

OLD DIARY of EUGENE WILCOX - 1887-1892

(Mattie is my Grandfathers first wife -
Jennie my grandmother)
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CONDITION POWDERS:

2 lbs. brown sugar
2 lbs. ginger
2 oz. anice seed
2 oz. fenegreek seed
2 oz. saltpeter
2 oz. camphler gum
4 oz. genson root
8 oz. glood root
2 oz. black antimony
1 lb. linseed meal

DOSE: 1 Tablespoon full twice a day.

FOR WART ON COW TEATS:

1 oz. of alum to 1 pint of rain water. Catser oil is good to.

FOR HORSE DISTEMPER:

1 Tablespoon gun powder
1 Tablespoon soft soap
1 Tablespoon pine tar
1 Tablespoon lard
Mixed give one to six dose.

- MARCH 15 Went to Morgan Pottes after lumber got 1140 ft. \$9.12 got cash from
 Father \$10.00
 From Mattie\$89.85
- March 16 Cut and drew out timber for my house, and cut wood. Mattie and I went
 after her trunk, to Morrels and we went to Blancherd.
- March 17 Drew wood and cut wood.
- March 18 Drew wood and cut wood.
- March 19 Cut wood and Father and I got out timber. Geo. Corlink came here.
- March 20 Mattie and I went to Carlks. Father went to Middleville.

- March 21 Cut poles father came home.
- March 22 Went to Wayland after lumber paid \$14.00
- March 23 Got out timber for home.
- March 24 Got out timber and Mattie and I went to Frank, got Frank in cash \$50.00
- March 25 Took Mattie to Hastings sent Hoyt and Dunnwell P Gordon \$3.50.
- March 26 Helped rank cut wood. Mattie and Imogene and I went to singing school.
- March 27 Frank and family and I went to Vet Hall, in evening, had maple sugar.
- March 28 Came home and went to Middleville to pay father \$5.00, paid Mattie cash \$9.35.
- March 29 Came home got of cole bros nails and glass.
- March 30 Drew out wood and drew Dr. Buckner 2 cords
- March 31 Went to town and worked on house, Edward helped me.
- APRIL 1 Worked on house Edward and Father helped me Mattie went to town.
- April 2 Worked on house. Father and Edward went to Middleville, Wallace was here.
- April 3 Mattie and I went to Morgon Potter got her things. Edwin came here.
- April 4 Went to town meeting and cut wood.
- April 5 Took lumber, down to Cole and had it riped.
- April 6 Drew hay and went to Martin after lumber got 465 ft. \$5.60 paid Mattie \$4.00
- April 7 Worked on house Edward and Father helped me. Mattie and Nellie went to Middleville.
- April 8 Worked on house Edward and Father helped me.
- April 9 Father and I shingled on house till 10'oclock.
- April 10 Took Mattie to Orangeville to see Dr. then we went to Edwards.

- April 11 Plowed ground for oats. Went to Orangeville in evening to see Will Beatty.
- April 12 plowed and worked on house.
- April 13 Plowed, went to town in evening. Got of Mattie \$.50.
- April 14 Plowed oat ground
- April 15 Plowed oat ground
- April 16 Drew rails and fixed fenced. Father went to Martin got lumber and shingles \$1.46. Finished shingling and lay floor.
- April 17 Mattie and I took a stroll around the woods.
- April 18 Draged oat ground.
- April 19 Draged oat in and plowed potatoe ground
- April 20 Mattie and I went to Middleville after our things got stove and furnishing \$17.75. Table Bedstead and chairs \$12.50 paid Wm. Guileman \$9.00. Grocer \$3.33. Paid R. Youngs \$2.00.
- April 21 Fixed house and went to Len Livingston after roller and rolled oat ground.
- April 22 Finished rolling oat ground and finished plowing potatoe ground and rolled it, took roller home.
- April 23 Batten house Mary England came here.
- April 24 Cut wood Mattie and I went to meeting.
- April 25 Cut wood and went to town in evening after Dr. Buchner. Mattie and I stayed at father's all night. Mother was sick. Father went to Middleville got suet and wash dish 50. And stove shovel.
- April 26 Drew manure, in garden and for corn Father helped me. Mattie got a fish of net weight 1 lb.
- April 27 Drew mauer, and plowed corn ground. Got \$2.00 of Father for Edward Father Merit Cole Len Livingston and I went fishing.
- April 28 Chored around the house in forenoon. Plowed in afternoon for corn

- April 29 Plowed for corn and plowed father garden.
- April 30 plowed for corn went to town got 1 gal. of kerosene 15¢. Edwin came home.
- MAY 1 Shaved Edwin and stayed home. Mary Blanchard came here and 2 children lit stoped.
- May 2 Plowed for corn and hauled 2 loads of manure. Mattie commenced her school Father went to see about a cow for me.
- May 3 Hauled manure Father helped me. Mattie taught school Mattie got carpet tack 06.
- May 4 Hauled manure and plowed for corn. Father dragged in after noon. Mattie taught school. I set hen with 15 eggs.
- May 5 Put up shelf for Mattie. Plowed for corn, and went after Mattie. And Robert and I went to Cahill to see about a cow. Mattie taught school dragged in after noon.
- May 6 Plowed for corn. Father dragged. Mattie taught school.
- May 7 Plowed in forenoon marked corn ground in afternoon. Father dragged. Frank came out with his colt.
- May 8 Frank le me have in cash \$4.30. Mattie and Mother had buggy to go up to lake and Mattie and I went to town got her a hat 50¢ Let Father have \$2.00
- May 9 Marked corn ground in forenoon. Went to Mr. Swan to get corn. Mattie taught school. Planter and Planted corn in afternoon.
- May 10 Plowed for corn in forenoon. Draged in afternoon.
- May 11 Harrowed for corn and marked.
- May 12 Marked corn ground and potatoe ground, and planted potatoes. Father planted corn.
- May 13 Planted potatoes and sweetcorn Father finished planting corn. Mrs. Cole and her girl came here with Mother and Nettie
- May 14 Mattie and Nettie and I went to Gun Lake fishing. We stopped to Mr. Gunce. Got their fishing pole an boat.

- May 15 Set hen with 13 eggs. Went to Baltimore to Frank.
- May 16 Came home with 2 pigs. Frank let Father and I have them.
- May 17 Batened house in forenoon. Father, Merit Cole and I built yard to wash sheep, and Father and I went to lake after load of sand.
- May 18 Washed sheep and planted over corn.
- May 19 Helped Edwin plant corn.
- May 20 Went to Merit Cole and Mr. Pains and cultivated corn.
- May 21 Planted over corn and planted beans.
- May 22 Father and I went to Loreen cook and bought a cow. Paid him 30.00
Father lent me 20.00 Mattie and I went to lake.
- May 23 Father and mother and I went to Middleville. Got pail and 16 milk pan
1.10.
- May 24 Drew sand and helped Father mix mortor and drew manure.
- May 25 Cultivated corn.
- May 26 Cultivated corn.
- May 27 Cut grubs and build hen coop.
- May 28 Cut grubs, Mattie churned got 2 lbs. 10 oz. butter.
- May 29 Mattie and I went to Marg Potter
- May 30 Father, Wallace and I went fishing.
- May 31 Cut grubs and went to town after colt.
- JUNE 1 Took Mattie to school and took Mother to Paines. Then hitched up and
Father and I fixed fence around pasture.
- June 2 Cut grubs for wood.
- June 3 Cultivated potatoes and went to Mr. Chalker after turtle.
- June 4 Helped shear sheep. Edward helped Mattie churned got 4 lb. and 5 oz.

- June 5 W. Brezee and wife were here.
- June 6 Picked potatoe bug and cultivated corn Father helped me pick bugs
- June 7 Cultivated corn and got 30 cents of Nettie. Robbie went to town for me. Father planted over corn.
- June 8 Mattie chured got 2 lbs. and 12 oz. Cultivated corn. Edward came here and I went to Mr. Chalker with him.
- June 9 Cultivated corn and carried Mother some butter.
- June 10 Cultivated corn.
- June 11 Mattie and I picked potatoes bug in forenoon. Father went to Praireville with cut wood got \$62.10 - - \$30.55. Then Father, Mattie and I went fishing.
- June 12 Mattie churned got 2 lbs. Owen and Fred Boulter came here, then Mattie and I went to the pond place to get some strawberries.
- June 13 Went to Middleville to mill got one dollar sugar, paid Wm. Guilleman \$3.50. Brought Edward home a barrel of salt.
- June 14 Cultivated corn and potatoes.
- June 15 Helped Bill Townsend shear sheep.
- June 16 Helped shear sheep for Wm, Townsend.
- June 17 Cultivated corn and potatoes, and bought meat 17¢.
- June 18 Cultivated corn and potatoes, and went to Middleville after Mrs. Evans for mother did not get her stayed at fathers all night, and Mattie and I went to Prarieville after McClay.
- June 19 Stayed at father all day.
- June 20 Mattie went after Frank, I stayed at fathers.
- June 21 Paris Green potatoes, Frank and Edwin went to Middleville after Ida.
- June 22 Cultivated potatoes and corn
- June 23 Cultivated corn and went to Morehouse after beef for mother.

- June 24 Went to Middleville after mower bought 100 pounds of flour for Edward, Wallace went with me got 25¢ of beef for mother.
- June 25 Cultivated corn to forenoon mowed in after.
- June 26 Stayed at home and drew in afternoon.
- June 27 Mowed hay and cultivated corn in forenoon. Went and got Merit Cole rake and raked and drew hay
- June 28 Mowed in forenoon with machine and mowed with scythe in after.
- June 29 Took cow to Mr. Reeds, Mattie went to Mr. Cole after rake, Wallace helped me get up hay in afternoon.
- June 30 Wallace plowed out potatoes and helped get up hay I mowed.
- JULY 1 Howed potatoes, Wallace cultivated corn, William Townsend brought sheep to pasture.
- July 2 Wallace plowed out potatoes and helped get up hay I mowed.
- July 3 Howed potatoes and went down on the marsh and Mattie and I went to Edward.
- July 4 Father and I went berring in Townsone marsh.
- July 5 Howed potatoes and mowed around fence.
- July 6 Cultivated corn.
- July 7 Cultivated corn.
- July 8 Went and got Merit Cole mower and mowed hay.
- July 9 Drew hay Father and I went down on marshland got load of hay.
- July 10 Patched barn roof. Mattie, Nettie and I went over in turner woods after berries.
- July 11 Helped Frank Pane stack wheat and mowed hay on Father. Mattie let Chaler have \$12.00.
- July 12 Mowed and stired hay in forenoon Went down on marsh in afternoon raked and bunched hay.

- July 13 Mowed and drew hay
- July 14 Mowed, worked on marsh getting up hay.
- July 15 Worked on marsh getting up hay.
- July 16 Worked on the marsh getting up hay.
- July 17 Went to Edward him and I went and got some berries in the swamp.
- July 18 I cut oats. Father and Edward worked on marsh.
- July 19 Cut oats and helped Chalker thrash.
- July 20 Edward and I finished cutting oats then we went on marsh drew one load.
- July 21 We worked on marsh, drew one load home.
- July 22 We worked on the marsh. Drew one load home.
- July 23 We worked on marsh, drew one load home.
- July 24 Edward and I stacked hay on marsh, drew one load home.
- July 25 Helped get sheep in corner lot. Then Robbie and I pulled weeds in corn.
- July 26 We stacked hay on marsh and cut oats in afternoon.
- July 27 Finished cutting oats. Father and I hauled oats in afternoon.
- July 28 Edward and I ground oats and hauled them in barn. Wallace took rernal to go home.
- July 29 We worked on marsh cut and bundled.
- July 30 We finished stacking hay, drew one load home, Father and I picked our early apples.
- July 31 Mr. Chalker paid Mattie \$12.00 borrowed money.
- AUGUST 1 We helped father fix fence, then we went to marsh.
- August 2 We worked on marsh, drew 2 loads home, took cow to Reeds \$3.00.
- August 3 Drew hay and washing wagon.

- August 4 Get shirting .60¢ stocking 25¢ got of F. Moore pair boots.
- August 5 Built fence and helped get cut fence post for father.
- August 6 Drew out post, fixed fence, took panes wagon home.
- August 7 Watched fire and ditched. Owen and mother Breeze came here.
- August 8 Dug post holes and cut peat for fence on the road got cotton of net, 1 ½ yds.
- August 9 Fixed fence drew post. Mattie had horse and took mother Breeze to Blancherd.
- August 10 Finished fence on road.
- August 11 Father and I went to look after sheep, then we went fishing, I caught 9 ½ lbs.
- August 12 Pulled woods and drew wood
- August 13 Fixed barn floor, brought some boards home and put them over head in house. Got some oats.
- August 14 Stayed at home, it rained
- August 15 Cut wood at the house.
- August 16 Cut grub in forenoon, cut wood for father in afternoon.
- August 17 Cut grub and chored around.
- August 18 Plowed in forenoon, hauled wood in afternoon. Paid Mattie \$5.10.
- August 19 Plowed in forenoon, cut wood and chored around in afternoon.
- August 20 Plowed in forenoon, cut wood and chored around in afternoon.
- August 21 Stayed at home and watched fire. Chas. Merrill came here.
- August 22 Helped father build fence. Help out fence blocks. Drew rails and built fence. Mother Breze and I went to Blanchard on business - 40 miles to h. Mattie get school order.
- August 23 Plowed for rye.

- August 24 Plowed and helped father cut and split 52 fence stakes.
- August 25 Plowed and drew stakes and rails.
- August 26 Finished plowing went to town.
- August 27 Draged in fournoon and went to Morg Potter in afternoon, horses got away came home to look for them.
- August 28 Came home brought 20 sheep for Morg.
- August 29 Drilled rye $\frac{1}{2}$ day, helped Frank Payne $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. helped me $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- August 30 Helped Frank Payne on marsh Mr. Payne finish drilling rye for me he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day got 2 bushels and 3 pk. Of rye of Payne. Walter Brown came here.
- August 31 Helped Frank Payne on marsh $\frac{3}{4}$ day
- SEPT 1 Rolled rye ground.
- Sept 2 Went to Morgan Potters after sheep got 22 at 1.50 per head. Took Mother Breze home. To Morg \$30.00 for sheep
- Sept 3 Cut corn, went to Edwards after oil to mark sheep.
- Sept 4 Mattie and I went to Blanchard.
- Sept 5 Cut corn and took Mattie to Lebarans and to Charles Marrels after her school money.
- Sept 6 Cut corn and went to Hastings, Edward went with me.
- Sept 8 Cut corn. Had Mattie and Robert pick up apples.
- Sept 9 Cut and drew rails for pig pen.
- Sept 10 Cut corn and pulled beans.
- Sept 11 Mattie and I went to Morgan Potters.
- Sept 12 Finished cutting corn and finished pulling beans. Then Mattie and I went Edwins.
- Sept 13 Edwin and I went to Allegan after lumber got 1232 ft. of siding 50 ft. of Cornish. Got t. 50.

- Sept 14 Mattie and I came home from Edwin unloaded lumber.
- Sept 15 Drew stakes, picked apples and dug potatoes.
- Sept 16 Went to Middleville. Took 3 bu of potatoes to town 2.40 took 8 ½ bu of 20 cent apples to dryer. 2 bu of 8 cent apples got 1.86 flour 100 lbs. 2.40, tea 40¢, coffee 75¢, oil \$2.00 nails.
- Sept 17 Helped Father log then Mattie and I went to see about a school. Stopped at Edwards and took supper.
- Sept 18 Cut wood Edward came here.
- Sept 19 Helped Edward cut corn.
- Sept 20 Edward helped me work on house.
- Sept 21 Logged part of forenoon. Worked on house Edward helped. We went Edwards in evening after barrel.
- Sept 22 Worked on house Edward helped. Hook ate dinner here. I went to town in evening after t. 10¢.
- Sept 23 Worked on house Edward helped.
- Sept 24 Worked on house, Edward helped, Mattie went to town after nails.
- Sept 25 Father and I went to Chalker after cider. I went to Edwards.
- Sept 26 Mattie and I went to M. Potters helped raise barn.
- Sept 27 Came home from Potter and cut wood.
- Sept 28 Cut wood Edward and Jordan was here.
- Sept 29 Finished siding house. Father went to Middleville he got 19 lbs. paint 3 1/2¢ a lbs. 4 gallons oil at 55¢ a gal.
- Sept 30 Painted house.
- OCT 1 Saturday. Rained stayed home. Husked 4 bu of corn.
- Oct 2 Sunday, Mattie and I went to William Brezee and to Kelly and to Boltere to see Guy.
- Oct 3 Monday. Cut wood and drew poles.

