



THE HOLT DIARY



1877 TO 1890

OTSEGO HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION - 2000

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PURPOSE

This book is provided to reveal a realistic view of farm life in Otsego during the period from 1877 through 1890.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission (OHPC) thanks Robert Holt for his generous contributions of pictures, historical documents and particularly for this precious diary.

The Commission is truly grateful to Barbara (Kirsch) (Mrs. James) Day for her hours of recording the excerpts from the diary on her computer, and also for providing the Holt genealogy information.

Elaine Norin organized and researched information for this book and compiled the index of names and places mentioned in the diary.

DEDICATION

The OHPC dedicates this book as a memorial for Willard "Will" Holt who preserved this part of Otsego's history.

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THE OTSEGO HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Heritage Preservation Commission (OHPC) was established June 27, 1994 by Otsego City Ordinance No. 94-9.

The ordinance states the purpose of the OHPC is to preserve historic sites and structures which reflect the city's cultural, social, economic, political, visual or architectural history and to work for the continuing education of the citizens of Otsego by publishing historical information. This book responds to the purpose stated in this ordinance. It is the fifth publication by the OHPC; others are:

Otsego In The Beginning - 1852 to 1880	(1996)
The Otsego Cemetery - 1854 to 1996	(1997)
Life At The Brick House - 1911 to 1931	(1998)
Woman In The Wilderness (ca. 1853)	(1999)

The OHPC has collected many historical pictures, maps and other documents. These are displayed at the Otsego City Hall.

An annual "Heritage DAY" was established in 1995 and has been well attended.

In addition, the OHPC publishes a column "Historical Highlights" in the Otsego VIEW newsletter.

Commission members in the year 2000 are:

Ron Black, Chairman

Arlene Holen

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Joan Nichols, Secretary

Elaine Norin

Norman Schwanbeck

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ACQUISITION OF THE HOLT DIARY

In 1990, the "Historical Committee" (which preceded formation of the OHPC) was searching for information about Otsego at the Wright County Historical Society. In their files, the following letters were found. There was no record of a response. The committee's attempts to follow up were unsuccessful until 1995.

Zephyrhills Fla.
April 1, 1978.

Mr. Frank Hoggatt.

Dear Sir.

I read in the Star News the article on Logging Days which was very interesting, as I was a River Pig in the summer of 1914-15-16. We were loaded across the River from Fridley, Minn. in three or more wannagoes. Lincoln Davis was our Boss, Joe Gooden was the Cook and his son Louis and Earl Davis were Cooks. There were several other men from Dayton in the crew. Bert Blaney, Joe La Point and Donyer were some of them. Logging on the Mississippi was closed in 1916 or 1917. I lived in Otsego, Wright Co. from 1896 to 1943 on a farm about eight miles East of Monticello on the River Road.

I have an old diary my father William Holt started in Aug 1877 and stopped in 1910 with the weather, marriages, death of people living in Otsego at that time that I would like to donate to Wright Co. Historical Society if they would care for it. Yours truly,

Ralph Holt

WRIGHT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 Lake Boulevard NW
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

April 5, 1978

Mr. Ralph Holt
2 Lake Street
Zephyrhills, Florida 33599

Dear Mr. Holt,

Thank you very much for your letter with its information about the logging. We very much appreciate your taking an interest in our work.

We would very much like to have the diary of your father and will be pleased to pay the postage so that you can send it to us. We enclose two copies of an accession sheet. Please sign the original and return it to us with the diary.

The logging industry and its times were very exciting. We have taped one other logger who tells us about the huge drives and the trips down the river. If you would like to write down some of your experiences and send them to us, we would be delighted to add it to our files. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Frank Hoggatt
Oral Historian

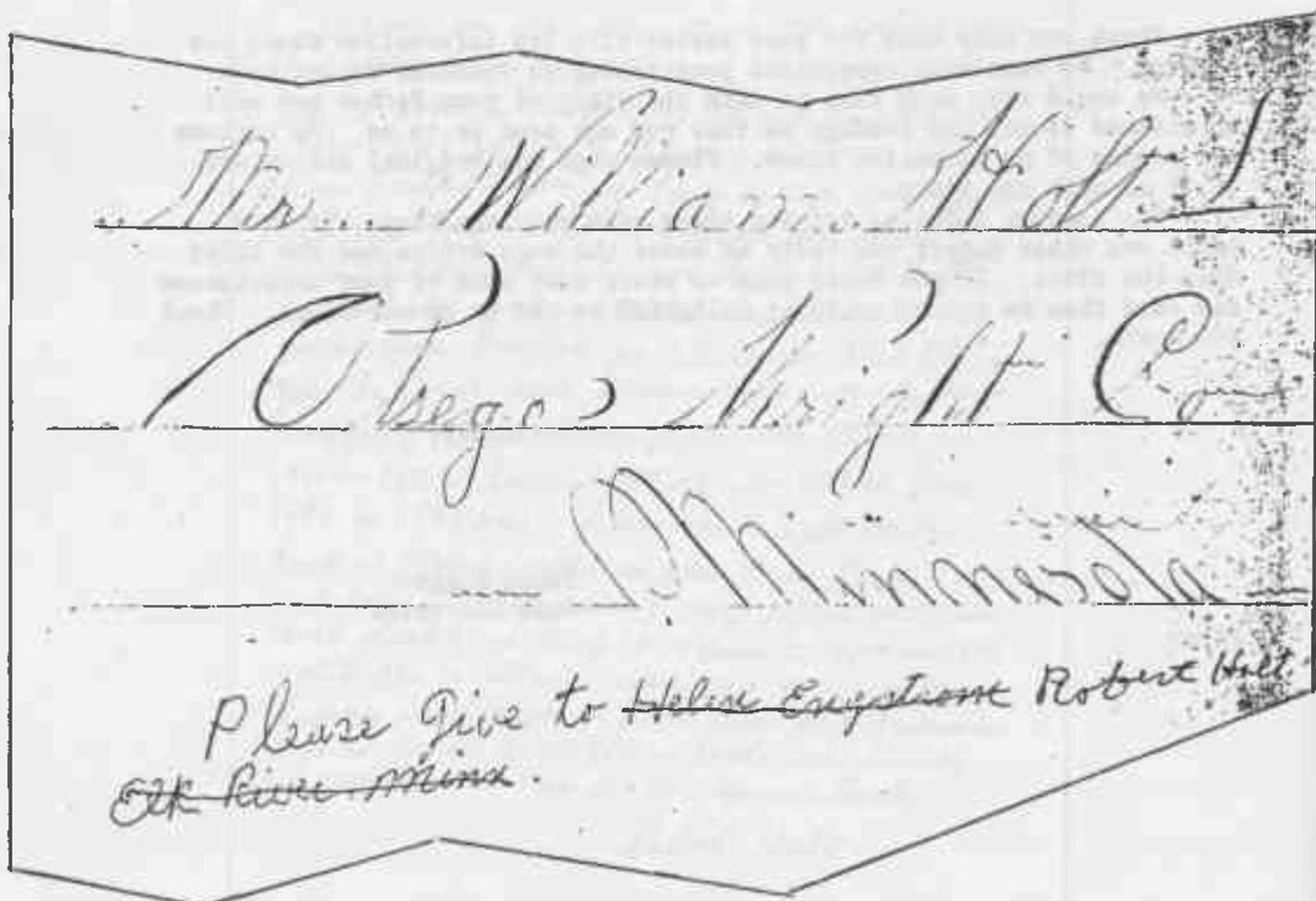
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Letter from WCHS to Ralph Holt

In 1995, while OHPC members were recording an oral history from Eugene and Dorothy Cooley, they learned that a former resident of Otsego, Robert "Bob" Holt, had information and an interest in the history of Otsego. Mr. Holt was contacted and they discovered he had the diary.

After the author, Will Holt's son Ralph died in 1989, the diary was given to Willard's niece, Helen Parker (Mrs. Arnold) Engstrom. Mrs. Engstrom gave it to Bob Holt. Bob Holt's grandfather was Will Holt's brother, Sydney. After Bob learned of the OHPC and their interest in preserving the history of Otsego, he donated the diary to the OHPC for safe-keeping and to make it available to others.

On the first page of the diary, the author used the given name "William". He is listed in the 1865 census as Willard, in 1870 as Willard (age 10), in 1875 as Willie, in 1880 as Willard (age 20), in 1885 as Wm. (age 24), and in 1920 as William (age 59). He was usually known as "Will".



ABOUT THE HOLT DIARY

Will Holt kept this diary from August 21, 1877 through December 4, 1890. The diary contains one-line entries for each day, documenting wind directions and weather and crop growing conditions. Events such as births, deaths and marriages are often written at the bottom of the page for each month. The author used different styles of penmanship from time to time.

In addition to providing information about events such as births, deaths and marriages, he provides a realistic view of farm life in Otsego. He reveals that he and other nearby farmers worked as lumbermen during the winters.

There are many references to the Ingersoll brick factory, the type of work done, people who worked there and numbers of bricks made. Will's mother was Julia Frances Ingersoll Holt, daughter of David Look Ingersoll, founder of the factory.

Other activities mentioned are the church "camp meetings", dances and "sings" at various homes, trips to nearby towns to attend the circus, visit the dentist, have watch repaired, purchase boots, etc.

The Mississippi river is mentioned often; ice conditions, water levels, ferry activities, and drownings.

Copies of several pages follow. These are reduced in size from the original which is about 8 by 13 inches.

1882		just set off the 4 th Hole in the	59
Dec	1	Sunny - calm quite warm	100
Dec	2	cloudy quite a shower about noon	100
Dec	3	cloudy bright sun cleared off. calm cool night	100
Tu	4	clear & bright day dance in store. calm & cool	100
We	5	nice day about calm to head out	100
Thu	6	rainy all day while expecting it. on rather back from	100
Fri	7	cloudy very cool in afternoon quite warm in evening	100
Sat	8	Heavy Hot quite a shower in afternoon	100
Su	9	quite a shower in afternoon. all severe & cloudy	100
1880	10	clear very cool & windy. 4 holes set in the kiln	100
Mon	11	very cool light showers in afternoon	100
We	12	cloudy very cool showers in afternoon. my headache very	100
Thu	13	Broken in clear nice day	100
Fri	14	clear and fine day Broken in. dance in store	100
Sat	15	Hot day showing all day. Frank's presence. lucid	100
Sun	16	nice day cool	100
Mon	17	fine day quite calm. dark moon. the brown corn	100
Tu	18	nice day cool evening	100
We	19	Half cloudy cool. dew at night	100
Thu	20	very fine day good day weather	100
Fri	21	the more hot clear & gathering very fast	100
Sat	22	very nice day	100
Sun	23	very hot. looks like rain at night	100
Mon	24	terrible hot	100
Tu	25	terrible hot awful heavy wind in P.M. quite a shower	100
We	26	terrible hot heavy shower in evening	100
Thu	27	very pleasant but quite cool. dance on the platform	100
Fri	28	cloudy in cool Broken in	100
Sat	29	delicious day quite hot in both days	100
Sun	30	very nice day. very little at night	100
Mon	31	drill. very cool	100
Mary King - Maid of Constantine			4 th
Bill Wood - Married 10 th			
Lancaster - Married 26 th			
Frank Brown and Melly Parker - Married 28 th			

