. fine. pretty good sleighing

12 Went to Mannassee Fretz's for their girl to work for us AM. Went to Old W M's after dinner young W Ms were here PM. My Mother took a turn for the better last night is rather better today. W. fine mild

13 Chored. My mother about the same W. some snow from east this evening

14 Chored went to Belford PM Dr Machel was here seeing my mother this evening he is giving her the same medicin that Dr McCausland gave her two years ago. he & D Mc are in Partnership in Markham W Cler

15 Chored & went to My bush at Dykes to meet the Ma{s}t men. they are intending to Commence to dress those that they bought off me Helped Br C to bring a Cow & Calf from Stover's PM W. vry Cold. wind from N West

16 J B Came to draw drags I helped him draw 14 W very Cold\_Cler My Mother rested very well after taking 2 pills last night

**Jan 1874 Feb Feb**

17 I & Br S. & his son Tilman killed one of Our beefs Br S takes 3 quarters & J D takes 1 quarter. Jacob Wideman's were here today W. Milder sleighing good

**Sunday 18** at home all day Br Ns were here My Mother rather better

19 I waited on my Mothr all day she is pretty restless Nancy went to Funeral of Saml Ramer's Child with Br C. W. mild rainy Pm

20 Chored. Sarah Nighswander & her son & Daughter were here. W. Cold. I took grist Chop to Br S's AM

21 I went to David Hare's AM let him Job to draw my sawlogs. W. soft

22 Chored. My Mother rather better W. soft rainy

**23** Chored. rendered tallow F inlaws were here W. Colder all ice

**24** I Took beef Hide to Markham. sleighing pretty good

**Sunday 25.** at home. my Mothr about the same W. pretty Cold

**26** I went to Cedar Grove PM. W. a squaal of snow

**27** Chored. S Lehman's were here today & Simon Hoover's this evening. W. Cloudy soft snow PM

**28.** I took grist Chop to Cedar Grove Mills. W. Cold

**29** Chored Threshed a floor of Peas. W. pretty Cold.

**30.** Chored AM. Went to P Hoover's Mill. W. very Cold My Mother rested very well last night

**31** Brought home grist from Mill AM I & little boys Cleaned 10 bus spring Wheat for Flavius @ \$1.15 cts per bus PM W. very Cold AM. getting Milder PM. My Mother pretty Smart. General Elections Came off on the 29th Inst Great defeat of the Torys. Gibbs defeated in South Ontario by Hon Malcolm Cameron Majority 149

**Sunday Feb 1** at home Children went to Meeting at Hebron Visitors after service. Christian Burkholder Ja{c}. & wife & Abraham Hoover & wife 8th Pickering Br S's youngsters this evening. W. very Cold good sleighing my Mothr is pretty smart. rests pretty well Great accident at Stouffville yesterday. Double headed Engine exploded. & killed 2 men & wounded several more one of them was thrown about 150 yds over the top of a house

## **Feb 1874**

**Candlemas Feb 2** Chored & threshed 2 floors Pm W. heavy blow from East snow lighty AM. heavy Pm cloudy all day

**3** Chored. Took Pork out of brine. W. Mild about 6 in snow fell yesterday. Mannasse Frets's were here this eveing

**4** I went to Dyke's bush AM Mast men drew away the last Mast today I & Nancy went to Belford Pm My Mother rests very well now. W. mild Cloudy

**5** Helped R W hang up Br C's Pork then he helped hang Our's AM. Chored Pm Rd Saml Hoover & wife were here this Evening. W. Cold

**6** threshed a floor of Peas AM J B helped me thresh all Pm. W. sharp AM some snow Pm



7 took 6 bus Peas to Cedar Grove Mills brought them home Pm. W. sharp. Cler. My Mother does not rest so well

**Sunday 8** at home all day Br S's were here. W. fine Cler

9 Chored Am. I & Nancy went to J D's Pm to see little son W. pretty Cold, sharp west wind

10 Chored Am. I & Adeline. & hired girl Elisabeth Frets went to Markham Pm. W. mild. a little snow, Martin Raymer died of smallpox at Hagerman's Corners this morning

11 I went to B.S.S. Am. J H Ramer's were here when I got home. W. fine Cler beautiful

12 R W. helped me Clean some Peas I & little boys measured them up 22 bus. got old barn ready for Clover Machine W. Strong East wind all day pretty Cold

13 David Ramer's Clover Machine Came here at noon threshed our little bit of seed, hardly 2 bus Poor W. rain & some lightning last night & nearly all day

14 went to Markham. W. fine. sleighing pretty good yet

**Sunday 15** at home. I & Nancy went a few minutes to J D's Pm. C B's youngsters were here. W. fine, Cler

16 I went to Flavius AM. S G Reesor's were here on a visit. today. W. mild squaally, windy few inches snow last night

17 Br N & his son Peter helped me kill a beef Am I delivered the meat Pm sold it at. front quarters \$4.00 per Cwt hind \$6.00 W. pretty Cold.

18 I went to W M AM Chored PM Old M. Neighswanders were here awhile Pm W. pretty cold

**Feb 1874 Mar**

19 Chored AM Took 10 bus grist to P Hoovers Mill PM D Neighswanders were here AM. W. milder. Cloudy Pm F inlaws Came this evening to stay all night

20 Chored AM brought home grist Pm. W. Mild. fine John N Ramer died of smallpox last night

21 Chored. Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramers with Br. C. I went to J D's Pm. W. soft snow nearly all day I went to Belford this evening. My Mother pretty smart

**22 Sunday** at home girls went to Meeting at Cedar Grove with Br. C's Br Ns. & Br S's were here Pm  
W. Cler

**23** Chored. W. heavy west wind. some rain last night trees Covered with ice this morning. Mostly  
thawed off today

**24** Chored & threshed 4 floors of Peas. W. rather mild

**25** Took grist Chop to Br S's this morning then gave My Mother a ride to Br C's, he was not home  
then I brought her home again. then I & Nancy & then the Children went to A B's. W. sharp East air  
AM. light snow PM

**26** Brought home Chop from Br S's this morning then I, Nancy & My Mother went to J D's on a visit  
she stood it pretty well. W. Cold sharp air from west

**27** Chored & took some wood from Br C's to Hebron AM Went to Cedar Grove this evening. W. fine  
Cler this is my son Abram's 2nd Birthday

**28** went to Saml Shank's this Morning to ask him to help me to dig a grave for Josephus Stover's Child.  
then to Br. S's to get Measure AM Dug grave Pm. W. fine

**March 1 Sunday 29** I & Nancy went to the Funeral at Hebron Sermon by Br C & A Ramer George  
Lehman & Michael Frets's were here Pm. W. very fine

**March 2** Chored AM drove Cow th to Br N. Pm I & Nancy went to Old W M's this evening W. very  
fine

**3** I & Nancy little boys & My Mother went to Br N's on a visit W. mild rain this evening

**4** Chored AM. Went to ask Henry Stover to help thresh Peas Pm. W. Cloudy windy sleighing gone

**5** Helped Henry Stover thresh Peas & went to Funeral of John Milroys Child. W. Cold. wind

**6** threshed Peas. Cleaned 37 bus Pm. W. strong wind from East. some snow PM

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**7** Threshed Peas. W. a little rain & strong wind from East Am froze as it fell. Ice on trees thawing  
PM I took Elisabeth Wismer home this evening with sleigh very tough travelling.

**Sunday 8** We & My Mother went to Br Cs. W mild strong squalls of snow west wind

**9** I threshed Peas. W. very strong north wind. squalls of snow cold

**10** I went to Cedar Grove Am threshed a few Peas pm W very strong North wind

**11** Chored AM. Helped Br C's Clean some Peas Pm. W. Cold strong north wind. Calmer tonight.

**12** I & Henry Stover Cleaned 30 bus Peas & threshed spring wheat rakings. W. very Cold, some north wind I hired Joseph Atkinson today @ \$17.00 per month for a term of 8 months, washing not included, to come on 2nd April

**13** I & Henry Stover finished threshing spring wheat rakings & cleaned it 4 bags wheat & a lot of chicken feed. then threshed a load of Peas which finished our threshing. W. very Cold. North wind

**14** I went to Cedar Grove AM I took Frank to Cherry wood to be shod & Nancy went along to A B's. Pm. W. Clear pretty Cold air from north

**Sunday 15** at home. David Hare's & J D's were here M Dyke's little baby died this morning W mild Clear

**16** Chored I wen to SM. Pm Nancy went with me to Dyke's. W. very mild Cler

**17** I & Adeline went to funeral of M Dyke's Child to 2nd Con. Pickering. W. Mild Cloudy, a little Misty roads pretty bad

**18** I & Nancy went to Markham W. very mild cloudy heavy rain this evening roads very bad

**19** Chored AM. Went to SM & to David Hare's Pm W. mild, rain this morning

**20** Took 10 bus grist Oats to Cedar Grove mills AM got Nell shod at Walkey's Pm. W. fine Cler Uncle John Burkholder was here over night

**21** Helped Br C's Clean Oats Am brought home grist Oats Pm. W. fine Clear, roads bad

**Sunday 22** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 10 C by Rev H Barkey

### **Mar 1874 April**

C B's were here awhile Pm. W. Clear. Squaals of snow Pm

**23** Chored. W. very high & Cold wind last night & today squaals of snow

**24** Went to Old A Burkholder's AM to see for a girl for the summer got none. I & boys Cleaned some tailings Pm. W. Cler milder

**25** I & Nancy went to Henry Stover's to see for a girl engaged One. AM. I & John went to J Parson's in Scarboro to engage 2 pigs @ \$2.00 apiece Pm. W. Cloudy, pretty Cold wind

**26** Chored. W. some rain last night & AM Cleared up Pm. very high wind tonight

**27** Chored Am Helped Br C's Clean Oats Pm froze hard last night W fine Cler

**28** I went to Cedar Grove AM Chored Pm. W snow squaals froze hard last night pretty Cold

**Sunday 29** John & my Mother kept house & the rest of us went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rev Saml Hoover sermon on St by Br C W. fair Cler

**30** I took waggon to Cherry wood to get tongue lengthened & Box fixed AM. Jos Atkinson Came to Commence work at noon then he Chopped a little then we took a grist to Cedar Grove Mills. W. Cler. Cold N wind

**31** I & Nancy & little boys went to F inlaws Br C went with us to Markham station he is going to Waterloo. W. fine Cler but very Cold air from north roads pretty good. 8 Concession dusty this evening

**April 1** I brought home waggon from Cherry wood & Joe went to help put in logs Am. both piled lumber Pm. W. fine pretty sharp

**2** Both piled lumber Am. drew in logs Pm W. Cool

**Good Friday 3** We my mother & little boys went to Br S's W. Cool, Clear a very little snow last night. Keeps Cold. freezes hard every night

**4** Both Piled lumber. W. very Cold from N west, water pretty low, they cannot saw quite all the time

**Easter Sunday 5** I & Susanna went to Meeting at Cober's J D's were here today. W. Clear AM began to snow from East about 4 pm. Snowing yet at bedtime

## **March 1874**

**Easter Monday 6** at home AM I & Nancy went to Markham Pm Brought Br C home from station as he came from Waterloo {illegible} roads wet with snow & mud about 5 in snow fell last night, going fast again. air much warmer

7 Both Piled lumber. W. mild. Cloudy Pm

8 Both Piled lumber. W. mild. Cloudy Pm

9 Both Piled lumber. W. fine Mild

10 Both Piled lumber. W. fine Mild, frost every night

11 Both Piled lumber got last logs in this evening W. Cold blustery wind a little snow last night some squaals through the day

**Sunday 12** at home. A B's were here at noon Br S's awhile Pm & Br N's at supper W. fine Clear pretty cold wind

13 Both Piled lumber. W. fine. Cler looks like storm tonight

14 Piled Some lumber AM Joe & John brought home a load PM. I Chored & went to Belford. M N's were here awhile Pm. W. fine showers AM a little Pm, last night was about the first without frost that we have had the last few weeks

15 Finished Piling lumber & Covering Piles. we got 260 logs Cut. They Produced nearly 53,000 feet of lumber. W. fine, rather Cold wind Pm

16 I & Joe sawed shingle timber in Dyke's bush AM I & My Mother went to J D's Pm. took some butter to send to Toronto with him tomorrow, helped Joe to saw some wood in old bush when I came home. W. fine, mild Cler, frost last night

17 I & little boys drew a load of sawdust for bedding (Straw is very scarce this spring) AM. Cleaned grist & Chored PM. Joe split wood in Old bush AM W. Cloudy AM. snowed soft & slowly Pm

18 I & little boys drew load sawdust AM Joe split wood. Sawed Pm. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 19** I took Adeline & Susanna Part way to Meeting at Cedar Grove. J D's were here at supper Br N's Came this evening to stay with My Mother. She does not rest very well W. fine Cler. looks like rain tonight

## **April 1874**

20 Cleaned Seed Oats Spring wheat & Peas W. rainy all day Brought Henry Stover's daughter Christina to begin work this evening

**21** Sawed wood in Old bush. I went to W Clods this evening to buy some suckers he has caught 1200 in the Big Rouge since Thursday but he had none on hand this evening. W. Cold north wind. Calm tonight

**22** I & little boys Cleaned Clover & Timothy seed I went this evening to see if Clod had suckers. he had none Joe took a bag of Peas to Cedar Grove Mills this morning to get Chopped & brought it home this evening. split wood today. W. fine Cler

**23** I & Nancy & Herman & Benjamin went to M N's & Simon Hoover's on a visit. W. fine Cler. pretty cold

**24** I & little Flavius Went to Cedar Grove Mills AM F inlaws & J H Ramer's were here Pm I bought 100 suckers at W Clod's this evening @ \$2.00 W. fine Cler. pretty cold air roads pretty good

**25** I cleaned & salted fish & Joe took grist Chop & wheat to Cedar Grove Mills this morning then we sawed some drags & split few rails in old bush Joe cut wood in woodshed & I chored Pm W. stiff East wind began to snow from east about 3 Pm. snowy yet bedtime

**Sunday 26** I & little boys & girls went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rev S Hoover sermon on St Mat 18 Chap by Rev H Barkey. J D's were here after service W. snow all went away. Mild Cler

**27** Cut wood in Old bush A B got 15 bus seed spring wheat Pm. W. Cold frose hard last night

**28** Joe drew off stones & stumps of field opposite Br C's I went to see Jarvis to dig drain AM went to see Mason Pierce with Br. C Pm W. fine Cler. frose last night

**29** Chored, burned stumps & helped Br C's load Potatoes for Toronto AM helped Jarvis Cross townline near Br C's house with tile drain Pm. W. fine Cler hard frost last night

**30** Pulled down old garden fence front of house & began to put in new Posts. I & Joe helped Br C's {illegible word crossed out} load of Potatoes after supper. W. fine Cler. frost last night

## **May 1874**

**May 1** Worked at garden fence AM Br. C helped awhile Joe Sawed Pickets & fixed fences & I & Nancy went to Markham Pm. W. fine Cler frost last night. Joseph Barkey's son John died last night

**2** I & Joe worked at garden fence AM sowed about 5½ acres spring wheat on west part of field back of old barn. W. fine Clear Pm warmer

**Sunday 3** I Nancy, my Mother & little boys went to J D's W. fine Cler

**4** Had Bee to fix Church yard fence at Hebron Joe finished harrowing spring wheat then helped till noon drew some Scantling to finish fence then plowed opposite Br C's W. fine Cler. I took 2 bags Potatoes to W Clods this evening to pay for suckers

**5** Sowed part of field back of garden with Peas Joe ganged them in J B came & finished garden fence & I & he fixed old board fence around field back of old barn. I bought 50 suckers of W Clod this evening for \$1.00 W. fine Cler

**6** I finished Sowing Peas AM harrowed some PM Joe finished ganging till supper & began to plow north of graveyard. W. Cler. blowed up Cold PM

**7** I finished harrowing & began to Roll Peas helped J B Put in Posts on East side of lane after supper little John rolled. Joe finished plowing north of graveyard. W. fine. Cool. Cloudy tonight

**8** Joe ganged in field near Hoovers I & Nancy took hired girl home this morning, she is not well, then I finished rolling Peas AM sowed & harrowed spring wheat north of graveyard. I & J B sowed grass seed on it this evening. W. fine warm Cler

**9** Joe ganged I rolled spring wheat north of graveyard then took 12 bu Oats into field near Hoover's Couldn't sow too windy. I went to Funeral of Uncle Peter Reesor's wife, she died on Thursday. W. strong west wind very warm

**Sunday 10** at home. my Mother & Children went to Br C's PM then I & Nancy went to A B's they were not at home. W. very sultry & warm dry

## **May 1874**

**11** I & J B sowed 24 bus Oats in field near Hoovers little John Harrowed Joe finished ganging at supper time & then helped to harrow I helped J B at lane fence PM. W. fine Cler dry

**12** I drew 2 loads Culls for lane fence AM began to plow below garden PM Joe helped after supper. W. pretty warm Cler

**13** I & Joe fixed a little fence then both Plowed below garden got done & I sowed it with Oats John harrowed it once, J B finished lane fence Plenty of suckers at Br S's now there has been some Obstruction or low water or some other Cause that kept them back in the little Rouge untill a few days ago

**Ascension 14** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on Acts 1st C by Br C A B Reesor was here at noon. I & Nancy went to A B's PM. W. fine Cler beautiful

**15** Joe Plowed south of graveyard and I finished harrowing Oats AM Plowed East of Orchard Pm. W. fine Cler

**16** Both plowed till about 10 AM when a shower stopped us Sowed Peas south of graveyard & East of Orchard Pm Joe staked fence along 11th Con W. blowed up Cool Pm

**Sunday 17** at home all day J D's were here ~~PM~~ at noon John G Hoover's wife died last night. W. Clear & Cloudy a few fine showers rainy tonight

**18** Chored in barn AM, filled drain & plowed opposite Br C's Pm. W. fine rain AM Cler Pm

**19** I began to sow Oats opposite Br C's & Joe plowed swale where we put tiles AM. sowed swale & finished harrowing & Joe fixed fence Pm W. fine Cler

**20** Sowed grass seed south of graveyard & East of Orchard & below garden AM sowed 1 bag plaster on pasture field (big field) & 3 bags on N West Corner field which is intended for Meadow. I got 1/2 bus Early rose potatoes at A B's aftr supper. W. Cloudy

**21** Joe plowed little Orchard AM I rolled where we sowed grass seed sowed Orchard with Oats & rolled oats opposite Br C's Pm

## **May 1874**

Joe harrowed turnip ground Pm. W. Cool wind Cler

**22** Planted 7 drills Potatoes in turnip ground back of barn AM. Joe drew dung back of barn Pm where we intend to Plant some Corn & I drew a load of lumber. turned Cattle to pasture yesterday evening it is rather short yet. W. fine Cler

**23** I went to Markham Joe Plowed down Manure AM I rolled little orchard & I and little boys drew old boards & rubbish out of lane. & Joe harrowed Corn ground & took grist Chop to Cedar Grove Mills Pm W. looks a little like rain

**Whit Sunday 24** I & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with My Mother remarks by Br C Sermon on by Rev Jac Wideman Finlaws were here at dinner Jac Wideman's at supper W. Mild some Cloudy few drops rain Pm Mare Jess had fine horse Colt yesterday

**Whit Monday 25** I & little boys went fishing with lines to little Rouge this AM Caught 35 nice Chubs W. Splendid rain last night & this Morning heavy wind Pm. I had to fix some board fence on Pickering townline that blew down PM



**26** I went to Cherry wood & trimmed several apple trees AM I & John Picked stones off Meadow Pm  
Joe Plowed Potatoe ground Pm W. fine clear

**27** I & J B worked at up & down board fence behind barn Joe Drew rails from Dyke's bush & furrowed  
out Corn ground after supper. W. fine warm Cler Br N's Br S's & Br C were here Pm with Rev C  
Gayman & wife & Rev Culp & Deacon Hoch & wife from Cayuga this Pm

**28** Sowed 3 Pecks Western feed Corn and about 14 drills of Canadian hill Corn in north end of East side  
of field behind barn. I helped J B finish fence behind barn awhile Pm Joe dug in garden this evening.  
W. very, very warm & growing

**29** dug some in garden then both finished Picking stones off Meadow till supper. Then Joe drew rails &  
I put on some grafts W. warm cler

### **May June 1874**

**May 30** Meeting & Sacrement at Hebron today (Conference Met at Widemans yesterday) girls went I  
staid with Nancy & My Mother. Joe drew stones off Meadow W. very warm M N's were here after  
service Danl Hoovers and Jac Reesors brought Rev's Hallman & wife & Rev Cressman & wife from  
Waterloo awhile Pm Joseph Hagey Called a few minutes this morning, there are a great many visiting  
Brethren in the Neighbourhood

**Sunday 31** at home all day. Mary Dyke was here Pm W. very warm fine shower about noon.  
everything growing fine I found a shaped wheat head 2 inches long this evening

**June 1** I went to Markham Joe got Frank & Nell shod AM I & Herman & Benjamin Pulled weeds in fall  
wheat Pm very few in it. Wheat looks splendid Joe pulled down fence East of dam. W. fine Cler.  
Cool

**2** Got up at 4 Oc this morning Sent Joe for Dr Black (Dr McCausland has not Come back to Markham  
yet after his severe sickness) Nancy gave birth to a pretty little girl about 6 AM / nobody present but  
myself Dr soon Came, all smart, washed sheep Pm. W. fine

**3** Built fence along west side of fallow east of dam. F inlaws were here. W. fine Cler

**4** Drew home old rails for wood. Joe fixed some fence Pm S Lehman's were here & Nancy's sister  
Sarah I brought home grist after supper W. very warm, looks a little like rain

**5** Fixed fence along east end of big filed & fixed bars & I went to J D's to see my Mother she is there  
since Wednesday Joe began plowing turnip ground & I tended W H{am} at shearing our sheep Pm. W.  
very warm

**6** Both plowed turnip ground. W. warmer Mannasse Fret's & Joseph Wismer's from Clinton were here awhile Pm

**Sunday 7** at home A B's Flavius S Ramer's. Br S's some of his Children were here Pm & C B's this evening W. fine rain some thunder I & little boys went to J D's to see my Mother this evening she is pretty smart

**8** Both plowed in turnip ground AM Joe began draw dung on fallow & I finished Plowing till supper then took Chop to mill. W. fine Cler

#### **June 1874**

**9** I chored & harrowed turnip ground Joe Drew dung I took girl home after supper she is not well. W. Cler

**10** Little John Rolled turnip ground Joe Rolled Oat field near Hoovers & part of spring wheat with C B's roller I & boys Cut seed Potatoes Pm. W. Cler Mother inlaw & Peter were here awhile Pm

**11** I finished rolling spring wheat this morning took C B's roller home then sorted & Cut some Potatoes Joe Drew dung. W. Cool. a little rain

**12** I went to Markham Am Br's C & S went with me to station they are going to Clinton I brought 650 2 in tiles after supper W. Cool

**13** Brought 350 2 in tiles AM Sowed some land salt on part of spring wheat & took 10 bus Peas to Br S's to get Chopped after supper. W. Cler Cool Joe finished drawing dung & harrowed potatoe ground My Mother is at Br N's now they brought her here this Pm to visit us. she is quite smart she says she feels like another being. rests pretty well

**Sunday 14** at home all day Simon Hoover's were here Pm. W. fine warm, Cler

**15** Both began Plowing fallow. W. fine Cler

**16** Chored. W. rain untill about 3 Pm then Joe brought home Pea Chop & I went to Belford

**17** Both Plowed. I went to Cedar Grove after supper W. rain until about 9 AM. fine growing

**18** Both plowed. W. fine. Cler

**19** I & Saml Ramer went fishing to Fman's bay with Troll hooks. bad day for Trolling, got none. Fished with worm bait got about 2 dozen fine fish then went to Duffins Creek. Caught 1, then went to Rouge. Caught 11 there then Came home about sunset well satisfied with our days sport W. fine Cler

**20** Planted Potatoes. we are planting them late trying to evade the Colorado Beetle they are very numerous this year. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 21** Went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with My Mother. she came home again this morning

## **June 1874**

remarks by Br C sermon on Romans 12 C by Rev Jos Barkey. Visitors. David Ramer's F inlaws youngsters Ben Hoovers & Emeline Ramer. & Robt Wallace a while Pm he is working in York Township this summer. W. warm Cler

**22** Finished Planting Potatoes & I went to J D's raising PM Joe began making turnip drills PM. W. very warm Hoovers had Came awhile this morning with D Krider & Gotschall & wife from the States I went to J Burrows with Mare Jess

**23** I sowed some turnip this morning Picked Potatoe bugs & scuffled Corn & Early Potatoes Joe plowed in fallow. W. very warm, sultry

**24** I finished fallow except endlands Joe finished making turnip drills I took grist Oats to Br S's after supper. W. fine Cool

**25** I finished sowing turnips Joe plowed headlands in fallow then hoed Corn I helped him awhile Pm W. fine Cool. a nice shower Pm

**26** Chored & Cleaned load spring wheat AM I took it to Cedar Grove Mills @ \$1.18 Pm Joe went to Party at Cherry wood Pm. W. Drissly all AM & some Pm

**27** I went to Markham & then to Unionville to Township Clerk to Register Baby's name & Birth Call her, Esther. I & Joe drew some drags from near dam to saw for wood Pm. W. warm Cler went to J D's with my Mother after supper

**Sunday 28** at home all day. A B's were here this evening & Br S's & J D's youngsters Pm I took frank to Burrows this evening to get a Ball put into him. he is lame. W. vy warm

**29** hoed feed Corn Am. Joe went to another Thing! at Cherry wood Pm. I took some parts of reaper to Mongolia to get repaired. got supper at S Lehman's. W. pretty warm

## July 1874

**30** Had M Neighswander to Saw wood with his Machine & Our horse Power. got done at supper time.  
W. fine Cler

**July 1** I & Joe Helped Br C saw wood. W. warm Clear

**2** I & Joe worked on road with team I was at home from 10 am till about 3 Pm Saml Brownperger's were here, we are turnpiking Pickering townline. W. Cler

**3** Both worked on road with team. finished roadwork W. fine cler

**4** Chored & Cleaned grist wheat am Joe hoed feed Corn & I & Nancy went to Belford Pm. I took grist to Cedar Grove Mills after supper W. fine rain last night, heavy thunder. Cloudy all day

**Sunday 5** We & my Mother went to Br S's. Br inlaw Saml Hoover's were here at supper. W. pretty warm. Cler

**6** I brought home shovel plow. & plowed Corn & Early potatoes helped Br C rig Mower & went to Cherry wood after supper. Joe began harrowing fallow W. warm cler

**7** waited on my Mother all day she is poorly W. sultry. fine heavy thunder showr Pm

**8** brought home grist & I & Nancy went to Belford Am I began to Mow in Meadow Pm Joe finished harrowing fallow Am W. very warm

**9** I mowed untill about 4 Pm Then raked after supper. Flavius helped me to Cock Joe went to Colon Reesor's raising. W. warm, Cler

**10** Joe went to help finish Colon Reesor's raising AM I, Nancy & little boys went to Cherry wood & to A B's at noon Joe Mowed Pm till supper when it rained, rained some this morning

**11** I Joe & Flavius Mowed swale in Meadow South of Swamp AM, raked & Cocked south half west of Creek & some swale that Joe had Mowed before. W. Cloudy AM Cler PM

**Sunday 12** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on ↓ St John Part of 15 C by Rev Jac Wideman. W. Cler AM, gentle rain this evening

**13** Killed a calf AM took skin to Markham Pm W rainy AM. Cleared up Pm Joe mowed Pm

## July 1874

**14** I & Nancy Took wool to Cliffs went to M N's at noon & to Simon Hoover's at supper W. very warm

**15** Drew in 9 loads hay. W. very very warm thunder shower tonight in went round west rained a little

**16** I finished Mowing big Meadow till Pm Joe Mowed in swale below Orchard then we drew in 2 loads out of swale in Meadow W fine Cool Cler

**17** Joe scuffled some turnips & I brought home Pea Chop from Br S's this morning I waited on my Mother awhile AM she is Poorly. Drew in 5 loads hay PM. W. fine Cler

**18** I raked last of meadow second time Joe & Flavius drew Flavius swale: that he bought off me in Pea field: & last 2 load out of Meadow then we raked & Cocked below Orchard what Joe mowed. W. pretty warm, My Mother better

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron. Adeline & John staid with my Mother John is not well. remarks by Rev S Hoover sermon on St Luke Part of 10 C by Rev H Barkey J B's & J Cober's were here Pm. I & Nancy went to C B's after supper. W. very warm

**20** N Finished Mowing swale ~~seut~~ below Orchard got done before supper then I & Flavius thinned turnips & Joe scuffled. Flavius left at supper W. fine

**21** Joe finished scuffling turnips I & Flavius thinned AM Drew in swale Pm. 3 loads. W. fine Cler

**22** I & Br C Put reaper together AM thinned turnip Pm W. fine warm, Cler

**23** I didn't do anything eruption all over me like hives, eyes swelled Joe thinned turnip AM he Cut roads around Wheat Pm W Cler

**24** Cut our fall wheat. I didn't help not well yet Br C drove Joe raked off Flavius Br C's two men & Spence bound, got all Cut & bound at 1/2 past 3 Pm. W. fine Cler

**25** Finished thinning turnips Joe shovel plowed late Potatoes W. warm cler

**Sunday 26** I Nancy & some of Children went to meeting at Wideman's with Br C. Benjamin got sick on the way with vomiting I didn't go to Meeting took him to F inlaws he got better at noon went to Saml's Pm. W. very warm a little rain Pm

## **July 1874 Aug**

**27** I drew home lumber I took grist wheat to Cedar Grove Mill & Oats to Br S's Joe got Frank shod & began Crossplowing fallow W. fine Cler

**28** Joe Helped Br S draw dung I plowed some in fallow. W. showry. fine rain at noon

**29** I Joe & Flavius helped Br C cut wheat. W. fine Cler I brought home grist this evening

**30** Both Plowed Am I waited on my Mother Pm she is worse again. we have to handle her like a child. Br C Br N's Br S & a great many more of our sect went to Toronto today to see a large number of Russian Mennonites that are Emigrating to Manitoba about 330 Passed through Toronto last week my Brothers went to see them too

**31** Waited on my Mother Am went for Dr Machill Pm. W. fine rain last night some thunder

**August 1** Waited on My Mother near all day I & little John Drew in small load wheat Am Rev H Barkey & wife were here Pm. My Mother keeps Poorly W. Cler windy

**Sunday 2** at home J D's Br S's & Br Cs. were here My Mother is better (Br S went with a large party of Mennonites as far as Sarnia he thinks they are very nice People) W. fine Cool, pretty windy

**3** Drew in fall wheat, 10 loads, good Crop. W. fine Cler

**4** I raked wheat stubble AM. Joe Plowed, both Plowed Pm drew in rakings after supper 1½ loads. W Cler

**5** Both Plowed. W. fine Cler

**6** Finished Plowing follow AM. I & Nancy went to S Lehman's Pm. Joe scuffled turnips W. fine

**7** Joe scuffled last of turnips AM I & little boys hoed second time. All hoed Pm. W warm little shower Pm

**8** Finished hoeing turnips till 2 Pm then pulled foxtail out of hill corn till supper then brought a load of sawdust & little boys took a swim. W. pretty warm

**Sunday 9** at home AM Went to J D's PM My Mother went with us. girls went to Br N's. W. very warm

**10** Pulled Headlands in big Peafield & Cut & bound Oats in little Orchard & road partly round Oat field

## Aug 1874

below garden Am Started to Pull Peas with rake Pm when a fine shower stopped us then Flavius went home & I & Joe cleaned up barn floor & I went to Cedar Grove & he cut road in big Oat field W very close & warm