- Oct 4 Tuesday. Cut pole and drew wood and poles. Hook came here. I went to Middleville with to see William Cab.
- Oct 5 Wednesday. Drew poles. Mrs. Tom Powers came here and Miss Clara Nichols called. Mattie went to town for me.
- Oct 6 Thursday. Helped Frank Payne thrash $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Worked on corn crib rest of day.
- Oct 7 Friday. Worked on corn crib. Mattie had horse to go and see Guy he came home with her.
- Oct 8 Saturday. Father and I picked up a load of apples. I chored around the rest of the day.
- Oct 9 Sunday. Stayed at home. Husked corn for pig.
- Oct 10 Monday. Helped Edward husked corn.
- Oct 11 Tuesday. Helped Edward husked corn. Mattie and Guy came after me.
- Oct 12 Wednesday. Helped Edward husk corn. Mattie came after me.
- Oct 13 Thursday. Helped Edward husk corn. Came home and found Mattie hung.
- Oct 14 Friday. Stayed home. Frank came here let me have \$5.00. R. Young by cash \$8.25.
- Oct 15 went to funeral
- Oct 16 Sunday. Went to Morg Potters.
- Oct 17 Monday. Went to Hasting and to Morg Potters and stayed all night.
- Oct 18 Tuesday. Came home and husked corn. Edward and Father helped me.
- Oct 19 Wednesday. Husked corn Edward and Father helped. Frank came here.
- Oct 20 Thursday. Frank, Edward, Father and I husked corn. Got of Frank 10¢
- Oct 21 Friday. We all husked corn until it stormed.
- Oct 22 Sat. We all husked in forenoon.

- Oct 23 Stayed at home all day.
- Oct 24 Edward, Father and I husked corn. Merrit Cole came here to buy my house.
- Oct 25 I went to Mr. Cole to see some cattle. Then Edward, Father and I finished husking corn and cleaned out house. Then Edward went home. Father and I build stack bottom. Guy Brezee and his mother came.
- Oct 26 Went and helped Edward draw wood and butcher. Rode home with Dr. Buchner and helped draw one load of stalk. Went to Merrit Cole. After heifer and 2 calves.
- Oct 27 Edward and I drew stalks and fixed cover over corn crib.
- Oct 28 I dug potatoes. Wm. H Ritter came here.
- Oct 29 Father and I finished digging potatoes, hauled poles from my house and built hen coop.
- Oct 30 Went to Morg Potter, we went to funeral.
- Oct 31 Helped mr. Swan draw corn stalks. Edward had team to go to mill.
- NOV 1 Tuesday. Went to Plainwell paid Bill Arnal \$2.00 for digging grave. Saw Mr. Scales, Merit Cole paid me cash \$50.00
- Nov 2 Wednesday. Done chores and cut wood and went to Edward. Stopped where J Young was husking and stopped to see Aruther Shelp.
- Nov 3 Stayed at home and chored around.
- Nov 4 Friday. Went to Watson to see Edwin. Stopped and got mail. Got toc, of H. Arbor.
- Nov 5 Sat. Stayed at home. Nettie had horse to T Powers. Wallace had him to go to mill.
- Nov 6 Nettie and I went to Len Livingston. Mr. Payne came here to see me. Jennie Shelp, L. Livingston and wife and Mes Swan came here.
- Nov 7 Helped Merrit Cole move house. Edward and Homer Ritter was here had team to draw a load of hay. Mr. Shelp came here.
- Nov 8 Tuesday. Helped Cole finish moving house, Went to town. Mr. Shelp came after buggy.

- Nov 9 Went to Edward then went near Prairieville to look at a horse for him. Then we went to Fish Lake fishing. Merrit Cole went with us.
- Nov 10 Thursday. Went to Dr. McClay after medicine. Paid cash \$1.00
- Nov 11 Friday. Went to town stopped where Al Clem was making cider. Came home and done chores. Mr. Goss was here to sell some sheep.
- Nov 12 Went to see Mrs. Herick and from there to Middleville. Paid R. Young \$5.00 borrowed money on Wm. Guilesman act. \$20.00. Mr. Payne people came to Father in evening.
- Nov 13 Sunday. Nettie, Robert and I went to Mr. Shelp, came home. Father and I went down on marsh to our hay stack.
- Nov 14 Monday. Went to Mr. Swan to see about doing his chores. Stopped where Lesly was chopping on Merit Cole. Came home and went down in woods and then worked on sheep shed.
- Nov. 15 Tuesday. Father and I cut some poles for sheep shed. We drew Dr. Buckner a load of wood. And drew hay in barn and then we sorted out the weathers from the ewes, Otis Goes came here.
- Nov 16 Wednesday. Father and I went to Wm. Townsend to get sheep. Did not get them came home, and I went to Prairieville to see Mort Jones, did not see him came home, and done John Swan chores.
- Nov. 17 Thursday. Went and done Swans chores, and then Father and I to Wm. Townsend to get sheep, and got 12 cheep, done John Swan chores.
- Nov 18 Friday. Done Swans chores Father and I went o Morg Potters then he went to Rumbles with us came back to his place and got lamb and came home. Jennie, Authur and Frank Shelp came here in evening. Arthur and I went Swans.
- Nov 19 Saturday. Father and I drew a load of plank from north barn and fixed sheep shed, Edward came here.
- Nov 20 Sunday. Went to L Livingston and to town. Father and I got sheep up fixed me corn crib.
- Nov 21 Monday. Edward and Homer came down and helped us fix sheep shed. Arthur Shelp brought my buggy home.

- Nov 22 Tuesday. Edward and I went to Plainwell. I got an express package for Klingersmith. Wm. Brezee and wife came to Father. Got pair of gloves \$1.00.
- Nov 23 Wednesday. Took Mother to Mrs. Coles came back and drew wood, and Father and I fenced in stalk stack and fixed pig pen and fixed sheep shed. L. Livingston came here and John Owen stopped to buy hay.
- Nov. 24 Stayed at home, shelled 2 bags of corn and helped do chores (rained)
- Nov. 25 Friday. Helped worked on road, went to town, Charles Blanchard came here and brought 20 sheep. 18 at \$3.00 and 2 at \$2.00. Mr. Madison came after Nettie to set up with his mother-in-law. (rained)
- Nov. 26 Sorted corn and Robert and I went to Edward he cut my hair (rained)
- Nov 27 Sunday. Went to Prairieville to Dr. McClay after med. L Livingston children came here Mrs. Madison called (rained) snowed.
- Nov 28 Monday. Edward came home. We went to town came home. He took horse and buggy to go up to lake. Then I went to Mr. Shelps came home and Nettie and I went and spent evening to Mr. Shelps. Snowed.
- Nov 29 Tuesday. Father and I helped Edwin butcher his cow. Took a quarter D. Townson and one to M. Cole, and one to Father. Nettie and I went to Mr. Swan in evening.
- Nov. 30 Wednesday. Stayed at home. Made sheep rack and done chores.
- DEC 1 Thursday. Stayed at home and chored around. Clem and Harper cut wood for Father. Nettie, Robert and I went to Mr. Livingston in evening.
- Dec 2 Friday. Went to town sent Frank Pursell a letter. Helped to chores. Rained
- Dec 3 Sat. Went to Plainwell with Arthur and Charley Shelp. Arthur and I stopped at Brigham all night on account of rain.
- Dec 4 We came home then I went to Edward he was not home. Went to Ives after him. L. Livingston and his girl came to Father's.
- Dec 5 Went to Merit Cole with Father after a load of sawdust, and drew Edward a jag of hay. And done chores.
- Dec 6 Tues. Went to town and fixed sheep shed and helped Char. Blanchard. Got sheep out and start them as far as Sam Calick. Edward came here

after corn. Wm. H Ritter and Shank Thomas came with him, Robbie and Nettie and I went to town to spelling school. Father and Mother went to Middleville.

- Dec 7 Wed. Stayed at Fathers and chored around. Wm. Gridler came here and we went down on marsh.
- Dec 8 Built yard for sheep. Marge and Jennie Potter came here. I Let Jennie have some of Matties clothes.
- Dec 9 Fri. Went to town. Des. Jordan and Lattie came after cider. Rose Hull stopped to see about carrying got to Doster. Father went to Morg Potter after lambs.
- Dec 10 Sat. Stayed at home and done chores. Father went to Len Livingston.
- Dec 11 Sun. Stayed at home and done chores. Mr. Hull came here it snow most all day.
- Dec 12 mon. went to Doster with my hog. Went to Morg Potter stayed all night.
- Dec 13 Tued. Came home and done chores. F Pursell came here.
- Dec. 14 Frank and I went a riding and to view the surrounding country. Done chores.
- Dec 15 Thursday. Frank Pursell and I went to town. Then we went to Mr. Shelp, Arthur went with us to dig out a gaber. Came home and done chores.
- Dec 16 Fri. Helped build yard for sheep, Jennie Shelp came here. Frank went home I helped Edward draw hay. Then went to town r. with Jennie in evening.
- Dec 17 Sat. Cut wood and went to Edward after Nettie and got corn and shelled for sheep.
- Dec 18 Sun. Took Mother to Edward. Mate and Emma Livingston came to Len and Fred stopped and got the girls.
- Dec 19 Mon. Went to Middleville got suit of clothes of H.L. Moore paid him \$4.00 on old acc, \$33.75. Paid Wm. Guileman \$5.00 on his acct. Paid Wm. Olt \$3.20. Got 2 lbs. of coffee. Got of R. Young for Father \$2.00 worth of sugar, 2 lbs. of raisin.

- Dec 20 Tues. Helped Father butcher and went to town came home and done chores.
- Dec 21 Wed. Went to town came home helped fix sheep shed, then Nettie and I went to Frank. Then I went to Mr. Pursell.
- Dec 22 Thurs. Went to Mr. Pursell. Frank and I went to prayer meeting stayed all night with him.
- Dec 23 Fri. Frank and I went to Maple Grover Center and to Frank Wilcox School (snowed).
- Dec 24 Went to Mr. Pursell to see Frank. Then Nettie and I came home. Clark came here to buy my stove.
- Dec 25 Stayed at home, went to town in evening.
- Dec 26 Mon. Father and I cut poles and wood. Jennie and Frank Shelp and I went and took Jennie home.
- Dec 27 Tues. Father and I cut poles and wood. I went to town in evening after mail.
- Dec 28 Wed. Father and I fixed barn as we could get cattle in. (rained and snowed)
- Dec 29 Thurs. Nettie and Jennie Shelp and I went to Middleville got a whip.
- Dec 30 Fri. Father and I killed pig and drew wood and cut some. Albert Nichols came here.
- Dec. 31 Sat. Stayed at home and went to Edward, s stopped to see Jennie Shelp. Wallace came home with me, we went to town after mail.

JANUARY of 1888

- Jan 1 Sun. Went after Edwards folks topped and got Jennie Shelp. Went and took Edwards folks home. Robert went with me. Came home then took Jennie home.
- Jan 2 Mon. Father and I oiled harness. L. Livingston, Robert and I shelled a bag of corn.
- Jan 3 Drew Al Clem a load of wood, and went to town then Father and I went down in woods and cut wood.

- Jan 4 Wed. Father and I cut a ½ day. Then he and mother went to Edwin. Nettie took horse to after Jennie Shelp. I went to town and went and split wood. Robert had horse to go after mail. Got a letter from Wm. Brezee.
- Jan 5 Thurs. Nettie had horse to take Jennie home. I split wood. Father and Mother came home from Edwin.
- Jan 6 Fri. Father and I cut wood. Robbie went after mail. Got a letter from Florence.
- Jan 7 Sat. Father and I cut wood and split wood.
- Jan 8 Sun. I went to Edward after saw came home, Nettie, Robbie and I went to Mr. Shelp.
- Jan 9 Monday. I cut wood. Father went to Hastings after Eugene and Zola.
- Jan 10 Tues. Stayed at home shelled corn, and went to town, to get a gun. Eugene Spencer went with me.
- Jan 11 Wed. Eugene, Robert, and I went hunting got 3 rabbits in fournoon
- Jan 12 Thurs. Went to Frank Payne and to Pine Lake to Loren Cook came back and took Nettie and Jennie Shelp and set up at Payne.
- Jan 13 Frid. Went to funeral and to post office got letter from Frank Purcall
- Jan 14 Sat. We all went to Edward and Eugene and I went hunting rabbits. Got one.
- Jan 15 Sun. Stayed home and done chores.
- Jan 16 Mond. Took Spencer and Zola to Hastings. Then went to Frank stayed with Frank Purcell
- Jan 17 Tues. Frank Purcell and I cut logs for Frank. Then we went to Maple Grove.
- Jan 18 Wed. Drew logs for Frank. We went to meeting at U.B. Church.
- Jan 19 Thurs. Drew logs for Frank. Frank Purcell and I went to Maple Grove.
- Jan 20 Fri. Frank Purcell and I went to Battle Creek with a load of lumber.

- Jan 21 Sat. Helped Frank Wilcox pile wood. Then went to Nashville and stayed all night.
- Jan 22 Sun. Came back to Frank and to Sunday School and to prayer meeting. Went with Frank folks to meeting in evening to Maple Grove.
- Jan 23 Mon. Drew logs for Frank. Frank Pursell and I went to Maple Grove Center in evening.
- Jan 24 Tues. Drew logs for Frank. Frank Pusell and I went to Maple Grove Center in Evening.
- Jan 25 Wed. Came home to Orangeville, brought a shovel to Doud School house for Imogene.
- Jan 26 Tues. Stayed at home. Father went to Edwin. I went to town sent letter to E.B.
- Jan 27 Frid. Stayed at home and done chores.
- Jan 28 Sat. Father and I cut wood, cleaned oats, and drew wood.
- Jan 29 Sun. Mother and I went to Edwins.
- Jan 30 Mon. Stayed at home and done chores. Father went to Livingston. Robbie and I went to town.
- Jan 31 Tues. Went to Middleville contracted a cutter from Wm. Otto. Got a whip, got 2 lbs. condition powders.
- FEB 1 Wed. Father, Robert and I drew cut wood and banked in road.
- Feb 2 Thurs. Father and I cut wood and done chores.
- Feb 3 Fri. Father and I cut wood and split wood, Edward came here.
- Feb 4 Sat Went to Middleville after my cutter. Gave my note \$20.00. Jennie Shelp came here.
- Feb 5 Sun. Nettie and I went to Edwins.
- Feb 6 Mon. Father and I drew wood and cut wood, Robbie and I went to Edward in evening.
- Feb 7 Tues. Father and I cut wood in forenoon. I went to town in after.

- Feb 8 Wed. Done chores and went to Morg Potter, stayed all night.
- Feb. 9 Thurs. Edward and I went to Plainwell. Stopped to Eli's and got mail.
- Feb. 10 Fri. Father and I cut wood. Fred Payne came to borrow my rake I shelled 1 bu. of corn.
- Feb 11 Sat. Father and I cut wood and did chores.
- Feb 12 Sun. Robert and I went to Edwins took him some cider.
- Feb 13 Mon. Father and I drew wood cut on road. Jennie Shelp came to Father.
- Feb 14 Tues. Went to town and shelled corn. Mrs. Shelp came to Father. Robbie and Nettie went to Middleville. Nettie and I went to town.
- Feb 15 Wed. Father and I cut wood and done chores.
- Feb 16 Thurs. Father and I cut wood. Nettie and Robert went to Mr. Cole.
- Feb 17 Fri. Father and I cut and drew out wood. Edward came here.
- Feb 18 Sat. Robert and I went to the lake and to town. I took Mrs. Livingston home.
- Feb 19 Sun Went to Edward and to town Frank Montague gave me \$48.00 witness fee, Merit Cole came here. Wallace was here.
- Feb 20 Mon. Father and I cut wood.
- Feb. 21 Tues. Father and I cut wood, Robert went to Edward.
- Feb 22 Wed Father and I cut wood, Jennie Shelp and Edward came to Father
- Feb 23 Thurs. Father and I cut wood and hauled out to road.
- Feb 24 Fri. Father and I cut wood. Robbie went to town after mail got letter from F.P.
- Feb 25 Sat. Shelled corn and done chores.
- Feb 26 Sun. Shelled corn and done chores.
- Feb 27 Mon Drew wood out on the road. Edward came to Father.

- Feb 28 Tues. Father and I drew wood, I went up to the north barn after my buggy.
- Feb 29 Wed. Went to Balitmore. Stopped to Fred Burgeman and to Wm. Brezee and to Frank Wilcox. Frank Pursell and I went to prayer meeting.
- MARCH 1 Thurs. Stayed at Frank. Frank Pursell and I went to Chaney Garnes.
- March 2 Fri. Came to Hastings and home to Orangeville.
- March 3 Sat. Went to Edward got \$15.00 of him, came home got \$10.00 of Father and went to M. Potter paid him \$32.00. Stayed all night. Father went to mill. Took 4 bu. of corn for me, Edward and my horse and buggy.
- March 4 Sun. Morg and I went to Fulagan to look at horse he brought me as far as Nealy, and I came home paid Father \$5.00
- March 5 Mon. Father and I cut poles ½ day. Some men came after hay. Edward and David Townsend had my buggy to go to Martin.
- March 6 Sold David 11 bu. and 69 lb. of corn.
- March 7 Tues. Father and I cut poles in forenoon. I cut alone in after.
- March 8 Wed. Father and I built fence, Edward came and Jennie Shelp to Father place. Nettie and Robert and I went to Mr. Coles in evening.
- March 9 Thur. Father and I build fence.
- March 10 Fri. Rained. Edward came to Father and we went to M. Potter stayed all night.
- March 11 Sat. We came home David Townsend came after corn. He Paid me on corn \$6.00. I paid Edward \$5.00
- March 12 Sun. Father and I build fence. Edward helped us in forenoon. He got me a letter. I paid Father \$5.00 and aid Edward bal. on corn.
- March 13 Mon. Father and I finished building fence and then he went to Edward and I done chores.
- March 14 Father went to Edwin. I went to Edward paid him cash \$8.00. Edward came to Father I got letter from Mary Brezee.
- March 15 Father and I cut grubs. I went and sent up Frank Payne at train.