1863

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Sat	1	Wet cloudy broken muggy hot disagreeable	sc
Sun	2	clear cool fine day good breeze fear of frost	mc
Mon	3	nice day clear quite winds cool	bc
Tue	4	very cool very windy clear light frost at night	mc
Wed	5	little warmer very clear not a cloud to be seen good breeze light shows at night	bc
Thu	6	not very much like rain in the evening did sprinkle	mc
Fri	7	terrible cold windy cloudy fearful heavy frost at night	mc
Sat	8	clear very cool was looking bright Pan been frost then	bc
Sun	9	nice day cool like rain at night nice crisp	bc
Mon	10	cloudy cold am. broken up of clouds very near a	bc
Tue	11	nice day very clear like the boys old dress	bc
Wed	12	very fine day clear not a cloud to be seen the corn is	bc
Thu	13	clear in the evening but cloudy after sprinkle little Pan	bc
Fri	14	very light shower in the morning clear off Pan	bc
Sat	15	cloudy light showers Pan sing to Grandfather's door	bc
Sun	16	very clear warm good breeze very drying very frost at night	bc
Mon	17	very fine day not a cloud to be seen quite hot	bc
Tue	18	nice day look some like rain towards night even	bc
Wed	19	broken quite warm looks like rain at night Pan sticking	bc
Thu	20	cloudy rainy looking soon at night	bc
Fri	21	rain mist all day windy cold rain at night	bc
Sat	22	cloudy calm drizzly am. Elmer and means looking clay	bc
Sun	23	cloudy warm sun come out once in a while calm	bc
Mon	24	cloudy am broken line. very cool quite windy	bc
Tue	25	clear very nice day warm Pan commenced throating	bc
Wed	26	broken am. very clear but quite warm chills Pan	bc
Thu	27	terrible chills cloudy look some like rain am	bc
Fri	28	it rained just every little in the morning done to look	bc
Sat	29	very cool heavy rain Pan veil was sold near farm to Fred	bc
Sun	30	rather cloudy rain cold	bc
Mon	1st		
Tue	2d		
Wed	3d		
Thu	4th		
Fri	5th		
Sat	6th		
Sun	7th		
Mon	8th		
Tue	9th		
Wed	10th		
Thu	11th		
Fri	12th		
Sat	13th		
Sun	14th		
Mon	15th		
Tue	16th	Old man Perry died	26th
Wed	17th	Overed Gould and Mill Godwin was married	28th
Thu	18th	Mrs Fickard going to build a house on the farm place	
Fri	19th	Camp Meeting Commenced	5th

GENEALOGY

Willard Holt was born in Otsego to William Henry Holt and Julia Frances Ingersoll Holt on January 26, 1860 at their farm. The house and other buildings are still in use at 8982 Mason Avenue NE.

Will purchased nearby land and built a house and barn at 12731 NE 95th Street (also known as County Road 39). He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Parker and had four children; Mary, Ralph, Clifton and Edwin. Willard died February 10, 1937 at his farm. Lizzie died in December 1924. Both rest in the historic Otsego cemetery.

Ralph Holt purchased property at 11701 NE 95th Street. He married Eva Moss. Later, they moved from Otsego to Anoka.

The following records were furnished by Barbara Kirsch (Mrs. James) Day, a great-granddaughter of Eunice Holt Ricker, sister of Will Holt.

Generation #	Name	Date of birth
1	Thomas Holt	1576
2	Nicholas Holt	1602
3	Samuel Holt	1641
4	Samuel Holt	1670
5	John Holt	1707
6	Jeremiah Holt	1734
7	Barachias Holt	1763
8	Barachias Holt	1790
9	William Holt	1820
10	Willard Holt	1860
11	Ralph Holt	1895

Descendants of Thomas Holt

Generation No. 1

1. **Thomas¹ Holt** was born 1576, and died in Of Romsey, Hants, England.

Child of Thomas Holt is:

- + 2 i. **Nicholas² Holt**, born October 19, 1602.

Generation No. 2

2. **Nicholas² Holt (Thomas¹)** was born October 19, 1602. He married **Elizabeth Short**, daughter of **Abraham Short**. She was born 1606.

Children of Nicholas Holt and Elizabeth Short are:

- + 3 i. **Elizabeth³ Holt**, born March 30, 1636.
- + 4 ii. **Samuel Holt**, born October 06, 1641 in Newbury, E. Mass.; died November 07, 1703 in Andover, Massachusetts.

Generation No. 3

3. **Elizabeth³ Holt (Nicholas², Thomas¹)** was born March 30, 1636. She married **Ralph Farnham** October 25, 1658 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, son of R. Farnham and Alice Farnham. He was born 1633 in Southampton, Hamps, England, and died January 08, 1691/92 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts.

Children of Elizabeth Holt and Ralph Farnham are:

- 5 i. **Sarah⁴ Farnum**, born January 14, 1660/61. She married **Benjamin Abbott** April 22, 1685, born December 20, 1662.
- + 6 ii. **Hannah Farnum**, born July 12, 1668 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts; died January 30, 1758

4. **Samuel³ Holt (Nicholas², Thomas¹)** was born October 06, 1641 in Newbury, E. Mass., and died November 07, 1703 in Andover, Massachusetts. He married **Sarah Allen** 1669 in Massachusetts, daughter of **Andrew Allen** and **Faith Ingalls**. She was born 1646, and died April 03, 1716 in Andover, Massachusetts.

Child of Samuel Holt and Sarah Allen is:

- + 7 i. **Samuel⁴ Holt**, born August 03, 1670 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts; died July 20, 1747 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts.

Generation No. 4

6. **Hannah⁴ Farnum (Elizabeth³ Holt, Nicholas², Thomas¹)** was born July 12, 1668 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died January 30, 1758. She married **Samuel Holt**, son of Samuel Holt and Sarah Allen. He was born August 03, 1670 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died July 20, 1747 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts.

Child of Hannah Farnum and Samuel Holt is:

- + 8 i. **John⁵ Holt**, born 1707 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts; died in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts

7. **Samuel⁴ Holt (Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹)** was born August 03, 1670 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died July 20, 1747 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts. He married **Hannah Farnum**, daughter of **Ralph Farnham** and **Elizabeth Holt**. She was born July 12, 1668 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died January 30, 1758.

Child is listed above under (6) Hannah Farnum.

Generation No. 5

8. **John⁵ Holt** (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1707 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts. He married **Mary Lewis** March 08, 1730/31 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts. She was born Abt. 1709 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died Abt. 1745 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts.

Child of John Holt and Mary Lewis is:

- + 9 i. **Jerimiah⁶ Holt**, born March 31, 1734 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts; died 1816 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH..

Generation No. 6

9. **Jerimiah⁶ Holt** (John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born March 31, 1734 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died 1816 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH.. He married **Hannah Abbott** April 21, 1756 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts. She was born May 29, 1737 in Andover, Essex- Massachusetts, and died November 1812 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH..

Child of Jerimiah Holt and Hannah Abbott is:

- + 10 i. **Barachias⁷ Holt**, born Abt. 1763 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH..

Generation No. 7

10. **Barachias⁷ Holt** (Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born Abt. 1763 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH.. He married **Elizabeth Shattuck** October 14, 1783 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH.. She was born November 16, 1760 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH..

Child of Barachias Holt and Elizabeth Shattuck is:

- + 11 i. **Barachias⁸ Holt**, born 1790 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH.; died April 21, 1838 in Bangor, Penobscott Co. ME..

Generation No. 8

11. **Barachias⁸ Holt** (Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1790 in Wilton, Hillsborough, NH., and died April 21, 1838 in Bangor, Penobscott Co. ME.. He married **Nancy Folsom**, daughter of Samuel Folsom and Nancy Shephard. She was born September 25, 1796 in Deerfield, Rockingham, NH., and died September 1856 in Bangor, Penobscott Co. ME..

Children of Barachias Holt and Nancy Folsom are:

- + 12 i. **William Henry⁹ Holt**, born 1830 in Bangor, Penobscott Co. ME.; died May 21, 1888 in Otsego, MN.
13 ii. **Gus Holt**.

Generation No. 9

12. **William Henry⁹ Holt** (Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1830 in Bangor, Penobscott Co. ME., and died May 21, 1888 in Otsego, MN. He married **Julia Francis Ingersoll** August 27, 1859, daughter of David Ingersoll and Eunice Look. She was born February 24, 1841 in Columbiana, Wasington Co. ME., and died 1889 in Otsego, MN.

More About William Henry Holt:

Cause of Death: Cancer of Stomach

More About Julia Francis Ingersoll:

Cause of Death: Abdominal Tumor

Children of William Holt and Julia Ingersoll are:

- + 14 i. Willard¹⁰ Holt, born 1860 in Otsego, MN; died 1937 in Otsego, MN.
- + 15 ii. Alice Holt, born 1862 in Otsego, MN; died 1946 in Otsego, MN.
- 16 iii. Baslin Holt, born 1865.
- + 17 iv. Sydney A. Holt, born January 14, 1865 in Otsego, MN; died 1939 in Otsego, MN.
- + 18 v. Minnie Holt, born 1868 in Otsego, MN; died 1948 in Otsego, MN.
- + 19 vi. Gertrude(Gertie) Holt, born 1869 in Otsego, MN; died June 02, 1950 in Otsego, MN.
- 20 vii. Harry D. Holt, born 1871 in Otsego, MN; died 1952 in Princeton, MN.

Notes for Harry D. Holt:

Harry D. Holt died in Princeton, Nursing Home- MN.

He was never married and was a farmer-He had lived with his brother Sydney.

He was diagnosed with a handicapp at age 18

- 21 viii. Eunice Ellen Holt, born December 03, 1873 in Otsego, MN; died 1913 in Otsego, MN.
- 22 ix. Adelia Holt, born 1878 in Otsego, MN; died February 06, 1967.
- 23 x. Abbie E. Holt, born 1880 in Otsego, MN; died 1880 in Otsego, MN.
- 24 xi. Twin 1. Holt, born 1881.
- 25 xii. Twin 2. Holt, born 1881.
- 26 xiii. Hubert E. Holt, born September 11, 1884 in Otsego, MN; died December 24, 1884 in Otsego, MN.

More About Hubert E. Holt:

Cause of Death: Convultions

- 27 xiv. Leroy Holt, born 1887 in Otsego, MN; died in Oregon.

More About Leroy Holt:

Adoption: 1889, By his brother Sydney, as an agreement to raise his brother and keep the family farm.

Generation No. 10

14. Willard¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1860 in Otsego, MN, and died 1937 in Otsego, MN. He married Elizabeth Parker. She was born 1865, and died 1934 in Otsego, MN.

Children of Willard Holt and Elizabeth Parker are:

- 28 i. Mary¹¹ Holt, born 1893 in Otsego, MN.
- 29 ii. Ralph E. Holt, born 1895; died 1989. He married Eva Moss; born 1894; died 1958.
- 30 iii. Clifton Holt, born 1898 in Otsego, MN; died 1914.
- 31 iv. Edwin Holt, born 1901 in Otsego, MN; died 1979.

15. Alice¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1862 in Otsego, MN, and died 1946 in Otsego, MN. She married William Mosman.

Children of Alice Holt and William Mosman are:

- 32 i. Bertha¹¹ Mosman.
- 33 ii. Ellen Mosman.
- 34 iii. Sid Mosman.
- 35 iv. Wyn Mosman.
- 36 v. Everett Mosman.
- 37 vi. Willard Mosman.
- 38 vii. Byron Mosman.
- 39 viii. Johnny Mosman.
- 40 ix. Preston Mosman.

17. Sydney A.¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born January 14, 1865 in Otsego, MN, and died 1939 in Otsego, MN. He married (1) Clara Laura Borthwick December 03, 1888 in Otsego, MN., daughter of Alexander Borthwick and Lydia Hicks. She was born December 03, 1869 in Otsego, MN, and died 1897 in Otsego, MN. He married (2) Julia Pepin Abt. 1898 in Otsego, MN., daughter of John Pepin. She was born Abt. 1867 in Otsego, MN.

More About Clara Laura Borthwick:

Cause of Death: Diphtheria

Children of Sydney Holt and Clara Borthwick are:

- + 41 i. Benjamin¹¹ Holt, born 1891.
- 42 ii. Mary(Mamie) Holt, born 1893.
- 43 iii. Alexander (Bud) Holt, born 1895.
- 44 iv. Leslie E. Holt, born 1897.

18. Minnie¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1868 in Otsego, MN, and died 1948 in Otsego, MN. She married **Charles Edward LaPlant**, son of Charles LaPlant. He was born 1865, and died 1955 in Otsego, MN.

