

The Diaries of John C. Yeaton (1875-1909)



The Epsom Historical Association bought at public auction two diaries from the John B. Yeaton estate. The two diaries are by John Crockett Yeaton. The first covers most of 1886, with some months with incomplete entries (January, September and October) and no entries for November and December. The second diary for 1887 is complete. John Crockett Yeaton would have been a boy about 12 years old at the time of his writing, and the diaries reflect his activities working on the farm and just being a kid.

Friday, Jan. 1, 1886

Thawey. Mr. Parker called.

Saturday 2

Thawey. Harry, Lewis and I went down to the store this AM, rode home with Papa. They moved the steam mill by here on to Gorham Rand lot. In the PM papa and I went down to Aunt Vianna's and store.

Sunday 3

(no entry)

Monday, Jan. 4, 1886

(no entry)

Tuesday 5

(no entry)

Wednesday 6

(no entry)

Thursday, Jan. 7, 1886

(no entry)

Friday 8

(no entry)

Saturday 9

Snowed and blowed. Papa went down to Mr. Stanley's to work. I went with him, stayed to dinner. Had a nice time.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 1886

(no entry)

Monday 11

(no entry)

Tuesday 12

(no entry)

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1886

(no entry)

Thursday 14

(no entry)

Friday 15

(no entry)

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1886

Pleasant. Went down to Bertie in AM. I went skating in the PM. A hand organ man came. Went to the band in the evening with E. Called into Grammys. Went into the store, bought my diary. Papa in the PM worked Mr. Stanley.

Sunday 17

Snowed in the morning, cleared off. I went to meeting with Herbert. Papa and Mamma and ____ and George after supper went down to Grandma's.

Monday 18

Pleasant but cold. Played with the baby this AM while Mamma washed. E. began to start out wood. I went skating in the PM. Mamma and Papa went down to Mr. Locke's in the evening.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1886

Snowed all day. Edwin got his oxen sharpened. I went to writing school tonight, rode down with Edwin, wasn't but seven there.

Wednesday 20

Cleared off last night sometime. E. worked upon the woodlot. Wind blowed a little. E has gone to a levee to Short Falls, the band plays.

Thursday 21

Began to snow this PM. Papa and I went with E went up upon the woodlot to help fix the road in the PM. Went to writing school, rode down with Frank. Eleven there.

Friday, Jan. 22, 1886

Thawey. Went down to Mr. Locke's in the PM on an errand. Bert came up a little while in the AM. I went upon the wood lot and down to the depot.

Saturday 23

Cold. Edwin went a teaming. Papa went with him this AM and PM. Mr. Locke came in. Edwin has gone to the band. I went down to get Viola paper.

Sunday 24

8 deg. Below 0. Snowed in PM. Papa and I went to meeting. Mr. Locke came in. Harry came in.

Monday, Jan. 25, 1886

Snoed all day. Sent a square of patchwork. Got an egg. Harry came down with his double runner. Papa made a roller to go in sled.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Warm and pleasant. Went with Papa down to store. Grammies over to Mr. Pinneys after a sled in the AM. Went to writing school. Called for Herbert and Addie, rode home with Frank.

Wednesday 27

Cloudy. Went with Papa to meeting in the PM, begun to rain towards night.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1886

Rained all day, the trees are all cover with ice, loaded down. Bertie came up a little while. I went down there. Went to writing school. Frank called. Edwin went with us. 9 there. Went in the store.

Friday 29

Cloudy, rained this PM. Went out sledding. Edwin went up on the woodlot to fix the road. I went down to Mrs. Giles, get some yeast, got V-paper to read. Mamma made some molasses candy.

Saturday 30

Snowed this morning. Thawey. Went with Papa down to grandma's, she came home with us. Had the calves yoked, went up the road with them. Rained last evening.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting. Mr. Locke came in. Ella and Nettie Giles called. Edwin carried Grandma home tonight.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1886

Pleasant. Harry came by, down with his double runner. Had some nice slides. Papa went with a load of wood with old Charley this PM.

Tuesday 2

Pleasant. Went with Papa this morning up to the woodlot. Harry and Bert came, we slid. Went to writing school, 14 there.

Wed. Feb. 3, 1886

2 above 0. Cloudy and cold. Papa and Edwin went a teaming. Went down to Mr. Locke's on an errand.

Thursday 4

Mrs. Crosby called this AM. Went to writing school this evening, 13 there. Papa and Edwin went a teaming.

Friday 5

10 below 0, very cold. Sowed a little wood. Went down to Mr. Locke's on an errand. Went down to Mr. Giles this PM. Got an egg. Papa and Edwin went a teaming.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1886

8 below 0 this morning. Cloudy this PM. Bertie came up this PM. We went up a little and over to where the mill used to be, took our sleds and sled back. Charley came this Charlie came by this AM — (?)

Sunday 7

Pleasant. Went to meeting with Papa. Went up to grandma's. Edwin and Mr. Stanley went over to New Rye.

Monday 8

Warm & thawey. Papa and E went down to Aunt ___ and got a load of hay for Mr. David Parker in PM. Bertie and I went with Papa.

Tuesday Feb. 9, 1886

Warm and thawy. Mamma was shed (?). I sawed some wood, helped fix Papa's sled. Went to writing school, 12 there. The band had a concert.

Wednesday 10

Went up to the lot with Papa and the depot. Went to writing school, 13 there.

Thursday 11

Not very pleasant and raw. Sled a little, went down to down to Viola and got her paper.

Friday, Feb. 12, 1886

Rained all day. Went up to Mrs. ___ on an errand. Papa and E went down to the mill and store. I went down to Mrs. Giles.

Saturday 13

Rainy. Papa and Edwin hauled Mr. Locke down a load of hay.

Sunday 14

Thawy. Did not got to meeting. Mamma and Edwin went down to Grandma's. Mr. Currier's folks were there.

Monday Feb. 15, 1886

Thawy. Sleighing all gone. Hauled the baby on my hand sled this AM.

Tuesday 16

Cold and windy. Papa and Edwin up on the woodlot, start ___ wood. Went to singing school this evening, 13 there.

Wednesday 17

Pleasant. Harry and Lewis came down this AM. Sled a little. Bert came up. We sled. Hauled baby out in the red cart. Mamma has got a headache. Papa and E started ___.

Thursday 18

Pleasant. Papa and Edwin cut shingle strip and hauled up on the knoll (?). Went to writing school.

Friday 19

Rains this evening. Harry came down this PM. Went down to skate but ___ not good. Edwin has gone with the steers this eve to exchange with Alvy Yeaton for a pair of three year olds.

Saturday 20

The rain last eve turned to very cold this PM, the wind blows hard and cold this evening. Bertie came up this PM. I sawed a little wood.

Sunday 21

Cold. Papa and I went to meeting. Went up to grandma's a little while. Went down across on foot.

Monday 22

Pleasant. Repaired my steers shed. Edwin hauled two load of shingle ___ down to the mill with both pair of his oxen. This Am he caught a little fox in the wall down a little ways (rest unreadable).

Tuesday 23

Snowed a little this PM. Edwins horse was sick. I went down to the store after some ___ and I yoked the steers and put them on the sled for the first time. Edwin (unreadable).

Wed., February 24, 1886

Cold. I went up to Mrs. Grants ___. Mr. Locke came in ___ tis AM. This PM went over in the woods. Papa and Edwin chopped this AM.

Thursday 25

Snowed this PM. Bert came up and went with Papa and Edwin over in the pasture. Studied and worked on patch work. Papa and Edwin logs this AM.

Friday 26

Snowed and blowed all day long. Rained hard last evening. Sewed two squares and studied my ___. I went down to Grandma's to see Mrs. Parker.

Sat. Feb. 27, 1886

Blowed hard all last night and today. Edwin and Papa went down to the store this PM.

Sunday 28

Blowed hard all last night and today. Did not go to church.

Monday, March 1, 1886

Blowed hard all last night and today. Papa and I shoveled some drifting that road. E. hauled wood this AM. ___ today than yesterday.

Tuesday, March 2, 1886

Blowed hard all last night and today. Papa went down to mill and store this AM. Edwin went hauling wood down to the depot.

Wednesday 3

Blowed hard all last night and a little today. This PM I went with Papa and Edwin.

Thursday 4

Pleasant. Papa and Edwin down to Deerfield with some hay. I went down to Aunt Vianna's while they loaded.

Friday Mar. 5, 1886

Pleasant this AM. Papa with Edwin went a teaming this PM. Papa and E. and I went up to Albion Locke's and got some dry (rest unreadable).

Saturday 6

Pleasant. Bert came up this AM. Harry came down this AM. Mamma and Mrs. Locke went down to Grandma's. I have got a little sore throat.

Sunday 7

I did not go to meeting having got some sore throat. Papa went. Mrs. Lewis called in. Mrs. Locke called in. Pleasant.

Mon, Mar. 8, 1886

Papa and Mamma has got a headache. The Dotey's called in this PM. (unreadable)

Tuesday 9

Snowed a little this morning. Edwin and Papa went to (unreadable). Mr. Locke and Mrs. came up, spent the evening.

Wednesday 10

Pleasant and thawey. Bert came up this AM. I went down this PM. He came up and we and Papa yoked up the steers and put them on the sled and went down ___.

Thurs., Mar. 11, 1886

Pleasant. I and Papa went down to Grandma's and Mr. Knowles. Aunt V. and Fred came up this evening.

Friday 12

Cloudy, snowed this PM. Papa and Edwin out got out ___ the sled out of and hauled home a load of wood.

Saturday 13

Warm, sprinkled PM, then snowed this evening. (some unreadable). Edwin hauled log to the mill. I went with him the first trip. He made two trips.

Sun. Mar. 14, 1886

Pleasant. Blowed this morning. Did not go to church. Mr. Locke came in.

Monday 15

Not very pleasant. E. and Papa sawed up Mr. Stanley's elm and Edwin hauled them down to the mill to get them sawed. He went down tog and I went with him once.

Tuesday 16

Cloudy. Last eve E. and I went down to Mr. Stanley's. Went down this morn, Bertie came up – I went down to Mrs. Giles this PM to get some orders for card. E. went up to Pittsfield to get some yokes mail (?).

Wed. Mar. 17, 1886

Thawy, pleasant. I went down to see if ___ would to get some cars. Mr. Crosby called. Alice wasn't at home. Harry came down. Bertie came up.

Thursday 18

Thawing, pleasant. I went down to Mr. Knowles to get some cards. Mr. Crosby wrote for us. He wrote in my Album. Went down to ___ ordered some cards. Papa and E. went to school meeting at the town house. Papa went to store in PM, got my rubber boots.

Friday 19

Pleasant. ___ it clouded up and snowed. Mr. Locke came up and they killed the pig. I went up to Frank's to get some orders for cards.

Sat. March 20, 1886

Snowed and rained all day. Papa cut up the pig. Harry came down and we played checkers. Papa went down to Mr. Knowle's store, Aunt Vianna's for dinner. John Woodman came in and Mr. Locke came in.

Sunday 21

Snowed and blowed. This Am did not go to church. Mr. Locke came up this PM.

Monday 22

Pleasant, snowed a little this PM. Papa helped Alvy Yeaton down to the mill. Bertie came up. Harry came down, we went to Berties – went down to Franks.

Tuesday, March 23, 1886

Pleasant. We all went down to Mr. Locke's and stayed all day, Edwin helped Alvy down to the mill. I went down to the store and stopped to tea on the way home.

Wednesday 24

___ Cold. ___ and Bert came up. Harry came down and we sled. Papa went over to Mrs. Rans auction in the AM and carried Mrs. Giles. Sherbok E worked down to the mill.

Thursday 25

Thaweu. Went with E over in Mr. Dotey to get some wood for him. Bertie came up this AM and we sled. Momma went up to Mrs. Grants.

Friday March 26, 1886

Thawey. Bertie came up this AM. We sled, we worked up wood. Mr. Locke came up this eve.

Saturday 27

Pleasant. We worked up wood this AM. This PM Papa and E. put __ splice on to E's cart tongue for the oxen. Bert Robinson came up this PM. After supper we all rode down to store.

Sunday 28

Pleasant. Pap and I went to meeting. Mr. Locke came up this PM.

Monday March 29, 1886

Pleasant. Edwin worked down to the depot to load wood on the cars for Mr. Russ. Ed Eastman helped him. I went down to Grandma's with Mr. Locke, he went down to the depot too.