**11** Joe harrowed in fallow & I took my mother to Br S's AM Pulled Peas with rake Pm. worked well. W. warm Cler

**12** Finished Peas back of garden till about 4 Pm Then Joe & Flavius bound swath around big Oat field I & Nancy went to Belford after supper W. about the most sultry & warm day I remember in a good while. Cooler tonight

**13** J & Flavius Helped Br C Pull Peas with Scythes I didn't do much, drank rather much yesterday killed a lamb & brought home Chop from Br. S's W. fine Cooler

**14** Br C & his 2 men helped us Cut spring wheat in field behind Old barn about 5 acres got done about 1/2 past 2 Oc. then Cut about 3 acres in big Oat field got all Shocked up. W fine Cler

**15** I & Joe drew in Peas. Flavius helped. CB thresh. Came home between 2 & 3 helped us got in 10 loads. W. warm

**Sunday 16** Went to Meeting at Hebron My Mother went too Remarks by Br C sermon on {*blank space*} by Rev H Barkey F inlaws & J H Ramers were here after service. W. fine warm Cler

**17** I started early to Dr Machell to get Pills for My Mother she had a very bad night Br C & his men Came to help at Oats got big field done about 1/2 past 5 Oc did not get them all bound W. pretty warm. looks like rain this evening

**18** Finished binding Oats near Hoovers Then Cut field below garden did not get them all bound. W. fine Cler very Smokey there are large fires in the north

**19** Helped Br C cut spring wheat till 3 Pm then shocks Oats till night did not get done. W. warm Cler

**20** Finished binding little field & shocking it & big field then cut very near all Oats north of Br C's W. a slight shower Am. very Close Pm

**21** finished Cutting & shocking Oats north of Br C's & Cut spring wheat north of graveyard. AM. W. fine shower Pm

## **Aug 1874 Sept**

**21** Joe threshed a few peas Pm I shot a large ground hog after supper

**22** I & little boys took 3 bags Peas to Br. S's to get chopped Am Pulled Peas below Orchard Pm which finishes our harvest W. fine Cler. J B was here a little while this morning

**Sunday 23** at home all day. W. fine Clear

**24** Finished drawing in Peas back of garden 8 loads drew in 2 loads 55 doz Oats out of field below garden till supper set Machine after supper ready for threshing tommorrow. W. fine Cler

**25** threshed, all went well with the exception of I & Br S getting lame backs. Put through 180 boxes fall wheat till about 2 Pm & 65 boxes Oats finished shortly after 3 Pm drew in 3 loads Peas till night. W. fine. Cler beautiful

**26** Joe helped Sanderson thresh I Flavius & J B drew in last 3 loads Peas. then drew 8 loads Oats out of field near Hoovers I helped to unload my back is very lame S Lehman's were here Pm W. fine Cler

**27** Drew 9 loads Oats out of field near Hoover's W. fine Cler

**28** Drew in 1 load Oats out of field near Hoover's & 3 loads below garden & 3 loads from field north of Br C's & 1 load spring wheat north of graveyard & 1 load spring wheat out of field back of barn W. fine Cler

**29** Joe & Flavius helped Br S's thresh AM finished drawing in spring wheat Pm W. Cler my Mother was very Poorly today Br C administered Sacrement today there was nobody present except our family. She is rather better this evening W. warm cler

**30 Sunday** at home all day. Joseph Shirks were here a while this AM. W. warm dry Cler

**31** Joe Drew stones off fallow & began to Plow I didn't do much have lame back went to B S's Pm W. Cler

**Sept 1** Joe & Flavius Plowed. I chored. W. warm Cler

**2** I & Joe Plowed. W. fine Cler

**3** I & Joe Plowed. W. drissy about an hour this morning & a pretty nice shower after dinner. didn't amount to much



4 Cleaned seed wheat & finished Plowing till noon. Joe sowed the field Pm & I harrowed. W. fine Cool

#### **Sept 1874**

**Sept 5** I & John finished harrowing wheat Joe helped Br N thresh W. fine little shower Am. another Pm

**Sunday 6** I & Children staid at home with My Mother Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans with A B's J D's wife & some of the Children & Fanny Cobr were here W. fine Cler

7 Chored & Cleaned 12 1/2 bus seed wheat for John Milroy AM Took grist Oats to Br. S's Pm Nancy & my Mother went along to Br N's Joe split sawed wood Pm I helped awhile he furrowed wheat AM W. warm

8 Joe split wood I helped awhile. Cleaned 20 bus wheat for John Sewell. I let them have the seed at the price that I get when I sell the remainder W. very Close sultry I raked spring wheat sutble this morning. F inlaws were here at supper Helped Br N fix up Hat rack in Hebron Chapel awhile Pm

9 Weaned lambs & helped Joe finish splitting wood AM drew in spring wheat rakings Pm I went to Cherry wood after supper & Joe Clea{r}ed furrows in wheat. W. very very suly & dry

**10 Thanksgiving day** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on 5th Book Moses 8th 2 Chap by Rev H Barkey Henry Stover's wife was here after Service. W. very very warm. sultry

11 I Nancy & little boys went to Markham took Machine Cylinder to Hewet to get Boxes filled got boots measured for boys Am, I tried plow a little in Pea ground back of garden found it very hard in places drew some old rails for wood Joe began plowing opposite Br C's goes very well W. very very hot. Close & dry dry

12 I Plowed in Oat field below garden AM goes well enough I & little boys made 37½ gals Cider at P Lapps Pm. Joe finished Plowing opposite Br C's W. warm

**Sunday 13** Nancy & girls went to Meeting at Hebron Sacrement today I & boys staid with my Mother Henry Stover's wife & Uncle Joes widow were here Pm

#### **Sept 1874**

**Sunday 13** M N's & C B's were here at supper. W warm

**14** I went to Uncle Josephus Reesor's to get a tooth extracted this morning Boiled sauce today Joe Plowed in Pea ground back of garden with Iron Plow. Can make out to a pinch W. warm

**15** I went to Markham to get Cylinders, it was not done. Joe threshed Peas I helped a little Pm. W warm a few drops rain AM. fine shower Pm

**16** I went to Markham & got Cylinders & Mr Hewit to fix it into the Machine. took him home again Pm Joe Plowed. W. Cler Cooler

**17** I didn't do much Joe threshed Peas. W fine drizzly rain nearly all day. pretty heavy Pm

**18** Joe Plowed in Pea ground I Chored & plowed some in little Oat field. W. fine Cler a fine rain last night. it soaked in 3 or 4 inches

**19** Both Plowed. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 20** at home. Br S's were here. W. Cool Cler heavy rain last night. looks like spring again

**21** I Plowed Joe Helped Br C's log. W fine Cler

**22** Both Plowed I finished Oat Stubble below house W. fine Cler

**23** Joe went to Toronto to Exhibition I drew a load of my Clear Lumber to Markham Station Br S sold it @ \$24.00 per M. W. fine Cler

**24** I drew 1 load Lumber & Joe drew 2 loads I went to Cherry wood Pm. W. fine Cler

**25** I & Joe drew last 2 loads lumber Am Joe Plowed & I went to Sawmill for Oat Chop Pm. W warm Cler

**26** I & Nancy went to Whitevale this morning then I helped Joe finish plowing Pea ground back of garden & we began in spring wheat stubble behind barn W. fine warm Cler. I shot 3 black squirrels at C B's Corn at noon

**Sunday 27** I Nancy My Mother & little boys went to A B's W. Cloudy Am rain nearly all Pm raining tonight This is my 38th Birthday

**28** Joe helped T Hall thresh I chored Plowed a little Pm W rainy & drizzly I took a heifer to Br Ns this morning

**Sept 1874 Oct**

**29** Joe Plowed in spring wheat stubble I went to Belford this morning Plowed a few rounds AM. then I went to B. S. Pm. Picked a few apple's Pm. W. Cler AM Cloudy Pm

**30** Both Plowed. W. pretty Cold. Strong N West wind

**Oct 1** I Plowed. Joe took some boards to Markham to Cover our lumber pile. the buyer will not take it away until about 2 weeks. then he drew straw from Halls for Flavius Pm. W. Cloudy began to rain heavy at dark. raining yet

**2** Joe went to Markham Fair I finished Plowing Spring wheat stubble behind barn & Drew a load Pea straw for Flavius AM Chored Pm W. cold. heavy wind

**3** Joe began Plowing in fall wheat stubble I went to Boxgrove for a land side for Patterson Plow Am it did not fit, went for another Pm it was right. Then I Plowed a little W rather cloudy, cool

**Sunday 4** Nancy & girls went to Meeting at Cedar Grove I staid with My Mother J D's were here W. Cool Cler

**5** Both Plowed Am. Picked apples Pm W. fine Cler. began to rain slowly. tonight

**6** Joe threshed Peas & I chored Am. I & Nancy went to Markham & a few minutes to J H Ramers, his wife is sick with Bilious & Gastric fever several of the family & some of their neighbours had it . W. rain nearly all Am. a little wet Pm

**7** I & Joe Helped thresh at Br C's. W. Cloudy

**8** I & Joe Helped finish thresh at Br C's Am Joe Plowed Pm. & I went squirrel shooting awhile with Peter & Jesse Hoover. I shot 2 & Peter shot 1 W. Cloudy rain last night

**9** I & Joe Plowed. W. Cler. rain last night

**10** Both Plowed until about 1/2 past 10 when it began to rain Joe threshed Peas Pm. & I went to Flavius & to Cedar Grove Pretty heavy shower Pm

**Sunday 11.** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with my Mother remarks by Rd S Hoover Sermon on St Mat 8 C by Rev H Barkey C Bs were here Pm. W. Cool, Cloudy

**12** Plowed AM killed a heifer Pm. C B's man helped me. W. Cloudy. Cold North wind

## **Oct 1874**

**Oct 13** Both Picked apples. W. cold, a few flakes of snow

**14** Joe harrowed & Picked stones off field back of garden I Chored & Picked a few apples. W. pretty fine

**15** I made 45 gals Cider Am went to Flavius & Picked a few apples Pm. Joe drew dung on field back of garden. W. beautiful fine Cler very white frost this morning

**16** Boiled Sauce. Joe drew dung Flavius filled Pm W. fine cler

**17** Drew dung I & Flavius filled AM. Joe went to J Clark's raising Pm I drew dung & Flavius filled W. very fine. Br C & Br S's Came home from United States today

**Sunday 18** at home Jane Duncan was here W. Cold wind

**19** Finished drawing dung & shook apples AM began digging Potatoes Pm. W. fine Cler

**20** dug Potatoes W. beautiful & warm

**21** dug Potatoes W. beautiful & warm

**22** Finished digging Potatoes this evening they are very large & pretty good turnout. W. fine white frost last night

**23** John harrowed Potatoes ground & I & little boys Picked odd Potatoes AM dug last of early Potatoes behind barn Pm Joe finished plowing fall wheat stubble Am Plowed a little in Pea ground second time Pm Flavius spread dung Pm. W. very fine Cler

**24** I went shooting awhile Am with Otis W Burkholder, not much game Saw one Black squirrel I shot that went to B's Pm & chored Joe Plowed Am threshed Peas Pm W. fine Cler

**Sunday 25** at home. J B's were here Pm. W. fine

**26** I chored AM Nancy took Stover girl home Joe Plowed. Both Plowed Pm W. fine warm

**27** Both Plowed. W. fine AM. rather Cloudy Pm this is the 17th anniversary of My Marriage a little rain last night

## **Oct Nov 1874**

**28** I went to Markham Am Plowed Pm. W. Cooler

**29** Plowed Rev Jac Wideman & wife Came on a visit little John Plowed a while then. W. Cler very light rain high wind Pm J H Ramer's boy & girls were here today

**30** we finished Plowing Pea field second time until noon then began Pulling turnips Pm W. pretty Cold wind Uncle Saml Reesor's were here awhile Pm

**31** I & little boys made 57 gals Cider & Joe threshed Peas AM Joe Pulled turnips Pm. I didn't feel well W. Cold windy

**Sunday Nov 1** at home Br N's were here Pm. W squalls of snow. didn't whiten the ground

**2** I & little boys killed a pig AM. Joe pulled turnips. I & boys helped awhile Pm W mild

**3** Pulled turnips, very white frost last night I quit about 3 Pm to tend Mason to fix oven

**4** Pulled turnips. W. a little frost last night John Bear died yesterday evening

**5** Pulled turnips untill about 9 Oc when it began to rain then Joe threshed Peas F inlaws came AM, rained till about 2 Pm then finished Pulling turnips

**6** Began drawing in turnips I went to J Bear's funeral AM Drew with 2 waggons Pm took in 12 loads W. beautiful Cler warm

**7** Drew turnips with 2 waggons Am & with 1 Pm took in 14 loads I Pitched back in cellar Pm

**Sundy 8** Nancy & girls went to Meeting at Hebron I & boys Staid with my Mother Diller's were here a while AM. S Lehman's were here Pm & Uncle John Burkholder. Br C's were here this evening W. fine Cler

**9** Finished drawing in turnips 6 loads I went to B.S. this evening. W. fine Cler

**10** Drew 4 cords wood out of old bush for my Mother Put apples into Cellar & Joe threshed some Peas. I went to Cedar Grove this evening W. pretty strong east wind. Cool Adeline & Susanna went to wedding at J H Ramer's Emmaline was Married today to Benjn Hoover our girls went with Br C & his girls

**Nov 1874**

**Nov 11** Joe went to Old W Morrison's Plowing Bee he bought Henry Peter's farm & had a Plowing Bee on it I filled a piece of drain in big Pea field AM harrowed opposite Br C's PM. W. pretty Cold

**12** Both Plowed Potatoe & oat ground opposite Br. Cs. W. Cold. Cler

**13** Both finished Plowing Opposite Br Cs AM I went to W Burkholder's sale PM. Joe began Plowing turnip ground PM. W. vey Cold. freesing

**14** Joe Plowed a little this morning. had to quit frose too hard then he drew Sawed Wood into shed. I didnt do much. have bad Cold moved sto{v}es this morning. W. very Cold. dry

**Sunday 15** at home. Br S's were here. Br Ns & C B's were here PM. W. Cler. milder

**16** I & Nancy & little boys went to J H Ramer's W. fine cler roads good

**17** Joe threshed few Peas this morning then both Plowed in turnip land. W. a little rain this morning foggy through the day

**18** Both Plowed awhile AM. Joe Plowed PM I didnt do much PM. Revd Jos Barkeys were here awhile. then I went to John Cobers this evening for some tar to Fumigate my head. got a bad Cold. W. pretty Cold. rather Cloudy

**19** Joe helped J D's kill hogs. I Chored J B sawed wood for my Mother I helped a little & we fixed Cow manger. brought home old sow today & Pumpninker fixed Cistern Pump & front Pump. my Cold is better. W. Cloudy

**20** Chored & Cleaned grist AM I took it to Mill & Joe threshed Peas PM. W. about 2 inches snow last night & AM. tied up Cattle last night

**21** Fixed things round stables ready for winter brought home yearling Colt from Br C's AM Cleaned Peas & Joe took them to mill & I made ready for Killing Pigs on Monday. PM W. rather mild. snow not gone yet

**Sunday 22** at home. W. blustery. & a little snow from east PM

**23** Killed our 7 hogs. W. rain last night Cloudy today some rain & soft snow this evening

**Nov 1874 Dec**

**Novr 24** I went to Br Cs this morning to help Kill hogs weather to stormy Came home & fixed things in shop Joe threshed Peas. W snow from west heavy wind this morning a little today I & little John brought home Peas Chop this evening

**25** I & Nancy helped Br C kill hogs J. plowed W. fine. no frost in ground. about an inch of snow

**26** I & Nancy helped A Bs Kill hogs. W. fine & mild

**27** I went to old W. Morrison's A.M. Cleaned out tile drains & enlarged little Orchard PM Joe finished Plowing & water furrowing turnip ground AM W mild

**28** Made sheep rack & temporary bars between old barn & driving house. W. soft snow near all day

**Sunday 29** I & Nancy went to Funeral of Russian Mennonites Child at Cedar Grove. I think I forgot to mention that six families of Mennonites are staying in Markham over winter they arrived in Toronto rather late to go to Manitoba Several families are living in Uncle Saml Reesor's house one of their Children was buried today sermon by Br C on 71st Psalm 23 V. W. about six in snow last night tough sleighing

**30** Joe flailed Oats AM & Peas PM I & Nancy went to Whitevale PM rough sleighing pretty Cold

**Decr 1** Joe threshed Peas AM. & took grist Oats to Br S's PM. W. some snow. Mild

**2** Joe Drew home Cordwood Out of old bush AM went to C Cooks wood bee PM I didn't do much Have sore throat. W. fine mild snow going

**3** I done nothing. Joe went to Funeral of Robt Spence AM Cut wood in Old bush PM I done nothing my throat very sore. W. snow nearly all gone

**4** Joe drew dung to bank turnip c{?}er AM his time is up at noon today W. very fine clr

**5** I Chored. W. Mild. Cloudy. my throat is Pretty sore

**Sunday 6** I & boys went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {*blank space*} by Red Saml Hoover & he Conducted a short service at my mother's PM. W. mild Cloudy snow nearly gone

## **Dec 1874**

**Decr 7.** Chored. fired a few stumps opposite Br Cs W. fine Cler mild. throat pretty sore yet

**8** I helped Br S's kill hogs W. fine. pretty sharp cloudy. my throat was better, but a little worse tonight

**9** Asked some hands to help thresh on Friday Joe began work today \$12.50 per month for 3 months & Joe got Nell & Frank shod AM. I & Nancy went to Markham PM. W. Cler a little snow squalls AM. pretty Cold N West wind PM roads pretty good

**10** Asked some hands & made a chaff trough in front of new barn AM I & Joe set Machine PM W. fine Cler mild

**11** threshed. all went well as could be, we threshed about 75 boxes spring wheat & about 350 bus Oats. didnt Count boxes. W. fine mild some snow squaals AM

**12** Cleaned Peas AM. I & Joe took grist 25 bus Peas & Oats to Br S's & got it Chopped David Burkholder & wife Came this evening & staid all night with my Mother. W. prety Cold

**Sunday 13** at home all day Br. Ns were here awhile PM W. Mild Cloudy some snow PM

**14** Drew home 9 drags of firewood out of old bush I went to Cherry wood PM. W. Cold about 5 in. snow makes fair sleighing

**15** Drew home 11 drags. I took 12 bags Oats to Br Ss to get Chopped PM. W. Cold. sleighing prety good

**16** I went to Cherry wood & to P Hoover's & Joe Chopped AM Sawed a few drags & I brought home Chop & Joe Drew 4 drags PM. W. milder, soft tonight

**17** Drew drags 3 out of old bush & 6 from near old dam. W. some squaals of snow mild

**18** Joe drew home Cordwood & Culls out of old bush W. rather squaaly

**19** Joe drew wood & we boarded up between old & new barn & Covered horse power PM. W. mild

**Sunday 20** at home J D & some of his Children were here at noon & C B's PM. W. Cloudy. rather Colder

**21** I & Joe helped Br S's thresh. W. mild. Flavius' were here this evening ~~J B~~ evening J B sawed wood for my Mother & stays with her tonight

**22** Joe drew wood out of old bush awhile AM & took 300 Oat sheaves to Flavius PM Simon Hoover's were here PM W soft Dec 22 1874

**Dec 1874 Jan 1875**

**23** I & Joe helped Br N's Kill a Beef A M I & Nancy went to Whitevale P M. W. soft sleighing very thin

**24** I & little boys took 6 bus Peas to Br S's to Chop AM I & Joe drew some Ceder out of Flavius' swamp P M W. sharp

**Christmas day 25** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron. Br Cs were here awhile P M. W. fine mild



**26** I & Joe finished drawing out Cedar out of Flavius' Swamp A M. Br S's youngsters Jane Wallace & 2 young men from Clinton were here awhile A M. Measured ten bags Potatoes P M I & Nancy went to Henry Stovers & Joe threshed a few Peas W. mild sleighing thin

**27 Sunday** I & Nancy were at home girls & Flavius went to Meeting at Cedar Grove W Mild. began to rain a little at bedtime

**28** I & Joe Killed fat heifer A M. I & little boys took hide & 10 bags Potatoes to Markham P M Potatoes @ \$1.00 per bag hide \$6.00 per hwt. W. soft sleighing gone

**29** I Cut beef & rendered tallow A M Went to Br S's P M Joe threshed Peas. W very Cold west wind

**30** I & Joe began Cutting sawlogs & wood drags in Dyke's Bush I went to Whitevale with Uncle John Burkholder P M W. Cold

**31** I & Joe Cut logs all day. W. bitter Cold last night & today. milder towards evening

**Jan 1 1875** I & Children staid with My Mother Nancy went with A B's to her Grandfather's funeral Old John Reesor senr was buried today he died on Wednesday W. Milder

**2** Joe threshed Peas Old Danl. Hoovers were here today. I went to Br S's & Post office this evening W. soft snow last night & AM blowing Cold P M. sleighing fair

**Sunday 3** Boys & girls went to Meeting at Hebron Abraham Burkholder's & Mrs Christina Raymer & some of her Children were here PM W. sharp

**4** I & Nancy went to F inlaws they were not at home Then F inlaws came here to stay all night W. sharp sleighing good

**Jan 1875**

**Jan 5** I went to J D's to see the Lawton boys to engage them to cut some soft wood for me in the bush at Dyke's Am Chored Pm Joe drew 4 loads Pine limb wood from Dyke bush W sharp

**6** I & my girls & John & Flavius went to M Ns & I went to Claremont to get some Oat meal & Buckwheat flour W. pretty sharp Am Milder Pm

**7** Cleaned some Peas & grist wheat Am I took grist to Cedar Grove Mills Pm Joe drew 3 firewood logs from Dykes Pm W. milder, snow Pm

**8** I & Joe sawed logs Am I brought home grist & Joe drew 4 firewood logs Pm. W. pretty cold

**9** Joe threshed Peas. I Chored J B & his sister Mary were here awhile Pm. W. very strong west wind cold

**Sunday 10** at home. Nancy's Brothers John & Peter Brs S's boys & Lydia & all Br N's & Cober's youngsters were here this evening & Br C & his family too W. very very cold

**11** I went to Whitevale & Joe drew firewood logs AM. sawed Pm W. some good sleighing milder

**12** Sawed AM. I didnt feel well Pm Joe drew 2 loads Cedar home from Flavius'. W. sharp

**13** Joe split wood in shed & ground axe Am he went to Spence's bee Pm. I didnt do much W. soft snow Am. Cloudy Pm

**14** I & Nancy went to Markham to Dr Black Am. got some Medicine for Nancy she is not very well Joe drew 2 last 2 loads Cedar Am. he skided some sawlogs Pm I filled some beds. W. pretty sharp west wind

**15** I & Joe helped C B thresh W. pretty cold

**16** Joe threshed Peas I chored Am went to Markham Pm. W. snow last night & Am about 6 in fell. first Class sleighing

**Sunday 17** at home all day. A B's Br S's & Br N's Pm W. fine Cler

**18** I went to Election at Belford Am voted by Ballot for Mr John Lane in Opposition to Wm McDougall for the Legislature of Ontario, Chored Pm W. stormy am Cler Pm

## **Jan 1875**

**Jan 19** Sawed AM Joe began drawing sawlogs Pm. I opened fences through Dykes place Pm M Neighswanders were here when I came home W. Cold

**20** I took Nancy & little boys to Br S's then went to Markham Staid at Br S's at noon W. sharp fine cler

**21** Joe threshed Peas I & Nancy went to Br N's a few minutes AM then I & little boys began to Clean Double Harness Pm then Jacob & John G Reesor's Came with Mr Moyer & wife from Clinton W. heavy snow from east Am & light Drizzle Pm. Sleighing good when it is packed

**22** I & T H Hall Cleaned 100 bus Oats today he took them away Pm @ 40 cts per bus F inlaw & Peter were here today at noon. W. fine mild

**23** I & John Cut a basswood tree into sawlogs in old bush near Br C's AM. went to Dyke's bush with Joe Pm. W. pretty Cold good sleighing

**Sunday 24** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Mat part of 8 C by Rev H Barkey. W. soft snow nearly all day Uncle Saml Reesor's & an Old Russian Menonite woman were here yesterday evening

**25** Joe drew 5 sawlogs & 1 wood log I helped him some W. strong cold west wind

**26** Joe drew 2 wood & 1 sawlog I oiled part of good harness & washed the rest. W. milder

**27** I & Nancy went to F inlaws W. pretty Cold Joe drew dung opposite Br C's

**28** I & Joe helped Br S's thresh Am I oiled some harness Pm. Children finished oiling it & I & Nancy went to Whitevale. W. soft drizzly AM. Colder Pm

**29** Cleaned Peas AM. Joe went to Markham & I went to Dykes bush Pm to let Job to Lawtons to Cut pine & Hemlock wood @ 65 cts & 70 cts per Cord W. Cold

**30** I & Joe Cut big stub & cut 3 logs out of it AM Joe drew them to Mill Pm. I Chored & went to Flavius. W. Cold

**31** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Luke 4 C by Br C. W. soft snow AM Cler Pm more snow this evening

**Feb 1** I & Joe Cut a stub & sawed it this morning then I went to a meeting at Hebron to elect Church Trustees

## **Feb 1875**

& Consider the Propriety of building sheds Am Joe drew 3 logs Pm I chored Pm. W. Cler Cold

**Feb 2** I & Joe Cut logs all day W. Cloudy this morning fine & Cler at noon snow this evening

**3** ground axe & Chored Am Joe threshed Peas & I took grist Oats to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. Saml Doner's were here awhile Pm W. rain all Am strong west wind Pm Cold

**4** Joe drew a load Cordwood to Markham for young W Morrison. he had a bee. I Chored W. very very Strong west wind, Cold some little snow Pm

**5** Joe threshed Peas I went to B S Am Chored & went to Flavius Pm W. very Cold

6 Joe drew logs I chored Am. Took 10 bus Chop to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. W. very Cold Am bitter Cold. North wind Pm. Calm this evening

**Sunday 7** at home all day Benj's Hoover & wife were here. W. bitter Cold last night & Am rather milder Pm

8 I & Joe cut logs AM he drew PM & I went to A B's W. Cold. Very cold. N W wind PM

9 Joe went to C B's this Morning to help at sawing wood didn't saw was too cold. W bitter Cold. N W. wind

10 I & Joe cut logs Am. I went to Cedar Grove Pm. Joe didn't feel well. W. Cold heavy blow from east Pm, snowing now, bed time

11 I waited on my Mother she is very poorly today Joe didnt work . has bad Cold. W. very heavy wind from west drifting snow like everything about six inches fell last night. very Cold today

12 Joe threshed Peas. I chored Am went to Cedar Grove Mill, Pm. W. very Cold. Cler

13 Joe finished threshing Peas. I chored went to look at Pickering townline this Am badly blocked up I never saw it drifted so badly with a west wind before the road is opened through Hoover's & Anthoneys fields. W. Cold Cler

**Sunday 14** at home all day Br C's were here awhile C B's this evening W. Cold Cler

## **Feb 1875**

15 I & Nancy went to Whitevale Am Joe went to Markham on business of his Own Clend {*Cleaned*} Peas about 43 bus Pm. W very Cold, Cler North & south roads & Nippissing R R badly blocked

16 I & Br C went to Dykes bush AM J B's came here then I & he went to R Stockdales sale awhile Pm. Joe drew logs Danl Widemanns were here this evening, W. pretty Cold

17 Cleaned some Oats for Flavius AM. I & little boys Cleaned grist & I took it to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. Joe helped C B's saw wood W. Cold heavy west wind. drifting some

18 I & some of Children went to funeral of Christian Shank son of Jacob Shank at Hebron sermon by Br C on {*blank space*} & A Raymer on {*blank space*} John Cober's were here. W. pretty Cold Joe drew sawlogs Am & wood logs Pm

19 Joe drew woodlogs Am Cut wood in shed Pm. I helped Br N Kill 3 Pigs Am Chored & brought Nancy & children home from Br C's Pm. W. fine mild a little soft snow Pm

**20** Cut logs Am Joe went home Pm. I took grist Oats to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. W. pretty Cold

**Sunday 21** at home. Jac Reesor's were here this evening W. Cler

**22** I didnt do anything was sick last night Joe drew sawlogs & brought home a few rail cuts F inlaws youngsters were here this evening W Mild

**23** Joe drew logs I & Nancy & little boys went awhile to Br N's Pm W soft, a little rain Pm

**24** I & Nancy went to M N's. Joe helped shovel snow on Pickering townline Am drew rail cuts Pm W. very warm thawing

**25** I Nancy & little boys went to A B's W. some little rain last night, a little soft snow today Joe had some bad luck today, broke Double & whiffle trees & hammer bolt, didnt get in one log

**26** I Nancy & little boys went to J D's Joe drew logs W. pretty Cold

**27** I & Joe Cut logs. W. pretty Cold. F inlaws Came to stay all night

**Sunday 28** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron

**Feb Mar 1875**

**Feb 28 Sunday** I staid with my Mother Rev H Barkey Called Pm to see My Mother M N's youngsters were here this evening. W. sharp. Cler

**March 1** Joe split wood in shed I Chored. W a real East snow storm since some time last night and all day without intermission, snowing yet

**2** opened lane, had to shovel some shoveled out track around horse power & asked hands to thresh tommorrow. W. pretty Cold, roads heavy

**3** threshed about 300 bus Oats. went well got done between 3 & 4 O clock. W. fine began to snow from East about 3 Pm snowing heavy yet

**4** I & Nancy went to C B's on a visit W. fine mild Clear, nearly a foot of loose snow last night

**5** Cleaned tailings for grist of Chop AM. Joe went to J Coxworths Sale PM. I & Nancy started to go to Whitevale roads were too heavy & a little stormy. We turned back. W. snowed from east am. a little Pm. mild

**6** I & Nancy went to Markham AM I took Susan Cober home Pm W. fine Cler mild. I think the snow is deeper than I ever saw it

**Sunday 7** at home all day. W. Mild. fine

**8** I & Nancy went to J B's W. fine beautiful Cler

**9** I chored brought home Chop for Cattle Pm Joe sawed wood with Buck saw he has been sawing the last few days. The snow is too deep to draw sawlogs. W. foggy & white frost AM. more Cler Pm blowing some from east this evening

**10** Joe sawed wood. we hung up Pork to smoke W. mild cler

**11** Cleaned 20 bus grist Wheat I & little boys took it to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. Joe didn't work Pm W. mild thawing some. soft snow this evening

**12** I & Joe went to D Brown's Sale. W. fine Cler soft

**13** I Helped Br C's Clean Oats AM went to B S's Pm Joe done nothing. W. fine cler Soft, raw east wind

**Sunday 14** at home all day. W. Mild

## **Mar 1875**

**March 15** Chored AM I took Nancys Brother Peter to W Burkholder's Pm. W. rain from East nearly all day snow going

**16** Chored. W. heavy west wind heavy squaals of snow about every hour I went to Cedar Grove this evening

**17** I & Nancy went to W M Junr for 8 bus seed barley @ 90 cts per bus. W. pretty heavy west wind. Cler pretty cold

**19** I & little boys shovelled water course through snow drifts along townline at end of lane. J D's were here on a visit. W. fine, Cler

**18** I & Nancy went to Whitevale AM I brought home grist of flour Pm. W. very Cold NW wind this is a mistake in my entry Friday is placed before Thursday

**20** Chored Put rings on Beetle W. snow from east nearly all day

**Sunday 21** I & children went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 19 C by Red H Barkey. W. Cler sharp, Cold Isaac Moyer's Children were here after service & R Wallace Pm

