

**Garrison Shadd (1839-1892)**  
**1881-1885 Diary**  
Transcribed by Rural Diary Archive volunteers

{Abbreviations used throughout the diary are: bu - bushel; doz - dozen; ac - acres; No - number; lbs - pounds; evg - evening; Con - Concession; Z - Zero; mo - month; Tem - temperature; and c - &c.}

The following are random notations on the inside cover. The page number refers to a page in the diary.

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\* p 180 Wm to town to see my engine \*tried

p 222 Wm's machine

p 1 Rev HL. Simpson's death in Savannah Ga. Mar 9/81

Bloss Calf May 15th

Rose Calf June 13th

Fletcher Calf June 13th

Flower Calf July July 20th

\* p 223 Wm's engine brought home

p 38 - \$71 to Omaha Nebraska - for land - a section (also p 71)

p 39 - Grandmother's Estate

Dr. Lindsay Box 569, Xenia, Ohio

p 40 - Grandmother Shadd very sick

\* p 226 Chas. left for Grenville, Miss.

p 239 Brother Chas died at Windsor May 27/89

p. 246 - Alf started school on plains

271 - Eliz W. Shreve death Aug. 11/1890

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p 206 - Death of Aunt Eunice Lindsay Jan. 1888

p 71 Draft to Nebraska for payment on Land 69.15

Josiah Henson's funeral - Dresden

p 168 - May 24 - Moved to upper place

p 168 - May 26 - Father changed title to his name

\* Feb 11/91 -- Johnnie Thomas dead p 282

p 31 - Louis Johnson & Susie Wallace were married

p 32 - Wm Chandler's funeral

Oct 29 1884 B.M.E. Church

p 121 - Aunt Salina's death in Greenville, Miss

p 16 - Aunt Mary Ann lectured on John Brown at Buxton, Aug 18 - 1887

p 87 - Grandmother Shadd died in Xenia, Ohio\*

Sat Nov 3rd 1883 Eunice & Emaline brought body home

p 27 - yr. end school business (Father & E S Dyke)

p 259 - Jefferson Webb died Feb 12 1890

Asthma mixture 34064 34064

p. 32 - A.D. Shadd - died - aged 81 yr 11 mos. 9 dy

Aunt Eunice from Aunt Sarah Xenia

p 34 - "Mother" fell in cattle guards at Drake Rd & severely hurt (walking going to church)

p 36 - Mother went to town again.

Asthma mixture 34064

p 46 - Elder SD.W. Smith baptized 19

p 37 - joined BME on probation (Monday)

p 38 Elder Smith visited again p 73

p 42 - Martha Ellen Kersey's funeral (Lizzie Moore)

239 East 37th St

p 168 & 169 - Move to upper place\*

Percy Houghton 52 Ontario Place Vancouver BC

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~~Mrs Dredgston president of home~~

Mrs Gregsten president of prodestant home 431 Colbern st London Ont

Mrs. Mary Dorsey 187 Clinton St Detroit Mich.

p 159 Traction engine ordered 1886 Jan. 30

Beets Goads 1939 small 2 large 1

p 162 Shadd Homestead

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p 51 - Mr Carter's funeral Sept 4 1882

Several people contribute to the diary entries that follow. It is likely that the first several entries are written by Garrison as he mentions his sons William, Charles and Joe and his wife Harriet.

### **{Page} 1 1881 March 1881 March 1st Tues**

#### **Tuesday March 1st**

Clear Tem 13 Billy and I cut timber for the Barn all day George Charleston came here about 2 O'clock I ordered 3 Early Crawford peach trees and an hundred Col Cheney strawberries for one dollar

#### **Wednesday 2nd**

Clear Tem 16 William and I hauled out timber and cut some and made roads broke the crotch got all the large timber out but the sills and one plate

#### **Thursday 3**

Commenced to hail and sleet about nine O'clock and stormed and blew all day turned to snow about 1 O'clock very stormy I went up to Fathers got a bu apples took them a doz eggs done nothing all day

#### **Friday 4**

Snowy Billy and I cut and hauled up drags of wood for the house

#### **Saturday 5**

Cloudy snowy but soft Billy Harriet and I went to town got 2 bu 12 lb clover seed paid \$4.75 per bu came to \$10.65 bag and all

{Given the handwriting and the people mentioned in the entries below, it would seem that William, son of Garrison, now becomes the regular diarist for the family}

### **Monday 7th**

Clear Father and Uncle Mack hauled ice from the reservoir at Fletcher 3 loads, and 1 load of sawdust. Jobe Pierce and I cut and helped them load

### **Tuesday 8th**

Clear warm Father went to town fœ with Horace Bond to attend on the Miller law case, I hauled sawdust 3 loads for the ice)

### **Wednesday 9th**

Clear and warm Father finished packing the ice and shelled 10 bu. of Corn, I took Joe to town to the Doctor he lanced his side roads were very slushy but solid, telegram came of Uncle \*Henry Simpsons death in, Savannah, Ga

### **Thursday 10th**

Clear, warm Father went down to G. Stingers & L. Dragoes to see some horses I took 6 bu of Corn and 10 bu of Corn and oats to Merlin to Grind,

### **Friday 11th**

Clear warm Father cut and salted 1 pig and then went out to S Dykes to see a horse I helped with the meat and {page torn}

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### **March Saturday 12th 1881**

Very stormy snow and sleet Father went to town on horseback for medicine I cut wood and fed the things

### **Monday 14th**

Clear and warm Father and I cut and hauled out some timber but it was too wet so we quit he then went to Old Mr Coopers to see a horse and I went to Buxton

### **Tuesday 15**

Cloudy I made a head and filled the large maul rings William made a handle and cut wood Mr Bond was here for a while

### **Wednesday 15**

Variable I went to Fletcher on horseback William sawed two cord of Wood at the schoolhouse I sowed clover seed this morning on part of No 8

#### **Thursday 17**

Variable I went to Tom Rices sale awhile sister Emma arrived at Buxton with Elders Corpse I then went over to Fathers and helped prepare the Hall to put him in Elders Brother came with Mr Shreve Mr Bogart is here organising the Funeral to take place on Sunday at the cemetry Chatham

#### **Friday 18**

Variable I sowed clover seed on No 1 while the frost was on Billy cutting wood have got seed on No 8 No 4 and putting it on No 1 the frost and snow is going away gradually saw the first Geese yesterday

#### **Saturday 19**

Rained a bad easterly rain all day very disagreeable day I was up to Fathers part of the day

#### **Sunday 20**

Cloudy \*Harriet William and I went to Bro H L Simpsons Funeral we left Fathers place near 10 Oclock went to Chatham and then to the cemetry drove Mac Coipers mare and a little horse I bought of Lenover we got home about 8 Oclock Mac Coiper was with us

#### **Monday 21**

Cloudy damn disagreeable weather roads bad we done nothing much all day

#### **Tuesday 22**

Cloudy rained some last night Hariet went to town with Mac Coiper I went up to Fathers and got an hundred Dollars for my Barn Billy took Eggs to Fletcher and I went to Buxton paid Coleridge for mares to horse \$14 in presence {page torn}

**{Page} 3** April M M March

1873 Harriett Shadd purchased 50 acres for Emmaline Simpson \$1000.00

#### **March Wednesday 23 1881**

Clear Father went to town to be sworn in as sencus taker I cut some wood in the wood pile I went to Buxton to hunt a Kitchen Girl and washed the Buggy

#### **Thursday 24th**

Father went to the plains on horseback I cleaned and fixed the tool house up for the chickens and took out the apples

#### **Friday 25th**

Clear warm Father went to Buxton I hauled out some manure over to the old garden with the Ponies

#### **Saturday 26th**

Clear but a cold wind Father and I went to town on the Ponies I got a lesson and Father attended Census school

#### **Monday 28 March.**

Clear & cool Tem 30° Father and Mother went up to Mr Haringtons for a girl I took the fence away from the hay stack

#### **Tuesday 29th**

Cloudy Father and I hauled half of the hay stack and put it in the mow Father got 5 fish for 50¢ from the fish man

#### **Wednesday 30th**

windy and snowing all day I cleaned some harness and Father studied his Census rool Tem 30°

#### **Thursday 31st**

Snowing all day Tem from 30° to 38° Father and I cleaned and greased harness Mother sick with her (Back)

#### **Friday April 1st**

Blustry and stormy Father went to town with the ponies on the front pi bob and got his Census papers and some groceries

#### **Saturday 2nd**

Clear I went down to Grandmothers and got Susy to come up and help Mother some in the house Father went to Tom Clarks and then up to the post office on the Bob

#### **Monday 4th**

Clear mostly I took Father out to Thos Drews to begin taking the Census Charley and I hauled up some {page torn}

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#### **April Tuesday 5th 1881**

Clear Father is out taking Sencus Charley and I started to haul hay but it was too windy we hauled some manure up on the garden and cut some wood

#### **Wednesday 6th**

Clear & windy Tem 22° Father sent John Charleston up with some medicine for Joe & I went down and took his boots and somethings, and then I mended some harness

#### **Thursday 7**

Clear Mother and I went to town in the light wagon I got a lesson and mother got some things for Joe I had a chill coming home

#### **Friday 8th**

Clear and warm Father came home this evening I was not well Charley went up to Buxton on horse back

#### **Saturday 9th**

Clear and warm very muddy Father went to town with Uncle Mack in our Buggie Charley and I cut wood

#### **Monday 11th**

Clear warm I took Father up to the 10th Concession to his sencus work and came and brought Agnus Martin home with me and then went and got 2 bu of potatoes from Horace Black.

#### **Tuesday 12**

Cloudy snowed some last night I fixed up the fences and cut some drags of wood in the woods to haul

#### **Wednesday 13**

Cloudy this morning I hauled up some wood and took Kate and Bet to I. Watkinse and had their shoes took off John Kersy came with 3 men to hew timber this afternoon

#### **Thursday 14th**

Clear Charley and I hauled over some fodder and sawed some wood and I started ploughing afternoon John Kersy, John Kersy Jr, Watson {G---}, Prince Chaise, ~~Denis Kersey~~, and Bill Mathews, were hewing all day

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#### **April Friday 15 1881**

Clear I ploughed all day in No 5 John Kersey had 5 men besides himself hewing timber Father came home done this evening

#### **Saturday 16th**

Clear Father and Mother went to town in the buggie Father got 5 bags of brand I ploughed all day, in No 4

**Monday 18** Lenover sow had 8 pigs yesterday

Cloudy rained some last night we did not do much I trimmed some of the grapevines Father let off water off of No 1

**Tuesday 19th**

Clear Father went to town on horse back I hung up some meat spread some manure on the potatoe patch and ploughed some afternoon in No 4 J.W. Kersey had with 4 men were at work

**Wednesday 20th**

Clear Father, Charley and I hauled the hay out of No 4 and put it in the mow except a half ton which J.W. Kersey Sr. sent after Father then hauled the rails away and I ploughed

**Thursday 21st**

Clear most of the day Father, Mother Joe & Charlie went to town in the buggy Father and Joe started from Chatham on the 4 O'clock train for the Seminary in Anarbour Michigan. I ploughed all day in No 4 Father finished sowing Clover seed

**Friday 22nd**

Clear I ploughed all day in No 4 Charley moved the garden fences with the ponies. Very warm tem 72°

**Saturday 23rd**

Clear Charley and I hauled the fence from between Nos 3 & 4 and I ploughed some in No 4 Joe came up from Detroit and Grandmother brought him out home from town

**Monday 25th**

Clear all day commenced showering this evening I shelled 8 bu of corn this morning and then tried the ponies on the + {cross} plough they went all right I ploughed the garden

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**April Tuesday 25 26th 1881**

Showered some this morning clear after I ploughed the potatoe patch with the Ponies and took a grist 6 bu of wheat 4 bu corn and 10 bu corn and oats to get ground Old Kate had a Colt this after running 11 mo and 12 days

**Wednesday 27th**

Clear all day showered this evening I finished ploughing the potatoe patch and ploughed some in No 6 Charley and I harrowed the garden and potatoe patch and planted 4 rows of potatoes

**Thursday 28th**



Mostly cloudy Mother commenced gardening yesterday I ploughed some in No 6 J.W. Kersey was at work today with 2 men Geo. Kersey and P. Chase Charley and I went to Merlin and got a grist 13 bags

#### **Friday 29**

Cloudy I ploughed all day in No 6 J.W. Kersey and 2 men were at work on the barn timber

#### **Saturday 30th**

Clear Mother went to town with Horace Bond I finished ploughing in No 6

#### **May Monday 2nd 1881**

Clear I commenced sowing oats this morning in No 6 Charley harrowed them in Mother and I went up to Buxton and got 8 peach trees and 50 strawberry plants of Charleston for \$2.00 Bet had her first Colt & running 11 mo 4 days

#### **Tuesday 3**

Clear I finished sowing in No 6 sowed 12½ bu Charley harrowed and then I ploughed the strawberry bed and prepared the waggon for the plains J.W. Kersey and 2 men at work Rev. B. Stewart was here

#### **Wednesday 4**

Clear I went to the plains and commenced ploughing for oats J.W. Kersey and 2 men at work

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#### **May Thursday 5th 1881**

Cloudy and misty all day I run out some furrows in No 6 but worked most of the day at Bets Colt and then it died Kersey and 2 men at work

#### **Friday 6th**

Cloudy I ploughed at the plains Grandfathers raised his stable Charley shoveled the oats furrow Kersey, and 2 men at work

#### **Saturday 7th**

Clear I ploughed at the plains with the ponies Mother went to town with Uncle Mack in our Buggie

#### **Monday 9th**

Tolerable clear, very warm I got Lenover shod this morning by Watkins and then Charley and I went to the plains with both teams to plough Crawford came and set out 9 peach trees 3 Early Crawford, 5 late Crawford, 1 Waterloo Mother set out 100 strawberries

**Tuesday 10**

Clear Charley and I ploughed all day at the plains Kersey and 2 men at work Agnis Martin left

**Wednesday 11th**

Clear Charley and I ploughed all day at the plains Elizabeth Moore came

**Thursday 12th**

Clear I sowed 12 bu of oats and Charley and Alf harrowed them in

**Friday 13th**

Clear I sowed 8 bu of oats at the plains and Charley and Alf harrowed and then we ploughed some

**Saturday 14th**

Cloudy and very heavy wind and rain storm blowed fences in every direction Mother went to town with Uncle Mack in the buggy Father came home Aunt Emma also came I finished sowing oats sowed 25 bu

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**Monday 16th 1881**

Clear I went down to the plains and finished my furrows and brought the roller home then Charley and I harrowed the sod at home

**Tuesday 17th**

Clear Charley and I cross harrowed the sod and harrowed and rooled the wheat in No 5

**Wednesday 18th**

Cloudy Charley and I moved some fence back of the stable then I sowed some clover seed on No 1 and Charley and I commenced finished harrowing and rolling wheat in No 1. Polin [Poland] China sow had 9 pigs

**Thursday 19**

Cloudy we finished harrowing the wheat and hauled 2 loads of stone for the barn

**Friday 20**

Clear Charley and I commenced ploughing in the plains for corn

**Saturday 21**

Clear very warm Chas and I ploughed at the plains Father went to town with Horace Bond.

**Monday 23rd**

Clear and hot I marked off and planted the corn at home in No 4 Charley cross marked it

**Tuesday 24**

Clear and hot Charley and I ploughed and harrowed at the plains for corn

**Wednesday 25th**

Clear I planted 20 rows finishing No 4 and then we ploughed at the plains for corn

**Thursday 26th**

Clear and hot Mother and I took Joe and Father took the depot, Chatham they started for detroit I then came and marked off for Grandmother

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**May Friday 27 1881**

Clear and warm we finished ploughing and harrowing at the plains for corn

**Saturday 28th**

Clear and warm until Noon then it poured down rain for a half hour we marked off our ground one way Mother went to town with Uncle Mack

**Monday 30th**

Clear Chas & Alf went to the river with H. Bond to wash sheep I planted some corn this afternoon and Put Bet to Robinhood at Jarvises

**Tuesday 31**

Signs but no rain Father and Joe came home last night from Detroit Joe Garrol and I planted 12½ ac for us and Grandmother planted 2 bu on 10 ac

**Wednesday 1st June 1881**

Cloudy rained most of the day we hauled 3 loads of sand out of the Big ditch for the Barn

**Thursday 2nd**

Tolerable Clear Chas and I hauled one load of sand I ploughed up front of the house Cultivated the potatoes and turnip patch Father finished planting potatoes and Chas and I mulched some of the Currant and berry bushes

**Friday 3rd**

Rained nearly all day we fanned the rest of the oats up and baged up 30 bu put Kate to the Robinhood

#### **Saturday 4th**

Tolerable clear Father went and took 30 bu of oats to town got 40¢ Chas went along I hauled stones for the barn

#### **Monday 6th**

Clear I went and got a load of sand hauled some stone Chas and Mother went out and got Ambros Timbers to dig the holes for the barn Father went to town afternoon and got the lime he also laid out the

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#### **June Tuesday 7th 1881**

Rained all day commenced last night Chas and I shelled 11½ bu of corn Geo Charleston was here

#### **Wednesday 8**

Rained all day we done nothing I made a wheel barn

#### **Thursday 9**

Tolerable clear very wet Father and I let off water from around the stack yard and Mother and he went to town after noon I let of water

#### **Friday 10th**

Clear Jobe Pierce thrashed our beans Father went to see the corn at the plains and then went to Merlin with Grist Jobe and I piled some manure

#### **Saturday 11th**

Clear Father and Mother went to market I replanted corn in No 4

#### **Monday 13th**

Clear Father went to town and brought out Mr Brannen to lay the foundation Chas and I replanted Fletcher had a Calf

#### **Tuesday 14th**

Clear Chas and I finished replanting Mr Brannen commenced laying the foundation Jobe Pierce helped Chas and I hauled stones

#### **Wednesday 15th**

Clear Mr Brannen finished Jobe helped Father took him to town this evening Joe and Mother went along

#### **Thursday 16**

Clear Chas and I planted the beans in No 4 Uncle Mack sheared the sheep

#### **Friday 17**

Cloudy Chas and I went and Ploughed 2 acres at the plains for beans and corn

#### **Saturday 18**

Clear Father and Mother went to town Uncle Mack took a load of hay for Father got Paper too Chas and I harrowed the buck wheat and planted beans and corn at the Plains

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#### **June Monday 20th 1881**

Tolerable clear Chas went and rooled the beans and some corn at the plains I cultivated the gardens and some corn at home Father hoed potatoes I took the mares to Jarvises this Evening Bet took the horse Robinhood

#### **Tuesday 21**

Clear & Cool I cultivated all day in No 4 Father and Chas & Alf hoed potatoes Father went to Buxton this evening to see after his logs

#### **Wednesday 22**

Clear I cultivated all day in No 4 Father and Mother went to town took some Oats Pork & strawberries

#### **Thursday 23**

Clear Chas and Father done road work I cultivated beans in No 4

#### **Friday 24th**

Clear I took Joe and Father out to Crows dock where they took the boat for Detroit then Chas and I hoed corn in the garden and No 4

#### **Saturday 25th**

Cloudy rained some Mother and I went to town Father went up to Buxton to see after his logs 'Twas 2 oclock when we got home from the river last night

#### **Monday 27th**

Rained until noon then we hauled up the barn sills up with both teams then Father went to buxton we hauled up some chips

### **Tuesday 28**

Clear we went to the plains I cultivated and Chas I.D [I.D is his little brother Isaac] & Father hoed

### **Wednesday 29**

Clear I cultivated and Chas Alf I.D & Father hoed corn

### **Thursday 30th**

Clear Chas Alf I.D & I hoed corn Father went to town for medicine for Joe

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### **July Friday 1st 1881**

Clear we hoed corn at the plains Joe was very sick this evening

### **Saturday 2nd**

Clear Father and Mother went to town the rest of us hoed corn at the plains

### **Monday 4th**

Clear we finished hoeing corn and I cultivated the beans and harrowed the white flint corn at the plains

### **Tuesday 5th**

Clear very hot Tem 95° Father mowed clover at home in No 7 Chas I.D. & I finished hoeing beans at the plains J.W. Kersey and 2 men at work Spot cow calfed

### **Wednesday 6th**

Clear I finished mowing No 7 and we put some of it up in cocks Father took Alf to Chatham this evening to the examination J.W. Kersey & 2 men at work

### **Thursday 7th**

Clear mostly but rained this after noon we hauled a load of hay and hauled out some timbers for the barn Kersey and 2 men at work

### **Friday 8**

Clear we hauled hay out of No 7 and hoed some corn in No 4 Kersey and 3 men at work

### **Saturday 9**

Clear Father and Mother went to town I cultivated some and cut clover in No 3 it was very hot Tem at Noon 104°

### **Monday 11th**

Clear very warm we hoed corn until noon and then raked up the hay in No 4 and cocked some Father went to merlin afternoon to mill

### **Tuesday 12th**

Clear we hoed until noon then hauled in some hay into the mow father went up and hauled bark off so as to get his logs sawed

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### **July Wednesday 13 1881**

Clear and very warm Father went up this morning and got some logs put in at the mill we hoed some and Father cut some wheat for Uncle Mack Fa we went up this evening and got 2 loads of lumber small load Kersey & 3 men

### **Thursday 14**

Clear we went up and got 2 loads of lumber this morning finished cutting around trees in the orchard and fence corners and cocked them up Father helped Kersey put one bent together for the barn

### **Friday 15**

Clear we helped Kersey put 2 more bents together and hauled out timber

### **Saturday 16**

Clear rained afternoon Father and Mother went to town I finished cultivating beans and helped Kersey with 3 {bents}

### **Monday 18**

Clear we helped Kersey raise the barn the first bent fell making a delay of a half day Geo Crummell Den<sup>s</sup> Kersey & J. Shreve helped us Chas, Alf & D hoed beans

### **Tuesday 19**

Clear we finished raising the barn J Shreves D<sup>s</sup> Kersey & Louis Johnson helped us Uncle mack drew up the bents with his team Yesterday & today Chas Alf & D hoed

### **Wednesday 20th**

Clear we cut and bound in No 5 Father cut some for Uncle Mack

### **Thursday 21st**

Clear Father went to town this morning to get an iron for the reaper and then cut some for Uncle Mack and finished cutting in No 5 I went to Buxton and got a load of lumber from the mill

### **Friday 22**

Rained this morning but cleared off about noon Father and I got 3 small loads of lumber Geo Crummell got 2 bu of wheat and we bound wheat after noon finished No 5 and cradled around No 1

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### **July Saturday 23 1881**

Clear we cut bound and shocked up 91 doz of wheat in No 1 Father cut Chas and I bound mostly and Alf and D raked bun{dles} I took Mother to the plains and she went to town with Grandmother

### **Monday 25 Kersey & 3 men at work**

Clear heavy shower last night we mowed ~~and~~ some fence corners and then went into the wheat Father cut some for Uncle Mack we bound at home ~~broke the rake head and got Lenovers reaper to finish~~

### **Tuesday 26**

Clear Father broke the reaper this morning and got Lenovers to ~~quit~~ finish Kersey & 3 men at work

### **Wednesday 27**

Clear Father went up to Buxton and got the rest of the barn lumber and went to town for some pine for the barn and machine head got medicine from Kirgar Chas and I finished binding wheat

### **Thursday 28**

Clear we put the rest of the hay in the Barn and covered it up Kersey and 2 men at work

### **Friday 29**

Clear we went to the plains and worked in the corn and beans Kersey and 3 men at work Killed a veal this evening

### **Saturday 30th**

Clear Father and Mother went to town Chas D & I went to the plains Kersey and 3 men at work

### **Monday 1st of August 1881**

Clear warm Mother and Father went to town Mother was going to Detroit but did not go the Cars were so filthy Father got some lumber to finish the barn Chas & I hauled up some chips and set up the wheat shocks we had a terrible rain and hail storm yesterday which dispelled the drouth

### **Tuesday 2nd**



Clear Father, Chas, Alf D, and I, we went to the plains to work in the corn it looks well but very late just begining to tassel beans dont look very well

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**August Wednesday 3rd 1881**

Clear we went down and worked in the corn at the plains Geo & J.W Kersey worked until noon

**Thursday 4th**

Clear very warm Tem 100° at noon Father cut ½ of the oats in No 6 the rest of us hoed corn at the plains Kersey and 6 men came to shingle on the barn

**Friday 5th**

Clear & Excessively hot Tem 100° Father worked at home in the oats Alf, D, & I went to the plains Chas went but got sick Kersey & 6 men shingling

**Saturday 6th**

Showered until noon Mother went to town with Uncle Mack in our Buggie Father and I put a gangway to the barn

**Monday 8th**

Clear & cool we finished binding the cut oats in No 6 and Father finished cutting Chas and Alf went to Merlin to mill

**Tuesday 9th**

Clear we hauled up the sills for the east mow and hauled ~~out~~ wheat out of No 5 this afternoon

**Wednesday 10th**

Clear we hauled some wheat out of No 1 and finished binding oats in No 6

**Thursday 11th** hot Tem 98°

Clear we fixed the mow bottom in the east mow finished ~~binding, hauling wheat out of~~ oats in No 6 & hauled some out of No 1

**Friday 12th**

Clear & hot Tem 100° we finished hauling wheat out of No 1 Chas raked it and we hauled them in and hauled some oats out of No 6 Kersey finished the barn at last.