Tuesday 30

Some rain. Bert came up this PM. Mr. Locke came up and helped Papa work up the wood pile and finished it. I slept upstairs.

Wednesday 31

Some rain. I went down to the store with Berty, we were weighed. Weighed 73 pounds. A pigs (?) Papa helped Mr. Locke __ wood.

April 1, 1886

I went up to Mrs. Grant's and got into the mud. Papa worked down Mr. Locke's. Edwin worked down to the depot. Pleasant. I went down to Bertie's and he came up.

Friday 2

Pleasant. Papa and I and baby went up to Mrs. Jenness' to ___ scolding tub, Mamma has got a sick headache. Papa hauled all the wood over from the shed to the fence.

Saturday 3

Pleasant. Papa and I went up to Dexter Locke's to get a pig. Papa went down to the monthly meeting. Mrs. Woodman buried today. Edwin worked down to the depot.

Sunday, April 4, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting. Mr. Locke came up and Grandma and Mr. Locke and Papa cut our hair. Alice and Ann called in.

Monday 5

Pleasant. I had the steers yoked. Edwin went down to the depot this P.M. Bert came up this PM.

Tuesday 6

I went down to Grandma's with Edwin. He went down to depot. Rained and blowed all day.

Wednesday, April 7, 1886

Pleasant. I went up to the waf (?) this AM and PM to see if Edwin was there, but he was not there. I went up to the store and he gave me a cent and I got a stick of gum.

Thursday 8

Pleasant. I went up to the store for Mrs. Stanley this morning and Grandma and Nathan went up to C. Rands place this PM. I came home tonight. Papa and I went up to see Mr. A. Friel (?) _.

Friday 9

Pleasant. Papa fixed the horse stalls and where the oxen stand. Bertie and Mrs. Stanley came up. Mr. Stanley went up to Mr. Dotey's and his horse died.

Saturday, April 10, 1886

Pleasant. I went down to the depot with Edwin to load wood. He thought he would come to ___ at noon but he didn't. I came home with Papa at noon with the ___ horse.

Sunday 11

Pleasant. Papa and I went over to meeting. Mr. Locke came in. Fred Page.

Monday 12

Showery this PM, pleasant the AM. Papa and I went to Uncle Solomon Yeaton's funeral. He was seventy-one years old.

Tuesday, April 13, 1886

Showery all day. Papa and I went up to Mr. Woods. This evening we hauled off rocks. I drove the cattle on the cart and Edwin hauled on the drag.

Wednesday 14

Quite warm this AM. Edwin hauled out manure. Papa and I went around the pasture to up the gaps. Turned out the calves in the PM. Edwin, Papa and I got a load of sning (?).

Thursday 15

Warm. Papa went up to Pittsfield this AM. Edwin hauled manure in the PM. All went down to mill to get a load of shingles. I had Frank's steers on.

Friday, April 16, 1886

Raw air today, cloudy. I went down to help Mr. Locke today. Papa and Ed went down to mill to haul off boards – hauled manure this PM. Pleasant.

Saturday 17

Pleasant. Edwin worked down to the depot. Papa and I ___ went up to Mr. Woods this AM. Papa and I went around the pasture ___.

Sunday 18

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting. Grandma came up with us.

Monday, April 19, 1886

Warm. Mr(s). Grant ___ ___ today. Mr. Locke worked up here this AM, plowing this PM. Edwin worked down to the depot. Had a shower towards night.

Tuesday 20

Warm. Ed worked down to the depot and I hauled off some rocks front of the house and cleared up the dooryard. Some of my cards came at last. I went around with them this morning.

Wednesday 21

Ed worked down to the depot. Warm.

Thursday, April 22, 1886

Warm. Papa and I went down to Aunt Vianna's to get a harrow. I drove. Ed worked down to the depot.

Friday 23

Warm. Grandma came up. Papa and Ed plowed up ___ field.

Saturday 24

Pleasant. I drove the horse up on front of the oxen to plow this AM. Did not use the horse this PM.

Sunday, April 25, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I and E. went to meeting. E. and I stayed to Grandma's and went to the concert and I went up to the hall with Grandpa to a lecture.

Monday 26

Pleasant. Papa and I and E broke up in the front field this AM. Harrowed in front field ___ had corn. Picked some rocks and plowed a little in the garden.

Tuesday 27

Pleasant. I went down to the Post Office for Mr. Locke this morning. I helped P sow the wheat in the front field. I went ___ foot a little. Mrs. Stanley worked here.

Wednesday, April 28, 1886

Cool and cloudy. I helped Mamma a little in the morning and Papa went down to Mr. Locke's and cut the brush and harrowed and then I brushed it.

Thursday 29

Pleasant. Papa and E worked down to Mr. Locke's. Papa came home at noon and he and I picked rocks over on the wheat piece. Yoked the steers.

Friday 30

Pleasant. Papa and E worked down to Mr. Locke's this AM. and I went down after I got the chores done. Picked rocks this PM, Papa and I.

Saturday, May 1, 1886

Pleasant. I helped Mr. Locke and he give me a quarter. I went fishing after I got home and caught some shiners. P. and I helped Mr. Stanley.

Sunday 2

Pleasant. P and E and I went to meeting. Harry rode with us.

Monday 3

Pleasant. E and I went to school. There were 9 there. Ernest and Harry went. Harry and I went a fishing. I caught ton.

Tuesday, May 4, 1886

Pleasant. I and E went to school. There were 11 there. Alice and Charlie came. I went down to Bert's a little while.

Wednesday 5

Had a shower towards night. Bertie and I went a fishing. I caught three trout. B caught a number.

Thursday 6

Pleasant. I and E went to school. I and B went a fishing at night, a number of little things. Bert caught 9 he said, one shiner. He caught a ____.

Friday, May 7, 1886

Pleasant. E and I went to school. All there. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's.

Saturday 8

Rained all day. I went a fishing this Am and caught one trout. I put them on the well. Caught them in ours. Harry came down this PM.

Sunday 9

Pleasant. I and Papa went to meeting. Mr. Locke called in. Mrs. Holt called in. Papa got one hip for me and one for Edwin down to Grandma's.

Monday, May 10, 1886

Pleasant. I and E went to school. Alice was not there.

Tuesday 11

Rainy. I and E went to school. I dug over my round. B. came up tonight, we played ball a little.

Wednesday 12

E. and I went to school. I planted my corn tonight.

Thursday, May 13, 1886

Pleasant. E and I went to school this morning. I planted my potatoes and a hill of some beans that Mr. Fisk gave E.

Friday 14

Pleasant. E and I went to school. All there. Bert came up a few minutes.

Saturday 15

Cold, cloudy. Bert and I drove off over to Mr. Sam Sanborn's pasture _ with the horse. I and B with a fishing, I caught 2 in _ B.

Sunday, May 16, 1886

Rained a little. This AM did not go to meeting. I put one of the trout in the well that I caught down to Mr. B. Harry came down a while.

Monday 17

Pleasant. E and I went to school. I and B went a fishing. I caught a big one in his, I got a bite and pulled it on top of the water. B caught a little one.

Tuesday 18

Pleasant. E and I went to school. F came down a little while. B came up a little while. E sold his steers to Sam __ Page (?).

Wednesday, May 19, 1886

Pleasant. E and I went to school. We went home to dinner. B and H came, we played ball. Mr. Locke up to help plant. I dropped some P.S.

Thursday 20

Pleasant. E and I went to school. Mamma and baby went down to Grandma's. P went down after them. E and I to Mr. Giles. B and H and I played ball.

Friday 21

Pleasant. E and I went to school. I helped P plant some potatoes in the garden. Mamma and baby went down to Mr. Locke's.

Saturday, May 22, 1886

Showery this AM, P this PM. Broke up this AM this side of the brook. E harrowed this PM. I went down to Mr. Locke's to get sweet corn.

Sunday 23

Pleasant. P and E and I went to church. Had my hair cut. P carried Grandma. The soldiers and their wives were to church.

Monday 24

Pleasant. E and I went to school. P planted potatoes in the back field. E, the oxen off to pasture.

Tuesday, May 25, 1886

Rainy. E and I went to school. Mrs. Stanley worked up here. P and E worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Wednesday 26

Cool. E and I went to school. I went a fishing, caught 1. E worked down to Mrs. Eastman's and Aunt Vianna's.

Thursday 27

Cloudy, rained this PM. We went to school. P and I planted.

Friday, May 28, 1886

Pleasant. We went to school. E went to Pittsfield this AM and got me a fifth reader.

Saturday 29

Warm. I and E went to Decoration. Colonel Sanborn (?) rode on a horse in front of the band and soldiers. Mamma and P went over to Aunt Sadies.

Sunday 30

Warm. P and I went to church. Mr. Locke and Mrs. Locke came up this evening.

Monday, May 31, 1886

Pleasant. We went to school. They worked on the road. I and Harry went down to Mr. Knowles' and got me a rubber ball.

Tuesday, June 1

Pleasant. E and I went to school. Mamma fixed my old ball and I carried it to school. We played ball. I went down to Mr. Stanley's to carry the clothes. We played ball a few minutes.

Wednesday 2

Pleasant. We went to school. I did no miss to we went (?) played ball, Harry came down this morning. We played ball and I played. Papa got me writing book.

Thursday, June 3, 1886

Rainy this AM. We went to school. We played ball. Harry and I went a fishing tonight. I caught seven, Harry did not catch any. Threw one small one back, gave one to Charlie.

Friday 4

Pleasant. We went to school. We played ball. Mamma and P went to Pittsfield, got E and I 2 slate pencils apiece. Got a _ suit of clothes. I went down to see Bertie.

Saturday 5

Pleasant. I and P went down to Aunt V and down to Mrs. Eastman's and got a load of hay to V this AM. I set some posts this PM. I and E went down to Bertie's. E has been down to Lucien Heaths to put up a barn.

Sunday, June 6, 1886

Pleasant. E and P and I went to church. Mamma went down to Mrs. Locke's tonight. Harry came down and brought down the papers.

Monday 7

Pleasant. We went to school. Mr. Albion Locke helped P hew the timbers. I went down to Mr. Knowles' store. He gave me a lot of candy. I went down to Mr. S with H. He stopped here when he came back.

Tuesday 8

Pleasant. We went to school. Mr. Locke and Mr. Albion Locke worked down here hewing. Mrs. Stanley worked up here.

Wednesday, June 9, 1886

Pleasant. We went to school. Grandma sent me up a drum by Aunt Viania tonight. I helped Papa to cultivate this morning.

Thursday 10

Pleasant. We went to school. I missed one word tonight. Mrs. Ames visited the school a little while. Frank and Harry came down tonight. I drummed a little. F. had his jewsharp.

Friday 11

Pleasant. We went to school. I missed 6 words tonight. I and E and _ went to Berties a little while. Took my drum, we played ball. Harry came down with his drum.

Saturday, June 12, 1886

Pleasant. Grandma came up this AM. I went down to Mr. Knowles' this morning. I helped P plant some fodder corn after I planted a little corn for fodder, soon after a fishing. Charlie came up, caught one.

Sunday 13

Rainy all day. Grandma went home tonight. Harry came down. Mr. Locke called in this PM. Did not go to church.

Monday 14

Rainy all day. We went to school. I missed four words tonight, wrote in my spelling. I hoed my corn again tonight. Edwin went up the butcher to help him get his horse along, he has got a new one.

Tuesday, June 15, 1886

Rainy all day. We went to school. Frank and Harry and I went up early this morning and sawed up some wood. Harry came down a while tonight. Mrs. Stanley worked up here, to Mrs. Lewis came down.

Wednesday 16

Pleasant. We went to school. I missed four words tonight. Papa and Edwin worked down to Aunt Vianonas this PM and Mrs. Eastmans this AM.

Thursday 17

Warm and muggy this AM. Rainy towards night, a few showers this PM. Harry and Ernest and the baby came down this PM and Harry and I went a fishing and played on our drums. I let off some snap crackers.

Friday, June 18, 1886

Pleasant. We went to school. I missed one word tonight written. Bert went today. We played ball up to school and Bert and I and Elizabeth played some to horn (?). I helped hoe down in the fief.

Saturday 19

Pleasant. I rode the horse to cultivate the corn this AM and PM. I hoed some. Harry came down this AM and sold us two quarts of strawberries. I went a little while and got over one quart down in the garden.