**22** Chored AM went to Cedar Grove Mills for 6 bus seed spring wheat Golden drop @ \$1.00 per bus Pm W. sharp. Cler

**23** W. M Junr & wife were here today he bot 25 bus Oats off me @ 45 cts per bus. W. fine Cler

**24** I & Nancy went to S Ramer's he was not at home then we went to Br S's W. mild Cler the Russian ~~25~~ Mennonite & his wife that are staying at Colon Reesor's were on a visit this evening

**25** Chored, shoveld. snow at Hebron & put in some wood for my Mother Pm W fine mild

**Good Friday 26** Nancy & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron. Jac Widemans & Br S's were here Pm. W. fine slight shower of sleet am

**27** I & Nancy went to Markham to J H Ramer's to see my Old Step Grandmother Reesor she is very low W. fine thawing spring day sleighing getting thin

**Easter Sunday 28** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Re'd S Hoover Visitors Pm Rd S Hoover & wife & a Russian Mennonite & wife that are staying with them W. fine Cler

## **Mar Apr 1875**

**Easter Monday 29**, at home, Simon Hoover's & J H Ramer's were here & Isaac Moyer's were here at supper. W. fine Cler warm thawing Br C's Children were here all day

**30** Went to S Lehman's W. fine Cler warm snow going fast. some high snow banks & some mud

**31** Joe drew 3 basswood logs out of old bush to S Mill & I took 16 bus Oats to Cedar Grove Mills AM we began to draw out pine Cordwood at Dykes Pm W very warm fine Cler. sleighing about gone

**April 1** I brought home Chop & Joe drew out wood AM. Chored Pm. W. Cler Am rainy awhile Pm Joe began work this morning @ \$18.00 per Mo for 8 Mo

**2** Drew out wood. W. rather Cooler snow going

**3** Drew out last of wood except a few cords that we cant get at, at present. I helped Pm. W fine snow nearly all gone. a little fell last night all went again today

**Sunday 4** at home all day A B's & C B's were here. W. Cler

5 Chored Am. I & Joe sawed Cordwood in old bush Pm W. fine spring weather

6 I went to Flavius AM helped Joe Saw Cordwood Pm W. Cold east wind

7 Chored AM. helped Joe set up some wood & partly made stone boat Pm. W. Cool. Cloudy

8 I went to Cedar Grove Am I & Joe helped Br C's saw wood with Machine Pm. W. fine

9 Helped Br C's finish Sawing wood got done between 3 & 4 Oc Pm then Hoover's Boys Moved the Machine to us. W. fine a slight shower Am

10 we sawed wood have 10 logs to Cut yet. W. Cler fine

**Sunday 11** at home all day. Br N was here awhile Pm. W Cler

12 Finished sawing wood this Morning. then I & Nancy went to funeral of my step Grandmother, my Grandfather Reesor's widow She was Buried at Cedar Grove. F inlaws & Abraham Hoover's from Pickering were here Pm. W. Cloudy a little rain at noon

13 I & Joe Put in logs & Piled lumber W. Cloudy cool

14 I & Joe Piled lumber. W fine I bought 50 suckers from W Clod

15 I helped Put in our last logs AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm. W. Cler AM Cloudy Pm. began to rain about 4 Pm raining yet

## **April 1875**

**April 16** I went to S M they didn't saw AM then I they began sawing Pm & I piled lumber Joe split wood W. very cold ground froze this morning a few squalls of snow

17 I piled lumber Joe split wood. W. froze hard heavy snow squall Pm

**Sunday 18** at home all day. W. Clear pretty cold

19 I & little boys Piled last of lumber & Drew 2 loads of edgings Joe Piled pine Cordwood W. Cold wind squalls snow

20 I & Nancy went to Markham Joe Piled wood W. very Cold N W wind. freezing hard

21 Joe went to Markham AM & to his Father's Pm I Chored Abraham Burkholder brought a young man Danel Burkholder from P'a here Pm. W. very Cold N W wind



**22** I & Joe Drew out last of pine Cordwood in other bush AM finished piling Pm brought home load of lumber began Cutting down willow trees at Hebron after supper. W. rather warmer Cler

**23** Finished Cutting down willow trees & I went to funeral of T H Halls Child AM Joe took grist Oats to Cedar Grove Mills AM we split some rails behind Cider house & I brought home Chop this evening. W. Cloudy, pretty mild

**24** ground axes & Cut down big 4 foot pine stub in old bush & split rails AM. split rails & I brought home Cows Chop Pm W. about 2 in snow this morning. about all away tonight Cold wind

**Sunday 25** Nancy & Children went to meeting at Hebron Br S's Came here after dinner W. fine Cler

**26** Chored & Split rails Am I & Nancy went to M N's Pm. W. fine Cler. roads good

**27** Drew stones off swails & I went to B S's this morning W. fine warm Cler

**28** Finished drawing stones AM Joe Plowed in little Orchard Pm. I bought 100 suckers off W Clod this evening @ 2.00 W. fine warmer

**29** Joe Finished Plowing little Orchard & I Cleaned fish & Chored Am Cleaned Seed Oats & Spring wheat Pm Old Jacob Lehman & Dnaiel Burkholder's from Pennsylvania were here at supper. W Cloudy Am rain from east Pm

**30** I & Nancy took a few things to Br. S's for the Russian Mennonites they intend starting to Manitoba on Monday then went to Cedar Grove

## **Apr May 1875**

**April 30** Joe Pulled down fence along north end of old bush AM I helped him lay it up Pm then I took a few more things to Br S's for the Mennonites W. Cold strong wind

**May 1** I went to see T Longley about digging some drains & Joe fixed fence AM Cleaned wheat Pm. W. hard frost last night Cloudy AM real November snow storm Pm. rain this evening

**Sunday 2** at home all day. W. Cloudy very high wind last night and today, snow all gone

**3** Went to Markham AM to get Cent Shod & to see the Mennonites start for Manitoba My Br Simeon Accompanies them as Interpreter Joe fixed fences, Pulled down fence on north side of fall Wheat Pm. W. fine Cler rather Cool

**4** Drew old pieces of rails home for firewood & drew 231 new rails to repair fence on north side of wheat & sowed little Orchard with Peas & part Peas & Oats W. fine pretty warm Cler

**5** Laid up fence on north side of fall wheat 6 rails high AM sowed 6 bush Virginia Golden drop spring wheat on north part of field back of garden & I brought 400 tiles Pm. W. some drizzly rain Pm steady rain tonight

**Ascension day 6** I & Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on Acts 1 Chap by Re'd S Hoover. W. Cler this morning Cloudy some rain & a squall of snow Pm

**7** Staked & ridered fences AM Trimmed apple trees in old Orchard Pm W. Cloudy

**8** Trimmed trees I went to M C Frets after supper. W. warmer fine thunder shower tonight

**Sunday 9** at home Br S's wife & Children were here W. warm some thunder. very heavy rain this evening

**10** Trimmed trees. I went to Br. N's Am to get hand saw set W. fine Cler

**11** Trimmed trees AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale & Joe trimmed a few trees & Carried off brush Pm. W. Cler Am Cloudy Pm a light rain tonight

**12** Carried off Apple brush W. pretty windy drizzly rain Pm

**13** Carried off Apple brush I took 3 bags Chop to Mill Pm for Cows I Joe & little boys Caught 6 suckers in our Creek this evening W fine

**14** Trimmed few trees I went to Whitevale AM Joe ganged a little back of barn, too wet, laid down tiles below Orchard where Longley is digging drain W. Cloudy. little rain

## **May 1875**

**May 15/75** Cut down some old apple trees Am Joe went to get some more tiles Pm they were all gone I & little boys Plated some apple trees & Caught 3 suckers Pm W. fine then we went down the creek this evening about sunset & I speared 2 & little John 2 & then I & John McGaw took a torch & such sport I have not had this many a year we speared 24

**Whit Sunday 16** at home Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's with A B's & Adeline with Br C's W. pretty Cold N wind

**Whit Monday 17** at home Br N's & Br C were here Pm I & little boys & Joe looked along Creek for suckers saw none W. fine

**18** sowed last of field back of garden with Club Wheat then I brought 128 tiles from Br C's took grist Oats to Br S's & brought 140 tiles from J D's brought home Chop this eving W fine Cler

**19** Joe & John ganged about half of field behind cider house Am I sowed it with 8 bus barley & John harrowed Pm Joe ganged behind barn Pm W. fine

**20** sowed rest of field behind Cider house with Peas Joe & John ganged them in & Joe finished ganging behind barn East half of field west half is for roots W. fine

**21** sowed Oats behind barn John harrowed sowed Peas below garden Joe ganged & harrowed them W. very warm  
*77-2-5 {written in blue ink}*

### **May 1875**

**22** John rolled field behind Cider house Joe began plowing field below Orchard I done a little of everything filled Some drain planted some trees & put in a few grafts W. warm

**Sunday 23** I & children went to meeting at Hebron appropriate remarks & sermon by Revds H Barky S Hoover & Br C for the Celebration of Lord's supper J B's Mrs H Stover & Lizzie Ramers were here at noon & H Barkey & wife & C B's at supper W. fin Cler

**24** Joe Plowed. John rolled field below garden & oats behind barn he got done about 2 Pm then I helped plow below Orchard. I planted some early rose Potatoes Am. W. Cloudy this morning. Cler today

**25** Both plowed. W. very warm

**26** Finished Plowing Am sowed field below Orchard with 12 bus Oats. we plowed it all to the Creek. W warm

**27** I finished harrowing & Rolling Joe Plowed swale in field back of garden W. fine. Cler Cool

**28** I sowed swale with Oats harrowed & Rolled it Am which finishes our seeding Joe drew dung on Corn ground opposite Br C's we both Plowed it Pm W. fine Cler

### **May June 1875**

**29** Planted Corn W. fine shower Am cool Cler Pm Br S came home from Manitoba today

**Sunday 30** at home Br. N's wife & boys were here Pm

**31** I brought 500 bricks from Pettys this morning then I & Nancy went to Funeral of Ulrick Burkholder's daughter at Hebron. I then took the Bricks to Mongolia for J B. he is building a house for himself on an acre of land that he bought off D Nighswander J H Rame's wife & Nancy's Brother Peter were here today. W. fine warm Cler

**June 1** Joe finished Plowing Potatoe ground Am I & John harrowed it. we washed sheep Pm W. fine Cler

**2** I went to measure pine wood that Lawton's cut Am went to Markham Pm Joe drew dung on root ground behind barn. W. fine warm Cler

**3** Joe plowed in root ground I went to B. S. S Am Plowed a few rounds then I & Nancy went to funeral of T Sanderson's Child Pm. W. fine warm Cler

**4** I & Nancy went to F inlaws I engaged pasture for my 2 Colts at P Milne's W. Cler Am few showers Pm

**5** Both plowed Am I went to shed meeting at Hebron

## **June 1875**

**June 5 5** very few there, no business done. W. fine Cler girls went to Dunkens Love Feast at J Cober's this evening

**Sunday 6** Nancy & Adeline went to Cober's Meeting Am W. fine Cler

**7** Joe finished Plowing & harrowing turnip ground & furrowed out a little more than an acre at the north end of it for feed Corn I didnt feel well Br. N's Peter sheared our sheep W. fine Cler

**8** Planted feed Corn Am Picked stones off meadow Pm a lot of visitors awhile Pm Pre Lehman & wife & 2 Reesors from Pennsylvanai Pre A Martin from Waterloo Br C Br N's Jac Wideman's & little C Hoover's and Br inlaw Saml Hoover's & Motherinlaw. W. fine Cler I Pulled some Pidgeon weed this evening

**9** Joe went to get Nell shod this morning I Cut Potatoes then we finished Pulling Pidgeon weed & Carried Potatoes out of Cellar & Cut some. W. warm fine shower this evening

**10** I little John & Joe took our 2 Colts to Pasture at P Milne's. Cut Potatoes after we came home W. very warm

**11** Joe drew dung on Potatoe ground I cut Potatoes W. very warm. Heard this evening that Isaac Reesor & Thos Armstrong were wrecked at sea on their way to Britian

## **June 1875**

**12** Planted Potatoes. W. warm this morning. Blowed up Cool Pm

**Sunday 13** at home all day girls & boys walked to Meeting at Cedar Groves. W. very cool.

**14** I & Joe finished Planting Potatoes W. fine Cler

**15** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona sermon on St Luke 13 C by Re'd B Lehman from Pennsylvania went to Simon Hoover's after service. I went to W Clods this evening. W. fine Joe drew dung on fallow

**16** Joe drew dung I rolled spring wheat & took 10 bus Oats to Br S's this evening. W. fine Cler

**17** W Clod Came to fill dung drew a few loads then it began to rain, rained nearly all AM. Cloudy PM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove & brought Chop home this evening

**18** W Clod filled dung. I harrowed & ~~Rolled~~ & John Rolled turnip ground Pm I topped thistles in spring wheat Pm W. fine

**19** Joe drew 4 loads dung which finished it except scrapings then we drew Chip dung out of woodshed on fallow I & Br N fixed step at Hebron Meeting house this morning W fine Cler There is still no word of news from Isaac Reesor & Thomas Armstrong it is feared that they are lost

## **June 1875**

**Sunday 20** I & Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Hebron Remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on St John 15 C by Rd Jos Barkey Visitors after service M N's Simon Hoover's & S Lehman's Old Saml Nighswander's & J H Rane's were here at supper. W. fine Clr

**21** Drew 2 loads Chip dung then Joe began making turnip drills & I bought turnip seed at Belford AM began plowing in fallow PM. W. Clr Warmer

**22** I & Nancy went to Markham to Dr Black she is not well. AM Joe finished drills shortly after dinner then he plowed in fallow & I sowed all the turnips W. slight shower at noon. warm

**23** Both Plowed in fallow. W. very warm. I took Butter to J D's this evening. he is taking it to Toronto for us

**24** Both Plowed untill about ½ past 3 when a thunder shower came up rained untill about 6. Oc then I went to J D's for Baskets he sold butter at 17 cts

**25** Both Plowed. W. pretty warm. ground well soaked

**26** Both Plowed AM. hoed Corn till about 3 PM when it began to rain. rained again after supper

**Sunday 27** went to meeting at Widemans there were 9 Converts baptized Vis Jacob Gayman & wife Martin Barkey & wife

## **June 1875 July**

{27th continued} Benjamin Brillenger & wife Simon Hoover & wife & a young German. Philip Baer by name. we went to S Lehman's after service. W. very very sultry & warm

**28** Both Plowed till supper then hoed Corn W. Cool

**29** Both Plowed. W. Cool. some drizzly & foggy PM

**30** Both Plowed. Finished fallow. W. Pretty warm Cler

**July 1** I & Nancy & little boys went to M N's took wool to Cliff factory. little boys had a fine time fishing W. fine

**2** Joe speared thistles I took grist wheat 8 bus to P Hoover's & broght 130 tiles for Br C (I had got some from him) AM Scuffled Corn PM. W fine warm Clr

**3** I brought home grist & scuffled Corn AM Finished scuffling Corn & took 6 bags Oats to get Chopped to Br S's after supper Joe harrowed fallow W. fine Cler pretty Cool

**Sunday 4** at home. Br S's Br N's & C Bs were here. W. warm

**5** I & Joe harrowed fallow second time AM Chored & fixed some fence PM. W. Close & a little rain AM. Soaking rain PM

**6** Joe mowed round house & wheat field fence Corners & went to Flavius' raising after supper I & Nancy went to J D's PM W. heavy rain AM & P M

## **July 1875**

**July 7** Joe Mowed round little Orchard & swale and speared some thistles I chored & Piled some lumber & went to J D's after supper. W. warm & Close very growing weather

**8** I turned hay AM raked & Cocked Pm Joe hoed feed Corn Nancy went to Toronto with Br C sold Butter @ 20 cts Eggs @18 cts She saw about 600 Russian Mennonites they are arriving about evry week on their way to Manitoba

**9** I went to Cherry wood & Chored Joe hoed feed Corn. W. fine

**10** I Mowed with Machine in meadow. Cut the Knoll & a few acres west of Creek Joe Mowed fence Corners & finished hoeing feed Corn. W. pretty warm

**Sunday 11** I Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by R'd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by R'd Jac Wideman we went to A B's Pm. W. fine

**12** Raked & Cocked the hay that I Cut. W. fine Joe scuffled Potatoes Am & after supper

**13** I finished Mowing Meadow Joe Cut fence Corners & swail till supper then he went to Markham to show. W. fine warm

**14** Joe mowed swail & I chored Am Raked & Cocked last of

## **July 1875**

Meadow except Swail Pm. W. fine Cler

**15** Drew in 9 loads hay. W. fine warm. Cler

**16** Drew in 3 loads hay which finishes big meadow except Swail. AM hoed few turnips Pm W. Close Am a few short showers Pm

**17** hoed turnips & ~~Go~~ Raked & Cocked swail hay in Meadow Joe & John shovel Plowed hill Corn after supper W. Cler

**Sunday 18** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron I staid with My Mother. W. fine rain last night & this morning

**19** all hoed turnips. W. fine Cler

**20** all hoed turnips J Mainland helped. W. warm Cler

**21** Finished hoeing turnips J Mainland helped. W. Cooler

**22** I & Joe finished morning swail in Meadow AM Joe began crossplowing fallow & I shovel plowed Potatoes & took grist Oats to Br S's W. Cler

**23** I finished Plowing potatoes turned hay & Plowed feed Corn Am then I & my boys drew in 3 loads hay till supper then Joe helped bring in last load after supper. W. fine Cler

**24** Both Plowed I & boys ~~took~~ brought home grist Oats after supper W. fine Clr

**Sunday 25** at home all day Br S's & Flavius were here Pm. W. fine Cler

## July 1875 Aug

26 Both Plowed W. warm. a slight shower Pm

27 Joe Plowed. I & Nancy went to Markham & a little while to J H Ramer's. I Plowed after supper. W. fine Cool

28 I Plowed. Joe went to John Milroys raising Am he helped to Plow Pm. W. fine pretty warm

29 Joe Plowed. I & little boys scuffled turnips. W. fine warm

30 I went to Mongolia for Reaper knife AM Joe finished plowing fallow about 3 Pm then we cut a road round fall wheat W. Cler

31 Joe & Flavius helped Br C bind barley I chored. W. Cler

**Sunday Aug 1** at home all day J D's were here W. fine Clear

2 Br C cut our fall wheat with his Burdick Reaper. it works splendid we got it all bound & more than half shocked W fine cool. I worked all day with my vest on

3 I killed a calf Joe sawed some wood AM. I went to Markham & Joe shocked last of wheat Pm. W. some drizzly rain

4 hoed some turnips second time AM I & Joe & Flavius helped Br C bind wheat Pm. W. Cloudy Am Close Pm

5 hoed turnips Joe went to Markham after supper W Cloudy Am. fine rain Pm. fine growing weather

## Aug 1875

6 hoed a few turnips Joe Piled Pea straw dung behind old barn between showers. W. about 7 showers through the day I & boys cut burrs & thistles round Orchard

7 Cleaned a grist this morning then I took it to P Hoover's AM I cut road round barley Pm. Joe harrowed fallow. W. rather Cloudy

**Sunday 8** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br. C sermon on {blank space} by R'd H Barkey. Uncle Saml Reesor's were here Pm. W. fine Cler

9 I Joe & Flavius helped Br C's finish Cutting Wheat Am began Cutting our barley with old Machine Pm Cuts well little John drove & I raked off McGaw & R W helped a few hours. we are binding it. W. fine



**10** Finished Cutting & binding & shocking barley till 10 AM then drew 1 load of wheat till noon & 8 loads Pm W. Cler

**11** Finished drawing in wheat 12 loads. W. warm looks like rain Nancy & boys were visiting at Br N's yesterday & at Br S's today

**12** I took grist Oat Chop to Cedar Grove Mills AM I & little boys hoed turnips till supper Joe harrowed fallow till supper little John raked wheat stubble from about 11 AM till supper then we drew in rakings after supper W. fine

### **Aug 1875**

**13** I brought home grist from P Hoover's AM I & boys hoed turnips till supper Joe Pulled Peas in little Orchard drew in 1 load barley after supper W. pretty warm Cler

**14** I & Joe & little boys drew in all barley 7 loads little John raked the stubbles Pm & we drew that in too W. fine warm

**Sunday 15** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Re'd H Barkey sermon on {*blank space*} by Br C S Lehman's were here after service R'd S Hoover & wife Pm. & J B's at supper. W. warm

**16** Joe drew stones off fallow & struck out some of it I chored. W. pretty warm. slight showers this evening

**17** Joe finished striking fallow. AM helped C B thresh Pm I went to Cherry wood Am & I & Nancy went to Cliffs for yarn Pm were at M N's for supper. W. Cler Am. fine shower Pm

**18** Joe helped C B's thresh AM. I & Flavius Cut road round spring wheat & I & John cut 3 rounds with reaper. Cut nearly all south half Pm. W. Cler. F inlaws were here at noon

**19** Cut a little spring wheat AM. nearly finished Pm W. rain last night. showry AM. Cloudy nearly all Pm

**20** Finished spring wheat then Cut some Oats behind barn

### **Aug 1875**

Re'd H Barkey's were here Pm. W. Clear AM few drops rain Pm

**21** Flavius helped Sanderson thresh & Joe helped Br N's I & boys shocked Oats AM. a few heavy showers Pm

**Sunday 22** at home AM went to T Moyer's Pm. W. fine Cool

**23** Joe helped Sanderson thresh with horses till nearly noon I & John finished Cutting Oats behind barn AM bound them & began pulling Peas behind Cider house with rake. W. fine

**24** finished Peas behind Cider house AM. Pulled all below garden Pm which finishes our Peas. W. fine

**25** Flavius Cut roads round Oats below Orchard & Joe went to Markham for pair boots AM set Machine & drew in 6 loads Pm. W. fine. warm. Cler

**26** Threshed 184 bus barley & 64 bus Treadmill Wheat AM. Drew in 7 loads ~~whe~~ Peas Pm. W. fine warmer

**27** Cut nearly all Oats below Orchard W. warm Nancy went to Simon Hoover's their boy is very sick

**28** Finished Cutting binding & shocking Oats. finished harvest W fine

**Sunday 29** went to Br S's W. very warm. A B's were here Pm

**30** drew in last Peas 8 loads. & 2 loads Club spring wheat W warm

## **Aug Sept 1875**

**31** Finished drawing in spring wheat 9 loads rakings & all. I raked while Flavius & Joe loaded. W. fine Cler

**Sept 1** drew in 11 loads Oats. W. very warm

**2** drew in 5 loads Oats AM. Chored Pm Joe ridge{d} up after supper. W. very hot & sultry Am shower Pm

**3** Joe Plowed I drew in 27 shocks Oats to Flavius & 2 loads from H Longs for him AM I & Adeline drew in our last load after dinner then I dug early Potatoes & took 6 bags Oats to Br S's. W. Cloudy fine rain after dark

**4** Both Plowed. W. very Cool. strong west wind. I & boys brought home Chop after sunset from Br S's

**Sunday 5** at home. J D's were here. I dont feel well. Nancy isnt well stomach d{e}rangement. W. pretty warm

6 Both Plowed. W. fine Cool. windy

7 I Plowed Joe helped Hall's thresh. W. pretty warm

8 I Plowed Joe helped Halls thresh AM Both finished Plowing Pm W. pretty warm

9 I & Nancy went to Funeral of Benj Hoover's Child at Wideman's burying ground. went to F inlaws at noon Joe sowed half of wheat John harrowed it W. warm a little rain at noon

### **Sept 1875**

10 Sowed rest of Wheat this morning then Friends David Weaver & wife & Levi Horst & wife from Ohio & Penn came & were here at noon. then I & Nancy took them to J D's & to Br S's this ev'ing. W. fine Cool

11 I began Plowing in wheat stubble Joe finished furrowing wheat AM Plowed Pm. W. fine. White frost this morning didnt do much harm

**Sunday 12** went to Meeting at Hebron appropriate Texts & Sermon for the Celebration of Lords supper Joseph {Grover's} & John Stover's were here at noon & the friends from the states were here again at supper. W. fine

13 Joe Plowed I went shooting with Nancy, Brother Peter & Benj'n Hoover into Flavius swamp I shot a Partridge & a Pidgeon they shot nothing I Plowed Pm W. fine Cler

14 Joe Plowed. I Chored & Plowed some. W. fine

15 Joe Plowed. I Plowed some AM had H Stover Pm to help me saw shingle timber in old bush. W. Cloudy AM a few Showers Pm heavy rain this evening

**Thanksgiving day 16** no Meeting today. heavy rain all day

17 Joe helped Cober's thresh. I got Frank & Nell shod & took Oats

### **Sept 1875**

to Br S's for Chop drew home few shigle bolts this morning W. Cool

18 Joe helped Cober's thresh I Plowed. W. fine Cool Cler

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy & John & Flavius went to Meeting at Wideman's Remarks by Br C sermon on St John 10 C 1st to 13 V by Rd Jos Barkey went to C L Hoover's after service Friends from the States were there too they are leaving tomorrow for Waterloo W. Cool rain this evening

**20** I & Joe finished Plowing wheat stubble & cut some feed corn. W. Cool showry Pm

**21** I & Nancy went to Altona for yarn AM. I made 53 gals Cider Pm Old C Windeman began Making shingles today W. fine Cool. Joe Plowed behind barn

**22** I boiled sauce. Joe Plowed. Wideman quit the shingles his left hand is powerless. W. fine. white frost last night

**23** I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramer's AM they have been very sick but are getting better again Plowed Pm W. fine Cool

**24** I & J B laid new floors in hog Pen Joe finished plowing behind barn & began below garden. W. fine warm Cler

**25** I & J B Finished fixing hog Pen AM we began Cutting feed Corn Pm a shower stopped us J B went home Joe Plowed I & Nancy went to Whitevale W. cool

## **Sept 1875 Oct**

**Sunday 26** at home all day. W. fine Cler Br N's Br S's & C B were here awhile Pm

**27** Sowed grass seed on wheat awhile this morning then Joe cut feed corn I bound awhile then I went to Markham Station to bring home some visitors from Pennsylvania & Waterloo W. Cool

**28** I & Nancy & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron sermon on {blank space} by R'd Mensch & Mack from Penn U S. there were about 20 visiting Brothern & sisters in meeting today some Called this Morning & C B's brought 4 Pm. W. fine not very Cold

**29** I Chored shot 4 Pidgeons yesterday Pm & 3 this AM. W. cool Joe went to Brougham fair. heavy thunder Shower tonight

**30** Joe Plowed AM I chored. Picked winter apples Pm the Russian that lives at J D's sawed wood for my Mother AM & helped Pick apples Pm. W windy. Cler Pm

**Oct 1** I & Joe finished sowing grassseed on wheat AM & Picked appls he Plowed Pm. I & boys finished winter apples W. cool

2 I & boys went to Markham to get boots AM. picked fall apples Pm. Joe finished Plowing below garden I went to Hebron Pm awhile there was to be a meeting to see about building sheds very few there. nothing done. W. fine

## Oct 1875

**Sunday Oct 3** at home girls & boys went to Meeting at Cedar Grove. W. fine Cler pretty Cool

4 I got 8 bags Oats Chopped at Br. C's & brought home grist flour AM I & Br C went to Jas Duncan's sale Pm. W. Cloudy mild

5 I went to neighbours to make known that there will be a Meeting at Hebron at 2 Oc Pm today Red George Brenneman from Ohio & Rd -- Woolner from Waterloo were at Br C's last night & called here this morning W drizzly Am Cler Pm

6 Chored AM. I & Nancy went to Markham Pm Joe began Plowing in spring wheat subble on Mondy Am then he helped J D thresh Pm & yesterdy & this Am he Plowed this Pm. W. Cloudy very heavy rain tonight rainy yet

7 Began to dig Potatoes. W. Cloudy. mild. Potatoes good crop

8 I & Nancy & little boys went to S. Lehman's took yarn to get wove Joe went to Markham Fair W. Cool some squaals of rain

9 dug Potatoes. Br. N's Peter helped. W. Cler pretty Cool Pm slight shower at noon

**Sunday 10** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on *{blank space}* by Br C. W. Clo{illegible}

11 I & Nancy went to Funeral of Uncle John Burkholder at Wideman's sermon by Rd H Barkey & Baptist Pre Moore we got dinner

## Oct 1875 Oct 1875

at F inlaws W. fine pretty cold wind from North

12 dug Potatoes. W. fine Cold north wind

13 dug Potatoes. W. fine Cler

14 dug Potatoes. W. fine. we dig 2 waggon loads per day Rd C Gayman & wife John Gayman & wife Isaac Moyer's & C B's wife were here awhile Pm

**15** dug 8 rows Potatoes Am. drizzly rain stopped us Joe & little John helped Br C thresh from 3 Pm till night. I went to Cedar Grove. W. drizzly nearly all Pm

**16** I & little boys dug Potatoes AM Joe helped Br C thresh little John helped Pm I & the rest of little boys finished Potatoes brought home some beans & Cabbage. W. Cool

**Sunday 17** at home all day. W. snow & drizzly rain about an inch fell

**18** I & little boys made 52 gals Cider. W. cool snow all went last night

**19** Boiled sauce I tended AM. Cleaned & took 20 bu & 20 lbs old spring wheat to P R Hoover's Pm @ \$1.4 cts per bus. W. fine Cler

**20** Boiled sauce I tended awhile then Cleaned & took 41 bus 10 lbs old Treadwell Wheat to P R Hoover's @ \$1.7 per bus W fine Cler

**21** I took 46 bus 27 lbs barley to Markham @ 70 cts per bus W very fine warm

**22** I took 46 bus 27 lbs barley to Markham @ 69 Cts per bus W. beautiful as September

## **Oct 1875**

**23** I & little boys harrowed part of Potatoo ground AM then I & Br C brought home Colts from Milnes Pasture Pm. W. beautiful, fine & Cler roads good

**Sunday 24** at home. Chris Stover's & their daughter Mathina Burkholder from Indiana were here J D's C B's & Br N's were here Pm. W. very fine beautiful & Cler

**25** I took 46 bus 14 lbs barley to Markham @ 68 per bus Joe finished Plowing back of garden AM began drawing dung on field below Orchard Pm. W. rather Cool

**26** Joe drew dung AM. threshed Peas Pm I went to Whitevale Pm. W. showry, heavy thunder AM

**27** I & Nancy went to Simon Hoovers I went to D Nighswanders sale. W. pretty Cold windy. Cler Pm

**28** I & little boys drew in 4 loads Corn. W. fine

**29** I & little boys drew in 3 loads Corn W. Cloudy AM. drizzly rain after 3 Pm we brought in 1 load turnips this evening Joe & J Mainland Pulled today

**30** Joe & J Mainland Pulled a few turnips this morning then threshed Peas till noon Joe finished drawing dung Pm I & boys husked Corn AM I took Chop to Cedar Grove Mills Pm W. rainy AM cloudy Pm

**Sunday 31** at home all day Susan Cobr was here. W. little shower of sn{illegible}

**Nov 1** ~~I brought home Chop & (illegible)~~ I & boys finished drawing in Corn 3 loads & I went to see the Russian German at Gibbs to help Pull turnips tommorrow Joe ~~Pulled today~~ W. pretty mild

**Nov**

**Nov 1 1875** I went this Morning to see Russian German at Dillers to help pull turnips Then I & boys finished drawing in Corn 3 loads. W. pretty mild

**2** Joe & German Pulled turnips I brought home Chop AM Pulled with hoe Pm W pretty Cold

**3** drew in 9 loads turnips German sawed wood for my Mother. F inlaws were here M Ns Called few minutes Pm. W. Cold froze hard

**4** I borrowed Hoover's waggon drew 16 loads with 2 teams. W milder

**5** drew 5 loads AM Pulled a few Pm W. mild

**6** I & little boys drew 5 loads & helped Joe finish Pulling W. fine. Indian Summer weather

**Sunday 7** I & Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Rd S Hoover J B's were here. W. fine Cler

**8** I & boys finished drawing turnip 7 loads A B & his Mother called awhile Pm Joe began plowing east of orchard. W. Clear