Children of Minnie Holt and Charles LaPlant are:

- 45 i. Guy¹¹ LaPlant, born 1890 in Otsego, MN; died 1955 in Otsego, MN.
- 46 ii. Dorothy LaPlant, born 1892 in Otsego, MN. She married Ernest Baker
- 47 iii. Daisy LaPlant, born 1901 in Otsego, MN; died 1970.

19. Gertrude(Gertie)¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1869 in Otsego, MN, and died June 02, 1950 in Otsego, MN. She married **George Alfred Pepin**, son of John Pepin. He was born Abt. 1862 in Otsego, MN.

Children of Gerrude(Gertie) Holt and George Pepin are:

- 48 i. Etta¹¹ Pepin.
- 49 ii. Gladys Pepin.
- 50 iii. Rachel Pepin.
- 51 iv. Harriet Pepin.

21. Eunice Ellen¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born December 03, 1873 in Otsego, MN, and died 1913 in Otsego, MN. She married **Charles Herbert Ricker** in Otseg, MN, son of Thomas Ricker and Dorcas Sherburne. He was born September 04, 1871 in Otsego, MN, and died March 06, 1954 in Pupopskym MN.- Buried , Otsego, MN.

More About Eunice Ellen Holt:

Cause of Death: Complications from Kidney operation, in Mpls.

More About Charles Herbert Ricker:

Cause of Death: T.B.

Child of Eunice Holt and Charles Ricker is:

- + 52 i. Earl Kenneth¹¹ Ricker, born April 15, 1900 in Otsego, MN; died October 1992 in Staples, MN-Buried, Otsego, MN.

22. Adelia¹⁰ Holt (William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1878 in Otsego, MN, and died February 06, 1967. She married **Fred Orton** November 20, 1901 in Otsego, MN..

Children of Adelia Holt and Fred Orton are:

- 53 i. Kenneth¹¹ Orton, born in Otsego, MN. He married Velma
- 54 ii. Leland Orton.
- 55 iii. Ralph Orton.
- 56 iv. Loren Orton.
- 57 v. Leslie Orton.
- 58 vi. Lloyd Orton.

Generation No. 11

41. Benjamin¹¹ Holt (Sydney A.¹⁰, William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jerimiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born 1891. He married Rose. She was born 1892.

Children of Benjamin Holt and Rose are:

- 59 i. Robert¹² Holt, born 1918.
- 60 ii. Floyd Holt, born 1920.

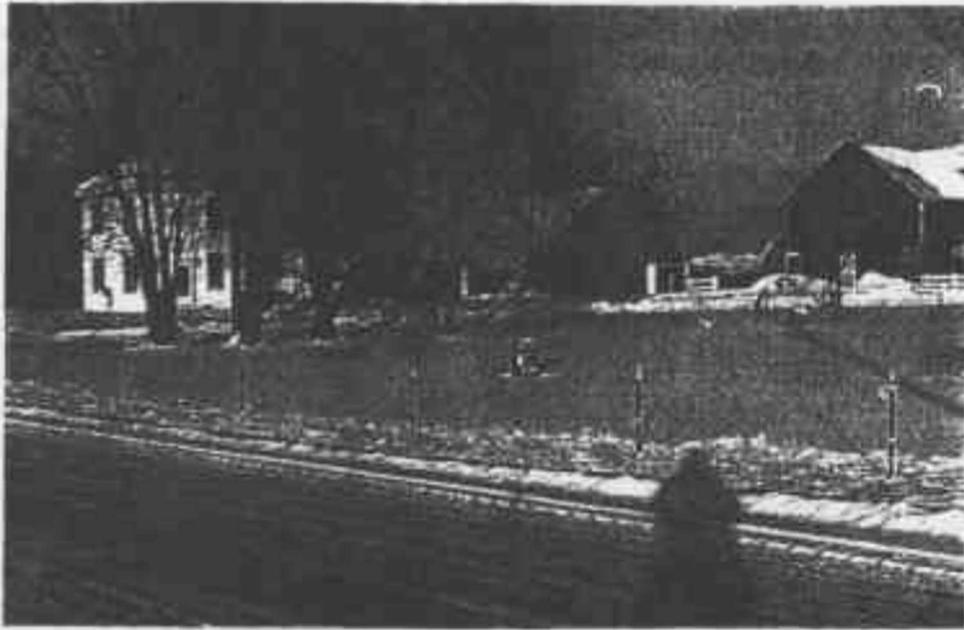
52. Earl Kenneth¹¹ Ricker (Eunice Ellen¹⁰ Holt, William Henry⁹, Barachias⁸, Barachias⁷, Jeremiah⁶, John⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Nicholas², Thomas¹) was born April 15, 1900 in Otsego, MN, and died October 1992 in Staples, MN-Buried, Otsego, MN. He married **Pearl Margaret Broadbent** November 22, 1924, daughter of John Broadbent and Lydia Mautner. She was born September 01, 1906 in Twin Valley, MN.

Children of Earl Ricker and Pearl Broadbent are:

- 61 i. Leon¹² Ricker, born June 21, 1925. He married Geraldine Estelle Hanson; born 1929.
- 62 ii. Dean Ricker, born February 06, 1927. He married (1) Reva Eileen Kincade; born 1934; died 1972 in Peterson, IA. He married (2) Cieta; born April 24, 1934; died December 26, 1998 in Spirit Lake, IA.
- 63 iii. Doris Ellen Ricker, born March 02, 1930 in Park Rapids, MN.. She married Ralph Hubert (Hinderscheit) Kirsch June 11, 1947 in Park Rapids, MN St. Peters Cath. Church; born March 02, 1924 in Epworth, N. Dak.; died February 03, 1993 in MpsMN. - St. Joseph Cemetery, Lino Lakes, MN..

More About Ralph Hubert (Hinderscheit) Kirsch:
Cause of Death: Heart failure.

- 1 { William Henry Holt 1830-1888
 - { Julia Frances Ingersoll 1841-1889
 - 2 { Willard Holt 1860-1937
 - { Elizabeth "Lizzie" Parker 1865-1934
 - 3 { Ralph E. Holt 1895-1989
 - { Eva Moss
 - { Clifton Holt 1898-1914
 - { Edwin Holt 1901-1979
 - 2 { Alice Holt 1862-1946
 - { William Mossman (?Willard) 1854-1927
 - 3 { Bertha Mosman 1885
 - { John W. Trask
 - { Sidney A. Mosman 1887
 - { Bessie E. Jones
 - { Erwin E. Mosman 1889-1939
 - { Lillian H. Richter 1894-1990
 - { Ellen A. Mosman 1893
 - { Everett L. Mosman 1895-1968
 - { Florence Moore 1903
 - { Willard N. Mosman 1896-1956
 - { Stella H. Larson 1899-1981
 - { Byron D. Mosman 1898
 - { Albina Moreviska 1899
 - { John A. Mosman 1900-1961
 - { Evelyn Hoar 1903
 - { Preston Mosman 1903-1986
 - { Effie Ann Ingersoll 1903-1986
 - 2 { Bailey (?Baslin) Holt 1865
 - { Sydney A. Holt 1865-1939
 - (1) Clara L. Borthwick 1869-1897
 - 2 { Benjamin A. Holt 1891
 - { Rose Underwood 1892-1968
 - 4 Robert Holt 1917
 - { Floyd Holt 1919
 - 3 { Mary "Mamie" Holt 1893
 - { Ivan Thomas
 - { Alexander Holt 1895
 - { Leslie Holt 1897
 - (2) Julia Pepin Parker 1861-1936
 - { Florence E. Parker
 - { Lee E. Parker
 - 2 { Minnie Holt 1868-1918
 - 2 { Charles E. LaPlant 1865-1955
 - 3 { Guy LaPlant 1890-1955
 - { Dorothy LaPlant 1892-1994
 - { Ernest Baker 1891-1994
 - { Daisy LaPlant 1901-1970
 - 2 { Gertrude Holt 1869-1950
 - 2 { George A. "Fred" Pepin 1862-1944
 - { Etta Pepin
 - 3 { Gladys Pepin
 - { Rachel Pepin
 - { Harriet Pepin
 - 2 { Harry D. Holt 1871-1952
 - 2 { Eunice E. Holt 1873-1913
 - { Charles H. Ricker 1871-1954
 - 3 { Earl K. Ricker 1900-1992
 - { Pearl M. Broadbent 1906
 - 4 Leon Ricker
 - { Dean Ricker 1927
 - { Doris E. Ricker 1930
 - { Ralph H. Kirsch 1924-1993
 - 5 { Barbara Ann Kirsch
 - { James Day
 - 2 { Adelia Holt 1878-1967
 - { Fred Orton
 - 3 { Kenneth Orton
 - { Leland Orton
 - { Ralph Orton
 - { Loren Orton
 - { Leslie Orton
 - { Lloyd Orton
 - 2 { Abbie E. Holt 1880-1880
 - { Unnamed twins 1881-1881
 - { Hubert E. Holt 1884-1884
 - { Leroy Holt 1887



WILLIAM HENRY HOLT FARM
8982 MASON AVENUE NE OTSEGO



WILLIAM HENRY HOLT



SYDNEY AUGUSTUS and
CLARA LAURA BORTHWICK HOLT

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WILL and ELIZABETH PARKER HOLT

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CHARLES and MINNIE HOLT LA PLANT



GEORGE ALFRED "FRED" and
GERTRUDE HOLT PEPIN



DOUBLE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Charles & Minnie LaPlant and Fred & Gertrude Pepin

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WILLARD and ALICE HOLT MOSMAN