Sunday 20

Papa and I went to church. We went up to Grandma's a little while.

Monday, June 21, 1886

Pleasant. We went to school. Harry came down. Bert came up. We played ball. B and I went to school, missed seven words tonight. Bert and I went down to the store. I got a box of caps and a pistol.

Tuesday 22

Warm. We went to school. Charlie came up a few minutes. I went down to Berts with him. I and Elizabeth played ball a little. I rode the horse to cultivate this. Papa finished up hoeing.

Wednesday 23

Cloudy, rained a little. We went to school. Mr. & Mrs. Locke came up this evening. Grandma came up, Edwin went down to (not completed).

Thursday, June 24, 1885

Rainy. We went to school. I missed three words tonight. Papa went down to blacksmith. Mamma and the baby went down to Mrs. Lockes.

Friday 25

Rainy all day. We went to school, I missed (not completed). I went down to Herbert's tonight and Bert and we played ball. Harry came down and we went and got some yeast down to Mrs. Giles.

Saturday 26

Pleasant. I and Eliz. picked some strawberries. A little shower this PM. I went down to Aunt Viaias this AM and rode the horse. I made a bat and Bert and Herbert and I played ball.

Sunday, June 27, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I went to church. I went down to Mr. Lockes after I got home. Alice and Annie were down there.

Monday 28

Pleasant. We went to school. Elizabeth did not go. I rode the horse this morning in the garden and tonight down on the potato piece. Bert came up and we played ball. Frank found my ball.

Tuesday 29

Pleasant. I went to school (blank space) in writing. I cut some grass this morning and a little tonight. Rode the horse to cultivate on the bean piece. Jim Burnham and Alfred came up tonight.

Wednesday, June 30, 1886

Pleasant. I went to school, missed one word tonight. We played. I went up to Harry's tonight and we played ball. I went down to Bert's a few minutes and we played ball. I went over to see my trap, did not get any.

Thursday, July 1, 1886

Pleasant. I went to school, missed two words tonight. Bert came up, we played ball and fixed some posts for fourth of July to hang some flags on.

Friday 2

Pleasant. I went to school, tha last day, Mrs. Lewis came in, Adia Cilley and the teacher's sister. Grandma came up tonight and Frank and Bert and I went down to the store and for some snap crackers. I got two.

Saturday, July 3, 1886

Very warm. I got up at three o'clock this morning and went down and up the road. I went down to Bert's this morning. I went down to the store and got some lemons and sugar. We had a tent in the pasture. Bert was up. We ate out on the piazza tonight. We fired off some snap crackers this evening. This evening grandma went home, B and I went a ways with her.

Sunday 4

Very warm. Papa went to church, I did not. Harry came down a few minutes.

Monday 5

Very warm. I went to the picnic. Some of the Pittsfield folks were down. Had a good time. The band played, had some lemonade.

Tuesday, July 6, 1886

No quite so hot. I and Edwin and Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's a haying. I fired off some snap crackers. I went down to Doctor Locke's after a pump (?) for Mrs. Locke. Good hay weather.

Wednesday 7

Pleasant, windy. Good hay weather. Worked down to Mr. Locke's. Finished up down to Mr. Locke's. He gave me .50 cents for two days.

Thursday 8

Pleasant, windy, good hay weather. Had a little whirl wind this PM. Mr. Locke helped us. We finished the orchard and mowed the front field. Got them in.

Friday, July 9, 1886

Pleasant, good hay weather. Papa and Edwin and Mr. Locke worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. Charlie Eastman was there so they did not want me.

Saturday 10

Not a very good hay day. Papa and Edwin went down to Mrs. Eastman's and I went gawled (?) in one load then went to Aunt Vianars and carried the tools and got a load of hay and in the evening, fished ___.

Sunday 11

Pleasant, some wind. Papa and I went to church, a new minister preached today. Grandma came up with us and went home tonight.

Monday, July 12, 1886

Some windy, not quite so good a hay day. Mr. Locke and Mr. Giles and Papa and Edwin and I worked down to Aunt Vianars today, hauled one load up to Mr. Giles off of the flat. Sold Mr. Batchelder the ground and a piece below it.

Tuesday 13

Very warm, good hay weather. We all worked down to Aunt Vianars finished up all but the brook piece. Hauled up a load for Mr. Giles. Got one load out.

Wednesday 14

Warm this AM, not a very good hay day. Rain this PM. Mr. Giles and Papa and I worked down to Aunt Vianars, finished up there. Mr. Locke and Edwin worked down to Mrs. Eastmans, hauled in a load to Mr. Giles, all that we have hauled 2140.

Thursday, July 15, 1886

A rainy day. Mr. Stanley came up to grind a scythe. Papa fixed ma scythe snathe out of an old snathe _ found the end where the scythe went ou_ and I mowed some down in the pasture. I hauled it up the side road.

Friday 16

A rainy day. A mowed a little and hauled it up.

Saturday 17

Pleasant, looked like showers this AM. Papa and Ed and I went down to Mrs. Eastman's and opened the hay and got it in. I got my hay in. Bert came in. ___

Sunday, July 18, 1886

Pleasant, had a shower in the PM. Papa and I went to Meeting. First thunder shower we have had this season. The text was in John tenth chapter and forth verse.

Monday 19

Not a good hay day. Mr. Giles helped us today. Had a shower this PM, just as we were going to get a load of hay this side of the brook, then they mowed.

Tuesday 20

Pleasant. Mr. Giles helped us today. We got in 8 loads of hay, mowed a little on the clover piece.

Wednesday, July 21, 1886

Pleasant. Mr. Giles and Edwin worked down to Mrs. Eastman's today and finished up there. Got in 4 loads. Mowed down her oats. Edwin found a little rabbit. I brought it home.

Thursday 22

Pleasant, a good hay day. Mr. Giles helped us. We got in 5 loads. Mowed the red top piece and the piece side of it.

Friday 23

Pleasant, a good hay day. Mr. Giles helped us. Mowed the rest of the new ground piece, had five loads and a part. Mowed the brook. Edwin and I killed an adder on the new ground piece.

Saturday, July 24, 1886

Pleasant, a good hay day. We finished up haying and got in Mrs. Eastman's oats. Had two loads. Mr. Giles and Ed and I got them in.

Sunday 25

Pleasant. Papa went to meeting, I did not go, had no shoes to wear. Grandma came up early this morning.

Monday 26

Cloudy and drizzly. Papa fixed the bridge up by the school house this AM. He went over and helped them reap this PM. I went to Ed. I helped George Burnham.

Tuesday, July 27, 1886

Rainy. Mrs. Stanley worked here. Papa did not reap, Hoed (?) the garden.

Wednesday 28

Pleasant. Papa reaped. I helped Mr. Grant hay for Mr. Dotey this PM. Ernest and I went down to the store. I picked some peas. I saw a black snake over in the wheat – a small one.

Thursday 29

I went down to the store this morning and wore my rubber bottom shoes that Mr. Knowle's got me yesterday. I worked up to Mr. Dotey's after I got home. Papa reaped. Mr. Dotey gave me 30 cents.

Friday, July 30, 1886

Pleasant. I worked up to Mr. Dotey's. Papa reaped. Finished up to Mr. Dotey's, he gave me 35 cents.

Saturday 31

Pleasant. I went down to see Ernest this AM. I went over to see them reap this PM. They hauled three loads of rye up here. They finished up.

Sunday, August 1

Pleasant. There wasn't any meeting down here. Edwin went down to see the August meeting to Allenstown. I killed a striped snake down by the orchard bars, had a toad in its mouth. Mrs. Locke came up.

Monday, August 2, 1886

Foggy in the AM but cleared off. I went down to Mr. Locke's to see Ernest Fernald. Stayed there after dinner. Went haying over in Grampie's meadow in the PM with Papa.

Tuesday 3

Had two or three little showers. Worked over in the meadow again today. Got out 27 bunches. Quite cool today and some windy.

Wednesday 4

Wind blew cold this morning. E went down to Grammys with Mr. Stanley. Fred came up this morning with the white oxen and got all the hay – we worked in the meadow today.

Thursday, August 5, 1886

Pleasant. Worked in the meadow, got all cut in.

Mr. Quimby came up with the Morning Star – Papa subscribed for it. Mamma and George went over with us this PM. Had a little shower tonight – thunder and lightning this evening. We found a hornets nest over there.

Friday 6

Hot. We worked in the meadow. They came up with the oxen and two horses and one horse and hauled it all down. Got the pair of horses into the mud, both of them were down at once, but they got out all right themselves.

Saturday 7

Pleasant, a little cloudy this morning. Papa and I went over in the meadow to help load the hay. Fred got the last load with the oxen. In the PM Ernest came up, stayed to tea.

Sunday, August 8, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I went to church, Ernest rode home with us. Harry came down a few minutes.

Monday 9

Pleasant and hot. Papa went down to Mrs. Eastman's to work. I picked a quart of blueberries. Went down to the store with Ernest. Bertie came up in the PM, we went over and had a swing (swim?) in his pasture. Edwin and I went to Pittsfield in the AM.

Tuesday 10

Pleasant, hot. Papa went down to help Alva Yeaton reap his wheat. Harry and Ernest came a little while and Bertie came too.

Wednesday, August 11, 1886

Pleasant and hot. Papa cut some of the wheat, got Mr. Albion Locke's cradle. I raked it up in bundles for him to bind. I loaded two loads that was all we had cut and pitched off on. I went down to Herbert's and played ball.

Thursday 12

Pleasant and warm. I went down to the store with Ernest and carried down a letter that I wrote to Arthur. George was down to Mr. Knowles' thashing (?) George Griffin blasted a rock while we were there. Ed helped us finish up the wheat and got in ___.

Friday 13

Pleasant. Papa and I went down to Aunt Vianars and cut her oats sopped (?) to Mr. Lockes and helped ___ his fodder corn open. Got in her oats. Our oats in and then hauled Mr. Locke's fodder corn. Up to Mr. Dotey's.

Saturday, August 14, 1886

Showery this AM, pleasant this PM. Papa and I went over Mr. Sanborns' that way. Papa had to go over that way, we thought we should see the steers but did not. We stopped and up Aunt Vianar's pates when we came home.

Sunday 15

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting. 15 in the Sabbath school class.

Monday 16

We all went blackberrying up on the Page road. We went down to Aunt V in the PM and turned over the oats and got them in the PM. Papa fixed up Mrs. Eastman's fence in the forenoon. A shower.

Tuesday, August 17, 1886

Rainy. We fixed the cart on to the wheels. Had toothache in the PM. I went down to Bert's – he had gone fishing over to the pond. Papa went down to Mr. Parker's to have a new tongue put into the cart.

Wednesday 18

Pleasant. Papa helped Mr. Albion Locke cradle his wheat. I went down to Bert's in the AM and PM. I went over and cut me a fish pole.

Thursday 19

Pleasant. I had the toothache dreadfully this AM. Papa helped Mr. Stanley cut his oats this AM and this PM I helped. Mr. Dotey get in oats, he and Mr. Grant got in 8 loads. I went up to see Harry this PM.

Friday, August 20, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I tore down some of our shed this AM. This PM Papa got in Mr. Stanley's oats. Harry came down.

Saturday 21

Pleasant. I went down to the store with Harry, Ernest Fernald. We tore down the shed in the PM. Papa went to Mr. Evans' funeral. I went down to Berties.

Sunday 22

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting. Ernest rode home with us.

Monday, August 23, 1886

Pleasant. I and Papa pulled nails and got out some shingles this AM. Ernest came up this PM. Papa, Elizabeth and I went to Edwin's wedding. They were married at eight o'clock.

Tuesday 24

Pleasant. Bertie, Stanley and I went to Grammies. Went fishing down to the river, came home after dinner. Uncle James Crockett came up with us. Papa and I went down to Mr. Lockes and got in his hay.

Wednesday 25

Pleasant. Edwin, Mr. Locke and Mr. Burnham were here at work on the stone work foundation for the new shed. Uncle James went down to Grammies in the AM. Ernest F. and I went a little ways with him.

Thursday, August 26, 1886

Pleasant. Edwin and Mr. Locke helped today. I went down to the store this morning. Ernest went with me.

Friday 27

Hot. I went down to Bertie's in the PM. We got in a little fodder corn.