**9** I took sow to Trans AM Took 21 bus Potatoes to Whitevale @ 40 ct per bus W. pretty Cold

**10** Joe threshed Peas AM I & boys husked Corn. I & boys made 40 gals Cider Pm. W. rain AM. Cloudy Pm

**11** I brought home sow & plowed W. Cler. this morning cloudy through the day mild

**12** I & Joe finished plowing below Orchard he took his plow to shop this evening. W beautiful like Indian Summer

**13** Cleaned Peas this morning then began plowing in pasture field I & boys took in Potatoes out of pit.  
W rain this morning Cler Pm

**Sunday 14** at home all day Br C was here AM W. snow AM Cloudy Pm about 3 in snow fell mild

**15** Joe was away AM I went shooting little while shot five black squirrel Joe threshed Peas & I &  
Nancy went to Whitevale Pm. W mild AM soft snow & rain Pm

**16** Put winter apples into Cellar & Joe threshed Peas I fixed stops under Kitchen doors & talked with Br  
S's they came home from Pennsylvania this Morning and Came here Pm. W. mild. some soft snow

**17** Joe threshed Peas I & boys took 6 ewes to Br N's then went to J D's Cleaned Peas Pm. I took  
10 bus to Cedar Grove Mills & Joe drew sawed wood into Shed Pm W cold cloudy

**18** Joe drew wood into shed I drew home 3 cord for my Mother W. mild, squaals of snow Pm

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**1875**

**19** Joe Plowed sod I brought home Chop AM Plowed Pm W. mild, snow going away

**20** Both plowed sod W. fine warm Clear. snow yet in places

**Sunday 21** at home Elizabeth Wismer & her Man Glason Thoma{son} from Waterloo were here they  
were Married some time in the summer and are living at Manasseh Fret's Henry Wismer & Anna  
Wallace were with them C B's were here Pm. W. Cler. Cold north wind Pm freezing

**22** I went to Cedar Grove & Joe Flailed Oats AM I got Frank shod at Cherry wood & Joe got Nell shod  
at Markham Pm. W. very sharp froze hard. Cler

**23** I & Joe helped Br S's thresh W Milder

**24** Cleaned Oats 7 bus this morning then Joe drew wood in shed & I chored I took Oats to Cedar  
Grove Mills Pm Nancy went along to store. W. Cler. sharp north wind

**25** Joe helped Sanderson I asked A B to help us Kill hogs on Monday this AM fixed henhouse Pm W  
sharp cler

**26** Cleaned grist wheat & seed barley & husked corn W. rainy nearly all day. mild



**27** Joe tried to plow sod. too much frost then he made some water furrows & drew wood in shed AM he skidded 15 sawlogs Pm I took 12 bus grist wheat to Cedar Grove Mills AM fixed things for Killing hogs on Monday. Pm. W. pretty sharp. Cler

**Sunday 28** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Rd H Barkey sermon on Hebrews 2 C by Rd S Hoover. Br S's were here Pm W. Cloudy AM. some snow Pm mild this evening

**29** Killed our hogs. six. W. real January day. fierce North wind calm this evening

**30** I helped J D Kill hogs W. bitter cold. Joe banked turnip cellar & took sow to Trans

**Dec 1** Joe helped Br C kill hogs I & John took our Cooking stove to Bambridges to get fixed. the whole bottom fell out yesterday. I brought sow home this evening. W. pretty Cold yet. wind from east

**2** I helped Br S's kill hogs. Joe sawed wood for my Mother AM threshed Peas Pm. W. fine. Milder

**3** I chored Joe cut drags in Old bush. W. mild Cler

**4** Chored AM went to Markham got Cent & Jess shod W. mild roads fine & level

**Sunday 5** I & children went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with Mother

## **Dec 1875**

remarks by Br C Sermon on St Peter 5 C by Rd H Barkey I & Nancy went to C B's awhile Pm. W. mild a little rain from east this evening

**6** I chored Joe Chopped drags in Old bush. he commenced work this morning @ \$50 . from this morning to 1 April 1876 W. mild thawing some

**7** I helped C B's Kill hogs Joe chopped AM threshed Peas Pm W mild. foggy drizzly rain from east nearly all day froze on trees

**8** I & Nancy helped A B's kill hogs. went with sleigh W. mild began to snow Pm. sleigh goes well

**9** Joe drew 2 loads Pine wood to Markham I & Herman & Benjamin brought home ewes from Br N's AM. Took Chop grist to Br S's Pm W. mild. Cloudy sleighing good

**10** Joe drew 2 loads Pine wood to Markham I shelled grist Corn AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm W. mild

**11** I & boys husked Corn AM I went to Flavius Pm Joe threshed Peas. W. soft snow nearly all day. mild

**Sunday 12** at home. Diller's youngsters were here W. mild

**13** I & Br C took some Pork & Potatoes to Russian Mennonite at Diller's this morning he Cut his foot & Cannot work then we went to see Diller he got his eye hurt with a cows horn & has a touch of Bilius fever I carried Corn out of new barn Pm. W. heavy snow AM blustry Pm

**14** I & Nancy went to Markham for stove AM then met J McGaw bringing it home I asked hands to thresh on Thursday Joe helped Halls yesterday & today W. very Cold sleighing good

**15** I Br C & Flavius set Machine this morning Joe helped Halls thresh AM Fixed round barn Pm. W. some soft snow Pm. Mild

**16** Threshed spring wheat didnt turn out so very well Fall wheat very good. didnt Count boxes, but I think We threshed about 150 spring & 140 Fall W. very fine, mild

**17** Finished Threshing. about 100 bus more Fall wheat & some 400 bus Oats W. very very Cold blow from West Calmed down towards night got done in good time. Machine run splendid both days

**18** I & John & Flavius went to Whitevale AM Joe done nothing I Took 16 bus Oats to Br S's Pm Joe cut drags W. Cold

## **Dec 1875**

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy went to J D's a little while Pm W. bitter Cold Richard Bear was buried today

**20** Chored. Pulled down and Covered up Horse Power Joe went to Markham on his own Business AM Drew home wood out of old bush Pm W. fine & mild

**21** I went to Markham AM sold Pine wood to A Fleury at \$2.00 Per Cord AM Helped Flavius Kill a Cow Pm. Joe drew home wood AM. Took sow to Tran's & Made wood rack Pm. W. very Mild some rain Pm sleighing going fast

**22** I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove & husked some Corn AM I brought home sow Pm Joe drew home drags out of Old bush W. like April sleighing gone

**23** Went to Cliffs & to M N's for dinner Joe Chopped in old bush. W. mild roads sloppy Bees humming. Crows flying. things look like spring

**24** Drew home drags AM. Joe threshed & I chored Pm. W. roaring wind from east AM ~~began~~ began to snow Pm turned to rain this evening

**Christmas Day 25** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron W. fine mild a little squaally this morning

**26** at home all day W. heavy wind & snow from East AM turned to rain Pm very heavy rain this evening. a little lightning yesterday morning I forgot to mention it

**27** Joe went to Markham on his own business AM we drew home about 12 drags Pm. W Mild

**28** drew home 15 drags AM. Joe went to a bee Lawtons had in Dyke bush to cut pine wood for us I & little boys shot a Black squirrel Pm W. fine mild

**29** Joe Chopped in old bush I went to Cedar Grove AM didnt do much Pm dont feel well W Cold east wind

**30** Joe chopped AM went to A McCreights bee on his on account Pm I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm roads getting muddy. April weather

**31** Cleaned Peas & little John & Joe sawed some at Maple tree in Old bush & I sorted turnips. they are rotting a little AM J H Ramer's Came at noon Joe to grist Chop to Ceder Grove Mills Pm. W. like spring roads muddy

## **Jan 1876**

**January 1, 1876** at home all day J D's & Br C were here C B's came Pm W. rain this morning drizzly & foggy

**Sunday 2** We all went to Meeting at Hebron. Adeline staid with my Mother remarks & sermon St Mat Part of 2 C by Br C Rd S Hoover came lat A B's & F inlaws boys and M N's Elisabith were here W. Mild Cler roads very muddy & bad

**3** I & Joe sawed some wood in old bush AM he split & I chored Pm. W. Cler blowed cold Pm

**4** Joe went to Duffins Creek & I went to Ceder Gove AM. we began to cut sawlogs at Dyk's Pm W. frose hard last night fine Cler today Ulrich Burkholder & his wife Mathine from Indiana were her last evening

**5** Cut logs AM Joe went to Jas Milroy wood sawing Bee Pm Saul Bea{mer}'s & Emanuel Nighswanders from Maryland were here today W. pretty Cold AM. Milder Pm. some rain this evening

6 We went to Br N's on a visit Joe went to T Halls chopping Bee. W. Cold N West wind froze hard

7 I & little John went to Markham to get a lot of Boots mended & got Nell & Frank shod for four feet W. Cold this morning Milder this evening Joe threshed Peas

8 I & boys Picked turnips in Cellar they are rotting pretty bad I think we Picked Out about 30 bus Joe threshed Peas W. Milder rained this evening after dark

**Sunday 9** at home. girls & John & Flavius went to A B's I got set new set single Harness at Digbys in Markham the Other day. now they can drive out a little Diller's youngsters & C B's were here awhile today. W. warm foggy dull & dismal as April rain heavy tonight

10 I helped Br N's Kill beef AM Joe finished Picking turnips. he threw out another waggon load AM then he threshed Peas. W. Cold heavy blow from West a very little snow

11 Cut logs. W. pretty Cold.

12 I & Nancy went to Whitevale I took Crosscut saw & got it gummed Joe thrashed few Peas & began Cleaning them W. pretty Cold sharp North wind

## **Jan 1876**

13 I helped Br C Kill Beef AM I & boys to 14 bus Oats to Br S's to get Chopped Pm. Joe took 43 bus 35 lbs Peas to Toronto at 74 per bus. W. fine & Cler pretty Cold

14 I & Joe helped Br C saw wood with Machine W. Cold west wind some snow AM didnt amount to anything

15 I helped Br C saw AM Joe helped all day I chored Pm. W. milder

**Sunday 16** at home all day F inlaws were here Br S's youngsters were here this evening W. mild

17 we sawed wood with Hoover's Machine W. fine & mild like April. thawing. Cloudy

18 Went to Cut logs. Cut 4 when it began to rain came home then Chored. W drissly rain from east all day

19 Cut logs AM. Joe Picked turnips in Celler Pm I & Nancy went to Funeral of Old Mrs Isabel Purdy at 11th Con & then went to Cedar Grove W. mild roads very muddy Cold wind this evening

20 Cut logs. W. very Cold. froze hard. roads very rough

**21** I had George Gunn with Br S's Oxen skidding logs we put up 59 W. pretty Cold a little snow Joe went to Funeral of Susan Bear

**22** Joe threshed Peas W. snow from East all day didnt fall very deep

**Sunday 23** I & girls & boys went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Rd H Barky sermon on St Mat part of 15 C by Br C. I came home boys & girls staid at Br N's W. mild Cloudy a few sleighs out today

**24** Cut logs. W. Cloudy little squaals of snow

**25** Cut logs AM Joe threshed Peas Pm. I & Nancy went to Br C's with Matty Shank she is married to E Cook & lives in the vicinity of Ingersoll. She & Abraham Hoover's wife & Elisabeth Nighswander were here at noon & went with us to Br C's W. some snow. mild

**26** Cut logs. W. Cloudy pretty Cold

**27** Finished Cutting all the Pines that were blown down about 18. W. some rain snow & sleet last night looked a little like sleighing this morning but the sun came out & this evening the roads are all mud again

**28** Killed our beef Cow AM Joe took grist Chop for Cattle to Ceder Grove Mills Pm W. Mild Am some drissly rain Pm

## **Jan 1876 Feb**

**29** Joe & Jim Skidded 63 logs being all the new cut ones I & little boys took beef head & pickings to Br S's for Russians then went to get chop it was not done I then went to Sparta Pm & got Chop coming back W. soft this morning getting Colder froze hard tonight windy

**Sunday 30** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron brought me the mournful intelligence that our old and faithful Preacher Henry Barkey fell Dead this morning as he was preparing to come to Meeting. M N's were here Pm W. pretty Cold high wind last night

**31** I went to Markham to get horses sharped on hind feet Adeline & Susanna went with me to J H Ramer's Joe burnt apple brush. W. sharp this Morning. fine & mild today

**Feb 1** I & Nancy went to Funeral of Red H Barkey went to F inlaws after service. at the grave some Parties fancied that he was not dead, so the body was Carried into the meeting house & a doctor was sent for in the mean time Br C Preached on 39th Psalm 5-6 & 8 {verse} then Mr. Finch spoke on the

same in English. after service the Doctor pronounced him dead W. mild. soft snow nearly all day snowing yet Joe was away today

2 Chored. W. very very heavy wind last night & today Joe was away today. he Came home tonight & told me that there are 37 Plnes blown down in our bush. Cold

3 went to cut a pine out of road that fell across 5th Con cut 4 logs out of it AM Joe threshed Peas Pm I & boys took Chop Oats to Cedar Grove Mills W. mild snowed roads running east & west are badly drifted

4 Joe helped Flavius saw wood I helped shovel road from 11th Con west. I & boys took grist wheat to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. W. Cler some snow AM

5 Joe took 2 loads pine wood to Fleurys in Markham I & boys went through Hoover's bush awhile AM saw nothing brought home grist Pm J B's were here awhile. W. pretty Cold

**Sunday 6** at home J D's were here Br N's awhile Pm Br S's & Henry Boyer's tonight W. beginning to thaw

7 went to A B's Joe took 2 loads wood. sleighing gone

8 Joe split sawed wood I chored. W. sharp, getting milder

9 I & Joe helped Br S's thresh. W. snow from East AM rain & sleet Pm freesing as it falls

## **Feb 1876**

10 I & Joe helped Br. S's finish threshing AM Joe took load of wood to Markham Pm I fixed box under new turnip slicer it works very well David Burkholder's were here this evening W. mild began to rain lightly from east this evening sleighing pretty good

11 Joe took load of wood AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm. W. heavy rain last night fine driving rain AM Cler warm Pm, sleighing gone again ~~JB~~ John Wideman's were here today

12 ~~JB~~ Joe split wood. I chored AM went to see Chaley Booth Pm he is coming on Monday to help Cut sawlogs W. mild

**Sunday 13** at home all day Br. C's Children were here Pm. W. mild Cler

14 Chored AM helped Br C kill a beef Pm Joe & little boys cleaned Peas AM he split wood Pm W rain AM Cloudy Pm

**15** Chored AM washed good Harness Pm. W. a little snow Joe & Booth cut 21 logs today

**16** I oiled harness AM helped Sanderson's thresh Pm W. Cold west wind boys cut 24 logs today

**17** we went to Br S's on visit with sleigh pretty bad sleighing boys cut 30 logs. W. fine mild Cler

**18** I & boys Cleaned 20 bus Oats Chaley Booth threshed Peas & Joe went to Markham he came back at 10 AM then he & Charly went to bush. I took Oats to Cedar Gove Mills Pm. boys cut 7 logs W. Cler

**19** Chored AM. Went to J Ds got some willow baskets off German Pm. boys Cut 23 logs W. Cler thawing

**20 Sunday** at home all day Nancy & John & Adeline went to Meeting at Cedar Grove Br N's were here Pm & this evening W. cold cler

**21** I helped Br C kill a beef AM I & little boys hung up Meat to smoke Pm boys cut 21 logs. W. pretty cold

**22** I & Nancy went to old D Hoover's on a visit W. heavy wind last night some snow squalls Pm boys Came home from bush at 4 Pm they Cut 16 logs then Cut wood at woodshed

**23** Boys went to bush. Joe Came home & threshed Peas too Cold in bush I Oiled Chain Harness. W. very Cold wind from north

**24** I took our girls & Br C's girls to quilting at F inlaws Joe threshed Peas W. very Cold yet not so windy

## **Feb 1876 Mar**

**25** I went to Whitevale AM Fixed old double lines Pm. Boys Cut 19 logs. W. sharp yet. Cler

**26** I & boys brought home some smoke wood & went to Flavius swamp to look for Rabbits a little while AM. Chored Pm. boys cut 21 logs W. strong east wind

**Sunday 27** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 5 C by Red S Hoover. B F Reesor & family & his Mother were here Pm. W. East wind began to snow heavy this evening

**28** Joe threshed Peas I chored. W. fine snow last night sleet & snow AM. drizzle Pm mild. looks little like rain

**29** I helped Br C kill a beef AM Simon Hoover's Came before dinner. W. Clear. fine pretty good sleighing Joe drew 2 loads pine to Markham

**March 1** I & little boys bagged 20 bus grist Peas & Oats AM took it to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. Joe drew 2 loads pine. W. Cler. sharp wind

**2** I didn't do much. have Cold in my head Joe drew 2 loads pine. W. Clear. sharp wind

**3** Took horses Cent & Jess to Markham to get shod ~~both~~ brought Chop home. W. Mild thawing Joe took 2 loads pine

**4** I & Nancy went to Funeral of Old Peter Ramers wife Br N's went with us. Sermon on 2nd Epistle Timothy 4C 7 & 8 Vrs by Br C A Ramer spoke in english Joe drew 1 load wood, drew 2 load out of old bush Pm for Mother. W. fine thawing roads going

**Sunday 5.** at home Br N's & C B's were here girls went to Meeting at Widemans with Br N's boys. W. mild thawing a little shower tonight

**6** I went to bush to look at down trees awhile AM Finlaws & Martin Hoover & Lizzy & Delilah Nighswander were here Pm. W. fine Mild Cler boys cut 24 logs

**7** Chored boys cut 22 logs W. very warm. snow nearly all gone water very high roads very muddy

**8** Chored boys cut 1 logs. W. Cold froze hard thawed a little Pm

**9** I & Nancy went to Mannasse Fretz's. then I & he went to Bessie's sale Pm Joe & Ham Cut 12 logs AM. Ham helped in Booths stead. Joe trimmed Pm W. Cler

~~The~~ **10** I helped C B's saw wood Joe threshed Peas W strong east wind

**11** Boys finished Cutting logs 22. I and little boys cleaned

## **Mar 1876**

grist wheat 24 bus took it to Cedar Grove Mills W. Mild. east wind began to rain this evening

**Sunday 12** at home all day. W. rainy nearly all day

**13** Joe finished threshing Peas & took young sow to Hoover's I chored. W. Cold some snow last night

**14** Joe began drawing out Hemlock & pine wood at Dykes I brought home sow and I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm roads very rough. pretty cold



**15** I & Nancy went to Flavius Joe drew out wood W. fine Cler. sharp

**16** Joe drew out wood AM I & boys cleaned Oats Cleaned 60 boxes Peas Pm. W. strong wind from East began to snow at 10 AM. snowed & sleet nearly all day

**17** Joe drew out wood I went to Belford this morning took 22 bus Oats to Cedar Grove Mills Pm W mild ~~tough~~ tough sleighing

**18** Joe drew 7 long logs to S M. I went to J D's AM brought home Chop Pm. W. very Cold strong north wind sleighing middling

**Sunday 19** at home. John & girls went to Meeting at Cedar Grove A B's & C B's were here and Br S's this eving

**20** Joe drew logs AM I & little boys cut old Cider Press beam in two it is white Oak. Joe helped Pm & we cut the two bottom timbers they are Black Ash W W. strong wind from east AM began to snow heavy about noon. snowed all Pm snowing yet

**21** Joe drew logs I drew 2 Cider Press logs AM little John drew 2 Pm I Moyer's were here Pm sleighing pretty good W. fine. Cler

**22** Joe drew logs I drew last 3 Cider press logs & 1 Elm out of old bush. W. fine, thawing some

**23** Joe drew logs. we started to go to J B's met them up the townline going to C B's then I & boys took about 10 bus of snow out of Hebron Meeting house garret. then J B's Came Pm. Hitched up our Mare Colt Topsy. She went very well W. fine warm. snow going fast

**24** went to Markham & to F inlaws Joe went to widow Bear's Funeral W. fine warm. Cler, wind from east Pm

**25** Chored. Joe went to Bear's W. soft snow from east last night & AM turned to rain Pm & mild & thawing

**Sunday 26** I & Nancy & Children except John & Susanna

**Mar April 1876**

went to meeting at Hebron remarks by Red S Hover sermon on St Mark 9C by Br C Red S Hoover & wife were here Pm W. Foggy & damp. soft. snow & drizzly nearly all day People all came to meeting with sleighs

**27** I & Br C hitched up our Colt AM Nancy's Br John came to exchange 20 bus spring Wheat for seed AM I went to shed Meeting at Hebron. Concluded to build sheds facing the road. W. fine Cler Jacob Reesor's were here this evening Joe drew logs

**28** I helped Br. C kill 4 Pigs AM Joe drew logs we fixed place in old barn for sheep Pm W. fine AM heavy snow from east Pm

**29** I went to Markham AM. hired Aaron Stevenson @ \$12.00 per month & his washing for a term of 8 months done nothing Pm Joe was at Bears he is leaving here to work for Bears family. W. very heavy snow fall last night snow about a foot & half deep on the level. drifted some

**30** I went to M Dyke's AM to see about getting out with sawlogs found snow too deep AM I & John drove to Sparta with Colt Pm. Joe drew a few logs that were near the road. W. mild Cler

**31** Fixed a new box on heavy Bobs & filled bags with Potatoes AM Joe started for Toronto with 30 bags Pm. I & little boys drove to Whitevale with Colt Pm. W. fine & warm thawing a little

**April 1** I & little boys drove Colt AM Chored Pm W. fine Clear. thawing a little Joe came home this evening. he sold Potatoes @ 60 ct per bag

**Sunday 2** at home. young Danl Hoover's were here & J D's Pm W fine. our girls & boys went to Meeting at Widemans Br N's John went with them. sleighing good yet

**3** I & Nancy & little boys went to Br C's Nancy helped to quilt I went to Markham for Aaron Stevenson drove Colt out W. drizzly rain AM. thawing sleighing getting soft

**4** I went to Morrisons this morning. Aaron sawed wood for my Mother Young W Morrison's came at noon he brought some seed Oats for me. W. Mild Cloudy

## **April 1876**

**April 5** Went to J H Ramers on a visit Aaron chopped in old bush W. some snow squaals AM Mild sleighing getting thin

**6** I helped move Flavius Reesor move to Altona Aaron Chopped. W. Cler. wind from west we moved him with waggons. sleighing about gone

**7** Took in turnip pit. W. drizzly squaaly AM Cler Pm. strong west wind. pretty cold

**8** Aaron Chopped AM we drew out pine wood Pm W. fine Cler

**Sunday 9** at home Br Ss & Br Ns were here W. fine

**10** I & Aaron & Br C sowed Clover seed of on fall wheat untill near 10 Oclock when it got to soft to walk then Aaron Chopped we drew out pine & Hemlock Pm. W. fine warm Cler

**11** we & Br C sowed grass seed awhile this Morning hadnt quite enough. then Aaron Chopped till noon drew out nearly all the pine & Hemlock wood Pm I think we will leave the rest awhile it is froze fast & partly Covered with snow. W. fine. Cler

**12** I & Aaron drew away & piled some lumber that was cut last year. AM. Aaron split wood Pm. W. Cloudy Am rain Pm

**13** I & Aaron drew away & Piled hardwood lumber AM. Aaron sawed wood Pm & I went to Dykes & C B's Pm. W. Cloudy Am. foggy & drissly rain Pm

**Good Friday 14** I & Nancy & some of Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 27 C. by Red S Hoover Br C & Br S are away at Waterloo W. foggy AM heavy Shower Pm roads very very bad. dreadful

**15** I & Aaron hacked in top of sawlogs in our bush at Dyke's to prevent worms AM sawed maple then in old bush Pm. W. fine Cler

~~Sun~~ **Easter Sunday 16** at home girls & John & Flavius went to Meeting at Cedar Gov Br N & J D's were here Pm W. fine

**Easter Monday 17** at home Br C's girls & Enos Hoover & Esther Ramer were here W. Cool, snow squaals

**18** Took 10 bus Peas & Oat Chop to Ceder Gov Mills AM Took 18 bus Oats & brought home Chop Pm W. Cool Cloudy Aaron split wood in bush

**19** Went to Cherry wood AM brought home Oat Chop Pm Aaron split wood. W. Cler Cool

## **April 1876 May**

**20** I & Nancy went to J B's on a visit they live in Mongolia Aaron Cut & Piled up green pine tops in bush at Dyke's

**21** Aaron cut & Split wood in old bush AM Sawed at home with bucksaw Pm I Chored W. fine Cler

**22** Aaron Sawed wood & split some in woodshed I waited on my Mother the most of the day she is not so well W. showery & drissly awhile AM fine shower tonight

**Sunday 23** Children went to Meeting at Hebron I & Nancy staid with Mother J D's Children were here after service. W. fine AM heavy shower Pm

**24** Aaron dunged out Colt stable & sawed wood I Chored & fixed some fence along Pickering townline W. Cler

**25** I & Aaron went to S M to Pile lumber There was none Cut so I staid & helped put in logs AM Aaron went home. Cleaned out stables & Picked stones off new Meadow back of Cider house. W fine Cler

**26** both Piled lumber. W. beautiful clear roads good in places. very very bad places yet

**27** Finished Piling lumber W. fine Cler. look like rain this evening

**28** Sorted Potatoes in Cellar awhile AM then Aaron Picked Stones off Meadow & I went to get a dozen Suckers at Br N's he brought them off W Clod they are Catching a great Many. fixed some fenc after supper. W. Cler. heavy rain last night

**29** Both plowed sod in west end of big field goes well wet yet in places. W. fine. Cler, strong west wind Pm

**Sunday 30** at home. Br. C's Children & some of Br N's were here W. very Cold North wind all day

**May 1** Both Plowed. W. very Cold NW. wind frose hard this morning

**2** Both Plowed awhile. too wet then Aaron drew off Stones near Br C's & I & Nancy went to Whitevale AM I plowed near Br C's Pm Aaron is sick W. warm Cler

**3** I & little John Plowed near Br C's W. fine Cler

**4** I took 12 bus Pea & Oat Chop to Cedar Grove Mills AM I & little John finished plowing near Br Cs PM little boys brought home Chop after supper I went to Meet J Lawton to Measure Pine & Hemlock wood W. Drissly this morning warm Cler Pm

**May 1876**

**5** Sowed spring wheat near Br C's & John harrowed it Aaron is sick yet F inlaws were here. W. drissly rain nearly all day

**6** I took Nell & Frank to Markham to get shod Aaron went with me he is not well yet I & Boys drew out 3 loads edgings at S M & brought one load home Pm. W. fair Cler

**Sunday 7** at home Br N's & J D were here Pm. Mother is Poorly. W. Cloudy

**8** I & Aaron Plowed some sod AM he Came back last night well again ground very wet it has rained nearly every night lately Chored Pm I went to Cedar Gov after supper W. showery

**9** Chored. Aaron finishing Picking stone off new meadow & split wood. W. Cool. Cloudy

**10** Aaron Cut edgings into oven wood & I went to Cober's Pm W. ~~slight shower in~~ we cut straw to fill beds AM pretty heavy rain AM. slight shower's Pm

**11** I & Aaron & Br C went to Br S's bush AM & got about 60 forest trees Cheifly sugar Maple. planted both sides of our lane PM. W. fine & Cler J B's were here

**12** I & Aaron finished sowing Clover seed on fall wheat a few lands. & brought a load saw dust to Mulch trees AM Aaron finished Cutting edgings & split wood J Milroy was here putting on some grafts Pm. C B's man Came for me about 4.0 Oc pm to help Carry Noah Burkholder to the house he was badly Kicked by a horse in the field at the Plough I staid untill about 7 he suffers a good deal of Pain he was kicked in the abdoman W. Cool Cler

**13** I & Aaron ganged in fall last years fall wheat ground till about 3 Pm had to quit too soft. Then I & Nancy went to J D's & took some victuals to Russians the man is vey sick. W. fine Cool Cler

## **May 1876**

**Sunday 16** I & little boys went to Meeting at Wideman's Suitable Sermon & Texts for the Celebration of Lords supper by Red J Wideman & Br C. went to F inlaws after service. Called at J Wideman's for Old Miss Ann Shirk She is Coming to help wait on my Mother W. fine Cool. Noah Burkholder is very Poorly. Inflammation has set in

**15** Aaron & John ganged a little while began to rain about 8 AM. Chored in barn today I went to C B's several times today. Noah is Poorly. I went to Isaac Moyer's to tell them to come to see him. quit raining at supper

**16** Aaron Piled Peastraw behind old barn. I went to Cherry wood AM to get spring waggon fixed, reach is broke Chored Pm young C Burkholder's were here today. W. Cool windy. Noah Burkholder is bad

**17** Chored & went to bush at Dyke's AM Both plowed in sod Pm Uncle S Reesor's & D Nighswanders were here awhile Pm. W. shower this morning some thunder. warm Cler Pm. N B rather better

**18** Both plowed sod, nearly finished W. warm Cler

**19** Finished Plowing sod & sowed it with 19 bus Albert Peas. I brought them from Old W Morrison's this morning W. very warm & Close. N. B. about the same

**20** John nearly finished harrowing Peas third time & Aaron ganged in wheat stubble when it began to rain about 9 AM very heavy shower. Aaron Piled Pea straw I & John took 18 bus Oats to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. W. warm Close

**Sunday 21** Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Hebron Sacramento today I & Adeline staid with my Mother Abraham Burkholder & wife were here after service & Menno Burkholder & wife & David Burkholder's wife at supper. W. vey warm. heavy thunder & rain last night & today Pm

**22** Aaron Carried Potatoes out of Cellar. I Chored Jacob Wideman's were here tody Pm. W. Cool

**23** Aaron Carried Potatoes AM

## **May 1876**

I took 4½ bus Peas to get Chopped AM & brought home Oat Chop. both ganged back of old garden Pm. W. fine drying time

**24** Both ganged awhile back of garden then I sowed east half of field behind barn with Peas. we both ganged them in & harrowed it over W. warm

**Ascension day 25** at home Solomon Burkholder's were here awhile Pm & J B's at supper. W. fine Cool. Cler

**26** Aaron Plowed in last years turnip ground I finished ganging back of garden then sowed the whole field with Oats John harrowed it once. F inlaws were here W. pretty warm

**27** Aaron Plowed J McGa{nn} sowed last year's fall wheat stubble east of dam with barley with Br C's seeder little John harrowed Oats second time & barley once over I Planted 3 pails Potatoes W. very warm

**Sunday 28.** at home A B's were here & Br S's Pm W. very warm & Close nice thunder showr Pm things growing very fast woods began to turn green last Sunday now they are fairly out. Cherries in full blossom & Apple & Peas starting.