- March 16 I went to Middleville paid Wm. Guileman cash \$10.00. Paid R. Young cash \$7.40. Got cloth for shirt and overall, 80¢. Wm. And Guy Brezee came to Father stayed all night.
- March 17 Helped Father cut grubs and went to see Henry Aurbor about some wood.
- March 18 Robert and I went to Edward. L. Livingston girls came to Father. Paid Robert cash 25¢.
- March 19 Edward cut wood for me. I drew wood drew it to Henry Aurbor, drew 3 loads. Had Mr. Swan wagon.
- March 20 it rained did not do any thing only chores.
- March 21 Father and I cut wood and chored around. Robert went after mail.
- March 22 I went to Edward stopped at Mrs. Shelp.
- March 23 Drew wood to Henery Aurbor.
- March 24 Went to Edwin stopped to Shafer to sell horse.
- March 25 Came home and done chores, put my heifer in Turner barn.
- March 26 Stayed at home and done chores.
- March 27 Went to Edward and done chores.
- March 28 Stayed at home in forenoon, went and helped Edward saw wood in afternoon. Went to town in evening. Let Frank have 10 bu. of corn.
- March 29 Helped Edward saw wood in forenoon and we went to Pairieville after, Nettie and I went to Mr. Shelp in evening.
- March 30 Went to mill and to Edward got Walter Gurees went to Mr. Shelp in evening.
- March 31 Stayed at home my heifer had calf went to town in evening.
- APRIL 1 Robert and I went to Edward. Mr. Payne people came here.
- April 2 Robert and I went to B. Baltimore to Frank. Took cow. Stayed at Mr. Pursell all night.

- April 3 Tues. We came home bought cow and calf.
- April 4 Wed. Drew manure. Father went after Edwin.
- April 5 Thursday. We cut and split rails.
- April 6 Friday. We cut and split rails.
- April 7 Sat. We cut and split rails.
- April 8 Sun. Edwin and I went to Yankee Springs and to Edwards.
- April 9 Monday. Edwin and I went and helped to mill took 4 bushels for myself and 4 for Father.
- April 10 Cut and split rails in afternoon and rained in forenoon.
- April 11 Built fence and drew rails.
- April 12 Drew rails and build fence. Drew picket log to Mr. Cole's Mill.
- April 13 Finish building fence. Drew picket log to mill.
- April 14 Went and took Edwin home saw M. Shafer and saw L. Simpson.
- April 15 Nettie and I went to Mr. Shelp in evening.
- April 16 Monday. We drew manure and help David Townsend load hay and went town in evening.
- April 17 Tuesday. Drew manure.
- April 18 Wed. Drew manure.
- April 19 Tues. Drew manure
- April 20 Fri. Went to Mr. Shelp and went over the road that Bitgood tried to get layed.
- April 21 Moved corn out of crib.
- April 22 Sun. Went to Edwards and to Shelps in evening.
- April 23 Mon. Commenced plowing corn ground.
- April 24 Drew manure and went to Edwards, Father went to Baltimore to Franks.

- April 25 Wed. Plowed and Jennie Shelp came here.
- April 26 Thursday. Plowed and look after sheep.
- April 27 Fri. Plowed. Ike Cappon came here to get help to raise barn.
- April 28 Sat. plowed and to raising and went riding in evening.
- April 29 Sun. Mother, Nettie, and Robert and I went to Edwards.
- April 30 Mon. Plowed and went to town.
- MAY 1 Tues. Plowed on corn ground.
- May 2 Wed. Plowed and went to Edwards and mark stakes on crisp land.
- May 3 Thurs. went to Hastings on the commission?
- May 4 Fri. Plowed it rained.
- May 5 Sat. Finish plowing on Turners.
- May 6 Sun. Nettie and I went to Blake School and to Mr. Shelp
- May 7 Mon. Wallace and I went to Frank's.
- May 8 Tues. Plowed for Frank went to Pursell and stayed all night.
- May 9 Wed. Plowed for Frank went to Pursell and stayed all night.
- May 10 Thurs. Plowed one half day for Frank and came home and Father let me have \$5.00.
- May 11 Draged corn ground went to M. Coled and let him have one bushel of corn.
- May 12 Sat. Draged corn ground Frank Montague came here. Clarence Lebaeam came here. I went to mill and took 2 bushel of corn for father.
- May 13 Sun. Merit Cole and I went to Fish Lake after boat. Then I went to Mr. Shelp and took Jennie to Prairieville.
- May 14 Mon. ent to Coles after drag and dragged corn ground.
- May 15 Tues. Drag corn ground.

- May 16 Wed. Marked corn ground and planted it.
- May 17 Thurs. Draged corn ground. Arthur Shelp and Ed Cook and Father planted corn on Turners.
- May 18 Fri. Robbie took Merit Cole drag home. I shelled corn and took some corn to change up to Edwards.
- May 19 Sat. Arthur Shelp planted on half day I plowed in forenoon, marked corn ground in afternoon.
- May 20 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelps and went to Sunday School. The Arthur and I went to town, to Baptizing then we went to lake for a stroll.
- May 21 Mon. Dragged and marked corn ground. Arthur Shelp came here.
- May 22 Tues. Finished marking corn ground and plowed corn ground. Arthur Shelp and Ed. Cook planted corn for me. Payed Arthur cash 75¢ for corn. Father had cash 25¢
- May 23 Wed. Finished plowing for corn and dragged.
- May 24 Thurs. Marked and finishing planting corn, Arthur Shelp came here.
- May 25 Frid. Plowed potato ground, and then went to M. Potters Father payed cash 25¢
- May 26 Sat. Went to Rumbles with Marg. Then came to Doster and to Walters after Jennie Shelp took her home.
- May 27 Sun. Jennie Shelp came to Fathers. I took her to work Edward and Wm. Ritter came to Fathers.
- May 28 Mon. Helped Father take some stuff to Bills sheep yard for washing then went to Edwards and changed wagon and went to Baltimore to Frank took him three bushel of corn.
- May 29 Tues. Came home brought a calf home.
- May 30 Wed. Went to L. Livingston after corn and cultivator and cultivated corn.
- May 31 Thur. Culivated corn and then took L. Livingstone cultivator home, and Angnstus Jessup kettle home. Ed Cooks came here, got one bushel corn.

- JUNE 1 Friday. Shelled corn and built yard for my calfs Bert Harper and Arthur Rhain were here.
- June 2 Sat. Fixed fence around pasture went to town by Father
- June 3 Sun. Went to Mr. Arbur got tub, he paid me \$5.00. That he held on a bet. Then I went to Mr. Walter to see Jennie Shelp. We went riding. Father got paint for me. Mother go of R. Young 7 lbs. of tob.
- June 4 Mon. Went to L. Livingston after cultivater stopped and helped Swan make water tank.
- June 5 Tues. Cultivated corn. Edward came here. Net had horse and cash \$2.00. Went to L. Livingston. Came home and dragged potato ground. Chalker came after hay. Cultivated corn.
- June 6 Wed. Cultivated corn.
- June 7 Thurs. Sheared sheep, Edward helped. Nettie came back with horse and got me a lap robe.
- June 8 Fri. Finished shearing sheep, cultivated corn.
- June 9 Sat. Cultivated corn. Went to mr. Walter after Jennie Shelp
- June 10 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp took dinner and took Jennie to her work.
- June 11 Mon. Cultivated corn on Turners.
- June 12 Tues. Finished cultivating on Turners and went to Merit Cole after his cultivater.
- June 13 Wed. Cultivated corn and painted buggy. Charles Morrel came here to warn us out on the road. Got by stage 2 lbs. of toc of R. Young \$2.00.
- June 14 Thurs. Charles Morrel came after hay he got 500 lbs. went fishin with Collison, got 2 dollars for hay.
- June 15 Fri. Cultivated corn and got paint. Went to Swan Corners to meeting.
- June 16 Sat. Helped Merit Cole shear sheep, he had 50.
- June 17 Sun. Painted buggy and Nettie, Robert and I went to Edward after brush.

- June 18 Mon. Worked on road. Horace Wood and his mother came here. I went to Edward and stayed all night.
- June 19 Tues. Edward and I came home. Then we went sheared sheep for L. Livingston. Then I went and seen Dr. got med. 50¢.
- June 20 Wed. We hitched up and we all went to Edward, but Mother then we went fishing. The new Dr. was here to see Mothers.
- June 21 Thurs. Went to L. Livingston and came home and cultivated corn. Father paid me cash for hay \$5.00.
- June 22 Fri. Cultivated corn. Father helped.
- June 23 Sat. Cultivated corn in fornoon. Went to see McKay and went and got Jennie Shelp took her home. Paid cash for med. 75¢.
- June 24 Sun. Washed my buggy and oiled it. Went to lake with Merit Cole. Then Robert, Nettie, Jennie Shelp and I went to evening exercise to town. I went home with Jennie.
- June 25 Mon. Cultivated corn
- June 26 Tues. Mr. Carner came here to buy wool. I cultivated corn. Mrs. Shelp came here I took her home in evening.
- June 27 Wed. Cultivated corn, Merit Cole and a man came brought our wool Mrs. Bunce came to Father.
- June 28 Thurs. Went to David Townsend and Ed Wilcox. Came home and went to Mr. Shelp and Jennie and got winter green.
- June 29 Fri. Helped lead our wool, then took Mother to Mr. Livingston and came home and cultivated corn. Jennie Shelp came to Fath and I took home. Father paid me for wool \$16.00 for hay \$2.96
- June 30 Sat. Cultivated corn.
- JULY 1 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp and Jennie went to Pairieville with me. Came back and took dinner with her.
- July 2 Mon. Cultivated corn and took Merit Cole cultivator home. Went to town go mail.
- July 3 Tues. Hoed corn.

- July 4 Wed. Went and got Jennie Shelp her and I went to Allegan. Came home.
- July 5 Thurs. Stayed at home and sleep most all day.
- July 6 Fri. Went to L. Livingston and bought cultivater \$1.50. Then went to see Frank Paine and Arthur Shelp about harvesting.
- July 7 Sat. Cultivated corn, Jennie Shelp came to Father.
- July 8 Sun. I carried Jennie home and then took her to work.
- July 9 Mon. Cultivated corn Robert and I went to town.
- July 10 Tues. Helped Frank Paine in Harvest, went home with Arthur Shelp stayed all night.
- July 11 Wed. Went to Paine and went and helped Shelp.
- July 12 Thurs. Cut rye and Frank Paine came here to reap it rained.
- July 13 Fri. Harvested Arthur Shelp helped. We went to town to see the Paines.
- July 14 Sat. Helped Arthur in harvesting.
- July 15 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp. Arthur and I went to Lime Lake Edward cut my hair. Then we went to his place and started for Pine Lake, meet Jennie and went back home I went to town.
- July 16 Mon. Finished cutting hay drew one load in barn.
- July 17 Tue. Commenced cutting hay drew one load in barn.
- July 18 Wed. Cultivated corn and worked in hay drew one load in barn, it rained in afternoon.
- July 19 Thurs. Cultivated corn and worked in hay drew 3 load went to town.
- July 20 Fri. Worked in hay, drew 2 load and one of rye.
- July 21 Sat. Worked in hay drew on load, drew two of rye Arthur Shelp came to Father.
- July 22 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp, Jennie and I went to Sunday School. Then I bought my horse home and went back to her house to see Arthur and Fred and Len Livingston.

- July 23 Mon. Plowed on Turners and drew 2 loads of rails. And fixed line fence between Carlile and Turner. Chalker got 1 ½ load of wood.
- July 24 Tues. Helped Frank Payne thrash in forenoon. Drew my rye in after. We drew 5 loads Arthur Shelp helped me went to Chalker after Turners wheat in evening.
- July 25 Wed. Took my cutter to Tuner bar. Took Jim Hill 2 corn wood \$2.50. Plowed and mowed hay.
- July 25 Thurs. Drew one load of hay. Then went to town. Arthur Shelp went to Fish Lake bathing. I went home with him.
- July 26 Fri. Went to Edward. Stopped to see Jennie Shelp took dinner with her and she came home with me stayed till evening. I went home with her. Plowed in afternoon.
- July 26 Sat. Finished mowing and went out on road. Arthur Shelp help me in afternoon drew hay. Drew 2 loads then went and set up at Ed Cook. Jennie Shelp and Florence Blake set up with me.
- July 27 Plowed on Turners.
- July 29 Sun. Took Jennie Shelp home brought my horse home and went back to Mr. Shelp took dinner.
- July 30 Mon. Cultivated corn and went to Chalkers. Nettie went to town and got Jennie Shelp.
- July 31 Tues. Went and took Jennie Shelp and helped Mr. Shelp trash. Edward came to Father to get horse to cultivate corn.
- AUGUST
- Aug 1 Wed. Helped L. Livingston thrash then went and helped Arthur Shelp. Rake up some hay and then we went and helped Albert Valentine thrash.
- Aug 2 Thurs. Went to Mr. Shelp in forenoon plowed in afternoon. Went and took Jennie Shelp to Edward and did not stay.
- Aug 3 Took my red heifer to David Townsend then plowed in forenoon cultivated corn in after.
- Aug 4 Sat. Cultivated corn Father drew Jim Hill 2 cord of wood and went to mill and then he finished plowing in lot by barn.

- Aug 5 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp. Jennie and I went for a stroll.
- Aug 6 Mon. Cultivated corn. Robert dragged on Turner.
- Aug 7 Tues. Plowed and cultivated corn, Robert finished dragging and Father plowed in afternoon. I went to Mr. Shelp in evening saw Jennie.
- Aug 8 Wed. Plowed and cultivated corn Father plowed.
- Aug 9 Thurs. Plowed until dew went off the cultivated corn. Father plowed Mrs. Cole came here. and Jennie Shelp, Emma Livingston came to Father. I cut her hair. Drew Jim Hill 2 cord wood. Went to lake a stroll in evening.
- Aug 10 Fri. Plowed and cultivated corn in fournoon, went to Edward stopped to see Jennie Shelp.
- Aug 11 Sat. Fixed fence and cultivated corn in fournoon. Plowed in after. Father plowed afternoon.
- Aug 12 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp Jennie and I went to Sunday then she came home with me, we went to church in evening.
- Aug 13 Mon. Finished plowing and drew Jim Jill 2 cord wood. Went after cultivator, and cultivated corn. Robert dragged after.
- Aug 14 Tues. Cultivated corn went to L. Livingston after rye got 6 bu. commenced sowing went to see Jennie Shelp stayed all night.
- Aug 15 Wed. Cultivated corn and Robert dragged. John Turner came to Father.
- Aug 16 Thurs. Cultivated corn and got sheep up and sorted lambs out. Robert dragged went to see Jennie Shelp and stayed all night.
- Aug 17 Fri. Cultivated corn Robert dragged, Edward came to Father to get horse. Jennie Shelp came to Father.
- Aug 18 Cultivated corn. Father drew Jim Hill 2 cord wood. He paid for wood \$7.50. Father got rye of L. Livingston, 12 bu. Robert dragged
- Aug 19 Sun. took Nettie to Edwards than 1 went to Mr. Shelp, Jennie and I went to Yankee Springs came back to her place and went to town to meeting in evening.
- Aug 20 Cultivated corn Wallace came and got my horse to cultivate corn with.

- Aug 21 Tues. Cultivated corn and went to Edward stopped to see Jennie Shelp.
- Aug 22 Wed. Took roan heifer to David Townsend and went down on marsh cut and drew load home.
- Aug 23 Thurs. Worked on marsh drew on load home. Wallace brought my horse home we had frost.
- Aug 24 Fri. Worked on marsh stacked hay 7 loads Drew one load home. Jennie Shelp came here brought me a tie, Jim Hill was here.
- Aug 25 Sat. Worked on marsh. We stacked 3 load drew one load home. Drew James Hill 2 cords wood. \$2.00, I sent to Edward stopped and saw Jennie Shelp.
- Aug 26 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp. Jennie and I went to Blakes took dinner.
- Aug 27 Mon. Worked on marsh drew 2 loads home cut some for Edward.
- Aug 28 Tues. Drew 2 load hay home from marsh drew Letta 2 load wood.
- Aug 29 Wed. Drew Letta 2 loads drew 12 cord for Rose drew one load hay.
- Aug 30 Thurs. Went to Allegan, stopped at Edwin.
- Aug 31 Fri. went to see Lem and went to Mr. Shelp.
- SEPT.
- Sept 1 Sat. went home Jennie in evening. Father and I finished draw - Edwards hay. I cut some wood.
- Sept 2 Sun Went to Edwards stopped to see Mr. Shelp came home and went to Charles Morrel and then went to see Jennie Shelp.
- Sept 3 Mon. Father and I went and fixed Edwards hay stack. Came home and dragged on Turners, Robert helped drag, Father cut corn.
- Sept 4 Tues. Robert and I dragged in fournoon and then I went to Doctors and Robert finished dragging. Father cut corn. Saw Jennie let her have \$2.00. Went to Edward.
- Sept 5 Father and I cut corn.
- Sept 6 Thurs. Father and I cut corn.