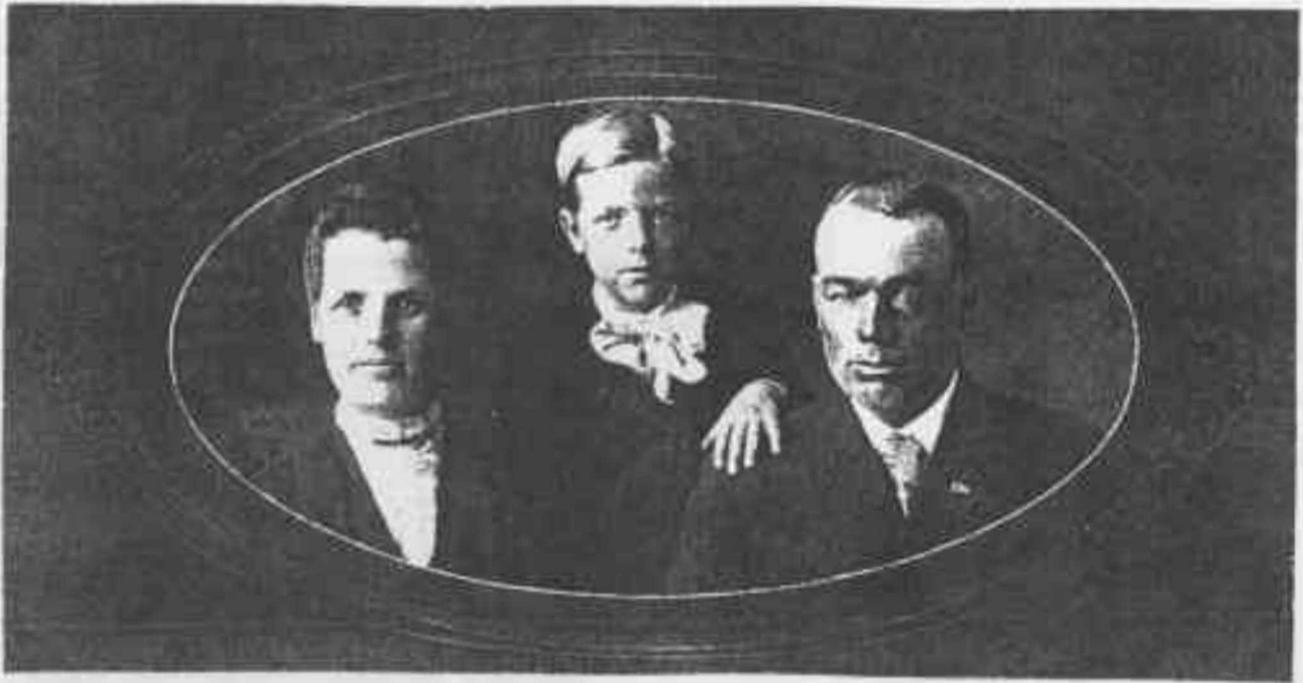


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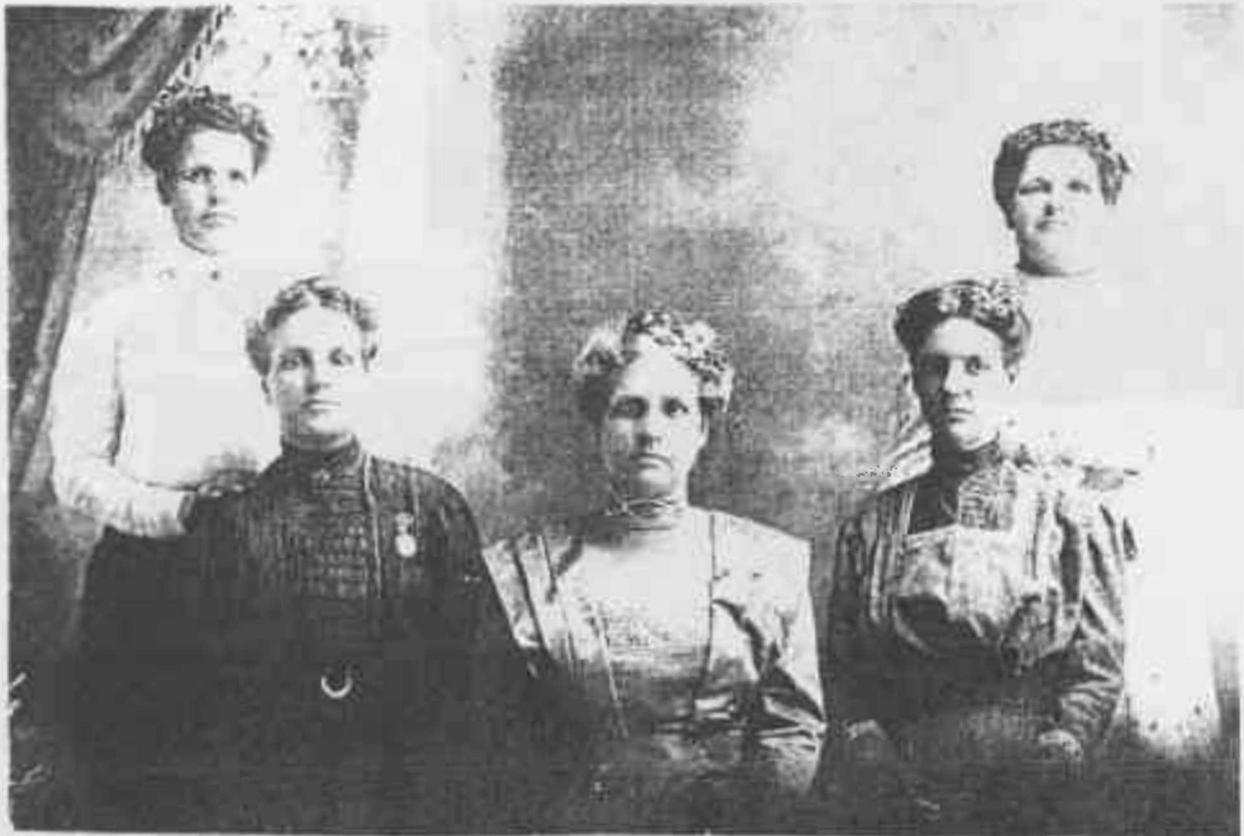


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EUNICE ELLEN HOLT & CHARLES H. RICKER
with son EARL (ca. 1906)



WILL HOLT'S SISTERS
Top: EUNICE and ALICE
Bottom: GERTRUDE, MINNIE & ADELIA



FLORENCE PEAVEY & HELEN PARKER ENGSTROM at the Ruins of the "Camp Meeting" tabernacle