**29** Aaron Plowed I began to gang near graveyard thunder shower Came up about 9 AM bagged seed oats till noon. Sowed 8 bus in west half of field behind barn Pm. there is about 3/4 ~~acre~~ acre near the bush too wet to Plow

**30** I sowed 4 bus Oats East of Creek near graveyard & finished harrowing. Aaron harrowed root ground AM drew stones off meadow Pm. W. Cool Cler I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove after supper

**31** I rolled barley & part of Oat field back of old garden Aaron finished drawing stones off meadow & brought home spring waggon from Cherry wood after supper. W. Cool Cler

## **June 1876**

**June 1** I finished rolling Oat field then I rolled Oats near graveyard & field behind barn Aaron Carried Potatoes out of Cellar till supper then he Piled Peas straw I & little boys planted a little Corn this evening. W. fine

**2** I & Nancy went to Markham she went to J H Ramer's I got Jess & Cent shod then went there for dinner Aaron Finished planting Corn Finished piling Peastraw & Pulled weeds in wheat. W. warm. shower PM

**3** Washed sheep & Aaron plowed a little in wet spot near bush in field behind barn AM Chored & went to see for pasture for Colt Pm. Took Colt after supper to Scot's near B's S's W. fine shower Pm everything is growing very fast

**Whit Sunday 4** at home John & girls went to Meeting at Altona Diller's boys & Ruthanne were here W. Cloudy AM. Cler Pm. Uncle C B was taken very sudden yesterday, something like a Paryletic stroke his head is affected. he is very poorly

**Whit Monday 5** at home Br N's were here awhile & M Neighswander's wife at supper Jac & Christian Wideman's called this evening W. Cler

**6** Drew dung on east end of big field for roots went to Markham for Cistern Pump Pm. W. Cler

**7** drew dung. W. fine Cool. C B a little better

**8** drew dung. W. fine. warm

**9** I & Nancy & little boys took wool to Cliffs went to M Nighswander's for dinner & to Simon Hoover's for supper. W. fine heavy rain here very heavy north of us. but very little at Altona

**10** Plowed in root ground. W. very warm & Close

**Sunday 11** Nancy & Ann Shirk went to Meeting at Cedar Grove in buggy boys walked. W. very warm

**12** Plowed in root ground. AM. I & Nancy went to W Morrisons Jnr. Pm to get seed Potatoes W. very warm

**13** Finished Plowing root ground AM Cut seed Potatoes Pm Flavius & Abraham Reesor were here at noon W. very warm

**14** I went to get a land side for Plow AM

### **June 1876**

Called at bush at Dyke's Coming home to see how Hugh Clarks men are getting on I am selling some logs to him to dress for board timber @ \$9.00 per hundred Cubic feet. Aaron harrowed root ground fixed some fence & Aaron Pulled weeds & I & Nancy went to Br S's & A B's awhile Pm W very warm

**15** Both plowed wet piece along bush in field behind barn AM I sowed it with Peas & Oats mixed harrowed & rolled it, then rolled root ground. Aaron Carried up some Potatoes out of Cellar. W. very warm I brought Uncle C B to our place today at noon he is very poorly, his mind is gone, he did not notice my Mother & she hardly noticed him, it was very sad to see what a person is when the mind fails

**16** Aaron began plowing fallow below garden I sprouted some Potatoes AM didnt feel well Pm. S Hoover's were here awhile Pm I harrowed Potato ground after supper & graded a piece of lane beside garden W. very warm

**17** Planted Potatoes till about 1/2 past 10 when there fell a fine shower filled 19 bags with Potatoes Pm. W. slight shower's Pm

**Sunday 18** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Red S Hoover sermon on St John 16 C 23 V to end of Chap by Br C John G Reesor & wife & daughter were here Pm I & Nancy went to C B's awhile this evening he is about the same. W. fine

**19** finished Planting Potatoes AM filled 11 bags with Potatoes Pm Aaron Plowed fallow after supper Br. N's boys took away 30 bags Potatoes this evening they are taking them to Toronto for me. W. Cler. fine Cool very growing Weather

**20** I & John Planted feed Corn AM Both finished Plowing fallow Pm. W. fine Cler Abraham Hoover's & Tilman Widemans were here awhile this evening

### **June 1876**

**21** Aaron spaded thistles I brought Cedar Poles from Robt Gouleys. (at Flavius old place) then I & Nancy went to Br S's I got some sticks ripped out to make a waggon rack we staid for dinner I went to Cherry wood & to W M's & to Diller's Pm. W. Cler. shower Pm

**22** Both Plowed turnip ground W. Cool Cler



**23** Aaron hoed Corn I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove & I went to Boxgrove then I harrowed a little in fallow. too hard. dosent break up, then harrowed turnip ground. W. very warm

**24** I & J B made new hay rack Aaron mowed little Orchard heard this morning that old Uncle Christian Burkholder died last evening at 9 Oc. I was there to see him & left a few minutes before he died I took my Mother over to look at him today she recognized him & said she was the last left W. very warm Uncl will be buried tommorrow

**Sunday 25** I & Nancy & Children except smallest boys went to Funeral. Ann staid with Mother there were a great many People. W. very warm Remarks by Red J Barkey sermon on Isaiah 38 Ch 1st 2nd & 3rd V upwards of 30 People were here after service

**26** I & Aaron made turnip drills AM he raked hay in little orchard PM & I brought turnip drill & sowed nearly all turnips after supper W. warm

**27** I finished turnips & then we finished splitting sawed wood & drew in rack full of hay out of little orchard. W. very warm

**28** I took single buggy to Cherry wood to get wheel fixed then helped Aaron mow in old orchard & round house took 24 bus grist wheat to Cedar Grove after supper. W. warm

**29** I drew 83 bus 25 lbs spg Wheat & 10 bus 15 lbs Fall Wheat to Cedar Grove Mills @ 90 cts for Spg & \$1.02 for Fall

**30** Finished Mowing Orchard & raked & Cocked about half of it. W. fine Cler pretty warm

## **July 1876**

**July 1** Took old Canadian reaper to Pieces John harrowed Potatoes I & Nancy went to A B's for a pig Nancy staid at H Stover's till I came from A B's I & boys brought load edgings & fished awhile this eveing W slight shower AM, fine rain this eving Aaron went home last night

**Sunday 2** Went to J D's Pm W. Cloudy. Shower AM fine heavy rain Pm, growing weather

**3** I took Castings of Old Canada Reaper to Unionville bought a sulky Horse Rake @ \$35.00 was allowed \$10.00 for Castings Aaron fixed road at dam and turned hay in Orchard. W. fine Cler Took mare Jess to French Horse

**4** Drew dung on fallow W. shower at noon I Took mare again this morning to J Peter's

5 Had J Mainland to fill dung AM got fallow covered & few loads on heap near dam till noon very heavy rain at noon Cleaned wheat Pm

6 Went to F inlaws they were not at home then went to S Lehman's. They gave us a ride through Stouffville then we went to J H Ramer's I got horses shod. W. pretty warm

7 Finished Cleaning Wheat & Aaron split wood & fixed some fence & I took grist Chop to Cedar Grove Mills after supper W. showr AM heavy rain after dark

8 Both spread some dung & began to Cross plow fallow too warm then hoed Corn & turned hay in Orchard till noon Aaron went to bee at Schoolhouse to level Playground I & little boys brought home Chop & raked & Cocked hay I brought home Buggy after dark W. the hottest day so far J H Ramer was here at supper for some Potatoes

**Sunday 9** I & Children & Ann went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on St Luke 12 C by Br C. Children went to Br N's after service. W. very very hot shower this evening

10 Both plowed & opened out hay Cocks

## **July 1876**

AM. Chored & Plowed a little Pm. W very warm AM. Heavy thunder & heavy rain Pm

11 Both plowed. W. Cooler, rain last night

12 Finished Plowing this morning. then I & John Scuffled hill Corn & feed Corn AM drew in hay out of old Orchard 2 loads till supper made rack for spring waggon after supper. W. very warm & Close Pm

13 I & Nancy & Herman went to Toronto. sold Butter @ 23 cts 1 calf & 2 lambs for \$9.00 Bag old Potatoes \$1.00 W. fine pretty warm

14 I went to Mongolia AM Mowed nearly half of Meadow Pm. W. fine brease from north

15 I & little boys killed a calf AM I took quarter to A Moyer's & a piece to Uncle C B's family then we Raked & Cocked all the hay that I had cut little John worked the new rake very well W. fine Took 10 bus Peas to Mill after supper

**Sundy 16** Susanna & Flavius & Benjamin staid with Mother the s rest of us went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Re Jos Barky J H Ramer's were here after service I & Nancy went to C B's Pm Alex McNair was here this evning we had not seen him for over 13 years he lives in Illinois

- 17** Finished Mowing Meadow till supper scuffled Potatoes after supper. W. pretty warm
- 18** Raked & Cocked all the hay AM. I & John Piled some lumber & brought home Chop Pm shower at noon
- 19** Drew in 11 loads hay. W. vy warm
- 20** Shovel Plowed feed Corn & Potatoes & scuffled some ~~turf~~ turnips. Aaron hoed turnip. W. shower last night & heavy thunder. slight shower today
- 21** Drew in last hay till supper 7 loads Both helped Br C bind wheat after supper W. fine pretty Cool
- 22** Aaron went to W M's barn raising on Henry Peter's place (W. M bought it) I & little boys hoed turnips I went to Markham Pm W. Cloudy AM rainy Pm
- 23** Went to Meeting at Wideman's Remarks by Red Jos Barky

## **July 1876 Aug**

- Sermon on St Luke 6 C by Red S Hoover. went to F inlaws after service & at supper. W. fine Cool
- 24** I & Aaron & J Mainland helped Br C bind Wheat & Barly Mainland is helping us through Harvest by the day. W. fine Cool I bound with vest on
- 25** Helped Br C. three of us. Shower soon after dinner Mainland went home we worked at turnip. W. Cool
- 26** All helped Br C. W. fine Cool
- 27** Mainland helped Br C all day Aaron till noon I & boys finished turnips AM then we cut road round our fall wheat Pm raining after dark W. cool
- 28** I & John Cut some wheat AM Aaron & Mainland bound it was pretty wet Cut very well Pm Br C's two Men helped Pm. W. fine Cool
- 29** Finished Cutting & Shocking our wheat Br C's men helped till noon W. fine warm Cler
- Sunday 30** John & girls went to Meeting at Altona Br S's were here W. fine Cool Cler
- 31** I & Aaron helped Br C's draw in their barley with team. W. fine Cler

**August 1** Aaron harrowed fallow AM & hoed thistles out of feed Corn & Potatoes Pm I went to Br Ss & Scuffled turnips second time W. fine warm

2 I & John & Susanna went to Toronto sold Eggs @ 16 cts Butter @ 18 cts little Chickens @ 25 cts per Aaron hoed Cut road around barley. W. pretty warm

3 Cut nearly all our barley Br C's Men helped W. cloudy

4 Finished Cutting & binding & shocking barley till 3 pm Then I scuffled turnips & Aaron & Mainland hoed. W. very warm & sultry

5 drew in 12 loads wheat W. very warm & sultry

**Sunday 6** at home all day Isaac Moyer's were here Pm W. warm

7 Finished drawing in wheat 7 loads then men hoed turnip John began to rake stubbles & I went to Belford & to I Moyer's after supper W. Cler

8 Cut spring wheat Br C cut it with his reaper we got it all shocked & drew in rakings big load W. Cler

9 Drew in our barley Br C's helped with team AM W. warm Cler

## **Aug 1876**

10 Aaron helped M Dyke thresh Mainland Pulled Peas W. warm

11 Aaron & Mainland Pulled Peas I went to Br Ss this morning then I & little boys drew in spring wheat 5 loads it is a good sample & a good crop but the fall wheat is generally poor some farmers are stacking it in their yards for Manure. W warm

12 all Pulled Peas W. very warm & sultry

**Sunday 13** at I & Adeline & John staid with my Mother Nancy & the rest went to Meeting at Hebron. Henry Barkeys widow and son Samuel & two daughters were here Pm. C Burkholder's awhile W. very warm

14 All Pulled Peas. W. vey warm sultry

15 Finished Pulling sod Peas till 3 Pm then Pulled headlands behind barn began Pulling with rake awhile this evening works very well. W. pretty warm Red Jos Barkeys called awhile Pm

16 Aaron & Mainland helped thresh at C B's I & John & Flavius Pulled some Peas with rake then Susan Cober & her Man John Boyer Came & staid all day I cut weed round Oat field north of Orchard this evening W. fine Cler

**17** Commenced to cut oats a very slight shower stopped us Br C's men went home cut a few ourselves AM they came and helped Pm W. very sultry & close J B's Called Pm

**18** Finished Cutting & binding Oats AM I John & Aaron finished Pulling Peas with rake & Mainland shocked Oats W. pretty warm

**19** Drew in 12 loads Peas. W. very warm

**Sunday 20** John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans Ann went with Br N's J D's were here W fine Cool 14 Converts were Baptized today By Br Christian

**21** I & John finished Cutting Oats today Mainland bound all near graveyard Aaron helped Br N's thresh W. fine Cool

**22** Br C's two men helped & we finished binding Oats AM Drew in 10 loads Peas Pm Br C's team helped W Cler

**23** I & Aaron & John drew in 10 loads Peas Mainland helped Sanderson thresh We warm Cler

## **Aug 1876 Sept**

**24** Drew in last Peas. 5 loads. & 19 loads Oats with our 2 teams 1 from Br C's Russian German & Joe Atkinson helped. Aaron is away today. W. Cler

**25** drew in last Oats 2 loads this morning then I went to Boxgrove for a Plow Share Aaron began Plowing Pea ground opposite Sandersons I & John cut mixed Peas & Oats along bush in field behind barn it is intended for gr{ea}n feed. W. Cooler very windy getting very dry

**26** Both Plowed. W. very windy cool

**Sunday 27** at home James McGuckin & wife were here Br N's & J D's. My Mother is very Poorly. W. fine

**28** Both Plowed. finished at 4 Oc about 5 acres it is very dry & hard in places if it rains we intend to sow it with wheat. drew in mixed feed 2 loads after supper We fine Cler

**29** Drew in rack full loose Oats & drew some old rails from where fence was east side of fallow AM. began to ridge up fallow PM W. Cler My Mother is very Poorly we sit up with her

**30** Finished ridging fallow Aaron began harrowing Pea ground. J D's & his Brother inlaw Henry Roos & wife were here awhile & Uncle Saml Reesor's W. Cler Mother about the same

**31** Aaron finished harrowing Pea ground I helped J B Patch old barn roof AM & a little while Pm then sowed fallow with old Treadwell wheat W. pretty warm Cler

**Sept 1** Aaron finished harrowing Wheat then began drawing dung on Pea ground W. windy F inlaws were here last night heavy wind. thunder in the distance a very little rain here

**2** drew dung with 2 teams J Mainland filled Diller's & Roos's were here Pm . W. Cool a very little rain last night

**Sunday 3** at home. Neighbours in and out Mother very Poorly W. cool

**4** Aaron finished drawing dung I went to Boxgrove & Cherry wood AM. brought home Pea Chop Pm Jac Widemans were here Pm. W. Cool very windy

**5** Drew off stones near Br C's Aaron began Plowing there about 10 AM I & little boys drew stones off barley stubble into shed W. Cool very windy - no school today

### **Sept 1876**

**6** Aaron Plowed I & Nancy went to Markham AM Both Plowed Pm. W. fine. Mother about the same. Friends here every night sitting up

**7** Aaron took fat Cow to Butcher Jacob Hoover's he bought her @ \$5.50 dressed weight I, Br C & J D fixed Poles to tie horses at Hebron & I finished Plowing near Br C's W. fine Cler, very dry

**8** began Plowing in field behind barn near bush found it too hard. drew old rubbish home for wood Aaron cut it up W. pretty warm. I went to Cherry wood AM

**9** drew stones into shed AM I & John Cleaned out Cistern then we logged up old rubbish in dam Pm. We. windy nearly every day very very dry & smoky

**Sundy 10** Children went to Meeting at Hebron I & Nancy ~~were~~ staid with my Mother she is very Weak Br inlaw's M N's & S Hoover's were here aftr service several friends called Pm W. Cool

**11** Aaron helped J D thresh I drew load edgings AM Took waggon to Cherry wood to get wheels fixed Pm W. fine Cler Pm very dry yet

**12** Aaron Cut feed Corn I Chored. W. fine Cler

**13** Aaron Cut feed Corn I went to Markham Pm W. fine Cler

**14 Thanksgiving day** at home no Meeting at Hebron W. Cool Pm

**15** Aaron & J Mainland helped Br C thresh W cler I & boys went to Markham AM Picked Cider app{les} PM

**16** Aaron & J Mainland helped Br C thresh AM we began dig Potatoes Pm They are very small & few few in the ground on account of the drouth W Cler

**Sunday 17** at home. W. Cool began to rain from east this evening

**18** Cleaned up barn floors AM. spread dung on Pea ground & harrowed it Pm. W. splendid, soaking rain last night & awhile AM. Cistern half ful. ground well soaked. done a lot of good

**19** Both Plowed in Pea ground. W. Cloudy

**20** Both Plowed AM F inlaws & C Stover's were here Pm. I Plowed a little while this evening W. warm this is My daughter Adelines 18th Birthday

**21** I & Aaron took 1440 ft Cler lumber to Markham AM

**Sept 1876 Oct**

@ 20 & \$12.00 per M. John McGaw finished plowing our Pea ground we sowed it Pm with Treadwell Wheat & about 80 lbs of Seneca wheat & about 1 Pint of Fules Wheat that my Br Simeon brought from Pennsylvania last year W. fine

**22** finished harrowing & furrowing wheat this morning then dug Potatoes W. Cloudy

**23** Chored & Plowed while AM dug Potatoes Pm. W. fine little rain last night & awhile AM Cler Pm

**Sundy 24** at home. W. Foggy & drizzly Pm

**25** Finished digging Potatoes till about 3 Pm they are a very light crop on account of the dry weather we got about 50 bus off an acre Aaron Plowed & I brought home waggon from Cherry wood I got new spokes and felloes into it. W. fine warm Cler rainy now after dark

**26** Plowed Both AM set horse Power Pm. W. Cool. windy

**27** Threshed 247 bus barley & 147 bus Oats Machine went very well W. rain last night & this morning didnt start threshing untill after 8 Oclock some showers through the day got done before 5 oclock This is my 40th Birthday

**28** Both Plowed AM I & boys Made 1 {bl} Cider Pm W. Showry Pm

**29** Both Plowed. W. fine Cler cool

**30** I & boys Made 1½ lbs Cider AM Plowed Pm W Cler

**Sunday Oct 1** at home John & Flavius went to Meeting at Cedar Grove. W. Cool My Mother is still poorly

**2** I boiled Sauce Aaron Plowed W. Cler

**3** Both Plowed AM Chored Pm I went to H Stover's. W. Cloudy AM rained nearly all Pm

**4** Both Plowed. Aaron began in barley stubble. I finished behind barn then went in barley stubble. W. Cool, Cler

**5** I & Aaron Plowed AM. he went to Markham Pm John & I Plowed Pm. W. Cool Cler bought new Steel Clipper Plow off Br C @ \$16.00 John likes it well

**6** I & Nancy went to Whiteville AM Chored & Picked Cider Apples Pm Aaron is at Fair W. rainy & cool

**7** Aaron Plowed I & boys Made 54 gals Cider AM All picked Winter apples Pm. W. Cool Cloudy

## **Oct Oct 1876**

**Sunday 8** Children went to Meeting at Hebron I & Nancy staid with my Mother she is very low W. very Cold squalls of dry sleet Br C's J H Ramer's were here a while Pm

**9** I boiled Sauce Aaron cut wood AM Plowed Pm W. ground froze hard this morning fine today

**10** This Morning at 7 1/2 O'clock it pleased God to release my dear Mother of her suffering. she died Calm & peacefull W Cold, a very little snow last night

**11** Friends in & out. I have very sore boil on my right wrist. I am writing this on the 15th W. Cler Cool

**12** Buried Dear Mother today a large Funeral sermon on 2nd Cor 5th Ch 1st V by Rd Jos Barkey & S Hoover about 120 Friends here after service. W beautiful fine October day

**13** J B Came helped to Finish Picking winter apples Aaron Plowed Pm. W. fine R'd M. Rohrer & wife & Mother's Cousin Mrs Oberholtzer from Ohio were Pm Br S's & Br C brought them. {?} My Boil very sore



**14** Aaron Plowed I & boys brought 3 Pigs from A B's boys brought 300 tiles & brought home grist Pm  
W Cold windy

**Sunday 15** at home all day, nobody here John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans. W. very Cold  
N W wind

**16** Aaron Finished Plowing barley stubble AM wheeled hen manure into garden PM. W pretty Cold  
My Boil very sore

**17** Aaron Plowed at Br C's AM dug in garden Pm I went to Br S's AM, to Moyers & J D's Pm to ask  
them to help Put up sheds for Horses at Hebron W. pretty Cold wind Cler

**18** Aaron finished digging garden and began Pulling turnips I was at Hebron where they have begun  
putting up sheds I am giving about 1/2 acre north of graveyard for a yard. W. beautiful fine day M  
Hoover began German school today

**19** Cleaned some Peas this morning then I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy kept house  
sermons on {blank space} by Revd Rohrer & Droxel from Medina Co Ohio Aaron Pulled turnips Mr  
Morton & wife Ryder & wife & Br S's & Br N's were here Pm. W. very fine

**20** Took Ann Shirk to Jac Widemans AM Cleaned 28 bags barley PM. W. very fine Cler

## **Oct 1876**

**21** J B came to fix Summer Kitchen Aaron Pulled turnips I helped level shed yard at Hebron Little  
John & J B helped about 7 teams. W. beautiful June weather

**Sundy 22** John & girls went to Meeting at Altona. W. warm , a little rain

**23** Aaron cut wood in shed & we cleaned 12 {lb} bus seed barley for M Dyke at 78 cts I took 20 bus 20  
lbs old Treadwell wheat to Cedar Grove Mills for J Mainland @ \$1.12 per bus Pm W. rain nearly all day  
very heavy at times

**24** I took 40 bus 15 lbs barley to F Mans bay @ 75 cts They have greatly improved the place. Built a  
new office, Bank & sheds & store at the main road & are building a new warehouse with steam elevator  
at the Harbour the Barley standard Came into effect lately. every load is Tested by weight & the Price  
ruled thereby mine was 1 1/2 lbs light. Cleaned another load Pm. W. some drizzly

**25** went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St John 3 C by Red E Snider from  
Waterloo Br S's J D's & Br C were here Pm With E Snider & wife J Martin & D Martin Aaron threshed  
Peas W. Cloudy

**26** Took 48 bus barley to F mans bay @ 72 cts by some means it was 2 lbs light. Cleaned another load  
Pm W. Cler

**27** Took 52 bus barley to F mans bay @ 76 cts today it was 1 lb light Cleaned last Pm. W. fine

**28** I & John Took 25 bus 18 lbs barley to Bay @ 70 cts it is a little in price & they made it 4 lbs light  
Then we went to Duffins Creek station for a Broad Cast grain Seeder Br C traded a horse for it & I buy it  
from him @ \$70 I & John had the satisfaction of seeing 3 or 4 wild Salt water Salmon W. a little snow  
this morning. all thawed. fine Pm

**29** at home Children went to Meeting at Cedar Gove. W. fine day. frose last night

### **Oct 1876 Nov**

**30** killed a pig & Chored AM I & Aaron drew some lumber for Meeting shed Pm W. mild

**31** We all pulled turnips AM I took 20 bus Chop to Cedar Gove Mills & brought some lumber for sheds  
Pm W. fine warm

**Nov 1** Aaron finished Pulling turnips AM I & boys drew he helped Pm. W. very foggy AM fine warm  
Cler Pm William Eby & son & daughter were here Pm They live in the Township of Woolwick

**2** I & John Finished drawing Turnips AM 11 loads in all Aaron began Plowing Potatoo & Turnip ground  
Sent for Dr Black this evening Nancy gave Birth to a Daughter about 9 Pm doing well F inlaws were  
here at noon Came again & staid all night W. heavy rain this evening

**3** I went to Markham & to J H Ramer's to see for a girl. got none. I & John drew some lumber for shed  
this evening. W. Cool Cloudy

**4** John & Aaron Plowed in root ground AM I helped finish Pm I & John brought home Chop this eveing  
W. fine Cler

**Sunday 5** I & boys & Adeline went to meeting at Hebron remarks & sermon on St Mat 11 C by Br C A  
B's & J H Ramer's were here Pm W like September

**6** I & Aaron began Plowing & scraping creek to make it deeper east of Orchard AM Aaron threshed  
Peas Pm. W east wind AM heavy rain Pm

**7** I went to Cedar Gove & to J Dicks. AM began at ~~Che~~ Creek Pm broke scraper I went to Br S. got it  
fixed then scraped W. Cloudy AM fine Pm

**8** Worked at Creek. W. fine Mild

**9** Worked at creek M N's were here awhile W. Cler

**10** Worked at creek. W. very fine Cler mild

**11** Finished Creek a far north as little Orchard from townline scarboro parts of it we Cleaned out by hand & drew the earth into low places with Scraper. W. as fine as april

**Nov 1876**

**Sundy 12** at home Br S's were here W. vry fine

**13** I & Aaron began Plowing east of Orchard F inlaws were here I went to H Stovr's this morning. John Plowed in my place until German school went in Martin Hoover is teaching in Hebron Meeting house I went to pine bush Pm with H Clark sold him 5 standing pines @ \$14 \$1.10 per M Cubic Measure W. rather Cloudy warm

**14** I & John brought Colt. Farmer, from pasture then went rabbit shooting with Br inlaws Saml & Peter Hoover little John shot 1 Aaron Plowed W. mild cloudy

**15** I & Aaron Plowed. W. vry fine Cler

**16** Both finished plowing below orchard then cleaned some Peas Michael Frets came on a visit Aaron dug out pine root below Orchard I took grist chop to mill this evening. W. fine roads good

**17** I went to H Stovers & to Cherry wood AM went Shooting to J D's with J B awhile Pm W. fine brought home chop this eveing

**18** Pulled down fence east of lane as far a ~~Creek~~ Creek on Scarboro townline & built it up again we intend to dig post holes for a board fence built up fence across Creek above dam & behind Orchard. W. east wind. Cloudy

**Sundy 19** at home. nobody here W. drissly rain from east all day

**20** I went to Markham & to Unionville to Register Daughter Mary Aaron threshed Peas W. rain Cloudy Simon Hoover's were here this morning

**21** I went to Cherry wood AM. drew dung into little Orchard Pm. W. mild Cloudy

**22** Finished drawing dung AM cleaned drift out of fence at townline & deepened Creek & put in some posts Mainland is digging holes. W. pretty sharp

**23** I helped Br C kill hogs W. chilly Cloudy

**24** Put in some posts Aaron Chopped I went to A B's & to Cherry wood Pm W Cool

**25** I went to J Dicks for 2 pigs @1.25 each Then I went to bush to see Timber measured 2083 ft W. soft snow. Aaron helped make fence at Meeting house yard Pm

**Nov 1876 Dec**

**Sunday 26** at home Ramer's were here this evening W. some soft snow a few sleighs running today

**27** killed our 6 hogs W. Mild a little soft snow

**28** I helped C B's folks kill hogs W. Mild some soft snow. thawing neither sleighing ofr wheeling

**29** I helped Br N's kill hogs Aaron chopped. W. Cler

**30** I & Adeline helped A B's kill hogs. W very Cold

**Dec 1** We Chored & drew sawed wood into shed W. vey cold

**2** drew wood into shed boys took 15 bus chop to mill W. Cold. a little sleighing Br inlaw Enos Hoover & Caroline Ramer here tonight

**Sunday 3** I & Children went to meeting at Hebron Nancy staid at home. remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 5 C 18 V to end of Chap by Red S Hoover W. Milder

**4** I went to J D's & to Manasseh Frets AM S Lehman's were here Christian Stover's Came Pm they brought B Lehman & wife from Stanly Township W. pretty sharp

**5** I & Nancy took B Lehman & wife to Br Cs to J D's at noon then to Br N's to stay all night then I went to Mill for Chop W. mild

**6** I & Aaron helped Br S thresh with teams W fine

**7** Went to F inlaws. W. very fine roads splendid wheeling

**8** I & Aaron sawed wood in old bush AM then I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove Pm. W. pretty Cold

**9** Cleaned Peas & Chored. W. very Cold. very strong north wind all dry day This is my Nancy's 37th Birthday

**Sunday 10** Went to Br C's W. very Cold Br S's youngsters here tonight

**11** I & Aaron to Chop to Cedar Grove this Morning I took Frank & Nell to get shod Pm. W. 5 in snow last night & AM midling sleighing. mild

**12** → Took 28 bus 53 lbs Old Treadwell wheat to Cedar Gove Mills @1.15. AM drew last of wood into shed Pm. W. few in. snow last night fine sleighing

**13** I & Nancy Took Aaron home then went to Saml Hoover's. went shooting got nothing W. mild sleighing going. Took 12 bus grist this morning got it home tonight

## **Dec 1876**

**14** I & Gleason Thoman Cut about 20 Sawlogs in pine bush I have hired him for 3 months @ \$12.00 per month but he cannot come until January to work regular W. soft mild

**15** went to J D's Chored & talked with visitors F Moyer & wife Jacob Krats & wife & Uncle Saml & wife AM Divided some of my Mother's effects Pm. W. sharp & windy snow this eveng

**16** didnt do much AM I & John went to Br S's & Cedar Grove Pm. W. strong wind last night & today

**Sunday 17** went to A B's W. east wind. snow PM sleighing fair

**18** Finished dividing my Mother's effects W. about a foot of snow last night drifting some today

**19** I & boys threshed few Peas & Oats Cleaned some wheat W. very Cold. wind from west

**20** Took boys to english school helped a little at scrubbing Meeting house Pm W. pretty cold sleighing good

**21** Killed 5 geese & went to Cedar Grove Mills W. milder

**22** Took geese to Markham @ 7 cts per lb W. Mild

**23** I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove AM I & boys brought home a load of dry pine Pm. W. sharp

**Sunday 24** Locked the door & all went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 2nd C by Red S Hoover went to Br N's after service W. very sharp

**Christmas day 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 2nd C by Red J Wideman John BoyerJnr & wife Henry Frets & Ann Isabella & John Wallace were here after service Jacob Gayman's & Jac Widemans brought Pre Christian Gayman's wife & sister here awhile Pm W. rather Cloudy & mild east wind & some snow toight

**26** Went to Tilman Wideman's on a visit W. Cler

**27** I & boys threshed Peas AM Took grist Pea & Oats to Mill PM. W. mild

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**28** I & John went to Markham & brought home Chop AM. then we went to Stockday Sale PM. I bought flail & old barly fork @ 25 cts & Cutter @ \$19.50. W. mild

**29** I helped Br C thresh with team W. snow from east. very heavy PM. Nancy went to funeral of Old Christian Hoover's wife She went with Br N's & Br C

**30** I & boys threshed Peas AM Chored & went to Cedar Grove PM. W. pretty Cold. east & west roads drifted

**Sunday 31** All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke part of 19 C by Red Jos Barkey. M N's youngster's & A Burkholder's youngsters were here PM after service windy this morning fine today

**January 1 1877** girls & John went to Moyers the rest of us went to Br S's W. light Coarse snow nearly all day. didnt amount to much I & Nancy went to C B's folks this evening

**2** G Thoman began work this Morning He & John helped shovel snow on townline awhile then we threshed some Peas I & G went to Markham with load of pine PM. W. pretty sharp

**3** G took 2 loads pine to Markham I boys took grist Oats to Cedar Grove W. very sharp

**4** Threshed Peas AM G took load wood to Markham PM I & Nancy went to S Ramer's this eveing W. Milder. I sold the rest of our Pine & Hemlock to C Petty at Cherry wood @ \$1.80 I got \$2.00 at Markham in trade

**5** G took 3 loads wood to Cherry wood I & ~~Children~~ Children went to funeral of Michael Burkholder's Child at Hebron PM. W. fine mild

**6** G took 3 loads wood I & Nancy & Br C Helped A B kill a beef AM. W. very fine mild

**7** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Re S Hoover sermon on St Luke part of 18 C by Br C went to S Lehman's after service & to J B's this eving W. fine mild

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**8** went to Markham got Jess & Cent shod AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm G drew 3 loads wood W. pretty cool

**9** asked some hands & fixed ready to thresh tomorrow G drew 1 load of wood W. Cler

**10** threshed 46 boxes spring wheat very fair sample & 111 boxes fall wheat about half Chess & seeds

**11** Finished threshing this evening 84 boxes fall wheat & 227 Oats W fine yesterday mild & soft snow today.

**12** I & G broke road to wood in edge of bush at Dykes & he drew 1 load AM threshed Peas Pm W strong wind. Cold roads drifted