- Sept 7 Fri. Father and I finished cutting corn on Turners, Jennie Shelp came here. I went home with her.
- Sept 8 Sat. Went to L. Livingston and to town came home sowed rye in corn field.
- Sept 9 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp, Jennie and I went for a stroll.
- Sept 10 Mon. Went to L. Livingston got drill and 12 bu. rye, Came home and drilled rye.
- Sept 11 Tues. Went to Mr. Shelp got 13 bu. Rye came home and drilled. Picked peaches, took some up for Jennie to take care of. Father went to Edwin of forenoon.
- Sept 12 Help Cole thrash came home and finished drilling rye.
- Sept 13 Thurs. Sowed rye in corn. Edward came here helped cut corn in afternoon. Took some peaches up to Jennie in evening. Helped father cut corn a ½ day.
- Sept 14 Fri. Father helped cut corn. Edward helped cut corn, Letta and Chub Lewis helped in afternoon. Led Edward have 2 bu. rye, Lett Nettie have 50¢.
- Sept 15 Sat. Edward helped me cut corn. Nettie and I went to Mr. Shelp in evening took Jennie some peaches.
- Sept 16 Sun. Went to town and Mr. Shelp to see Jennie. Edward came home.
- Sept 17 Mon Robert and I pulled weeds.
- Sept 18 Tues. Robert and pulled weeds. Sold a yearling to Jesup got \$14.00. He paid me \$5.00.
- Sept 19 Wed. Delivered a yearling to Jesup he paid me \$9.00 cash. Robert and I finished pulling weeds, drew manure and weeds. 4 loads of manure.
- Sept 20 Thur. Drew manure and weeds. Took Jennie Shelp home. She came home with me.
- Sept 21 Fri. Helped Harvey Harper thrash the thrashed ours had 80 bu. Took Jennie Shelp home. Nettie paid me cash \$1.50.

- Sept 22 Sat. Helped Hiram Bunce thrash then took L. Livingston rye home. Took Mr. Shelp rye home. Took Jennie some peaches. Father went after seed wheat.
- Sept 23 Sun. Went to town and went to Shelp. Jennie and I went riding.
- Sept 24 Mon. Sowed wheat and took Jennie Shelp some peaches.
- Sept 25 Tues. Drew manure and cleaned out ditches.
- Sept 26 Wed. Cut corn and went to Edward stopped to Shelps.
- Sept 27 Thur. Went to L. Livingston came home and husked corn on Turners.
- Sept 28 Fri. Husked and cribbed corn. 21 bu. Jennie Shelp came to Fathers.
- Sept 29 Sat. Drew some stalks. Frank Pursell came to Fathers.
- Sept 30 We went to Mr. Shelp and to David Townsend and got his cart Jennie and I went riding in evening.
- OCT.
- Oct 1 Mon. Went to Baltimore and to Maple Grove.
- Oct 2 Tues. Went to Nashville and to Lecture, stayed all night.
- Oct 3 Wed. Went to Hasting to Mass meeting. Jennie Shelp came home with me stayed Mr. Shelp all night.
- Oct 4 Thurs. Came home had lame arm.
- Oct 5 Went to town got shirts and overalls. Sent Frank Wilcox card. Helped Father draw load corn. Helped Frank Paine thrash buckwheat.
- Oct 6 Sat. Drew corn in barn went to Mr. Shelp got Jennies hand bag for Nettie.
- Oct 7 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp Jennie came home with me.
- Oct. 8 Mon. Husked corn L. Livingston brought beans to Turners barn. Jennie came to Fathers.
- Oct 9 Tues. Husked corn on Fathers.

- Oct 10 Wed. Husked corn Father helped in afternoon went to Shelps in evening. Stayed all night.
- Oct 11 Thurs. Drew corn in barn and drew and cribbed 17 bu for me. 14 bu. for Father. Got soft corn 1 marked and 1 bu. basket.
- Oct 12 Fri. Husked corn. Jennie Shelp came to Father.
- Oct 13 Sat. Husked and cribbed corn 28 bu. Jennie Shelp helped me load a load of corn. I took her home.
- Oct 14 Sun. Frank Paine came to Father. We settled up he paid me \$10.00 to bal. acct. Went to Jennie Shelp we went riding.
- Oct. 15 Mon. Husked some corn then went to town to pole raising.
- Oct 16 Tues. Husked corn, Father husked 3 shocks.
- Oct. 17 Wed. Husked corn, father helped.
- Oct 18 Thurs. Husked corn father and we drew corn from Turners. I went to Cole after school.
- Oct 19 Fri. We built corn crib and drew corn. Jennie Shelp came to Father a went to singing school.
- Oct 20 Sat. Husked corn. Father went to Middleville.
- Oct 21 Sun. Went to Mr. Shelp, Jennie and I went riding.
- Oct 22 Mon. Father I husked corn. Frank came to Fathers brought my cow back.
- Oct 23 Tues. Frank, Father and I husked corn in forenoon. Then Frank went home.
- Oct 24 Wed. Father and I husked corn.
- Oct 25 Thurs. Father and I husked corn and cribbed corn.
- Oct 26 Fri. We husked corn.
- Oct 27 Sat. Unload a load of corn, then went to Mr. Shelp came home and husked corn, Jennie Shelp came to Father.
- Oct 28 Sun. Took Jennie Shelp home in evening.

- Oct 29 Mon. Helped father load up a load of wood. Then I husked corn. Arthur Shelp came.
- Oct 30 Tues. Husked corn in forenoon. Father helped in after. We drew one load. I went and got Jennie Shelp. Sold a yearling to Jesup got \$14.00 he paid me \$5.00.
- Oct 31 Husked corn Arthur Shelp. Net and Jennie had horse to go get walnuts.
- NOV.
- Nov 1 Thurs. Arthur Shelp and I husked corn. Father husked in afternoon. I took Jennie Shelp home in evening. Father I took yearling to Jesup, he paid bal in cash. \$9.00
- Nov. 2 Fri. Husked corn Father husked, Rose Wilcox and her children came to fathers.
- Nov 3 Sat. Arthur Shelp helped me husked corn. I went home with him we went riding, stayed all night.
- Nov. 4 Sun. Jennie and I went to Edwards.
- Nov 5 Mon. Husked corn.
- Nov 6 Tues. Husked corn, went to town meeting, Jennie Shelp came here Her, Nettie and I picked corn.
- Nov 7 Wed. Jennie and I picked up corn. Nettie helped in fornoon.
- Nov 8 Thurs. Went to town it rained.
- Nov 9 Fri. Unload corn, went to Edward.
- Nov 10 Sat. Husked corn, it rained.
- Nov 11 Sun. Husked 6 shocks and took Jennie home and went to Wm. Ritter. Then Jennie came home with me.
- Nov 12 Mon. Husked corn Wallace helped me. Paid Jennie Shelp 50¢. Picked up a load of corn.
- Nov 13 Tues. Husked corn Edward came here in evening. I went to Cole with him, he paid _____ we went to town.

- Nov 14 Wed. Husked corn $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Then Jennie Shelp and I picked up a load. I took her home and went to Edward went home with Wm. Ritter stayed all night. Paid David Townsend \$1.50.
- Nov 15 Thurs. Husked corn. Father helped. Robert and Net picked.
- Nov 16 Fri. Drew stalks father helped.
- Nov 17 Sat. Drew stalks and corn. Father helped. Went to Hulls in evening. He paid me in cash \$5.00.
- Nov 18 Sun. Went to and got Jennie we went to Edwards and she came home with me.
- Nov 19 Mon. Went to Middleville. Paid Olt Bros. up in full. Went to Pat Dooley stayed all night.
- Nov. 20 Tues. went to Lowell and two miles north and stayed all night, with a man by the name of Wilcox.
- Nov 21 Wed. Went to Kiddville and came back to Vanderbroeck and stayed all night.
- Nov 22 Thurs. Came back to Aunt Em stayed all night.
- Nov 23 Fri. Came home. Jennie Shelp came down I took her home.
- Nov 24 Sat. went and got Jennie Shelp we went to Hastings were married came home to fathers.
- Nov 25 Sun. Jennie and went to Wm. Ritter.
- Nov 26 Mon. Helped father cut wood.
- Nov 27 Tues. Finished husking corn.
- Nov 28 Wed. Drew rails and wood to town to Miller. \$1.25
- Nov 29 Thurs. Father finished hauling wood to Jesup get cash \$9.50. Net, Robert, Jennie and I went to Watson to Edwins.
- Nov 30 Fri. Helped father cut wood.
- DEC.
- Dec. 1 Sat. Cut wood $\frac{1}{2}$ day for father. Went to Edward in after noon.

- Dec 2 Sun. Took Jennie home and went to Wm. Ritter he fixed my shoe. Came back and got Jennie then Jennie, Net, Robert, and I went to Edward in evening.
- Dec 3 Mon. Went to Edward then him and I went to look for a farm. Went to Prarieville.
- Dec 4 Tues. Helped father cut wood.
- Dec 5 Wed. Cut wood for father.
- Dec 6 Thurs. Cut and split and piled wood in wood shed for father.
- Dec 7 Fri. Helped father butcher and fix his sheep shed.
- Dec 8 Sat. Build yard on Turners for myself, then Edward and I went to Hooper.
- Dec 9 Sun. Stayed at fathers and sorted sheep.
- Dec 10 Mon. I went to Lacy brought Peter Faulk to Orangeville.
- Dec 11 Tues. Drew a contract with Peter Faulk for his house and lot. Then moved, Peter Faulk meals and lodging - 1 bed - 1 bed - and 3 meal - 1 meal.
- Dec 12 Wed. Done chores and banked house.
- Dec 13 Thurs. cut wood and went after Jennie things.
- Dec 14 Fri. Went after Edward we fixed Peter Faulk well.
- Dec 15 Sat. went to Edward and to David Townsend came home. Got from Grand 5 gal of oil. Net stayed all night.
- Dec 16 Sun. Jennie and I went to Father Wilcox. I fixed sheep shed.
- Dec 17 Mon. Finished my sheep shed.
- Dec 18 Tues. Cut and drew wood. Went to L. Livingston after buckwheat flour for father.
- Dec 19 Wed. Cut wood and done chores.

- Dec 20 Thurs. went to David Townsend came home and cut wood. Jennie and I went to fathers in evening.
- Dec 21 Fri. Went to David Townsend after pig got 3 for \$4.80 per hundred, got \$5.00 of W. Ritter. Bought buck of Swan paid \$4.00 paid cash \$2.00. Pigs weighed 12 lbs.
- Dec. 22 Sat. Cut wood
- Dec 23 Sun. cut wood, Father and Edwin helped.
- Dec 24 Mon. Cut wood down on the beech. Jennie and I went to Edward in evening.
- Dec 25 Tues. cut wood
- Dec 26 Wed. done chores it rained.
- Dec 27 Thurs. cut wood ½ day
- Dec 28 Fri. cut wood
- Dec 29 Sat. Cut wood
- Dec 30 Sun. Jennie and went to Father Wilcox.
- Dec 31 Mon. Done cores and split and piled wood in afternoon.
- JAN 1889
- Jan 1 Tues. Went and saw Homer Ritter about working. Let Homer have cash 25¢.
- Jan 2 Wed. Homer and I cut wood.
- Jan 3 Thurs. Homer Ritter and I cut wood.
- Jan 4 Fri. Homer Ritter and I cut wood. 1 piled 2 cords and Jennie 1 ½ that father helped cut and 1 cord that Homer and I cut.
- Jan 5 Sat. I split and piled wood piled 7 cords.
- Jan 6 Sun. Jennie and I went for a ride, and stopped at father to eat turkey, stayed all night.

- Jan 7 Mon. Father and I killed beef. Let father have $\frac{1}{4}$. Uncle Thomas came to our house. Stayed all night. Got cash of W.H. Ritter \$2.00.
- Jan 8 Tues. Brought beef home and cut it up.
- Jan 9 Wed. Went to school after Rob and done chores.
- Jan 10 Thurs. Done chores. Edward and Homer H Ritter came here. I paid Ritter cash \$2.00
- Jan 11 Fri. Done chores. Uncle Tom and I went to town.
- Jan 12 Sat. Drew stalk father helped me. I helped him get corn in barn. Got sheep down from north field.
- Jan 13 Sun. Don chores, had Edward cut my hair.
- Jan 14 Mon. Don chores, drew a load of wood home and cut it up.
- Jan 15 Tues. Homer Ritter and I cut wood and father drew cut and bank on road.
- Jan 16 Wed. Done chores Father Shelp came here. I went to Bitgoods got 2 bu. apples.
- Jan 17 Thurs. Father and I cut wood.
- Jan 18 Fri. Father and I cut wood and I went to Allen for father.
- Jan 19 Sat. Father and I split and piled wood, piled $14 \frac{1}{2}$ cords. Jennie and I went to G.A.R. installation and supper in evening.
- Jan 20 Sun. Went to fathers and done chores.
- Jan 21 Mon. Done chores saw Edward.
- Jan 22 Tues. Edward cut wood.
- Jan 23 Wed. Edward and I cut wood.
- Jan 24 Thur. Drew wood home and drew hay over to Turner barn.
- Jan 25 Fri. Father and I drew hay off marsh.
- Jan 26 Sat. Father and I split wood. I fixed pig pen in afternoon.

Jan 27 Sun. Done chores then Jennie and went riding. We went to Wm. H. Ritter.

Jan 28 Mon. W.H. Ritter stopped at my house get cash \$2.00 Paid taxes

Jan 29 Tues. Done chores

Jan 30 Wed. Done chores and sawed wood and went to Geo. Neagle.

Jan 31 Thurs. Edward and cut wood. We cut 2 ¼ cord and I came home.

FEB.

Feb 1 Fri. Done chores

Feb 2 Sat. Went to Carlton for Wm. Ritter he paid me \$1.50 for going.

Feb 3 Sun. Done chores, Jennie, Robert and I went to prayer meeting

Feb 4 Mon. Done chores and cut wood.

Feb 5 Tues. Done chores and went to Wm. Ritter he turned me a rolling pin.

Feb 6 Wed. Done chores

Feb 7 Thurs. Done chores.

Feb 8 Fri. Done chores then Jennie and went riding.

Feb 9 Sat. Done chores then Jennie and I went and got Susie Shelp.

Feb 10 Sun. Done chores, then took Susie home after her clothes. Kept my horse in Jake England barn.

Feb 11 Mon. Went to Frank Wilcox.

Feb 12 Tues. Drew logs for Frank.

Feb 13 Wed. come home.

Feb 14 Thurs. Drew wood out to road.

Feb 15 Fri. Drew wood out to road.

Feb 16 Sat. Went to Plainwell with wood had 2 ¼ cords got \$1.25 a cord. \$3.50

Feb 17 Sun. Done chores and made feed box for sheep.

Feb 18 Mon. Done chores.

Feb 19 Tues. Done chores, drew some corn down.

Feb. 20 Wed. Drew hay off marsh. Al Clem helped me let him have hay for helping me.

Feb 21 Thurs. Done chores.

Feb 22 Frid. Al Clem and I went and got a load of dry tamerack.

Feb 23 Sat. Done chores, took corn over to barn to feed, Jennie and I went to Jake England.

Feb 24 Sun. Done chores.

Feb 25 Mon Went to Frank with his horse took him a load of wood.

Feb 26 Tues. Took a load of goods home for Frank and drew a load of logs and then took a load of wood where he was staying.

Feb 27 Wed. Came home brought a bag of ear corn for seed that I got of Frank.

Feb 28 Thurs. Jennie and I went to Plainwell to see a man about a farm.

MARCH

Mar 1 Fri. Jennie, Net, and I went to Henery Morehouse funeral.

Mar 2 Sat. Done chores.

Mar 3 Sun. Jennie and I went to Len Neale.

Mar 4 Mon. Done chores, and drew corn over to barn.

Mar 5 Tues. Don chores. Father Shelp and I went to Prairieville to see about a farm.

Mar 6 Wed. Done chores and piled up wood.

Mar 7 Thurs. Done chores, went and looked at farm. Edwin came here.

Mar 8 Fri. Went to Hasting and to Frank Wilcox. He paid me \$1.00

- Mar 9 Sat. Came home from Frank Wilcox. Wm. H Ritter came here. Father got stove pipe that belonged to Peter Faulk.
- Mar 10 Sun. Don chores and Jennie and I went to her folks.
- Mar 11 Mon. Done chores and went to Davide Townsend.
- Mar 12 Tues. Done chores and went to Geo. Nagels.
- Mar 13 Wed. Done chores and fixed fence.
- Mar 14 Thurs. Done chores and went to Jenkins sale. And fixed fence.
- Mar 15 Fri. Done chores and fixed fence. Let Dick Vanvalkenburg have horse to go to Cloverdale.
- Mar 16 Sat. Done chores and fixed fence. Dick Vanvalkenburg had horse.
- Mar 17 Sun. Done chores. Jennie and I went to Geo. Nagles. I stayed and Jennie came home.
- Mar 18 Mon. Cut and split wood for Geo Nagle.
- Mar 19 Tues. Cut and split wood for Geo Nagle ½ day and came home. Then Jennie and I went to Geo. Nagle stayed all night.
- Mar 20 Wed. Sold Geo. Nagle my horse. Got cash for him. He brought us home. 100.15. Then Edward came after corn sold him 10 bu. at 36¢ a bu. \$3.60. Then Edward and I went to look at land.
- Mar 22 Thurs. Done chores. Edward and I went to Martin to see Kimbal about hiring, got crackers and hog ring.
- Mar 23 Fri. Done chores and fixed fence.
- Mar 24 Sat. Done chores, and went to George Nagles. Then we went to Rob Ray, I hired out.
- Mar 25 Sun. Drew one load of hay and one load of manure. 75¢.
- Mar 26 Mon. Sowed clover seed and drew manure and came home. 75¢.
- Mar 27 Tues. Done chores and fixed fence and went to town.