**Saturday 13th**

Clear and cool Chas and Mother went to town Flavius [little brother aged 6] went along Father Alf, D, & I went to the plains Father cut around the oats we hoed in the corn

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**August Monday 15th 1881**

Clear we went down and commenced cutting the oats they were down and had to be cut from one side

**Tuesday 16**

Clear Father cut at the oats we raked bundles

**Wednesday 17**

Clear Father finished cutting oats and cut a small piece for Mr Jones and then bound some we bound all day

**Thursday 18**

Cloudy we bound until noon when it became too damp and we came home and made a fence between Nos 4 & 5 and Father, Mother Alf, & I went to hear Aunt Mary Ann lecture at North Buxton on John Brown. [This was the famous Mary Ann Shadd anti-slavery activist, journalist, publisher, teacher and lawyer. She was the first black woman publisher in North America and the first woman publisher in Canada.] we went in the Buggie

**Friday 19th**

Clear we bound until evening and came home and killed a veal for market it weighed 87 lbs

**Saturday 20th**

Clear Mother and Father went to market got \$4.72 for the veal the rest of us bound oats at the plains yearland calf got in the well this evening

**Monday 22**

Clear & warm Father cut Uncle Macks oats on Moreheads place this forenoon we finished binding at the plains

**Tuesday 23rd**

Clear Uncle Mack stacked Grandmothers share of the oats for us we run two waggons Father pitched in the field, I at the stack and Chas loaded there is very heavy straw on that  $7\frac{3}{4}$  ac being 329 doz of sheaves

**Wednesday 24**

Clear we hauled 6 loads of oats home from the plains and 2 last night

**Thursday 25**

Clear we finished hauling oats from the plains have 13 loads total of our share

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**Friday 26th 1881**

Clear Chas raked the stubble of No 5 I ploughed some Killed a veal this evening

**Saturday 27th**

Clear Father and Mother went town I ploughed in No 5

**Monday 29th**

Clear I took Father and Mother Joe & Eunice [his sister] to the dock this morning they went to detroit I came back I & Chas ploughed in No 5

**Tuesday 30th**

Clear Chas and I ploughed all day in No 5 Tem 100°

**Wednesday 31**

Clear hot Tem 100° Chas and I ploughed in No 5 at noon I went to the river to meet them they came home we stoped at Grandma Poindexters and burned the stubbles off Chas set stubbles at home and burned some fence

**Thursday 1st September 1881**

Showered some this morning Chas and I ploughed Father put up the fence which burned it rained quite heavy yesterday

**Friday 2nd**

Clear Chas and I ploughed in No 5 Father worked in the bush

**Saturday 3rd**

Clear and warm Mother and Father went to town took the fore wheels of the wagon to get filled I finished ploughing No 5 and went to Merlin to mill after noon

**Monday 5**

Clear Chas and I went to the plains and commenced ploughing for wheat have to haul water for the Horses

**Tuesday**

Chas & I ploughed at the plains Father came down to see the ground he then burned in the bush

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**September Wednesday 7th 1881**

Clear Chas and I ploughed at the plains Father burned in the bush

**Thursday 8th**

Clear and warm Chas and I ploughed at the plains Father burned in the bush ground very dry

**Friday 9th**

Cloudy Chas and I ploughed at the plains it rained some about noon Father came down to see the {ground}

**Saturday 10**

Cloudy Mother and Father went to town took the No 2 plow to get repaired and brought out the waggon front wheels I finished ploughing at the plains, butter is 30¢

**Monday 12**

Clear Chas and I harrowed the ground in No 5 for wheat Father worked in the woods

**Tuesday 13**

Clear I went for a load of water then Chas and I.D. harrowed and I cut corn Father cleaning out the bush well

**Wednesday 14**

Clear Chas and I.D. harrowed I cut corn in No 4 I went for water this evening

**Thursday 15**

Cloudy and very windy Chas and D harrowed at the plains I went down and cut some corn went for water this evening

**Friday 16**

Began to rain last night and rained until about 12 O'clock tonight Father was at Coopers and Mooreheads near all day

**Saturday 17**

Cloudy Father and Mother went to market got back at ½ past 9 O'clock Butter 30¢ per lb Chas and I cut hauled and put logs into the bush well building it 4 logs higher all round

**Monday 19**

Clear Chas rooled the wheat ground at home I.D. & I went to the plains he harrowed & I cut corn  
Father got 16 bu of {wh} wheat from P.W. Martin

**{Page} 19****Sept Tuesday 20 1881**

Clear Father went and helped Geo Crummell thrash Mother Chas and I went to Chatham to the fair

**Wednesday 21st**

Clear we went and commenced sowing and ploughing in wheat on the plains took the rooler and  
Chas rooled some

**Thursday 22nd**

Clear we sowed and ploughed in wheat at the plains

**Friday 23**

Clear we ploughed in {arrow pointing to above entry - plains} until noon Grand Father [this would  
likely be Abraham Dorcas Shadd] commenced to thrash after noon and Father & I went to help him  
Chas ploughed on

**Saturday 24**

Clear Grand Father finished thrashing this morning Chas ploughed I ploughed after noon Mother and  
Grand Mother went to town in their buggie

**Monday 26**

Clear Father Chas and I went to the plains to plough in wheat

**Tuesday 27**

Cloudy we went to the plains and finished putting in wheat and brought the ploughs and roller home

**Wednesday 28**

Cloudy rained very heavy last night Chas and I went and got the harrows and stoped and got 16 bu  
of wheat from Coopers for seed came home and fanned it then I went to Merlin but got no grist  
Father hurt his spine

**Thursday 29**

Clear we commenced to plough in wheat in No 5

**Friday 30** Clear until evening we ploughed in and harrowed in No 5 it was too windy to sow Father went to Uncle George Shreves for timothy seed

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**October Saturday 1st 1881**

Drizzelled rain all day Father and Mother went to town to market

**Monday 3rd**

Cloudy rained all day yesterday Father went to Joneses to see some cattle Chas and I leveled too sleepers hewed I hauled a log for the back gangway and cut 18 shocks of corn this evening Father hewed some stringers

**Tuesday 4th**

Cloudy & cool we cut the clover for seed in No 3 and altered some pigs and commenced too wean Kates Colt Bob this evg

**Wednesday 5th**

Clear and cool Tem 40° ~~we~~ Father sowed and Chas and I ploughed in wheat in No 5

**Thursday 6th**

Clear heavy frost last night Chas and I ploughed and harrowed all day in No 5 Father sowed some and then went to see about the machine

**Friday 7th**

Cloudy we ploughed in No 5 Father sowed damp

**Saturday 8th**

Cloudy rained a little at noon I finished ploughing harrowing and running out furrows in No 5 Father and Mother went to town to Market got a set of dishes Chas piled some wood for thrashing

**Monday 10th**

Clear cool and windy we thrashed today had 213 bu of wheat and 310 bu of Oats D. Bions, Ambros Timbers, Edd & Father Poindexter, Uncle Mack, John Brown Alex Scott, H. Wilson, Norman Cooper, Wm Steel & Wm Martin helped us

**Tuesday 11th**

Clear I got Coopers furrow plough and Father and I cleaned out the furrows and hauled in the clover this afternoon Chas ID and Flavious finished pulling beans this morning

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**Oct Wednesday 12th 1881**

Rained all night we did not do much cleaned up some wheat this evening

**Thursday 13**

Very wet rained some I went out shooting we did not much Chas raked up some clover I took H Bonds Bags and crotch [a kind of garden fork] home and got the craper

**Friday 14**

Cloudy Father took 32 bu of wheat to town got \$1.26 Chas and I turned the beans and cut some corn

**Saturday 15**

Cloudy and warm rained some this evening Father took 34 bu of wheat to town Mother and I went in in the buggy Elizabeth and Aunt Mary went along

**Monday 17**

Cloudy Father and Joe went to Detroit I took them to the boat I then came and Chas and I took Felixs Engine over to Dennie Hickeys with both teams it was a very heavy lug We then went and got Joe Father went on to Chatham

**Tuesday 18**

Rained some this morning I went and got 761 ft of maple plank at Buxton in two load Chas dug potatoes Father came home this evg

**Wednesday 19**

Cleared off this afternoon Chas and I cut corn in No 4 Father shook and turned beans and clover and sowed some timothy on No 5

**Thursday 20**

Rained some this morning Chas and I finished cutting corn in No 4 and then Mother Chas and I went to the plains Father sowed some timothy and then went to the plains to cut Buckwheat

**Friday 21st**

Clear Father and I went to the plains to cut Buckwheat I came home at noon and Mother Joe and I went to Harvey Kerseys Funeral Chas hauled up squashes and chips Father came home and shook up clover and finished sowing timothy in No 5

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**Oct Saturday 22nd 1881**

Clear Mother and Father went to market Chas and I hauled in the clover and beans Alf cut stalks and helped

#### **Monday 24th**

Cloudy misted rain some we straightened up the Crib Father went to to Merlin to mill

#### **Tuesday 25th**

Clear Father took a load 32 bu of wheat to town got \$1.26 Chas, D, & I went and husked white flint at the plains

#### **Wednesday 26**

Clear Father took 36 bu of wheat to town got \$1.-6 {number smudged} Chas, D, & I husked at the plains

#### **Thursday 27**

Clear Chas ID and I went down and finished husking white flint corn and brought our share 34 bu home Father went to the sale Allen Coopers

#### **Friday 28**

Cloudy Chas D and I went and husked some Father unloaded and went to the Wm Wilson trial at Forhans Wilson had 8½ \$ to pay

#### **Saturday 29**

Rained this morning Father and Mother went to town we hauled up wood and filled ticks

#### **Monday 31**

Cloudy Father, Chas, I.D and I husked at the plains and brought home 20 bu

#### **Tuesday 1st November 1881**

Clear we husked and cut corn at the plains

#### **Wednesday 2nd**

Cloudy Father took 48 bu of Oats to town it weighed 51 bu 15 lbs got 39¢ Chas, D, & I husked corn at the plains

#### **Thursday 3rd**

Cloudy windy & a snow squall we husked some and brought home 30 bu of corn from the plains



**November Friday 4th 1881**

rained some this morning snowed ½ inch last night we put in the stable floor pitted in potatoes &c

**Saturday 5th**

Cloudy & windy Mother, Father, Alf, & Aunt Sarah Ann went to town to market, Butter 25¢ per lb

**Monday 7th**

Cloudy we cleaned up the red wheat and were down to help Uncle Mack thrash but they didn't thrash

**Tuesday 8th**

Clear Father and Mother and Lizzie went to town took 20 bu of wheat and the wool and 2 bu of Hicory nuts

**Wednesday 9th**

Clear we loaded one load of the clover and took it over to Forhans to get thrashed and left it

**Thursday 10**

Clear we went over got Forhans waggon took the rest of the clover over got it all thrashed had 4 bu

**Friday 11th**

Cloudy rained this evening we went to the plains to husk corn husked some but the rain [came]

**Saturday 12th**

Rained all night and some this morning Mother & Father went to market got a hand seed drill \$7.00 & sold young pink cow I let out some water and Alf & I went down & got 22 bu of corn Grandpap got 16 bu

**Monday 14th**

Tolerable clear we husked off the stalk at the plains all day

**Tuesday 15**

Clear we husked all day Dan Bions came and traded wagons Father is to give him 20\$ between his new & our old waggon

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**November Wednesday 16th 1881**

Tolerable clear we finished husking off the stalk and brought home ~~30~~ 32 bu of corn with both teams on

#### **Thursday 17th**

Cloudy windy & showery we husked 50 shocks completing the husking at the plains

#### **Friday 18th**

Cloudy snowed some this afternoon Chas & I got the rest of the plains corn 27½ bu Father culled some and fastened up the pigs to fatten

#### **Saturday 19th**

Cloudy snowed some Father went to town on horseback bought a pair of bobs at Auction for \$2.50 & paid D Bions \$20.00 difference between the waggons

#### **Monday 21st**

Cloudy Father and I went up to Wards on the 11th to a sale Dock Brown the painter came back

#### **Tuesday 22nd**

Cloudy Windy and cool Father and I Blaized the line to chop by and cut some rail cuts

#### **Wednesday 23rd**

Cloudy Father and Dock went to merlin to mill got some more paint Chas D & I husked corn in No 4

#### **Thursday 24th**

Cloudy & Windy Tem 22 Father & I cut rail cuts & Chas hauled them out

#### **Friday 25th**

Cloudy Windy Tem 22° Chas & I hauled in the corn and fodder we husked Wednesday Father helped Uncle Mack kill a 2 pigs and we Killed a sheep this evg

#### **Saturday 26**

Cloudy Father & Mother went to town took the mutton got 6¢ per lb I chopped wood in the wood pile

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#### **Monday 28th 1881**

Clear Wm Brannum commenced work @ 9\$ per month he and Father husked in No 4 Chas & I hauled 2 loads of fodder from the plains

#### **Tuesday 29th**

Clear Father and Brannum husked corn in No 4 Chas & I hauled the remainder 2 loads from plains

### **Wednesday 30th**

Clear Chas, Brann<sup>m</sup> & I hauled some corn and fodder out of No 4 & Father & Brannum husked some

### **Thursday 1st December**

Cloudy we finished husking corn altogether

### **Friday 2nd**

Cloudy Father went for medicine for Joe to Chat [ham] Chas & I finished hauling corn Brannum chopped some & helped us some with the corn

### **Saturday 3rd**

Clear Father & Mother went to town to market we finished hauling fodder banked the school house and hauled up some wood

### **Monday 5th**

Cloudy I ploughed the garden Brannum dug some by the railroad gate this afternoon we hauled 2 loads of fodder from Coppers C Flemming brought out a Wheeler & Wilson Sewing machine Father bought it gaave his old machine in part pay

### **Tuesday 6th**

Clear we went and got another load of fodder and then went back and repaired the line fence and Bill [William Brannum] split 100 rails this afternoon

### **Wednesday 7th**

Cloudy I ploughed all day in No 4 with Kate & Bet Father went to Traveses for an axe handle and him and Bill sawed some logs Coleman James commenced chopping wood

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### **Dec Thursday 8th 1881**

Clear & cold we scraped and ploughed the line ditch across No 4 I ploughed

### **Friday 9th**

Clear Father took Mother to town she went to Detroit to see the Dr. about Joe Bill and I scraped in the ditch until noon then I ploughed and Bill chopped wood

### **Saturday 10**

Clear & cold Tem 19° Mother and Father went to town I chopped some rail cuts

### **Monday 12th**

Rained most of the day Father went to the Council Brannum and I fenced the stack cut some rail cuts and shod one jumper

### **Tuesday 13th**

Rained nearly all day we ground the axes chopped some & fanned some Oats Coley dog was killed by a falling tree

### **Wednesday 14**

Clear Coleman James & two men chopping Brannum & Father chopped some and made roads I hauled out rail cuts & wood Chas hauled out wood

### **Thursday 15**

Clear Tem 16° this morning Brannum split 150 rails & Chopped some Father & I chopped & sawed Chas hauled wood & rails 3 Jameses sawing Connors finished sawing logs

### **Friday 16th**

Clear we bushed out wood until noon then we cut Rail timber P.T. Barry's men commenced making roads & skidding logs

### **Saturday 17th**

Clear Father & Mother went to town I hauled out a~~n~~ wood & Rail cuts with Kate & Bet Brannum Chopped & made roads

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### **Dec Monday 19 1881**

Clear Brannum & Father cut Rail cuts & Chas & I hauled them out

### **Tuesday 20**

Cloudy misted rain some Father was out most of the day posting school notices Brannum split rails I hauled out Rails wood and split some rails too

### **Wednesday 21**

Rained most of the day Brannum & I made some heading Bolts of Basswood & thrashed some beans Father put A handle in my axe Coleman & his boy chopping

### **Thursday 22nd**

Rained all day I went out to take the census of the school section Brannum went to south Buxton Father stayed home Brannum & I went to the concert this evening

### **Friday 23rd**

Very wet Father went to the Examination Brannum and I made baswood heading Bolts

### **Saturday 24th**

Cool & clear Mother and Father went town Brannum and I cut Basswood heading

### **Saturday 26th Monday 26**

Cloudy rained some this morning I went out taking Census Brannum hauled wood & chopped rail cuts

### **Tuesday 27th**

Cloudy Brannum & I made heading bolts Father settling up school business E.S Dyke & Chas Lenover Audited the secretarys Books

### **Wednesday 28**

Clear & very muddy Father & I attended the school meeting E.S. Dyke was Elected trustee in Father's place Brannum chopped in the bush

### **Thursday 29th**

Clear Father Brannum and I made heading bolts Coleman Jameses three boys sawed a little Mother Lizzie Elizabeth Chas Brannum & I went to the Concert this Evg

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### **Friday 30th**

Cold windy and snowing some Father studying his papers for the Election to come off on Monday Brannum & I washed out wood until noon with both teams and then cut some heading bolts Mother & I went down to GrandMother Poindexters this evg

### **Saturday 31st**

Cold windy & snowing some Tem 24° Father, Mother and Mr Bond went to town in our Buggie Brannum & I cut wood made roads & hauled out three loads for the house

### **January Monday 1st 1882**

Cloudy & cool Tem 24° Brannum and I built a cow shed & pig scaffold, hauled wood for killing pigs Municipal Election was held today Father was Deputy Returning officer for our division, returns as follows. Williams 158, White 415, Irwin 350, Gould 339, Drew 373, Dillon 183, Kennedy 200, Dolson 292, Crowe 242, Tooley 217, Charleston 143

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Cloudy snowed some Tem 20°, Father killed the pigs he got from Mr Copper & 1 other Making 5 H.D. Kersey, Alex Scott, Wm Moore, & Obo<sup>d</sup> Kersey helped us and then Brannum & I helped them kill 8 Father went up and then took the ballot Box down to Stewarts

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Cloudy Tem 6° Father and I shelled some corn I took 4 bu of corn & 4 of wheat to Merlin to mill Father went to Mr Bond's Sale Brannum chopped some hictory wood

### **Thursday 4th**

Cloudy & cold Tem 10° Brannum & I made Basswood heading Father took the Cooper pork to town & one small one of ours they weighed 283, 278, 255, 180 lbs & 159 at home

### **Friday 5**

Cloudy Tem 30° Father, Brannum & I made Basswood Bolts [Bolts are pieces of a log which have been cut to lengths generally less than 8 feet. They were further split and used for shingles, clapboards, pegs and sometimes firewood (fuel).]

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### **Jan Saturday 7th 1882**

Cloudy thawing Mother and Father went to town I hauled two cords of dry soft wood to the school house hauled up some wood &c Brannum & Chas chopped in the woods Father settled with Brannum leaving 92¢ unpaid

### **Monday 9th**

Cloudy cool Tem 32 Father helped us make bolts awhile and then went to Forhans Brannum & I made bolts Brannum commenced work this morning at \$7.00 per month Polin [Poland] China Sow had 9 pigs yesterday

### **Tuesday 10th**

~~Cloudy about 6 inches of show fell last night thawing this morning Brannum & I put 1 cord of dry beech, and 1 cord of dry hictory in the school yard and some green hictory & Brannum bushed out some Bolts Father helped & sewed some for Mother~~

### **Tuesday 10th**

Cloudy Brannum & I corded Wintermutes axe handle timber and then made Bolts Father helped commenced snowing this evg

### **Wednesday 11th**

Cloudy Tem 32° Brannum & I hauled 2 cords of dry Beech & Hictory & some green Hictory to the school house Brannum Bushed out some Bolts

### **Thursday 12th**

Clear Tem 34° Brannum & I tried to bush out Bolts but could not keep them on the Jumper so we went to chopping hicory wood Father went out on the plains

### **Friday 13th**

Cloudy misting rain Brannum did not work I took some green hicory to the school house Father sawed some and then we put a runner in the jumper and baged up 45 bu of oats

### **Saturday 14th**

Cleared off Windy Brannum helped me fence the stack haul some straw to the stable & chopped some wood I finished hauling the school wood & made a jumper runner Mother & Father went to town with Kate & Bet in the heavy waggon took a load of oats

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### **Jan Monday 16 1882**

Clear Tem 26° Father and I commenced making wood rack Brannum commenced bushing out Bolts at noon he lost a ½ day E.S. Dyke & A. Shreves measured the school wood

### **Tuesday 17th**

Clear Cold & Windy Tem 18° I took Joe & Father to Chatham They went to Detroit on the 8 Oclock train Brannum chopped until noon, I was home at 10 Oclock A.M. ~~then~~ Brannum and I bushed out some bolts with Kate & Bet in the afternoon

### **Wednesday 18th**

Cloudy Cold Tem 14° I hauled two loads of Bolts to N Buxton on the waggon with Kate & Bet Brannum bushed out Bolts

### **Thursday 19**

Tolerable Clear I went to town after Joe and Father they came up at 11 Oclock Alf went along Brannum chopped hicory tops

### **Friday 20th**

Clear Tem 28° I hauled 3 loads of Bolts to Buxton took about 1 cord at a load Brannum finished bushing Bolts and some wood & chopped some

### **Saturday 21**

Cloudy & raining some Father and Mother went to town took 43 bu of Oats they weighed 48 bu 28 lbs got 42¢ per bu. Brannum and I corded some of Wintermutes hicory & White ash Brannum Chopped some maple tops & I hauled up some fire wood this Evg

### **Monday 23rd**

Cloudy & Cold Tem 7° I hauled 2 loads of Bolts to Buxton Brannum sawed some wood at the school house & helped me load Father went down to Fletcher

### **Tuesday 24th**

Cold Tem 2° I hauled 2 loads of Bolts Brannum took ½ Cord on the jumper it Broke down and had to Bring it back on the wagon Father was in the bush

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### **Jan Wednesday 25 1881 {1882}**

Warm rained all the afternoon Father went up to Buxton {Wiler} measured the Bolts there was 9¾ cords Brannum & I hauled one load of straw to the stable shelled 6 bu of corn & fanned the beans Father went to mill took 6 bu of corn