**13** G drew 2 loads wood I & John went to Cedar Grove Pm. W. Cold

**Sunday 14** I & Nancy went to Old Hoover's W. windy AM fine Cler. Pm Br C's were here this evening

**15** I & John went to Markham bought new Cook Stove St Lawrence No 9½ @ \$19.50 without furniture. our old one broke down again yesterday G drew 3 loads wood W. Cold snow from east Pm

**16** G drew 3 loads wood I & boys worked in barn boys took 12 bus Oats to Mill Pm W. about 5 in snow last night Milder today

**17** G drew 3 loads wood I helped. Br C Kill 5 pigs AM Chored Pm. W. sharp, Cler

**18** G drew 2 loads wood I & Nancy went to M N's W. sharp this Morning. Mild today

**19** G drew 3 loads wood I & boys took grist Chop to Mill W. turning soft

**20** Threshed Peas. brought home Chop Pm W thawing I & Nancy went to M Dyke's this evening

**Sunday 21** John & girls went to Meeting at Cedar Grove & to C B's this eveing. W Cler. Cold

**22** I helped M Dyke Kill a Beef & 2 Pigs G drew last of wood 3 loads W. pretty Cold

**23** I & Nancy went to J H Ramer's G threshed Peas W. pretty Cold, west wind

## **Jan 1877 Feb**

**24** Borrowed A McCreights Fanning Mill to Clean Fall wheat Cleaned all day. W. Cold

**25** Cleaned wheat & Killed Pig I & Flavius took Pig to Markham Pm sold it @ \$7.00 Per cwt John & G Cleaned Wheat W. pretty Cold

**26** Helped Br S's Kill 6 Hogs Boys & G Finished Cleaning Wheat W. fine mild Cler

**27** I & G drew 6 logs W. mild Cler

**Sunday 28** all went to Meeting at Hebron ~~M~~ remarks by Br C Sermon on Heb 11 C by Rd S Hoover M N's Jesse Hoover & Michael Frets's Son & Daughter were here Pm. Br S's tonight W. fine

**29** I & G drew 8 logs I & Nancy went to I Moyer's this evening. W. very fine

**30** Went to Simon Hoover's, not at home. then started to Solomon Burkholder's heard they were not at home then to Rd S Hoover's, not at home, then to FJ Reesors not at home, then to M N's, found them at home then to Menno Burkholder's at night. W. foggy Mild G & John drew 5 logs

**31** G & G Gun skidded 20 logs AM I & boys Cleaned 11 bags Chess & Oats & 5 bus Wheat for Spence took them to Mill then G drew 1 log AM Cleaned tailings. Pm W. foggy began raining at noon. didnt rain much Pm. soft & mild

**Feb 1** Helped G draw logs AM he & John drew Pm I & Flavius & girls went to funeral of M Dyke's baby Pm W. very fine, mild as April snow going

**Candlemas 2** helped draw logs W. Cloudy mild

**3** helped draw logs W. Cloudy mild

**Sunday 4** John & girls went to Meeting at Widemans we went to J D's. W. fine mild, snow soft, roads cut up

**5** John & G drew logs I went to Trustee Meeting at Hebron AM helped (Pilkey at Sanderson's Place) saw logs for sawing Machine Pm W. Foggy mild AM. Cler Pm

**6** Went to Bush awhile AM. then went to Funeral of Christian Stover's daughter Anne at Hebron Pm. sermons on 2 Cor 5 C & 1st V by Rd Jac Wideman & Rd Downing W. Mild. Cloudy looks like storm

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**7** John & G drew logs. I & Nancy went to Simon Hoover's W. Cloudy, mild roads getting thin

**8** G drew load Square timber to Bay for M Dyke AM dunged Colt stable Pm. I & Br S. worked at Bob sleigh Pm W. fine cler



**9** I was in bush helping G AM helped Br. S at sleigh Pm. went to young D Hoover's this evening W. beautiful fine Cler

**10** I went to Markham & G & John helped Br N thresh AM G & J Mainland helped Pilkey at Sawing Machine Pm. & I & John drew 2 logs & brought home new bob sleighs W. fine Cler

**Sunday 11** I & Nancy went to meeting at Altona remarks by Br C sermon on {*blank space*} by Rd Jos Barkey went to Old M Neighswander's after service & to Flavius Reesor's this eveing W. very fine warm snow going fast

**12** I & G went to draw logs nearly bare through Dyke's fields drew 1 small one Came home he threshed Peas I & boys took bob to Cherry wood to get Shod Cleaned Peas Pm. W. blowed up Cold very windy

**13** G threshed Peas. I went to Markham to get Paints & Oil to Paint some parts of our house W. very cold

**14** G & Gunn skided bogs AM G drew Pm & I & Gunn skided Pm Painter began Painting this morning. W. fine mild

**15** G drew logs I Chored & went to get Mr Stockdale to see sick Cow AM brought home bobsleigh Pm. W. fine. sleighing still hangs on

**16** G drew logs. M Dyke helped I loaded Pm. with other team drew 23. W. mild

**17** G drew 9 logs AM I loaded. Cleaned seed spring wheat Pm W. pretty Cold. windy Pm

**Sunday 18** I, Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br. C sermon on St Mat part of 25 C by Red S Hover went to Br N's pm W. soft snow Pm

## **Feb 1877 Mar**

**19** G drew 2 loads 4 logs I drew 2 rail Cuts then we came home. too windy & cold he threshed Peas till noon then I went to Funeral of Old Mrs Snell formerly Lapp G & John drew 3 logs & 2 rail Cuts Pm W. Cler mild Pm. / sermon on 30th Psalm by Br C. some remarks by Rd J Carmichael. Deceased was Baptised by Br C about 18 months ago

**20** G & Br S's Menno drew 18 logs mostly very large ones I & Gunn loaded with Br S's Oxen W. fine Flavius was here got 160 Oat sheaves @ \$5.00 per 100

**21** I & Nancy & little boys went to Michael Fret's G & John drew 11 logs. W. very fine sleighing going fast

**22** G & Menno drew 7 logs AM G & Gunn skidded Pm. W. sleighing about gone Couldnt draw Pm

**23** I & Nancy went to D Burkholder's G drew wood home from Old bush. W. Cloudy Mild east wind. we had bad going sleighing vey bad

**24** G drew wood AM we cleaned last of spring wheat & G took grist Peas out Chop to Mill with waggon this eving. W. mild

**Sunday 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on St Mark 11 C by Br C went to A B's Pm. W. sharp wind Cler

**26** Chored & threshed Peas AM I & G went to a meeting at Hebron Pm to see about Moving Church north into shed yard. W. Mild

**27** I & G helped Br S thresh with team W. Cler

**28** I tapped 28 spiles in old bush sap ran pretty well Pm. I & boys & G went to Old D Hoover's sale Pm I bought Fro & Mallet spade & axes & Flax hatchel all for 70 cts W. beautiful fine Cler

**Mar 1** Went to F inlaws on a visit W. vey fine Cler

**2** G & H Stover threshed Peas yesterday & today I & John went to Cedar Gov Mills Pm W. rain AM cloudy Pm

**3** I drew 3 small loads 90 bus 5 lbs Old Treadwell Wheat to Cedar Grove @ \$1.45 to Cedar Grove Mills W. Cool Cloudy a little soft snow

**Mar 1877**

**Sunday 4** at home Martin Hoover Elisabeth Nighswander & her daughter Delilah were here & Mrs C B & her girls W. a few inches soft snow last night

**5** Cleaned wheat & fixed a place to ~~boil~~ boil sap in the bush. Cler AM squaals of snow Pm

**6** I drew 2 small loads 55 bus 35 lbs new Treadwell Wheat to Cedar Grove AM @ \$1.30 per bus G boiled sap. he drew 2 small basswood logs to S M Pm I sugared off about 6 quarts Molesses Pm W Cold wind

**7** G drew load lumber to Markham AM I went with him as far as Cedar Grove he threshed Peas Pm.  
W. Cold

**8** I took boys to school this morning. My sister & my Brother's all met here Pm to settle our affairs G  
threshed Peas W. soft snow AM rain Pm. Raining yet at bedtime

**9** Cleaned last of wheat & Peas the rest of the day W. quite Cold ice on trees & fences blowing hard

**10** finished Cleaning Peas 67 bus. Then went to draw sawlogs. drew 9. sleigh runs well W. pretty  
cold

**Sunday 11** John & girls went to Meeting at Altona I & Nancy & boys went to J H Reesor's sleighing  
good W. pretty cold. Ice on trees yet

**12** G threshed Peas AM drew logs Pm I drew 4 Basswoods W. mild

**13** Both drew logs AM G drew Pm we went to John G Reesor's Pm W. fine Mild thawing

**14** Both drew logs AM G threshed Peas Pm W. Mild began snowing before dinner. Soft Blowed  
Cold towards night I washed harness Pm

**15** I oiled harness & G threshed Peas AM Cut some white ash logs Pm W. pretty Cold

**16** drew 1 load 5 ash logs AM Cleaned seed oats for Flavius & G threshed Peas Pm. Simon Hoover's  
& Flavius were here W. Cler AM some snow Pm

**17** drew 2 big Maple logs & 1 rail cut AM Cut some ~~drags~~ drags in old bush & I & John went to Cedar  
Grove Mills Pm W. very Coll sleighing good

**Sundy 18** all went to Meeting at Cedar Gove remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon in St Luke Part 14 C

## **Mar 1877 Apr**

by Br C John & girls went home I & Nancy & little boys went to Br S's. W. mild

**19** Put a cut through Butt log that Timbermen left G drew it to Mill & I took grist Chop Pm W. mild fine

**20** I & Nancy went to Red S Hoover's G cut drags & brought home grist W cool wind cloudy Pm

**21** G threshed Peas. I & John took 12 bus Peas to Mill Pm. W. soft snow nearly all day

**22** G drew big logs to S M out of old bush finished Cleaning Peas W. fine very good sleighing

**23** Cleaned Timothy seed & cut some drags W. fine I & Nancy went to B F Reesor's this evening

**24** Cut drags AM G drew some home Pm W. thawing I tapped about 30 trees sap run middling

**Sunday 25** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Mark 11 C by Br. C. I & Nancy went to Funeral of David Burkholder's Child at Wideman's Pm Sermon on 1 Epistel Peter 1st C & 24 Verse by Br C went to Red Jb Jac Wideman's this evening W. Cloudy rain coming home 9.0c Pm

**26** didn't do much Killed Br C's old mare Kate W. rain from east all day. G didnt come to work

**27** sifted Timothy seed AM I & Br C hitched mare Topsy into Cutter she went well W. Cloudy soft colder & wind tonight

**28** Finished sifting Timothy seed AM Chored Pm Sold Mare Topsy to Anthony Lehman for the sum of \$90.00 he is Married to Caroline daughter of J H Ramer W. blowed Strong north wind all day. some snow, a little rough sleighing

**29** G Came today he has had a boil on his hand he sawed wood today with Bucksaw I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove Pm. W windy yet but Milder

**Good Friday 30** Adeline kept house the rest of us went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on Part of 27 C St Mat by Rd S Hoover. W. MIld thawing

**31** G boiled sap AM sawed wood Pm I & {McKensie} went to Markham AM I boiled sap Pm. W east wind Flurries of snow Pm

**Easter Sundry April 1** at home Br. Ns. were here W. fine

**Easter Monday 2** at Br S's were here W. mild

**3** I boiled Sap G cut & split wood. W. east wind made 17 1/2 lbs sugar this evening

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**4** G boiled sap I done nothing. have very bad Cold G sugared off 12 lbs sugar W. east wind

**5** G flailed barley Rakings & split wood W. rain & soft snow AM Cler Pm I made 20 new spiles & Put them in extra 2 to a bucket sap runs well

**6** I boiled sap G drew wood together on pile in bush Sugared off 20 lbs tonight W. fine Cler

**7** I & Nancy went to funeral of D Burkholder's little girl at Widemans remarks by Rv Jac Wideman sermon on Part of 103 Psalm by Br C went to F inlaws after service G & boys boiled 9 1/2 lbs sugar. W. fine Cler roads drying off

**Sunday 8** A B's were here. we all went to Br C's at supper. W. fine Cler

**9** I boiled sap G Finished drawing wood & cut some sugared off 18 1/2 lbs sugar this evening W. fine Cler

**10** I & G sawed pine log he split it in ovenwood I & Nancy went to Ceder Grove. then I & G drew out Hemlock Cordwood in other bush Pm. W. fine warm Cler roads good

**11** Finished drawing out wood 13 1/2 Cords Michael Fret's were here for seed spring wheat @ \$1.30 per bus W. very fine Cler

**12** Finished splitting ovenwood & fixed some fence AM split rails Pm. W. fine Cler

**13** split rails & I boiled a gallon of Molasses W. fine Cler

**14** Chored AM. G sowed 6 bus fife spring wheat with new Broad Cast seeder in field east of dam Pm. M N's were here at supper W. fine

**Sunday 15** went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks & sermon on St Mat part of 25 C by Rd S Hoover went to D Haris Pm W. warm Cler

**16** I helped N Burkholder draw home some lumber G nearly finished sowing field east of dam. hadnt enough seed then he harrowed some. I got seed at Br S's this evening W rather Cloudy a little rainy Pm

**17** G finished sowing & harrowing wheat. began sowing oats behind barn I harrowed ahead of him W. Clear warm

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**18** we finished sowing & harrowing Oats the whole field W. cloudy, began raining towards night from east

**19** Chored. G split wood I went to Markham for Paint Pm. Painter began work today Painting west part of house. W. rain from east nearly all day

**20** I boiled 1/2 gal Molasses & G finished splitting rails AM. both Put in logs Pm. W. Clear

21 both Piled lumber. W. very fine Cler

**Sunday 22** Adeline & Herman kept house the rest of us went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Red Jos Barkey. J B & wife Nancy's Br John & his wife ( he was married a few weeks ago to Hannah Purdy of Axbridge) Jesse & Peter Hoover & Enos & Elizabeth Nighswander were here PM. W. fine

23 G Plowed north of Orchard I & John Piled lumber AM. I began sowing barley in east end of big field. W. very warm. no school this week

24 G Plowed I finished sowing barley John began to harrow. W. slight Shower Painter finished painting at noon

25 John finished harrowing barley then we gang Plowed opposite Br C's G Plowed W. fine Cler

26 Sowed barley opposite Br C's AM G finished Plowing north half of field north of Orchard Sowed it with Peas. Pm G harrowed it twice W Cler

27 G Plowed young Orchard I sowed it with Peas John finished rolling barley & Peas I sowed about a bag of Peas south of graveyard John ganged & harrowed them in which finished our seeding. W. east wind looks like rain

28 Chored. Made whiffletrees & double trees AM Fixed some fence PM. Old Christian Reesor was buried today. W. rain from east at times

**Sunday 29** went to A B's John & girls went to J D's W. Cloudy this morning Cler today

30 G Picked stones off Meadow. I & John went fishing to Maxwells with J D got none Chored today. W. Cool. Cloudy

**May 1** I took grist to mill then I & Gunn

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drew in 54 of our logs G finished Picking stones. W. Cler Pretty Cool

2 G took load of our lumber to Markham AM I Piled both Piled Pm. W. Cool frost last night

3 drew in logs AM both Pile Pm. W. Cool ~~frost~~

4 drew in a few logs & Piled Pm. W. Cler frost last night

5 drew in logs AM Piled Pm. W fine Cler White frost last night

**Sunday 6** I Nancy & little boys went to J Ds W. fine Clr

6 7 I drew edgings AM G harrowed root ground both Piled lumber Pm W. fine Cler. Cool

8 Finished Putting in logs AM. Piled Pm W. Cler

9 Piled AM. I went to Br S & G finished harrowing & began to Plow root ground Pm. W. fine showry this evening. I & John went to Whitevale tonight

**Ascension day 10** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Rd Jac Wideman sermon on Acts part 1st C by Rd S Hoover went to F inlaws Pm & to J B's at supper J B's mare ran away on Saturday his wife got hurt but is getting better. W. Cool

11 Piled lumber S Lehman's were here when we came home at noon I got lame back W. fine Cler

12 Planted a barrel of early rose Potatoes in flats behind Orchard I done nothing back very lame W. warm

**Sundy 13** all went to Meeting at Wideman's Sermon on {blank space} by Br C A B Ramer was baptised today we went to Chris Burkholder Children went to S Lehman's W. fine Cler

14 G Plowed turnip land below Orchard I got Jess & Cent shod AM drew 2 loads lumber home Pm. got some tiles at Br S's W. warm

15 G drew dung & Plowed it down for Corn I rolled Oats & began spring wheat W rainy Pm. pretty heavy after supper Bush nicely green

16 G Plowed turnip land I put in a few tiles AM went to Cherry wood Pm rolled spring wheat after supper W. warm

17 I rolled & G Plowed AM Chored Pm carried Potatoes out of cellar. W. warm AM fine rain Pm very warm

## **May 1877**

18 G Piled Sheep dung I Chored. G & Br C hitched up my 3 year old Colt. Farmer into spring waggon drove to A B's & to Ceder Grove. went well W. warm

19 washed Sheep & Planted Corn G got Nell & Frank shod & brought home Chop Pm. W very warm I & boys fished awhile this evening

**Whit Sunday 20** all went to Meeting appropriate sermon for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C F inlaws were here Pm we went to Br C's Pm W. very warm

**Whit Monday 21** went to Simon Hoover's & to Nancy's Br John's Pm. they live east of Simon's. W. shower this morning

**22** ~~I & G Piled~~ Cut seed Potatoes W showry

**23** I & G Piled some lumber & Covered Piles AM G finished Plowing root ground & harrowed some W. very Cold for the season

**24** G brought home grist then we Pulled weeds in wheat till noon. went to Meeting at Hebron Pm. sermons by Reds Gayman Hach Isaac & Elias Weaver W. Cool

**25** I went to Conference at Wideman's there were about 18 visiting Bishops Ministers & Deacons & a good many lay Members there was service Pm. W. fine Showers Pm

**26** All went to Meeting at Hebron sermons by Reds Gingerich & A Martin Pulled weeds Pm W. fine

**Sunday 27** All went to Meeting at Wideman's Suitable Sermons for Celebrating of Lords Supper by Reds Gayman Martin & Gingerich went to F inlaws Pm - W. fine Cler

**28** Planted Potatoes east of Orchard G {&} boys finished Pm I & Nancy went visiting with Rd Abraham Hoch & wife to C B's D Hoover's A B's & to I Moyrer for supper to Jac Reesor's & then left them at Mannese Frets to stay all night W. fine Cler

## **May 1877 June**

**29** I & Nancy & Aunt Lizzy that is C B's widow went to see her Brother Daniel he is very sick then we went to see Uncle Daniels widow at her son Samuels she was sick but is better W. fine Cler

**30** I & G drew stones off new Meadow. W. Cler

**31** G drew dung on east part of big field I went to Cedor Gove AM. Killed a calf & harrowed early Potatoes Pm. W. very warm

**June 1** G Plowed down dung then we sowed feed Corn in drills brought load sawdust this evening W. fine warm

**2** I & G Pulled Pidgeon weed in new Meadow AM I & John & Flavius went fishing to dead water of rouge Pm Caught fine Mess among them was a large eel W. slight shower Pm



**Sunday 3** at home all day Baby has measles. W. warm

**4** I went to Markham AM & to Cherry wood Pm W. Cler

**5** drew Cedar log to S M AM harrowed turnip ground & warned hands to work on road next Tuesday  
G was at home working on road yesterday & today W. warm

**6** I & Br C & Moyer went trolling to Fmans bay not good weather. Caught 7 G Punched thistles

**7** I took Oats to Mill then helped G Punch thistles W. warm

**8** I & Br C hitched Colt went well I & G Punched thistles till supper then rung Pigs & fixed fence along  
bush & brought home Chop. W. very warm

**9** Punched Thistles. W. slight shower this evening

**Sunday 10** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grove Matty Cook was here last night she went to Meeting  
with us remarks by Rd S Hoover Sermon on {blank space} by Br C went to Br S's Pm. W. very Cool  
for the season

**11** drew dung on fallow. I helped to pile

**12** had all hands drawing gravel on Pickering townline G drew dung on fallow W. showers Pm

**13** worked on road G drew dung W. Showers went round

**14** Finished drawing dung on fallow G began plowing & I began plowing turnip ground W. pretty  
warm

**15** I finished turnip ground G Plowed in fallow. W. warm

**16** had a bee drawing gravel on Pickering townline 4 teams W. Cler warm in the morning cool wind  
came up

## **June 1877**

**Sunday 17** went to Meeting at Hebron little Abram & Esther are getting better of Measles Benjamin  
staid at home with them remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Rd S Hoover. David Hane's  
were here Pm. W. fine

**18** I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramer's I rolled turnip ground after we came home G  
Plowed. We very warm

**19** I made Turnip drills G Plowed I went to Cherry wood this eveing W. Cooler

**20** I sowed turnips AM Scuffled early Potatoes PM then went for Dr Robinson little Abram is sick G finished Plowing fallow. W. Cool

**21** helped to wait on Abram he has Inflammation on Liver & Lungs. W. rainy fine heavy showers

**22** G harrowed fallow & ~~hød~~ hoed Corn W Cler Cool

**23** I & G helped to dig out foundation for our Meeting house we intend to Move it north into new shed yard W. fine Abram some better

**Sunday 24** at home all day Moyer's girls & Br C's Mary were here. W. fine. Abram doing pretty well

**25** I & G took 18 bus grist wheat to Cedar Grove & 6 1/2 bus for sale at \$1.50 per bus it was \$2.05 a while ago then G drew dung on pile. W. fine

**26** G drew dung on pile above dam AM both helped draw stones for wall under meeting house Pm. there were 10 teams & 2 drew sand W. shower Pm

**27** G drew dung with 2 waggons J Mainland filled W. fine Abram getting better slowly

**28** G drew dung AM went away with his Brother & Father W. fine Shower Pm

**29** I Chored. G was away. W soaking rain Pm

**30** I & Nancy went to Whitevale AM G cut up edgings & hoed a little then went home early not well W. warm Cler heavy hailstorm through Scarboro yesterday. destroyed grain badly

## **July 1877**

**Sunday July 1** at home all day. W. fine

**2** I scuffled Potatoes AM W Morrison's were here on a visit W. Warm Cler. G not here today

**3** I took Nell to Morrison's this morning then helped G hoe Potatoes W. warm Clear

**4** I & Nancy took wool to Cliffs went to M N's for dinner. G hoed Corn AM. went to Uncle Samls raising Pm. W. fine Cler

**5** Finished drawing dung AM Put in posts on townline & G hoed Corn & Potatoes I took Nell to Morrisons this eveing. W. warm

6 G began Crossplowing fallow I went to Markham AM mowed thistles in fence Corners Pm. W. Cler

7 G Plowed I & J B nailed boards on posts east of lane on townline W. fine

**Sunday 8** I & Nancy & Children went to Meeting at Ceder Grove. John & girls kept house remarks by Br. C sermon on {blank space} by Rd S Hoover I & Nancy went to Chris Stover's Pm Matty Cork is there sick She Cannot go home yet

9 G Plowed I Chored AM went to Markham Pm W. very warm slight showers

10 I began to Cut grass in Meadow near Hoovers Old Machine gave out after Cutting a few acres went to S Ramer's bought a new 2 wheel Kirby mower on shares with Br C for \$60.00 & Old Machine. W. fine

11 Br S's Menno Cut for me We fine Cool

12 Menno began Cutting this morning Machine wouldnt cut any more drew in 12 loads Pm Br C's team & Man & Mainland helped W. warm

13 Drew in 6 loads G & John took one load to J B's I mowed some with new mower this evening it works very well W. fine pretty warm

14 G Plowed for Br S I finished big meadow AM then we Raked & Cocked till supper a slight rain stopped us Mainland helped Pm

**Sunday 15** All went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd S Hoover Sermon on {blank space} by Br C

## **July 1877**

Old M Nighswander's were here Pm we took a ride to A B's after supper W. very warm

16 drew in 12 loads hay the last in the big meadow except rakings Br C's two men helped Pm with team

17 I began mowing behind Cider house about 9 AM nearly finished G harrowed fallow AM mowed fence Corners in meadow & plowed Potatoes W. soaking rain last night warm today

18 Finished mowing 1/2 hour then began to rake & draw drew 6 loads till supper then raked & Cocked the rest of field after supper. W. warm

19 I & boys went to Cedar Gove AM hoed turnips Pm W fine shower last {night} {page torn}

**20** I brought home new Kirby No 3 reaper G & Mainland Cut some barley near Br C's AM Cut road round wheat below house Pm & hoed turnips W. Cler

**21** Finished drawing in hay except rakings 8 loads Mainland helped Br C's AM I went to Clarks raising for me Pm. W. fine Cler

**Sunday 22** all went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Br C sermon on *{blank space}* by Rd Jos Barkey went to F inlaws & S Lehman's Pm W warm, slight shower

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**23** Cut wheat blow garden with new reaper works very well. W. very warm Close

**24** Cut Most of wheat in west end of big field W. vey warm

**25** finished Wheat, very good crop. Cut part of barley in east end of big field G & Mainland Cut near Br C's with Cradle & Scythe W. very very Sultry & warm

**26** Finished Cutting barley G & Mainland bound I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramer's he is very sick W. few drops of rain Pm vey vey Close

**27** hoed turnips I & Br C took a drive with Colt after supper. W. Close hevvy rain Pm some last night

**28** hoed turnip AM G & Mainland bound barley Pm I & boys drew in 3 loads hay rakings Pm. W. very warm

**Sunday 29** I & Nancy & little boys started to Meeting at Altona heavy shower near Belford got wet then went to Manasse Fret's W. very warm

**30** Drew in barley near Br C's & some out of big field W. vy warm

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**31** Finished drawing barley drew 7 loads wheat below garden W. warm

**Aug 1** Finished drawing in all wheat Mainland helped Br C Wa

**2** began Cutting Oats Shower stopped us at 3 Pm heavy rain this evening hoed turnip

**3** Finished Cutting & binding Oats W. fine Cool

**4** G & J Mainland shocked Oats I & boys Cut road round spring wheat Cut & bound about 4 acres W. fine Cler Cool

**Sunday 5** all went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Br C Sermon on Part of St John 5 C by Rd S Hoover R S Hoover's were here Pm. I Moyer's A B's & Br {page creased} at supper. W. fair pretty warm

**6** Cut spring wheat shower stopped us Pm

**7** Finished Cutting spring wheat AM fine Crop I & Nancy went to Markham & J H Ramer's Pm. W. very heavy storm went around north Pm. not much here

**8** Pulled Peas with rake Mainland pulled little Piece below graveyard got done at supper W rather cloudy AM

**9** I & boys drew in fall wheat & barley rakings G hoed turnips W warm heavy thunder storm about 3 Pm Set Machine after supper

**10** Threshed 268 boxes barley & 192 fall wheat great turnout of fall wheat this year W. fine

**11** G helped C B's folks thresh I & boys drew in 2 loads Peas & 5 loads Oats I drew swail hay for H Stover after supper W. fine

**Sunday 12** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Red S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Rd Jos Barkey D Smith from Vaughn & Sister Rd Jos Barkey's were here Pm W rainy

**13** G helped Br N's thresh boys ganged fallow we went to see upwards of eighty Shetland Ponies after supper at D Reesor Junrs he imported them. W. warm

**14** Chored AM G & boys scuffled & hoed turnips I & Nancy Started Pm went to Abraham Grove's to supper & to Jos Shirks to stay all night. W. rain this morning

**15** went to D Shaver's at noon & to J B Grove's at supper W. very heavy rain in Whitchurch at noon none at home

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## **Aug 1877**

**August 16, 1877** drew in 2 loads spring wheat shower stopped us about 9 Oc then I went to Cedar Grove Mills Pm. W very heavy rain & thunder storm

**17** dug out roots & stump in field opposite Br C's W. warm

**18** G helped M Dyke's thresh I & boys drew in spring wheat I got horses shod AM at Burnbige's

**Sunday 19** I & Nancy & boys went to Meeting at Widemans, went to Br inlaw's Saml Hoover's Pm & to F inlaw's at supper. W. warm Cler

**20** G helped J D's thresh I & boys drew last spring wheat 2 loads then drew oats till night. W. Cler

**21** G helped Pilkeys thresh I & boys finished drawing Oats & drew some Peas. W. fine Cler

**22** Finished drawing Peas till noon which finishes our harvest G went away Pm

**23** I & Nancy & Flavius went to Toronto sold butter at 25 cts Eggs at 14 cts G Pulled foxtail in Potatos & drew Mainlands hay W. fine

**24** Pulled foxtail AM G & John began fall Plowing below garden Pm. W. warm Cler

**25** G & John finished Plowing below garden I didnt do much J B was here fixing house roof & new barn roof W. fine warm Cler I & John got some lime at Hams to help finish wall at Meeting house the masons are working at it

**Sundy 26** at home John & girls went to Meeting at Altona I have swelled face with Toothache Br S's & J D's were here. W. fine Cler

**27** G ganged Pea ground in fallow I harrowed fallow & some of Pea ground went to Whitevale this eveing. W. warm Cler

**18** G drew dung on Pea ground I drew of stones W. warm shower Pm

**29** G finished drawing dung I finished harrowing Peaground & ganged little Orchard W. warm

**30** Both Plowed in Peaground I helped D Hoover dig a grave at Hebron for Hilt's Child W. warm

**31** Plowed & Cleaned seed wheat I to funeral awhile Pm W. rain from 9 to noon

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## **Sept 1877**

**Sept 1** Both Plowed I went to Ceder Grove AM & to J D's Pm. John Plowed while I was away W. fine

**Sunday 2** all went to Meeting at Wideman's 17 Converts were Baptized by Br C went to J L Reesor's after service John & girls went to Michael Fret's. W. Cler Cool

**3** G helped Br C's thresh with team I Plowed W. Cler

4 G helped Br Cs thresh I helped too AM Plowed Pm. W. fine Cler

5 G & John finished Plowing G went to helped N Burkholder Plow about 9 AM I done nothing took sick last night with Purging & Vomiting W showry Pm

6 G helped Br S's thresh with team I & Nancy went awhile to Br S's Pm W. Cler

7 I & John Managed all to furrow out wheat & Plow{ed} & sowed little Orchard with wheat G helped N B Plow W. warm Cler

8 G helped N B AM I & little boys set Machine Br C & his son Thomas helped us thresh Pm about 2 hours we threshed about 80 boxes oats W. warm

**Sunday 9** all went to Meeting at Hebron Suitable Sermon for Celebration of Lords supper J B's M N's & F inlaw's boys were here Pm we went to Br N's awhile Pm W. fine Cler

10 Cleaned grists for us & J Mainland then I took them to Ceder Grove G began Plowing near Br C's I helped Pm W. rather Cloudy

11 Both Finished Plowing AM G helped S Ramer draw stones & I brought home Grists Pm W fine warm Br N's my sister & Aunt Lissy Burkholder (Uncle Christ widow) started for Pennsylvania today

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12 I & Br C started about 8 AM & took the train at Miliken for Toronto then by Grand Trunk to Berlin arrived at 3 Pm went to Red A Martins over night then to John Martins & to Thanksgiving service at Martins Meeting house then to David Martins awhile at Goods & C Snider to Rd S Weber's over night then to Thoman's to Conference at Berlin & to Widow Brubacher's over night then to Red M Erbs who showed me all through

**Oct Sept 1877**

the town then I took the train at 11.30 AM met Br C at Breslau got to Markham at 5 Pm where my boys met us got home found all well W. has been very hot & Close every day

**Sunday 16** went to Meeting at Wideman's suitable Sermons for Celebration of Lords supper went to Rd Jos Barkeys after service W. rain this morning