Saturday 28

Hot. Frank came down this afternoon. Mrs. Holt came down and brought a moustache cup, a wedding present to Edwin. Papa went down to the store, got me some new shoes.

Sunday, August 29, 1886

Pleasant. Papa and I went to meeting.

Monday 30

Not very pleasant. Mr. Philbrick and his three boys came to begin on the shed. Got the frame up, all but the roof. I went down to Mr. Locke's, carried some apples.

Tuesday 31

Mr. Philbrick and two boys came today. A big shower just before noon and afternoon rained most of the time. Bertie came up this PM. I helped Mr. P. nail on some boards.

Wednesday, September 1, 1886

Pleasant, quite cool. I cleaned up some of the wood round in the dooryard, then I went down to see Ernest, stayed to dinner. He went home this PM. I worked on my building some this PM, had the toothache a while. Sarah Nutting, her brother and wife called.

Thursday 2

Pleasant, Mr Locke helped us

(Friday September 3 through 17, no entries)

Saturday 18

Pleasant. Papa helped Mr. Locke chop over in Mr. Brown's woods. I went over in our pasture, chopped some birches.

Sunday, September 19, 1886

Showery. Papa, Elizabeth and I went to church. Mr. Locke came in. Edwin and Ed Eastman called. Been up to pasture to see the oxen. Quite cold.

Monday 20

Wind blew hard this PM, cold. Mr. Locke and Edwin dug potatoes this forenoon, the were nice ones. Forty bushels and a third of the piece, only a barrel of small ones among them. Papa went over to H. Marden's and mill in the AM and in the PM we shingled the shed and picked potatoes.

Tuesday 21

Pleasant. Papa and Edwin helped Mr. Locke chop wood up on Robert Brown's. I went up with Mr. Locke to carry their dinner. Had a front last night, worked a little on my building.

Wednesday, September 22, 1886

Pleasant, had a front last night. Mr. Locke, Papa and I finished laying the floor. In the PM Papa and I shingled. Mrs. Stanley and Bertie came in the evening a little while. We tore out the partition between the pantry and the kitchen.

Thursday 23

Rainy. Edwin came up and painted his sled. Mr. Locke came up a little while. Bert came up. We expected the Philbrick's if it had not been rainy.

Friday 24

Pleasant. The Philbrick's did not come. Mr. Locke came up. I went down to Mrs. Eastman's and took down the horse for E to get some clapboards. Dug potatoes and picked them up when E got home. Cut wood for Mr. Locke.

Saturday, September 25, 1886

Pleasant. The carpenters worked here and Mr. Locke got part of one end clapboarded.

Sunday 26

Pleasant. Papa and Eliz and I went to meeting. I walked with Harry. Shower towards night. Mr. Chesley came with the teacher.

Monday 27

Pleasant, cold and windy toward night. Went to school. Harriet and Isabel Tilcover (?) came, had 12.

Tuesday, September 28, 1886

Rainy all day. Went to school

Wednesday 29

A few little showers this morning. Went to school. Mr. Frank Libbey __ tonight and Herbert and Bert went.

Thursday 30

Pleasant. Went to school. Mr. Stanley worked here digging potatoes. Bert stopped and played ball.

Friday, October 1, 1886

Pleasant. Went to school. Mr. Stanley helped Papa dig the potatoes and got in the beans and turnips and watermelons and two loads of stalks.

Saturday 2

Cool. I picked some cranberries and went down to Berts. I made a bobox (?) trap.

Sunday 3

Pleasant. The teacher and Papa and I went to meeting.

Monday, October 4, 1886

Pleasant. The carpenters worked up here. Went to school.

Tuesday 5

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa and Mr. Locke worked down to Mrs. Eastman's this AM. The carpenters worked here this PM.

Wednesday 6

Pleasant. Went to school.

Thursday, October 7, 1886

Pleasant. Went to school.

Friday 8

Pleasant. Went to school.

Friday 9

Pleasant. Went to school. I went down to the store with Frank.

(End of Calendar entries)

MEMORANDA

1886 July 2

School finished today. The teacher gave me a book with a slate and lead pencil and rule and pen holder.

We got 21 loads of hay in the lower field this year. Got 3 loads in the front field and 3 in the orchard. Got 4 loads in the garden.

Fri. July 2

Mr. Locke helped us today, commenced haying. The last day the teacher gave me a box with a slate and lead pencils and pen holder.

Sat. July 24

Mr. Giles helped us, finished up haying.

I worked down to Mrs. Eastman's two days and Aunt Vianars three days. Got a quarter _ dollars a day.

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(end of diary)

Sat. Jan 1, 1887

Rainy. I had sore throat did not go to writing school. Papa went to monthly meeting. I wrote a letter to Arthur. Papa did not go over to Mr. Burnhams to work logging.

Sunday 2

Cold. I did not go to church, my throat is still sore. Papa and Elizabeth went. Mrs. Lewis called in.

Monday Jan. 3

Papa went over to work. Harry and Bert came in this PM, we played jackstraws. I feel a little better today. No writing school tonight.

Tuesday 4

I went down to Bert's, we sled some this AM. Viola and Nettie called in this PM. I went to writing school. Papa went to work.

Wed. Jan. 5

Not so cold, cloudy. Mama washed this AM. I done my chores at the barn and sawed wood and kept the fires. This PM I went up to Harry's a little while, Bert came up. Mr. Watson called and I got this diary.

Thursday 6

It was snowy this morning when I got up and snowed all this AM. There is six and one half inches. Mr. Locke came in this PM, Papa went to work.

Fri. Jan. 7

Pleasant. I went down to Mr. Knowles this PM. Harry came down this PM. Papa went to work.

Saturday 8

10 below zero. Pleasant. Charlie came up and when he went home I went down to Mr. Locke's and called in there, when I came home I helped Bert get out a chopping block down to Herberts and he gave ___ Herbert to the prize.

Sun. Jan. 9, 1887

10 below at 7 o'clock. Snowed a little this PM. We went to church. Harry and Bert came home with us. Harry went down with me. Harry and Ernest came down a little while after meeting. Mr. Locke came up. I went down to Bert's.

Monday 10

Pleasant this AM., windy this PM. Bert came up this AM and PM. Edwin came up this AM and put his rack on to his sleds to haul bark on for Mr. Parker, and hauled a load of hay down to Mr. Knowles.

Tues. Jan. 11, 1887

2 below zero. Pleasant. Papa went down with Edwin and George Burnham hauling bark. Bert and Harry came in this PM. I went down to Bert's this AM.

Papa is 55 years old today.

Wednesday 12

Pleasant. Papa thrashed rye ___ Grampa that they hauled over here from the rye field and I helped. Bert and Harry came in this PM. Bert and I went down to the Cates (?).

Thurs. Jan. 13, 1887

Pleasant. Papa and I thrashed. I yoked my steers this Am in the yard. I went up to see Harry in the PM. I and Papa went down to Mr. Stanley's tonight. Elizabeth went down to Gram and she gave me a pair of mittens.

Friday 14

Snowed and blowed all day and is blowing tonight. Papa did thrash today. Mr. Pike came up with a winmowing (?) mill and cleaned up the wheat. Had 15 bu. Bert came up.

Sat. Jan. 15, 1887

Snowed easy most all day. Had my steers yoked this AM on the sled and went up to Mrs. ____ and drove them round the dooryard. Frank drove through with his cattle. Thrashed this PM

Sunday 16

Pleasant. Went to church. Harry went with us we road. Bert came home with us. Edwin and Ella came up after __ this PM.

Mon. Jan 17, 1887

Snowed all day. Thrashed, finished it up. Frank called in this evening and changed papers.

Tuesday 18

Winday all day, blew hard. Had to brake out the road twice today. Frank and Papa done it.

Wed. Jan. 19, 1887

18 below. Pleasant most all day, spit little snow this PM. Carry Tilton and Ada Locke called in this PM. Carrie's father came up and got her. Harry came down this AM.

Papa went down to store.

Thursday 20

Pleasant. Bert came up this AM. Papa went down to the store this AM. Yoked up the steers this PM and went down to Mr. Locke's and met Frank and he put his on and we went across and came up by Frank's home.

Fri. Jan. 21, 1887

Thawed a little. Windy. Mr. Locke came up with Grandfathers horse and Pung and cleaned up the rye and carry it home. Had to brake out the road this PM. Papa chopped on maple tree over in the pasture.

Saturday 22

Pleasant but cloudy. Papa and Mr. Locke went down to Aunt Vianars to chop but the snow was too deep and did work only in AM. Grandma came up. Yoked up the steers this PM. Harry came down.

Sun. Jan. 23, 1887

Thawy. I and Harry went to church. Herbert and Bert went with us. Stopped to Mrs. Eastmans when I came home and late supper.

Monday 24

Thoughy and same, rainy.

Tues. Jan. 25, 1887

Pleasant. Papa chopped on the maple and I did a little icy skated a little on the side of the road. Edwin came up this AM and this PM and got ___ sled with George Burnhams stage one of his got a sore foot (?).

Wed. 26

Pleasant this AM. Snowy this PM. Papa chopped over in the pasture side of Mr. Stanley's pine wood. This AM I went over a little while. Charlie came a few minutes this PM.

Thurs 27, 1887

4 below, pleasant, a little windy. We chopped this AM, Papa and I went down to Mr. Knowles and Grandpa's this PM. Harry came down but I was not at home and got a new axe and two handles.

Friday 28

Thawing and cloudy. Uncle Daniel and Aunt Amy and Alice came up. Chopped this AM. Papa started up to Samtrue Pages to tell him that Mr. Chelsey said we could have ___ weeks more school__ _____. (?)

Sat, Jan. 29, 1887

Rainy most all day, snowed a little this PM. Papa and I hauled two loads of Mr. Locke's hay down to him on wheels this AM. Went down to Mr. Giles and got Viola's paper this PM.

Sunday 30

Cloudy. Went to meeting. Harry went down with us and he and Bert and Herbert walked home with me part of the way. Herbert and Harry did not come the same way that B and I. We got home first.

Mon. Jan. 31, 1887

Pleasant, a little cold. School commenced today. Miss Veasey keeps boards up to Mrs. Lewis's. Papa went over to help Edwin and carried over a load of hay on wheels. Only seven to school today. Snowing this evening.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

12 below. Snowed in the night and a little while this morning. Went to school. Herbert and Arthur Locke went to school today. Papa went to work.

Wed. Feb. 2, 1887

Been snowing most all day. I built the fire up to school today. Papa went to work over to George Burnhams.

Thursday 3

10 above. Hailed and snowed. Went to school. Papa went to work.

Fri. Feb. 4, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I have got a hoarse cold. Papa went to work.

Mr. Charles Ames died this morning with Pneumonia, been sick a little over a week.

Saturday 5

Pleasant. Quite hoarse. Bert came up this AM. Papa went to work.

Sun. Feb. 6, 1887

Spit a little snow this morning. Mr. Ames was buried today. Papa managed the funeral. Mr. Locke called in when he came home. Edwin rode up north. Mr. ___ called. My cold is not any better.

Monday 7

Pleasant. Went to school. My cold is a little better. Papa went to work. Mr. Locke came in this evening.

Tues. Feb. 8, 1887

Misty and some fine rain. Went to school. Mrs. Stanley worked up here. Papa went over to work this AM.

Wednesday 9

Pleasant. Went to school. My cold is about the same. Papa went to work.

Thurs. Feb. 10, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I built the fire. The crust holds. Papa went to work. Bert came up after school. Cold about the same.

Friday 11

Rainy. Went to school. Papa at home part of day. Papa went down to Mr. Locke's this evening.

Sat. Feb. 12, 1887

Windy. My cold is a little better. We all have got bad colds. I went down to Mr. Locke's this PM and Mr. Giles this AM. Bert came up this PM. The crust will bare up. Papa went to work.

Sunday 13

Down to zero. Pretty cold and some windy. Grandma called up. We went to church. Bert rode with us. My cold is better.

Mon. Feb. 14, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school, sharp this morning. Simeon Locke came to school today. Papa went to work. Elizabeth most stove her rubbers up one of them, a hole in the top sliding down the hill this morning, did not keep her feet up.

Tuesday 15

Snowed this morning and a little in PM, misty and foggy, some cleared in AM. Went to school. Papa went to work. My cold is better. Harry came down this evening.

Wed. Feb. 16, 1887

Thawy. Pleasant. Went to school. My cold is about the same as yesterday. Papa went to work.

