

# John Jardine Sr. (1836-1905)

## 1870

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January the first 1870

1 Saturday I was about the store most all {Above it reads: Day}

2 Sunday was a heavy snow storm

3 Monday Done the choers {chores} and went to the township meeting with boby

4 Tuesday I was choring in the afternoon I hitched up my colt

5 Wednesday I drewed cordwood out of the bush and piled it at the road side

6 Thursday I drewed wood out of the bush

7 Friday I was choring and went to Mr Pool to visit a little to day

8 Saturday {Saturday} I choring and tok {took} home James shee {sheep} and fetched home {coler?} {collar, caller?}

9 Sunday went to hear Mr -----

10 Monday I went to henderson for the barl {barley?} and went for {potva?} to kil {kill} my pigs

11 Tusday {Tuesday} I went to tomy atkson {Tommy Atkinson} helpe kil {helped kill} pigs in the afternoon kiled my pigs comence to rain

12 Wednesday it rains all day the snow is nearly all gon {gone} the water is nearly up a foot deep

13 Thursday it has snoed {snowed} a little it freezing it is windey and cold I am choring to day

14 Friday I went to chaham {Chatham} with my hogs and sold them they weighed 9008 witch {which} fetched \$77.18cts

15 Saturday it rained hard all day

16 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr raing agin

17 Monday moring raing agin {morning raining again} it is a lake all over the land the ditches is runing {running} all over my land the water is runing past the house

18 Tuesday I went to William henderson for two pigs

John Jardine

{Upside-down it reads: John Jardine Tilbury West}

19 Wednesday I went to Mr pools {illegible}

20 Thursday I was chopping {chopping} and piling brush to day

21 Friday I helped boby to cut sawlogs all day

22 Satuerday {Saturday} I went down backons in the afternoon I fell a big oak in the field at home

23 Sunday we stayed home all day

24 Monday I was cuting {cutting} railcuts and sawlogs

25 Tuesday in the forenoon I was cuting railtimber in the afternoon we commence to saw cordwood

26 Wednesday we sawed wood to day

27 Thursday we sawed wood to day

28 Friday we sawed wood to day

29 Satuerday we finished sawing this forenoon in the afternoon Samuel and me split wood

30 Sunday we went to curch {church} to day

31 Monday Samuel and me split wood

February 1870

1 Tuesday I went to the shop to get two shoes on my hores {horse} they ran away and broke very near every thing sam split wood

2 Wednesday Samuel and I split cordwood

3 Thursday Samuel and I split wood

4 Friday Samuel and me finished splitting {splitting} wood this forenoon in the afternoon cut a load of wood for notty

5 Satuerday Sam and I went down to baptest {baptist} creek in the afternoon sam & me took notty the wood fetched home the sleighs

6 Sunday we went to hear Mr Allen

7 Monday Samuel and me commence to chop {Above it reads: cord}

8 Tusday {Tuesday} we chopped cordwood fine weather

9 Wednesday we chopped cordwood no sleighing

10 Thursday sam and me quit chopping wood

11 Friday sam went home and I put new pins in my bobsleighs,

12 Saturday I fixed the bridge in front of {Above it reads: the old man}

13 Sunday home to day no minister to day.

14 Monday hugh and me went to the store I bought 1 pair of mockoson {moccasin} I fixed pins to hang up the harness

Hugh and I settled up about the sawing machine paid all up

15 Thusday {Thursday} I went to goodro {Goodreau?} got my hores {horse} shod up

16 Wednesday I went up to William Alan I got a hayfork mended it is like spring weather

17 Thursday it began to rain about 8 oclock to night it is soft and sloppy

18 Friday I went to a bee at Old Mr Latrilles

19 Saturday done my chores and hauled some rails

20 Sunday we went to hear Mr King preach

21 Monday we went to the congregation meeting

22 Tuesday I hauled 2 loads of cordwood to Bapteste {Baptist} Creek

23 Wednesday the same very poor sleighing

24 Thursday the same

25 Friday I had a bee five teames very bad roads

26 Saturday one load for Dick and 1 load for me

27 Sunday it is raining we stayed at home

28 Monday hauled two loads again and began to cut a road through the bush with Dick & Alick  
O Erin {dear?!} Beyond the sea, fair country of my {fires?}

March 1870

1 Tuesday finished cutting the road and took 2 loads

2 Wednesday one load for McEwan & 1 load for me

3 Thursday I took down three loads

4 Friday the same

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5 Saturday {Saturday} I took three loads