MARY "MAMIE" HOLT THOMAS

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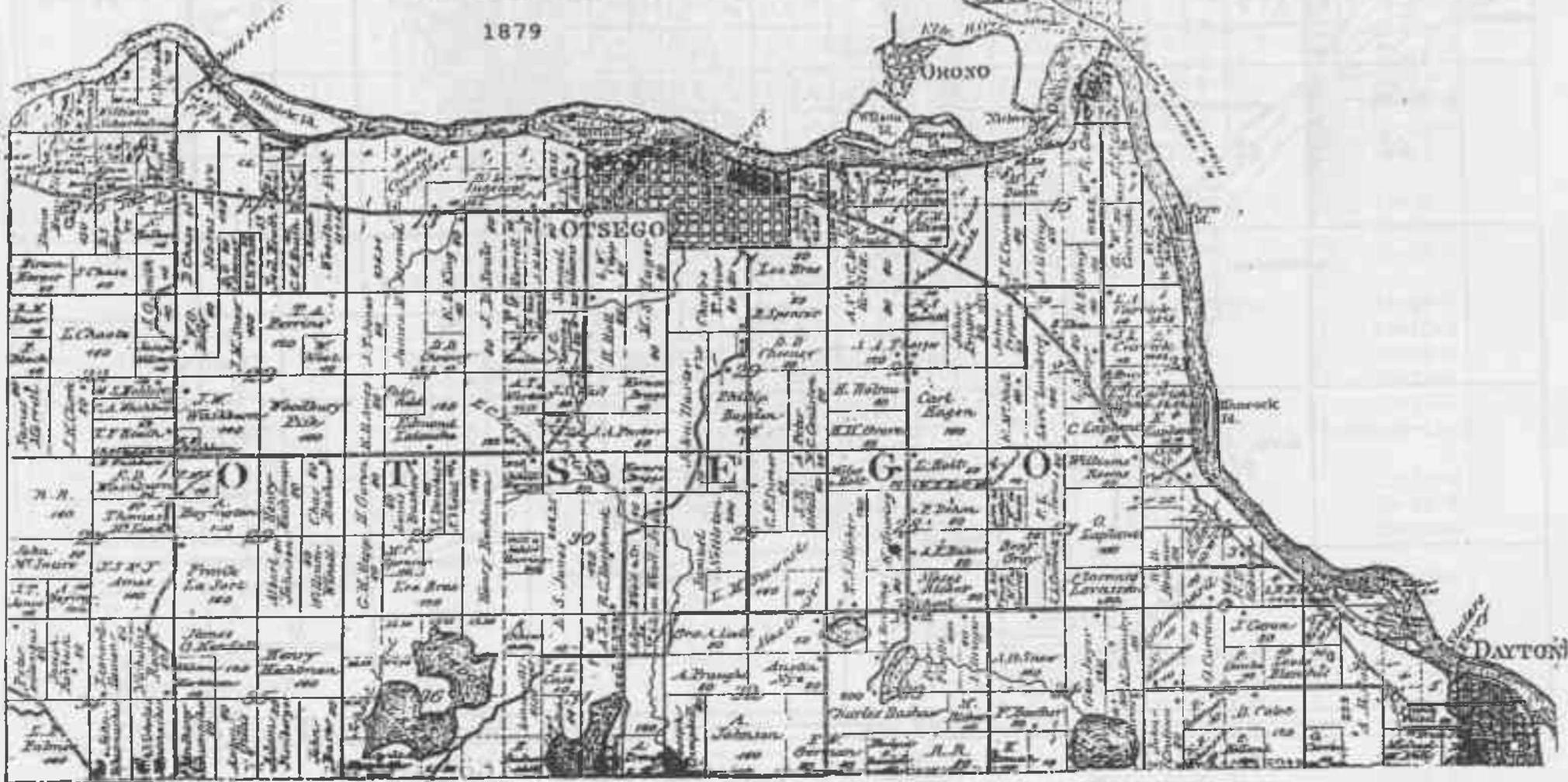
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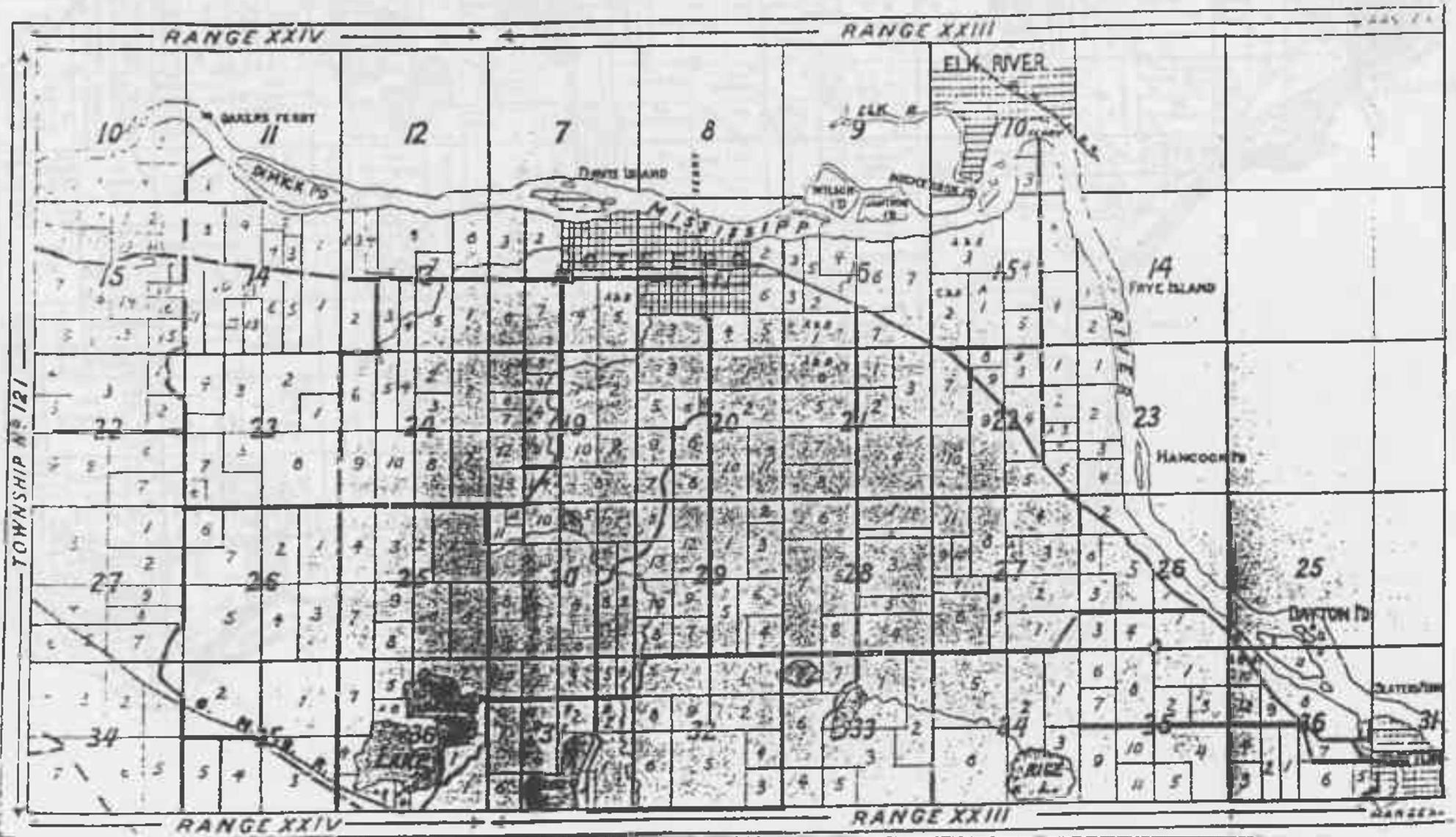
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| Adams, Justin R. | 24-13-4 | Harrington, Hiram O. | 24-25-5 | Parker, C. F. | 23-29-1 |
| " " " | 24-24-4 | " Joel | 23-30-8 | " Edson L. | 23-20-5 |
| " Lydia | 23-18-2 | Heath, A. F. | 24-15-20 | " " " | 23-20-9 |
| " Oscar B. | 24-13-2 | " Albert | 24-14-11 | " Edwin C. | 23-20-7 |
| " Otis C. | 24-13-3 | " Edward P. | 24-10-2 | " " " | 23-29-11 |
| " " " | 24-24-5 | " " " | 24-15-5 | " Fred E. | 23-29-3 |
| " S. E. | 24-26-5 | " Frank E. | 24-10-5 | " J. A. | 23-19-8 |
| " Samuel | 23-18-7 | " Joel | 24-14-6 | Pepin, George | 23-22-7 |
| | | " Lyman | 24-14-5 | " John Jr. | 23-21-3 |
| Baker, C. F. | 24-11-1 | " Mary E. | 24-14-3 | " Wm. L. | 23-22-9 |
| " " " | 24-14-2 | " " " | 24-14-13 | Pippin, A. | 23-15-7 |
| " " " | 24-14-9 | Holt, Sidney | 23-19-10 | | |
| " W. H. | 24-15-18 | " W. A. | 23-18-4 | Ricker, Thos. J. | 23-28-7 |
| Borthwick, A. J. | 23-30-4 | " " " | 24-26-6 | " " " | 23-32-7 |
| Brown, F. & Gould, E. | 23-19-14 | Humphrey, A. | 23-15-4 | " " " | 23-35-8 |
| " " " " | 23-30-5 | " Addie | 23-22-2 | | |
| | | " " | 23-23-2 | Smith, Lorenzo | 23-19-3 |
| Chase, A. M. | 24-24-3 | " H. H. | 23-22-6 | Snow, G. J. | 24-10-3 |
| Colkins, Henry | 23-30-1 | " " " | 23-23-3 | " " " | 24-15-6 |
| Cooley, A. L. | 23-16-5 | | | " J. G. | 24-22-4 |
| " B. S. | 23-21-7 | Ingersoll, D. L. | 23-19-6 | " Leon | 23-17-3 |
| " Ellen | 23-16-4 | " E. E. & E. D. | 24-13-7 | Spencer, Martin & George | 24-13-8 |
| | | " " " " | 24-24-6 | | |
| Dupont, Chas. | 23-19-5 | " Luther | 23-19-7 | Thorpe, A. A. | 23-21-2 |
| | | " Luther & George | 23-18-3 | " " " | 23-21-5 |
| | | " " " | 24-13-6 | " Ellen | 23-16-2 |
| Goran, Francis | 24-25-3 | | | | |
| Gorham, Constance | 24-25-2 | | | | |
| Gould, Everett & Brown | 23-19-14 | King, E. B. | 24-13-5 | Vail, Eugene | 23-20-1 |
| " " " | 23-30-5 | " " " | 24-24-2 | " Fred | 23-19-11 |
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| Hallett, Floyd | 23-18-5 | LaPlant, Chas. E. | 23-22-5 | Washburn, Amelia | 24-22-7 |
| Hamlet, Charlotte | 24-15-11 | " " " | 23-23-4 | " C. A. | 24-22-6 |
| " Dana | 24-15-7 | | | " E. D. | 24-23-6 |
| " E. P. | 24-15-9 | McDonald, Climena | 23-17-1 | " M. D. | 24-23-5 |
| " Emma L. | 24-15-19 | " " | 23-17-6 | White, Augusta | 23-22-10 |
| " J. B. | 24-15-3 | McLeod, Thos. | 24-16-2 | Wood, Adam J. | 23-29-10 |
| " L. B. | 24-15-2 | Morrill, J. W. | 24-22-9 | " " " | 23-29-13 |
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| " Lizzie | 24-15-12 | | | " " " " | 23-31-4 |
| " Milton T. | 24-15-8 | Norton, A. T. | 23-19-12 | " C. H. | 23-30-3 |
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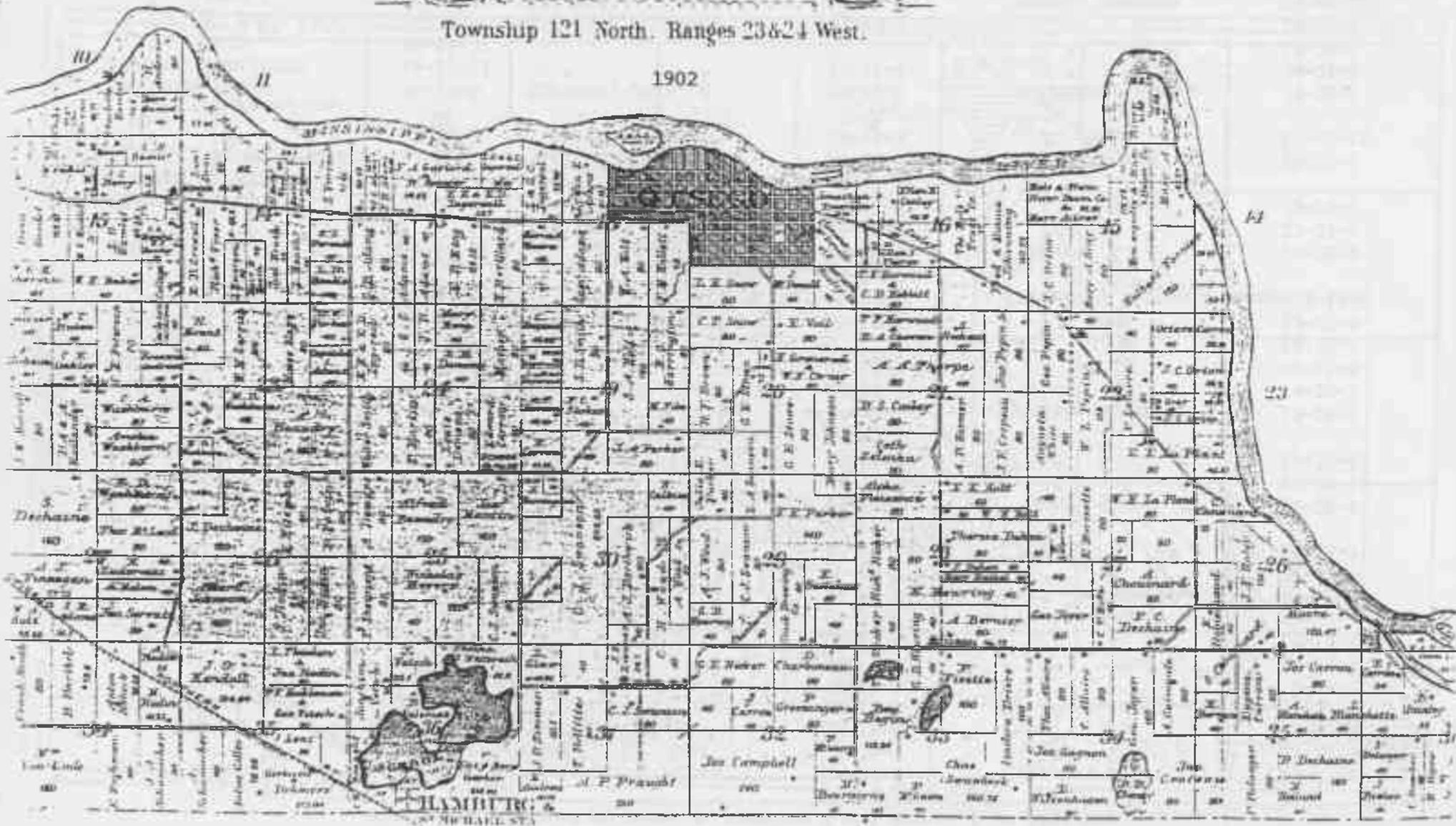
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Township 121 North, Ranges 23&24 West.

1902



BY MICHAEL ST...

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY

The following pages contain entries from the diary in chronological order. Not every day is copied here. The original book is old and very fragile. On some pages, the ink has faded and is difficult to read. In the interest of preservation, the book is not available for handling.

After studying the diary, Bob Holt, a "one-finger" typist, selected the most meaningful entries and produced this document. Later, Barbara Day copied Bob's original manuscript on her computer for this book. Barb is a great-granddaughter of Eunice Holt Ricker, a sister of Will Holt.

Names are copied as written by the author; sometimes spelled phonetically. Bob Holt edited the material and in some cases, he rephrased it to make it more easily understood.

" 28 " PAID MY TAXES.
 " 29 " CLEAR & WINDY, P
 " 30 " SNOW VERY LITTLE AT NIGHT.
 MAY 20, 1922 CREDIT L.B. 3:00
 5:10
 5:25
 2:68
 3:35

 W.A. HOLT \$ 19.38

DEC. 1, 1890 CLOUDY AM, CLEAR & WINDY, PM.
 " 2 " I WENT DOWN TO ANOKA TO GET MY TOOTH FIXED. CLOUDY & COLD.
 " 3 " THE ICE STOPPED.
 " 4 " I AM LOAFING NOW. STOPPING AT MRS INGERSOLLS.

***** END OF DIARY *****

TYPED FROM THE ORIGINAL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY WITH ONE FINGER. DEC. 199

--- BY ---

ROBERT LEROY HOLT

THE AUTHOR OF THE DIARY WAS MY GRANDFATHER SYDNEY'S BROTHER, WIELARD.

THIS WAS I VERY INTERESTING

EXPERIENCE

P.S. I HAVE A SORE FINGER

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| June | 22 | 1878 | <i>Wheat heading out.</i> |
| July | 20 | 1878 | <i>Commencing Harvest</i> |
| Aug. | 6 | 1878 | <i>Finished Harvesting</i> |
| Aug. | 11 | 1878 | <i>Cane Heading out</i> |
| Aug. | 24 | 1878 | <i>Finished Haying</i> |
| Sept. | 5 | 1878 | <i>Thrashing done</i> |
| | | | |
| Feb. | 11 | 1879 | <i>School Closed. Clear, Pleasant, Thawing</i> |
| March | 29 | 1879 | <i>Ice went out of Mississippi River. Little warmer</i> |
| Apr. | 6 | 1879 | <i>Farming weather. Clear, and warm</i> |
| Apr. | 10 | 1879 | <i>Put wheat in, Clear, and quite warm.</i> |
| Apr. | 26 | 1879 | <i>(Grass) Fire Raging. Clear and windy</i> |
| Apr. | 30 | 1879 | <i>Me, chopping (Wood)</i> |
| May | 1 | 1879 | <i>Done chopping</i> |
| June | 6 | 1879 | <i>Commenced Breaking (Plowing Virgin Sod)</i> |
| June | 7 | 1879 | <i>Breaking</i> |
| June | 11 | 1879 | <i>Finished Breaking. Wheat growing fast.</i> |
| June | 12 | 1879 | <i>Finished planting.</i> |
| June | 13 | 1879 | <i>Commenced Cultivating.</i> |
| June | 14 | 1879 | <i>A pile of water fell 2 PM. Rained the hardest I ever see it.</i> |
| June | 17 | 1879 | <i>(Sheep) Shearing done.</i> |
| June | 22 | 1879 | <i>Corn growing. Hot and windy.</i> |
| June | 29 | 1879 | <i>Corn growing. Windy but hot.</i> |
| July | 1 | 1879 | <i>Wheat heading out.</i> |
| July | 9 | 1879 | <i>Camp meeting (Methodist) commenced. Clear and very hot. 99 degrees.</i> |
| July | 10 | 1879 | <i>Fearful hot. A fearful tempest at night. Heavy thunder and lightning.</i> |
| July | 11 | 1879 | <i>Corn tasseling out.</i> |
| July | 16 | 1879 | <i>(Sugar) Cane hoed (By Hand) three times.</i> |
| July | 18 | 1879 | <i>Will Fleming and me came down on a raft from Monticello.</i> |
| July | 19 | 1879 | <i>Corn silking. Quite warm, looks like rain.</i> |
| July | 23 | 1879 | <i>Done cultivating corn.</i> |
| July | 25 | 1879 | <i>Me, Binding for (Samuel) Adams.</i> |
| July | 28 | 1879 | <i>Commenced harvesting.</i> |
| July | 30 | 1879 | <i>Binding grain.</i> |
| Aug. | 1 | 1879 | <i>Hot and sweaty</i> |
| Aug. | 6 | 1879 | <i>Cool wind, bothers cutting wheat.</i> |
| Aug. | 13 | 1879 | <i>Finished harvesting.</i> |
| Aug. | 16 | 1879 | <i>Grain dry. Quite hot weather.</i> |
| Aug. | 21 | 1879 | <i>Finished stacking grain.</i> |
| Aug. | 22 | 1879 | <i>Commenced haying.</i> |
| Sept. | 1 | 1879 | <i>Dance at Jim Morrill. Commenced cutting corn, cool and cloudy.</i> |
| Sept. | 9 | 1879 | <i>Finished haying.</i> |
| Sept. | 12 | 1879 | <i>Finished cutting corn.</i> |