### **Thursday 26**

Warm rained all day Father went to Fletcher Brannum did not work & I did not doo much

### **Friday 27**

Father went to Tilburry on Jim [horse] Brannum and I sawed 3 cords of wood at the school house

### **Saturday 28th**

Cloudy warm Tem 30° Brannum and I finished sawing the school wood Father & Mother went to town in the Buggie

### **Monday 30th**

Clear Cool Father went to Tilburry to see about some Bolts Brannum & I made bolts

### **Tuesday 31st**

Cloudy & Cool we Butchered 7 hogs this forenoon Alex Scott & H.D. Kersey helped Brannum did not work afternoon the sow weighed 375 lbs the others 209, 200, 200, 198, 189, 187 ~~Father~~

### **Wednesday 32 1st Feb**

Cloudy Cold Tem 30° Father went to town took the sow & two pigs they weighed 717 lbs Brannum & I made Bolts Louis Johnson & Susie Wallace were married last night Father Mother & I were there

### **Thursday 2nd**

Clear Brannum & I hauled 4 loads of ice from Webs Creek Father sawed it

### **Friday 3rd**



Cloudy Father went to tilburry Brannum cut some wood in the woods I hauled one load of saw dust and then Brannum & I hauled up wood with Both teams

#### **Saturday 4th**

Clear Mother and Father went to town Brannum split rails I hauled 2 loads of saw dust & made a few rails

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#### **Feb Monday 6 1882**

Clear Brannum and I made bolts Father went to town to attend Wm. Chandler's Funeral

#### **Tuesday 7**

Tolerable clear Father Brannum and I made Bolts and wood

#### **Wednesday 8**

Clear Brannum & I hauled 2 loads of straw & 1 of hay from the Barn to the stable this forenoon after noon Brannum did not work I went and got a load of sawdust

#### **Thursday 9**

Clear Father helped us make Bolts until noon & cut up the Pork after noon Brannum & I made Bolts

#### **Friday 10th**

Clear & cool Father Brannum & I went to tilburry to skin Bolts until noon then went to Fletcher & got three salt Barrels to salt the Pork in & Father salted the Pork Father measured & paid Pierces for making 13 cords of Bolts

#### **Saturday 11th**

Clear Mother & Father went to town came back early Brannum made rails I bushed out Bolts with Kate & Bet \*A.D. Shadd (My Grandfather) died this evg at 5.55 O'clock aged 81 yrs 11 mo & 9dys

#### **Sunday 12**

Clear Father. Aunt Emma & Uncle Geo. Shreves went to Chatham in our democrat

#### **Monday 13**

Clear Mother & I went to town to the store Father was at Grand Fathers Brannum did not work

#### **Tuesday 14**

Clear Father went to Buxton twice for Aunt Eunice Aunt Sarah & Mary A. Morgan who came this evg from Xenia Brannum did not work

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Mr Alfred Shadd Kinistino [written in a different ink]

**Feb Wednesday 15 1882**

Clear & very muddy Grand Father's funeral took place today left the house at 11 O'clock, we took Both teams he was Buried in the cemetery Chatham Brannum did not work

**Thursday 16th**

Rained some last night cloudy Father went to Grand Fathers Brannum chopped some

**Friday 17th**

Clear Brannum & I sawed some maple & Piled some Elm Brush Aunt's Eunice & Sarah were down at our house Father Brought them in the Buggie

**Saturday 18**

Clear & windy Tem 26° Father & Mother went to town Brannum did not work I hauled out 4 loads of manure cut the wheat By the barn

**Monday 20**

Cloudy commenced raining this evg Father was at Grand Fathers all day Brannum & I made Bolts Aunt's Eunice & Sarah, & Mary Morgan went Back home in the evg

**Tuesday 21**

Rained all day Brannum & I Finished thrashing ~~wheat~~ the beans

**Wednesday 22** Mr. Shadd [written in different hand and ink]

Cloudy & windy Brannum & I we bushed out the most of the Bolts this forenoon and sawed some stove wood afternoon very wet in the Bush Father helped.

**Thursday 23**

Cloudy Brannum did not work Father & I shelled some corn for a grist Colerich was here looking after the mares

**Friday 24**

Clear Father took 6 bu of corn & 6 bu of wheat to Merlin to mill Brannum worked a ½ day sawing Beech wood I sawed {wood}

**Saturday 25**

Clear Cold last night Tem 18° Father & Mother went to town Brannum did not work I hauled up some wood and moved the stack fence

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**Feb Monday 27 1882**

Clear & warm very muddy Father Brannum & I sawed & chopped stove wood & hickory cordwood

**Tuesday 28**

Rained after noon very muddy Father went to town on horseback Brannum & I worked until noon fixing up the fences and scouring the lane ditch Wm Martin got 2 bu of his wheat

**Wednesday, March the 1st**

Clear Brannum split rails Father & I put a runner in the jumper & let of some water Brannum worked 30½ dys [Brannum's total work days are written in different ink.]

**Thursday 2nd**

Clear Father salted the meat & trimmed some fruit trees Brannum and I chopped wood & piled brush in the wood

**Friday 3rd**

Clear & very muddy Father Brannum and I went to tilburry to Bark bolts

**Saturday 4**

Clear Father and Mother went town Brannum & I Sawed some hickory stove wood a half day Uncle Mack got 2 bu of Wm Martins Wheat

**Monday 6**

Cloudy Father Brannum & I fixed the front Barn doors then Brannum & I hauled two loads of hay to the stable on the waggon Brannum worked a ½ day

**Tuesday 7**

Cloudy Father Brannum & I worked in the woods most of the day Mother & Father started to Church this Evg and Mother fell in the cattle guard at the drake road and was severely hurt

**Wednesday 8**

Clear & warm Brannum & I worked in the woods Father tended on Mother

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**March Thursday 9th 1882**

Rained all last night and all day today Brannum & I shelled corn 3 bu for homney

#### **Friday 10th**

Cloudy & rained some Brannum & I cut up wood in the wood pile ½ day

#### **Saturday 11th**

Cloudy snowed a little this evg warm and muddy Brannum did not work Father went to town (this evg) I scoured the upper lane ditches & took Grand Mother home

[The next two entries are not written by William but most likely by his Father, Garrison, given the names mentioned and the breakdown of work.]

#### **Monday 13**

Cloudy Tem 28 I sowed clover seed on 12 lands in No 5 William and Brannum hauled straw to the stable until noon afternoon Brannum split rail Willy hauled some wood up

#### **Tuesday 14**

Clear snowed about an inch last night I sowed 6 land of clover in the wheat in No 5 William and Brannum chopped until noon afternoon William and Brannum ditched in the lane

[William now resumes writing the diary entries]

#### **Wednesday 15**

snowed about an inch last night Brannum & I fanned and picked beans until noon then we sawed some elm wood on pattersons line Father finished sowing clover on No 5

#### **Thursday 16th**

Cloudy Brannum & I hauled up wood until noon with the ponies then we sawed elm on the line Father sowed some clover on No 1

#### **Friday 17th**

Cloudy Brannum and I chopped and sawed in the woods Father went to Buxton afternoon

#### **Saturday 18th**

Rained last night and showered all day thundered & light{ed} Brannum choped in the woodpile until noon Father went to town on Jim

[Following single entry written by Garrison]

#### **Monday 20**

Variable Wind East I went to the plains and let water off of the wheat Billy and Brannum cut wood along the line Brannum has put in 47 days this Evening

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**March Tuesday 21st 1882**

Rained last night very windy and occasional snow squalls today Brannum did not work Father went to Fletcher

**Wednesday 22nd**

Tolerable clear & warm very muddy Brannum was not here we did not do much

**Thursday 23rd**

Cloudy Brannum was not here We finished shoeing the jumper ditched in the lane and chopped down one of the Poplars in No 4

**Friday 24th**

Cloudy & windy Brannum & I chopped and sawed up the poplar

**Saturday 25**

Cloudy snowed about 2 inches this evg Father & Mother went to town Brannum & I ~~went~~ cut the other poplar along the fence below the house in No 4

**Monday 27th**

Cloudy Brannum & I finished working up the poplar and then went to work (cutting wood) down the line next to Pattersons Father went to the plains

**Tuesday 28**

Clear, & windy afternoon, Brannum & I hauled in 4 loads of straw and then went and cut a couple of ashes and a big maple and made some wood of them Father went to Rues

**Wednesday 29th**

Tolerable clear Brannum, Father and I cut a small maple hewed two Bridge pieces & spread some dirt on the line ditch {B----- B-----}

**Thursday 30th**

Clear and windy Brannum chopped some hickory along the line & I rooled some in No 1 but got sick and had to quit Father went to Fletcher Rone died & Father & Brannum skined her

**Friday 31st**

Clear frosty last night I rooled some after noon in No 1 Brannum has quit work Father hung up the pork

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### **April Saturday 1st 1882**

Clear Father and Mother went to town & I finished rolling No 1 & rooled the orchard & dug around some trees

### **Monday 3rd**

Clear & warm Father Chas & I hauled manure on the garden spread It and I ploughed some of it in and they cultivated a ridge for onions

### **Tuesday 4th**

Clear and warm I ploughed the garden Chas harrowed & rolled the onion bed and hauled some Poplar wood out of the field Father planted onions with his new hand drill by the lane in No 1 and harrowed and rooled wheat in No 4

### **Wednesday 5**

Rained most of the day I shelled 12 bu of corn for mill Father helped me shell cobs

### **Thursday 6**

Showered some about noon Father and I prepared a Grist consisting of 20 bu of corn & oats for horse feed 4 bu of corn & 2 bu of false wheat I took out the potatoes this afternoon Father went to Merlin to Mill Chas hauled out some wood

### **Friday 7th**

Tolerable clear Father went down to A. Paterson's & got 5 Brooms Mother went to Church I ploughed in the lot No 2

### **Saturday 8th**

Clear Father & Mother went to town I rooled a little wheat but is was too wet finished ploughing the 3 cornered lot & took Kate and Bets shoes off

### **Monday 10th \***

Cloudy windy and cool Chas and I ploughed in No 4 all day with Both teams Father chopped some in the woods I became a member of the B.M.E. Church on probation yesterday Temperature 30 at Noon

### **Tuesday 11**

Cold cloudy & Windy Tem 26 Chas & I ploughed all day in No 4 Father went to Buxton afternoon

### **Wednesday 12**

Cloudy Tem 30° I finished ploughing No 4 except the lower headland Chas hauled out wood Father went to Fletcher after noon we hauled up wood

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### **April Thursday 13 1882**

Cloudy I ploughed all day in No 6 Chas ploughed until noon & then him and Father went to Fletcher took some lard to Barry & got a piece of white ash sawed into double two

### **Friday 14**

Cloudy Father planted some onions Chas and I ploughed all day in No 6

### **Saturday 15th**

Clear Mother and Father went to town Chas ploughed most of the day I fixed the stable & ploughed a little Wm Martin got 8 bu of wheat

### **Monday 17**

Clear I took Father Joe & Grandmother to Crows dock they took the Boat & went to Detroit I went to meet them this Evg but they did not come Chas ploughed all day I cultivated some in No 4

### **Tuesday 18**

Clear I finished cultivating in No 4 & ploughed some Chas ploughed all day in No 6

### **Wednesday 19**

Showery all day Chas & I ploughed a little Elder S.D.W. Smith was here

### **Thursday 20**

Cloudy & rained all the afternoon Chas ploughed until noon I went to Chatham after Joe and Father Father came out with me Joe went out with GrandMother

### **Friday 21**

Clear Father and Chas went down to GrandMother P's [Poindexters] for Joe I finished ploughing No 4 after noon Father planted some onions I harrowed & rolled the garden Chas went to Buxton

### **Saturday 22**

Clear I scraped the road from the townline to the Drake road Father and Mother went to town Bought a draft for \$71 15/100 [\$71.15] to send to Omaha as payment on the qr [quarter] section of land in Dawson Co

### **Monday 24**

Clear I harrowed & rooled the gardens twice harrowed the potatoe patch No 2 Father sowed some Garden peas Chas was not well

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### **April Tuesday 25 1882**

Clear & warm Father sowed some white side oats in No 4 Chas & I harrowed them in with Both teams Deacon M. Botter was at our house to dinner he was out on business with Grand Mother Concerning her Estate

### **Wednesday 26**

Clear Father finished sowing oats in No 4 Chas & I harrowed them in then I run out the furrows & Chas & I harrowed & rooled wheat in No 5 Father sowed some peas & other Garden seed

### **Thursday 27**

Clear Chas & I finished harrowing & rooling the wheat in No 5 after noon Father went to Merlin took 6 bu of wheat Mother went with him Chas & I hauled out 5 loads of manure out to No 2 potatoe patch

### **Friday 28**

Clear rained last night Father went to Buxton Chas & I spread the manure on No 2 cultivated it in & I run out some potatoe rows & Father planted some potatoes Chas & I rolled, & shoveled the oats furrows

### **Saturday 29**

Clear Mother & Father went to town got 1 Barrel of salt and got 1 Bartlet P pare tree & 100 great american straw Berries Chas & I finished rolling the oats shoveled the furrows hauled up some chips & fanned some oats chaff

### **Monday 1st**

Quite showery afternoon I ploughed the strawberry bed in front of the house Chas hauled up some chips

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Cold heavy frost last night Chas & I hauled the red oak off of the clearing above No 6 preparatory to ploughing it in with No 6 for ~~ploughing~~ corn loged some & harrowed the garden & Father & I planted 50 Great American strawberries

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### **May Wednesday 3rd 1882**



Clear we finished planting the strawberries and then logged some in the clearing Father helped & hoed the straw Berries

#### **Thursday 4th**

Cloudy rained a little last night we planted potatoes Mother planted some strawberries Father planted some sage & radishes Grand Mother Poindexter got her 12 bu of oats

#### **Friday 5**

Cloudy we finished logging the clearing & gathering the trash

#### **Saturday 6th**

Cloudy Father & Mother went to town Chas & I hauled of some of the fence & commenced laying it along the Back

#### **Monday 8th**

Showery Chas and I finished hauling off the fence between No 5 & the clearing preparatory to extending No 5 to Lacocq's line Mother planted strawberries I planted the Bartlett pear tree by the milch house

#### **Tuesday 9th**

Cloudy & damp Chas and I ploughed a little in No 5 in the new ground after noon we planted potatoes in No 2 Father not well

#### **Wednesday 10th**

Rained most of the day we started to plant potatoes but had to stop we fanned the oats up after noon

#### **Thursday 11th**

Rained near all forenoon after noon we ploughed some in No 5

#### **Friday 12th**

Rained most of the day we did not do much

#### **Saturday 13th**

Cloudy commenced raining afternoon Father went to town on Kate I let off water

#### **Monday 15th\***

Clear Father and I let water off of the garden and afternoon we made a log heap in the clearing Grand Mother Shadd is very sick \*

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**May Tuesday 16th 1882**

Clear Chas and I ploughed in No 5 in the new ground with both teams

**Wednesday 17th**

Clear Father went to town to a liberal conservative convention Chas & I ploughed all day in No 5

**Thursday 18**

Clear Tem 70° Chas & I finished ploughing No 5 and moved some fence back of the barn I planted Minnisota sweet corn in potatoe patch

**Friday 19th**

Clear & warm Chas and I Ploughed a patch back of the barn & harrowed some in No 5

**Saturday 20th**

Clear Father and Mother went to town I planted sweet corn back of barn and Chas & I harrowed with Kate & Bet

**Monday 22nd \***

Cloudy & showery Chas & I harrowed a little in No 5 Father went to Fletcher I went to Buxton on old Kate Came back and shot some squirrels

**Tuesday 23rd**

Clear Chas & I harrowed in No 5 with Kate on small harrow & Ponies on large harrows Father packed the pork in ashes & went to the plains

**Wednesday 24th**

Clear Chas & I Cross harrowed in No 5 Father Alf, & D piled some Brush Father and I went to A Concert in the B.M.E. Church at N. Buxton this Evg

**Thursday 25**

Clear I marked off with Kate and Bet Chas finished harrowing Father worked in the garden

**Friday 26th**

Clear I planted corn in No 5 Chas marked off Father went to Merlin to mill took 6 bu of corn & 4 bu of wheat A Meeting was held in the school house this evg to appoint 4 delegates to the Liberal Conservative Convention to meet tomorrow in Chatham

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### **May Saturday 27 1882**

Rained all day Father and Mother went to town I did not do much the convention nominated Henry Smith for Conservative Candidate

### **Monday 29**

Tolerable Clear Chas & I piled manure all day

### **Tuesday 30**

Clear Father Chas & I piled manure in the Barnyard

### **Wednesday 31st**

Father scraped on the road until noon Chas marked off & I planted corn in No 5 until noon rained all the afternoon

### **June Thursday 1st**

Tolerable Clear Father, Mother, Lizzie Chas & I went to Martha Ellen Kersey's funeral

### **Friday 2nd**

Tolerable Clear Chas marked off & I planted corn in No 5 Father went to Merlin afternoon with 5 bags of corn and oats to get ground for horse feed

### **Saturday 3rd**

Rained almost all day and last night Father & Mother went to town I let off some water Bet had a Colt at night after running 11 mo & 13 dys

### **Monday 5**

Clear & muddy we hauled up chipps until noon and then commenced cutting a ditch back of No 5

### **Tuesday 6**

Clear Chas and I ditched in No 5 Father attended the sale of Grand Fathers stock & impliments I went to south Buxton to a political meeting this evg put Kate to Marshalls Lois Duke of Argyle today

### **Wednesday 7**

Clear Chas and I ditched all day in No 5 Father then went to N. Buxton on George

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### **June Thursday 8 1882**

Clear Chas marked off & I planted in No 5 Father took Mother out to Uncle Horace Black's Barn raising he worked in the garden & ~~took~~ went to a Conservative Committee Meeting in the schoolhouse

#### **Friday 9th**

Clear Chas & I finished marking & planting in No 5 & cultivated the potatoes finished planting potatoes Father worked in the garden he took Bet to Merlin this morning

#### **Saturday 10**

Father and Mother went to town Alf planted squashes I.D. hoed onions Chas & I fixed the lane fence & piled manure

#### **Monday 12th**

Clear I replanted corn in No 5 Chas, D, & Father hoed in the garden Father brought down the old mower and we took it apart

#### **Tuesday 13**

Clear Father took the old mower to town & sold it for old iron got \$7.00 for it I replanted until noon put Bet to Duke of Argyle

#### **Wednesday 14**

Clear I ploughed some ground for beans in No. 3 ~~fe~~ with the ponies it was very hard Chas harrowed it with Kate Father worked some in the garden

#### **Thursday 15**

Showered last night I hauled 3 loads of ~~of~~ basswood bolts to Fletcher with the ponies Chas finished harrowing & replanted corn some in No 5 Father worked some in the garden

#### **Friday 16**

Clear & warm I hauled 3 loads of Bolts making the total of what we had at home to Fletcher 6¼ cords Chas replanted corn Father worked in the garden

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#### **June Saturday 17 1882**

Clear Father & Mother went to town Chas harrowed the bean ~~f~~ ground and then worked in the garden I cultivated the potatoes &c

#### **Monday 19**

Clear I went down & got Walkers drill & drilled in the beans & rooled the bean ground Chas replanted in afternoon Chas & I finished replanting corn & I took Henry Parsons planter home

## **Tuesday 20th**

Clear & warm the Dominion Elections were held today Father acted as Deputy returning officer in our division Henry Smith was elected for this County by a majority of 162 over James Samsom M.D., Father, Chas, Alf, & I went to Chatham this evg to the demonstration, I went to tilburry to haul bolts but did not haul it was too wet so I & the boys hoed some potatoes

## **Wednesday 21**

Clear & warm Chas & I cultivated Corn in No 5 Father hoed some in the garden Alf & D uncovered corn

## **Thursday 22nd**

Clear & warm Tem 89° Chas & I cultivated corn in No 5 Father hoed some D & Flav uncovered corn

## **Friday 23rd**

Clear & warm Tem 90° Chas and I cross cultivated in No 5 Father in the garden

## **Saturday 24th**

Very warm Tem 90° we had a heavy wind and rain storm this afternoon Father and Mother went to town Chas & I finished Cross Cultivating, and hoed some potatoes Alf planted some pumpkins in the corn

## **Monday 26th**

Clear Tem 86° Chas, I.D. Father and I hoed in the potatoe patch & Garden

## **Tuesday 27**

Clear Chas I.D & I finished hoeing the potatoes Father hoed in the garden

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## **June July Wednesday 28th 1882**

Clear Father Chas I.D. & I hoed Carrots in the Garden

## **Thursday 29th**

Clear Father and I went to tilburry he skined Bolts & helped me to load & I hauled 4 loads Dow Pierce & Ed Poindexter hauled 4 loads

## **Friday 30**

Rained we bushed out some hicory wood afternoon I whitewashed some

## **Saturday 1st July**

Tolerable Clear Father and Mother went to town Chas and I finished bushing out the hickory wood and hoed some onions ~~and cultivated the potatoes and hilled so~~

### **Monday 3rd**

Clear we hoed in the garden Father and Joe went to Detroit on the boat I took them to the river and went after them this evg

### **Tuesday 4th**

Clear Father and Chas I.D & I hoed in the garden

### **Wednesday 5**

Clear Father went to town on horse Back Chas & I cultivated Corn

### **Thursday 6th**

Clear Father went to tilburry and hauled Basswood Bolts to Fletcher Chas & I cultivated corn until noon and then I mowed some in No 1 with the machine

### **Friday 7**

showered some Father and I cut some fence corners & I mowed some more Father sold 8 cords of hickory for \$2.25 per cord in the clearing

### **Saturday 8**

Showered until noon Mother and Father went to town Alf came out from his Examination \* Chas and I cultivated corn after noon

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### **July Sunday 9th 1882**

Clear & warm Mother and I went to Chatham to the Baptising Elder S.D.W. Smith Baptised 19 persons

### **Monday 10th**

Cloudy rained about noon clear after Father Chas and I cultivated corn with 3 horses until noon then we fixed the mow and raked & cocked some hay

### **Tuesday 11th**

Clear we raked up hay and hauled in 4 loads afternoon & cultivated some corn in the morning Young Sow had 7 Pigs

### **Wednesday 12**

Clear we hauled in 11 loads of hay with 2 waggons

#### **Thursday 13**

Showered some this evg I cut hay Father mowed fence corners we cultivated corn until the dew was off I went to a lecture by Rev R.O. Smith at N Buxton Father went to Fletcher

#### **Friday 14**

Clear Mother Chas, Alf I.D. and Lizzie went out on the river after cherries I finished cutting hay in No 1 after noon we raked up and cocked some

#### **Saturday 15**

Clear Father and Mother went to town Chas Alf D and I ~~went to~~ raked up and cocked some in No 1 & cultivated some corn afternoon Father came home and we hauled in 3 loads & finished cocking in No 1

#### **Monday 17th**

Clear and warm I Chas and I finished cultivating corn then I mowed the orchard Father mowed fence corners afternoon we hauled in 5 loads of hay

#### **Tuesday 18**

Clear and windy we finished hauling hay out of No 1 and mowed between the trees

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#### **July Wednesday 19th 1882**

Showery until noon after shaking and re shaking we succeeded in getting the hay nearly all in out of the orchard

#### **Thursday 20**

Clear we cultivated some beans this morning then hauled in the rest of the hay and afternoon Father and I went and cut around the wheat at the plains

#### **Friday 21st**

We cradeled around the home wheat in No 4 and set up the reaper and Father cut some then he went down and cut for Uncle Mack Chas, Alf, D, and I bound at home

#### **Saturday 22nd**

Clear and warm Mother Father and I.D went to town Chas and Alf bound for Uncle Mack until noon I finished cutting Uncle Mack's wheat brought the machine home and cut some afternoon Father came and cut some more and we bound and set it up

### **Monday 24th**

Clear and warm we finished Cutting, Binding & shocking our home wheat and took the machine to the plains this evg and cut some

### **Tuesday 25th**

Clear we cut and bound at the plains Uncle Mack helped us to bind

### **Wednesday 26**

Clear and warm Tem 92° we finished cutting and binding at the plains Father cut some for Solm<sup>n</sup>. Jones after noon Chas, Alf, D and I Shocked up some

### **Thursday 27**

Clear and warm Father went down and finished cutting Jones'es wheat and took 6 bu of wheat & 2 of corn to Merlin after noon. Chas, Alf, D, and I went and finished shocking wheat and then hauled in 5 loads of the home wheat into the barn

### **Friday 28**

Clear we finished hauling in the home wheat out of No 4 Father cut fence corners and helped us to unload

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### **July Saturday 29th 1882**

Clear. Father, Mother, and Chas, went to town in the Buggie I went, in the heavy waggon got Bet shod and three of the tires cut and set Father bought a cutting box and Paid Uncle Mack \$10.00 on his Colt and is to pay a note for \$25.00 more

### **Monday 31st**

Clear until noon when it began to rain Father Chas and I helped Uncle Mack to stack his wheat afternoon it was wet so we did not do much

### **Tuesday 1st Aug**

Rained last night and this morning we did not do much Father went to Fletcher we did not do much

### **Wednesday 2nd**

Very wet Cloudy & some rain we wed some onions and mashed the tops over & cut some fence corners Robt Hughes Came up on the Excursion yesterday and came over to our place today

### **Thursday 3rd**



Cloudy and some rain we cut some fence corners and Father Robert and I went down set up the wheat and on the plains and then went up to O.S Dykes & H Black.