6 Sunday we went to hear Mr Armstrong preach

7 Monday I took two load

8 Teusday {Tuesday} the same, very poor sleighing

9 Wednesday I took three loads

10 Thursday the last of what {Above it reads: wood} I have cut took two loads the road is almost bare the ice on the creek not very safe

11 Friday I chopped {chopped} cordwood snowed some in the afternoon

12 Saturday I chopped wood snowed some and rained ~~some~~ sleet is turned colder to night

13 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr armstrong in {Above it reads: the} morn

14 Monday I took two loads of wood to baptist creek

15 Tuesday I took one load for mitchel and one load for me to baptist creek

16 Wednesday I took two loads to baptist creek

17 Thursday I took 1 load and chopped {chopped} in the afternoon

18 friday I took one load for Mitchel Trembly in the afternoon chopped for my self two cord and a half

19 Saturday I took to {two} loads to baptist creek it is thawing very fast this afternoon

20 Sunday we stayed home all day it is muddy {muddy}

21 Monday I went to Bapteste creek with Richardson measure my wood I had 85 3/11

22 tusday {Tuesday} I took my cow up to Taylor i got 22,50 cts

23 Wednesday I went to the sail {sale} at gorg hilmon {George Hillman?}

24 Thursday I was splitting soveewood {splitting stovewood} at the doore {door}

25 Friday I went for my new waggon and split the rest of my wood at the door

26 Saturday in the forenoon I cut a few rails in the afternoon I went to the store it rained all afternoon the roads is very muddy

27 Sunday we was home all day for it rained all day to night it is snowing

28 Monday moring {morning} there is from two to three inches of snow to night it is all gon {gone} the road is very bad it is cloudy to day

29 Tuesday I drewed rails {rails} with flora and dan in the afternoon i was chopping {chopping} William Allen came I paid him \$20 {Above it reads: on my waggon} and gave him my note for the balance fine weather

30 Wednesday I drewed rails with flora and dan in the afternoon I sold flora for \$100

31 Thursday it is a drizzling rain very near all day in the afternoon Mr Trembly and I cleaned 36 bushels {Above it reads: of pato {potatoes}}  
{m ewes?} mind the weather but yet {l ut?} of double trouble

April 1870

1 Friday we went up to mr pools with the waggon I think the roads is the worst I ever saw them it is raining to night

2 Satuerday I went to the store and got my money for my wood

3 Sunday we stayed home to day

4 Monday we went out to the store and bot {bought} some things

5 Tuesday I went and bot the John horse

6 Wednesday furrowed the corn field with Jo & Dan

7 Thursday I went to franks house raising

8 Friday I picked my potatoes took them into the stable

9 Satuerday we went to William Mcdowell funeral to day

10 Sunday home all day to day

11 Monday it rained a little this forenoon in the afternoon I fixed a little pice {piece} of the lane fence and sold half a tun {ton} of hay {Above it reads: it is fine night}

12 Tuesday I commenced to plow to day

13 Wednesday I plowed in the afternoon it rained a little i fixed som fence

14 Thursday I plowed killed two pigs at night

15 Friday I plowed all day

16 Satuerday I plowed to day

17 Sunday we went to here Mr Armstrong it rained

18 Monday I went to the shop with the harrows to get the teeth it is raining to day the ground is wet

19 Tuesday I choped of to cuts John Benwa comence to ditch this afternoon it is raining the ground is geting pretty wet the ditches is geting full

20 Wednesday in the forenoon John and I ditched in the afternoon I went to Stony point for Henry Richardson A load of goods that rods is very bad it is raing

21 Thursday John & I ditched all day

22 Friday John & I ditched all day

23 Saturday John & I ditched in the afternoon I went to the shop for the harow I got two shoes on John horse

24 Sunday we went to here Mr Armstrong

25 Monday John & I scraped the dirt into the old ditch

26 Tuesday John & I finished scraping this forenoon in the afternoon we drew rails

27 Wednesday John made ditch I went to stony point for Richardson drew a few rails

28 Thursday John drew rails thi Old man Trembly and I put up the fence for the oat field

29 Friday I sowed 11 1/2 bushel of barley

30 Saturday we finished harrowing and furrowing the peice all up --  
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May 1<sup>st</sup> 1870