- Sept. 20 1879 *Finished thrashing (From stacks). 432 bushels of wheat.*
- Sept. 23 1879 *Pulling beans.*
- Sept. 24 1879 *Commenced plowing.*
- Sept. 29 1879 *Went to circus in Elk River.*
- Sept. 30 1879 *Finished pulling beans.*
- Oct. 4 1879 *Wilbur Ingersoll thrashing wheat.*
- Oct. 11 1879 *Finished stripping cane.*
- Oct. 13 1879 *Commenced husking.*
- Oct. 14 1879 *Windy, warm, good husking.*
- Oct. 15 1879 *The same. My throat is very sore.*
- Oct. 18 1879 *Clear and quite cold. Heavy frost at night. Wheat worth \$1.07.*
- Oct. 21 1879 *Fine weather. Hauling beans.*
- Oct. 22 1879 *Cold and windy. Thrashing beans.*
- Oct. 26 1879 *19 Bushels of beans.*
- Oct. 27 1879 *Cloudy, wet. A hail storm. Sold Black Bill. (Sp?--Bull)*
- Oct. 28 1879 *Me, husking.*
- Oct. 29 1879 *Fearful windy, too cold to husk.*
- Oct. 30 1879 *Cloudy and disagreeable. I have a cold.*
- Nov. 1 1879 *Bill Wood killed a deer. Snowed about all day.*
- Nov. 6 1879 *Fine husking weather. Jim and me, had lots of fun at party.*
- Nov. 7 1879 *Me, lathing. Norton to work here.*
- Nov. 9 1879 *Emma Vail went over to Adam Woods to work.*
- Nov. 12 1879 *Good husking. Orion Davis husking here.*
- Nov. 17 1879 *Chilly. No. 1 wheat worth \$1.00*
- Nov. 18 1879 *Ice running in Mississippi River.*
- Nov. 19 1879 *Barnhart moved.*
- Nov. 20 1879 *Me, chopping stove wood.*
- Nov. 21 1879 *Dance at Spencers.*
- Nov. 25 1879 *A. T. Norton to work here.*
- Nov. 27 1879 *The boys got back.*
- Nov. 28 1879 *The ice stopped running in the River.*
- Nov. 29 1879 *Cruising poor. (Estimating board feet of lumber in the woods)*
- Dec. 1 1879 *School commenced. Mr Rich, teacher.*
- Dec. 3 1879 *Lumber team going.*
- Dec. 5 1879 *Poor crossing the river on the ice.*
- Dec. 7 1879 *Herbert Davis over.*
- Dec. 9 1879 *No school, teacher is sick.*
- Dec. 10 1879 *Charlie Tool died.*
- Dec. 13 1879 *Richardson died.*
- Dec. 14 1879 *Attended a large funeral.*
- Dec. 17 1879 *Emma Vail came back from Adam Woods.*
- Dec. 19 1879 *Butchered a hog.*
- Dec. 24 1879 *Wheat \$1.15*

- Dec. 26 1879 *Wheat \$1.17*
- Dec. 27 1879 *Fred Vail and ~~me~~ cleared the road. Phebe Ingersoll had a young one sick.*
- Jan. 1 1880 *Some fear of thaw.*
- Jan. 8 1880 *Wheat \$1.22*
- Jan. 17 1880 *Killed a hog.*
- Jan. 20 1880 *Borthwick child (Electa) 1 1/2 yr. old, died. Funeral in PM.*
- Jan. 26 1880 *My birthday. Thawing fast.*
- Jan. 27 1880 *Sledding poor.*
- Jan. 31 1880 *Butchered a sheep.*
- Feb. 2 1880 *Father (William Henry Holt) went to Minneapolis.*
- Feb. 23 1880 *Sledding gone.*
- Feb. 25 1880 *Thawing some. School closed.*
- Feb. 27 1880 *Me, chopping wood from John Vail.*
- March 2 1880 *Me, chopping wood for Summer.*
- March 4 1880 *Me, cutting post for Samuel Adams.*
- March 10 1880 *Me, chopping wood for Samuel Adams.*
- March 22 1880 *Ice on river getting rotten.*
- March 23 1880 *Me, splitting wood.*
- March 26 1880 *B (?) ran to our house.*
- March 30 1880 *Rain at night. Ice went out of river.*
- Apr. 1 1880 *Me, Fred Vail, and Ernest Ingersoll went fishing at Pelican Lake.*
- Apr. 9 1880 *Me, chopping wood for Ernest Ingersoll.*
- Apr. 12 1880 *Put (Plant) wheat in.*
- Apr. 15 1880 *A colt born.*
- Apr. 16 1880 *Me, chopping Elm wood.*
- Apr. 21 1880 *Good farming weather.*
- Apr. 25 1880 *Work on road.*
- May 2 1880 *Begins to look green.*
- May 6 1880 *Finished clearing and chopping.*
- May 7 1880 *Went to Seneca Porters.*
- May 13 1880 *Planted melons.*
- May 14 1880 *We hauled manure.*
- May 20 1880 *Finished planting corn.*
- May 21 1880 *Breaking new ground.*
- May 25 1880 *Me, sprouting (Potatoes).*
- May 27 1880 *Finished sprouting.*
- May 28 1880 *Me, burning brush.*
- May 29 1880 *Poor Tommy Gorham drowned 11 AM.*
- June 2 1880 *Me, made a gate.*
- June 3 1880 *Corn growing slow.*
- June 15 1880 *Cultivating.*
- June 16 1880 *Hoeing cane.*

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- June 20 1880 *Wheat heading out.*
- June 23 1880 *Awful hot to work on road.*
- June 24 1880 *Good corn weather. We cultivated.*
- June 25 1880 *Me, hoeing. George Robertson was stabbed.*
- June 26 1880 *Mrs. Addway died.*
- June 29 1880 *We, hoeing corn. Why is a colt like an egg?
Because it will have to be broken before it can be used.*
- July 2 1880 *Finished hoeing. Fred Vail hauling wood.*
- July 3 1880 *Wheat heading out.*
- July 4 1880 *Corn growing fast.*
- July 5 1880 *Me, mowing(Hay).*
- July 6 1880 *Commenced haying some.*
- July 7 1880 *Big dance at Crockers.*
- July 8 1880 *Hot, me feel mean.*
- July 11 1880 *Heavy rain lodged(Bent over) the wheat some.*
- July 13 1880 *Corn tasseled out.*
- July 20 1880 *Me, mowing at home.*
- July 21 1880 *Soper got home.*
- July 22 1880 *Finished hoeing.*
- July 23 1880 *We, stacking hay. School closed.*
- July 24 1880 *Corn silking.*
- July 27 1880 *Commenced harvesting.*
- July 28 1880 *Finished cutting oats.*
- Aug. 2 1880 *Splendid harvesting.*
- Aug. 9 1880 *Norton helping us cradle.*
- Aug. 10 1880 *Corn earing out.*
- Aug. 11 1880 *Father helping Norton stack (Grain bundles).*
- Aug. 14 1880 *Cane mostly all headed out.*
- Aug. 17 1880 *Finished cutting wheat.*
- Aug. 19 1880 *We, stacking.*
- Aug. 21 1880 *Thrashing at Ingersolls with Adam Wood's machine.*
- Aug. 29 1880 *We stacking.*
- Aug. 31 1880 *Work on stable. (William Henry Holt farm) When is a window like a star?
When it is a sky light.*
- Sept. 3 1880 *Thrashing at Harringtons.*
- Sept. 4 1880 *Porter has 154 Bu. of wheat.*
- Sept. 6 1880 *Norton has 169 Bu. of wheat.*
- Sept. 7 1880 *We, thrashing at Ellen Spencers.*
- Sept. 8 1880 *Commenced cutting corn.*
- Sept. 9 1880 *Finished cutting corn.*
- Sept. 10 1880 *We, to work at the cane.*
- Sept. 11 1880 *Finished the cane. Wheat \$0.80 Bu.*

- Sept. 17 1880 *Stacking.*
- Sept. 21 1880 *Mrs. M. P. Copp is here.*
- Sept. 22 1880 *Father went to Rockford.*
- Sept. 24 1880 *Me, sprouting.*
- Sept. 29 1880 *Thrashing to Kings. Why is a lady's belt like a skavanger?
Because it goes round and gathers up the waist. Why are bookkeepers
like chickens? Because they have to scratch for a living.*
- Oct. 1 1880 *Good husking weather.*
- Oct. 2 1880 *Me, burning brush.*
- Oct. 4 1880 *Got some sorghum (Made from the cane) home.*
- Oct. 26 1880 *Me, to work for Herbert Davis.*
- Oct. 27 1880 *John Bashaw commenced working for Herbert Davis.*
- Oct. 28 1880 *Good husking.*
- Oct. 29 1880 *Dance at Spencers.*
- Nov. 1 1880 *Me, husking for Herbert Davis.*
- Nov. 2 1880 *Fine weather. Election day.*
- Nov. 4 1880 *Finished work at Berts (Herbert Davis).*
- Nov. 5 1880 *Got my mittens.*
- Nov. 6 1880 *Me, husking for Ingersoll (His paternal grandfather).*
- Nov. 7 1880 *Finished plowing.*
- Nov. 10 1880 *My tooth awful bad.*
- Nov. 11 1880 *Stormy, awful lonesome.*
- Nov. 13 1880 *Ernest Ingersoll (His cousin) left Otsego. James W. Borthwick, age 14,
was buried.*
- Nov. 15 1880 *Mrs. (Sarah) Fleming awful sick. School commenced,
Edith King, teacher.*
- Nov. 17 1880 *Mrs. Fleming died, one thirty P.M.*
- Nov. 19 1880 *Poor crossing (The river)*
- Dec. 4 1880 *Can't cross Mississippi River, water over ice. (No bridges)*
- Dec. 7 1880 *Clear and cold. Good crossing (now).*
- Dec. 9 1880 *Fine day, good sleighing.*
- Dec. 10 1880 *Butchered.*
- Dec. 11 1880 *Party at Ingersolls*
- Dec. 13 1880 *Father went below.*
- Dec. 25 1880 *Half cloudy but cold.*
- Jan. 3 1881 *Fearful sharp, 30 below.*
- Jan. 4 1881 *Warmer, splendid sledding*
- Jan. 12 1881 *A little spelling school at Mores.*
- Jan. 26 1881 *My birthday.*
- Feb. 3 1881 *Clear, pleasant. Donation (Taken at church).*
- Feb. 11 1881 *Ernest Ingersoll got home from the woods.*
- Feb. 13 1881 *Fearful getting around the woods.*