#### **Friday 4th**

Showery all day Father went to Fletcher I did not do much

#### **Saturday 5**

Tolerable Clear Mother and Father went to town I cut some fence corners Chas, Alf and I.D cocked them up and hoed some beans

#### **Monday 7.**

~~Clear one shower at noon Father went to cut Morchand oats but did not cut we shook out the fence~~ Father Alf Uncle Mack and I went down and stacked Grandmothers share of the wheat and brought home two loads

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#### **Aug Tuesday 8 1882**

Rained last night Father and I cut the fence corners and I went to the plains to see about the wheat this eve

#### **Wednesday 9th**

Clear one shower at noon Father went to cut Martins oats but did not cut them we shook out the fence corner hay but it got wet again

#### **Thursday 10th**

Clear we took the fence corners in and then went down and hauled two loads of wheat from the plains

#### **Friday 11th**

Showery we did not do much

#### **Saturday 12th**

Clear shower this evg Father Mother and Alf went to town I cut Uncle Mack's oats this morning and then Chas. D. & I hauled a load of wheat from the plains

#### **Monday 14th**

Clear Father cut Mr Thomsons oats and helped us to haul 5 loads of wheat from the plains

#### **Tuesday 15**

Clear we went and got the last two loads of wheat and commenced cutting the oats at home

### **Wednesday 16**

Cloudy and showery all afternoon Father Mother and Eunice went to Detroit on the Boat I took them out to Crows Dock Mr Hughes and Aunt Maria Black went along

### **Thursday 17**

Cleared off about noon I dug out and cleaned out the trunk at the end of the lane and cut some oats after noon Chas Alf and D cut thistles in the clearing

### **Friday 18**

Clear I finished cutting oats Chas & D. went to the Dock and Brought Mother Mrs Black Mr Hughes home Father did not Come Uncle Mack impounded one gray mare & 1 bay mare and Mr Peterson took them out

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### **Aug Saturday 19 1882**

Clear Mother Mr Hughes and D went to town in the Buggie Father came home Chas. Alf & I Bound some oats

### **Monday 21**

Clear Father went to cut Uncle Macks oats but did not cut we turned and bound some

### **Tuesday 22nd**

Clear † we turned and bound oats all day

### **Wednesday 23rd**

Rained very heavy last night damp this morning I set up some of the oats that were blown down Father cut some weeds Chas and I bushed out some wood

### **Thursday 24th**

Clear Father cut Uncle Macks oats we turned the rest of our oats

### **Friday 25th**

Clear we bound up the oats at home

### **Saturday 26th**

Rained this morning Mother Father & alf went to town Chas and I logged some out in the Clearing

### **Monday 28th**

Clear Father and I went to tilburry and hauled the rest of the Bolts Pierce hauled one load we hauled 2

### **Tuesday 29th**

Clear Mother and Father went to town in the Buggie took the wooden plough to get Fixed Chas Alf D and I hauled in 3 loads of oats they were wet so we had to turn them out and then Bind them up

### **Wednesday 30th**

Tolerable Clear Father helped Horace Bond to thrash Chas Alf, D. and I turned out and hauled in the rest of our oats six loads completing the harvest after a long season of suspense

**Thursday 31st** Clear Chas ~~had~~ raked the oats stubble I ploughed afternoon, we fixed the fence around the garden and got the rakings in then we helped Horace thrash

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### **September Friday 1st 1882**

Clear Father went to Fletcher this morning Chas harrowed and gathered some weeds and burned them I ploughed all day in No 3

### **Saturday 2**

rained after noon Father Mother and D went to town I ploughed until noon in No 3 with Kate & Bet

### **Monday 4**

Clear Chas and Father hauled out 4 loads of manure and Father brought Hannah Brown down to sew for mother I ploughed in No 3 with Kate & Bet Father, Mother, Chas and I went up to Old Mr Carters funeral yesterday

### **Tuesday 5**

Clear Father and Chas ~~went~~ hauled out some manure I ploughed in No 3 ground very hard

### **Wednesday 6**

Clear Father and Chas hauled out some manure I ploughed in No 3

### **Thursday 7th**

Clear I finished ~~hauling out m~~ ploughing in No 3 Chas and F. hauled out some manure Mother Father went out to the plains this evg

### **Friday 8th**

(Clear Father and Chas hauled out some manure I went to town took 8 bu of corn to Holmeses Mill and got 1 Cwt of flour and also got a music lesson)

### **Saturday 9**

Clear Father and Mother and Chas went to town to Market and V.A. Shreveses wife came out to stay a while on a visit I.D and I ploughed the strawberry bed & hauled out 9 loads of manure and I took Hannah Brown home this evg

### **Monday 11th**

Clear we hauled out manure with the ponies in the waggon and Old Kate in lenovers cart

**Tuesday 12** Clear we hauled out manure all day

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### **Sept Wednesday 13 1882**

Clear we hauled manure all day with old Kate in the cart & Ponies in the waggon

### **Thursday 14**

Clear Father put up a slide gate at the end of the lane this morning Chas and I hauled out manure all day

### **Friday 15**

Clear Father and I went to town this morning took Cousin Georgie in I did not get a lesson as Carrie was gone to town to Father seen the D<sup>r</sup>

### **Saturday 16th**

Clear Mother Father and Chas went to town Father went to Detroit & did not come Back I hauled out the rest of the manure back of the stable ploughed, Harrowed & rooled a bed front of the & ploughed & scraped some by the Barn

### **Monday 18**

Clear Father came back this evg Chas and I ploughed and scraped ~~by~~ some dirt into the Barnyard

### **Tuesday 19**

Clear Father Chas and I ploughed and scraped a ditch up at the East end of the Barn

### **Wednesday 20th**

Tolerable Clear Father Mother Alf I.D. and I went to the Fair in Chatham Mamie Cooper went along

### **Thursday 21st**

Cloudy and drizzled rain after noon this morning Chas Father and I hauled up some wood this forenoon Afternoon Father and Mother went out to Uncle Horace Black's and got 12 bu of Wheat and 10 of oats I ploughed the headlands of No 3 for wheat Uncle Mack brought the Colt up and we weaned both Colts

### **Friday 22nd**

Clear Rained all night Father sowed wheat and Chas and I.D. harrowed it in I cut corn he sowed scott wheat on No 3

### **Saturday 23**

Clear Father and Mother went to town Chas harrowed in No 3 I cut corn I.D pulled beans

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### **Sept Monday 25 1882**

Clear Mother and Father took Joe up to Chatham and D<sup>r</sup> Springer and he\* lanced his leg a little below the hip Chas. D. and Flave pulled the beans and Chas helped me cut some corn Frost this morning

### **Tuesday 26**

Clear Father Chas and I cut corn all day

### **Wednesday 27**

Cloudy we harrowed and rolled the Barn yard hauled in the beans Father and Chas cut some corn and I run out the furrows in the wheat & ploughed some of the bean ground

### **Thursday 28**

Cloudy we finished ploughing and pulling in the wheat

### **Friday 29**

Clear we shoveled out the furrows in the wheat this forenoon afternoon Father went to fletcher Chas cut some corn

### **Saturday 30**

Clear Father and Mother went to market Alf went along Chas cut come corn I was not well

### **Monday 2nd**

Clear Chas and I ploughed at Grand Fathers for wheat Father cut some corn at home

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Clear Chas and I ploughed up at Grand Fathers Father went to town with Aunt Emma in her team

#### **Wednesday 4**

Clear we finished ploughing Father and Mother went to town this evg to the D<sup>f</sup> for Joe Father cut some corn

**Thursday 5** Clear Father and E.S. Dyke measured some ground at Grand Fathers Chas and I cut corn

#### **Friday 6th**

Clear Chas and I cut corn Father cut corn until Noon when he went with E.S. Dyke to measure ground

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#### **Saturday 7th**

Clear Father and Mother went to market Chas and I cut corn

#### **Monday 9th**

Clear we cut corn afternoon Father Mother & Chas went to help Grand Mother Poindexter thrash but she did not thrash

#### **Tuesday 10th**

Rained this evg I finished cutting corn Father and Chas helped Grand Father thrash Annie helped Grandmother

#### **Wednesday 11th**

Clear & cool Father and Mother went to town took 7½ bu of corn to town and Exchanged it for 187 lbs of flour Chas and I helped Grand Father until Noon afternoon we put up the fence between No 3 & 4

#### **Thursday 12**

Clear Father & D. went to Fletcher, Merlin & Buxton to post some notices &c Chas & I hauled up wood with Kate & Bet until 5 O'clock when I went to town and got some medicine for Joe

#### **Friday 13**

Cloudy & Rainid after Noon Father & I.D went out on The river to post the notices of Grand Fathers Real Estate sale Chas and I helped Mr Walker thrash until 2 O'clock when the rain Stopped them

#### **Saturday 14**

Clear Father and Mother went to town to market Chas and I helped Walker thrash

### **Monday 16**

Clear Father went to Fletcher and got a Scraper then him and Mother went up to Carters sale Chas and I ditched some by the barn and tramped out the beans with Kate and Bet

### **Tuesday 17**

Cloudy rained last night Father Chas and I logged all day with Kate and Bet

### **Wednesday 18**

Clear we finished the ditch by the barn and went to Fletcher to see about the bolts there was no Car Father sold them to

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### **Oct Thursday 19 1882**

Clear, heavy frost last night tem 30° we culled the potatoes & piled the good ones up and put the culls in the wood house afternoon we commenced ditching on the line between us and Paterson

### **Friday 20**

Clear, frost this morning we ditched on the line all day Father and I pitted the potatoes at noon

### **Saturday 21**

Clear, frost this morning Father Mother and Aunt Emma went to town in the buggy I ditched on the line with Kate and Bet Chas Cleared up some trash husked some corn and C

### **Monday 23rd**

Clear Father Dug a hole for a cistern by the house I started to ditch but Dow Pierce came and I had to go Fletcher to help load a car with Bolts Chas helped after noon Father came down this evg Chas went over to Mr Thompsons and got 10 bu of Oats

### **Tuesday 24**

Clear frost last night Father went to Chatham and got Mr Branton to cement the cistern he also got some sand, Brick, lime & cement I scraped on the line ditch with Kate & Bet Chas wheeled out some dirt from the cistern

### **Wednesday 25**

Clear we finished loading the Bolts this fore noon afternoon Mother and Father went to town took Mr Branton back got Kate & Bet shod and got some dry goods I ditched with the ponies Chas wheeled out dirt

### **Thursday 26th**

Clear Father Chas and I finished the line ditch Father sold the Bull for \$22.00

#### **Friday 27**

Clear we finished the line ditch before noon afternoon we went down on the Kersey drain and commenced work

#### **Saturday 28**

Cloudy Father Chas and I worked on the Kersey drain back of Aunt Emma's all day

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#### **Oct Monday 30th 1882**

Clear Father worked at the Cistern Chas and I topped and pitted the Onions beets and table carrots

#### **Tuesday 31**

Clear and Cool Chas Father and I worked on the ditch with both teams

#### **Nov Wednesday 1 1882**

Clear & Cool Father Chas and I worked on the ditch with both t{eams}

#### **Thursday 2nd**

Clear & Cool Tem 32° we worked on the ditch with Both teams

#### **Friday 3rd**

Clear Tem 32° we worked on the ditch with both teams Henry Parsons helped us with his team today @ \$3.25

#### **Saturday 4th**

Clear & Cool Mother went to town with Aunt Emma Father Chas and I worked on the ditch with both teams Henry Parsons worked with his team also

#### **Monday 6th**

Cloudy rained this evg Father went out to Thomas Russels to get some sheep got 3 lambs Henry Parsons Chas & I worked on the ditch

#### **Tuesday 7**

Clear Father, Henry, Parsons, Chas & I worked on the ditch Henry worked afternoon

#### **Wednesday 8th**



Clear Father Henry, Parsons, Chas & I worked on the ditch

#### **Thursday 9th**

Cloudy rained after noon Thanksgiving day we husked some corn

#### **Friday 10th**

Cloudy Father, Henry, Chas and I worked on the ditch

#### **Saturday 11**

Rained this morning Father & Mother went to town Chas & I dug the carrots

#### **Monday 13**

Sudden change from warm to cold slight fall of snow last night very disagreeable underfoot We topped and piled the carrots Father went up to Buxton & then down on the Kersey drain he received took the Contract of ditching Section 10 from Commissioner Fooley (for \$120.00)

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#### **Nov Tuesday 14th 1882**

Cloudy and damp Chas and I cleaned out the shed back of the stable I was not well he helped us straighten it up

#### **Wednesday 15**

Cleared off about noon Father, Henry, Chas and I worked on the ditch very muddy and wet in the ditch we finished our own job

#### **Thursday 16**

Cloudy Tem 22° Father Henry Chas and I commenced working on the Dunbrook Job very muddy Working

#### **Friday 17**

Cold & wet Father Henry Chas and I worked on the Dunbrook Job

#### **Saturday 18**

Cold Tem 22 Henrys horse was very sick last night Father & Mother went to town Chas and I finished the Dunbrook Job

#### **Monday 20th**

Clear Father and I went to town drove Kate & Bet and got a set of harness for them from Hooper Chas husked corn

**Tuesday 21st** Father fastened up the pigs (12) in number Clear Chas and I hauled up some wood with Kate & Bet and then husked corn, Bill, Moore, Bill Scott & Bill Mathews Came and hewed timber for the shed Father helped them, Bill Crawford, & Alex Walker husked corn

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Cloudy & warm Wm Moore, Scot & Mathews hewed timber Father helped Chas and I hauled in (Crawford & Walkers Corn = 33 bu) and then husked some

### **Thursday 23rd**

Cloudy and Windy Wm Moore, Scott, & Mathews finished this forenoon Chas and I husked corn until noon after noon Twas so Cold and damp that we did not husked

### **Friday 24th**

Cloudy and very windy Chas and I hauled in three loads of fodder and Fixed the logs around the Cistern Father went to Buxton this forenoon Aunt Eunice was here this afternoon

### **Saturday 25**

Clear Father and Mother went to town to market Chas, Alf I,D and I husked corn 35 bu and hauled it in Flave husked one shock

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### **Nov Monday 27 1882**

Clear & Cool I hauled out some of the timber for the shed Father & Chas measured the Lacocq line afternoon Father went away with Aunt Eunice in our buggie Chas and I helped Uncle Mack thrash his millet

### **Tuesday 28**

Clear Father & Chas helped Uncle Mack thrash I hauled out the rest of the shed timber afternoon I went down and brought the separator up with Kate & bet They brought the engine with Ponies & Uncle Macks team

### **Wednesday 29th**

Cloudy & Cool We commenced to thrash about 10 Oclock Uncle Mack, Norman Cooper, Laurenza Pierce Bill Brannum, Horace bond, John Cribbs, Wm Morehead, Louis Grandison, Henry Morton, & Grand Father Poindexter helped us I got don{e} the wheat had 275 bu

### **Thursday 30**

Cold tem 16° we got done thrashing about 11 Oclock help same as yesterday we hauled the Separator out to Wm Dostons

### **Friday 1st Dec**

Cloudy & Cool we hauled up wood this forenoon with both teams after noon we husked corn Father sold 4½ cords of dry soft wood to J. Lee for \$1.25 per cord

### **Saturday 2nd**

Commenced drizzeling about 10 O'clock we commenced we commenced husking corn but had to quit

### **Monday 4th**

Tolerable Clear Father Chas and I cleaned and bagged up and hauled to Fletcher one load of wheat 44 bu got 80¢

### **Tuesday 5**

Commenced half raining {--} afternoon we hauled two loads of wheat to Fletcher had to leave the second in Barry's shed

### **Wednesday 6**

Cloudy Father and I went down to Fletcher and hauled our load of wheat over to the Cars Chas hauled out some wood After noon we did not do much

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### **Dec Thursday 7 1882**

Cold & very windy Tem 2° snowed some last night Father went to town in the sleigh drove Kate & Bet got them shod Chas and I hauled out some wood

### **Friday 8**

Tolerable Clear & Windy Tem 6° Father Chas & I hauled sawed some maple logs for the sheds Albert Smith & Albert Daymon, came out to saw wood Father went up and got them a saw this evg

### **Saturday 9**

Cloudy Tem 12° Father Mother and Chas went town in the buggy Father paid his Taxes I hauled 3 loads of manure on to the potatoe pit and hauled in some corn into the Barn to husk Daymon & Smith sawed wood

### **Monday 11**

Cloudy and cold Tem 26 Smith and Daymon sawed wood Chas Father and I sawed ~~wood~~ some maple logs

### **Tuesday 12 My 19th birth day**

Tolerable Clear & windy Father took Joe to town in the sleigh Smith & Daymon sawed Chas D sawed some logs Spot Cow had a calf

### **Wednesday 13**

Rained this forenoon froze up this evg Chas and I hauled in some corn this afternoon 51 shocks  
Smith & Daymon sawed

### **Thursday 14**

Cloudy & windy Tem 26° Chas and I husked corn f in the Barn ~~Father~~ Smith & Daymon sawed

### **Friday 15**

Cloudy & windy Father Chas and I husked until Noon afternoon Chas and I hauled 50 shocks into  
the Barn Smith & Daymon sawed

### **Saturday 16**

Cloudy & windy snowed some Father went to town in the sleigh Chas and I husked corn and hauled  
some corn to the crib Daymon & Smith sawed until noon and then took thire saw up to Buxton and  
got it sharpened

### **Monday 18**

Cloudy ~~Rained some this morning after noon~~ Chas and I husked in the barn smith and daymon  
sawed wood Walker got a load of wood

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### **Dec Tuesday 19th 1882**

Cloudy Father and Mother went down to the Examination Chas and I husked some and hauled up  
some Smith and Daymon cut wood afternoon Father measured their wood this morning they had 18  
cords

### **Wednesday 20th**

Cloudy Father went up to the town hall to the Council Chas and I hauled in 30 shocks it rained all  
afternoon we husked some Daymon & smith sawed until Noon Thomas Paterson came out

### **Thursday 21st**

Cloudy Chas and I husked until Noon Afternoon we hauled in 31 shocks Father was out in the  
woods Smith, Daymon & Patterson sawed after noon rained this forenoon Tem 36

### **Friday 22**

Cloudy & warm Chas and I hauled in 42 shocks after noon we husked corn Father went out to the  
Town hall to the nomination Smith & Daymon went to town this afternoon

### **Saturday 23rd**

Father & Mother went to town to market Chas, Alf D & I husked corn in the barn

### **Sund Monday 25**

Warm Tem 36° Xmas day we went to Church & down to the plains

### **Tuesday 26**

Cloudy & warm Father went to town We finished husking what ~~Corn~~ corn was in and then culled and hauled up the good corn

### **Wednesday 27**

Cloudy and Warm we school Meeting day we did not do much

### **Thursday 28**

~~Cloudy & Cool Tem 32 Chas Alf D and I finished husking some corn that was in the barn and culled and hauled~~ Cloudy and Warm Chas and I hauled in 56 shocks and husked 15 after noon

### **Friday 29**

Chas, Alf D. and I hauled in 5 loads of hay from the barn to the stable

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### **Jan Saturday 30th 1882**

Cloudy & Cool Tem 26° Father and I went to town in the waggon Chas Alf & D husked some in the Barn

### **Jan Monday 1st 1883**

Cloudy & Cool The Municipal Election was held to day Father acted as Deputy Returning officer and I acted as Poll Clerk for polling subdivision No 2 the poll stood at our Polling place as follows. Dillon 36, White 53, Dolson 24 Irwin 66, Goulet 16 Williams 59; Charleston 52, Drew 27, Tolley 32

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Cloudy and warm we finished husking what corn was in the barn and then culled and hauled up what corn was here

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Cloudy and Cool Chas and I hauled in 52 shocks of corn

### **Thursday 4th**

Cloudy Father went to town in the heavy waggon and brought out a pair of bob sleighs he had ordered of Pat Shreves price \$23.00 Chas and I hauled in 40 shocks of corn snowed some this evg

**Friday 5th**

Cloudy Father Chas and I hauled 4 maple logs down to Barrys mill

**Saturday 6**

Cloudy Mother went to town with Uncle Mack Father Chas and I hauled 5 logs down to Barrys Mill

**Monday 8th**

Snowed some this forenoon Father went to town with Uncle Mack Chas and I hauled 5 logs down to Fletcher

**Tuesday 9th**

Cloudy & Cold tem 6° below Z{ero} Father and I took 2 hickory & two red oak logs and started to town the shoe came off the front Bob and he had to throw his load off we took the hickorys on in

**Wednesday 10**

Cloudy & Cold Chas and I sawed 4 saw logs and Father helped us load them on the sleigh to go to town

**{Page} 62****Jan Thursday 26 1883**

Cloudy Tem 4° Chas and I took 1 red oak and two black ash into Chatham and got 3 logs off of the road Daymon & Harrison sawing

**Friday 27** Chas and I cut two maples and hauled 3 logs to Fletcher Daymon & Harrison sawing

**Saturday 28**

Cloudy and warm tem 40° Mother and I went to town in the waggon took 20 bu of wheat got 83¢ per bu D & H did not saw but were here

**Monday 30**

Cloudy and warm Chas and I husked corn Daymon and Harrison still here sawing

**Tuesday 31**

Tolerable Clear and windy I took Mother to town to the 8 Oclock train she started for Detroit Daymon & Harrison here

**Wednesday 1st Feb Feb**

Cloudy & Windy snowed a little last night I went to Buxton this morning came back went to Fletcher took two maple logs and Brought two loads of lumber with Kate and Bet

### **Thursday 2nd**

Cold and windy Chas and I went and hauled 4 loads of lumber from Fletcher Daymon & Harrison here but did not saw

### **Friday 3rd**

Cloudy Commenced snowing after noon Chas and I hauled two large loads with Kate and Bet from Fletcher and took one 12 ft log down

### **Saturday 4th**

Tem 34° rained all day Mother came home last night I took Grandmother home rained so that we did not do much Daymon & Harrison here