17 I went to Kendricks for Tackle for moving buildings G Plowed in big field he began in it last Friday W fine

18 G Plowed I helped Move Meeting house got it half way W. fine

**19** G Plowed Finished Moving Meeting House W. fine Clr

**20** Finished Placing house on wall AM I & G dug some Potatoes W. fine warm Clr

**21** G Plowed I killed a lamb AM Plowed a little & Chored Pm W. fine warm Clr

**22** I & Nancy went to Christian Wideman's at Almira at dinner to Christian Brillingers at supper & to Martin Brillingers over night then went to Meeting at Almira remarks by R Jos Barky Sermon on St Luke part of 16 C by Rd J Wideman went to Abraham Hoover's after service W. fine

**24** Dug Potatoes Henry Stover & his two boys helped W. very warm

**25** G helped T Halls thresh I & John & Stovers dug Potatoes W. very warm for the season

**26** G helped Halls thresh I & John finished digging Potatoes then I went to Cedar Grove & Whitevale to sell wheat W. very warm

**27** I took 2 loads wheat (Treadwell) to Cedar Grove at \$1.22 per bus G helped level ground round Meeting house Pm. W. very warm

**28** I took small load wheat AM Cleaned load barly Pm W. very warm Close

**29** I & Benjamin & Br C went to Toronto sold Butter @ 23 cts & eggs @ 15 cts G & John took load Barly to Bay @ 62cts. W. very warm

**Sundy 30** all went to Meeting at Cedar Grove remarks by Re S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Rd Jac Wideman old D Hoover's were here Pm W. warm

**Oct 1** Went to Markham W. warm Clr G threshed peas

**2** Picked winter apples. W. fine Clr

**Oct 1877**

**Oct 3** I & Nancy & John went to Markham G Plowed Cleaned load barly PM W. cool

**4** Went hunting with Nancy's Brother's & J H Ramer Shot 4 Black Squirrels W. rainy AM Clr PM

**5** Cleaned Peas G sawed wood Pm I & boys drew in Pumpkins W. Cool

**6** G went to Waterloo this morning I Killed a pig AM went to Cedar Grove & Whitevale Pm John Plowed piece south of graveyard W. Cool



**Sunday 7** All went to Meeting at Hebron no preach Preaching Br C is away to the Twenty Cayuga & Clarendon Jacob Reesor read a Chapter & C F inlaws S Lehman's & Simon Hoover's were here Pm. W. fine

**8** Chored Cleaned grist & took it to Mill this evenig W. rain from east till 4 Pm

**9** I & Nancy went to M N's W. Cool

**10** I & John began plowing in Spring Wheat stubble about 11 Oc AM. W. Showry this AM Cler Pm

**11** John & Flavius plowed AM I & little boys Made Pumpkin Cider at Cider Mill & John Plowed Pm . W. rather Cool Cloudy Pm

~~12 boiled sauce boys Plowed W. fine~~

**12** boiled Pumpkin Sauce AM Made apple Cider & John plowed Pm W. fine

**13** boiled apple sauce boys Plowed AM Picked apples Pm. W. fine

**Sunday 14** I & Nancy & little boys went to Meeting at Widemans remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by Red C Reesor from Lancaster Penn went to F inlaws Pm. W. fine cloudy this morning

**15** I took 2 lambs to Jacob Hoover's AM I & Nancy went to Ceder Grove Pm John Plowed W. very foggy AM fine Cler Pm

**16** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C Sermon on {blank space} by Red C Reesor from Lancaster Penn Rd C Reesor & wife J Nissley & wife F inlaws Rd J Wideman & wife & Br C's were here Pm W. fine I took Jacob Wideman from Hay township to Christian Stover's this eveing

**17** I took 54 bus barly to Fman's bay @ 52 cts W. Cool Flavius was with me he plowed Pm

**18** Took Jacob Wideman to Joseph Reesor's P AM Made 60 gals Pumpkin & apple Cider Mixed Pm W Cloudy

**Oct Nov 1877**

**19** Boiled Sauce W. rainy all day

**20** drew wood into shed AM I went to Cedar Grove & boys Picked Corn Pm W. Cler Cool

**Sundy 21** I & Nancy & boys went to A B's girls to C B's W. Cler pretty cold east wind

**22** Took in Chili Potatoes 48 bags W. ground froze last night fine today

**23** I & Br C went to Toronto sold Butter 22½ cts per lb eggs 22 cts Chickens about 34 cts per {pair} W. fine

**24** G finished drawing sheep dung on west side of spring wheat stubble then we took in Rose Potatoes 20 Bags AM he plowed Pm. & I took in & Pitted Mangles & went to Br S's W. very fine

**25** I & Nancy went to Markham AM G plowed both Plowed till about 2 Pm drizzly & wet then G threshed Peas cleaned load of barley this evening W. rather wet

**26** G & Herman took 41 bus barley to Fmans bay @ 52 cts I Plowed AM I Plowed & G threshed Peas Pm Cleaned barley this evening W. Cler pretty Cold

**27** G & Benjamin Took about 30 bus barley to Fmans bay @ 52 cts John Plowed Am I finished Plowing Spring Wheat stubble till 3 Pm then I helped G & boys Pull turnips W. fine

**Sundy 28** John & girls went to meeting at Widemans I & Nancy & boys went to J D's W. fine

**29** I brought 1074 lbs Bran from Major Mills @ \$10 per ton. AM helped G Pull turnips Pm. W. fine

**30** I, G & J B worked on new barnyard fence AM G Pulled turnips & I & J B finished fence PM W. fine

**31** I took 30 bus barley to Ceder Grove to get Chopped & brought home some Scantling & Pulled some turnips AM Chored G cut wood Pm. W. heavy showers at noon

**Nov 1** drew turnips with 2 waggons AM G Pulled I & boys drew with 1 waggon Pm got in 17 loads I & Nancy brought home Chop this evening W. fine

**2** G threshed Peas I chored went to Ceder Grove Pm W. heavy rain from east AM windy Pm

**3** Finished Pulling & drawing turnips nearly 7 loads AM G drew dung on field near Br. C's Flavius harrowed it I & John took in Cabbage Celery & last of Corn W. fine AM Squalls of soft snow Pm

**Nov 1877**

**Sunday 4** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Red Honsberger from Pa Jacob & David Gotshalk came to stay all night W. fine Cloudy rainy this evening

**5** I & Nancy took the Brothers Gotshalk to Saml Reesor's at dinner then took them to Meeting at Widemans at 2 Pm. where Honsberger Preached. then we left them at Jonas Rayner's W. rain AM snow Pm. Cold wind

- 6 G finished drawing dung & spread it I took apples into Celler W. snow nearly all gone
- 7 Pulled down & built up fence on Scarboro townline across creek flats Br N's were here awhile Pm with C Rittenhouse & wife & Hoch & wife from Cayuga W. frose last night mild today
- 8 Drew home old rails & rubbish from fence this morning weighed some hay for Mr Barton Chored Pm G sawed wood. W steady rain from east nearly all day
- 9 I went to Markham G chopped in old bush I drew roots & stones off field near Br. C's Pm. G filled Pine stump holes awhile Pm W frose hard towards evening
- 10 Chored put in new hog post AM G & boys took 1762 lbs hay to green river for Mr Barton @ 15.00 per ton W. frose very hard last night fine today
- Sunday 11** at home Br S's were here Pm. W. cool thawed a little
- 12 dug in garden AM Plowed near Br C's Pm thawed Pm
- 13 I went to Ceder Grove AM G threshed Peas Both Plowed Pm. frose last night. Speights waggon works in Markham were burned last night
- 14 began to Plow about 9 AM finished near Br C's & began below garden W. fine Cler rainy now 9 Pm Br S's & Joseph Wismer from Clinton were here awhile Pm. & Br N's & family this evening
- 15 John & G finished Plowing below garden I Chored & went to Ceder Gove Pm. W. mild
- 16 I & John Plowed below orchard G helped N B Noah Burkholder thresh. W. fine warm Cler
- 17 John & G nearly finished root ground below orchard I didn't feel well. Cold in head went to Cedar Grove Pm. W fine & mild

## **Nov 1877**

Surveyors have been operating in this vicinity for about 2 weeks trying to locate a line for the Toronto & Ottawa railway. Surveyed from Toronto up through Scarboro through David Hane's farm & Br S's west end, north of Cedar Grove by White hill mills to the north of Whitevale, found the crossing of Duffins Creek rather expensive went back yesterday turned east below David Hanes along fifth Con Scarboro a little south through W Morrison's farm ( late Henry Peters) then found the elevation to high, turned back this morning Crossed at the White hill Mills east to south of Belford by Fret's farm & south of Whitevals, like this crossing better dont know if they will adopt it or not

**Sunday 18** I & Nancy went to Aunt C B's children to Br C's W. Cold north wind

19 G cut wood in bush I & John brought load sawdust & Chored W. Cold freesing

20 G cut edgings AM we helped D Moyer put eavestroughs on front of barn Pm. W. Cler Cold

21 I & Nancy went to Markham AM G went home, got sore hand W. Cler rather milder east wind....

22 G didn't Come, no school. Governor's Thanksgiving day. John finished plowing root ground I went to Cedar Grove Pm for meet. Jac Hoover comes every Thursday. W. milder. rather drissly

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{2}3 I went to A B's AM to ask them to help {k}ill our pigs on Tuesday. G Cut edgings AM threshed Peas Pm. W. drissly & wet

{2}4 G threshed Peas AM Cut wood Pm we {c}leaned shop I & John went to S M for some {e}ave troughs Pm I went to J D's to ask him to help {k}ill our Pigs on Tuesday W. rain from east all day H Moyer {w}as here today Peddling Medicine

{S}unday 25 at home all day. W. rain from east all day

{2}6 I went to Markham. W like Claring up AM heavy {r}ain from east Pm. got a good soaking roads bad

{2}7 we killed six hogs. W. fine mild

{2}8 I salted meat G threshed Peas. ~~W~~ sawed wood W. Cooler

{2}9 G threshed Peas I chored. W. Colder. freesing

**Nov Dec 1877**

30 weighed a ton of hay for Martin Barkey (he has bought J Ree{ve}s place 8 acres on 3rd Con Pickering) @ G & I top threshed some oats sheave's & I went to Cedar Grove W. pretty Cold Cler frose pretty hard

**Decr 1** Chored G threshed Peas. W. pretty Cold

**Sunday 2** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on {blank space} by Br C I & Nancy went to Br C's awhile Pm Br C's were here this evening. W. pretty Cold

3 I & Nancy helped A B's Kill hogs W. Milder

4 I & Nancy went to J H Ramer's had dinner of Venison saw a Bear that he shot in the northern woods he was away hunting five weeks got six deers & a bear W Milder some rain Pm

5 I helped J D's Kill hogs W. some rain

6 I helped Br S's Kill hogs G helped C B's W. Mild

7 G cut wood in old bush W. pretty Cold

8 G drew wood in shed from old bush W. Cler

**Sunday 9** at home J D's were here W. fine Cler

10 I & Nancy went Markham & to F inlaws roads pretty good W. some snow AM soft Pm

11 I helped Br C's kill hogs G went home has a boil on his wrist W. fine Cler mild

12 I asked hands to thresh on Friday. W. very fine

13 I & John fixed up Machine W. mild very high wind tonight

14 threshed about 300 bus wheat & about 40 oats

15 Finished threshing AM about 300 bus oats W. very fine & mild for the season I went to Dyke's bush with Br S's he buys all my ~~dew~~ down pine & logs in the bush W. very mild

**Sunday 16** went to Br S's W. Mild Cler

17 began to fix an Arch for boiling sap in Calf Pasture behind Cider house I & Nancy went to A Hoover's they live on Chris Ramer's old place W. very fine like April

18 G threshed Peas I Chored & Killed a calf Pm. W. froze hard, rain a little at bedtime

19 G finished threshing Peas I chored AM I & Nancy went to Cedar Grove Pm. W. fine mild like spring rainy AM

20 went to sale of Uncle C B's property Pm G went too Br inlaw Saml Hoover's were here at noon W. mild Cloudy

**Dec 1877 Jan 1878**

21 Chored AM went to Cedar Grove Pm W. very Mild Cloudy

**22** I. JD & his boy & Isaac Moyer went to F mans bay to Troll for Pike's caught none W. foggy very mild roads bad

**Sunday 23** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grove remarks & sermon on St Mat 5 C by Br C went to Br N's after service. W. foggy & mild

**24** I went to Markham, roads very bad. W. damp, foggy

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**Christmas day 25.** went to Meeting at Hebron remarks & Sermon on St Luke part of 2nd C by Br C. went to Br C's Pm. W. mild foggy. trees covered with beautiful white frost. a very little rain this evening

**{2}6** G worked for Br C I & boys went shooting a while Pm. finished Arch for boiling sap. W. thawing ice {o}ff trees mild & soft People plowing all over

**27** G sawed wood I & boys drew rails off townline east of lane to bush fence on 11th Con. W. like april bright & Cler I am certain {I} & Nancy saw yellow birds last week

**{2}8** Cleaned Peas AM G sawed wood & boys took {g}rist Chop to Mill Pm. W. about like May

**29** I & John dug pine roots behind barn AM {G} & John dug Pm I & Nancy went to Markham W. fine Mild roads pretty bad yet

**{S}unday 30** all went to Meeting at Hebron {r}emarks by Br C sermon on St Luke {r}est of 2nd C by Red S Hoover G & his folks were here Pm W. Colder

**{3}1** Chopped in old bush I & John sawed tops off posts barnyard fence Pm. W. sharp frost Cold wind {G} went home this evening he has 3 1/2 days to work yet {F} inlaws Came to stay all night

**January 1st 1878** went to A B's to quilting. W. Milder cloudy Pm

**{2}** Chored. W. about an inch of snow. pretty Cold

**{3}** Chored I & Nancy went to Ceder Gove Pm roads {v}ery rough. Cold & sharp

**{4}** Cleaned some oats & chored in shop. W. snowed all day. mild

**{5}** Washed double harness. I & John went Fox hunting {w}ith J H Ramer in Scarboro. got one. snow about {entry covered} inches deep blowed hard last night. turnpike pretty bare

**{Su}nday 6** Went to J D's W. very Cold. rough thin sleighing

**Jan 1878**

**7** Finished Oiling double harness AM then I & boys drew out pine top wood at Dyke bush Pm went to Martin Barkeys this evening I & Br N went to J Higgin's to Audit school accounts W. very Cold AM. milder tonight

**8** I & boys drew out wood AM Chored Pm W. snowed awhile Pm milder

**9** I & John went to Markham AM Chored Pm. W. milder sleighing very thin

**10** Chored. W. rain from east all day

**11** Chored. John took grist Chop I went as far as Br S's Nancy went to store W. soft snow & rain AM Cloudy Pm snow nearly gone

**12** I went to Manases Fret's this morning boys brought home Chop Pm. W. Mild roads getting very bad. a real April night I was sitting out in the dooryard amusing myself with the little boys till the call came for supper

**Sunday 13** at home all day Br Cs were here Pm W. Cloudy dull

**14** Chored AM. drew some wood on pile in old bush Pm. John & Flavius went to school W. Mild a little snow last night & AM

**15** I & J Mainland helped Pilky thresh W. pretty Cold, a few snow squaals

**16** Chored AM I & Nancy went to Whitevale Pm W. Cold roads rough

**17** G & J Mainland came this Morning to go wi{th} me to help thresh at Br S's Machine didnt Com{e} so G drew wood in old bush AM we went {to} thresh Pm. W. mild we went with sleigh but was very tough

**18** I & G helped finish thresh AM W. mild

**19** I & Nancy went to funeral of Abraham Stouff he was buried at Altona. Sermon on Isaih 38 C 1{st} by Red S Hoover some in english by Stekly went to M N's Pm. W. foggy this morning Cle{ared} up like April beautiful mild & bright road pretty good

**Sunday 20** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grove remarks by Br {C} sermon on St Luke 14 C by Re S Hoover A B's were here Pm . W. Cloudy began to rain this eveing

21 Chored W. mild rained all last night

**Jan 1878 Feb**

{2}2 I & Nancy went to Markham & to Jonas Raymer's Cloudy AM soft snow Pm & roads sloppy

{2}3 blowed up terrible Cold last night very very Cold today

{2}4 J B came this morning for hay so I & John {t}ook him a load. W. milder roads pretty rough

{2}5 I & Nancy went to Simon Hoover's & I went to M N's {entry covered} 10 bus Poorland or Rio Grande spring wheat @ 1.5 {pe}r bus W. Milder roads pretty good

{2}6 Chored & helped Br C kill a beef W. a very little {sn}ow last night drissly AM Cloudy Pm

{S}unday 27 all went to Meeting at Hebron {r}emarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} Br C David Burkholder & M N's were here Pm. W. mild. John & girls went to J D's this evening

{2}8 helped D Hare load up 2 loads of our hay he is {ta}king it to Toronto & takes \$4.00 per ton for his Pay

{2}9 I & Nancy went to Jac Reesor's they were not at home {entry covered} went to I Moyer's W. very Cold yesterday & today

{3}0 weighed a ton of hay for Martin Barkey @ \$14.00 {W}. pretty cold, east wind. Cler

{31} Took sow to J Peter's W. very cold. biting east wind

{Fe}b 1 were told early this morning that Martin Hoover {di}ed suddenly this morning at 4 Oc. Then I took my {d}aughter Adeline & Br C's daughter Elisabeth after {b}reakfast & went up. I helped to lay him out then came home. have bad Toothache & pain in {fa}ce. W. snow from east AM. some last night

{2} Kept in house. W. very bright & Clear all day {sh}arp air. thawing a little in the sun, no sleigh{ing}

{Su}nday 3 I staid with Baby Nancy & Children went {to} Martin Hoover's Funeral at Hebron Sermon by Br {covered} & A Raymers S Lehman's & Br inlaw Saml Hoover's {we}re here Pm. W. fine. Cler. thawing in the sun

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{covered} Went to Hebron AM to elect Trustees for the Covnent {covered}or Brs S & N & Manasse  
Frets were elected W. Cler

{covered} I & Nancy went to Cedr Grove AM & I went to see {covered}bert Gawley W. mild thawing  
some Pm

{covered} shelled Corn I & Nancy went to Ceder Gove took Corn to Mill & brought home Chop W.  
mild

{covered} I and boys & Br N's Peter Killed 2 pigs Pm W. fine

### **Feb 1878**

**8** I & Nancy took 2 Pigs to S Ramer's Cedar Grove sold them at \$5.00 per cwt then went to Markham  
& to Joseph Gr{illegible} on a visit. W. east wind not very strong a little rain & sleet this eveing

**9** I & John drew a load 1½ in lumber to Markham Station Br S's are drawing for us. W. snow last  
nig{ht} & some AM. pretty Cold, road pretty rough

**Sunday 10** at home all day. W. Cold. snow from east

**11** I & John drew big load of lumber to Station AM with sleigh pretty tough sleighing. ~~Cleaned gr.~~ W.  
pretty Cold

**12** I & Br S put lumber on Cars AM. I & boys Cleaned grist Pm. Br S's were here this eving W.  
milder

**13** I & Nancy went to F inlaws I went to sale on P Milne's farm awhile Pm. we went to J B's this  
evening. W. fine thawing roads going fast

**14** Took 10 bus grist wheat to Cedar Grove Mills this morning then drew home 2 rail cuts John & girls  
went to M N's Pm. we & Children wen{t} to AB's this evening. W. fine Cler nearly all day

**15** drew rail Cuts & brought home grist W. Cle{r}

**16** drew rail cuts AM hung up pork Pm W. freezing at night & thawing in the day sleighig bad

**Sunday 17** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grove remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on {blank space} by  
Br C Martin Barkey's were here Pm Br S's youngsters & Br C's were here this eving

**18** Chored AM went to Funeral of W Coxworth Pm. W. sharp but Cler sleighing about gone

19 Went to S Lehman's on a visit. W. pretty sharp good wheeling

20 Chored AM went to Markham to get Fran{k} & Nell shod Pm. Nancy went as far as Dyke's W. a few inches soft snow last night going fas{t} again. I went with sleigh. but was tough go{ing}

21 Chored. W. hard blow from east rain nearly all day

22 rain nearly all day. real February storm I & Nancy went to Cedar Gove AM. very wet. hig{h} water

23 Chored Cut wood. swept Meeting house Rd Amos Cressman & wife J Nahngang & wife from Wilmot Came to stay all night W. squaal of soft snow a little rain.

## Feb Mar 1878

{S}unday 24 all went to meeting at Hebron {r}emarks by Red Jos Barkey sermon on St Mat 18 {by} Rd A Cressman. J H Ramer's S Ramer's & F inlaws youngsters were here Pm. W. frose last night pretty cold

{2}5 I & Nancy went to Meeting at Altona remarks Br C sermon on St Mat 28 C by Red A Cressman went to A Hoover's W. rather Colder

{26} I & Nancy went to Meeting at Wideman's remarks by Rd Wideman sermon on Romans 12 C by Red A Cressman {w}ent to F inlaws & Br inlaw David Hoover's he is {s}ick. W. very Cold north wind this morning {illegible} Mild today roads very sloppy

{2}7 Chored & went to Br S's Pm his wife is sick with {in}fluenta W. mild. freezes at night & thaws in day time

{2}8 I & boys & Br C killed our beef Cow Am Lehman's were here. bought a quarter W. fine

{M}arch 1st I went to Cherry wood. ordered a new buggy \$96.00 went to A B's Chored Pm. W. sharp {illegible} B's & J D's were here this evening

{2} Chored AM. I went to Markham Pm Cloudy AM. rain from east Pm

{S}unday 3 I & Nancy went to Br. S's Pm wife is sick yet W. Cloudy roads muddy

{4} Chored. W. Cold windy frose hard last night

{5} Chored. M Dyke's were here this evening. W. mild

{6} Chored AM. Went to A B's a while PM his wife had bad spell. roads getting very bad. W very mild.

{7} Chored AM went to old W Morrison's sale {P}M W. like May, roads very soft

{8} I & Nancy went to Br S's awhile & I went to {Ce}dar Gove W. very warm

{9} Chored & made plank walk from door to {g}ate. W. like may very pleasant for the season

**{Su}nday 10** went to Br N's W. mild Cler

{11} Chored AM. went to Cherry wood Pm {W} rained awhile AM Cloudy Pm

{12} Chored. W. foggy. drizzly all day

{13} worked in shop W. rainy & dull

{14} Chored AM went to Cedar Grove Pm W soft /snow & rain nearly all day

{15} took grist Chop to Mill AM W. fine Cler, roads bad little frost last night

## **Mar 1878**

**16** I & boys Chored & cut wood AM then we went to W Burkholder's Sale Pm. I bought 2 turnip hoes @ 3 cts each Cylinder wrench & Irons 25 cts & Market Sleigh @ \$8.00. W. fine Cler roads very bad people get stuck several places

**Sunday 17** went to Meeting at Cedar Gove remarks & sermon on St Luke 14 C by Br C went to Br S's Pm W. Cool Cler

**18** went to several of the neighbours AM to tell them that Abraham Wideman died yesterday Chored Pm W. Cler Cool win{d}

**19** I & boys Cleaned seed Peas and some wheat W. Cler. some wind from N West

**20** I & Nancy went to A Wideman's Funeral A B's went with us. roads some better sermon on 90 Psalm by Br C & S Hoover some English by John Boyer went to F inlaws. W. Cler sharp NW wind

**21** I went to H Stover's & to M Frets's to see G Thoman to help cut wood tomorrow. I went to Cedar Gve Pm. W. pretty sharp

**22** I & John & H Stover & G sawed wood with crosscut saw. drags that we had intended for Sawing Machine. W. mild. Cler.

**23** Sawed wood. W. fine warm Cler

**Sunday 24** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on St Mat 20 C by Br C  
F inlaws were here Pm W. very Cold blowup last night very Cold wind from north all day. froze hard

**25** I & H Stover split wood W. Cold north wind

**26** I & John went to Cherry wood brought home sleigh that I bought at W Burkholders Sale I went to a  
meeting at Hebron Pm to Consider the Propriety of repairing or enlarging the Meeting House decided to  
repair. W. milder ground white with snow roads pretty good

**27** went to Br inlaw Saml Hoover's ground white with snow this morning, very warm today. all away  
again

**28** Chored, a man got stuck at end of lane. staid all night with us, he came from Oshawa with a load  
of seeders. W. soft snow & rain nearly all day. roads very bad

### **Mar April 1878**

**29.** I & Nancy went to Toronto roads very bad till {M}arkham road. south of 4th Con Scarboro pretty  
{g}ood after that Butter 22 ct eggs 11 cts W. fine {fr}ost last night. warm today

**{30}** I & boys pulled down & built up fence around Calf Pasture. W. Sa-raw wind

**{3}1 Sunday.** I & Nancy went to Meeting at {J}ohn Cober's. W. Cool wind. Cler

**April 1** G E Thoman began work today @ 17.00 per month for a term of 8 months {be}gan to draw out  
Pine & Hemlock wood Dyke bush I went to Markham Pm {d}eposited \$60.00 in Savings Bank W. fine  
beautiful, roads getting better again drew out wood. W. fine Cler

**{2}** {illegible} drew out wood. W. fine Cler

**{3}** {illegible} drew out wood. J H Ramer came Pm I {ca}me home G & John nearly finished W. fine

**{4}** G sawed wood & I & John went to Cedar Grove Mills brought home 12 bus Peas from Colon  
Reesor's @ 65 cts bus Pulled down & built up fence east of {ne}w barn Pm. W. fine warm Cler white  
frost last night

**{5}** finished fence east of new barn AM began {pu}lling down fence west of lane behind barn. then J  
B's Came . G split wood W. very fine

**{6}** sowed field near Br C's with Rio Grande {illegible} land wheat put in posts west of lane behind barn  
{aw}hile Pm. W. W. warm AM blowed up Cold Pm

**{Su}nday 7** all went to Meeting at Altona ~~went~~ remarks by Red S Hoover sermon on St John  
{illegible} C by Br C went to M N's after service {Jo}hn & girls went to Simon Hoover's W. Cold {no}rth  
wind. roads good

**{8}** I & G Cleaned seed oats for us & Br N & John {P}lowed in furrows in big field AM G harrowed  
{illegible} field Pm. I & Nancy went to Funeral of {J}ames Hilt's wife at Hebron Pm. W. fine

**{9}** Sowed Poor land wheat below garden as far {illegible} orchard AM worked in barn Pm {W} strong  
east wind AM rain Pm heavy this eveing

**{10}** John & G Plowed in field behind barn I went {to} Cedar Grove Pm. W. Cloudy. showry Pm

#### **Apr 1878**

**11** G Plowed I & John took Grist wheat to Mill AM I began to sow Oats in big field Pm W. warm  
clear

**12** G Finished sowing big field with Oats John ganged east of orchard it is rather rough for the seeder.  
I sowed some of it with fife wheat W. Cler. windy

**13** G harrowed big field & finished plowing wes{t} part of field behind barn about 3½ acres we intend to  
fallow the rest J & I ganged rest of field east of Orchard, except strip east of die Creek too soft then  
sowed with fife wheat John & Flavius brought home grist this evening. W. Cler. windy Cool

**Sunday 14** all went to Meeting at Ceder Gr{ove} remarks by Br C Sermon on Hebrews 11 C by Red S  
Hoover we went to J D's Pm John & girls went to Br N's W. Cool

**15** G harrowed east part of field east of dam then sowed Peas with seeder I sowed west part of fallow  
behind barn with Peas by hand 9 bus John harrowed it then began to roll spring wheat W. Cler.  
rather Cool

**16** G finished sowing Peas 12 bus east of dam then harrowed it. then sawed wood John rolled all day.  
I & Nancy went to Markham & to J H Ramer's to dinner. W. fine. Cool air

**17** John finished rolling our springs Crop G sawed wood AM helped me kill 2 runt pigs Pm W. warm  
as June. we have had an exceptional early spring. Cattle & sheep are running in the roads. grass is  
Coming nice & green fall wheat looks well. trees are begining to bud fine

**18** I & John went to Toronto, sold 2 Pigs @ \$6.00 per Cwt Oats @ 36 cts eggs @ 11 ct W. fine warm

**Good Friday 19** went to Meeting at Hebron remark{s} & sermon on Isaiah 53 C by Br C went to Noah Burkholder's Pm. W. very fine warm. a little rain this morning

**20** Made some straight fence west of lane behind barn & drove stakes around Calf pasture I went to J D's & rung his Pig's W. a little rainy AM warm Pm things are growing very fast

**April May 1878**

**{E}aster Sunday 21** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by B C sermon on St Mark 16 C by {R}ed Jos Barkey Ann Sherrick was here PM {s}taying all night W. Cool north wind. Cler

**{Ea}ster Monday 22** at home all day W. east wind, rain Pm

**{2}3** Chored. G split wood. W. squally

**{2}4** I took Nancy & Ann Shirk to A B's this morning {M}are Jess got sick on ~~the way~~ the road. had to leave {he}r at A B's got some Medicine for her Came home left her. W. Cloudy. AM rain & very heavy {s}torm of wind Pm. not much wind here

**{2}5** went this morning to bring home mare. is {a}ll right again. G split wood AM. Carried {Po}tatoes out of Cellar Pm. W. fine Cler heard that a brick school house on Brock road 4th Con Pickering was partly unroofed yesterday

**{2}6** Finished Carrying Potatoes & helped D Hane {illegible}t on a load of our hay AM Cleaned wheat {P}m. W. fine warm Clear

**{2}7** G was at home today I & boys Chored {A}M went to S M Pm. boys fished I bought doz sucker's W. foggy AM Cler Pm

**{S}unday 28** I & Nancy & boys went to Meeting {a}t Wideman's remarks by Br C Sermon on {S}t Mat part of 18 C by Red Jos Barkey {w}ent to C B Hoover's Pm W. showrs Pm

**{2}9** Cut seed Potatoes W. rainy all day I went Whiteval Pm to Telegraph a Message to Dr Freel {B}r C's Ketusa has a very bad Cough a good while

**{3}0** I & John went fishing with J D & Lottern {ca}ught 65 AM. G & John pulled Pidgeon {w}eed PM I went to Cherry wood W. fine Cler

**{M}ay 1** Pulled down & built up bush fence {a}long 11th Con W. fine Cler. I & Nancy went to {Ce}der Grove after supper Dunkin act in force today Bush green

**{2}** Chored AM. drove stakes in bush fence Pm {W} Steady light rain AM. Cler Pm

**{3}** went to Bee at Meetinghouse putting up poles & {c}leaning up graveyard. W. some rain AM & Pm

## **May 1878**

**4** Cleaned Wheat all day W. Cloudy AM. Cler Pm

**Sundy 5** at home. Br S's were here W.

**6** Chored & I & Nancy went to M Dykes AM. his wife was Confined yesterday. still born Daughter. I went with Matthew to bury it Pm. John & G Picked stones off big Meadow Brought home new Buggy W. very warm. showr last night

**7** I & Nancy went to S Lehman's they have a Son John & G sawed wood & Pulled down fence east of bush north part W. thunder last night rain this Morning, vey growing weather, very early season apple trees in blossom. Cherry bloom about falling off I saw a growth of this years wood on a young Maple today fully eight inches long

**8** Chored AM. went to a bee filling in low spot in graveyard where Meeting house stood. W. rain this morning warm today thunder storm this evening

**9** I & Nancy went to Michael Fret's & to Markham W Clear, roads muddy. full of holes 40 G & John Pulled down fence east of bush south part & killed Caterpillars & washed sheep

**10** built up fence & bagged Potatoes

**11** I & Flavius went to Toronto sold eggs @ 10 cts Butter 19 cts Potatoes 48 per bg W. Cold

**Sunday 12** I Nancy John & Girls went to Meeting in double Buggy remarks by Red S Hoover sermon on suitable Text for Celebration of Lords supper by Br C went to F inlaws after service W. very Cold for the season a slight squaal of snow this morning

**13** wired fence along bush on 11th Con & south half east of bush W. very Cold AM milder Pm

**14** I & Nancy went to Markham AM began to draw dung on root ground Pm W. hard frost last night, ground frose a little Ice as thick as heavy window glass grass frose stiff

15 helped wash Meeting house AM ~~Ns~~ M N's were here J & G Finished drawing dung on Corn & Potato ground & spread it W. fine Cler

16 I sheared sheep G Plowed root ground W. white frost last night fine today

### May 1878

{17} G Plowed root ground I & John Planted corn I went {to} Ceder Grove this evening. W fine Cler

{18} Planted Potatoes. W. fine warm Cler

19 Sunday all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Red S Hoover suitable sermon for Celebrating {of} Lords supper by Br C Ann Shirk was here Pm. W. Showry, Cool.

