

Mrs. Lewis has been working away to day at splitting fence posts and at sundry other jobs. Joe has also been busy taking down and laying up fence on the back concession.

I have been working as usual, at trimming apple trees and at this afternoon I have been getting harrow teeth in the frames &c.

Mr. Chesley died this evening after seven months illness at John Marrs. Happened there at the time of his death, and could not help feeling solemn at the death of one we have known so long.

Lewis and I worked on the Big Flat this forenoon at getting some stumps off, and in making police repairs in some stump fence along the road and creek. Have had time drawing manure on the belly field this afternoon. Have been doing sundry jobs myself, while Joe has been laying up fence. It beats all how the cold weather continues. Have not felt it more in the winter than to day and yesterday.

Received a letter from my old friend and partner J. P. Cutler this evening. He still lives at Stillman.