### **Monday 6th**

Cold & Clear Father came home this evg by the C.S.R. I took two red oak logs to town with Kate and Bet got \$8 & \$10 per 1000 ft

### **Tuesday 7th**

Clear and Cold I took two red oak logs to town with K & B got \$12 per 1000 ft brought the old bobs home Ben Talbot & V A Shreves put new runners on the front Bob and new shoes on the hind bob Cost 3.00 & 2.25

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### **Feb Wednesday 8th 1883**

Clear & Cool Tem 20. Chas and I took 6 logs 5 red oak and one black ash into Chatham got \$8, \$10 & \$12 per 1000 ft

### **Thursday 9th**

Clear & windy Tem 6° Chas and I hauled up some wood and cut a large white oak tree for sawlogs

### **Friday 10th**

Clear and Cold Chas and I took two white oak logs to Chatham they measured 1140 ft got \$15.00 per 1000 ft

### **Saturday 11th**

Clear and Cold Tem 2° below Z{ero} Chas and I took two white oak logs to Chatham Father helped us load they measured 973 ft got \$12 & \$15 per 1000 ft

### **Monday 13th**

Chas and Mother went to hunt help to kill pigs then we hauled up some wood, Mr Potter was out, and Joe Walker got a load of green wood

### **Tuesday 14th**

Clear and pleasant Tem 24° we killed Hogs and after noon sawed 8 hichory sawlogs Ambros, Timbers, Eddy Poindexter Louis Granderson Alex Scott & Jobe Pierce Sr helped us Jobe stayed and helped us to weigh them Hogs the seven large ones weighed, 273, 291, 269, 221, 245, 287, & 268 lbs respectively

### **Wednesday 15th**

Rained nearly all day Chas and I husked corn until about noon then I took 5 hichory logs which we loaded last night to Chatham measured 539 ft

### **Thursday 16th**

Cloudy Tem 34° Father took the pork to town 7 hogs weighed 1841 lbs sold to Murray & Co got \$7.67 per 100 lbs I took 5 hichory logs to Vanallen got \$4.15¢

### **Friday 17**

Warm and rained some Tem 60° water is very high Father Chas and I went to Fletcher after ice but could not get any so we got a load of sawdust to cover what we had then I went back and got the rest of our lumber then we commenced linking the Pork

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### **Feb Saturday 18th 1883**

Cloudy and Cool Tem 30° very windy we hauled a load of hay from the barn to the stable and finished cutting and salting the pork both sows had pigs yesterday

### **Monday 19**

Cloudy and warm Tem 26° we ground the axes this forenoon and Chas and I hauled up some wood after noon, Father went down to Aunt Emma's the assessor was here this evg

### **Tuesday 20th**

Clear and Cool Chas and I hauled in some corn Father and Aunt Emma went to town in our buggie

### **Wednesday 21st**

Clear Chas and I finished hauling in the corn Father went to Aunt Emmas

### **Thursday 22**

Clear and Cool Chas and Father & I made a wood rack and Chas & I bushed out some wood afternoon this evg I went to Pierces for some buckwheat but did not get it



### **Friday 23**

Clear Cool and windy Chas and I finished hauling in the fodder and cut some wood in the woods  
Father took the saw down to H Morton to get it sharpened

### **Saturday 24**

Rained all afternoon Father and Mother went to town in the Buggie Chas and I sawed until Noon

### **Monday 26**

Cloudy windy and snowed some Father and Mother went out to F Blacks Father went to R Rosses  
sale and bought a heavy waggon for \$34.50 Chas and I did not do much

### **Tuesday 27**

Cloudy Windy and snowed some Provincial Election day Father acted as D.R.O at our polling place  
91 votes polled giving Clancy a majority of 27

### **Wednesday 28 \***

Tolerable Clear Father and I went to town Father took the Ballot box I got the first lesson on another  
quarter paid \$5.00

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### **1883 Friday 2nd March**

Tolerable Clear Chas Father and I worked in the bush until noon after which Father went to Felixes  
& Chas and I husked corn

### **Thursday 1st**

Cloudy Chas and I moved some hay in the barn and hauled a load in Father and Chas went down to  
Fletcher and then out to R Rosses after the waggon be bought at the sale price \$34.50 thermometer  
50° at noon

### **Saturday 3rd**

Clear Father Chas and I worked in the woods all day

### **Monday 5**

Snowed some this morning we bushed out wood with both teams all day

### **Tuesday 6th**

Snowed this forenoon warm we did not do much

### **Wednesday 7th**

Clear and windy Tem 1° Father and I went to town I got a lesson

#### **Thursday 8**

Clear Tem 2° Father Chas and I hauled two loads of Ice from Fletcher and packed it in the wood house Jobe Pierces sawed it Father sold 4 steers coming 3 yrs old to J houston for \$105.00

#### **Friday 9th**

Clear & windy I hauled two loads of sawdust and put them in the wood house on the ice Chas & Father chopped some before noon

#### **Saturday 10th**

Windy and snowed most of the day Father went to town Chas and I husked corn in the barn until noon afternoon I went down to Fletcher and got a load of sawdust

#### **Monday 12th**

Cloudy Cool and windy Father Chas and I hauled out manure from the stable and put spread it on the wheat

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#### **March Tuesday 13th 1883**

Clear and warm Chas and I took 4 loads of manure out of the Colts shed and put it on the wheat

#### **Wednesday 14**

Clear Father and I went to town took Joe in to see the Dr I got a lesson I went to south Buxton this evg to a consert

#### **Thursday 15**

Clear but windy Father Chas & I worked in the woods

#### **Friday 16**

Cloudy & Windy Chas and I hauled out 4 loads of manure & shelled 3 bags of corn Father went to Buxton this afternoon

#### **Saturday 17th**

Clear & windy Father went to town Chas and I worked in the woods most of the day Father took 6 bu of corn to get ground

#### **Monday 19**

Snowed most all day very windy we did not do much but finished cleaning up the wheat about 8 inches of snow fell

### **Tuesday 20**

Clear and Cold Tem 8° below Z{ero} we bushed out wood with both teams all day

### **Wednesday 21**

Clear & Cold Tem 6° below Z{ero} we bushed out wood with both teams

### **Thursday 22** Flower Cow had a calf

Clear & Cold Tem 2° below Z{ero} Father Aunt Emma & I went to town I got a lesson Father sowed the lot back of the Barn in clover seed this morning

### **Friday 23**

Blustery & snowing some we cut and hauled some wood out of the woods Tem this morning 2° below Z{ero}

### **Saturday 24**

Clear and warm we cut and hauled a 16 & a twelve foot maple log down to Barrys Mill to get sawed and hauled out some logs to saw up into stove wood on the ridge back of the barn Tem 10° this Morning

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### **March Monday 26th 1883**

Clear Father and I went down to Fletcher and got the lumber 640 ft got Kates front shoes put back on after noon Chas Father and I bushed out wood with both teams

### **Tuesday 27th**

Clear we bushed out wood with both teams this evg we hauled in a load of hay

### **Wednesday 28th**

Clear we cut down some trees in the bush Chas hauled out some logs for wood. Very wet in the bush

### **Thursday 29th**

Clear Tem 24 Father Alf and I went to town in the buggie I got a lesson Alf got some medicine for his knees

### **Friday 30th**

Clear & warm Father took the short Cross Cut saw over and got Henry Morton to sharpen it Chas and I piled lumber until noon after noon we all three worked in the Bush Tem 28° this morning

#### **Saturday 31st**

Clear and Warm Tem 22° in the morning Father Chas and I slashing timber in the bush all day

#### **April Monday 2nd 1882 {should be 1883}**

Clear and Warm Tem 24° Father Chas and I worked in the Bush

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

Clear Tem 36° Father trimmed some trees Chas and I husked corn hauled in a load of hay and Opened the potatoe pitt J.W Kersey brought his tools down to Commence on our sheds

#### **Wednesday 4**

Tolerable Clear Tem 36° J.W Kersey George Kersey and Father Commenced Work framing the sheds today Chas and I moved some timber for them with the ponies and then husked corn

#### **Thursday 5**

Rained nearly all day Tem 48° Chas and I husked corn in the Barn all day Father let off some water &c

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#### **April Friday 6th 1883**

Cloudy Tem 34° rained some this evg Father, J W Kersey & Geo Kersey worked on the shed frame. Chas and I husked corn in the Barn

#### **Saturday 7th**

Cloudy rained and snowed some last night Tem 32° Father and Chas went to town took 4 bu of wheat to get ground roads very muddy I.D & I finished husking corn

#### **Monday 9th**

Clear and Warm Tem 42° in the Morning J.W. Kersey George Kersey & Father worked on the shed frame Chas and I hauled and Culled Corn & put it in the Crib

#### **Tuesday 10th**

Clear & warm Tem 40° J.W. Geo & Father Worked on the shed Chas and I hauled up the last load of corn and Father and Chas ~~hau~~ sawed the shed blocks and I hauled them up

#### **Wednesday 11th**

Clear and warm Tem 40° in the morning JW Kersey & Geo finished framing the shed Father Chas and I dug post holes &c

#### **Thursday 12**

Clear & warm we got ready and raised the shed at the East end of the Barn J.W. Sr & Geo Kersey and Uncle Mack Cooper helped

#### **Friday 13th**

Clear J.W Geo and Father put the rafters on this forenoon, Chas and {I} took out some Carrots, Onions, and potatoes

#### **Saturday 14th**

Clear and warm tem 46° Father and I went to town in the Buggie Father got a keg of 100 nails paid 3¼¢ per lb and rented Pattersons bush for pasture for 5 mo to begin on 15th of May for \$20.00

#### **Monday 16th**

Clear F and warm Father hung up the meat Chas and I spread the manure in the garden and took out the potatoes and rest of carrots also took up the parsnips Father went to hunt a girl brought Adaline Burns home

#### **Tuesday 17th**

Clear and warm Father and Mother went to town I rolled the meadow No 5 Chas spread manure in the garden Mamie Morgan was here Alex Robinson's wife washed for mother

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#### **April Wednesday 18 1883**

Tolerable Clear We hauled some manure on to the garden and commenced spreading some of the manure out in No 1 Father was trimming trees

#### **Thursday 19**

Clear & Cool Chas and I hauled out and spread manure on No 1 until noon after noon ~~Chas~~ Father took Grand Mother and Uncle Horace blacks oats home Chas and I took 2 bags of onions & 3 bu of parsnips down to J Stewarts got \$2.00 for onions & 75 for parsnips for the lot

#### **Friday 20**

Clear & Cool Father trimmed trees Chas ploughed the garden I manured the potatoe patch

#### **Saturday 21**

Clear Chas and I ploughed a half day in No 5 Chas went up to Felixes and got the harrows and harrowed the garden this evg we hauled a load of hay from the Barn Father went to hunt a girl

### **Monday 23nd**

Chas and I ploughed in No 5 Cool all day and windy ice covered the well last night Chas rooled the garden and Father fixed up too Broken slide gates and planted a row of potatoes this evg in the garden Cooper Cow had a Calf

### **Tuesday 24rd**

Cold Tem 28° snowed some Chas and I ploughed all in No 5 Father planted some onions in the garden

### **Wednesday 25th**

Cool Tem 40° Chas and I finished ploughing the East part of No 5 by Noon and ploughed No 2 for potatoes after noon, Father planted some beets, letus, carrots and potatoes in the garden

### **Thursday 26**

Rained this afternoon Tem 40° Father sowed white side oats until noon in No 5 but had to quit Chas and I harrowed then in

### **Friday 27th**

Cloudy showery afternoon Father and Mother went to Fletcher I planted 3 crab apple trees afternoon we cleaned up the oats 66 bu

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### **April May Saturday 28 1883**

Clear & Cool Father and I went to town I got a lesson Father sent draft to \*Nebraska for Payment on land \$69.75

### **Monday 30**

Clear & Warm we finished putting in oats in No 5 and harrowed the potatoe patch Willard altered Bob & Mack Colts this afternoon

### **Tuesday 1st May**

Chas and I run out the furrows in the oats planted 6 rows of potatoes and went down to Zebzes and commenced ploughing for oats Father went along

### **Wednesday 2nd**

Clear and Warm Chas and I ploughed at Zebzes all day Father took the harrow teeth to get sharpened and planted some turnips

### **Thursday 3rd**

Showery Father Chas and I trimmed the grape vines & Black Berries and nailed some sideing on the shed

#### **Friday 4th**

Cloudy Father went to Buxton and got 3 mulberry trees Chas and I planted a few potatoes and spread some manure in No 1 after noon we went down and finished ploughing front field at Zebzes

#### **Saturday 5th**

Cloudy and Cool we started to harrow and rool the wheat but it was too wet Father and Mother went to Fletcher Chas and I planted 12 cherry trees along the lane in No 5 after noon Father sowed & Chas and I harrowed in the oats in front field at Zebzes sowed 9 bu

#### **Sunday 6th**

Clear Kate had a Colt running 11 mo exactly

#### **Monday 7th**

Cloudy rained some last night Father Chas and I worked on the shed some Father went to N Buxton after noon

#### **Tuesday 8th**

Cloudy Father went to dresden to attend Josiah Huson's \* Funeral I went to Chatham got a lesson

#### **Wednesday 9th**

Cloudy rained some last night We finished sideing the shed at the East end of the Barn

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#### **May Thursday 10th 1883**

Showery all the afternoon we went Father Chas and I down to the Zebs place to plough and burn of fodder &c got caught in the rain and came home after noon Bet had a Colt after running 10 mo 27 days

#### **Friday 11th**

Clear & pleasant we sawed wood until noon after noon I ploughed in the sod No 1 with the ponies Father and Chas sawed some stove wood

#### **Saturday 12th**

Clear but Cool Father and Mother went to town Chas and I sawed stove wood most of the day

**Monday 14**

Cloudy & Cool rained very heavy this evg we sawed some stove wood

**Tuesday 15th**

Eliza Jane Done came here this morning to work Cleared off this forenoon Chas and I let off some water and sawed stove wood Father went to Buxton & helped us some

**Wednesday 16th**

Clear Father Chas and I took 3 Calfs Over to Chas Done's to pasture went around and let the water off of the oats at Zebzes then came home and hauled out manure and spread it in No 1 afternoon Father went to Fletcher

**Thursday 17th**

Clear Father went out on the plains Chas and I hauled out and spread manure in No 1 all day

**Friday 18th**

Clear Father put Kate and Bet to the Clydesdale stallion Young Wonder at Stewarts this morning Chas and I harrowed and rolled the wheat with both teams Chas planted some potatoes

**Saturday 19**

Rained some last night heavy wind & rain storm this evg Tolerable Clear all day Father went to town took 6 bu of wheat to get ground I ploughed sod in No 1 Chas planted potatoes

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**May Monday 21st 1883\***

Rained all day long Chas and I took the straw off of the hay in the barn and hauled a load of hay and put it in the stable

**Tuesday 22nd**

Cloudy & showered some Father went to Fletcher Chas and I put a Bridge over the line ditch between us and Patterson for the cattle and horses to go over to the Pasture

**Wednesday 23rd**

Tolerable Clear Father Chas and I scoured out the ditch back of the barn along No 4

**Thursday 24**

Clear Father went to Fletcher Chas and I ploughed in No 1, took a young sow too Henery Parsonses Pig this morning



**Friday 25**

Clear Chas and I finished spreading manure on No1 and ploughed some afternoon Father sold a Calf to the Butchers this evg for \$4.00

**Saturday 26**

Rained most all day Father Mother Grand Mother and I went to town in the Buggie I got a lesson

**Monday 28**

Rained some yesterday We finished ploughing the sod in No 1 and let off some water Rained some this Evening

**Tuesday 29**

Cloudy Chas and I nailed the sheeting on the shed Father put on some shingles

**Wednesday 30**

Rained all the afternoon Father went to town and got a 7000 load of Cedar shingles for the shed paid \$3.00 per thousand Chas and I shingled until Noon & shelled some corn

**Thursday 31**

Clear Father Chas and I out shingles on the shed all day

**Friday 1st June**

Clear Father Chas and I finished shingling the shed Elder Smith was here\*

**{Page} 74****June Saturday 2nd 1883**

Clear Father and Grand Mother Poindexter went to town in our Buggie I ploughed until Noon in No 5 for corn afternoon I hauled up timber &c

**Monday 4**

Tolerable clear rained last night I finished hauling up the timber for the stable father went to meet Elliot and Iacocq on the line ditch

**Tuesday 5**

Rained after noon Father went to town took 26½ bu of wheat Yearling Colt commenced bleeding from being altered I went to town on old Kate and and told Father of it he got better after dark

**Wednesday 6**

Rained after noon Chas and I piled lumber until noon afternoon we worked in the garden I planted some sweet corn in the potatoe patch

#### **Thursday 7**

Clear we planted some potatoes in the potatoe patch after noon Chas and I dug a ditch into the garden Father went to Buxton after noon

#### **Friday 8**

Clear and warm Father Alf and I.D. worked in the garden Chas and I ploughed in upper part of No 5 with both teams I took Kate & bet to the Horse Bet took the Horse

#### **Saturday 9**

Rained some this morning Father went to town in the Buggie Chas and I harrowed marked off and planted 20 rows of corn in No 5 Americus Cooper finished souring oats ~~today~~ yesterday at felixes

#### **Monday 11**

Cleared off this Morning Windy Chas and I finished piling lumber Cut the stack away for the shed and piled some manure

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#### **Tuesday 12th June 1883**

Showery afternoon Chas and I ploughed in No 5 for corn Father worked in the garden

#### **Wednesday 13**

Clear Chas and I finished ploughing in No 5 this forenoon and planted some after noon father in Garden working

#### **Thursday 14**

Clear Chas and I ~~ple~~ finished planting corn in No 5 this forenoon after noon we ploughed at Zebzes with both teams

#### **Friday 15**

Tolerable Clear Chas and I ploughed in ~~No~~ at Zebzes with both teams Father worked in the garden

#### **Saturday 16**

Very hot this forenoon showery after noon Father went to town took 8 pieces Ham, Shoulder, and flitches, got 14¢ for Ham and flitch & 13 for Shoulder I ploughed at Zebzes

#### **Sunday 17\***

Father went to town for the Dr for Mother she is very sick\*

### **Monday 18**

Rained last night Father went to town after a road scraper Dr springer came out to see Mother Chas and I ground the Cythes and done some Jobs &c

### **Tuesday 19**

We hauled up some wood &c. afternoon Chas and I ploughed at Zebzes Father attended on the line the Surveyor was on the line ditch between us and Lacocq

### **Wednesday 20**

Cloudy Chas and I ploughed at Zebzes Father packed up the meat and went to see Uncle Mack ~~ditch~~ sheep that were killed by dogs

### **Thursday 21**

Clear Chas and I.D. harrowed and marked off the corn ground at Zebzes and I planted some corn with the planter

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### **June Friday 22nd 1883**

Clear I finished planting corn at Zebzes Chas and ID ~~finished~~ Harrowed sod in No 1 Father worked in the garden

### **Saturday 23**

Clear Father went town took some pork got 14¢ for Ham I harrowed until noon then I went to town on Old Kate for the Dr for Mother

**Sunday 24** Dr Springer came out to see Mother this morning

### **Monday 25**

Cloudy Chas harrowed and I cultivated sod with Kate and bet

### **Tuesday 26**

Cloudy Cleared off afternoon Chas and I Harrowed and Cultiva{ted} sod Father worked in the garden

### **Wednesday 27**

Cloudy & showery we took the cultivator home and got Mr Walkers drill to drill in beans but it was too wet to drill after noon I ploughed the potatoe patch up with one horse

### **Thursday 28**

Cloudy Father Chas, I.D, Alf and I hoed potatoes after noon Alf and ID picked strawberries and Father shot squirrels

#### **Friday 29**

Clear I drilled in the beans Chas rolled with the ponies Father in the garden after he took Grandmother home and I rolled the most of the corn in No 5

#### **Saturday 30**

Clear Father went to town us boys hoed potatoes all day

#### **Monday 2nd**

Clear Father went to town on George Horse I ploughed at Zebzes very hot Chas Alf & D pulled the mustard out of the oats

#### **Tuesday 3**

Clear & Hot Chas and I ploughed at Zebzes Father Alf and I.D. Hoed in the garden

#### **Wednesday 4**

Clear and Hot Chas and I ploughed until noon after noon Father sowed some Buck Wheat and we commenced Harrowing it in but the rain stoped us

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#### **June Thursday 5 1883**

Chas and I cultivated corn and potatoes at home until noon afternoon we went down Chas rooled corn and I finished harrowing in the buckwheat Father sowed it & hoed some

#### **Friday 6**

Clear and Hot I finished rolling corn and Buckwheat Chas harrowed corn and Father Hoed corn I.D. uncovered

#### **Saturday 7**

Showered a all the afternoon Father went to town Chas and I cultivated a little

#### **Monday 9**

Clear and Cool Chas and I finished cultivating the home corn this forenoon and then we all hoed corn the rest of the day Rose Cow had a calf last night

#### **Tuesday 10**

Clear and Cool Chas and I cultivated corn at Zebzes Alf and I.D uncovered Father hoed in the garden

### **Wednesday 11**

Clear Chas and I finished cultivating corn at Zebzes

### **Thursday 12**

Rained this evg I cut the grass in the Orchard this forenoon with the machine Father mowed with the Cythe Boys Hoed beans some this morning

### **Friday 13**

Rained this evg we hoed some beans and shook up some hay but it got wet

### **Saturday 14**

Father went town this forenoon we hoed beans afternoon we hauled in one load of hay it was damp

### **Monday 16**

Clear we hoed some beans I cut hay afternoon in No 1

### **Tuesday 17**

I finished cutting in No 1 after noon we hauled in some with Both teams

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### **July Wednesday 18th 1883**

Clear & windy we hauled the hay in out of No 1 & worked some beans in the morning Temperature pleasant

### **Thursday 19th**

Clear & pleasant we put up the reaper this morning Uncle Mack Cooper got it to cut wheat we hauled in the hay out of the orchard Alf sulkey raked No 1 and we hauled in the rakings afternoon we hoed in the beans Father went down to cut after noon but broke the machine

### **Friday 20th**

Clear in the morning Father cut some for Uncle Mack we hoed beans all day Father hoed afternoon

### **Saturday 21**

Drizzled rain this morning until after 10 Oclock Father went to town Chas Alf I.D. and I hoed beans

### **Monday 23**

Showery and wet poured down rain nearly all night last night I ploughed and harrowed up some beds front of the house for strawberries and cultivated some beans and we hoed some

### **Tuesday 24**

Raining this morning very muddie Father went over to Martin Dillons on horse back I hauled up some wood with George we cut around the wheat this evg

### **Wednesday 25**

Clear Father and Mother went to town to the Dr Chas and I mowed fence corners Alf and D cocked them up turned Loucast Lacocqs bull in among our cattle

### **Thursday 26**

Clear Father cut ~~our~~ most of our wheat and we boys bound

### **Friday 27**

Clear we finished cutting and binding our wheat this forenoon afternoon we shocked it up and hauled in the fence corners

### **Saturday 28**

Clear Father, Chas and Alf went to town to see barnum's show I did not do much finished cultivating the beans this evg

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### **Aug Monday 30 1883**

Clear Chas and I cultivated  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the corn at Zebzes afternoon we worked in the hay Father cut hay before noon in No 4

### **Tuesday 31**

Clear and Cool Father cut some more meadow Chas and I cultivated somemore of the corn and worked in the hay afternoon

### **Wednesday 1st Aug**

Clear we hauled in 13 loads of hay into the barn out of No 4 with both teams finished cutting this morning