- Mar 28 Wed. Done cores and Father Shelp team to draw rails. Jennie went and got them, Jennie and I went to town. I paid Eli Nichols cash for Hitchcock \$95.00. Eli Nichols charges \$7.00.
- Mar 29 Thurs. Done chores, had Father Wilcox team to draw rails
- Mar 30 Fri.
- Mar 30 Sat. Had Father Wilcox team to go to Hastings bought 225 lb. of flour \$2.00 of sugar and clock.
- Mar 31 Sun. Had Father Wilcox team to draw hay Wm. H Ritter helped me.
- APRIL
- April 1 Mon. Father drew me a load of hay to Rob Ray. I took my cow there and got his team.
- April 2 Tues. Moved to Rob. Rays. Father Shelp brought me a load.
- April 3 Wed. Cut wood for myself. Rob helped me till 1/4 to 4 then it stormed.
- April 4 Thurs. Helped Rob pick stone and railed meadow he helped me get my pig in pen. I cleaned out pig pen and cut some wood and drew a load of poles.
- April 5 Fri. Cut wood and went to Prairieville got Geo Nagle. Got wash board and tub, \$1.50, tea, tobacco razor and strap.
- April 6 Sat. Cut wood helped Rob put on hay rack and load plow.
- April 7 Sun. Homer Ritter came here. I took care of Mrs. Rays horses. And helped do chores.
- April 8 Mon. Plowed oat ground for Rob.
- April 9 Tues. Helped Rob cut wood in fornoon. Plowed in after. Jennie got 7 eggs of Mrs. Ray.
- April 10 Wed. Draged in oats and rolled oat ground and drew one load of corn stalks. Jennie got 7 eggs of Mrs. Ray.
- April 11 Thurs. Drew manure and one load of wood. And taged sheep. And split wood and stakes sawed a little wood at the door, it rained.

- April 12 Fri. Fixed porch and cut wood and split wood. Drove stakes and pick stones. Reset strawberries and carried straw around barn.
- April 13 Sat. Helped sort sheep and Rob horse and buggy to go to Dan Shelp Funeral, and to Father Wilcox. I paid Father 50¢ for tagging sheep. He paid me \$2.00 for Patten boys.
- April 14 Sun. Jennie and I went to Geo. Nagles, I cut Geo hair.
- April 15 Mon. Drew manure and one load corn stalks. Lowed garden and barley ground. I broke bolt to plow. Cleaned out chicken coop.
- April 16 Tues. Drew manure and went to Milo after hogs, Draged garden and barley ground and rolled it. Planted potatoes in garden. Jennie got three eggs of Mrs. Ray.
- April 17 Wed. Plowed corn ground.
- April 18 Thurs. Plowed corn ground, Jennie went fishing, Homer Ritter came here. It rained.
- April 19 Fri. Plowed corn ground, it rained.
- April 20 Sat. Draged corn stuble on the summer fallow, Rob and I went and got scraper and scraped hole for stones and picked up 2 loads of stones. We went to town in evening. Jennie went fishing.
- April 21 Sun. Homer Ritter came here. We went fishing. Father and Mother Shelp came here. Homer and Rob and I pitch quarters.
- April 22 Mon. Plowed corn ground, Jennie went fishing.
- April 23 Tues. plowed corn ground.
- April 24 Wed. Plowed corn ground and picked stones on summer fallow
- April 25 Thurs. Plowed corn ground. Jennie got 5 eggs of Mrs. Ray. I broke plow point.
- April 26 Fri. Picked stones and drew a load corn stalk. Rob and I went fishing in evening. Jennie went fishing.
- April 27 Sat. Drew manure, Nettie and Robert Wilcox and Frankie Shelp came here. Jennie and I went home to Orangeville with them.

- April 28 Sun. Jennie and I went to Father Shelp, he brought us home I stopped to see Jake Johnson.
- April 29 Mon. Plowed corn ground.
- April 30 Tues. Finished plowing corn ground. Went and got Gus Mills wagon and drew manure. Had Rob horse and buggy Jennie and I went to Prairieville.
- MAY
- May 1 Wed. Broke plow point. Drew manure and watched lambs and spread manure.
- May 2 Thurs. Draged corn ground.
- May 3 Fri. Draged corn ground and picked stones.
- May 4 Sat. Spread manure and sunk stones. Jennie went to George Nagels.
- May 5 Sun. Jennie and I went to Geo. Nagels.
- May 6 Mon Draged corn ground.
- May 7 Tues. Draged and marked corn ground. Jennie went fishing.
- May 8 Wed. Marked corn ground and helped plant corn. Jennie worked for Nagel.
- May 9 Thurs. Marked corn ground and helped plant corn. Jennie worked for Nagel.
- May 10 Fri. Planted corn and done chores.
- May 11 Sat. Plowed potato ground and draged it. Had Robs horse and buggy. Jennie and I went to Prairieville.
- May 12 Sun. Rob and went fishing if forenoon and Jennie and I went in afternoon.
- May 13 Mon. Went to Milo after potatoes and sowed plaster and drew manure.
- May 14 Tues. Drew manure.
- May 15 Wed. marked potato ground and helped plant potatoes and drew stones and fixed well. Mrs. Ray let Jennie have 4 eggs.

- May 16 Thurs. Cleaned out sheep pen and drew manure. And started plowing summer fallow.
- May 17 Fri. We drew rails and built fence and plowed summer fallow
- May 18 Sat. Plowed summer fallow
- May 19 Sun. Went fishing.
- May 20 Mon. Plowed summer fallow
- May 21 Tues. Plowed summer fallow.
- May 22 Wed. Plowed summer fallow.
- May 23 Thurs. Plowed summer fallow.
- May 24 Fri. Picked stones and drew stones.
- May 25 Sat. Build sheep yard to wash in and drew manure cleaned out cellar. Got teeth out of drag and put them in cultivator Then Jennie and I went to Orangeville.
- May 26 Sun. We went to Father Wilcox's got four dollars and one half of Nettie then we went to Father Shelp brought us back.
- May 27 Mon. Scraped up barnyard and drew stones and dirt to fill old cistern.
- May 28 Tues. Scraped drive and varnished buggy, cultivated corn.
- May 29 Wed. Cultivated corn it rained. Homer came here, I let him have one dollar.
- May 30 Thurs. It snowed and rained.
- May 31 Fri. It rained Rob let me have 5 eggs. Rob and I went fishing and put up a grist, I hitched up and went after his mother.
- JUNE
- June 1 Sat. Fixed fence and pulled mullen in lane, and helped was sheep. Rob let me have some alchol for medicine.
- June 2 Sun. Sun. Rob and I went to Wm. Gobel

- June 3 Mon. Rob and I sunk stones in forenoon and I went and helped WM. Gobel plowed in after.
- June 4 Tues. Rob and I sunk stones I had his horse to go to town at night.
- June 5 Wed. Rob and I sunk stones in forenoon and picked stones in afternoon.
- June 6 Thurs. Planted over corn. Homer came here.
- June 7 Fri. Planted corn over and it rained in afternoon. We dug out some stones. Rob let me have some pork.
- June 8 Sat. Dug stones and hole to sink stones and went fishing in afternoon.
- June 9 Sun. Rob and I went fishing. Jennie and I went to Wm. Gobels for boat ride. Homer Ritter came here.
- June 10 Mon. Worked on road. Rob let us have some pork.
- June 11 Tues. Worked on road and we got rails down to lake and drew stones and planted over corn and dug holes to bury stones.
- June 12 Wed. Drew stones and cultivated corn.
- June 13 Thurs. planted over corn and cultivated corn.
- June 14 Fri. Cultivated corn.
- June 15 Sat. Planted corn. Father and mother and Rob came and we went fishing. Jennie and I went home with them.
- June 16 Sun. Net and Rob took us to Father Shelps and Arthur brought us home. Got 4 pounds of butter of Mother Shelp.
- June 17 Mon. Drew manure and picked stones.
- June 18 Tues. Burnt brush and cut and trimed trees in wood lot. Jennie got 3 eggs.
- June 19 Wed. Pulled weeds and got sheep up and sheared.
- June 20 Thurs. Sheared sheep
- June 21 Fri. We finished shearing sheep and cultivated corn. Father sent a 100 weight flour by Father Shelp.

- June 22 Sat. Cultivated corn, went to Prairieville with Rob. Got sugar and tob.
- June 23 Sun. Jennie and I went fishing.
- June 24 Mon. Cultivated Corn.
- June 25 Tues. Cultivated Corn.
- June 26 Wed. Picked stones and plowed up rye.
- June 27 Thurs. Sunk stones and covered stones.
- June 28 Fri. Went to Delton, and picked stones and cleaned up barnyard and mowed weeds.
- June 29 Sat. Cultivated corn.
- June 30 Sun. Went to Orangeville. Father payed me wood money.
- JULY
- July 1 Mon. Cultivated corn and worked in hay.
- July 2 Tues. Cultivated corn and raked and drew hay.
- July 3 Wed. Cultivated corn and drew hay.
- July 4 Thurs. Cut hay and cultivated corn and drew hay.
- July 5 Fri. Cultivated corn and drew hay.
- July 6 Sat. Cultivated potatoes and drew hay in forenoon. Settled with Rob, he payed me \$39.00 and moved back to Orangeville.
- July 7 Sun. Jennie and I went to her folks and to Sunday School.
- July 8 Mon. Commenced harvesting. Ed Cook helped.
- July 9 Tues. Worked in harvest, Ed Cook helped.
- July 10 Wed. Worked in harvest, Ed Cook helped.
- July 11 Thurs. Worked in harvest, Ed Cook helped.
- July 12 Fri. I payed him \$4.00

- July 13 Sat. Worked in harvest and went to Prairieville. Got the bal of Rob. Ray, \$20.00
- July 14 Sun. Jennie and I went to lake.
- July 15 Mon. Worked in harvest.
- July 16 Tues. Worked in harvest.
- July 17 Wed. Bound and drew wheat in.
- July 18 Thurs. Finished cutting rye and helped father cut grass after supper.
- July 19 Fri. Helped father in hay.
- July 20 Sat. Sheep had lamb. Got pork of Irvie Rise. First 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. second 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
- SEPT 1890
- Sept 17 Wed. Homer Ritter to $\frac{1}{2}$ day work.
- Sept 18 Thurs. Let him get cutting corn. \$2.80
- Sept 19 Fri. He helped in buckwheat.
- Sept 20 Sat. I payed him cash \$1.00
- Sept 21 Sun. By cash \$5.00
- Sept 22 Mon. Went to sorgam mill. Paid \$1.95
- Sept 23 Tues. Cut buckwheat and sold hogs to John Brandsteter. He paid each on them \$20.00. W.H. Ritter dot D. Townsend hogs \$3.50.
- Sept 24 Wed. Cut buckwheat. Wm. Beaty helped.
- Sept 25 Thurs. Cut buckwheat
- Sept 26 Fri. Delivered hogs to Brandsteter. \$22.60.
- Sept 27 Sat. Cut buckwheat and tracked the fellows that dishtrord it Wm. Beaty helped me.
- Sept 28 Sun. Finished cutting buckwheat, went to father to meet some men. Had fight with Hommer Ritter he commenced on me.

- Sept 29 Mon. Went to Middleville got warrant for him, Came to Edward and stayed all night. Wallace came home with my team.
- Sept 30 Tues. Helped Edward haul corn. Wallace came home.
- OCT
- Oct 1 Wed. Went and helped Edward thrash buckwheat was arrested came home and got father to go my bail. David Townsend cattle got in buckwheat. Father got Merit Cole to appraise damage. \$1.50
- Oct 2 Thurs. Sowed rye and traded horses with wood and went to Father Wallace helped me.
- Oct 3 Fri. helped father thrash wheat he had 255 bu.
- Oct. 4 Sat. Sowed rye Robbie helped me.
- Oct 5 Sun. Went over to father in morning, Father and Mother Shelp came to my place.
- Oct 6 Mon. Went to Middleville to lawsuit.
- Oct 7 Tues. Went to father and to town and to Frank Brown. Went to Edward in evening to get some names of fellows that Homer Ritter said was with him when he shot Dooly's hog. He was at Henry Henery Northups.
- Oct 8 Wed. Went to Pat Dooly, stayed all night.
- Oct. 9 Thurs. Came home and went to father to see if he would bail H. Northup, Rob Northup came to father to see father about bailing Henery out, Father and Mother Shelp was here.
- Oct 10 Fri. Went to Edward to see about thrashing my buckwheat.
- Oct. 11 Sat. Father and I went to Hastings and we were arrested. Paid Knapen \$25.00.
- Oct 12 Sun. Sent our team home, Merit Cole came and bailed Father out.
- Oct. 13 Mon. Uncle Chester and father came to Hastings and bailed me out.
- Oct 14 Tues. Jennie and went to Patrick Dooley stayed all night.
- Oct 15 Wed. We came home, went to Father Wilcox stayed all night.

- Oct 16 Thurs. Went to see David Boniface about husking corn.
- Oct 17 Fri. Set up buckwheat and husked corn, Wallace helped me.
- Oct 18 Sat. Father and I went to Middleville to see Patrick Dooley and M.F. Jordan, Paid him \$10.00
- Oct 19 Sun. Jennie and went to Father Shelp.
- Oct 20 Mon. Wallace and I dug potatoes and hauled buckwheat.
- Oct 21 Tues. Thrashed buckwheat had 304 bu. Merit Cole, Chas Beaty, Arthur and Father Shelp, H. Wood, Edward and Wallace and father helped me.
- Oct 22 Wed. Edward and I hauled a load of buckwheat to my house. Then we picked up apples, then Wallace and I went to father and left his hay rack. Got my wagon box and came home and picked up a load of corn.
- Oct 23 Thurs. Wallace and I gathered apples.
- Oct 24 Fri. Went to Sweetland to cider mill. Took Edward some buckwheat flour.
- Oct 25 Sat. Father and I went to Hastings.
- Oct 26 Sun. went to Hastings.
- Oct 27 Mon. Husked corn in forenoon, went to father in afternoon.
- Oct 28 Tues. Went to Father and husked corn.
- Oct 29 Wed. Helped Father cut wood in forenoon. Robert came and hauled corn for me in afternoon.
- Oct 30 Thurs. Husked corn it stormed went to Fathers.
- Oct 31 Fri. Father and I went to Middleville came home went to my place. To see my buckwheat.
- NOV
- Nov 1 Sat. Went to Nealey to sell buckwheat
- Nov 2 Sun. Jennie and went to fathers.

- Nov 3 Mon. I husked corn, Nettie Wilcox came over where I was husking.
- Nov 4 Tues. Went to father and to town. Got fathers team and drew a load of wood. Then took team home.
- Nov 5 Wed. Husked corn and went to fathers.
- Nov 6 Thurs. Went to Hastings to lawsuit. Paid Jordan \$20.00. Paid Weaver \$10.00
- Nov 7 Fri. Went to Pine lake to get Father Shelp to go to Cedar Creek.
- Nov 8 Sat. Father Shelp and I went to Cedar Creek to look a witness Stayed at Father Wilcox all night.
- Nov 9 Sun. Came home Father Shelp came to my place.
- Nov 10 Mon. Father and Father Shelp and I went to Hasting. Father Shelp came home with team father and I walked home.
- Nov 11 Tues. Father and I finished digging potatoes and husked corn.
- Nov 12 Wed. Went to town and husked corn.
- Nov 13 Thurs. Frank helped me husk corn. Father helped in fournoon.
- Nov 14 Fri. Frank helped me husked corn and we put up buckwheat in evening.
- Nov 15 Sat. Father and Rob went to Plainwell with buckwheat. Frank and I husked corn and we went to fathers. Wallace Wilcox came home with me. Chased a cow for David Townsend 50¢.
- Nov 16 Sun. Jennie and I went to her folks.
- Nov 17 Mon. Went to fathers and to Nealey after Edwin.
- Nov 18 Tues. Husked corn.
- Nov 19 Wed. Helped father butcher and then to my place in evening and put up buckwheat.
- Nov 20 Thurs. Went to fathers and got his horses and went to Nealey with buckwheat. Arthur and Char. Was at my house, Father came in afternoon 30 bu. \$15.25.

- Nov 21 Fri. Husked corn in forenoon and drew corn in afternoon. Father husked corn all day, ARTHUR AND Chas Shelp drew stalks.
- Nov 22 Drew and cribbed corn, helped father draw wood and went to town in afternoon.
- Nov 23 Sun. Jennie and I went to Edward, Wallace came home with us.
- Nov 24 Mon. Wallace and I husked corn.
- Nov 25 Tues. Wallace and I husked corn and finished and we went to fathers and got his horse.
- Nov 26 Fri. Drew stalks and corn. Wallace took fathers horse home.
- Nov 27 Sat. Went to father helped him draw manure and went to town tob and oil.
- Nov 28 Sun. Hitched up and drove to fathers and to my place and piled up wood.
- DEC
- Dec 1 Mon. Went to father he came over and helped me butcher.
- Dec2 Tues. Chored and went to fathers. Father and Mother Shelp stopped in morning.
- Dec 3 Wed. Came home and done chores, and went to Shelbyville. Stopped at Edward he was at Laraway went and seen him.
- Dec 4 Thurs. Came home Father Shelp came after his sleighs helped him load them and cut wood.
- Dec 5 Fri. Went to fathers, ground my ax and helped him cut wood in afternoon.
- Dec 6 Sat. Robert and I cut wood and father hauled it out.
- Dec 7 Sun. Stayed at home.
- Dec 8 Mon. Went to fathers and helped cut wood. Frank Wilcox helped.
- Dec 9 Tues. Went to my place and piled wood. Arthur came and got a load. Jennie went with me. Helped cut wood for father in forenoon.