1 Sunday we west at home all day no church

2 Monday plowed all round the house

3 Teusday {Tuesday} finished ploughing in the feild {field} at the {house?}

4 Wednesday I sowed 7 bushels of barley and finished harrowing it and furrowed it up

5 Thursday pulled out stumps in the new field

6 Friday I plowed in the afternoon it rained

7 Satuerday I plowed all day in the new feild {field} Johny went to Chatham on his own business

8 Sunday we went to church

9 Monday I ploughed in the new field

10 Tuesday I ploughed John durt {dirt} from the ditch

11 Wednesday I ploughed John Thrawed from the {Above it reads: durt}

12 Tursday {Thursday} I finished ploughing in the new field

13 Friday John B harrowed in oats I sowed

14 Saturday {Saturday} old Trembly and I planted my {potatoes} John B finished harrowing the oats to day

15 Sunday I took lizzey to hir {her} Mothers to {took?} Joy to the dokter {doctor}

16 Monday I furrowed the new field I ploughed about two ouers {hours} for Mr tre {trembly?} in the afternoon Mr trembly and I cleaned about 40 bushels of oats and 22 bushels of wheat

17 Tuesday I went to mill to the blacksmith shop I got two shoes on dan in the {afternoon} finished ploughing the little field at the {ashery?} sowed som flax and two bushels of oats John Benwa went to the lawtrel barn raise

18 Wednesday I commence to plough for in the old medow {meadow}

19 Thursday I ploughed for corn

20 Friday ploughed for corn

21 Saturday after dinner it rained a little show ploughed for corn

22 Sunday I went to church lizzy is in Detroit yet

23 Monday I went down to Detroit to sea {see} lizzy hugh is harrowing and plouging {ploughing} there is a very heavy shour {shower} to day

24 Tuesday I came home to day noon afternoon I went round for money for the society

25 Wednesday noon finished ploughing for corn afternoon John Benwa harrowed Mr Marchel and I clipped {clipped} the wool of the shee {sheep}

26 Thursday I finished harrowing for corn

27 Friday forenoon I forwed {furrowed} the corn ground in the afternoon Henery Gracy and his Wife came to see me I had Just began to plant corn Lizzey is in Detroit yet

28 Saturday forenoon we finished planting corn in the afternoon I took my plow to the shop get a new landside and the point shape{d}

29 Sunday I went to here {hear} Mr bottoms no Lizzy

30 Monday I fixed a place for the chickens an and drawed lgs {logs} for two bridges in the afternoon I made {made} the two bridges

31 Tuesday I roled my corn in the afternoon I went to Truell raising the grainrey {granary}

June 1870

1 Wednesday forenoon J went to the shop for my plough in the afternoon I ploughed for Edward for corn the ground is very hard and dry

2 Thursday forenoon ploughed Edward Trembly in the afternoon I piled some manure very dry and hot

3 Friday forenoon piled manure in the afternoon I went to stoney point to meet Lizzey she has come home from Detroit

4 Saturday forenoon playing my self in the afternoon I piled up manure washed buggy

5 Sunday we went to church it rained a nice {shower}

6 Monday forenoon piled manure in the afternoon fixed the old fence back of the wheat field

7 Tuesday I piled manure all day

8 Wednesday I went to whitewash the church it bigan {began} to rain about 9 to night it thundred and lighting {thundered and lightning} {missing} it rained a butful shour {beautiful shower}

9 Thursday I loged {logged} for Mitchel Trembly to day

10 Friday I piled alittle manure it is raining very near

11 Saturday {Saturday} I loged for hugh Gracy

12 Sunday we went to church tt ten Oclock

13 Monday I pulled weeds & thistles out of the {barn?}

14 Tuesday I puled {pulled} weeds out of the potatoes & oats

15 Wednesday I spread dirt on the lane in the afternoon I pulled weeds out of the oats

16 Thursday I finished piling manure and pulled some weeds out of the oats rain every day the crops are looking better of the rain