Thursday 17

Pleasant. Went to school. Bert came up tonight and we slid. Papa went to work.

Fri. Feb. 18, 1887

Snowy, all hard in PM. Went to school. Papa went to work but came home before night. My cold is better. Raining this evening.

Saturday 19

Foggy this morning but cleared of this AM. Frank came down with their steers on their sled and I but (put?) mine on lead. Papa went to work. Mrs. Lewis and the teacher and Harry came down.

Sun. Feb. 20, 1887

Pleasant. Went to meeting. Harry rode down with us and Bert and he rode back with us. Mr. Locke came in, Mrs. Prescott Locke is sick.

Monday 21

Spit snow this AM but cleared off at noon. Went to school. Papa went to work. George is cinder sick. My cold is most well.

Tues. Feb. 22, 1887

Some snowy today. Went to school. Papa went to work this AM.

Wednesday 23

Pleasant. Went to school, the committee came in this PM. Papa went to work.

Thurs. Feb. 24, 1887

Snowed and blew and almost rained this AM, but cleared off at noon. Went to school. Papa did not go to work, carried us up to school.

Friday 25

10 above. Pleasant but some cold. Went to school, the last day. Papa went to work. Mr. Locke came up tonight. I went down to Mr. Giles and got some caste (?).

Sat. Feb. 26, 1887

Pleasant this AM but snowed this PM and blowed tonight. Mrs. Prescott Locke died this PM. I went down to Mr. Locke's and stayed with Mrs. Durgan (?) till nine o'clock. Papa went to work.

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Sunday 27

Windy, did not go to meeting. Edwin came up to get the horse to go back and forth to George Burnham's wit he hasn't got quite through.

Mon. Feb. 28, 1887

10 above. Cold and windy. Papa went to help Mr. Locke up to Mr. Prescott Locke's to dig the grave and he has gone down to Mr. Ed Warrens tonight. Bert came up this PM and ate supper with us.

Tuesday, Mar. 1

Pleasant. Mrs. Prescott Locke was buried today at 2 o'clock. I went down to Mr. Locke's and kept house while they were gone to the funeral and went down to Grandma's and went to the elocution class up to the hall. Mrs. Harris runs it.

Wed, Mar. 2, 1887

Pleasant. I am down to Grandma's. I went up to the store this AM. This evening I went up to the Hall to a show the good templers had. Noah came down tonight.

Thursday 3

Pleasant. Edwin came up this AM and brought a pair of oxen of Grandpa's and I came home with the horse. Bert came up and I went down a little while this PM.

Fri. Mar. 4, 1887/8

Pleasant. Papa went down to the depot and Aunt Vianars and Grandma's this AM. This PM we chopped over in the further corner of the pasture. Got some yeast.

Saturday 5

Pleasant. Chopped this AM. Papa went to monthly meeting this PM. Elizabeth went down to Mrs. Eastman's and spent the day. Bert came up.

Sun. Mar. 6, 1887

Snowed all day hard. Did not go to meeting. Mr. Locke came in tonight.

Monday 7

Warm and Pleasant. Broke out the road, yoked up the steers and went over across to the range road and came home around the road.

Tues. Mar. 8, 1887

Pleasant and warm. Bert and Harry came in this PM and Harry came in this AM. Went down to grandma's tonight, guess I shall not go to elocution school. Edwin and Ella came up and brought up the oxen and took the horse.

Wednesday 9

Pleasant. Came home from Grandma's this morning. Papa and Herbert hauled two loads of hay up here and one to Mrs. Giles'.

Thurs. Mar. 10, 1887

Snowed all day. It is very dark. Sawed and split some wood. Papa has gone down to Mr. Locke's this evening.

Friday 11

Windy and cold. Broke out the path over to the wood and hauled four loads of ___ with the oxen.

Sat. Mar. 12, 1887

Pleasant, a little cold and windy this AM. Hauled seven loads of wood. Bert went over twice with us. Mama and Ms ___, Mrs. Locke have gone down to Mrs. Eastman's this evening and are going to take the horse home. Sold my clock to Elizabeth for half a dollar.

Sunday 13

Pleasant and thawing. Went to church. Mr. & Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Holt came in a little while this PM. Edwin came up to get the team this evening.

Mon. Mar. 14, 1887

Thawing. Hauled wood this AM, put the steers on front while we hauled two loads. Hauled three loads in all. Chopped this PM. Papa went down to the store this evening.

Tuesday 15

Some cold. Hauled three loads this AM and one this PM. Put the steers on one load. Mama went down to Aunt Viannar's. Jim Bickford is going to get married tonight.

Wed. Mar. 16, 1887

Pleasant, cloudy tonight. Grandma came up today, went back tonight. Went down to the mill with the steers and hauled down three bags of corn and brought back a bag of shorts and a ___ of shoes for Mr. Stanley.

Thursday 17

Pleasant. Papa commenced to cut up the wood pile today. Went down to the mill and got our grist with the steers. Mr. Locke's cow is some sick. I sawed some wood.

Fri. Mar. 18, 1887

Thawing, snowed a little bit this morning and spit a little tonight. Mr. Locke came up and got some oats and wheat to give his cow. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. Yoked up the steers alone today and went down to Mr. L and up to Mrs. L. I went down to Mr. L and he gave me 2 cents for bringing down some needles. His cow is better.

Sun. Mar. 20, 1887

Thawy and Pleasant. Went to church. Mr. Locke called in this PM. Mrs. Holt came down and Harry and Walter ___ and gave one cent to the counter button box.

Monday 21

Pleasant and thawey. I went down to Grandma's this AM and got the saw filed. I yoked up the steers this PM. Papa and I went down to the store and Mrs. Eastman's and Aunt Viannars this evening.

Tues. Mar. 22, 1887

Snowed and blowed hard all day. Papa worked down to the mill for Alvy Yeaton hauling on logs this AM. Mrs. Stanley worked up here.

Wednesday 23

Cold and windy. Papa worked down to the mill. Edwin came up and watered the oxen and suckled the calf. Tonight I went down to Mr. Giles and got some papers.

Thurs. Mar. 24, 1887

Pleasant. Papa went down to the mill to work. Yoked the steers and they run from Mr. Dotey's down home. The ring came off of the tung when we got most home. Mr. Bickford had the oxen. Mr. Locke came up and helped do the chores.

Friday 25

Pleasant, but some windy. Papa went to work. I yoked up the steers. Mr. L came up and helped the chores. Papa got home earlier.

Sat. Mar. 26, 1887

Cold. Windy. Papa worked down to mill this AM. Went down to Bert's this AM. Mr. Locke came in.

Sunday 27

Pleasant. Did not go to church. Mr. Prescott is sick. Papa went over to Mr. Carpenter, Mr. P.L. wanted to see him. Alden Tilton came in.

Mon. Mar. 28, 1887

Snowed in the night and rained this AM, foggy this PM. Mrs. Ames came down this AM and Papa carried her over to Ben Toles this PM. Bert came up. I yoked the steers.

Tuesday 29

Cold and windy. Edwin and Ella came up. Edwin worked some sawing up logs, stave wood length. Prescott Lock died today at 12 o'clock. Mr. Locke's cow is sick.

Wed. Mar. 30, 1887

Cold and windy. Bert came up this PM. Papa and Mr. Giles went up to dig the grave. Papa and I went down to Mr. Locke.

Thursday 31

Pleasant. Mr. Locke's cow died this morning. Papa helped bury it. I went down to Mr. Locke's and stayed while they went to the funeral. He gave me 25 cents.

Fri. April 1, 1887

Pleasant. The selectmen came around. Edwin came up and helped saw logs. I went down to the store and Papa went to get the grist and Bert went with us, he came up this PM.

Saturday 2

Snowed and blowed all day hard.

Sun. April 3, 1887

Blowed some and cleared off warm. Did not go to meeting.

Monday 4

Pleasant and thawing. Mr. Locke came up. Yoked up the steers.

Tues. April 5, 1887

Pleasant. Mr. Locke helped saw wood. Got the logs all sawed. Yoked up the steers and went down to Mr. Locke's and hauled three loads of boards and __ side of the road. Alva Yeaton came up and brought berdie (?) for sixteen dollars.

Wednesday 6

Pleasant but windy. Papa helped Mr. Locke haul wood. The old cow is not very well. Edwin and Ella came up this evening. Bert and Charlie came up a few minutes.

Thurs. April 7, 1887

Pleasant, some windy. Yoked the steers and hauled two loads of boards from the side road. I went down to Bert's and he came up here. Edwin came up this evening. The cow is a little better, we think.

Friday 8

Pleasant and thawey. I taped three trees, one in the pasture and two in the dooryard. Cow is about .. Yoked the steers and hauled four loads of wood from side road.

Sat. April 9, 1887

Pleasant and thawy. Put some of my sap on to boil. Went down to Mr. Locke's tonight to get him to give the old cow her medicine. She is better. Papa went down to the mill on wheels tonight.

Sunday 10

Pleasant and thawey. Mr. Locke came up and gave the cow some saltpeter, she is about the same, a little better if any, then Mr. Dotey came in and Esibel came in.

Mon. April 11, 1887

Thaery and pleasant. Edwin worked up here working up wood. The cow is not so well.

Tuesday 12

Pleasant. Edwin came up and helped on the wood pile. Mr. Locke came up this evening. I went down to Bert's and Mr. Giles's and Bert came up here. The cow is the same.

Wed. April 13, 1887

Pleasant. Edwin came up to work. Went down to the store and carried two dozen of eggs and got a package of Sheriden's Conditions Powders and some pencils. They are 13 cents a dozen. Finished up the ___ in the pasture.

Thursday 14

Pleasant. Bert came up a little while and I went down there. Mr. Stanley came up and helped give the cow some gruel. She did not want to take it. Papa finished up the wood piles this AM.

Fri. April 15, 1887

Pleasant but tonight rained and hailed. Mr. Locke came up and helped give the cow some gruel, but it made her cough. Edwin came up this evening. Papa worked down to Mr. Knowles'. One of Edwin's oxen was a little sick, but he is better.

Saturday 16

Wet and nasty all day. Bert came up this PM. I sent down after Edwin this morning, his ox was worse, but is a little better tonight. Mr. Locke came up, they came up again this evening.

Sun. April 17, 1887

Some cold and windy. Edwin went over and got Mr. Carel to see his ox. He gave him some cabbage and pork boiled together. I went down to Mr. Knowle's and got a funcp (?) to use on the cow. Mr. & Mrs. Locke came up.

Monday 18

Snowed this PM. Papa worked up to Mr. Dotey's. Edwin came up towards night, the ox is better. Mr. Locke came in this evening. Bert came up towards night a little while.

Tues. April 19, 1887

Pleasant. I yoked the steers and carried the clothes down to Mrs. Stanley's and hauled up the wood side of the road and hauled up the apple tree in the orchard and went over in the pasture. Bert came up.

Wednesday 20

Pleasant. Papa worked down to Mr. Knowle's. Mr. Locke came up. Samuel Yeaton came up to get Papa to help him, he came this evening.

Thurs. April 21, 1887

The cow is a little better. Pleasant. Papa worked over to Samuel Yeaton's. I went down to Grandpa's to see how he was, he had a bad spell last night. Mr. Locke came up to water the oxen and milk the cow tonight. Bert came up.

Friday 22

Pleasant. The cow is about the same as yesterday. I went up to Mr. Dotey's and Everett blast some bogs (?). Papa worked down to Mr. Knowle's. I yoked the steers.

Sat. April 23, 1887

Cloudy part of the day, blowing tonight. Bert came up. Papa worked on the bridge up by Iatiens (Leighton's ?). Elizabeth went down to Grandma's. I watered the oxen tonight.

Sunday 24

Pleasant. Went to church and then I went up to Grandma's and Bert gave me his organet and his harmonica and a pencil and a pair of thisseys (?) to hold screws (?) up.

Mon. April 25, 1887

Pleasant. I went up to see Harry a little while this AM. Papa worked down to Mr. Knowles'. I watered the ox, went down to Mr. Locke's and ___ to Charlies a few minutes.

Tuesday 26

Snowed a little this AM. Cleared this PM. I went down to the mill and store, thrashed beans this AM. Charlie came up tonight a little while.