### **Thursday 2**

Clear heavy shower this evening we hauled in hay out of No 4 ~~finished~~

### **Friday 3**

Clear Father helped Abe Patterson this morning Chas and I cut fence corners Alf sulkey raked stubble afternoon we hauled in hay

#### **Saturday 4**

Clear Mother and Father went to town Chas Alf ID and I hauled in the wheat and a load of fence corner hay out of No 4

#### **Monday 6**

Clear we finished hauling in the hay and rakings this forenoon and finished working the Zeb's corn this afternoon took Uncle mack's ~~rake~~ hay rack home and brought the roller home from Zeb's

#### **Tuesday 7**

Clear Chas and I ploughed all day with both teams in the wheat stubble No 4 Father commenced clearing up the ground for the ditch

#### **Wednesday 8**

Clear we all logged and burned on the line between us and Lacocq

#### **Thursday 9**

Clear we logged and burned on the line between us and Lococq all day

#### **Friday 10**

Clear we finished logging and burning on the line (and we grubbed some) after noon Father went to Grand Mother's I shelled 10 bu of corn

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#### **Aug Saturday 11 1883**

Clear Father and Mother went to town Chas alf ID and I grubbed some stumps on the line

#### **Monday 13**

Clear we commenced ditching on the line between us and Lacocq

#### **Tuesday 14**

we ditched on the line between us and Lacocq

#### **Wednesday 15**

Clear we worked on the ditch between us and lacocq

#### **Thursday 16th**

Clear we worked on the line ditch between us and Lacocq

#### **Friday 17**

Clear we worked on the Ditch all day very warm

#### **Saturday 18**

Clear Father went to town I commenced cutting oats in No 5 and bound some on the ridge

#### **Monday 20**

Clear Rained some yesterday we worked some on the Ditch after noon we ditched a little ~~Bound~~  
~~Oats in No 5~~

#### **Tuesday 21**

Clear We finished binding what oats were cut and I finished cutting the oats in No 5 Father went to the Tilburry

#### **Wednesday 22**

Clear we bound some in No 5 Rained some this evg

#### **Thursday 23**

Clear Father went out to the river and got Patience Scott and brought Mother home too after noon Father went down and ~~took~~ cradled around the oats I took the machine down and cut them

#### **Friday 24**

Clear we ditched until noon afternoon we went down and bound some oats at Zebzes

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#### **Aug Saturday 25 1883**

Clear Father went to town we hauled in 3 loads of Oats out of No 5 and went down and finished binding at Zebzes

#### **Monday 27**

Clear We finished hauling in our Oats also them at Zebzes

#### **Tuesday 28** ~~drizzled rain this~~

Drizzled rain this forenoon after noon we worked some on the ditch Between lots 4 and 5

#### **Wednesday 29**



Clear we worked on the Ditch all day with both teams Father Mother Joe and I went down to Aunt Emmas to Mamie and Johns wedding

#### **Thursday 30**

Clear Cool nights Father and Mother went to town Chas and I worked on the ditch with Kate & Bet Father took 12 bu of wheat to town got \$1.10 per bu

#### **Friday 31**

Clear we finished the lower part of the ditch as deep as we could scrape it after noon Chas and I ploughed some in No 4

#### **Saturday 1st**

Clear Chas and I ploughed all day in No 4 ground very hard Father spaded out some of the Bottom

#### **Monday 3rd**

Rained some yesterday morning Chas ploughed all day in No 4 I ploughed until noon Old Kate got sick and I had to quit Father spaded on the ditch

#### **Tuesday 4**

Clear and Cool I went to town on old Bet got McKerrisher Veterinary Surgeon to come out to see Old Kate Chas ploughed in No 4 with Ponies Father Ditched

#### **Wednesday 5**

Clear Father and I Ditched on the line with the spade throwing out the Bottom of the ditch Chas ploughed with Ponies

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#### **Sept ~~August~~ Saturday 11 1883**

Clear Father and Mother went to town took 10 bu of corn in the buggy got 56¢ per bu Chas Alf and I grubbed out some stumps on the line

#### **Monday 13**

#### **Thursday 6**

Clear Father went to town in the buggy took 6 bu of wheat to get ground Chas and I ditched on the line with the spade

#### **Friday 7**

Cloudy rained some this afternoon, we finished bottoming the lower part of the ditch Father went to the Kersey drain to see some ditching sold out

### **Saturday 8**

Clear we hauled the dirt back from the ditch which was thrown out with the spade with both teams after noon Father went down to Zebzes to see the corn & buck wheat Chas and I hauled out manure on to No 6

**Sunday ~~Monday~~ 9** frost last night

### **Monday 10**

Clear heavy frost last night Chas hauled up wood and hauled out manure with Kate & Bet Father grubbed at a stump on the ditch I helped Dow Pierce to haul his oats from Felixes place down to Fletcher

### **Tuesday 11th**

Clear & Cool Chas and I hauled out manure with both teams

### **Wednesday 12**

Clear and Tolerable Cool Father finished grubbing out the elm stump on the ditch Chas and I hauled out manure with both teams

### **Thursday 13**

Clear Father burned in the bush Chas and I hauled out manure

### **Friday 14**

Clear Father helped Uncle Mack Thrash this morning Chas and I hauled some manure and cut the Buckwheat at Zebzes with the reaper

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### **Saturday 15**

Father and I went to town got the horses front feet shod I brought out a load of brick 500

### **Monday 17**

Clear Father went to town in the buggy Chas and I spread manure after noon we tried to harrowed in some wheat but it was too dry

### **Tuesday 18**

Clear and Cool we Commenced working on the Kersey drain up back of Joe Robinses with both teams & henry parsons helped with his team

### **Wednesday 19**

Cloudy we worked on the Kersey drain with all three teams ours and Henry Parsons my scraper bail broke this morning and Chas took it to the shop

#### **Thursday 20**

Rained some Father and Mother went to town after noon, Chas and I spread some manure and helped Horace Bond thrash some

#### **Friday 21st**

Cloudy this morning rained some last night Father sowed Clawson wheat (seed last years growing) in No 4 and Chas and I harrowed it in with Both teams ground very hard

#### **Saturday 22nd**

Tolerable Clear Father finished sowing wheat in No 4 Chas and I finished harrowing it in and I ploughed the headlands ploughed the wheat in on the lower headland

#### **Monday 24**

Cloudy and showery all day Father and Chas went and got the plow ~~and got the f~~ off of the ditch and got it fixed and started to help Horace Bond thrash but it rained I run the water furrows in No 4 and started ploughing in No 6

#### **Tuesday 25**

Cloudy and Cool Father shot some squirrels spread some manure and sold all of the cordwood we had to the dredge Captain, E.T. Martin Chas and I ploughed all day in No 6

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#### **Sept Wednesday 26 1883**

Clear Father and Chas helped Horace Bond to thrash I went to town and got the horse doctor to come out and see pat Colt he said he had the spasmodic colic after noon I shook out manure alf and I harrowed

#### **Thursday 27**

Clear Father and Chas helped Horace Bond finish thrash after noon Father stood up the buckwheat Chas and I ploughed in No 6

#### **Friday 28**

Clear We finished ploughing and spreading manure in No 6 Alf and I.D. pulled beans

#### **Saturday 29**

Cloudy Rained some this evg Father and Mother went to town I finished harrowing No 6, and Chas and I hauled up a load of buck wheat from Zebzes

### **Monday, October 1st 1883**

Clear and Cool frost last night Father went and got 8 bu of Democrat Wheat paid \$1.25 per bu Chas and I finished out the wood piles to be measured after noon we drilled in Democrat Wheat in No 6 with Chas Lenovers drill

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Rained almost all last night very wet We picked the seed wheat afternoon Chas and I hauled up the thrashing wood and cleaned some seed wheat for Grandmother

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Clear and Cool we finished drilling in the democrat wheat in No 6 and harrowed it over and afternoon I run the furrows out and shoveled them Father and Chas got a load of buck wheat home

### **Thursday 4**

Clear Chas and I got some barrels and went and hauled a load of water for the thrashing Father started a well behind the barn afternoon I went out to John Kearnses and got the separator Father and Chas went and got the rest of the buckwheat

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### **Oct Friday 5 1883**

Clear got up steam to thrash but the skum valve blew out and could not thrash I.D. and I got a load of water we hauled in some beans and pulled some Father bought the County right to a steam washing machine

### **Saturday 6**

Cloudy and damp Father and Mother went to town in the heavy waggon and got a set of harness for the ponies also a barrel of salt and some boards to make a waggon box Chas and I throwed manure away from the barn door Alf and .D. finished pulling the beans

### **Monday 8**

Clear we thrashed with Johnson and Done's machine John Brown, Robert Harden, Norman Cooper, Grand Father Poindexter, Americus Cooper, Horace Bond, and John Cribbs helped us we had 57 bu of scott wheat 40 bu of Buck wheat and 260 bu of oats

### **Tuesday 9**

Clear shower in the evening I hauled the engine down to Grand Mothers and Chas and I got a load of water Father dug in the well back of the barn after noon we hauled in the beans

### **Wednesday 10**

Cloudy and damp we recommenced ~~see~~ work on the Kersey drain back of Robinses Henry parsons helped us

#### **Thursday 11**

Tolerable Clear We worked on the ditch with our teams and Henry Parsons'es

#### **Friday 12**

Clear We worked on the ditch with all three teams Ours and Henry's Tollie came this evg and gave Father an order for \$45.00 on the ditch

#### **Saturday 13th**

Cloudy and rained this evg Father and Mother went to town Chas and I grubbed out an oak tree on the ditch & cut some corn out of the way of the ditch

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#### **Oct Monday 15 15 1883**

Clear and cool heavy frost last night Father Chas and I finished our part of the line ditch between us and Lacocq Henry helped us until noon with his team

#### **Tuesday 16**

Clear We worked on the ditch with all three teams all day

#### **Wednesday 17**

Clear We worked on the ditch with all three teams Henrys and ours

#### **Thursday 18**

Cloudy rained a little we worked on the ditch all day

#### **Friday 19**

Cloudy showery we worked on the ditch all day

#### **Saturday ~~19~~ 20**

Cloudy we worked on the ditch all day with all three teams

#### **Monday 22**

Cloudy and Cool we worked on the ditch all day

#### **Tuesday 23**

Cloudy and Cool we finished our job on the Kersey drain this afternoon

### **Wednesday 24**

Cloudy Father took the ploughs to town to get them fixed we skinned ~~a heiffer~~ one of the heiffer calves we got from Aunt Emma Chas and I pitted the potatoes

### **Thursday 25**

Cloudy rained some this evg Father Chas and I cut a flat ditch through East half of No 1 with the teams

### **Friday 26**

Rained some this morning we plained and cut out the Boards for a waggon box and fanned up the buckwheat had 21 bu clean

### **Saturday 27**

Clear Father went to town with the ponies in the buggie Aunt Emma went along I went in with Kate and Bet and got a load of Brick, 500 Chas alf and D pulled some beans

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### **Monday 29th 1883**

Father and mother went to town in the buggie after some things Father brought out Aunt Maria Blacks coffin, Chas and I hauled up some wood &c

### **Tuesday 30th**

Clear & windy Father, Mother, Chas, Alf and I went to Aunt Maria's funeral today this evg I finished putting the waggon box together

### **Wednesday 31st**

Clear Cool and Windy Father and I went to town with both teams after brick got the new waggon box ironed and got 1100 brick Mother went to Windsor this evg

### **Thursday 1st November**

Cloudy blowing a little snow we hauled the water out of the well back of the barn Father commenced digging Chas and I hauled the dirt away and pitted the carrots

### **Friday 2nd**

Tolerable clear and cool Father went to the ditch sale on the 4 Con we pitted the apples and scraped another flat outlet ditch in No 1

### **Saturday 3**

Cloudy Father went to town in the buggy Chas and I pitted the turnips hauled ½ barrel of water to the hogs and hauled 2 loads of stone for the stable foundation and one load of sand

### **Sunday 4th**

Clear and warm Father and Chas took Aunt Emma to Charing Cross to meet the Express bound for Xenia for Grandmothers body

### **Monday 5**

Clear Father went to town in the buggy chas and I dug in the well back of the barn Mother came home from Windsor this evg

### **Tuesday 6**

Clear and Cool Aunts Emma and Eunice arrived at Buxton\* with Grand Mother Shadds Body she died in Xenia Ohio Saturday evg 3rd of November

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### **Nov Wednesday 7th 1883**

Clear we attended Grand Mother Shadds funeral today she was 76 yrs old and was Burried in the Cemetry in Chatham Mother was not able to attend

### **Thursday 8**

Clear and warm Father dug some in the well behind the barn Chas Alf I.D and I husked some corn this afternoon

### **Friday 9th**

Clear except one shower we finished digging the well behind the barn Father walled it up

### **Saturday 10th**

Rained some Father went to town in the buggy I took a grist to Merlin 6 bu of wheat and 6 bu of corn and hauled in a waggon box of corn in out of the field 20 bu

### **Monday 12th**

Very windy & cool tem 30° Z Father dug out a hole for a cistern Chas went down and brought the pigs up from the Zebs place I hauled out some manure from the barn onto the meadow by the barn

### **Tuesday 13**

Cloudy windy and cool Tem 28° Z Father went to Chatham and brought out Mr Branton to cement the cistern I went down to Grandmothers logging bee Chas Alf and D. cut some corn

### **Wednesday 14**

Cloudy and windy Tem 27° Mr Branton patched the house and cemented the cistern we tended on him

#### **Thursday 15**

Windy and Cold Tem 20° Father went up to Felixes with Aunts Emma and Eunice and Old Man Potter Chas and I hauled up some wood

#### **Friday 16**

Tolerable Clear windy and Cold Tem 16° Father took the Butter down to grand Mothers and worked some at the cistern Chas and I husked corn

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#### **Nov Saturday 17 1883**

Clear Tolerable Windy Tem 27° in the Morning 42° this Evg Father went to town Chas went along I hauled in some fodder and corn and cleaned up the barn floor

#### **Monday 19th**

Clear and pleasant Father Aunt Emma and Aunt Eunice went to town in our buggy Father got some dry good for winter Chas Alf, I.D, & I husked corn in No 8 all day

#### **Tuesday 20th**

Cloudy and showery Father Aunts Eunice and Emma went \*up to Grand Fathers place to take an inventory of goods Chas Alf ID and I husked corn

#### **Wednesday 21**

Cloudy and showery Father went to town for the Dr for Mother we ~~pey~~ boys husked some in the barn and cleaned up the floor

#### **Thursday 22**

Cloudy and damp Tem 50° Father went to town and sent Dr Ligh out to see Mother I let off some water andc {&c}

#### **Friday 23rd**

Cloudy and damp Tem 45° Father went ~~over~~ down to fletcher before noon afternoon he went over to meet Toolie on the ditch Chas alf ID. and I started to scrape a ditch between us and Lacocq across the front field

#### **Saturday 24**

Tolerable Clear very muddy I went to town on horseback to get the Dr for Mother who is very sick afternoon we scraped out the rest of the ditch between us and Lacocq in No 1



## **Monday 26**

Rained all night and some today Father went to town in the buggy very muddy forenoon Loucast Lacocq and I cleaned out the railroad ditches from the line ditch to the culvert and back

## **Tuesday 27**

Clear and Cold Tem 26° Chas and I scraped a flat ditch across the upper part of No 1 Father sowing on the machine

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## **Nov Wednesday 28 1883**

Clear Tem 28° Father went to Fletcher after noon he hewed the pieces for the well curb and went to trustee meeting this evg, Chas Alf ID and I logged until noon afternoon I fixed the well curb

## **Thursday 29**

Clear and Cool Tem 34° Father Chas and I dug a ditch and graded the dirt up around the school house after noon Father pumped out the school house well and cleaned it out we boys finished husking corn

## **Friday 30th**

Cloudy and cool Tem 42° Chas and I hauled in the fodder Father and I measured off the line for the ditch and fence for the back of the clearing Father painted the waggon box and Chas and I put the frame down for the well curb behind the barn

## **Saturday 1st December**

Clear one shower before noon Father went to town we put the mower and sulky rake overhead in the shed by the barn afternoon we logged some

## **Monday 3rd**

Clear but Cool Tem 28° Chas and I hauled up wood Father went to town

## **Tuesday 4**

Tolerable clear Father and Aunt Emma went down to Gerrits in our buggy Chas Alf ID and I logged some in the clearing after noon Father Chas and I started to dig a ditch from pattersons line across back of the clearing towards Lacocqs

## **Wednesday 5**

Clear Chas I.D. and I ditched on the clearing ditch Father went up to Merry Glen as Mr Potter came out to divide the ~~things~~ furniture

## **Thursday 6**

Clear and pleasant Father went up as Mr Potter was to divide the p Library I hauled a load of hay for Mrs White from Rosses place on the 6th concession Chas hauled some things down from Merry Glen

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### December Friday 7th 1883

Cloudy rained some last night and this morning we did not do much I.D. and I went to town this evg in our buggy for some things for Aunt Emma as Horace is very sick Old Mrs Bond came out with us

**Saturday 8th** Cloudy Father went to town roads very muddy Chas and I ditched a little Chas Alf and D. hauled a load of hay from the barn to the stable I went down to Aunt Emmas this evg Father went down tonight to see Horace

**Monday 10** Tolerable clear and pleasant we ditched some in the clearing Horace Bond died today about 11 Oclock he had been sick about 8 days

**Tuesday 11** Clear we did not do much put a curb on the well

**Wednesday 12** Clear and pleasant Father, Chas, Alf, Flavious and I went to Horace Bonds funeral he was burried in the Cemetry in Chatham

**Thursday 13** Clear and pleasant Father Chas Alf and I.D. logged in the clearing I was not well and done nothing

**Friday 14** Clear and windy Turned cold this evg we finished the ditch back of the clearing and put up a log pile

**Saturday 15** Cloudy and Cold Tem 17° Father went to town we covered the potatoes and carrots pits with manure and hauled a load of hay from the barn to the stable

**Monday 17** Father Chas and I killed 8 pigs they weighed 72, 74, 78, 80, 85, 90, 100, & 107 respectively

**Tuesday 18** Father went down to Fletcher after noon, Chas and I hitched Bob up, hauled up some wood with Kate and Bet &c Cold Tem 17° snowed some last night

**Wednesday 19** Tolerable Clear Tem 20° Father went to town in the buggy got some groceries & 2 bu of corn to feed the pigs paid 80¢ per bu Chas and I cut some wood

**Thursday 20** Clear Tem 12° Father went to the Council I took a grist to Merlin to Mill 6 bu corn 4 bu of wheat and 8 bu of buckwheat but could not get the buck wheat ground

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### Friday 21 December 1883

Clear and cold Tem 12° Father went to the school house to help fill out reports Chas and I sawed a ~~few~~ 4 Elm sawlogs and hitched Bob up and drove him

**Saturday 22** Clear and Cold Tem 8° Father went to town in the buggy we hauled in two loads of hay from the barn to the stable and drove Bob and bet up to Charlestons

**Monday 24** Cold Tem 10° Father went to town Chas and I ~~hailed~~ cut some elm logs and done the chores up

**Tuesday 25** Clear and Cool Tem 10° Sandy Coutts shod Kate and bet this Morning Father Chas Joe and I went up to Church

**Wednesday 26** Clear School Metting was held today Chas Lenover was Elected Trustee in place of Forhan Father ~~went~~ bought the Contract for putting in the wood. 3 Cords green soft wood @ 165¢ per cord and 3 Cords green hard wood @ \$2.70¢ per Cord also putting in a bridge accross the ditch @ \$13.50¢ to be done right off

**Thursday 27** snowed all the forenoon Dow pierce and I took our too teams and hauled too loads of hay for aunt Emma also hauled up some lumber to

**Friday 28** Clear Father went to Fletcher Chas and I sawed some logs this afternoon

**Saturday 29** Clear Father went to town in the sleigh took 8 bu of buckwheat to get ground Chas and I sawed some logs

**Monday 31** Cloudy & warm Tem 36° Father and I went out to the Town hall to the Nomination There were 17 Candidates Nominated

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**Tuesday January 1st 1884**

Cloudy Tem 26° Father Chas and I hewed timber for the schoolhouse bridge

**Wednesday 2** Very windy snowing all day Tem 22° we tramped out some beans on the barn floor with the Ponies

**Thursday 3** Very windy Cold and blustry the lane drifted full of snow I baged Henry parsonses oats up, we did not do much. Tem 7°

**Friday 4** Cold and windy Tem 3° below Z{ero} We finished hewing the timber for the school house bridge and hauled them down J.G. Stewart brought the ballot box up

**Saturday 5** Clear and Cold Tem 7° below Z{ero} Father went to town in the sleigh I hauled up some wood hauled in a load of hay to the stable and took Henrys, oats home

**Monday 7** Clear Tem Zero this morning Municipal Election was held today polls stood at our polling place as follows (Dillon 21 for reve, Goulet 26, Kennedy 3, Morrison 29) for first Deputy Dolson 18, Irwin 53, Tooley 11,) for 2nd Deputy Crow 34, Drew 20, Councillors, Dyke 70, Foxton 8 Slade 0, Taylor 5, Ward 0, Williams 27, White 5,

**Tuesday 8** snowing all day Father went to town in the sleigh he took 2 pigs down to J.G. Stewarts this morning got 7¢ per lb Dow Pierce and I sawed Elm logs all day. Dow commenced work for 3 mo.