17 Friday spread dirt in the afternoon cleaned wheat

18 Saturday I spread dirt in the afternoon 4 went to Tomy {Tommy} Atksons to raise a stable

19 Sunday we went to church at 4 Oclock

20 Monday I went to mill with the last of my {Above it reads: wheat}

21 Tuesday I cultivated my potatoes and bean groud {ground} and harrowed the bean ground 3 and planted my beans

22 Wednesday I comenced to hoe my potatoes

23 Thursday I hoed potatoes to day

24 Friday I am hoeing potatoes to day

25 Saturday forenoon howed {hoed} potatoes in the afternoon we went to here {hear} Mr king preach

26 Sunday we went to church at eleven Oclock

27 Monday champaine and I howed potatoes to day John Jardine



28 Tuesday champain and I finished howing {hoeing} potatoes in the forenoon in the afternoon howed corn

29 Wednesday Tomey and I cultivted {cultivated} corn champain howed {Above it reads: corn}

30 Thursday champain edward and I howed corn to day to night it rained heavy shower

July the first 1870

1 Friday it is a drizzling rain most all day I done nothing but cut alittle grace { a little grace} at the door

2 Saturday I went to help boby vickerman

3 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr. Armstrong

4 Monday I commence to cut my hay to day

5 Tuesday I mowing hay round the fence

6 Wednesday cut hay with the machine drawed in on lode {load} of hay comence to rain to night

7 Thursday it rained this forenoon it faired a little while it rained a heavy shower about 5 Oclock

8 Friday Theodore and I {lurned?} over hay till about three Oclock we gathered up four rows of hay

9 Satuerday Theodore and I comenced to draw in hay about 10 Oclock Richard dodd com {come} with the horse rake and raked up all my hay we drawed 8 lods {loads} of hay

10 Sunday we stayed home to day no church to day

11 Monday it rained heavy all forenoon it rained some this afternoon I went up to Mr pools about my ~~trees~~ apple trees

12 Tuesday it is raining it is very wet this afternoon we commence to cut my wheat

13 Wednesday we Mitchel and Theodore and me cut wheat all day, Marshall finished cutting my hay

14 Thursday Theodore and I cut wheat all day

15 Friday Theodore and I finished cuting {cutting} wheat to day at supper time we put up a few hay ricks in the evening

16 Satuerday {Saturday} Theodore and I gathered hay and drawed in 4 lods {loads}

17 Sunday we went to church at 10 Oclock it came up a big shour {shower} it rained a very {missing}

18 Monday I went to east Tilbury in the forenoon in the afternoon we cut brley {barley}

19 Tuesday mowed barley and drawed in two lods {loads} of hay

20 Wednesday mowed barley til supper time after supper we gathered up two row of {barley}

21 Thursday we gathered up 4 acres of barley in winrow

22 Friday we drewed one load of wheat and two lods {loads} of barley till noon it came up a {missing} wind and rain after the rain shook up barley

23 Saturday we gathered up barley in the fore{noon} in the afternoon we drewed in 4 ½ lods {loads} of barley and 1 load of wheat

24 Sunday we went to church it came up a heavy of rain about noon

25 Monday this morning at 2 O'clock a very heavy rain and wind storm Theodore and I got in one lode of barley after supper

26 Tuesday we raked up last of the barley we wanted to get in the last load of barley but the rain beat us it did not get dry the rest of the day another big shour {shower} to night

27 Wednesday it rains another shower about O'clock another between 4 and 5 this afternoon great deal of lighting {lightning} and thunder with the shower

28 Thursday it rains this morning another shower {Below it reads: about} 8 {oclock} 9 oclock another shour {shower} about half past eleven oclock another shour about 2 clock nothing done {Above it reads: today}

29 Friday I straitened {straightened} up the wheat and pulled weeds in the corn

30 Saturday we untied 3 lods {loads} of wheat and drewed 4 lods of wheat 1 load and half of barley and half load of hay

31 Sunday we went to here {hear} Mr Armstrong

Agust {August} the first 1870

1 Monday we finished drawing in my wheat and barley I plowed Theodore cut weeds in the corn

2 Tuesday I plowed Theodore cut weeds in the corn in the afternoon Theodore went to Mitchel to moe {mow} {Above it reads: hay}

3 Wednesday Theodore mowed for Mitchel in the afternoon cut weeds in the corn I went to the blacksmith shop got dan shod bought a {missing} from henery richarson for \$15

4 Thursday I shovled {shovelled} out the roos furroes {cross furrows} Theodore worked in the corn

5 Friday I cut a few oats I comenced to {missing} agin {again} in the afternoon Theordore in the {missing}

6 Saturday plowed agin Theodore in the {missing}

7 Sunday I went to church lizzy stayed home

8 Monday I finished powing {plowing} that pice {piece} Theodore {missing}

9 Tuesday we comenced {commenced} to cut oats to day

10 Wednesday we cut ots {oats} to day

11 Thursday reaped oats to day

12 Friday richard & mitchel & Theodore mowed to day and I reaped oats to day

13 Saturday it rained all day

14 Sunday I went to church at 4 Oclock

15 Monday Theodore & I bind oats to {missing}

16 Tuesday cut som {some} Mitchell & Theodore {missing} in oats Alik and I gathered oats

17 Wednesday Theodore went to help Mitchel stack his oats John B and I reaped {missing}

18 Thursday in the forenoon Theodore {missing} mitchel to finish his oats we reaped in {missing}

19 Friday Mitchel & Theodore & me {Above it reads: finished} cuting {cutting} all my oats we got in one load it came up a shour {shower} of rain stoped {stopped} us of geting {getting} my mare to day