Wed. April 27, 1887

Pleasant, some windy. Papa worked over to Samuel Yeaton's and I went over to Uncle's this PM. Mr. Locke took care of the cattle tonight. We all went down to see the steam shovel work and rode on the cars.

Thursday 28

Rain this PM and blowing hard tonight. Hauled out thirteen loads of manure today. Did not work all day. Grandpa has got the pneumonia, he was taken night before last.

Fri. April 29, 1887

Rainy, foggy this AM. Foggy this PM. Edwin came up in PM and he and I hauled 4 loads of manure. Papa spread and then they plowed. Put the steers on hauling manure.

Saturday 30

Cold and windy. Papa and I hauled nine loads of manure this AM. Mr. Locke came up this PM and Papa and he plowed. Mr. L and mama went down to Grandma's, He and Papa went down tonight.

Sun. May 1, 1887

Pleasant. Wind this AM. Papa and momma went down to Grandpa's. He is about the same. Mr. Locke stayed with us while they were gone.

Monday 2

Pleasant. School commenced today. Lena Yeaton ___. Grandpa died this morning about half past 2 o'clock. I caught a trout tonight.

Tues. May 3, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Mr. Locke worked up here this AM. Went fishing tonight, did not catch anything.

Wednesday 4

Warm, very. Did not go to school, went to grandpa's funeral. They had it in the church; there was a lot there.

Thurs. May 5, 1887

Very warm. Went to school. Papa went down to Grandma's to get Mamma. She went down this PM. G., E., and I went down to Mrs. Stanley and stayed. I went down to Charlies before dark and caught 2 trout for him.

Friday 6

Cloudy. Went to school. Mr. Locke worked up here. I went troutting, caught one little one.

Sat. May 7, 1887

Cloudy, looked like rain. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's. Charlie came up and I went down to his house. I went fishing this PM, pulled one ___ out of the water.

Sunday 8

Warm. Went to church. Bert came up to a little while.

Mon. May 9, 1887

Very warm. Went to school this AM. It did not ___ this PM. Ernest Furnel went. He has come up visiting. Papa worked down to Mr. Lockes.

Tuesday 10

Hot. Went to school. Ernest went. I went down to ___ and we played stick knives and I rode the horse home. Papa worked down there.

Wed. May 11, 1887

Pleasant, but windy. Went to school. The steers stave down the bars tonight. I helped put Mr. Dotey's cows out this morning. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's this PM, he helped pick rocks.

Thursday 12

Pleasant but windy. Went to school. I helped Mrs. Dotey with her cows. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Fri. May 13, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I am sick tonight and vomited. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. Mr. Dotey gave me 5 cents for helping his wife with the cows.

Saturday 14

Pleasant. School ceptet (?) today to make up for two half but I am sick so I did not go. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Sun. May 15, 1887

Pleasant and warm. I ate a few beans and a little brown bread, it made me vomit ofly three or four times. I ate some toast tonight and took some phisia. Ben Tole is sick. Papa got all through at Mrs. Eastman's. I went down and ___.

Monday 16

Pleasant. The teacher has got the measles and went home this morning. I went up to the school to tell the scholars. Harry came down and we went fishing though I feel a little better.

Tues. May 17, 1887

Pleasant. I feel about the same. Edwin and Ella rode up this evening, did not stop but a few minutes. I fell sick to my stomach tonight. Papa worked down to Mrs. Stanley's today.

Wednesday 18

Pleasant, looked foggy. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's. I felt about the same. Stacy Lewis came from the west today.

Thurs. May 19, 1887

Ben Tole died this about 1 o'clock PM. Pleasasnt. Papa hauled manure this AM down on the peas that we had beans on last year. This PM he and I went down to Grandma's and we called in and see Dr. Colby and he gave me some ____.

Friday 20

Pleasant. Papa and Mr. Stanley drove the steers of down to Alfy Yeatons this morning, then hauled manure in PM here, and throwed it out of the hog pen in the AM.

Sat. May 21, 1887

Pleasant. Papa helped Mr. Stanley this AM and he helped us this PM. Finished drowing out manure. Papa went to Mr. Tole's funeral. I felt better. Dr. Colby came up to see how I was, he said I was better.

Sunday 22

Pleasant. Some cold and a little windy towards night. I went down to see Bert tonight. The teacher came back tonight. I feel about the same as yesterday, a little better if anything.

Mon. May 23, 1887

Pleasant and was -. Did not go to school. Papa worked down to Aunt Vianers. Charlie came up tonight a little while. I went down to get some yeast. Harry called up.

Tuesday 24

Pleasant. Went to school, looked showery this PM. Fred worked up here plowing doen in the field, finished there and in the garden.

Wed. May 25, 1887

Rainy all day. Went to school, carried our dinners. Alice came up and worked today. I went down to Mr. Stanley's tonight. Papa went down to the store.

Thursday 26

Cloudy all day. Showers this PM towards night, it lightening tonight. Alice came up to work. Fred came up, plowed most of the corn piece. Went to school, had Mrs. Lewis's oxen.

Fri. May 27, 1887

Cloudy, thundered towards night, rained a little towards night. Went to school. Mr. Locke came up this evening and brought up some tomato plants. A man called up and wanted to stay in the barn all night.

Saturday 28

Rained hard this AM, rained a little this PM, is raining a little tonight. Papa and E. and G. went down to the mill. One of our chickens died last night. Got three more hatched out.

Sun. May 29, 1887

Some rainy and misty. Bert came up a little while this AM. Mr. & Mrs. Locke came up this evening.

Monday 30

Pleasant. I got up at half past four and rode the horse to furrow out the corn piece, planted it today. Mr. Stanley helped. We went to decoration all bu Par (?). I went with Bert.

Tues. May 31, 1887

Pleasant, cool. Went to school. Mr. Stanley helped Papa plant this AM and Papa helped him in PM. We finished planting all but the beans. Stacy came down tonight. I milked most of the cow.

Wednesday, June 1

Rain. Went to school. Papa sowed the oats this morning. Mr. Giles helped. I milked most all the cow.

Thurs. June 2, 1887

Foggy. Went to school. I and Papa went down to Mrs. Eastman's and furrowed out a piece to plant. I rode the horse. Papa worked down there all day. Mamma and George went down to Grandma's. I milked tonight.

Friday 3

Showers. Went to school. They worked on the road. Elizabeth and Harry did not go to school, they have got the measles. I milked tonight.

Sat. June 4, 1887

Pleasant, but it looks as if it was going to rain tonight. I went down to get Carried Edmunds with Mr. Dotey's horse. He wanted me to and carried the teacher down as far as the store. Papa helped Mr. Giles this Am and we picked rocks in PM.

Sunday 5

Pleasant. I and Papa went down to Grandma's. We got started to go to meeting, but there wasn't any. Edwin and Ella came up a little while tonight.

Mon. June 6, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Went down to a concert given by some Negroes and had a good time. Stayed to Grandma's all night. Grandma gave me \$2.

Tuesday 7

Pleasant. Went to school. I came home from Grandma's this morning. I went barefooted today.

Wed. June 8, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I went bare footed. I rode the horse for Mr. Dotey to furrow out this morning. He gave me 10 cents. Our corn is up. Papa went down to Mrs. Eastman's and Mr. Philbricks tonight and mamma and George went.

Thursday 9

Cool and sprinkled a little. Went to school. Papa helped Mr. Stanley this AM and went over to Sam Yeaton's to get some srunos (?) to move Mr. Stanley's barn with.

Fri. June 10, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I planted some fodder corn tonight. I rode the horse for Mr. Locke to cultivate his stuff this morning and he gave me 25 cents. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's.

Saturday 11

Pleasant and warm. I hoed my corn and potatoes this morning and then I went down to see them move Mr. Stanley's barn. I planted some fodder corn and beans. Bert and I went fishing, did not catch much.

Sun. June 12, 1887

Pleasant. There is no meeting, Charlie Tole came up and Mr. Locke lost one of our chickens tonight. Charlie came up a few minutes.

Monday 13

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's this AM and went over to care the roles home after school he got my tool chest down to Grandma's that she gave me.

Tues. June 14, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Wednesday 15

Pleasant. Went to school, had a circus up to Pittsfield. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I worked on my house tonight.

Thurs. June 16, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Sprinkled a little this PM, looks like showers tonight. I worked on my house. It is raining tonight.

Friday 17

Pleasant. Went to school, the teacher went home tonight. Worked on my house. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I went down to see Herbert and we swung in his swing.

Sat. June 18, 1887

Pleasant. Got the roof of my house boarded over, have got to board it over the cracks. Mamma went down to Grandma's. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. Harry and Stacy came down a little tonight.

Sunday 19

Pleasant. Had a shower tonight. Went to meeting, had a new minister. Papa and mamma and E. and G. went down to Grandma's and after I got the chores done I went down to Herberts.

Mon. June 20, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I hoed my potatoes tonight.

Tuesday 21

Cool, rainy and misty this PM. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I picked some strawberries this noon.

Wed. June 22, 1887

Rainy most of the day. Went to is raining hard tonight. I rode the horse to cultivate out our potatoes and Papa hoed them. I helped after school.

Thursday 23

Rainy all day. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's.

Fri. June 24, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school, the teacher went home tonight. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's and tonight we cultivated out half of our corn. I rode the horse. I harrowed my corn tonight.

Saturday 25

Pleasant and warm. Harrowed our corn. Mr. Locke helped us. Mrs. Sanborn came up this PM. Alvy Yeaton came up with some shingles.

Sun. June 26, 1887

Pleasant. Went to meeting. Bert came up. The teacher came back tonight. Papa carried Mrs. Sanborn home tonight.

Monday 27

Pleasant. Went to school. I rode the horse in the garden this morning and rode for Mr. Dotey tonight. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman this PM.

Tues. June 28, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school, harrowed my fodder corn and beans. Papa and mamma went down to Grandma's to the auction. Mr. Dotey gave me 10 cents for riding his horse yesterday.

Wednesday 29

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's.

Thurs. June 30, 1887

Warm. Went to school. I went down to Mr. Stanley's and Charlie's with my drum. Papa went over to Ben Tole's to appraise their property and Alvy Yeaton came up with some shingles.

Friday, July 1

Pleasant and warm. School finished today. Harry and Stacy came down tonight. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeatons.

Sat. July 2, 1887

Hot. Harrowed our potatoes and some in the garden. I carried Everett's other home over to Chichester this AM with Mr. Dotey's horse. I and Charlie went down to the store and for 2 bunches of snap crackers and 2 boxes of caps.

Sunday 3

Warm this AM. Had a thunder shower in PM. The teacher went home. Harry came down and went to church with us.

Mon. July 4, 1887

Pleasant. I got up at twenty minutes of four. I went down to Bert's and Bert came up and Harry and Stacy and Ernest came down, and this evening Herbert had some fire works up under their oak tree. He had some roman candles and big snap crackers and sky rockets and some blue light and Bert had some candles.

Tuesday 5

Pleasant. Harrowed our corn. Mr. Stanley and Edwin helped and after we got it done they hauled in Mr. Stanley's hay and ours that Papa cut yesterday. He has gone over after Eliza Burnham tonight.

Wed. July 6, 1887

Pleasant. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's harrowing. I and Herbert cultivated out Mr. Dotey's corn. I rode the horse. I got in a little hay that I cut yesterday.

Thursday 7

Pleasant. Papa and Edwin worked down to Mr. Stanley's haying. I cut some grass side of the road.

Fri. July 8, 1887

Hot. I helped Mr. Locke get in his hay this AM and he gave me 25 cents. I helped Mr. Grant up to Mr. Dotey's haying this PM. Papa and Edwin helped Mr. Stanley.

Saturday 9

Pleasant this AM. Had shower this PM. I went down to the depot with Mr. D. and drove back one team. He carried his folks over and then I helped him. He gave me 23 cents. I helped Mr. Grant this PM and he gave me 50 cents.

Sun. July 10, 1887

Some rainy. Papa and the teacher went to meeting, she came up yesterday. Had a hard shower this PM. Mr. Locke came up.

Monday 11

Rained part of the day. Papa went down to the mill.

Tues. July 12, 1887

Pleasant this PM, cloudy this AM. Mowed the orchard and raked it up. I mowed some. Edwin came up this morning, but went right home. I went down to Mr. Giles' after yeast. Had 47 bunches.

Wednesday 13

Hot. Worked down to Mr. Lockes. Got our hay in in the orchard. Had three loads. I turned it over. Lena came up and got her trunk. Charlie came up tonight.