**Wednesday 9** snowed some Tem 22° Father and Chas hauled some Elm logs to Buxton Dow and I sawed some afternoon Dow worked ½ day

**Thursday 10** Clear Tem 12° Father and Chas hauled two loads of logs Dow and I cut some logs we also killed 3 pigs they weighed 114 lbs, 126 lbs & 184 lbs

**Friday 11** Clear Tem 22° Father and Dow Pierce went with the ponies to help haul Aunt Emmas stable frame home I hauled 3 loads of Elm logs up to Kerseys (mill) 500 ft, 770 ft & 572 ft respectively

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**Saturday 12 January 1884**

Cloudy snowed some Father and Joe went to town in the ~~sleigh~~ sleigh Dow chopped some cord wood I hauled 3 loads of logs to Kerseys mill measuring 824 ft, 649 ft, & 1064 ft respectively, docked 1064 to 700

**Monday 14** Clear and Cool Tem 22 Father and I hauled logs to Buxton 3 loads each Dow cut roads and wood

**Tuesday 15** Clear Tem 8° Father and Chas hauled logs to Buxton with both teams 2 loads each Dow Pierce and I cut some logs and helped them load

**Wednesday 16** Clear and Cool Tem 10° Father and Chas hauled two loads of logs each Dow and I cut some &c

**Thursday 17** Clear and Cool Father and Chas hauled three loads of logs each Dow and I cut & helped them load

**Friday 18** Clear and Cool Tem 22° Father and Chas hauled 3 loads each to Buxton Dow and I cutting

**Saturday 19** snowy Tem 24° Father went in to town in the sleigh Dow cut and I hauled up wood we also hauled in a load of hay & straw

**Monday 21** Clear and Cold Tem 6° Father and Chas hauled two loads each Dow and I sawed 12 logs

**Tuesday 22** Clear and Cool Tem 18° Father and Chas hauled two loads each Dow worked afternoon we sawed 2 large logs

**Wednesday 23** Cloudy and windy Father and Chas hauled logs Dow and I cut eleven logs

**Thursday 24** Cold and Windy Tem 10° Father and Chas hauled one load each and Father went to Hattie Bond sale Father bought the mounted horsepower \$11½ Dow and I cut 8 logs

**Friday 25** Clear and Cold Tem 12° below Zero Father went to town in the sleigh for the Dr for Mother I hauled 3 loads of logs Dow & Chas cut 2 logs Dow cutting wood

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**Saturday 26 January 1884**

Clear and Cold Tem 10° Father and Chas hauled 3 loads of logs each Dow and I cut 6 logs

**Monday 28** Cloudy and Cool Father took too Elm logs to Kerseys & I took one this evg Dow and I cut them

**Tuesday 29** Cloudy and Cool The Reelection of Smith for M.P for this County took place today our polls stood smith 51, Samson 43, Father acted as Deputy returning officer and I acted as Constable for Div No 2 Raleigh Dow did not work

**Wednesday 30** Warm Tem 38° showery Father went to town in the Buggie I took 2 logs up to kerseys mill after noon Dow and I cut some red oak Cord wood Chas helped us

**Thursday 31** Cloudy and warm Dow Chas and I cutting Cord wood hicory Father went up to Buxton

**Friday 1st** Clear and pleasant Tem 34° Dow Chas and I cutting hicory Father went to Buxton Dow set in this morning to work two 2 months for \$10.00 per mo

**Saturday 2** Clear Tem 32° Father and Dow went to town in the buggie Chas & I cleaned up some beans &c

**Monday 4** Cloudy and Cool Tem 32° Dow, Chas, and I cut hicory Cord wood Father took a piece of hicory and went to Traveses to get some axe handles

**Tuesday 5** Cloudy and Drizzeling rain and sleety Tem 28 Dow did not work Chas and I took the teams up to Kerseys for lumber stayed all day and only got one load got 4 axe handles Father went to buxton

**Wednesday 6** Cloudy Father went to Fletcher Chas and I went to Buxton got 20 bu of corn @ 75¢ per bu it was shipped from Columbus Neb, to Charleston & Co, Dow cut wood in the wood pile afternoon we thrashed beans in the barn

**Thursday 7** Chas and I finished thrashing the beans and cleaned them up Cloudy Tem 30° Dow cut wood in the woods we had 18 bu altogether

**Friday 8** Cloudy Tem 30 Dow Pierce Chas and I cut hicory Cord wood all day

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**Saturday 9 February 1884**

Cloudy Tem 28° Father went to Buxton Dow cut wood in the woods I cut up the remainder of the pork 6 pigs

**Monday 10** Cloudy & misty Tem 26° Dow cut wood in the woods Chas and I hauled up the rest of our dry Cord wood

**Tuesday 12** Cloudy and warm Tem 30 rained some last night Dow Chas and I cut hichory Cord wood all day

**Wednesday 13** Cloudy Tem 30° Dow Chas and I cut Cord wood all day wet in the bush Father not well

**Thursday 14** Clear and Cool Tem 20° very windy Dow and I cut hichory Cord wood Chas helped Father salt the pork

**Friday 15** Clear Tem 26° Dow Chas and I cut hichory all day Father went up to Buxton

**Saturday 16** Clear and pleasant U Tem 22° Father went to town in Buggie Dow Chas and I cutting hichory wood

**Monday 18** Clear and pleasant Tem 36° Dow Chas and I cutting wood in the woods Father went to Buxton

**Tuesday 19** Clear and pleasant Tem 40° 7.30 Express going west one car left the track Dow Chas and I cutting hichory wood

**Wednesday 20** Cold and windy Tem 20° Dow did not work we picked beans until noon afternoon Father went to Buxton ~~Father~~ Chas and I sawed some wood

**Thursday 21** Clear and Windy Tem 26° Father and Chas sawed down some Elm and ash trees Dow and I sawed hichory wood Father settled up with Dow this evening

**Friday 22** Cloudy Tem 20° Father went to Buxton Chas and I hauled in 3 loads of hay fixed up some fence &c Alf and D cut some corn stalks off in No 5 clearing

**Saturday 23** Cloudy Father ~~and Ch~~ went to Chatham Chas and I bushed out some wood but the but the horses broke through the ice in the bush so that we quit and cut some red oak

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**Monday 25** Snowed some windy Tem 20 Chas and I bushed out wood all day

**Tuesday 26** Cloudy Tem 36° snowed some we hauled 3 loads about 2 Cords of hichory over to the Choolhouse {schoolhouse} and bushed out hichory Father helped us to make some roads

**Wednesday 27** Snowing Tem 36° Father went to town with Gerrit and Chas harris Chas and I finished bushing out the hichory wood had 17 cords

**Thursday 28** Cloudy and windy Tem 4° Chas and I cut some small hichorys before noon after dinner Father went and got a load of Gerrits furniture things from Felixs and took them down to Harrises

**Friday 29** Cold and Windy Tem 7° below Z{ero} Father went to Chatham to Gerrits trial Felix paid Costs, Chas and I did not do much

**Saturday 1** Clear and Cold Tem 4° below Z{ero} Father took Aunt Emma and Mr Crawford and his wife to Chatham I took a load of hay sold the load for \$5.00 brought 4 Pieces of pine home to make hay rack side pieces they cost \$1.30

**Sunday 2** Clear and Cold Tem 4° below Z{ero} Father and I went to the funeral of Nelson Robinson's Daughter Nancie

**Monday 3** Clear and Cold Tem 4° below Z{ero} we cut and hauled 4 Elm logs to kerseys mill they measured 530 ft we also cut some Cord wood Alf & D picking beans

**Tuesday 4** Clear & Cool Tem 16° Chas and I sawed black ash Cord wood for the school house all day Father was not well

**Wednesday 5** Clear Tem 4° Chas and I hauled the remainder of the school house wood over today Father went to Buxton

**Thursday 6** Clear Tem 22°, 36° Father Chas and I hauled 4 wagon loads of Ice from Fletcher

**Friday 7** Cloudy Tem 24° Father went to Buxton Chas and I packed the ice and hauled 2 loads of sawdust from Fletcher

**Saturday 8** Cloudy snowed some last night Tem 20° Father went to town in the sleigh Chas shoveled sawdust into the ice house I hauled up some wood hauled one load of sawdust and we hauled in a load of hay,

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**Monday 10 March 1884**

Clear Tem 24° & 36° we shelled 6 bu of corn and cleaned it and 6 bu of wheat up and Father took it to Merlin for a grist paid 15¢ per bag for grinding corn

**Tuesday 11** Showery and windy lightening and thundering this morning Tem 38° & 44° Father let of water Chas and I washed and oiled Kate and Bets Harness

**Wednesday 12** Clear and Cool Tem 34 Very windy Father Chas and I chopped down trees all day in the clearing

**Thursday 13** Clear Tem 34° & 48 Chas and I worked in the woods all day Father and mother went to Grandmothers after noon

**Friday 14** Clear Tem 32° & 40° Father went to Fletcher afternoon he helped us in the woods Chas and I in the woods all day

**Saturday 15** Clear Tem 22° & 40° Father and Mother went to town in the buggie we Boys hauled 5 loads of hay from the barn into the stable I cut up 5 hogs heads

**Monday 17** Cloudy & drizzled rain some Tem 45° Father went up to Charlestons and got 2 bu of clover seed \$5.00 per bu Chas and I sawed some hickey wood and c [&c]

**Tuesday 18** Cloudy Tem 30° Chas and I sawed stove wood all day Father and Henry Parsons went over in Tilbury with the washing machine

**Wednesday 19** Cloudy and showery Tem 36° Father Chas and I scoured the ditch back of No 7 and cleaned out the school stove pipe &c Oliver Higate got the horse power \$16

**Thursday 20** Cloudy Father Chas and I scoured ditches all day

**Friday 21** Clear Father Chas and I finished scouring the ditch from pattersons line up to the house and commenced the western ditch Dogs killed our sheep (3) this morning or last night H Parsons and Elliot valued them at \$7.00 Each

**Saturday 22** Cloudy & warm We sheared 2 of the sheep and skined one and then worked in the lane ditch

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**Monday 24 March 1884**

Father and Mother went down to Grand Mothers Chas and I finished scouring the western lane ditch and split up some hickey Cord wood &c Clear Tem 38°

**Tuesday 25** Cloudy Tem 36 showery Father Chas and I loged in the clearing Alf and D helped a little

**Wednesday 26** Rained all night last night and all day today Father Chas and I commenced to build two hay racks Father sold Bob Colt to Thos Knot for \$100.

**Thursday 27** Clear and warm we worked all day at the Hay racks Father went to Fletcher to get the irons made

**Friday 28** Clear and Cool Tem 28° Father went to uncle Macks and then went down to Fletcher for the hay rack irons Uncle Mack got 350 lbs of Hay \$4.00 per ton Chas and I sawed wood at the school house

**Saturday 29** Cool and windy Tem 36° & 30° Father went to town Chas alf Id and I finished cutting the school wood

**Monday 31** Tolerable Clear Tem 26° McFadden got 2 loads of hay 1542 & 1700 lbs @ \$8.00 per ton Father went to fletcher and had it weighed on Barry's scales Father got a hay knife \$1.50 Chas and I put in the school house bridge and helped load the hay & sawed some wood

**Tuesday April 1st 1884**

Rained all day Father went to Lenovers and to Buxton Chas and I worked on the hay racks



**Wednesday 2** Cold Tem 26° & 34° snowed and rained Father went to Fletcher Chas and I worked on the racks

**Thursday 3** Clear Tem 30° Father went to Buxton Chas and I sawed some stove wood after noon Father Chas and I finished the schoolhouse Bridge & hung the gate &c

**Friday 4** Clear Tem 36° & 45° Father and Mother went to town I commenced ploughing sod in No 1 Chas cut some carrots &c

**Saturday 5** Clear frost this morning Tem 34° Father repickled the meat and went to Fletcher to see some hay weighed Chas and I ploughed sod in No 1 all day with both teams

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**Monday 7 April 1884**

Clear Tem 26° this Morning Father took the little plow cutter and point to the shop Chas took ~~Chas~~ Mother to Grand Mothers I ploughed some garden, we ploughed sod

**Tuesday 8** Cloudy Hattie Bond, Died last Night between 12 & 1 O'clock \*Father went to Chatham to make arrangements for her funeral Chas and I fixed the fence between us and Patterson

**Wednesday 9** Cloudy about two inches of snow fell last night Tem 36° we did not do much but clean up clothes &c

**Thursday 10** Tolerable Clear Cool Father, Mother, Chas, I.D, & I went to Hattie Bond's funeral she was buried in Maple leaf Cemetery

**Friday 11** Clear and Cool Tem 36° Chas and I ploughed sod in No 1 Father grubbed at a stump in No 1

**Saturday 12** Clear and Cool Tem 38° Chas and I finished ploughing sod in No 1 Father

**Monday 14** Clear Tem 40° & 58° Father & Old Mr Elliot went to the Council with the ponies I ploughed in No 1 all day Chas took out some potatoes & apples

**Tuesday 15** Cloudy Showering all day I went down to see Grand Father and took the front shoes off Jim & George also took shoes off Aunt Emma's horses Chas and I curbed the house well

**Wednesday 16** Showering all day snowed some I painted furrow plough &c Father went down to do some writing for Mr Muirhead

**Thursday 17** Cloudy Kate had a Colt last night running 2 days short of 11 mo I painted the ploughs & Chas and I trimmed trees &c Father took Mother down to Grandmothers Kate had Colic tonight

**Friday 18** Tolerable Clear Tem 54° Father went to town sent Hall the Veterinary surgeon out to see Old Kate he said she was all right

**Saturday 19** Tolerable Clear Father went to Fletcher got some hog rings & sent his draft to Nebraska for his payment on land \* Chas ploughed in No 1 I trimmed trees Grand Father Poindexter Died today Father went down there in the buggy this evg

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**Monday 21 April 1884**

Clear but Cool Tem 34° & 45° Father Mother Chas Alf and I went to Grand Father Poindexters Funeral we {rung} the pigs and hauled in a load of hay this evg

**Tuesday 22** I trimmed trees Chas ploughed in No 1 with the ponies Father went to Fletcher and trimmed grapevines

**Wednesday 23** Clear Chas ploughed in No 1 Father and I weighed out ½ ton of hay to Joe Rice after noon Father sowed Clover seed in No 7 I hauled 6 loads of manure on to the garden yesterday McFadden got 1,7.30 lbs of hay @ \$8.00 per ton

**Thursday 24** Clear Father sowed Clover seed in No 7 & 4 Chas harrowed wheat with ponies I rolled it with Kate and Bet

**Friday 25** Clear Tem 34° & 72° Father finished sowing Clover seed Chas and I finished Harrowing and rolling the wheat and put in some Oats in No 1 ground very hard

**Saturday 26** Clear & warm Tem 34° this morning Father and I went to (took 4 bu wheat) town to the spring fair Chas took out the potatoes &c

**Monday 28** Clear Father finished sowing oats in No 1 Chas and I hauled them in Tem 47° this morning 68° at Noon Lewlyn Pierce got ½ ton of hay this morning

**Tuesday 29** Clear I run out furrows in No 1 harrowed garden &c Chas ploughed garden &c afternoon Chas and I ploughed in No 5 for oats Father sowed some Clover seed on wheat in No 5

**Wednesday 30** Clear & Cool Chas and I ploughed in no 5 Father planted the Onions, Letus & spring wheat in the garden Cooper Cow had a Calf

**Thursday May 1st**

Cloudy but warm I finished ploughing headlands in No 5 Father sowed the Oats and Chas and I harrowed them in had a shower this Evening after which the wind {rose} Father planted peas & potatoes in the garden

**Friday 2** Cloudy & windy Father planted parsnips Letus & potatoes Chas and I set out currant bushes James Harris finished trimming trees

**Saturday 3** Clear Father went and appraised Elliots sheep and then him & Mother went to town in the Buggy Chas and I finished the currants and set out some Great American straw Berries

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## **Monday May 5 1884**

Cloudy and damp Father and Chas loged an Ellm tree that fell out of the line ditch into Lacocq and I set out 5 Cherry trees along the lane then we loged some in the clearing and got a maple roller log from Elliot

**Tuesday 6** Cloudy Father got Wilson Albany strawberries from Grandma's we set them out McFadden got 15.00 of hay Afternoon ID harrowed some sod in No 1 after which we loged in clearing

**Wednesday 7** Cloudy & misty Bet had a Colt this morning short 2 days of 11 Mo, Lacocq got ½ ton hay Mack Cooper got 584 lbs hay We loged some Alf and I went for Hall to come and see Bet's Colt

**Thursday 8** Cloudy Hall came to see Bets Colt said it was ruptured We cut some wood in the wood pile Alf harrowed sod

**Friday 9** Clear but Cool ID and Alf harrowed sod in No 1 Chas and I sawed wood finished sawing the logs in the yard Father ~~sawed~~ trimmed the roller log & Dug around the Black Currants &c

**Saturday 10** Clear but Cool Father went to town took 6 bu of wheat to get ground Chas Alf and I put up fence around clearing

**Monday 12** Tolerable Clear Alf & D harrowed some in No 1 sod Chas and I hauled mulch on to the strawberries Father hoed strawberries &c

**Tuesday 13** Showery Chas and I went and got Aunt Emma's cow from D Fletchers this morning after which we hauled out some mulch, & loged some in the clearing

**Wednesday 14** Cloudy ID and I hauled manure on to No 2 potatoe patch Chas Alf and Father loged in the clearing Dow Pierce commenced working on the line ditch between us and Paterson at noon spading it out

**Thursday 15** Clear \*Father went to the school metting the people voted to build two school houses in the section Chas ploughed the potatoe patch Alf. D. and I loged Dow on the ditch (white Heiffer Bloss had a calf 16 May)

**Friday 16** Clear Father planted some potatoes in the patch Dows ditching Chas and I loged some Alf & D harrowed sod &c

**Saturday 17** Clear Tem 45° Alf finished Cross harrowing sod in No 1 Father Mother Joe Eunice & Eliza went to town this afternoon Chas D and I loged all day Dow Ditching on the line

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## **May Monday 19 1884**

Cloudy & showery Father planted some potatoes Dow ditched after noon Chas D and I finished laying the worm off the fence around the clearing and cut white Oak blocks & put under

**Tuesday 20** Flower Cow had a Calf

Clear Father worked in the garden Chas Alf D and I put up fence around Cornfield after noon Chas and I ploughed in the Clearing with both teams Dow Ditched on the line

### **Wednesday 21**

Clear and warm we planted some potatoes in No 2 then Father worked in the garden Chas and I ploughed in the Clearing Alf and ID put up some fence &c Dow Ditching

### **Thursday 22**

Tolerable Clear Chas and I ploughed in the clearing Father worked in the garden Alf & D put up fence and Dow ditching

### **Friday 23**

Clear Chas and I ploughed in the Clearing ID and Alf put up some rails Father gardened Dow Ditched

### **Saturday 24**

Tolerable Clear We loged in the clearing some Lewlyn Pierce got 560 lbs of hay for Dow this evg

### **Monday 26**

Clear ~~Father~~ Chas Alf & I loged some ID harrowed Father went out to the Council with Mr Elliot Court Revision

### **Tuesday 27** planted Cucumber hills 6

Clear Father Chas Alf ID and I loged in the clearing

### **Wednesday 28**

Cloudy & Cool We all loged in the Clearing Both teams

### **Thursday 29**

Clear Bets colt had stoppage of water this morning Father went to town in the buggie took 6 bu of wheat to get ground we finished the loging with Aunt Emmas team

### **Friday 30th**

Clear and warm Chas and I ploughed all day in the Clearing with both teams Father rolled Oats with Aunt Emmas team put Kate to Longworths Bank of England horse

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**June Saturday 31st May 1884**

Clear Father finished rolling the oats with Aunt Emmas team Chas and I ploughed all day in the Clearing Both teams

### **Monday 2nd**

Clear very warm Chas and I ploughed all day with both teams D. harrowed with Aunt Emmas team Father went out to the Council with Mr Elliot

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Clear and warm Father went to town with Ponies took plow points and cutters to get laid & sharpened Chas worked in garden ID harrowed with Aunt Emmas team I hauled out some rail cuts D rolled some in the clearing

### **Wednesday 4**

Clear and Warm Chas and I ploughed all day in the Clearing ID harrowed Father worked in the garden

### **Thursday 5**

Clear and warm Chas and I ploughed most of the day in the Clearing Father spread ashes &c I.D. Harrowed Betman Crosby split 182 rails & 6 Oak posts today for Father

### **Friday 6**

Clear & warm Mother Joe Chas & Aunt Emma went to town in our light wagon & Aunt Emmas team to see the Doctor Father marked off with the chain and I planted corn in the clearing ID planted squashes

### **Saturday 7**

Clear and warm Father and Mother went to town in the buggy Chas rolled in the clearing and I put up fence &c

### **Monday 9**

Clear and warm but rained this evening Father marked off and Chas and I planted corn D planted squashes

### **Tuesday 10**

Rained all day Chas and I painted the other rack Bottom &c Father went down to Moreheads &c

### **Wednesday 11**

Cloudy we finished ploughing harrowing Rolling & planted some corn in the clearing

### **Thursday 12**

Clear & warm we finishing planting corn in the clearing & planted some mellons I got Lacocq's double cultivator & commenced cultivating the ground for beans No 1 Father & Boys in garden

### **Friday 13**

Clear but Cool Chas got Walkers cultivator & we cultivated in No 1 with both teams Father D & Flave in the garden Father warned out the men to do road work

### **Saturday 14**

Clear and Cool Father Mother and Aunt Emma went to town with her team and our Buggie we finished putting in the beans in No 1 Cultivated it 3 times over Harrowed it drilled in the beans with Lenovers drill & rolled it drilled in an acre of white flint Corn & planted 4 rows of indian Corn in No 1

### **Monday 16**

Clear and warm Chas and I fixed up the lane fence around wheatfield & Cornfield Father in the garden hoing

### **Tuesday 17** rained in Tilbury

Clear Father went to Merlin took 8 bu of wheat to get ground Chas and I Collected stone Wm Needum came and got a calf he had Bought, Father sold him a white heiffer & 2 calves \$27.00

### **Wednesday 18**

Tolerable Clear Tem 90 Father and Mother went to town Chas and I got Lacocq's trucks and took 2 baswood logs up and had them sawed into inch boards at Kersey's

### **Thursday 19**

Clear and warm Tem 90 Father on the road Chas and I hauled out rail cuts until Noon for Betman Crosby to split after noon I went and got a load of sand

### **Friday 20**

Clear I throwed up some manure & hoed some potatoes Chas hoed some &c Father in the garden

### **Saturday 21** Tem 95

Father & Mother went to town I cultivated the potatoe patch and then we hoed Put Bet to longworth's horse

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**June Monday 23 1884**

Clear 90 & warm Father Chas & D went and got two Heiffers. he got from Buttler \$40 I dug holes for the stable foundation spot Cow had a calf

### **Tuesday 24**

Father and Mother went to town Tem 95 we worked in the potatoes rained after noon

### **Wednesday 25**

Cloudy & Cool Father went to the Council Chas and I turned Lacocqs Bull among our Cows and worked on the hay racks in the barn

### **Thursday 26**

Cloudy & Cool I cultivated corn all day Chas & D hoed Father hoed strawberries

### **Friday 27**

Clear & Cool I cultivated corn all day Father went & throwed up a load of sand & hoed some Chas & D hoed corn

### **Saturday 28**

Clear and warm Father and Mother went to town ID went along I got a load of sand Hived a swarm of bees & Cultivated some

### **Monday 30**

Clear Father went to the Council I finished cultivating corn in the clearing Chas hoed

### **Tuesday 1 July**

Clear & warm Father hoed strawberries I cultivated beans in No 1 Chas & Alf hoed corn &c

### **Wednesday 2nd**

Clear I cultivated beans until noon afternoon † Father went to town and brought out Mr Branton

### **Thursday 3**

Clear Mr Branton put down stone for the stable foundation we helped him

### **Friday 4**

Rained this forenoon Mr Branton finished the stable foundation and Cistern whitewashed some we helped him

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**July Saturday 5 1884**

rained this morning Father and Mother went to town took Mr Branton Chas & I repacked the ice finished the hay racks and got a load of sawdust for the ice & took down the mower & sulky rake

### **Monday 7**

Clear I cultivated beans all day and mowed some in the orchard this evg Chas & ID hoed potatoes

### **Tuesday 8**

Clear I cultivated some beans and finished mowing the Orchard this evg we cocked it up

### **Wednesday 9**

Clear I cultivated beans this morning and we hauled in the hay out of the Orchard 2 loads into the stable

### **Thursday 10**

Clear & Cool I finished cultivating beans Chas ID Flave and I hoed some this afternoon

### **Friday 11**

Clear we cut hay in No 4 this forenoon raked and cocked it up this afternoon

### **Saturday 12**

Rained this morning Father and Mother went to town Chas D and I hoed some beans and cleaned out the barn for hay &c

### **Monday 14**

Clear we finished cutting hay in No 4 & raked and cocked some up

### **Tuesday 15**

Clear we hauled in hay out of No 4 with both teams all day

### **Wednesday 16**

Cloudy damp this morning we finished hauling in hay out of No 4 Father took Rev S DW. Smith and family to town this afternoon

### **Thursday 17**

Clear we hauled in the rakings out of No 4 and cut some wheat in No 5 & bound it up

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### **Friday 18**



Clear we cut and bound wheat in No 5 all day

### **Saturday 19**

Clear & warm Father and Mother went to town Chas Alf D and I finished binding some and cut fence corners around No 5

### **Monday 21**

Clear we finished cutting in No 5 & binding and cut some for Aunt Emma this evening Father took Aunt E to town for the doctor for the baby

### **Tuesday 22**

Clear we finished binding for aunt Emma' and cut and bound some at home in No 3 Father took 8 bu of wheat to Merlin to get ground