- Feb. 20 1881 *Wood gone, sledding good. How many shingles will it take to cover a roof of a building 46 ft. long, each of the two sides of the roof being 20 ft. wide, allowing each shingle to be 4 inches wide and 5 inches to the weather? Multiply 46 by 40 = 1840 times 144 = 264960 divided by 20 = answer.*
- March 4 1881 *School closed, my last term. (He was 21 years old)*
- March 6 1881 *Went to Buffalo.*
- March 8 1881 *Town meeting.*
- March 14 1881 *Me, had a fearful headache.*
- March 16 1881 *Me, hauling wood.*
- March 21 1881 *I bought my cross cut saw.*
- March 22 1881 *Me, working for Eli King.*
- Apr. 1 1881 *Me, to work for Adam Wood.*
- Apr. 3 1881 *Hard wheeling (Going with wagons).*
- Apr. 6 1881 *Warmer, river crossing getting poor.*
- Apr. 12 1881 *Getting wood in the clearing.*
- Apr. 15 1881 *Jim Morrill commenced putting in wheat.*
- Apr. 17 1881 *Ice went out of Mississippi River.*
- Apr. 18 1881 *Made a Harrow.*
- Apr. 21 1881 *I took some Plum trees up.*
- Apr. 22 1881 *Mrs. A. Brothwick buried at age 35. (Lydia Hicks, maiden name)*
- Apr. 25 1881 *Me, hauling stumps. What is the interest on \$260.00 for 9 months and 3 days at 6%. 260 divided by 12 = 21.66 times 6 = 1.2996 times 9.1 = 11.896 answer.*
- May 2 1881 *School commenced, Miss Lizzie Featherstone, teacher.*
- May 4 1881 *Finished putting wheat in.*
- May 7 1881 *Herman Trough killed Hoffman.*
- May 8 1881 *Trees begin to look green.*
- May 9 1881 *Plum trees in blossom.*
- May 11 1881 *Raised the kalm house.*
- May 12 1881 *Clearing out the grove.*
- May 16 1881 *Me, cutting sprouts.*
- June 3 1881 *We, hoeing potatoes.*
- June 7 1881 *Camp meeting commenced.*
- June 8 1881 *We, mowing weeds.*
- June 13 1881 *Ernest Ingersoll got his life insured.*
- June 14 1881 *Me, to work for Mr. Adam Wood.*
- June 25 1881 *Wheat commenced to head out.*
- June 27 1881 *Jesse Adams married. (18 years old)*
- June 29 1881 *Clear and hot. Corn growing. What is the interest on \$34.25 for 3 years and 8 months, 15 days at 5% ? 34.25 divided by 12 = 2.844 times .05 = 1.4970 times 44.5 = \$6.35 (answer)*
- July 2 1881 *President Garfield shot.*

- July 3 1881 *Wheat most all headed out.*
- July 4 1881 *Dance at Otsego.*
- July 5 1881 *Corn growing fast.*
- July 19 1881 *Mary Bouchy had a girl.*
- July 26 1881 *Commenced harvesting.*
- Aug. 2 1881 *Fearful hot. Dance at the brick yard.*
- Aug. 3 1881 *Wind bothers cradling.*
- Aug. 7 1881 *Finished burning brick.*
- Aug. 11 1881 *Finished cutting wheat. Fearful hot.*
- Aug. 12 1881 *Commenced stacking wheat (Wheat bundles).*
- Aug. 15 1881 *Finished stacking wheat.*
- Aug. 17 1881 *Semey Peavey died at night.*
- Aug. 18 1881 *Me, cradling for Porter.*
- Aug. 19 1881 *Semey Peavey buried.*
- Aug. 20 1881 *Me, mowing along brook.*
- Aug. 21 1881 *M. Adams had a boy.*
- Aug. 22 1881 *Commenced haying.*
- Aug. 23 1881 *Big dance at brick yard.*
- Aug. 28 1881 *We, stacking hay.*
- Aug. 29 1881 *Tore the shed down.*
- Aug. 30 1881 *Work on the cellar (William Henry Holt farm).*
- Aug. 31 1881 *Corn most ripe.*
- Sept. 1 1881 *Frank Ingersoll commenced to lay brick. (In cellar)*
- Sept. 3 1881 *Norton to work here. School meeting at night.*
- Sept. 8 1881 *Cutting corn.*
- Sept. 9 1881 *George(?) and Orin Peavey went in the woods.*
- Sept. 11 1881 *At work on the cellar. Grandmother(Nancy)Woods got home, age 63.*
- Sept. 12 1881 *Slink(Lincoln Davis) and Ed Wood (Edward) went into the woods*
- Sept. 13 1881 *Frank Ingersoll finished the cellar.*
- Sept. 14 1881 *Went to Buffalo.*
- Sept. 16 1881 *Otis Adams went into the woods (Age 23).*
- Sept. 17 1881 *Cutting corn.*
- Sept. 18 1881 *Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver, age 49, died.*
- Sept. 19 1881 *Me, working for Adam Wood.*
- Sept. 20 1881 *Finished cutting corn.*
- Sept. 24 1881 *Getting out stuff for the (horse) stable.*
- Sept. 26 1881 *Mrs. Mary Vail very sick (wife of John Vail, mother of Fred Vail).*
- Sept. 27 1881 *Fred Vail helped me on the stable.*
- Sept. 28 1881 *Jessie Sherman's body buried.*
- Sept. 30 1881 *Dance at Joe Parker Sr. at night.*
- Oct. 1 1881 *Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Vail are very sick.*
- Oct. 2 1881 *John Pepin married Nellie Parker.*
- Oct. 3 1881 *Dance at Finley McNeils.*

- Oct. 4 1881 *Commenced digging potatoes.*
- Oct. 5 1881 *We, thrashed.*
- Oct. 6 1881 *Finished thrashing here and went home.*
- Oct. 7 1881 *Dance at Harringtons at night.*
- Oct. 8 1881 *Ernest Ingersoll got home from the railroad*
- Oct. 9 1881 *Mrs. Thorp very low.*
- Oct. 10 1881 *Me, hauling cane.*
- Oct. 11 1881 *Jim Bouchet (age 21) left here.*
- Oct. 12 1881 *Charlie Jameson died.*
- Oct. 13 1881 *Got the sorghum home. (Probably had the cane processed elsewhere)*
- Oct. 14 1881 *Me, plowing.*
- Oct. 19 1881 *Dance at Pearson Goulds.*
- Oct. 20 1881 *Me, husking corn.*
- Oct. 21 1881 *Mother (Mrs. William Henry Holt) went to Rockford.*
- Oct. 22 1881 *Fred Vail laid his stable up.*
- Oct. 24 1881 *Thrashing at Harringtons.*
- Oct. 25 1881 *Thrashing at Porters.*
- Oct. 26 1881 *Good day. Dance at Spencers, I had a splendid time.*
- Oct. 27 1881 *Thrashing at Ingersolls*
- Oct. 29 1881 *Me, plowing.*
- Oct. 31 1881 *Thrashing with Adam's steamer for Heath.*
- Nov. 3 1881 *Had a good time at the dance at Adam Woods.*
- Nov. 4 1881 *Me, thrashing for Sylvester Violet.*
- Nov. 10 1881 *Fred Vail and me hired for the woods.*
- Nov. 12 1881 *Dance at Eustache Bouchets at night.*
- Nov. 14 1881 *Fred Vail and me started for the woods.*
- Nov. 16 1881 *Started from Brainard camp.*
- Dec. 11 1881 *Went to the other camp.*
- Dec. 13 1881 *Fred quit tending the Go-Devil.*
- Dec. 16 1881 *Nine horses came up.*
- Dec. 19 1881 *commenced hauling logs.*
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- Jan. 26 1882 *My birthday.*
- Feb. 3 1882 *Me, sawing down trees.*
- Feb. 8 1882 *went over the lake to work.*
- Feb. 13 1882 *I hurt my eye.*
- Feb. 21 1882 *We came back on this side of the lake again.*
- March 2 1882 *We went back across the lake to work again*
- March 4 1882 *Fearful snowy day. We quit work about 2 PM. Snowed about 6 inches.*
- March 5 1882 *Stormy and warm. It snowed about 10 inches, all together 9 feet now.*
- March 15 1882 *Snowed about 2 inches at night. The cook left.*
- March 19 1882 *We went to the Teye camp.*
- March 20 1882 *Fearful snow storm. Snowed all night. I got to camp at 3 PM.*

- March 21 1882 *Quite warm, about 3 feet of snow in the woods.*
- March 28 1882 *Me, scouring the head works.*
- Apr. 3 1882 *Snow going fast, lots of water on the lake.*
- Apr. 6 1882 *Me, fix boom sticks.*
- Apr. 8 1882 *Rainy, left camp.*
- Apr. 10 1882 *We got home to Otsego from the woods.*
- Apr. 12 1882 *Fred Vail went on the drive (Floating the logs down river).*
- Apr. 14 1882 *Got my suit of clothes.*
- Apr. 17 1882 *Me, helping A.T. Norton split posts. A fine day.*
- Apr. 18 1882 *Me, helping Adam Wood. Warm and hazy.*
- Apr. 21 1882 *Me, picking over potatoes. Cold and chilly.*
- Apr. 25 1882 *Me, commenced work for Charlie Washburn.*
- Apr. 26 1882 *Commenced putting in wheat. Wilbur Ingersoll has got a house built west of the Fleming place.*
- May 3 1882 *Dance to Jim Morrils, had a good time. Simon Hunt married.*
- May 6 1882 *Me, plowing. Quit work for Charlie Washburn.*
- May 9 1882 *Me, commenced work for Ingersoll. Rainy.*
- May 12 1882 *Fred Vail got home from the drive. Cold and windy, ground very wet.*
- May 15 1882 *Nice day. Me, to work for Eli King.*
- May 16 1882 *Fine day. Me to plant corn for Ingersoll.*
- May 19 1882 *Dance at Joe Parker Sr. Cloudy and showery.*
- May 23 1882 *A little warmer. Wheat looking green.*
- May 25 1882 *Commenced work in the brick yard. Trees getting quite green.*
- June 2 1882 *Cold and half cloudy. A bad day to strike brick.*
- June 3 1882 *Finished planting corn.*
- June 5 1882 *Father finished planting.*
- June 7 1882 *Hot, a good brick day.*
- June 12 1882 *Me, to work on the road.*
- June 14 1882 *Camp meeting commenced.*
- June 15 1882 *Fred Vail got his horse.*
- June 19 1882 *People cultivating corn. George Colbath married.*
- June 24 1882 *Frank Ingersoll sold out.*
- July 1 1882 *Just set out the 6th hole in the brick kiln.*
- July 4 1882 *Splendid day. Dance at Otsego. Adam Wood got it up.*
- July 5 1882 *Nice day. Wheat commenced to head out.*
- July 6 1882 *Rainy day. Whole crew lazed up. (Brick yard crew)*
- July 10 1882 *Mary King died of consumption. Bill Wood married.*
- July 12 1882 *Cloudy and very cool. My head aches very bad PM.*
- July 14 1882 *Dance in front of Stevens, good time.*
- July 15 1882 *Frank Ingersoll traded horses.*
- July 17 1882 *Mrs. Brown's cousin up.*
- July 20 1882 *Good hay weather, corn silking out.*
- July 25 1882 *Fearful hot, heavy wind in PM. Quite a shower at night.*