- Dec 10 Wed. Helped father cut wood.
- Dec 11 Thurs. We cut and split fence post.
- Dec 12 Fri. Frank came to my place in morning, Frank Paine came after corn for Coykindall. He got 40 bu. Coykindall paid \$5.00 on corn. I went to town paid my taxes and Mrs. Sheffield went to fathers and got his horse and went to my place put up buckwheat.
- Dec 13 Sat. Went to Plainwell with buckwheat 48 bu. 11 lbs. \$24.12. Got 50 sacks for miller.
- Dec 14 Sun. Went to H. Wood and to Edward Wilcox. Jennie went with me.
- Dec 15 Mon. Went to Merit Coles. Went hunting.
- Dec 16 Tues. Helped father clean and put up buckwheat. Les Hayes stopped and fed his horse.
- Dec 17 Wed. Father drew me a load of wood, Got my wagon I went to town got 5 gal. oil. Settled up with Eli, and went to father cut hoop poles cut 412.
- Dec 18 Thurs. Cut hoop poles cut 580 and helped father load buckwheat Jennie and I went to Frank Boniface.
- Dec 19 Fri. Father and I drew hoop poles. I went to my place and put up 2 bu. of buckwheat for Frank Boniface. \$1.00.
- Dec 20 Sat. Went to Hiram Chase and paid my interest. Jennie went to Andy Haven and stayed until I came home. Father paid \$2.18.
- Dec 21 Sun. Robert came here I cut his hair. Jennie and I went to fathers.
- Dec. 22 Mon. Went to father and him and I cut hoop poles. Arthur and Char. Shelp came to my place, Arthur paid \$10.00. Coykindall paid me \$5.00.
- Dec 23 I went to fathers and to Patrick Dooley. Went with him to lodge stayed all night.
- Dec 24 Wed. Came home Patrick came with me.
- Dec 25 Thurs. We went to fathers Jennie and Robert went to Grandfathers Boniface. Pat and I went to town.
- Dec 26 Fri. Went to fathers Rob and I carried out hoop poles.

Dec 27 Sat. Stayed home all day.

Dec 28 Sun. Went to fathers.

Dec. 29 Mon. Father and I cut hoop poles.

Dec 30 Tues. Went to Middleville with hoop poles got cash \$5.00.

Dec 31 Wed. Went to Pat Dooleys.

JAN 1891

Jan 1 Thurs. Stayed at Pat Dooleys.

Jan 2 Fri. Came home Pat came with me.

Jan 3 Sat. Father, Pat and I went to Hastings.

Jan 4 Sun. Went to fathers.

Jan 5 Mon. Went to father got his horse went to Merit Coles. Got his grain bags. Went to my place got load wood.

Jan 6 Tues. Went to Plainwell with load of buckwheat. Done earnt it bank for D. Clingersmith.

Jan 7 Wed. Drew wood and hay. Calep Boniface came after corn got 27 baskets \$5.00

Jan 8 Thurs. Went to Pat Dooleys.

Jan 9 Fri. Pat and I came to Middleville he came home with me.

Jan 10 Sat. We went to Hastings and to Middleville.

Jan 11 Sun. Jennie and I went to Father Shelp.

Jan 12 Mon. Went to Hirman Chase and to father.

Jan 13 Tues. Went to Pat Dooley.

Jan 14 Wed. Came home from Pat Dooley.

Jan 15 Thurs. Father came here I went to his place.

- Jan 16 Fri. Went to fathers we carried out hoop poles and loaded up. I went after mail.
- Jan 17 Sat. Went to Middleville father went to Plainwell with hoop poles \$5.00
- Jan 18 Sun. Father came here. Frank Boniface and wife, Alen and I traded horses. I put up buckwheat.
- Jan 19 Mon. Went to father got hay and screenings for chickens.
- Jan 20 Tues. Stayed at home all day Father came here.
- Jan 21 Wed. Went to fathers got hay then we went to my place got buckwheat.
- Jan 22 Thurs. Went to town and to father got hay and his buggy.
- Jan 23 Fri. Went to Middleville
- Jan 24 Sat. Went to fathers got hay went to my place.
- Jan 25 Sun. Jennie and I went to fathers.
- Jan 26 Mon. Went to town and got grist went to father.
- Jan 27 Tues. Drew load of wood and went to fathers.
- Jan 28 Wed. Went to father we cut hoop poles.
- Jan 29 Thurs. Stayed at home and went to fathers.
- Jan 30 Fri Father and I went to Edward. I went to town.
- Jan 31 Sat. Stayed at home all day.
- FEB
- Feb 1 Sun. Went to father got hay.
- Feb 2 Mon. Father and I went to Middleville.
- Feb 3 Tues. Stayed at home all day.
- Feb 4 Wed. Went to Hiram Chase, father came here.
- Feb 5 Thurs. Cut wood and drew load home. Cut it on fathers.

- Feb 6 Fri. Went to fathers cut wood. M. F. Jordan came here.
- Feb 7 Sat. Went to father Shelp got his buggy. Ed Cook and wife came to my place. Frank Shelp stayed all night.
- Feb 8 Sun. Went to Fathers and to Ed Cook. Ed and I went to Middleville and to Pat Dooley.
- Feb. 9 Mon. Pat, Ed and I went to Hastings. I went home with Pat. Paid Weaver \$10.00
- Feb 10 Tues. Came home from Pat. Stopped at Merit Cole.
- Feb 11 Wed. Went to fathers and cut hoop poles.
- Feb 12 Thurs. Drew cut hoop poles.
- Feb 13 Fri. Went to fathers and to Merit Cole and to town.
- Feb. 14 Sat. Went to Father Shelp with his buggy and got my wagon.
- Feb. 15 Sun. Took Ed Cook 3 baskets of corn. Went to father.
- Feb 16 Mon. Stayed at home all day.
- Feb 17 Tues. Went to fathers helped him draw logs to merit Cole.
- Feb 18 Wed. Stayed at home and worked up wood.
- Feb 19 Thurs. Went and took father and mother to Middleville and loaded up hoop poles.
- Feb 20 Fri. Stayed at home and worked up wood.
- Feb 21 Sat. Went to father got hay and worked up wood.
- Feb 22 Sun. Rob came and we drew load of wood.
- Feb 23 Mon. Went to Middleville after father and mother.
- Feb 24 Tues Went to Fathers.
- Feb 25 Wed. Went to father and to Coykendall to get my pay.
- Feb 26 Thurs. Went to father and to my place and cut hoop poles.

- Feb 27 Fr. Went to Fathers in forenoon and stayed at home if after.
- Feb. 28 Sat. Went to my place and cut hoop poles.
- MARCH
- March 1 Sun. Went to Fathers. Rob and Wallace helped me drive my sheep.
- March 2 Mon. Father drew me some hay and then we drew hoop poles from my place.
- March 3 Tues. Cut wood and stayed at home.
- March 4 Wed. Took Jennie to town and to Father.
- March 5 Thurs. Went to Middleville got crocks. Went to Coykendall to get my pay.
- March 6 Stayed at home all day.
- March 7 Sat. Went to Fathers. Rob and I cut logs.
- March 8 Sun. Went to Ed Cook. Then Jennie and I went to Father Quite chewing tobacco.
- March 9 Mon. Went to father and stayed at home.
- March 10 Tues. Jennie and I went to Father. I went to Ed Wilcox.
- March 11 Wed. Went to Middleville with hoop poles.
- March 12 Thurs. Went to Fathers and cut a load wood and hauled it and some hay home.
- March 13 Fri. Stayed at home and cut wood. Ed Cook was here.
- March 14 Sat. Went to Father and to town. And cut some wood.
- March 15 Sun. Jennie and I went to Fathers.
- March 16 Mon. Helped Father cut wood drew some straw home.
- March 17 Tues. Helped father cut wood in forenoon. Cut for myself in after.
- March 18 Wed. Cut wood on fathers drew wood and cut wood.

- March 19 Thurs. Drew wood and cut wood.
- March 20 Fri. Went to my place and to mill went to Ed Cook in evening.
- March 21 Sat. Went to father and got hay.
- March 22 Sun. Jennie and I went to Pine Lake to her folks.
- March 23 Mon. Went to my place and fixed fence.
- March 24 Tues. Went town and to my place and fixed fence.
- March 25 Wed. Went to my place and fixed fence.
- March 26 Thurs. Went to my place and fixed fence and drew and cut wood.
- March 27 Fri. Drew one load of wood and cut it and went to fathers and Rob came here.
- March 28 Sat. Father and I went to Middleville and to Patrick Dooley. Went to fathers and stayed all night.
- March 29 Sun. Rob and Nettie came home with us. Took my cow and heifer to father. Got some hay. Frank Shelp came to my place.
- March 30 Mon. Went to father and got rake and umbrella.
- March 31 Tues. Went to town and Jennie and I went to Franks in Baltimore
- APRIL
- April 1 Wed. Helped Frank cut wood.
- April 2 Thurs. We did not do anything.
- April 3 Fri. We cut wood.
- April 4 Sat. We cut wood.
- April 5 Sun. Jennie and I came home.
- April 6 Mon. Went to town and to fathers got hay.
- April 7 Tues. Plowed for oats on my place. Frank Wilcox came to my place
- April 8 Wed. Frank and I plowed for oats.

- April 9 Thurs. We plowed until it rained.
- April 10 Fri. We plowed all day.
- April 11 Finished plowing and commenced dragging.
- April 12 Sun. Frank went home. Jennie and I went to Edward. Wallace came home with us.
- April 13 Mon. Wallace went home took my pony home with him. I went to H. Bunce after hay for Ed Cook. And dragged an oat ground. Arthur Shelp came here the black horse came around served Mag.
- April 14 Tues. It rained went to Ed Cook and got tob.
- April 15 Wed. Went to father get hay and seed oats got 10 bu.
- April 16 Thurs. Sowed oats and dragged in oats.
- April 17 Fri. Finished dragging in oats.
- April 18 Sat. Took fathers horse home and took out my potatoes.
- April 19 Sun. Father, Edward, Wallace, And Robert came here. Jennie and I went to fathers. I went home with Ed.
- April 20 Mon. Helped Ed in forenoon we came home in after.
- April 21 Went to town and helped draw manure and planted potatoes.
- April 22 Wed. Went to Edward got 1 bu. seed potatoes came to town and got my grist.
- April 23 Thurs. Went to Fathers and helped him plow corn ground. Jennie got 35¢ of L.
- April 24 Fri. Plowed corn ground for father.
- April 25 Sat. Father and I went to Middleville and to Patrick Dooley.
- April 26 Sun. Edward came to my place, Jennie and I went to fathers. I went to J. Castle, Jacob Johnson, John Prindel came to my place, stayed all night.
- April 27 Mon. Plowed corn ground and finished.

- April 28 Tues. plowed potato ground. Went to Ed Cook and Ed Coorner and Peter Castle and to town.
- April 29 Wed. Went to father and stayed at home.
- April 30 Thurs. Went to fathers and dragged potato ground, Pat Dooley came here.
- MAY
- May 1 Fri. Went to fathers and planted potatoes, We went to Edward.
- May 2 Sat. Father and I went to Hastings, and to Middleville
- May 3 Sun. Jennie and I went to fathers.
- May 4 Mon. Went and helped father draw Dr. Buckner some hay and went to Edward.
- May 5 Tues. Went to town. Pat Dooley and Mr. F Jordan came here. I went to town.
- May 6 Wed. Went to fathers and to Edward and to Delbert Weeler.
- May 7 Thurs. Nettie and I went to Plainwell
- May 8 Fri. Father and I went o Hastings and to Middleville. Ed came to fathers. I went home with him father let me have \$5.00.
- May 9 Sat. Ed and I went to Allegan. Edwin came home with us.
- May 10 Sun. Stayed at fathers.
- May 11 Mon. Father, Edwin, Edward and I went to Hastings.
- May 12 Tues. Stayed at home shelled some corn.
- May 13 Wed. Went to fathers and dragged corn ground. Then father and I drew a load of my goods to my place. And got buckwheat and took it to Turner barn.
- May 14 Thurs. worked corn ground for father.
- May 15 Fri. Helped father planted corn, Arthur Chalker helped.

- May 16 Sat. Went to father gt team and went to my place. Got John Castle drag and dragged my garden. Rob went with me.
- May 17 Sun. Went to father got Mr. Chalker buggy, Jennie and I went to Mr. Shelp.
- May 18 Mon. Moved back on my place.
- May 19 Tues. Planted my sugar can.
- May 20 Wed. Went to Hopkins Station saw Mr. Taylor.
- May 21 Thurs. Came home from fathers stayed at home.
- May 22 Fri. Went to fathers came home proted grubs, fixed fence. John Castle came over in evening.
- May 23 Sat. Went to fathers, came home and painted on house. Saw Peter O'Connor he told me that Homer Ritter told him that he struck me first in the fight we had.
- May 24 Sun. Went to Edward Wilcox helped him plant corn. Ida came home with me.
- May 25 Mon. Went to Edward Wilcox helped him plant garden and potatoes.
- May 26 Tues. Helped him plant potatoes and came home.
- May 27 Wed. Went to fathers fixed cultivator, cut road across Turner and fixed plow.
- May 28 Thurs. Went to father got team and commenced plowing for buckwheat. On Mr. Sheffild.
- May 29 Fri. Went to fathers and got team plowed for buckwheat. John Dinwidie came where I was working.
- May 30 Sat. Cultivated corn for father I went to Hastings.
- May 31 Sun. went to fathers.
- JUNE
- June 1 Mon. Went to fathers, Frank, Edwin, father and myself went to Edward got log sawed for Frank.

- June 2 Tues. Went to Prairieville and to Frank Boniface in evening after is buggy.
- June 3 Wed. Went to Allegan to lodge. Stayed at Edwins all night. Father let me have \$10.00.
- June 4 Thurs. Came home pulled sprouts on oats.
- June 5 Fri. Went to father got horse plowed buckwheat ground.
- June 6 Sat. Took Frank Boniface buggy home. And went to father got horse and plowed buckwheat ground. Robert came home with me.
- June 7 Sun. Went to fathers Merit Cole was there.
- June 8 Mon. Plowed on buckwheat ground.
- June 9 Tues. Plowed on buckwheat ground.
- June 10 Wed. Plowed on buckwheat ground father helped in afternoon.
- June 11 Thurs. Cultivated corn for father. Jennie went with me. Chas. Smith came and got 18 ½ bu. let Smith \$2.00 for father.
- June 12 Fri. Cultivated corn for father.
- June 13 Sat. Plowed buckwheat ground. Took my cow home.
- June 14 Sun. Stayed at home.
- June 15 Mon. Plowed buckwheat ground father helped me.
- June 16 Tues. Took my sheep to fathers and sheared them. Traded my pony off. Jennie went to Burgn got 1 ball twine 30¢ worth tob.
- June 17 Wed. Plowed and went to fathers it rained.
- June 18 Thurs. Fixed shanty and sprouted grubs.
- June 19 Fri. Cut and sorted grubs in forenoon. Went to fathers in after. Came home and went to Jake Johnson to get his buggy. Nettie got me a file from Eli Nickles. 20¢.
- June 20 Sat. Went and got Johnson buggy and Jennie and I went to Patrick Dooley him and I went to Freeport to lodge.

- June 21 Sun. Jennie and I came home stopped at fathers a while.
- June 22 Mon. Jennie and I went to father. I went to Gun Lake where father, Eugene Spencer and Ida and Nettie and Robert were.
- June 23 Mon. Gene and I got a swarm of bees. Then we came home to fathers.. Jennie and I came home.
- June 24 Wed. Dragged for buckwheat.
- June 25 Thurs. Went to fathers and to Merit Cole got drill and dragged and drilled buckwheat. Sold Valentine 2 bu. buckwheat. \$2.00
- June 26 Fri. Drilled buckwheat.
- June 27 Sat. Finished drilling, Robert went to Charles Morrel for me father took my wood to Hastings \$8.75. Got me 1 lb. tob. 45¢.
- June 28 Sun. Nettie and Robert came here. Jake Johnson came to get Jennie to help when his wife was sick.
- June 29 Mon. Went to fathers got horse and went to Frank in Baltimore.
- June 30 Tues. Cultivated corn and hoed beans until 5 o'clock. Then took his horse and went to Hastings to lodge.
- JULY
- July 1 Wed. Mowed hay
- July 2 Thurs. Mowed hay and stirred out hay.
- July 3 Fri. Helped fix drive way and mowed and stired cut hay until 3 o'clock then I came home.
- July 4 Sat. Cultivated garden, went to look at my rye. Then Jennie and I went to Gun Lake to Streeter Landing.
- July 5 Sun. Stayed home. Father and mother came here.
- July 6 Mon. Went to Father got cradle out rye and went and looked after binder.
- July 7 Tues. Cut my wheat, and cut around one piece of rye.
- July 8 Wed. Reaped wheat for father and drew hay.