### **Wednesday 23**

Clear we cut and bound all day in No 3 Father not well

### **Thursday 24**

Clear we finished cutting wheat this morning and bound some rained this evening

### **Friday 25**

Rained some this morning I mowed some fence corners ~~this~~ and we shocked what wheat was down

### **Saturday 26**

Rained heavily this forenoon Father and Mother went to town

### **Monday 28**

Clear Father went to town to prepare for the funeral of Latties babie which died this morning Chas Alf D. & I hauled in wheat

### **Tuesday 29**

Clear Father, Mother and Aunt Salina went to the funeral of Latties Babie we finished hauling in wheat

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### **Aug Wednesday 30th July 1884**

Rained this evg we cut some fence corners and hauled them in and raked up some wheat rakings

### **Thursday 31**

Cloudy and rained some we cut some weeds and C [&c]

#### **Friday 1**

Cleared off we finished raking and hauling in rakings &c Aunt Salina and Mother went over to Mr Thompsons this evg

#### **Saturday 2**

showered after noon Father and Aunt Salina went to town we turned out Aunt Emma's wheat to dry and had to shock it up again

#### **Monday 4**

raining and wet Father and Chas went over to Wm Drews I piled some rails finished the hay racks &c

#### **Tuesday 5**

Cloudy & showery I took Father to Chatham to go to Anarbour for to see some doctors we hoed some in the garden &c

#### **Wednesday 6**

Clear we hoed some weeds in the garden cleaned up the lane and C [&c]

#### **Thursday 7**

Cloudy Alf and D cut thistles in the clearing Chas and I mowed fence corner weeds until noon after noon we all went down and helped stack Aunt Emmas wheat {Mr peel?}

#### **Friday 8**

Clear we cut some oats in No 1 and bound some

#### **Saturday 9**

Clear Mother Eliza Done and I went to town in our Buggie Mamie Cooper went along Father ~~went~~ ~~to~~ came back from Anarbour Chas bound oats Alf & D cut thistles

#### **Monday 11**

Clear we finished cutting oats in No 1 & bound some

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#### **Tuesday 12**

Clear Father Mother and Chas went to town in the Buggie Aunt Mary Ann Cary Came out with them Alf ID & I bound oats in No 1

**Wednesday 13**

Clear we finished binding oats in No 1 & cut some in No 5

**Thursday 14**

Clear and Warm Tem 90° we piled some in the clearing and tramped out some rakings & cleaned up the barn floor

**Friday 15**

Clear and warm Father went to town with Aunt Emma we hauled in oats out of No 1, raked the stubble

**Saturday 16**

Clear & warm tem 95 Chas & Father went to town Alf D and I turned & bound oats in No 5

**Monday 18**

Clear and warm we bound up some oats in No 5 & finished cutting Father went to town

**Tuesday 19**

Clear and warm tem 95 we ploughed in No 1 some after noon I helped Abe Patterson & Walker thrash Chas ploughed

**Wednesday 20 (Aug)**

Clear and warm Tem 95 we turned oats in No 5 and hauled in some Father Mother and Alf went to town Chas Eliza & I went out to Shrieveses lawn social this evg

**Thursday 21**

Clear and warm Tem 98° we finished binding oats & shocking

**Friday 22**

Clear & Cool Tem 80 we ploughed and harrowed in No 1 with both teams

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**Saturday 23**

Clear and Cool Father Mamie Cooper and I went to town in our buggie Chas ploughed with Kate and Bet

**Monday 25**

Clear and Cool shower after noon we finished ploughing harrowing and rooling in No 1 and ploughed some in No 5 I took Iron plow & points down to sansburrys to fix

### **Tuesday 26**

Clear Chas and I ploughed all day in No 5 with both teams

### **Wednesday 27**

Clear we finished ploughing harrowing and rolling oats stubble in No 5 I took Joe to town and a box for Aunt Amelia this afternoon in the buggie

### **Thursday 28**

Cloudy rained all the afternoon, we hauled out some manure this forenoon on No 1

### **Friday 29**

Clear we hauled the wood out of the clearing afternoon we hauled out some manure

### **Saturday 30**

Clear ~~we~~ Mother Father and Chas went to town Alf D, Flave and I hauled out manure on to No 1

### **Monday 1st September**

Clear & Cool Chas Alf D. & I hauled out manure on to No 1

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Clear and warm Father Mother Alf, & D & Eliza Jane Done went to the show Chas and I hauled out manure and piled it on the garden

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Clear Chas Alf D and I finished hauling manure out of the barnyard on to the garden

### ~~Clear very~~ **Thursday 4th**

Clear & very warm Tem 95° Father & Mother went to town Alf & D pulled some beans Chas and I fixed up the barn gangway &c

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### **September Friday 5 1884**

Clear & warm Tem 94 Chas Alf D & I pulled beans all day in No 1

### **Saturday 6**

Clear and warm Tem 95° Father and Mother went to town Chas Alf D and I pulled beans

### **Sunday 7**

Clear & warm Father Mother Grand Mother and I went to Chatham to the general conference, Bishop Campbell & {El--} Thomas preached

### **Monday 8**

Clear Tem 88° Father went to Town took Ross wagon to get tires set Chas Alf D Flave & I pulled Beans in No 1

### **Tuesday 9**

Clear and Cool Chas Alf D and I pulled beans

### **Wednesday 10**

Clear we pulled beans until noon and then hauled some in

### **Thursday 11**

Clear ~~we~~ Alf D and Flave finished pulling beans Chas and I hauled in beans Father and Mother went to town

### **Friday 12**

Clear we hauled in beans I went for the Thrashing machine this evening but did not get it

### **Saturday 13**

Clear we finished hauling in beans burnt some in the clearing and I went and got the machine this evg Father went to Chatham

### **Monday 15**

Clear we commenced to thrash boiler foamed and we had to haul water Rube Miriam, Cash Rhue, James Travis, Walter Dean, Jim harris, Robt Harden, Wm Scott Charlie Simpson helped us

### **Tuesday 16**

We finished thrashing had 250 bu wheat 280 bu oats

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### **Sept Wednesday 17 1884**

Clear Father and Chas helped Aunt Emma thrash I took the machine out to Uncle Horace Blacks and then ploughed some in the after noon

**Thursday 18**

Cloudy and Cool Father and Mother went to town Father Borrowed \$350 from Henry Allinor I ploughed all day in No 5 Chas cut some corn

**Friday 19**

Clear and Cool Chas and I ploughed in No 5 Mr Branton re coated the cistern with cement this forenoon

**Saturday 20**

Cloudy and Cool Father and Mother went to town with Aunt Emma Chas D and I finished ploughing harrowing and I drilled 3½ bushels of Clawson wheat in upper part of No 5

**Monday 22**

Cloudy shower about Noon we hauled the corn off the upper part of No 1 and moved the garden fence L. Lacocq got 4 bu red wheat

**Tuesday 23**

Cloudy and windy Chas and I ploughed in No 1 for wheat second ploughing Alf and D diging potatoes

**Wednesday 24**

Cloudy heavy rain this evg Chas and I finished ploughing ID harrowed & rooled some and I commenced drilling red wheat in No 1

**Thursday 25**

Clear damp this morning Father Alf and D took flower Cow to stocktons Bull this Morning we finished putting in wheat in part of No 1 tried to plow in No 1 corn stubble but it was too dry

**Friday 26**

Clear We cleaned up 42 bu of Clawson wheat and baged it up for market after noon Chas and I cut corn

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**Oct Saturday 27**

Rained this morning Father and Mother went to town I put a bottom in the old wagon box &c after noon Chas and I cut corn

**Monday 29**

Cloudy Chas and I ploughed some in No 1 upper half with both teams Edd Poindexter got 10 bu of Clawson wheat to sow Father Mother Chas and I went to a metting held in the B.M.E. Church North Buxton Concerning the Union with {AM-}

### **Tuesday 30**

rained a little this morning Chas and I ploughed most of the day in No 1 with both teams

### **Wednesday 31**

Cloudy Chas and I ploughed most of the day in No 1 with both teams Alf and ID diging potatoes

### **Thursday 2**

Rained all the fore noon we put up Chaff off of the Barn floor and took Reaper Mower and Sulky rake down and put them up overhead in the shed by the Barn

### **Friday 3**

Clear and warm Tem 76 Chas and I finished Ploughing in No 1 Alf and D harrowed some in the evg afternoon Chas and I cut corn

### **Saturday 4**

Clear Father and Mother went to town in the Buggie I took in a load weighed 36 bu 20 lbs got 70¢ per bu

### **Monday 6**

Clear Alf and D harrowed until noon after noon D harrowed alone as ponies had to go to take Mother and Eliza Done to meet the Cars at Chatham Mother going down to Windsor Father got 1 doz bags for grain @ \$2.75

### **Tuesday 7**

Clear Chas & I finished harrowing and I drilled about 4½ acres of No 1 in Democrat Wheat 1¼ bu per acre

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### **Wednesday 8**

Rained most of the day we Cleaned up wheat & oats most of the day baged up 72 bu for town had 250 bu in all

### **Thursday 9**

Clear heavy frost this morning Tem 34° I finished drilling wheat in No 1 and then Father and I took 2 loads of wheat to town got 70¢ for white & 74¢ for red wheat

#### **Friday 10**

Clear D finished harrowing No 1 after drill and I run out the furrows Chas and I cut some corn & took 20 squashes to B.E Harris \$1.00

#### **Saturday 11th**

Clear Father went to town in the Buggie got his Ticket to Columbus Neb & return for \$34 Chas and I shoveled out the furrows in No 1 & then we cut corn

#### **Monday 13**

Clear and Cool Chas D and I cut corn Mrs Washington washed for us Grand Mother Cooked luncheon for Father he started for Nebraska this evg from Fletcher

#### **Tuesday 14**

Clear we cut corn all day frost last night

#### **Wednesday 15**

Clear and Cool I took 4 bu corn to Chatham to grind got \$100 from Felix & \$100 from B.E. Harris came back and hauled up 2 wagon loads of squashes and 2 of Pumpkin

#### **Thursday 16**

Clear and Cool Chas D and I finished hauling up Squashes had 6 loads and 9 loads of Pumpkins

#### **Friday 17**

Clear Chas D and I finished husking the white flint Corn and and hauled it in had 30 bu

#### **Saturday 18**

Clear and Cool D and I went to town in the Buggie took 18 squashes got \$1.50 for the lot Chas husked some corn

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#### **Oct Monday 20 1884**

Clear & Cool I took Joe to Chatham to the doctor this morning after noon we graded up the Crossing

#### **Tuesday 21**

Clear we finished the Crossing this forenoon after noon we commenced husking corn



**Wednesday 22**

Rained last night Cool and windy we husked corn most of the day turned horses and cattle into Pattersons woods for one month for \$5.00 from yesterday

**Thursday 23**

Cold Snow squalls Tem 38° Chas I.D. and I husking corn

**Friday 24**

Cold Cloudy and windy we husked some corn

**Saturday 25**

Clear & Cool Tem 42° Joe and Chas went to town in the Buggie I hauled in 50 bu of corn cleaned cribs hauled water I.D & Flave dug some potatoes Chas got 1.00 from Ambros Timbers for squash

**Monday 27**

Cloudy Tem 42° we had to take the horses out of Pattersons pasture so Chas and I fixed the wheat field fence until noon commenced weaning the colts afternoon we husked some corn

**Tuesday 28**

Cloudy but warm Chas and I made two polks for the colts & husked some corn

**Wednesday 29**

Clear but cool I.D. cut and Chas and I husked corn

**Thursday 30**

Clear and warm I had to go to Chatham after Mother and Mrs Hughes Chas and I.D cut and husked

**Friday 31**

Rained all day I fixed the wooden spring waggon seat and culled some corn out of the crib &c

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**November Saturday 1 1884**

Rained all the afternoon I went to town ~~R~~ Grandmother went along took some squashes got 6¢ & 8¢ a piece for them got a quarter of beef \$2.10

**Monday 3**

~~Rained~~ Cloudy all day We fixed the troughs in the stable hauled over some staves from Marcuses pitted 45 Bu of Potatoes

## **Tuesday 4**

Rained all afternoon we hauled over some staves got out some Oak pieces for pig pen sills and I went up and got 158 ft of Maple lumber at Kerseys Mill @ \$9.00 per 1000 ft

## **Wednesday 5**

Cloudy & Cool we hauled out some pumpkins and C Chas and I took two sows over to pattersons boar this evg

## **Thursday 6**

Cloudy & Cool Tem 28° Chas and I moved all the old pig pen and put down the bottom for a new one and brought the sows home this evg

## **Friday 7**

Tolerable clear we finished The pig pen and built a cull crib on top of the old pig pen

## **Saturday 8**

Clear we fastened the pigs up this morning 12 small ones in the old pen & 3 sows in the new one Mother and Chas went to town I.D and I hauled in 55 bu of corn and some pumpkins &c

## **Monday 9 we f**

Clear and warm Chas D and I hauled in 125 bu of corn took a sow over to pattersons Boar this morning finished pitting potatoes and beets today

## **Tuesday 11**

Cloudy and warm Chas and I husked corn all day I.D cut

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## **Wednesday 12**

Clear but cool Chas Alf Mother and I went to town took 4 bu wheat got changed at Beaver mills took 18 lbs wool got \$1.95 for it got a suit of clothes for each of us boys for \$15.00 \$10.00 & \$7.00

## **Thursday 13**

Clear ~~Alf and I went to town~~ we hauled a load of water from Fletcher gathered some squashes from garden hauled some hay to stable & gathered the rest of the Pumpkins 2½ loads to Barn & pig pen

## **Friday 14**

Clear Alf and I went to town took 25 bu wheat got 71¢ got 1500 Brick from Cornhill in north Chatham

## **Saturday 15**

Clear I took in 40 squashes got \$2.00 for them Mother Chas & Grandmother went in together we got 1500 brick @ \$5.00 with Both teams Reeves shod Jim & George in front

### **Monday 17**

Cloudy and Cool Thorps husked corn for us at 3½¢ per bu Chas and I unloaded Brick hauled a load of water hauled up old rails &c and finished roofing cull corn crib fastened Old bute & spot cows up to feed this evg

### **Tuesday 18**

Cloudy and Cool tem 28 this morning Chas and I hauled up some old rails &c for wood hauled in a load of fodder on the hayrack hauled a load of hay to the stable and hauled in a load of corn 40 bu making 260 bu of our own husking in the crib Thorps husked today

### **Wednesday 19**

Clear Cool Tem 26° this Morning Father came home on the mail train Chas and I dug and pitted ½ the carrots &c & got a load of water this evg

### **Thursday 20**

Clear we hauled in 60 bu of thorps husking took a sow to Pattersons Boar this morning Robinses sale today Grandmother bought a house \$93.00

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### **Friday 21**

Clear and pleasant we hauled in 40 bu of thorps husking hauled water &c

### **Saturday 22**

Clear and pleasant we hauled in 51 bu of Thorps husking dug some carrots hauled up backlogs hauled a load of water &c Father went to town in the buggy

### **Monday 24**

Cool and wet we fixed up the stable some for Colts &c

### **Tuesday 25**

About 2 inches of snow fell last night snowed a little all day we hauled up some wood &c

### **Wednesday 26**

Windy and Cool Tem 24° we packed a barrel of squash for Cousin Minty to take home she went to Fletcher & took the mail for Windsor this evg

### **Thursday 27**

Cloudy misting snow most of the day we hauled 2 loads of hay into the stable hauled some water &c

### **Friday 28**

Cloudy & Cold Tem 26° we hauled up some logs for wood with the teams hauled water

### **Saturday 29**

Cloudy Tem 22° & 26° Chas and I hauled in 3 loads of fodder &c Mother & Father and went to town bought quarter beef 3 cts per lb

### **Monday December 1**

Clear and Cold Tem 6° We commenced to dig a well along the fence on East side of the Barnyard this morning

### **Tuesday 2**

Father and Mother went up to Stones & Simses in Buggie Chas and I digging in the well got it 7 ft deep

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### **December Wednesday 3 1884**

Clear and warm Tem 32° Father went to town got 3 pairs of felt boots from Mr Murray for 2.25 per pair Chas and I digging in the well Chas and D hauled in 14 bu of thorns husking

### **Thursday 4**

Clear and warm Chas and I digging Father took a doz squashes up to Charlestons & Chas Johnsons

### **Friday 5**

Clear and warm we dug some in the well and hauled a load of water

### **Saturday 6**

Rained all day Father went to town we did not do much but fix rails for well digging &c

### **Monday 8**

Cloudy and windy 24° we commenced walling up the well the first section 12 ft deep & 68 in wide

### **Tuesday 9**

Cloudy Tem 36 we finished walling & dug some Father sold old Beaut Cow to Johny {Larck} for \$20.50

### **Wednesday 10**

Cloudy Tem 24° we husked corn 36 shocks Chas Father ID and I

#### **Thursday 11**

Cloudy Tem 38° we husked 51 shocks of Corn

#### **\*Friday 12**

Cloudy & cool we husked 36 shocks of corn My 21st Birth day (Wm A Shadd)

#### **Saturday 13**

Cloudy Tem 24° Father and Mother went to town Chas and I hauled in 2 loads of corn & a load of hay into the stable

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#### **December Monday 15 1884**

Cloudy and cool we hauled in the rest of the corn that we had husked 135 bu

#### **Tuesday 16**

Cloud Cool and blustry Tem 22 we did not do much

#### **Wednesday 17**

Cold snowed some last night about 4 inches we got 4½ bu of corn from Uncle Mack shelled fard and baged it up for a grist Tem 16

#### **Thursday 18**

Clear and cold Tem 4° Chas and I hauled in 2 loads of hay and one load of oats straw to the stable hauled some backlogs &c

#### **Friday 19**

Clear and Cold Tem 9 below Z{ero} Chas and I covered the potatoe pits with manure Father took a grist 6 bu of corn to Merlin to mill paid 30¢ for grinding

#### **Saturday 20**

Cloudy Tem 2° south wind turning warm Commenced snowing this evening Father and Mother went to town in the sleigh. Chas and I cut wood in the wood pile got dry goods of J Wall \$23.80 paid \$10.00

#### **Monday 22**

Clear and Cold Father went out to the townhall for the school monies I took Kate and bet down and got Sandy Coutts to shoe them Came back and hauled up some wood I made a wood rack

## **Tuesday 23**

Clear and pleasant we killed 2 of the small pigs they weighed 166 & 171 lbs & hauled some water from up the railroad Aunt Emma brought news of the death of Aunt Salina in Greenville, Miss. \*

## **Wednesday 24**

Cloudy snowed most of the day Father went to town Mother Chas Alf and I went to the Concert this evg

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## **December ~~Wednesday 3~~ 1884**

~~Clear and moderate Tem 32° Father went to town got 3 pairs felt Boots of Mr Murray \$2.25 per pair Chas and I digging Chas & ID hauled in 14 bu of thorns husking~~

## **Thursday 4**

~~Clear and warm muddy we dug some in the well Father took some s~~

## **Thursday 25**

Clear and pleasant Xmas Tem 16°

## **Friday 26.**

Clear and Cold Tem 2° Chas and I Commenced to haul our hickory wood to Buxton made 3 trips with both teams

## **Saturday 27**

Cloudy Tem 2° Raining this evg Chas and I finished hauling our dry hickory wood to Buxton had 17 Cords Father picked his chance into town

## **Monday 29th**

Cloudy and warm rained some last night the lower part of the new well we dug caving so we had to draw the water out of it and dig it out and wall it up leaving it 14 ft deep

## **Tuesday 30**

Cloudy and warm very muddy Mother and Father went up to Melson Robinsons for a girl did not get her Chas took some potatoes out I salted up two pigs

## **Wednesday 31**

Windy turning cold annual school meeting held today ES Dyke & B Woods Elected school trustees Chas and I hauled in a load of hay and a load of straw

**Thursday 1****{Page} 123****January Thursday 1st 1885**

Cool and windy Tem 22 Father went to Buxton Chas and I hauled up some wood

**Friday 2nd**

Cloudy and Cold Chas and I hauled up some wood for the fires with the teams

**Saturday 3**

Cloudy and Cool ground very rough frozen Father went to town Chas and I hauled in a load of fodder &c

**Monday 5**

Municipal Elections held today Father acted as D.R.O. at the No 2 polling place I acted as poll Clerk polls stood Crow 49, Morrison 47, Drew 25 Goulet 28, Williams 33, Bennet 8, Dyke 69, Foxton 13 Marshall 9, Tooley 13 White 14, at this poll

**Tuesday 6**

Rained some this morning muddy Chas and I husked 15 shocks of corn and hauled it in

**Wednesday 7**

Cloudy and muddy Chas and I hauled in a load of hay and husked 10 shocks of corn Father not well

**Thursday 8**

Clear and pleasant Father Chas, D. and I husked 54 shocks of corn

**Friday 9**

Cloudy Father Chas D and I husked 36 shocks being the remainder of what we had to husk

**Saturday 10**

Clear & cool Father went to town in the buggy Chas and I hauled in 100 bu of corn

**Monday 12**

Cloudy and Cool Chas and I took a sow over to Pattersons Boar this morning Father went to Fletcher afternoon we hauled two loads of hay into the stable

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**Tuesday 13**

Cloudy and Cold we finished hauling in our corn 50 bu and brought the sow home this evg

**Wednesday 14**

Cloudy & Cool Roads very rough Father and I went to Merlin to Division Court Father, P Walker, two Kearnses J Donnohew sat on the Jury on the Dillon & Oneil horse suit

**Thursday 15**

snowed about 4 inches last night Tem 26° scott act Election held today Father as scrutineer against the act at this pooling place Chas and I Commenced bushing out Basswood Bolts

**Friday 16**

Cold Tem 10° windy also snowed some more Chas and I bushed out some p bolts

**Saturday 17**

C Blustry all day we bushed out some p bolts

**Monday 19**

Clear and Cold Tem 8 below Z{ero} Father went to town with Aunt Emma Chas and I hauled 2 loads of boalts to Buxton with both teams

**Tuesday 20**

Clear and Cold Tem 8 below Z{ero} Chas and I hauled 3 loads each of bolts to Buxton

**Wednesday 21**

Clear and Cold Tem 4° Chas and I hauled 2 loads of bolts each Father went to town with Aunt Emma

**Thursday 22**

Clear and Cold Tem 6° below Z{ero} Chas and I hauled two loads each of Basswood bolts

**Friday 23**

Clear Chas and I hauled 2 loads each and I hauled the last load by my self making about 37 Cords of basswood Bolts Father recd \$50.00 on Bolts

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Snowed some this morning Tem 26° Father and Mother went to town in the sleigh I took 1½ Cords of soft maple and red oak wood in with Kate and Bet got \$3.37¢ for it

### **Monday 26**

Snowing Windy and Cold we did not do much

### **Tuesday 27**

Windy Tem 4° I took 1 cord of soft maple and red oak up to Chas Johnsons bushed out ½ cord hicory hauled up some hicory Cat sticks and hauled in some Cornfodder

**Wednesday 28** Cold Tem 18° below Z{ero} We hauled 3 elm logs down to Barrys mill they measured 590, 590 & 460 ft and I hauled one white oak log up to Kerseys mill

### **Thursday 29**

Clear and Cold Tem 12° below Z{ero} Chas and I hauled 2 white oak logs up to Buxton and got ready to kill hogs

### **Thursday Friday 30**

Cleared off snowed some this morning Tem 4 & 32 we killed hogs Issac Williams and his son Chas Williams and Louis Granderson helped us the three Big sows weighed 408, 355, & 300

### **Saturday 31**

Tem at Z{ero} foggy and trees covered with frost Father and I took the pork to town got 5.90¢ per cwt

I W.A. Shadd hereby resign the keeping of the Diary on this 31st Jan 1885 \*

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