20 Saturday I finished cuting my flax in the {forenoon} Theodore went to stoney point for to get som {tobacco?}

21 Sunday I went to church

22 Monday Theodore and I finished binding oats in the barn field and drewed them all in

23 Tuesday Theodore harrowed in the forenoon I bound a few oats in afternoon it was wet

24 Wednesday I went to the poling {polling?} for the {missing} Theodore cut the hay around the corn field

22 Thursday I went to Dunkens {Duncan?} for one of the {covered} I did not get one of them in the after{noon}

23 Friday in the forenoon Theodore harrowed I was looking for a girl cannot find one in afternoon we drewed in the last of the oats and

24 Theodore finished rolling the orchard field Saturday Therodore drewed manure to day I

25 was looking for a girl all day to day got none Sunday I went to church to day

Monday Theodore manure I went to

26 Ainslie for Maggie I drewed manure in the afternoon

Tuesday Theodore and I drewed manure

Wednesday we drewed manure

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September 1870

28 Thursday I plowed and Theodore drew manure {covered} thrash afternoon Theodore drew manure {?} Day I plowed in the forenoon and helped {John} doing thrash afternoon Theodore drew manure

Tuesday it is raining {raining} I thrashed the flax

4 Sunday we to hear Mr Armstrong

5 Monday I thrashed for maning {Manning} Theodore hauled manure

6 Teusday {Tuesday} I finished at Thrashing for Manning in the forenoon thrashed for Boby in the afternoon

7 Wednesday I thrashed for Boby Vickerman

8 Thursday I thrashed for Mitchel Trembly

9 Friday I Thrashed for Edward Trembly

10 Satuerday I thrashed for John Jardine

11 Sunday we went to church in the afternoon

12 Monday finished thrashing for me {Above it reads: at} two Oclock

13 Teusday {Tuesday} I plowed for fall wheat

14 Wednesday I plowed all day

15 Thursday I plowed again all day

16 Friday I plowed again Mr Jackson was cutting {Above it reads: corn}

17 Saturday I sowed 6 ½ bush wheat and cultivated it in Mr Jackson finished cutting the corn

18 Sunday we went to church at 10 Oclock

19 Monday I sowed 1 ½ bushels of wheat

20 Tuesday I furrowed it up

21 Wednesday I shoveled the furrowes

22 Thursday I comence {commence} to plow around the house

23 Friday I finished plowing around the house in the afternoon harrowed and in to two bushels of wheat

24 Satuerday {Saturday} I furrowed it up and shoveled it I bought two calvs {calves} from Richard dodd and fetched them home

25 Sunday we went to church 4 Oclock

26 Monday I drew manure {manure} to day

27 Tuesday I drew manure to day

28 Wednesday I logged {logged} for Richard dodd

29 Thursday it rained a little I thrashed my beans {beans} Mr Trembly and I cleaned up the beans I fixed the buggy

30 Friday it rained all day it was a splendid rain the ground was very dry

October 1870

1 Saturday I plowed all day

2 Sunday we went to church at 10 o'clock

3 Monday raining till 10 o'clock I plowed one land this forenoon in the afternoon I went to the society meeting

4 Thursday in the forenoon I drew {two?} loads {loads} of manure {manure} cleaned 6 bushels of wheat for Marchel and 4 for me

5 Wednesday I sowed 3 bushels half of {missing} and harrowed it in and furrowed it and shoveled the cross furrows

6 Thursday I went and plowed for Jacks {sons?}

7 Friday I ploughed for Jackson

8 Saturday in the forenoon baby came and altered my pigs and calves {calves} in the afternoon I ploughed for Jackson

9 Sunday we went to church 4 o'clock

10 Monday I plowed for Jackson

11 Tuesday I dug my peachblows {Peach Blow potatoes} in the afternoon I cleaned grain for the fair

12 Wednesday we went to east Tilbury fair

13 Thursday we went to our {illegible} fair in west Tilbury

14 Friday I went and fetched home my pig in the afternoon I penned {penned?} them all up {missing}

15 Saturday {Saturday} I commence to dig my potatoes {potatoes?}

16 Sunday we went to church 3 o'clock

17 Monday I went and plowed for Jackson

18 Tuesday I plowed for Jackson

19 Wednesday I dug potatoes it rains a little this afternoon

20 Thursday forenoon it rains a little I dug potatoes in the afternoon

21 Friday I dug potatoes and drew one load of corn after sundown  
John Jardine

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