Thurs. July 14, 1887

Windy but pleasant. Worked down to Mr. Lockes, finished up, he gave me one dollar.

Friday 15

Windy and cool this PM. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. I went with him down to Dr. Colby's to see what ailed my ear, he thought something stung it. He lanced it. (something about a wheelbarrow).

Sat. July 16, 1887

Pleasant. Looked showery this PM, sprinkled a little. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. I harrowed (hauled?) my hay out and made it some more. I and Elizabeth went blueberrying and I picked two quarts and she picked 1 ½. Charlie came up tonight.

Sunday 17

Hot. Looked showery in PM. Went to church. Elizabeth went up to Grandma's and Papa and mamma and George went down and got her tonight.

Mon. July 18, 1887

Rainy. I helped Mr. Locke drive his calf down yoked them up and they went good. He gave me 25 cents for ___ looking after them.

Tuesday 19

Pleasant, it looked some like showers. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's and worked there this PM. I mowed a little in the garden side of the wall.

Wed. July 11, 1887

Pleasant. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. I mowed three bunches of hay and raked it up in the garden. I went down to Mrs. Giles and got some yeast and Mrs. Stanley gave me a scythe ___ it has got to ___ a little.

Thursday 21

Cloudy. Mr. Stanley helped us. We mowed in the garden and the old ground over to the corn and some of the new ground. I mowed with my new sneth (?).

Fri. July 22, 1887

Rainy. Elizabeth birthday today. She and Papa and G went down to Grandma's. She gave me a little trunk.

Saturday 23

Rainy by spells. Laid up some wall between Mr. Giles and ours.

Sun. July 24, 1887

Rainy. Rained last night. Bert came up. Mr. Locke came up.

Monday 25

Cloudy but warm this AM. Had this PM. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke this AM and a little while this PM. I went down to Charlies this AM then went down to the store for Mr. Locke and helped him a little and got 40 cents.

Tues. July 26, 1887

Cloudy but hot and muggy. Mr. Stanley helped us ___ the rest of the new ground. I mowed some, hauled in four loads, three in the first field and the ___ in the garden. Got 120 bunches.

Wednesday 27

Hot. Mr. Stanley helped us. We mowed one load down in the field this side of the brook. Got in 8 loads of hay. Mr. Locke helped this PM. I mowed.

Thurs. July 28, 1887

Pleasant and hot. Edwin came up and we got Mr. Dotey's machine and mowed on the red tag piece (?). It did not go good, so we didn't get it done. I mowed some, got it in, had four loads.

Friday 29

Had a heavy thunder shower towards morning, looked showery this PM – hot. I and Papa mowed the rest of red prop (?) and got it in, had one load.

Sat. July 30, 1887

Hot and cloudy. Papa and I ___ a strip through the clover piece ___ in the field that was lodged down. It was stout, had 33 bunches, did not get it in. We went down and got in Mr. Lockes oats, hauled one load up here. He gave me ___ cents.

Sunday 31

Pleasant but had a shower before night. Papa and E and G went to meeting.

Mon. Aug. 1, 1887

Pleasant and warm. Edwin came up and we mowed two pieces of grass and one load. The clover got in 5 big loads. Put E horse on front, had Mr. Knowle's rack, he had ours.

Tuesday 2

Had a shower this morning, not a very good hay day. I and Papa went over to see Aunt Sadie.

Wed. Aug. 3, 1887

Pleasant. Mowed three loads and got it in. Mr. Locke came up tonight.

Thursday 4

Not a very good hay day. We mowed the rest of the clover piece and raked it up. Had 32 bunches. Mowed a little on another piece.

Fri. Aug. 5, 1887

Cloudy. We mowed the rest of the high ground and got it in. Hauled in 4 loads. Papa hauled in Mr. Stanley's oats and he helped us a little while this PM.

Saturday 6

Showery. Took our last load of hay out and aired it. Papa went up and got Mr. Locke's cradle and cut a little wheat.

Sun. Aug. 7, 1887

Cool and some wind. Papa went down and got Grandma this morning. She went back tonight. Papa went over to the grave meeting in Allenstown with Sam Clark. Mr. Locke came up.

Monday 8

Pleasant. Edwin and Mr. Locke came up and Edwin ___ the rest of the wheat that we are going to cradle. Some of it is so grassy that we got to cut it for fodder. Mowed the _ and some on brook. Hauled in two loads.

Tues. Aug. 9, 1887

Pleasant. Mr. Locke helped us mowed the brook and got in 1 load of wheat and 8 of hay. Raked the oats up in to winrows (?).

Wednesday 10

Pleasant. Cut the wheat that we left. Hauled in the oats. Had two loads and hauled 1 of the wheat. It was not quite dry enough, it was so grassy.

Thurs. Aug. 11, 1887

Cloudy, had a shower this PM. We mowed two runs over in the field and spread them out this PM.

Friday 12

Pleasant, windy this PM. We dried our hay and got it in. Had 3 loads.

Sat. Aug. 13, 1887

Pleasant. Cut the run over in the field and one load in the garden. Had one over in the field, finished up over there.

Sunday 14

Pleasant. Papa and G. and E. and I were to meeting. Edwin and Ella came up tonight.

Mon. Aug. 15, 1887

Pleasant. Cut the rest of the garden and hauled it in. Had two loads. Grandma and Mrs. Hopkinson came up a few minutes. Papa carried them home.

Tuesday 16

Pleasant. Mowed what grass there was in the pasture worth mowing and got it in. Had 2 loads and cut the ___ crop around the buildings.

Wed. Aug. 17, 1887

Pleasant. Mowed the bushes in the pasture and some in the south field. Raked up 3 bunches of the best hay in the pasture and put it in the hay pen. Raked up the second crop. Had 8 small bunches. Mrs. Stanley came up this evening.

Thursday 18

Rainy this AM. Had a thunder shower this PM. It rained hard, the brook is right up to the bridge. Cut the bushes in the fruit field round the wall. Mr. Locke came up. Papa went down to the depot and store.

Fri; Aug. 19, 1887

Pleasant. Windy this PM. Papa went down to the store this morning. I spread a little hay for Mr. Locke. Got in our second crop. Cut a little of our fodder corn up that the wind blew down.

Saturday 20

Pleasant. Hauled up out wood over in the pasture and piled it up in the shed. Uncle Joseph came up a little while this AM. Harry and Stacy came down this PM.

Sun. Aug. 21, 1887

Pleasant. Went to meeting and then we went up to Grandma's.

Monday 22

Rainy. We hauled in a little wood and cleaned up the shed.

Tues. Aug. 23, 1887

Rainy. Papa ___ some staging steel and put it up but it rained so they couldn't shingle. Down to Mr. Giles. I went down to Bert's a little while. We went down to Mrs. Eastman's tonight and had some ice cream and cake. It was Ella's birthday and the day they were married.

Wednesday 24

Rainy. I filled my tool chest so I could put my small tolls in strips of leath (length?) on one side of the chest.

Thurs. Aug. 25, 1887

Pleasant. Papa helped Mr. Giles shingle his house. We all went down this PM and I helped Mr. Locke get in his hay. He gave me 20 cents.

Friday 26

Pleasant but windy. I dug the rest of the potatoes in the garden. Had 3 bushels. Papa worked down to Mr. Giles. Mamma went down to grandmas and she sent me up a ring.

Sat. Aug. 27, 1887

Pleasant. I turned the fodder corn over this AM and then went up to Mrs. Lewis'. I tied up the fodder corn tonight and we got it in. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. I helped Herbert get in Mr. Dotey's fodder corn and Mr. D. gave me 10 cents.

Sunday 28

Pleasant. Went to meeting and went up to grandma's a little while.

Mon. Aug. 29, 1887

Pleasant. We worked down to Mrs. Eastman's cutting up fodder corn. I went up to grandmas a little while towards night. She gave me 5 cents. Had a shower this PM.

Tuesday 30

Cloudy, sprinkles a little this PM. Papa got Mr. Stanley's hay in. I cut one piece of my fodder corn.

Wed. Aug. 31, 1887

Pleasant. I went down to Bert's and he came up. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's.

Thursday Sept. 1

Pleasant. I and Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Fri. Sept. 2, 1887

Cloudy, had a shower this PM. I set out some more strawberry plants. I have got 103 set out and 10 old ones. I went down with Frank and his grandmother to the depot and took back their team.

Saturday 3

Windy and cool. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's this PM. I got 5 cents for what I worked on down there.

Sun. Sept. 4, 1887

Pleasant. Went to meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Locke came up this PM.

Monday 5

Pleasant. School commenced today. I went down to the store tonight with Harry.

Tues. Sept. 6, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa helped Mr. Dotey. I got my fodder corn.

Wednesday 7

Not very pleasant, had a shower tonight. Went to school. Papa helped Mr. D.

Thurs. Sept. 8, 1887

Cool and some windy. Went to school. I went down to Bert's tonight.

Friday 9

Pleasant. Went to school. I cut some fodder corn tonight. The teacher went home tonight. Papa helped Mr. Dotey.

Sat. Sept. 10, 1887

Pleasant, cool tonight. I cut the rest of the fodder corn. Papa worked up to Mr. Dotey's.

Sunday 11

Pleasant. Went to meeting. Papa and mamma and G. went down to grandma's tonight.

Mon. Sept. 12, 1887

Rainy. Went to school. Mamma went to grandma's to stay while she went to Concord. I cut a little second crop in the garden.

Tuesday 13

Rainy. Went to school. I cut a few stocks in the garden tonight. Mama came home.

Wed. Sept. 14, 1887

Cloudy. Went to school. I picked the fodder corn tonight and picked some cranberries. Stacy (?) and Barnest (?) came down and Bert came up. Papa worked up to Mr. Locke's cutting fodder corn.

Thursday 15

Pleasant. Went to school. We played ball. Bert came up. Papa worked up to Mr. Locke's. I got in the fodder corn tonight.

Fri. Sept. 16, 1887

Windy. Went to school. The teacher went home tonight. We picked the cranberries tonight, got 14 quarts.

Saturday 17

Pleasant. Cut up our corn and shucked it. I got in my second crop and corn and tonight I went down to the show and stayed all night at grandma's.

Sun. Sept. 18, 1887

Pleasant. Went to meeting and came home. I and Bert went to the concert tonight.

Monday 19

Pleasant. Went to school. We played ball some. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's.

Tues. Sept. 20, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. Mamma went down tonight. The cat caught a rabbit tonight. Grandma gave me a hammer and Ben gave me a file and scratch awl and a gauge (?). Aunt Nancy Marden died today.

Wednesday 21

Pleasant. Went to school. Edwin came up and patched the barn and shingled the piazza.

Thurs. Sept. 22, 1887

Cloudy. Went to school. Papa dug 4 bushels of potatoes and they went to the funeral.

Friday 23

Cool. Went to school. Papa worked on the bridge down my Mr. Latens (Leighton's). The thrashers came tonight. We had 17 bushels of wheat. Mr. Locke and Frank and Kidder helped.

Sat. Sept. 24, 1887

Windy. Papa worked on the bridge. Aunt Elizabeth came up.

Sunday 25

Pleasant and cool. Went to meeting. Aunt Elizabeth went home tonight.

Mon. Sept. 26, 1887

Not very pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked on the bridge. I pulled the beans in the garden and got in on wheelbarrow load of sweet corn in the garden. Went down to the store this morning.

Tuesday 27

Pleasant. Went to school. Looks smoky. Papa worked on the bridge.

Wed. Sept. 28, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Looks smoky. Papa worked on the bridge. Mamma went down to grandma's. We went down to Mr. Stanley's tonight a little while tonight.

Thursday 29

Pleasant. Went to school. Looks smoky. Papa and I went down to Alvy Yeaton's and got a pair of calves that Charlie Eastman left there. I commenced to read in the sixth reader today.

Fri. Sept. 30, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Went to Mr. Fiske husking tonight. Papa work down to Aunt Vianna's.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Cloudy this AM and rainy this PM. Papa and I worked down to Aunt Vianna's this Am digging potatoes. Papa went to yearly meeting. We husked 1 bushel of corn tonight.

Sun. Oct. 2, 1887

Pleasant. Went to church. Had a thunder shower tonight.

Monday 3

Pleasant this AM, but it rained this PM. Went to school. Mr. Giles helped dig potatoes. Husked 4 bushels of corn.