- July 9 Thurs. Cut wheat and rye.
- July 10 Fri. Bound wheat and went to see when the binder would be to my place. Helped father draw wheat.
- July 11 Sat. Father and Robert helped me cut rye.
- July 12 Sun. Went to fathers picked some berries.
- July 13 Mon. Father and Robert helped me cut rye. Frank came out.
- July 14 Tues. We finished cutting my rye.
- July 15 Wed. Cut fathers wheat and finished, Jennie set a hen.
- July 16 Thurs. Frank Wilcox helped me hank my rye.
- July 17 Fri. We hauled hay and oats.
- July 18 Sat. Went to fathers helped him hank hay and picked berries. Saw on my way to father Elmer Paine.
- July 19 Sun. Jennie and I went to father. Rob, and I went to Ed Cook.
- July 20 Mon. Went to father and got cradle and finished cutting wheat. Picked some blackberries and cut some hay and helped father haul wheat.
- July 21 Tues. Went to fathers and to Char. Morrel. Stopped at Chalker and helped father finished hauling hay.
- July 22 Wed. Reset biddle and went to fathers and bunched my hay.
- July 23 Thurs. Drew rye and wheat, father and Robert helped me.
- July 24 Fri. Drew my hay and went to Dr. McKay, Jennie was sick
- July 25 Sat. Cut oats and went to Prairieville to lodge.
- July 26 Sun. Stayed at home and went to fathers. Al Clem came to my place to see about trashing.
- July 27 Mon. Trashed my rye had 126 bu.
- July 28 Tues. Finished cutting and bound 7 doz. And 10 bundle.

- July 29 Wed. Went to father and bound oats, bound 14 doz. Wm. Beaty was at my house.
- July 30 Thurs. Bound oats and set them up had 24 doz. 5 bundles.
- July 31 Fri. Finished binding oats and 12 doz. And 2 bundles. Went to fathers got horse and Merit Coles cart.
- AUG.
- Aug. 1 Sat. Went to Hastings to see Knapen from there to Greeg School house in Allegan Co. to farmer alliance pinic.
- Aug 2 Sun. Edward and Wallace came to my place and helped me haul oats.
- Aug 3 Mon. Went to Ed Cook his wife said Homer Ritter said this law suit was a put up job. And she would swear to it. Then went to father and cultivated corn.
- Aug 4 Tues. Finished cultivating and cut some hay.
- Aug 5 Wed. Jennie and I went to father and picked blackberries. I put up some hay.
- Aug 6 Thurs. Went to fathers and finished cutting hay and buried my old horse.
- Aug 7 Fri. Father and Rob helped me draw hay then we fixed fence around garden.
- Aug 8 Sat. Went to fathers and finished fence then we went to cut some marsh hay. Oliver Chalker rode with us.
- Aug 9 Sun. Went to Pat Dooley.
- Aug 10 Mon. Patrick and I went to Hastings.
- Aug 11 Tues. Went to fathers and we went on the marsh to hay and drew it home. Went Frank Boniface after his buggy.
- Aug 12 Wed. I worked on marsh. Jennie went to Pine Lake.
- Aug 13 Thurs. Went to marsh drew hay to fathers and put in his barn.
- Aug 14 Fri. Worked around home.

- Aug 15 Sat. Went to Hewett and to town and to fathers got notice from Buckner got of Eli \$10.00
- Aug 16 Sun. Went to fathers, stopped to see John Dinwidie on my way home.
- Aug 17 Mon. Went to Hastings.
- Aug 18 Tues. Went on marsh and cut hay.
- Aug 19 Wed. Went and drew hay to fathers.
- Aug 20 Thurs. Commenced plowing for a week.
- Aug 21 Fri. Plowed and Grubed.
- Aug 22 Sat. Plowed and grubbed.
- Aug 23 Sun. Jennie and I went to fathers got potatoes, Ed Cook was there helped father load log.
- Aug 24 Mon. Rained grubbed some.
- Aug 25 Tues. Grubed all day. Jennie went to fathers after wheat.
- Aug 26 Wed. Grubed all day, sent grist to the mill with Johnny Castel.
- Aug 27 Thurs. Rained went to town got thirty cents of tob. Of Eli and grubbed some.
- Aug 28 Fri. Plowed and grubbed
- Aug 29 Sat. Plowed and Grubed.
- Aug 30 Sun. Farmer Tammer came to my place to get me to take him to Plainwell, then Jennie and I went to fathers we picked some peaches.
- Aug 31 Mon. Grubed and drew a load of roots, then we went to fathers I took him to Middleville came back to Edwards and fed team and came home.
- SEPT.
- Sept 1 Tues. Plowed on new ground, and went to fathers and stayed all night.
- Sept 2 Wed. Drilled wheat for father stayed all night it rained.

- Sept 3 Thurs. Came home Rob came with me, we cut some wood and I hauled roots after supper.
- Sept 4 Fri. Plowed and grubbed.
- Sept 5 Sat. Went to fathers and took heifer to Sam Harpers came home got team and finished drilling for fathers.
- Sept 6 Sun. Frank Wilcox and family came here. Jennie and I went to fathers and got potatoes.
- Sept 7 Mon. Thrashed and helped Mr. Draper thrash and fixed straw stack.
- Sept 8 Tues. Plowed and moved stove. Elder Butter called.
- Sept 9 Wed. To Roberts dragged and I hauled off roots.
- Sept 10 Thurs. Robert plowed and I grubbed went after John Carpenter and Mort Jones for John Castel.
- Sept 11 Fri. Helped John Castel doctor his horses and helped bury 2 of them and plowed and grubbed.
- Sept 12 Sat. Finished plowing and grubbing and hauled grubs and pales. Robert dragged for me.
- Sept 13 Sun. Jennie and I went to fathers.
- Sept 14 Mon. Drew stones and manure and Jennie and I went to Peter Castel and cleaned seed wheat and I drilled Robert dragged for me.
- Sept 15 Tues. Finished drilling in wheat and plowed and helped Johnny Castel thrash oats.
- Sept 16 Wed. Helped Johnny thrash his wheat and helped Peter Castel thrash and went and took fathers horse home.
- Sept 17 Thurs. Sprouted and burnt on fallow, went to fathers and got horse.
- Sept 18 Fri. Plowed on new ground.
- Sept 19 Sat. Finished plowing and dragged
- Sept 20 Sun. Went to fathers.
- Sept 21 Mon. Helped father tend Mason.

- Sept 22 Tues. Cut corn and helped work on house for father.
- Sept 23 Wed. Cut corn for father.
- Sept 24 Thurs. Cut corn and helped work on house for father.
- Sept 25 Fri. Dug and drew my potatoes home.
- Sept 26 Sat. Helped father finished cutting corn.
- Sept 27 Sun. Went to funeral and stayed at home.
- Sept 28 Mon. Worked on my sorgum.
- Sept 29 Tues. Helped father on house.
- Sept 30 Wed. Helped father shingle house and we cut some sorgum.
- OCTOBER
- Oct 1 Thurs Cut my sorgum at home.
- Oct 2 Fri. Drew a load of rye to Nealey had 1257 lbs. and cut buckwheat for father in afternoon.
- Oct 3 Sat. Drew a load of rye to Nealey helped Edward fix window frames.
- Oct 4 Sun. Went and got fathers buggy and Jennie and I went to Frank Boniface.
- Oct 5 Mon. Jennie and I went to Delton. I went to Hastings to get money came home and went to Edward.
- Oct 6 Tues. Helped Edward work in sawmill.
- Oct 7 Wed. Helped Edward work in sawmill.
- Oct 8 Thurs. Helped Edward work in sawmill until ½ past 4 then came home.
- Oct 9 Fri. Helped father thrash.
- Oct 10 Helped father thrash buckwheat.
- Oct 11 Went to fathers mashed buckwheat ground and cleaned up around machine.

- Oct 12 Mon. Hauled load of wood to thrash my buckwheat then Arthur, Jim Chalker and father and I hauled buckwheat to Turner barn.
- Oct 13 Tues. Went to Frank Boniface then we went and thrashed my buckwheat. Frank and I hauled a load to walker I helped the move their machine home.
- Oct 14 Wed. Went to fathers Robert and I went after sorgum.
- Oct 15 Thurs. Stayed at home fixed barnyard and house.
- Oct 16. Fri. Went and helped Edward in mill.
- Oct 17 Sat. ent to fathers got sorgum and boards.
- Oct 18 Sun. Jennie and I went to Edwins.
- Oct 19 Mon. Helped Edwin cut and haul wood in fornoon, went to Allegan in after.
- Oct 20 Tues. Helped him dig and pick up potatoes until four and after noon then we went to town.
- Oct 21 Wed. Came home stopped at fathers.
- Oct 22 Thurs. Went to fathers Rob, and I cleaned up buckwheat then we husked corn in afternoon.
- Oct 23 Fri. Rob and I husked corn and drew brought 3 ½ of poor corn home for my hogs.
- Oct 24 Sat. Went to Frank helped him draw his clover seed.
- Oct 25 Sun. Went to Patrick Dooley.
- Oct 26 Mon. Came to Middleville saw Jordan, Mrs. Dooley gave me 2 pigs.
- Oct 27 Tues. Went to fathers and husked corn.
- Oct 28 Wed. Husked corn.
- Oct 29 Thurs. Husked corn came home and Jennie and I went to Dr. McClay. Jennie took cow to Tanner to pasture.
- Oct. 30 Fri. Jennie and I went to fathers and helped him lath house.

- Oct 31 Sat. Worked 5 hours on road with team. Then went to town.
- NOV
- Nov. 1 Sun. Stayed at home fixed Nettie frame for table.
- Nov. 2 Mon. Helped father on house and husked corn got 4 ½ bu.
- Nov. 3 Tues. Helped on house and husked corn.
- Nov. 4 Wed. Helped on house and husked corn.
- Nov 5 Thurs. Helped on house and husked corn.
- Nov 6 Fri. Helped on house and husked corn.
- Nov. 7 Sat. Went to Edwards and him and I went to Bradley came home and went to Prairieville.
- Nov. 8 Sun. Stayed at home and went to fathers.
- Nov. 9 Mon. Father and I went to Hastings and went to Ed with Dr. Fergeson in evening.
- Nov 10 Tues. Father, Ed, and I went to Hastings. I went and took Pat Dooley home.
- Nov. 11 Wed. Came home and took Ed buggy home.
- Nov 12 Thurs. Split wood and worked on house.
- Nov 13 Fri. Helped father draw stalks and lath house.
- Nov 14 Sat. Stayed at home was sick.
- Nov. 15 Sun. Went to fathers in afternoon.
- Nov. 16 Mon. Helped father clean buckwheat and went to Ed got load slab. Took cow home.
- Nov 17 Tues. Cut wood and took team to fathers.
- Nov 18 Wed. Cut wood all day.
- Nov 19 Thurs. Went to fathers helped him put up his stoves.

- Nov 20 Fri. Went and got team drew Linda Blake 1 cord wood and went and cleaned up buckwheat.
- Nov 21 Sat. Came home and done chores and heled father clean buckwheat.
- Nov 22 Sun. Took cow to Turner. Took team to father and him and I went to Edwards.
- Nov 23 Mon. Went and got team and went to Edward got load of slab. Edwin came home with me and helped me fix post in shed.
- Nov 24 Tues. Worked on shed and went and helped father butcher. Let Edwin have some buckwheat.
- Nov 25 Wed. Worked on shed and cut wood.
- Nov 26 Thurs. Worked on shed and cut wood.
- Nov 27 Fri. Went to fathers and helped him plaster.
- Nov 28 Sat. Helped Robert cut wood in fornoon then him and I went to sawmill and got load of slab. Edward came home with me.
- Nov 29 Sun. Edward helped me fix shed then he took team to fathers. Jennie and I went to Johnny Castle.
- Nov 30 Mon. Went to fathers and got sheep and took them to Frank Boniface. Then drew Linda Blake load of wood and a load of roots to fathers got corn for father.
- DEC
- Dec 1 Tues. Went to Nealy with buckwheat then helped father clean up his.
- Dec 2 Wed. Went and finished cleaning up mine.
- Dec 3 Thurs. Went to fathers to meet a man he did not come after buckwheat. Then father and Drew a load of straw to cover my shed.
- Dec 4 Fri. Cut wood and cleared land.
- Dec 5 Sat. Cut wood and cleared land.
- Dec 6 Sun. Went to fathers.

- Dec 7 Mon. Father came to my place helped me kill hog and cut wood
- Dec 8 Tues. Split and piled wood and then went to fathers got team and drew wood and cut in fornoon.
- Dec 9 Wed. took team to fathers came home and cut wood
- Dec 10 Thurs. Went to fathers and helped him cut wood. Robert came home with me.
- Dec 11 Fri. Helped father cut wood. Cyrns Nagles came to fathers.
- Dec 12 Sat. Cut wood for father.
- Dec 13 Sun. Drew Mrs. Sheffield rye to fathers and cleaned it up.
- Dec 14 Mon. Cut wood at home, it rained
- Dec 15 Tues. Went to E.A. Cahill and paid taxes. Went to fathers and to Chas. Morrel, Edwin came home with me.
- Dec 16 Wed. Edwin and I went to mill to get a job came home and drew wood to Linda Blake. Then Rob came after me to go to fathers to stay all night.
- Dec 17 Thurs. Came home and drew wood to Linda Blake. And put up oats and went to fathers and loaded rye. Ground my ax came home.
- Dec 18 Fri. Got Johnnie Castle's gun went hunting. Was at father and Edward and stopped at Bitgood.
- Dec 19 Sat. Cut wood at home.
- Dec 20 Sun. Went to father got team and wheat.
- Dec 21 Mon. Went to Delton to mill. Jennie went to Prairieville.
- Dec 22 Tues. Cut wood and took grist to Fathers and him and I went to Gregg School house to lodge.
- Dec 23 Wed. Went to Edwin in Watson.
- Dec 24 Thurs. Went to Farmer Tanner then went to see about job. Then I went to Edwards got his horse and buggy. Wallace came home with me.
- Dec. 25 Fri. Cut wood and went to fathers and ground my ax. Then went to Edwards. Jennie went with me.

- Dec 26 Sat. We came home stopped at fathers.
- Dec 27 Sun. Went and took Edward horse to fathers and got fathers team and hauled me some wood. Took team home stopped at Hermenet.
- Dec 28 Mon. Tanner and I commenced cutting logs for Hendershot and Hubbard.
- Dec 29 Tues. cut logs 53
- Dec 30 Wed cut logs 49
- Dec 31 Thurs cut logs 20

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- Jan 1 Fri. Cut logs and went to mill and to Tanner and ground our axes. Went to Prairieville in evening with Peter Castle.
- Jan 2 Sat. Cut logs 51
- Jan 3 Sun. Went to fathers. Johnnie Castle and wife were here in evening.
- Jan 4 Mon. Cut logs 43.
- Jan 5 Tues. Cut logs 50.
- Jan 6 Wed. Cut logs 61
- Jan 7 Thurs. Cut logs 50
- Jan 8 Fri. Cut logs 54
- Jan 9 Sat. Cut logs 27
- Jan 10 Sun. Father came here. Jennie and I went home with her.
- Jan 11 Went to mill to see Hurbard for father then went to father then helped him draw Jesup a load of hay. Came home and Jennie and I went to Frank Boniface in evening.
- Jan 12 Tues. Went to fathers for heifer and then went and got team and went to Edward got Frank a load of lumber.
- Jan 13 Wed. Fixed barnyard and went to fathers helped him saw wood. Came home and went to Frank Boniface and got sheep.

- Jan 14 Thurs. Drew wood split and piled up.
- Jan 15 Fri. Cut wood and went to fathers. We cut a load and drew it out to the house.
- Jan 16 Sat. Drew a load of roots to father. Then we cut and drew out wood.
- Jan 17 Sun. Jennie and I went to fathers.
- Jan 18 Mon. Chored around home.
- Jan 19 Tues. Went to fathers and Edwards and to Samual Anders and to Dea Jorden.
- Jan 20 Wed. Father and I went to Hastings and to Middleville.
- Jan 21 Thurs. Jennie and went to fathers and to James Colison funeral. Stopped to Bitgood on our way home.
- Jan 22 Fri. Took father to Shelbyville and went to Edward Wilcox.
- Jan 23 Sat. Father and Rob came to my place after a load of roots.
- Jan 24 Sun. Jennie and went to fathers.
- Jan 25 Mon. Got of him money 25¢. Jennie owes him 42¢. Went to Patrick Dooley. We came to Middleville and to my place.
- Jan 26 Tues. Patrick and I went to fathers.
- Jan. 27 Wed. Went to father. M.F. Jordan and Lowden were there.
- Jan 28 Thurs. Went to fathers, Took Pat to Hastings.
- Jan 29 Fri. Went to fathers.
- Jan 30 Sat. Went to father, Rob and I went to suppaena witness. We went to Sammy Andrew and to Blossom and to Edward and to Albe Wheeler.
- Jan 31 Sun. Stayed at home, father came here.
- FEBRUARY
- Feb 1 Mon. Went to father and to town and got 40¢, 13¢ of t. of Eli Nichols.