{20} Chored AM I & Nancy took Wool to Altona {M}ills Pm. had supper at Br inlaw John Hoover's {J}ohn & G spudded thistles W. very heavy rain wind Pm.

{21} spudded Thistles I went to J Schnells {sa}le Pm. bought 4 Chairs @ 5 ct each, Candlestick {illegible} cts & Axe 5 cts. W. fine Cler cool

{22} Chored. J & G spudded thistles I cut {m}y left hand Pm. W. fine drying weather White frost last night, not very heavy

{23} Chored. J & G spudded thistles W. Cler went to Cherry wood AM to see about getting our {r}oad scraper repaired. took it Pm

{24} sorted Potatoes AM boys spudded thistles {P}m I & Nancy went to Ceder Grove this evening {?} heavy shower this Morning. Clear & warm today

{25} Finished spudding thistles G Plowed turnip ground Pm W. Cler

{Su}ndy 26 all went to Meeting we & little boys went D Ramer's at dinner & Jac Wideman's at supper & girls went in new buggy W. shower at noon remarks by Jac Wideman sermon on {blank space} by S Hoover

{27} G was doing his road work John & Herman got Nell & Frank shod & I went to Cherry wood {?}M I & J Herman & Abram went fishing to {ro}uge dead water. didnt bite well W. fine

{28} I took 1285 lbs hay to J B John finished {so}wing turnip ground W. fine Cool Cler G doing road work Wheat heading out

{29} I took wool to Altona G & J drew dung {?} fallow J H Ramer's here at supper W. Cool Cler



**Ascension day 30** at home Br inlaw John & Simon {Ho}over's were here W. fine Cler. Cool

{31} drew dung on fallow behind barn I had Mary Nell {?}ved at C Morrisons Then I & John took Hendry to Altona to get new Mould on. W. warm Cler

## **June 1878**

**June 1** drew dung with 2 waggons filled fallow W. Cler

**Sunday** All went to Meeting at Altona I Nancy & little boys went to Edward Moyer's for dinner & to Henry Boyer's at supper W. fine Cler remarks by Joseph Barky sermon on St John Parts of 12 C by Br. C

**3** I went to Boxgrove AM J D's brought Joseph Brenneman & Saml Diller & Johnie Brother here Pm. W. warm Cler G began Plowing fallow

**4** I & Nancy went to Funeral of D Hane's Child at Widemans. Sermon on 1st Peter 1st C & 16 V by Br C went to J B's Pm. W. warm Diller & Brenneman here tonight

**5** I took Diller & Brenneman around the 4th & 3rd Con of Pickering today W. Cool

**6** went to F man's bay today with J D & his Brother & Joseph Brenneman Caught no fish but had a fine day boating a slight white frost this morning fine today

**7** helped Br C put posts under his woodshed he has moved it & is building a new house. G finished plowing fallow except headlands sorted some potatoes Pm. W. a little rain Pm. fine stedy rain this evening

**8** I & G dug stump in fallow AM John harrowed turnip ground & Potatoes AM I & Nancy went to Funeral of Aunt Esther Armstrong Pm. W. Cool

**Whitsunday 9** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grov{e} & to Br S's Pm. John & girls went home remarks & sermon on {blank space} by Red Jac Wideman. W. fine Cler

**Whitmondy 10** I & Nancy & girls went to Elmdale Mills Duffin's Creek to Ben Hoover's boys went fishing at Br S's . W. Cler

**11** I went to Unionvill for My road list AM Chored & went to Cedr Grove this evening. W. fine Showr at noon

**12** burned pine Stump AM warned hands to work on roads on Monday. PM. W. warm Cler J & G spudded thistles

## June 1878

{13} went to Whitevale & Cherry wood AM I & J {ma}de Picket fence with laths from woodshed west {of} lane fence Pm. W. warm Cler

{14} G went to Bee to repair lane from 11 Con to Ceder Grove {P}lowed in turnip ground, fixed some fence in {f}ront of Beehouse. W. very warm

{15} G Plowed in turnip ground. I & J put in Ceder Culvert at foot of hill near Br C's very warm. {W} getting dry

{S}unday 16 all went to Meeting at Hebron {re}marks by Br C sermon on St John 1st C Red Samuel Weber from Waterloo F ilaws C Burkholder's were after service & Jonas {Ra}mer's Peter Ramer & S Weber, & wife Pm {W} heavy rain & thunder last night very very warm day. slight shower today. not much

{17} Worked on roads, had teams drawing gravel on {Sca}rboro townline opposite our place W. Cool

{18} Worked on roads, drew gravel. G at home {yes}terday & today W. fine. warm

{19} Finished road work turnpiking on 11th Con {?}M John harrowed & rolled turnip {gr}ound yesterday & Monday I & Nancy went to John Hoover's on 6th Con Whitch {?}unch Pm. W. warm Cler then {we}nt to John Widemans to stay all night

{20} {illegible} went to Meeting at Almira remarks by {Jos} Barkey sermon on St Mat 25 C by Red {S}amuel Weber from Waterloo went to Danl {Wi}demans after service & to Daniel Hoover's 6th Con Markham at supper W. warm a little rain this evening

{21} G & J made turnip drills got about half {?}ed this evening. W. a little rain this {m}orning. Clerd up Came on this eveing {?}ery heavy. splendid shower

{22} Chored. G harrowed fallow Pm. W. Some rain

{Sun}day 23 at home A B's were here. W. rain nearly all day

{24} split rails. W. fine. Cool. all day

{25} I & Nancy went to Toronto. Butter 13 ct Eggs 14 ct Potatoes 63 ct per bag. W. fine. Aunt Lissy Burkholder {we}nt with us

## June July 1878

**26** I & John took a cord of Pine & Hemlock to Markham to Bambridge & got Jess & Cent shod G was at home W. fine cool 1878

**27** Cleaned Wheat W. very warm Clear

**28** Fixed beaming board fence along Pickering townline. W. very warm. Cler

**29** G sawed old rails. John Plowed low piece east of Creek, east of Orchard Pm I went to Markham Pm. W. very warm

**Sunday 30** all went to Meeting at Altona remarks by Br C sermon on St John part of 3rd C by Red S Hoover went to M N's for dinner & supper W. very warm, very warm

**July 1** I didnt do much. G hoed Corn I & Nancy went to Br S's AM. his wife is sick I went to Abraham Hoover's Pm to see a new threshing Machine running that N Burkholder made it runs well. W. very very warm. I think the warmest day this season

**2** Worked at straight rail fence west of back lane W. very very warm

**3** Chored G split wood. W. rained nearly all day

**4** worked at fence. W. heavy thunder this morning & heavy rain Cleared up, very warm

**5** Finished fence as far as dam then I & Nancy went to Solomon Burkholders & I went to Altona for Plow G hoed Potatoes W. very warm. Cool breese from north

**6** G Plowed in fallow J helped awhile AM I & J fixed some fence along Pasture & went to Ceder Gove Pm. W. very warm, sawed off fence ~~for~~ Posts after supper

**Sundy 7** all went to Meeting at Widemans Sermon on St John 1st C. 1st to 36 V by Br C Br inlaw Saml Hoover & wife & Otto Gibner were baptised today went to F inlaws after service & to S Lehman's at supper. W. very warm. very warm

**8** John & G Plowed I & Nancy went to J H Ramer's Pm he is sick. W. vey warm fine shower this morning, heavy rain north at noon

**9** J & G Plowed AM. I began to Mow in big meadow Pm J & G Plowed Potatoes W. warm

## **July 1878**

**{10}** I mowed G Put on Paris Green on Potatoes mowed along fences raked & Cocked some Pm {W} a little rain this morning Clear & windy

{11} {illegible}ley & boys scuffled Cow Corn after dinner {F}inished Mowing big Meadow AM Chored Pm {W} Cler AM rainy Pm & heavy this evening

{12} All Chored. W. Cloudy. rainy AM

{13} J & G Plowed AM. G hoed Cow Corn Pm I took Sow to J Peter's W. Cler

**{Sun}day 14** all went to meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C {ser}mon on *{blank space}* by Red S Hoover S Lehman's & Aaron {&} Adeline Burkholder. were here Pm. went to {C?} B's after supper. W. quite warm

{15} Finished raking big meadow & drew two {lo}ads AM drew 4 PM & I Cocked the {illegible}ad Martin Barkey helped Pm. W. warm

{16} drew 6 loads hay & began Cutting road round {fa}ll wheat. shower about 6 Oclock Pm W. very very warm

{17} Cut some wheat AM heavy shower after {illegible}on hoed turnips Pm. I & boys Killed a sheep after supper. I & John went to {Ce}der Grove this evening. heard that Tobias Nighswander & his son were drowned on Manitoulin Island on Friday last boat upset

{18} Cut wheat. W. not quite so warm

{19} Finished cutting wheat little Orchard too

{20} {illegible} & boys Finished drawing hay out of big {m}eadow. 4 loads. N Burkholder's man {he}lped us today. W. very warm

**{S}unday 21.** went to H Stover's Pm W {co}ol, strong north wind, a little rain last night

{22} Mowed Meadow behind Cider house. I & boys {ra}ked one row around field after supper {illegible} helped N B. W. fine Cool strong N wind

{23} I & boys finished Cocking . G helped {C} B. I & Nancy went to Cedr Gove {af}ter supper. W. Cool. N wind

{24} Drew in 15 loads wheat. W. fine pretty Cool

{25} Finished drawing wheat 5 loads AM. drew 2 loads {ra}kings out of big meadow & 2 loads hay behind {cid}er house till supper. when it began to rain

**July Aug 1878**

**26** Chored G went home at noon W. rained heavy all day. raised water. very wet

**27** I & Nancy went to Markham AM. to execute a Deed for ground for Church yard Property about 1/2 acre that I sold for yard for Church & sheds boys & G hoed turnip I Cut road round spring wheat PM

**Sunday 28** I & Nancy & boys went to Meeting at Altona remarks by Rd S Hoover sermon on St Luke 20 C by Br C went to Simon Hoover's Pm & to D Burkholder's at supper W. fine Cler. Cool

**29** Cut bound & shocked Poor Land wheat south of old bush. W. Cloudy, drizzly this evening

**30** G & boys hoed & scuffled turnips AM Cut Poor Land Wheat below garden Pm W. Cloudy AM. drizzly this evening

**31** I & boys John & Flavius went to Markham & G hoed turnips AM bound & nearly shocked last of Poorland Wheat till supper heavy rain after supper, very wet time

**August 1** G hoed turnips I cradled road around five wheat back of graveyard & he bound till noon then we cut last of Poor Land Wheat east of orchard till about 4 Pm then a heavy rain & thunder Shower Came up Lightning struck Henry Boyer's barn & burnt it with his hay & barley

**2** G Cut road around Oats & shocked some wheat AM I drew load of hay for H Stover. very wet. Finished Cutting spring wheat & 5 rounds of Oats John drives the reaper. has boil on his hand

**3** I cut Oats AM. John's hand very sore. G bound Spring Wheat. John drove Pm boil broke I & G bound Oats Pm. W. pretty warm

**Sunday 4** all went to Meeting at Ceder Grove remarks by Br C sermon on {blank space} by Rd S Hoover J D's were here Pm W. hevy rain Pm pretty warm

## **Aug 1878**

**{5}** began binding spring wheat about 10. Am {F}inished at supper. then set Machine W. Cloudy

**{6}** {?} & G shocked oats till about 1/2 past nine then hoed {tur}nips boys & me asked hands to thresh. threshed {illegible}n. about 180 bus Clawson wheat. pretty good {S}ample. W. rain this morning . Shower at {n}oon. Cler Pm

**{7}** G helped D Hoover thresh I & boys drew {?} loads hay Pm. W. windy Cler girls went {to} Funeral of Michael Burkholder's Child Pm {I} & Nancy went to Henry Boyer's after supper

**{8}** G bound Oats I & boys drew 11 loads spring {w}heat . W. warm. Strong wind Pm

{9} all Finished drawing spring wheat 12 loads W windy

{10} Stacked hay behind Cider House 12 loads W. Cler

{Su}nday 11 all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks {by} Rd S Hoover sermon on St Luke 17 C by Br {?} Burkholder girls & Nancy's Brother Enos & Jesse {ca}me here Pm. & Noah Burkholder's at supper W. fine

{12} I & boys bound Oats G helped M Dyke thresh {W} fine Cloudy nearly all day

{12} I & Nancy went to Toronto sold Lambs @ \$7.75 for {illegible} head. Butter 22ct eggs 16 ct boys bound Oats G helped M Dyke thresh AM {he}lped boys Pm W. warm

{13} Finished binding & shocking Oats till supper G {illegible}led headland of Peas after supper W. Cler Shower just before supper

{14} I & boys drew 7 loads Oats G helped Br C thresh {Be}njamin Cut the Pupil of his right eye open with {illegible} end of his knife handle trimming a switch of {illegible}low about 4 Pm I took him to Dr Robinson {illegible} advised bathing with Cold water W. fine

{15} drew 8 loads Oats. W. warm very heavy storm {th}under & lightning north heavy rain here {a}bout 1/2 past 6 Pm

{16} G & boys Cut Burrs & hoed turnips I got {N}ell & Frank shod Pm. heard about 1 or 2 {b}arn in Whitechurch burned by Lightning last {nig}ht.

{17} Dr was here this evening advised taking {Be}njamin to Eye Doctor in Toronto on Monday W. fine Creeks very high.

## Aug 1878

Sundy 18 at home. Flavius were here. John & girls went to A B's Pm. W. fine warm Cler

19 I took Benjamin to Toronto to Dr Rosebrugh. had Operation performed on his Eye. G & boys hoed turnips AM pulled Peas with Rake Pm W. drissy this morning. Cler Pm

20 Rake dont Pull peas well pulled with scythe's W. fine Cler

21 G & Elisha Mitchell Pulled Peas I & boys finished drawing Oats 8 loads G helped awhile AM we got in one load Peas this evening. W. fine. Cler

**22** Took Benjamin to Toronto again Dr says he is doing very well G helped Pilkey thresh boys drew 6 loads Peas Susanna helped to unload W. warm Clr

**23** G helped Pilkey thresh I & boys drew 8 loads Peas E Mitchell finished pulling W. Clr

**24** drew 2 loads Peas. shower stopped us Threshed few Peas AM G hoed turnips Pm W. Cloudy

**Sunday 25** John & Girls went to Meeting at Altona we went to A B's W. windy Cool

**26** Finished drawing Peas 9 loads & 1 load spring wheat rakings. W. Clr warm

**27** Flavius & Herman Commenced going to School John & Benjamin & G Kept house G hoed turnips I & Nancy & Children went to F inlaws girls went to Janet McGaw's she is Married to George Wales W. fine warm

**28** G ganged fallow I & John drew in Oat rakings AM I went to Whitevale Pm Called at Hoover's Old Man had Paryletic stroke yesterday. is rather Poorly W. shower after supper

**29** I took Benjamin to Toronto. Dr says his eye is doing very well G helped Br N's thresh John finished ganging fallow. W. very warm Clr

**30** G helped Br N's thresh AM harrowed fallow PM I & John Cleaned seed Wheat W. warm

**31** I & G helped Br S's thresh John ganged Pea ground W. rained heavy this evening

## **Sept 1878**

**{S}unday Sept 1** at home Br N's were here I & {N}ancy went to Hoover's after supper W. very heavy {ra}in last night & today. creek running lively

**{2}** I & Nancy went to Funeral of Christian Barkey at {W}ideman's Sermon by Rd S Hoover & More {w}ent to Christian Burkholder's Pm G began {P}lowing in Pea ground in fallow W. warm {g}round very wet fallows ancle deep in mud

**{3}** G & John plowed M N's wife was here & {F} inlaws Pm. W. very warm sultry I went to Ceder Grove this evening

**{4}** I & John Cleaned seed wheat G went to N Burkholders {to} thresh. Machine didnt come. then he plowed {ti}ll noon. too wet then he & John plowed pea ground in root field Pm. J B's were {h}ere. W. warm Clr

{5} I & Adeline & Benjamin went to Toronto {B}utter 19 cts Eggs 11½ cts 2 lambs \$5.00 Benjam's {e}ye getting better. W. very sultry & warm

{6} G & John Plowed in fallows. I & Nancy {to}ok yarn to S Lehman's Pm. W. warm Cler

{7} G & John plowed. I chored & went to Cherry wood {P}m. W. warm Cler

**{S}unday 8** all went to Meeting at Hebron {r}emarks by Br C Sermon on St Mat 18 C {b}y R'd Jos Barkey. Otto Gibner was here after service & Tilman Wideman at supper. W. very sultry & warm

{9} John & G finished plowing till about 10 Oclock AM {th}en we drew dung with 2 waggons on pea ground {we} intend to harrow it in with wheat. W. warm

{10} {G} harrowed fallow & spread dung I & John {c}leaned seed wheat. W. began to rain about 4 PM

{11} G threshed Peas. W. rain nearly all day I & John brought home load lumber between showers

{12} G went home I & John threshed threshed Peas AM {I} went to Ceder Grove PM. W. rain from east all day

{13} {I} didnt do much AM fixed some board fence {tha}t blowed down & cut tree that fell across 11th {Conc} Pm went to Ceder Grove this evening. heavy rain all AM very high water

## **Sept 1878**

**14** went to Cedar Grove AM I & Nancy & boys went to Markham PM to get Boots measured report says there are 27 Bridges away in the Township of Markham & a great many dams a Man was drowned in Markham yesterday W. Cler, very strong west wind awhile Pm

**Sunday 15** at home Br. S's were here & A B's at supper W. fine It seems the high water on Friday never was equal{led} in the memory of the oldest inhabitant

**16** G helped N Burkholder thresh today & Satu{rday} J B helped fix up Cider house I & boys made 65 gals Cider Pm. W. fine warm

**17** J & G Plowed near Br C's I helped boil sauce W. very fine This is the day of General Elections for the Commons of Canada

**18** J & G finished Plowing near Br C's AM G & Flavius took load of lumber to H Boyer's J Plowed in pea ground in root field PM & we took Plow to Cherry wood this evening W. warm



**19 Thanksgiving day.** I & Children went to Meeting at Hebron Nancy staid with little girls they have bad Cold remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke {Blank Space} by Red S Hoover I & boys began sowing Pm sowed about 4 acres. W. very warm & sultry

**20** sowed field near Br C's AM then finished field back of old barn W. warm a thunder shower last night. didnt rain much

**21** Made water furrows in wheat then John helped G plow in pea ground AM I & John split some shingle bolts in Dyke bush Pm W. warm

**Sundy 22** I & Nancy went to Vaughan with Br C & his daughter Elisabith hard travelling 3 or 4 Bridges away Br C distributed sacrament went to Abraham Smiths PM W. White frost Cler

**23** I John & G finished splitting bolts AM G Plowed I & John drew load bolts to Whitevale Pm. W. sharp frost Cler. Cool

**24** I & John drew load bolts AM. John & Flavius drew load Pm I helped build wood shed at Meeting house Pm. W. shower this morning. Cler today

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**{2}5** I & John drew 2 loads bolts which finishes them W. Cler

**{2}6** I & John drew a load of sand then Picked apples {o}ur young Orchard has a very large crop W. cool {l} went to weaver in Boxgrove Pm

**{2}7** all dug Potatoes, light crop. W. Cler cool this is my 42nd Birthday

**{2}8** Finished digging Potatoes. Picked some Cider {a}pples. W. Cool Cler

**{S}unday 29** I & Nancy went to Meeting at Widemans Aproprate sermons for the {C}elebration of Lords Supper by Red Jos Barkey {&} Br C went to Saml Hoover's Pm W. fine Cler

**{30}** John & G Plowed AM I got young horse {F}armer shod in Markham Br C & his man {he}lped us thresh about 2 hours PM we {thr}eshed over 100 bus Oats W. fine Cler

**{Oc}t 1** G helped D Hoover's thresh John & Flavius {pl}owed I & Nancy went to fulling Mill at {Al}tona. had dinner at M N's then went by {Ma}rkham village got Mended Boots. W. Cler vey fine Br N's Peter got married to Christian Wideman's {da}ughter Susanna today.

**{2}** G & John finished Plowing fall wheat {st}ubble AM I & John Made 45 gals Cider G Plowed in spring wheat stubble below {ho}use PM. W. very fine & warm shower AM

{3} {I} took Benjamin to Toronto to Drs his eye is {do}ing pretty well, sees very little yet Br C {& S} rode with me. they are going to Jordan W. fair

{4} G sawed I & John chored & made apple Boxes AM picked apples PM. W. very fine I went to Chery wood Pm

{5} G & John Plowed AM G went home I & J {plo}wed awhile Pm. W. rather Cloudy. fine

**{Sun}day 6** all went to Hebron. suitable sermon for {Ce}lebration of Lords supper by Red S Hoover Br C John G Reesor's M N's youngster's & {M}ichael Frets youngsters were here Pm. & Br {?} at supper. W. fine Cler

{7} G went to Henry Boyer's barn raising I & John {Pl}owed. W. very fine Cler

## **Oct 1878**

8 I & Nancy & Lissy Burkholder went to Nancy's Uncle Christian Hoover's he & his daughter Annie were badly hurt by their horse running away about a month ago. They are getting better we called at Manasse Fret's he fell out of an apple tree last evening and broke his face. W. a little Cloudy, cool

9 G sawed old rails I & John took load lumber to Markham AM. fixed fence PM. W very strong west squaal AM. little rain

10 G threshed Peas I & John took 2 loads lumber to Markham. W. fine Cler

11 G Plowed. I & John took 2 loads lumber. W. rather Cloudy little rain at bedtime

12 I & John took 2 loads lumber G began plowing in oat stubble. W. vey fine Clear

**Sunday 13** I & Nancy & little boys went to J D's they were not at home. little boys staid there. & we went to Martin Barkey W. fine

14 G Plowed. I & John Made 58 gals Cider W. fine

15 G & John Plowed. I went to Markham & helped boil Sauce. W. very fine, thunder shower last night

16 G helped Br N's thresh I took Susanna to Dr. Robinson AM she has swelled throat I & boys Killed 3 Pigs Pm. W. vey fine Mosquitoes are around. very warm

17 I & Benjamin went to Toronto sold Oats @ 25 3 Pigs @ 4½ ct per lb took Benjamin to Dr. W. rain all the way home

**18** G & J Plowed. I helped wemon pick apples W. Cloudy

**19** G & J Plowed AM I & Nancy went to Hoover's the old woman is very poorly. G & J threshed Peas PM & I & Nancy took some apples to H Boyer's & went to Fulling Mill. W. very Cold north wind

**Sunday 20** John & girls went to Meeting at Altona I Nancy & Children went to A B's W. fine Cler

**21** G & J Plowed AM I killed a pig G began pulling turnips I & J took in 15 bags potatoes W. very fine

**22** G plowed AM pulled turnip Pm I & J took in 19 bags Potatoes AM brought home load shingles from Whitevale PM. W. very fine warm

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**{2}3** I & John brought last of shingles from Whitevale AM {?} Chored PM W. rained till 3 Pm. got wet. Cleaned Peas

**{2}4** G & John Plowed I went to Markham AM G Pulled {t}urnip I & John took in load Corn PM. W. fine I killed a Mosquito today

**{2}5** G Plowed AM I & John brought ashes from Br C's drew apples to back yard out of Orchards F inlaws were here till after dinner then G & John {&} I Pulled turnips PM. W. fine. Cler. east wind PM

**{2}6** I & Flavius & Herman Made 80 gals Cider AM Plowed PM. G & John finished plowing Oat stubble W. rainy AM Cloudy PM

**Sunday 27** John & girls went to Meeting at Ceder Grove W. Cloudy a little rain

**28** G & John threshed Peas AM & pulled turnips PM I brought 300 Bricks from Snowballs Pm. W. a very little snow this Morning. mild. rather Cloudy

**29** G threshed Peas I & John took in Cabbage & Chored AM I & Nancy went to Markham Pm. G pulled turnips. boys drew in pumpkins W a very very little snow this morning. rather Cloudy

**30** Cleaned Peas AM Chored PM. W. showry & Cloudy husked Corn

**31** drew 7 loads turnips AM G Pulled turnips I & John went to David Burkholder's sale PM. I bought garden rake garden hoe thistle spud & spade @ 10 ct W. very cold wind PM

**Nov 1** took winter apples into Cellar AM drew 7 loads turnip PM. M N's were here W. froze prety hard last night getting milder today

2 G finished pulling turnips AM I & boys drew 8 loads then drew 2 loads PM. when the rain stopped us

**Sunday 3** all went to Meeting at Hebron remarks by Br C sermon on St Luke 15 C by Rd S Hoover Lorinda Morris & Sarah Moyers were here at dinner I & Nancy went to J D's Pm. W. rather Cloudy Cool

4 drew 13 loads turnip W. Cold froze nearly all day

5 I & John drew 3 last loads turnips AM took grist Peas to Cedar Grove Mills & brought home some sawdust PM. W. very Cold. plowing stopped G was at home today snow towards evening

6 I & John drew a load lumber to Markham Br S sold a lot of our inch Pickings to Speights G was at home today. W. about 3 in snow this morning. Cold

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7 I & John & G took 2 loads lumber to Markham W. milder thawing some, roads pretty good

8 I & John & G took 2 last loads lumber to Markham I & Nancy went to Mannasse Frets this evening he is {illegible} W. pretty cold

9 I took Benjamin to Toronto on Cars Doctor says his eye is doing very well. W. Cold AM. quite mild PM G & John Plowed in root ground, snow all gone

**Sunday 10** John & girls went to Cober's Meeting & to A B's I & Nancy & Children went to Br S's W mild & muddy

11 G & John Plowed AM I took grist to Cedar Grove PM. W. Cloudy, raining some this evening

12 John & G cut off Corn stalks & Picked ears off feed corn & piled feed corn against fence W. Mild

13 I & John drew in feed Corn ears this morning G began to plow. squalls of soft snow G & John threshed Peas AM both plowed. PM

14 G nearly finished plowing root ground AM J Plowed sod in old Orchard. & I went to Cedar Grove AM G threshed Peas I went to Cherry wood & J burned stumps in pasture. W. Clear. Cool

15 all burned & dug stumps & stones in pasture AM G & J began plowing sod in pasture PM, I & Nancy went to Whitevale PM. Called at Frets & Hoover's W. froze hard this morning. fine & Clear today

16 G dug awhile at a stump I & boys Cleaned some Peas & took them to Cedar Gove AM then J & G Plowed PM. W. froze a little this Morning

**Sundy 17** at home all day Br C's were here Old Mrs Hoover died today. W. drissly rain all day

**18** I went to Hoover's to see about digging the grave I & Nancy went to Cedr Grove G & J threshed a few Peas & plowed AM G helped dig grave PM J Plowed a little & brought home grists PM. W. drissly at times. quite mild

**19** all went to Funeral. all our Ministers took part the sermon's W. Mild rather Cloudy Simon & Sam{uel} Hoover's & Saml Lehman's C Burkholders & Gibners were here PM. J Plowed awhile

**20** J & G Plowed I went to Sparta for share PM. W. fine

**21** J & G Plowed I burned stump & opened tile drain mouth AM D Brown began shingling lintel of new barn PM W fine Clear white frost this morning

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I & Br C Started at 8 A.M & took train at Miliken for Toronto then by G T to Berlin Arrived at 3 PM. Went to Rev A Martin's over night {printed Maple Leaf on page with lettering Independent} then to John Martins & to Thanksgiving Servise at Martins Meeting House, Then to David Martins, awhile at Goods & C. Sniders, to Rev S. Webers Over Night, Then to Thomans & to Conference at Berlin And to Widow Brubachers over night. Thet to Rev M. Erbs who showed me all through the Town. Then I took Train at 11.30 A.M. Met Br C at Breslau got to Markham 5 P.M. where my Boys Met us, got home found all well

**7** I went to Kendrick for tackle for moving Buildings Moving {text missing}

I helped move Meeting House got it half way (19) Finished

I & Nancy went to Chris Widemans at Almira to dinner & to Chris Brillengers at supper & to Mart. Brillinger over night, then went to Meeting at Almira Rem. by R. Jos Barkey Ser. on St Luke pt of 16 ch. by Rev Ja. Wideman to Ab. Hoovers to dinner

Sold wheat at Cedar Grove @ \$1.22 per bus (Cayuga & Clarend{on})

S{usan?} 7 Meeting at Hebron No Preacher Br C. is away to Fwenty Gleasons away to Waterloo  
John & Flavius Plowed

**Sun 14** I & Nancy & little Boys to M. at Widemans Rem by Rev S. (Hoover) Ser. by Rev C Reesor of Lancaster PA. (Lancaster P.A. All to M. at Hebron Rem by Br. C Ser. by Rev C. Reesor from Rev C Reesor & Wife & J Nissly & wife were here (eve

I took Jac Wideman from Hay Tp. to Chris Stovers Then I & Br C. went to Toronto Sold Butter 22 1/2 egg 22 chickens about 34 cts per pr I bought some Bran at Major Mill @\$10.00 Per ton

**Sun 4** All to M. at Hebron Re. by Br. C Ser by Rev. Honsberger from Pa. Jacob & David Gotshalk came to stay all night (5) I & Nancy took Gotshalk Bros. to Saml Reesor's at dinner, Then to Meeting at Widmans where Honsberger Preached, Then we left them at Jonas Ramers Br. Ns were P.M. with C Rittenhouse & Wife & Hoch & wife from Cayuga Speight Wagon Works in Markham were burnt last Night

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## **Nov 1877**

**17** Surveyors having been operating in this vicinity abou{t} {missing} weeks trying to locate a line for Tronto & Ottawa Railway

**22** Government Thanksgiving Day No School {I} went to Cedar Grove for Meat Jac Hoovers Butcher Comes there every Three {missing}

**30** Weighed a ton of Hay for Martin Barkey he has bought J. Runs 8 ac{res} (on 3rd Con 3rd Pick{ering}

**Dec 1** Went to J. H Ramers had Venison Dinner He was away hunting 5 weeks got 6 Deer & 1 Bear

**15** I went to Dyke bush with Br S. He buys all my down pine & (logs in bush

**17** I & Nancy went Ab Hoovers they live on Chris Ramers old place (on 3rd Conc Pick{ering}

**20** Went to Sale of Uncle Chris Burkholder property P.M. (got none

**22** I, J. D & his man & Isaac Moyer went to F.mans Bay to trool for pikes

**Xmas 25** Meeting at Hebron Rems & Ser on St Luke pt of 2nd Ch by Br. C

**26** Finished Arch west of Ceder House for boiling sap Mild soft People plowing all over. Saw Yellow bird last week

**Sun 30** All went to Meeting at Hebron Rem by Br. C ser St Luke Pt of 2nd Ch. By Rev S. Hoover

**31** Gleason went home this Eve he has 3 1/2 days to work yet F inlaws came to stay all night

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