Tues. Oct. 4, 1887

Had a thunder shower this PM. Went to school. Went up to Mr. Dotey's. Husking tonight, husked three and a half of corn this morning.

Wednesday 5

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa dug potatoes. Got in w loads of corn tonight. Husked out 3 bushels.

Thurs. Oct. 6, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa husked 3 bushels of corn. Went to Mrs. Lewis' husking.

Friday 7

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa and I went down to the store tonight.

Sat. Oct. 8, 1887

Pleasant. Picked our apples today. Elizabeth and I went to a show tonight and stayed all night.

Sunday 9

Pleasant. Went to church and went to the lecture tonight.

Mon. Oct. 10, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's.

Tuesday 11

Cold. Went to school. Bert and I went to Ames husking tonight. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's.

Wed. Oct. 12, 1887

Cold, had a little snow squall this morning. Papa work to Mr. Locke this AM and hauled down the apples this PM.

Thursday 13

Pleasant. Papa went down to Dover with Mrs. Locke this morning. Went to school, we played ball.

Fri. Oct. 14, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. The teacher went home tonight. Papa came tonight, played ball.

Saturday 15

Pleasant. The watering trough froze over last night. Papa helped Mr. Locke chop up on Mrs. Lewis'.

Sun. Oct. 16, 1887

Pleasant. Went church, went to the evening meeting tonight.

Monday 17

Pleasant. Went to school, played ball. Papa went down to the store tonight.

Tues. Oct. 18, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school, played ball. Papa helped Mr. Locke up on Mrs. Lewis'.

Wednesday 19

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's.

Thurs. Oct. 20, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mr. Locke's. Grandma gave me a shave. Addie and Ella and Viola came up tonight.

Friday 21

Rainy. Went to school. I built the fire. Bert did not go. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's this PM.

Sat. Oct. 22, 1887

Windy. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I went down to Bert's and we made a kite. Went over in the woods and got a bow. Went down to the meeting tonight.

Sunday 23

Pleasant. Went to church.

Mon. Oct. 24, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. I helped Mr. Locke start out some wood this morning.

Tuesday 25

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammies.

Wed. Oct. 26, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammie Yeaton's. Built some fence down in the field.

Thursday 27

Pleasant. Went to school. The teacher and mamma and Elizabeth went up to Mrs. Lewis' tonight. Papa worked over to Sammies.

Fri. Oct. 28, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa worked over to Sammies. Bert came up tonight.

Saturday 29

Pleasant. Bert and I went after our steers. Harry and Stacy came down this PM. Papa carried Mrs. Durgin down to Strafford.

Sun. Oct. 30, 1887

Pleasant but cold. Went to church and to the baptizing. Papa got home today. Ed and Ella came up. I went to meeting tonight.

Monday 31

Pleasant. Went to school. Ella came this PM. The teacher and Mamma went down to Mrs. Bickford's tonight. Papa worked over to Sammies. Tied up the steers tonight.

Tues. Nov. 1, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Billed our hog and Mr. Locke, Harry came down tonight. Mamma and the teacher went up to Mrs. Ames tonight.

Wednesday 2

I yoked the steers this morning. Pleasant. Went to school. Papa went up to Pittsfield and carried up the hogs and got me some boots. Annie (?) Alice and Charlie came up tonight.

Thurs. Nov. 3, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa dug up the spoat (?) today. I went down to Bert's this morning.

Friday 4

Pleasant. Went to school the last day, had six visitors in.

Sat. Nov. 5, 1887

Cold. Went down to Alvy Yeaton's and got a cow to winter. Went down to the meeting tonight. Papa went down to the monthly meeting this PM.

Sunday 6

Pleasant. Went to church. Went up to the lecture this PM.

Mon. Nov. 7, 1887

Pleasant. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's. He went over to Sammie Yeatons and got a pair of black pigs. I went up to the school house and nailed down the windows.

Tuesday 8

Pleasant. Papa worked down to Mr. Stanley's this AM and hauled a load of hay for Aunt Vienna this PM.

Wed. Nov. 9, 1887

Pleasant. Hauled some dirt onto the shed and some front of the shed and hauled the shingles in to the shed and banked up the backside of the house.

Thursday 10

Pleasant this AM, rainy tonight. Papa worked up to Mrs. Lewis'. I went down to Bert's this PM.

Fri. Nov. 11, 1887

Had a little snow storm this morning. Papa worked up to Mrs. Lewis', went up this AM. Bert and Charlie came up this PM.

Saturday 12

Cold and windy. Papa hauled hay for Aunt Vienna. I went down to Mr. Locke's this morning.

Sun. Nov. 13, 1887

Pleasant. Went to church. Went out to a concert tonight.

Monday 14

Pleasant. Banked up the rest of the house. Papa went down to the store tonight.

Tues. Nov. 15, 1887

Raniy. Papa built a place in the barn where the horse stall used to be for the hens and built a pen for G. & E's calf.

Wednesday 16

Cold. Papa went over to Freeman Marden's and got some shavings. Caught the hens and put them in the new hen pen. Mr. Locke came up tonight.

Thurs. Nov. 17, 1887

Pleasant. Willie and Stella and Obbin Tilton came up today. Papa and I yoked the calves this morning.

Friday 18

Cool, spit snow once. Papa and I went up to Pittsfield and got me a pair of boots and a suit of clothes and an overcoat.

Sat. Nov. 19, 1887

Not very pleasant, rainy tonight. Papa went down to the mill and down and got some oysters tonight.

Sunday 20

Not very pleasant. Went to church and went up to Grandma's after meeting.

Mon. Nov. 21, 1887

Pleasant. Yoked the calves. I went down to Mr. Giles.

Tuesday 22

Pleasant. Edith came up and got Papa to haul hay. Elizabeth went down to grandma's.

Wed. Nov. 23, 1887

Cloudy, rainy towards night. Grandma and Elizabeth and I went to Concord. I got a magnet. E got a mud turtle that would go on the floor and a monkey. I got umbrella.

Thursday 24

Pleasant, some cloudy. I came home this morning. We yoked up the steers and had seven yoke and put —. Went down to Mr. Locke's.

Fri. Nov. 25, 1887

Snowed last night, rained some today. Elizabeth came home tonight. Papa went down and got her.

Saturday 26

Thawey. Fixed the calves crib and tied the steers up a little while I yoked them.

Sun. Nov. 27, 1887

Cloudy and muggy. Went to church. The calves will both shorts.

Monday 28

Rainedd this PM. School commences today. Miss Freeze keeps it.

Tues. Nov. 29, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa hauled hay for Aunt Vianna. Harry and Stacy came down.

Wednesday 30

Cold. Went to school. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's. Mamma and I went down to Mrs. Bickford's and got geography.

Thurs. Dec. 1, 1887

Cold but pleasant. Went to school. Mamma went down to Aunt Vianna's tonight.

Friday 2

Pleasant. Went to school. Grandma came up.

Sat. Dec. 3, 1887

Pleasant and warm, snowed last night. I went down to the meeting tonight. Lena came up when Papa came home from meeting. Edwin has got a pair of oxen.

Sunday 4

Cloudy. Went to church. Edwin and Ella came up a little while.

Mon. Dec. 5, 1887

Rainy. Went to school.

Tuesday 6

Pleasant. Went to school. Mr. Chesley came in and brought in my new reader.

Wed. Dec. 7, 1887

Pleasant. Went to school. I went down to Bert's this morning and put on his skates a little while. Papa helped Mr. Locke.

Thursday 8

Pleasant and warm. Went to school. Papa helped Mr. Locke part of the day.

Fri. Dec. 9, 1887

Pleasant but cloudy. Went to school, looks as if it was going to storm.

Saturday 10

Cloudy, rained a little. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's this AM and up to Mrs. Lewis' this PM.

Sun. Dec. 11, 1887

Rain. Did not go to church. Mr. Locke came up. I went down and got the papers.

Monday 12

Cloudy but cleared off. Mr. Locke helped Papa plow. Went to school. I built the fire.

Tues. Dec. 13, 1887

Cold. Finished plowing this AM. Went to school. Papa hauled some slabs for Mr. Giles this PM.

Wednesday 14

Pleasant. Went to school. Papa got some sordfeist (?) this AM, he helped Aunt Viania this PM.

Thurs. Dec. 15, 1887

Rainy, it is snowing tonight. I have got the chicken pox I think. They most all have got it in the school. Papa worked down to Aunt Vianar's this Am. Went to school.

Friday 16

Cold and blowing, it snowed last night. Went to school. I am broke out pretty good.

Sat. Dec. 17, 1887

Pleasant. Felt about the same. Papa went down to the store this PM and chopped some this AM.

Sunday 18

Snowy. Mr. Locke and Edwin came up, did not go to church. We are a little better.

Mon. Dec. 19, 1887

Cold and windy. Went to school. We are about the same. Papa put a door on the cupboard where the pantry used to be.

Tuesday 20

Pleasant. Went to school. We are a little better. Some folks are using sleighs but there is quite a lot of bare ground. Albon Locke's hill is drifted.

Wed. Dec. 21, 1887

Snowed most all day. Went to school. We are better. I got three eggs today. Papa fixed the old table, he put on a new top.

Thursday 22

Snowed this PM. Went to school. Edwin came up this morning. The teacher gave us all an ink stand tonight.

Fri. Dec. 23, 1887

Pleasant. Did not go to school, it does not keep, the teacher went home.

Papa and Mamma went to Pittsfield. Edwin came up a little while this PM.

Saturday 24

Pleasant. Edwin came up this AM and hauled hay this PM and got the oxen shod. Hauled the hay with the horses. I went down and brought the horse back. We went to the Christmas tree. Papa carried us home.

Sun. Dec. 25, 1887

Squally. Papa went to church. I did not go. Mr. Locke came up. We hung our stockings up tonight.

Monday 26

It has been snowing a little all day. Papa worked down to Mrs. Eastman's and took the horse down. Edwin is going to keep the horses while they team and we are going to keep the oxen.

Tues. Dec. 27, 1887

The baby has got the chicken pox. Snowed a little this morning, cleared off pleasant. Papa and Edwin commenced teaming today, they have to go down some where near Pleasant Pond. We went to school. I missed the ord (?) Edinburgh today. Did not get the ____. Took care of the barn.

Wednesday 28

Snowed and blowed this AM and rained and blowed this PM. We went to school. Papa went to work, put the steers on, he got the horse this PM. I took care of the barn.

Thurs. Dec. 29, 1887

Cold. Went to school. Papa went to work, he went down to the store tonight and got my paper. I took care of the barn.

Friday 30

Cold. Went to school. I built the fire. Papa went to work. I took care of the barn. Mamma fed them at noon.

Sat. Dec. 31, 1887

Not quite so cold. Went to school. Papa went to work. I took care of the barn. Mamma fed them at noon. We sled up to school. George is a little better.

Memoranda

Saturday night – Jan. 8 – the writing school closed. Herbert Giles got the prize for improving the most.

January 10 Monday

Snowed in the night. Papa has gone up to the depot with Mr. Locke and a bok (?) for Mr. Stanley.

April 1 –

Received in five months \$1.12 interest on eight dollar in Berdie heifer.

Got three loads of hay in the orchard and 1 in front field and 26 in the lower field and 7 in the garden and 2 loads of wheat and grass in the front field. Got 4 loads of wheat this year to thrash and got w loads of hay in the pasture. 48 in all.

Aug. 19

Finished haying second crop and all and got the bushes all cut today.

December 24

We went to the Christmas tree and I got a book, the title of it is the child's history of England and the Youth Companion for presents and Elizabeth got a book and a scrap album.

December 26

We hung up our stockings last night and I got a pencil, a pair of mittens Mrs. Stanley gave me, and a game of cards the name is the house that Jack built, and a card.

June 1888 last part

Cut some grass in the ___ around the ___.

July 4 – cut a little more in the garden and two bunches in the orchard.

July 9th 10th – Hayed in the front field, worked down to Mrs. Eastman's till Sat. but one half day.

Sat. finished in the front field, got 10 loads in the front field and two in the orchard.

Mon. finished up in the orchard and the high ground. In the garden cut a path in lower field.

Tues. 18

Commenced in the lower field, finished haying all but the pasture.

July 26, got 19 loads in the lower field and 6 in the garden and 2 in the pasture. Finished haying July 28.

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