- Feb 2 Tues. Stayed at home Jennie and I went to Farmer Tanner in evening.
- Feb 3 Wed. Went to father stopped to Frank Pane.
- Feb 4 Thurs. Went to father and to Edward then went to Syra A. Pier and suppenaed him.
- Feb 5 Fri. went to fathers.
- Feb 6 Sat. went to fathers.
- Feb 7 Sun. Stayed at home and went to fathers in evening.
- Feb 8 Mon. Father and I went to Hastings stayed at Frank Brodeson all night.
- Feb 9 Tues. Came home from Hastings.
- Feb 10 Wed. Stayed at home.
- Feb 11 Thurs. Stayed at home and went to Joh Castle and Cahill and to fathers.
- Feb 12 Fri. Went to Albert Morrels and to fathers and Julius Laraway.
- Feb 13 Sat. Went to fathers and him and Julius Laraway and I went to Hastings.
- Feb 14 Sun. Jennie and went to Pine Lake to her folks.
- Feb 15 Mon. Arthur had my buggy to take Hat to Dr. McKay.
- Feb 16 Tues. We went to Hooper in forenoon came home in after.
- Feb 17 Wed. Helped Mrs. Draper draw hay, in forenoon. Stayed home in after.
- Feb 18 Thurs. went to mill and helped cut wood in afternoon.
- Feb 19 Fri. Went to father helped cut wood.
- Feb 20 Sat. Went to father helped cut wood.
- Feb 21 Sun. Stayed at home.
- Feb 22 Mon. Went to father and helped him load a load of hay.
- Feb 23 Tues. Jennie and I went to fathers. Took chicken to town. Then Jennie and went to lodge.

- Feb 24 Wed. Came home and went to see Brining.
- Feb. 25 Thurs. Went to fathers.
- Feb 26 Fri. Cut wood in forenoon went fishing in afternoon.
- Feb 27 Sat. Cut wood in forenoon went to Father in afternoon.
- Feb 28 Sun. Jennie and went to fathers.
- Feb 29 Mon. Stayed at home and cut wood.
- MARCH
- Mar 1 Tues. went to father and helped cut bolts for ball clubs.
- Mar 2 Wed. Went to father, Father and I went to Edward.
- Mar 3 Thurs. Took Net and Uncle Bill to Middleville.
- Mar 4 Fri. Went to fathers and helped him cut wood in forenoon it snowed in after.
- Mar 5 Sat. Cut wood in after.
- Mar 6 Sun. Went to father.
- Mar 7 Mon. Jennie and I went to Middleville after Net and Uncle Bill. Had Frank Boniface.
- Mar 8 Tues. Stayed at home helped Johnnie Castle fix his pump.
- Mar 9 Wed. Went to see Jake Johnson to get his team then went to father came home and cut grubs in afternoon.
- Mar 10 Thurs. Went to father got load of hay. Bill and I went to father in afternoon.
- Mar 11 Fri. Drew wood and cut wood. We went to school house in evening to concert.
- Mar 12 Sat. Cut grubs all day.
- Mar 13 Sun. took Net and Bill to father.
- Mar 14 Mon. cut grubs all day.

- Mar 15 Tues. Cut grubs all day.
- Mar 16 Wed. Went to fathers got load of hay.
- Mar 17 Thurs. went to fathers and to auction.
- Mar 18 Fri. Cut grubs all day.
- Mar 19 Sat. Went to father.
- Mar 20 Sun. Went to father in afternoon.
- Mar 21 Mon. Went to Hooper to get work and was to father.
- Mar 22 Tues. Stormed all day was at fathers.
- Mar 23 Wed. Helped father cut bolts.
- Mar 24 Thurs. cut grubs all day on mine.
- Mar 25 Fri. Robert and cut bolts.
- Mar 26 Sat. Robert and I cut bolts on fathers.
- Mar 27 Sun. Robert came to my place and we drew a load of poles. Then we all went to fathers, mother and I went to Edward.
- Mar 28 Mon. Went to father and drew out bolts. Father drew them to mill.
- Mar 29 Tues. Went to father and drew out bolt to mill.
- Mar 30 Wed. Went to father, Rob and I cut bolts.
- Mar 31 Thurs. Helped Frank Boniface.
- APRIL
- April 1 Fri. Went to father and to town.
- April 2 Sat. Cut wood and took out my potatoes.
- April 3 Sun. Jennie and I went to father. Rob brought us home. Le father have 3 bu. potatoes.

- April 4 Mon. Went to town meeting and to father. Father Shelp brought me ½ bu. clover and timothy seed lacking 1 lb.
- April 5 Tues. Cut wood and went to father.
- April 6 Wed. Sowed clover seed and went to served subpoena on Homer Ritter. Went to father.
- April 7 Thurs. Went to father and re manure. Went and got Jennie and set up with mother.
- April 8 Fri. Went to father and came home and went back and stayed all night.
- April 9 Sat. Came home and then went back Edwin and I set up with mother.
- April 10 Sun. Came home and then went back Edwin and I set up with mother.
- April 11 Mon. Frank came home with me. Jennie went back with us. Mother died at 3 o'clock. Frank and Edwin came home with us stayed all night.
- April 12 Tues. Went to father and to Arthur Shelp went and got Frank Boniface horse and buggy
- April 13 Wed. went to funeral.
- April 14 Thurs. Went to father.
- April 15 Fri. Went to father and helped Frank cut wood for father.
- April 16 Sat. Went to father, plowed his garden and drew a load of wood to town in afternoon.
- April 17 Sun. Jennie and I went to father.
- April 18 Mon. I went to Middleville.
- April 19 Tues. Plowed my garden.
- April 20 Wed. Went and helped father haul manure.
- April 21 Thurs. Went to Frank Boniface and exchange eggs then went to father. Set eggs.
- April 22 Fri. Helped father haul manure.
- April 23 Sat. went to father and helped cut wood and hauled to town.

- April 24 Sun. Jennie and went to father and to Arthur Shelp.
- April 25 Tues. Went to father and plowed on his corn ground in afternoon.
- April 27 Wed. Went to Middleville to Patrick Dooley. Pat and I went to Grand Rapids.
- April 28 Thurs. Came home from Grand Rapids, pat came with me.
- April 29 Fri. Went to Ed Cook and went to Ed Wilcox with Pat to see his horse.
- April 30 Sat. Took Patrick Dooley home.
- MAY
- May 1 Sun. stayed at father all day.
- May 2 Mon. Went to Hastings and to Patrick Dooley.
- May 3 Tues. Came home from Pat. Went to find witness.
- May 4 Wed. Got letter from Knapen and went to notify witness not to go to Hastings.
- May 5 Thurs. Went to father and stayed all night at home.
- May 6 Fri. Fixed fence and went to father and helped him fix fence and plow on corn ground. Got of Eli 30¢.
- May 7 Sat. Went to father and plowed on corn ground. Stopped at Cahill.
- May 8 Sun. Stayed at home.
- May 9 Mon. Finished plowing corn ground for father and plowed potatoes ground and garden.
- May 10 Tues. Stayed at home.
- May 11 Wed. Stayed at home.
- May 12 Thurs. Went to father.
- May 13 Fri. Fixed fence and went to father and took Jennie home.
- May 14 Sat. Came to father and went to Patrick Dooley.

May 15 Sun. Stayed at Dooley.

May 16 Mon. Went to Frank Wilcox.

May 17 Tues. Went to mill and hauled manure.

May 18 Wed. Hauled manure.

May 19 Thurs. Hauled manure.

May 20 Fri. Hauled manure and went to meet Frank.

May 21 Sat. Hauled rails and fixed fence.

May 22 Sun. Stayed at Franks.

May 23 Mon. Spread manure and plowed corn ground.

May 24 Tues. Plowed on corn ground.

May 25 Wed. Went home and to Pine Lake. Brought beans out for Cole and father.

May 26 Thurs. Went back to Frank and took his scanlting.

May 27 Fri. Plowing corn ground.

May 28 Sat. Plowing corn ground.

May 29 Sun. Stayed at Frank.

May 30 Mon. Draged on corn ground.

May 31 Tues. Went and took Frank and hauled lumber.

JUNE

June 1 Wed. Drew lumber and washed sheep.

June 2 Thurs. Scraped on cellar, until 9 o'clock then came home.

June 3 Fri. Robbie and I went to Pine Lake.

June 4 Sat. Got out walnuts and grubbed in road.

- June 5 Sun. Jennie and went to fathers.
- June 6 Mon. Took load post to Frank.
- June 7 Tues. Eli McManis and I went fishing.
- June 8 Wed. Drew 3 load stones.
- June 9 Thurs. drew stones.
- June 10 Fri. drew stones.
- June 11 Sat. Drew stones and plowed.
- June 12 Sun. Stayed at Frank.
- June 13 Mon. Cultivated corn and fixed a piece for sowed corn.
- June 14 Tues. Mowed grass and came home. Got of Eli sugar 50¢, tob 24¢.
- June 15 Wed. Went to Pine Lake and got Jennie
- June 16 Thurs. Cut rye out of my wheat and hoed potatoes.
- June 17 Fri. Went to Arthur and to father and cultivated my potatoes.
- June 18 Sat. Hoed potatoes.
- June 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 = Nothing was wrote down.
- June 29 Wed. Helped Frank Boniface \$1.50.
- June 30 Thurs. Helped Frank Boniface \$1.50.
- JULY
- July 1 Fri. Helped Ab. Woodman ½ day 75¢.
- July 2 Sat. Helped Ab. Woodman ½ day 75¢.
- July 3 Sun. Stayed at home.
- July 4 Mon. Helped Frank Boniface hay \$1.50.
- July 5 Tues. Cut hay on David Jones.

July 6 Wed. Drew hay Frank Boniface helped.

July 7 Thurs. Commenced my harvest.

July 8 Fri. Cut wheat.

July 9 Sat. Cut wheat.

July 10 Sun. Stayed at home.

July 11 Mon. Bound wheat and rye for father.

July 12 Tues. Bound for father.

July 13 Wed. Cut my wheat.

July 14 Thurs. Cut my wheat.

July 15 Fri. Cut wheat for Abe Contant. \$2.50.

July 16 Sat. Helped Abe Contant \$2.50

July 17 Sun. Helped Abe Contant \$2.50.

July 18 Mon. Helped father hank wheat.

July 19 Tues. Mowed fence Corners on Mark Bugbee.

July 20 Wed. Helped Abe Contant \$2.25.

July 21 Tues. Helped Abe Contant \$2.25.

July 22 Fri. Helped Abe Contant \$2.00

July 23 Sat. Helped Abe Contant \$2.00

July 24 Sun. Rob and Wallace drew a load of hay for me.

July 25 Mon. Hanked my wheat father and Rob helped me.

July 26 Tues. Helped father hay it.

July 27 Wed. Helped father hay it.

July 28 Thurs. Helped father it.

July 29 Fri. Went to Prairieville and Delton.

July 30 Sat. Cut hay for myself.

July 31 Sun. Went berring.

AUGUST

Aug 1 Mon. Went to father and helped him thrash.

Aug 2 Tues. Robie and I drew my hay.

Aug 3 Wed. Cut oats for father $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Aug 4 Thurs. Cut oats $\frac{1}{2}$ day and picked berries.

Aug 5 Fri. Helped father draw his oats.

Aug 6 Sat. Went to fathers helped him draw a load of hay. Then took team and helped thrashers move machine to my place.

Aug 7 Sun Went to Arthur Shelp and to the Bowen place and to P Castle.

Aug 8 Mon. Thrashed my wheat had 77 bu. Took some to father. To then fixed my straw stack. Fixed fence and chored around.

Aug 9 Tues. Nothing wrote down.

Aug 10 Wed. Went to Arthur Shelp and to father and picked berries.

Aug 11 Thurs. Went to Orangeville got shoes and socks and tob. Of Eli Nickles. And helped John Castle thrash.

Aug 12 Fri. Helped John C. Finished thrash, and helped Draper thrash.

Aug 13 Sat. Helped Peter Castle and Doolittle thrash went to Orangeville and to Prairieville in Evening.

Aug 14 Sun. Baby Thomas was born 4 o'clock was at thome.

Aug 15 Mon. Went to Hastings.

Aug 16 Tues. Helped thrash to Felder for J. Castle.

Aug 17 Wed. Got team and plowed.

Aug 18 Thurs. Plowed
Aug 19 Fri. Plowed
Aug 20 Sat. plowed father and mother Shelp came here.
Aug 21 Sun. Went to father and to Rutland.
Aug 22 Mon. Thrashed for A. Clem
Aug 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 - Nothing wrote down.

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 Nothing wrote down.
Sept 20 Bill sowed wheat.
Sept 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 - Nothing was wrote down.

OCTOBER

Oct 1 Sat - nothing wrote down.
Oct 2 Sun. Nothing wrote down.
Oct 3 Mon. Helped ½ day. Stayed at father in afternoon.
Oct 4 Tues. Helped Edwin build chimney for father.
Oct 5 Wed. Got Edwin horse and went to Pine Lake.
Oct 6 Thurs. We went to fair.
Oct 7 Fri. Came home.
Oct 8 Sat. Took horse home.
Oct 9 Sun. Stayed at home.
Oct 10 Mon. Went to father came and got Jennie.

“Note: nothing written after this”

NOTE: Thought it may be of interest to include a few of the ‘records’ that were found - Marriage, Death, etc.

Source: Ancestry.com from the “Carol Wilcox Family Tree”

When Silas Eugene Wilcox was born on September 16, 1856, his father, James, was 34 and his mother, Mary, was 36. He married Martha Brezee on March 13, 1886, in Orangeville, Michigan. He then married Phoebe Jane Shelp and they had ten children together. He died on April 24, 1924, in Orangeville, Michigan, at the age of 67, and was buried in Plainwell, Michigan.

Silas Eugene Wilcox

1856–1924

Birth 16 SEP 1856 • , Ontario, New York, USA

Death 24 APR 1924 • Orangeville Twp, Barry, Michigan, USA

Facts

- **Birth 16 Sep 1856 • , Ontario, New York, USA • 1856**
- **Birth of Sister [Ida Bell Wilcox](#)(1859–1908) Oct 1859 • New York 1859 Age 3**
- **Residence 1860 • South Bristol, Ontario, New York, USA • 1860 Age 4**
- **Residence 1870 • Irving, Barry, Michigan, USA Post Office: Irving • 1870 Age 14**
- **Residence 1880 • Thornapple, Barry, Michigan, USA**

Marital status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son • 1880 Age 24

- • **Marriage**

13 Mar 1886 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan, USA

[Martha Brezee](#)(1867–1887) 1886 Age 29

- **Death of Wife [Martha Brezee](#)(1867–1887)**

13 Oct 1887 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan 1887 Age 31

- **Marriage 24 Nov 1888 • Hastings, Barry, Michigan, USA**

[Phoebe Jane Shelp](#) (1866–1950) • 1888 Age 32

- **Birth of Son [James Leonard Wilcox](#)(1889–1966)**

19 Jul 1889 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan 1889 Age 32

- **Death of Mother [Mary L Wood](#)(1820–1892)**

11 Apr 1892 • Michigan 1892 Age 35

- **Birth of Son [John Thomas Wilcox](#)(1892–1975)**

14 Aug 1892 • Orangeville Twp, Barry, Michigan, USA 1892 Age 35

- **Birth of Daughter [Isoline Pearl Wilcox](#)(1895–1963)**

20 May 1895 • Michigan, USA 1895 Age 38

- **Birth of Child [Beatrice Rosemond Gorham](#)(1901–2000)**

1 September 1901 • Michigan, USA 1901 Age 44

- **Birth of Daughter [Beatrice Rosemond Wilcox](#)(1901–2000)**

1 Sep 1901 • Michigan, USA 1901 44

- **Birth of Daughter [Beatrice R Wilcox](#)(1901–2000)**

1 Sep 1901 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan, USA 1901 Age 44

- **Death of Father [James L. Wilcox](#)(1821–1903)**

12 October 1903 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan, USA 1903 Age 47

- **Birth of Daughter [Glenna E Wilcox](#)(1905–1990)**

20 Oct 1905 • Orangeville, Barry, Michigan, USA 1905 Age 49

- **Birth of Daughter [Glenna E Wilcox](#)(1905–1990)**

20 Oct 1905 • Orangeville Twp, Barry, Michigan, USA 1905 Age 49

- Birth of Daughter [Thelma Irene Wilcox](#)(1907–1976)

19 Oct 1907 • Orangeville Twp, Barry, Michigan, USA 1907 Age 51

- Death of Sister [Ida Bell Wilcox](#)(1859–1908)

3 Dec 1908 • Fresno, Fresno, CA 1908 Age 52

- Death of Brother [Edwin L. Wilcox](#)(1849–1911)

18 Feb 1911 • Gun Plains Twp., Allegan Co., Michigan 1911 Age 54

- Death of Sister [Sophia J. Wilcox](#)(1851–1914)

14 Jun 1914 • Palo Alto Co., Iowa 1914 Age 57

- Death of Brother [Edward J Wilcox](#)(1849–1922)

5 Oct 1922 • Austin, Mecosta, Michigan, USA 1922 Age 66

- Death of Brother [Frank Wilcox](#)(1855–1924) Apr 1924

- Death

24 Apr 1924 • Orangeville Twp, Barry, Michigan, USA • 1924 Age 67

- Burial

Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, USA