- July 26 1882 *Lincoln Davis married Alice Perrie.*
- July 29 1882 *Frank Brown and Letty Parker were married.*
- Aug. 4 1882 *Stacking hay. Hot and quite a shower.*
- Aug. 7 1882 *I got my watch at night.*
- Aug. 11 1882 *Hot. Commenced harvesting. School closed, Dot Davis, Teacher.*
- Aug. 12 1882 *Me, working binding for Ingersoll. Very hot.*
- Aug. 14 1882 *Fearful hot. Adam Wood helping me.*
- Aug. 20 1882 *Herbert Davis stayed here all night. Heavy shower at night.*
- Aug. 21 1882 *Hot. Got my boots muggy.*
- Aug. 22 1882 *Fearful hot. Me, driving.*
- Aug. 25 1882 *Terrible hot. Me, to work for King harvesting.*
- Aug. 26 1882 *Terrible hot. Finished stacking wheat. Mr. King helping us.*
- Aug. 28 1882 *Quite cool. Mr. King finished cutting wheat.*
- Aug. 30 1882 *Fair day. Mr King mowing for Adams. Got my shirt.*
- Aug. 31 1882 *Nice day. King finished stacking.*
- Sept. 1 1882 *Me, working for King by month. Fine cool day.*
- Sept. 2 1882 *Father finished haying.*
- Sept. 3 1882 *Levi Copp up here.*
- Sept. 6 1882 *Went to the fair. Nice day.*
- Sept. 7 1882 *Fearful hot. Fearful dry.*
- Sept. 11 1882 *King plowing corn.*
- Sept. 13 1882 *Me, commenced cutting corn for King. Plowing, awful dry.*
- Sept. 14 1882 *Father piling logs. Nice and cool.*
- Sept. 16 1882 *I cut my knee bad.*
- Sept. 17 1882 *Big crowd here for melons. Very hot.*
- Sept. 20 1882 *Cutting cane. Norton quit work on the (Otsego) store.*
- Sept. 21 1882 *Rosco Washburn buried.*
- Sept. 22 1882 *Genny cutting corn here.*
- Sept. 24 1882 *My leg is better. Fearful dry.*
- Sept. 26 1882 *Neal Washburn started for Dakota.*
- Sept. 27 1882 *Mother and grandma went to Rockford.*
- Sept. 30 1882 *Lorin King went to Rices to work in the mill.*
- Oct. 2 1882 *Me, lathing.*
- Oct. 3 1882 *Ingersoll thrashing. Fred Vaik went to Dakota.*
- Oct. 4 1882 *I had my tooth broken off. Cloudy and rainy.*
- Oct. 5 1882 *Father thrashed. He had 301 bushels.*
- Oct. 6 1882 *Heavy showers. Awful windy.*
- Oct. 7 1882 *King thrashing. Jute with Heath's steamer.*
- Oct. 9 1882 *King finished thrashing. He had 312 bushels.*
- Oct. 10 1882 *I bought my gloves.*
- Oct. 14 1882 *Adelia Washburn (Age 23) died (or 15th). Wheat \$0.94 a bushel.*
- Oct. 16 1882 *Me to work for the Ingersolls, digging potatoes.*
- Oct. 17 1882 *Finished digging potatoes.*

- Oct. 18 1882 *Splendid husking weather. A good night.*
- Oct. 19 1882 *Nice day. Wheat \$1.00 per bushel.*
- Oct. 20 1882 *Dance at Goulds. I had a very good time. Nice day.*
- Oct. 23 1882 *Fine day for husking.*
- Oct. 25 1882 *Annie Smith came up. Frank went to Mpls. I broke my watch.*
- Oct. 26 1882 *Got my watch fixed.*
- Oct. 27 1882 *Elmer getting ready for the woods. Party at Vails.*
- Oct. 28 1882 *I started for the woods. Cold and windy*
- Oct. 29 1882 *Started from Rices.*
- Oct. 31 1882 *Got to camp. Cold AM. Awful bad road.*
- Nov. 3 1882 *Elmer went to Rices.*
- Nov. 4 1882 *Me commenced to make shakes. Rainy all night.*
- Nov. 6 1882 *Making shakes. Cloudy and warm.*
- Nov. 8 1882 *Elmer got back from Rices. Clear, very fine day.*
- Nov. 9 1882 *Commenced building the camp.*
- Nov. 10 1882 *Chilly to work on the camp.*
- Nov. 14 1882 *Five men came to camp(to work). Cloudy and quite warm.*
- Nov. 20 1882 *Elmer digging rocks. Nice day.*
- Nov. 21 1882 *Me and Ernest making a Deacon seat.*
- Nov. 22 1882 *I stuck a needle in my hand. Snowed at night.*
- Nov. 23 1882 *I started for home. Clear, cold and windy.*
- Nov. 24 1882 *I got to Elk River at night. A little warmer.*
- Nov. 25 1882 *Chopping bee at (Widow) Goodwins. Thawing.*
- Nov. 28 1882 *Frank moving his barn. Elliot and Lorin King chopped corn.*
- Dec. 1 1882 *Bought my leggings.*
- Dec. 4 1882 *No school today. Ice stopped running.*
- Dec. 5 1882 *A. T. Norton raised his barn. Vail got his horse.*
- Dec. 6 1882 *Will Ingersoll arrived.*
- Dec. 7 1882 *Clear and cold. 24 below.*
- Dec. 13 1882 *Me and Will Fleming got to camp.*
- Dec. 14 1882 *Commenced work again in the woods. Clear and cold.*
- Dec. 18 1882 *Me, commenced tending Go-devil. Cloudy and warm.*
- Dec. 19 1882 *Nasty weather. Tending the Go-devil.*
- Dec. 21 1882 *Lorin had a row last night.*
- Dec. 22 1882 *Me, started for home again.*
- Dec. 25 1882 *Christmas tree at Ingersolls. Had a good time.*
- Dec. 27 1882 *Party at Stevens.*
- Dec. 28 1882 *Elmer went into the woods. Cloudy and chilly.*
- Dec. 29 1882 *Wilbur's horse died.*
- Dec. 30 1882 *Arther Cooley died.*
- Dec. 31 1882 *Me, taken sick.*
- Jan. 17 1883 *Father hauling logs for Wilber.*

- Jan. 22 1883 *Terrible cold. 36 below.*
- Jan. 26 1883 *My(23rd) birthday.*
- Jan. 27 1883 *Herbert home. Thawing.*
- Jan. 30 1883 *Lorin King stayed here all night.*
- Feb. 3 1883 *I went up to the Ingersolls.*
- Feb. 4 1883 *I went to the Wilbers for the first time.*
- Feb. 6 1883 *Ingersoll killed two hogs. Moderate weather.*
- Feb. 7 1883 *Magic lantern show. Frank Ingersoll killed his horse.*
- Feb. 12 1883 *Morrells borders left.*
- Feb. 13 1883 *Small pox raging up river.*
- Feb. 14 1883 *Me over to court. Rhub Lozd(Loyd?) died from heart disease.*
- Feb. 17 1883 *Cammol got his sentence.*
- Feb. 19 1883 *May More went home.*
- Feb. 20 1883 *Herbert brought his compass over. School closed, Miss Kinney teacher.*
- Feb. 22 1883 *Norton cut his leg.*
- Feb. 24 1883 *Will Ingersoll went to Mpls. Mr. McDermid got home from Maine.*
- Feb. 25 1883 *Mr. King's horse got a kicking.*
- Feb. 27 1883 *Ingersoll getting up stove wood.*
- March 1 1883 *Maggie Heath living at Wilbers. Nimble taken lame.*
- March 2 1883 *Laura Peavey gave birth to a young son(Orin). Me helping Ingersoll cut stove wood.*
- March 3 1883 *Snow settling some. Looks like a storm. Roads getting bad.*
- March 4 1883 *Nimble getting worse.*
- March 5 1883 *Fred Vail hauling cord wood.*
- March 6 1883 *Herbert Davis went up country.*
- March 7 1883 *Dance at Hamlet's, had a good time.*
- March 8 1883 *Nimble better. Thawing some*
- March 9 1883 *Me. commenced work for Lorenzo Smith.*
- March 10 1883 *Wilber's cow had a calf. No frost in the ground in the woods*
- March 12 1883 *Lorenzo Smith went to Mpls. Warm wind, snow settling.*
- March 13 1883 *Town meeting day. Harring elected Postmaster.*
- March 14 1883 *He left again to Ingersolls. I lazed up, my head aches.*
- March 15 1883 *Fine day. Me, chopping for Smith. Elmer got home from the woods.*
- March 16 1883 *Quite warm. Roads getting bad. I quit work for Lorenzo Smith.*
- March 17 1883 *Very warm. Snow going fast. Me, to work for Ingersoll hauling manure.*
- March 19 1883 *A dance at Mr. Goodwins. 14 below. Ernest got home from the woods. Adam Wood and Adam(Samuel?)had a row.*
- March 21 1883 *Sidney and Alice(Brother and sister) went to Mpls.*
- March 22 1883 *Lorenzo Smith moved out. Awful crust on the snow in the woods.*
- March 23 1883 *Me, cutting stove wood. Clear nice day*
- March 26 1883 *Sidney got home from Mpls. Me, chopping wood.*
- March 27 1883 *One and 1/2 ft. of snow in the woods now.*
- March 28 1883 *My eyes sore. Clear and thawing.*

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- March 29 1883 *Alice got home from Mpls Roads awful bad.*
- March 30 1883 *Brick school house at Elk River, burned.*
- Apr. 2 1883 *Will Mosman arrived at Otsego from the woods. Dance at Ingersolls, very nice time.*
- Apr. 4 1883 *We are to work at the wood pile. I have a bad cold.*
- Apr. 6 1883 *Begins to look like farming*
- Apr. 7 1883 *Charlie Wood was married.*
- Apr. 8 1883 *Joe Martin got home from the woods. Snow most all gone.*
- Apr. 9 1883 *Wilber Ingersoll finished his well. Lorenzo Smith went to Mpls. Ice is out of Mississippi River.*
- Apr. 10 1883 *Terrible snow storm. About 8 inches. Thundered a little, warm.*
- Apr. 11 1883 *Loren King went on a drive. Beautiful morning. Snow going fast.*
- Apr. 12 1883 *Started to rain about 8 AM.*
- Apr. 14 1883 *Mr. McDonald farming on Mr. Wood's place. Grass getting green*
- Apr. 15 1883 *Had a sing at Ingersolls.*
- Apr. 16 1883 *Frank Ingersoll laid up with his cut foot. Alice went back to Houltons(To work). Got the ferry in the river at Otsego.*
- Apr. 17 1883 *Finished sawing stove wood. Fred Vail commenced farming for Smith.*
- Apr. 18 1883 *Father commenced to put wheat. Don't freeze any nights now.*
- Apr. 19 1883 *Joe McDonald tending ferry. Very fine day.*
- Apr. 20 1883 *Norton weighs 204 LBS. Smith went to Mpls. Rain most all day.*
- Apr. 21 1883 *Sing at Stevens. Finished the wood pile. Terrible windy.*
- Apr. 22 1883 *Ferry wire broke. Freeze quite hard last night. Snowed about 2 inches.*
- Apr. 23 1883 *Miss Sally Morrell commenced teaching school. Bought my frock.*
- Apr. 24 1883 *Father exchanging work with Ernest Ingersoll. Folks farming now.*
- Apr. 25 1883 *Lorenzo Smith commenced on his cellar. I helped Ernest. Nice day.*
- Apr. 27 1883 *Commenced work for King.*
- Apr. 28 1883 *King came to put in wheat. A little cooler.*
- Apr. 29 1883 *A very nice day.*
- Apr. 30 1883 *About the same.*
- May 2 1883 *Mr. C. Cord running Lorenzo Smith's lines out(Surveying)*
- May 3 1883 *Fixing fences for King.*
- May 4 1883 *Father finished putting in wheat. Going to Kings.*
- May 5 1883 *Me, grubbing stumps. Very nice day*
- May 6 1883 *Will Ingersoll up on a visit. Clear and warm.*
- May 9 1883 *The boys enlarging their brick yard. Bertha Stertavant died*
- May 10 1883 *School commenced, Ellen Cooley teacher. Mrs. McDonald arrived at Otsego from Nova Scotia.*
- May 11 1883 *The funeral took place at my cousin Bertha*
- May 12 1883 *Clear and warm. Wheat commencing to look some green.*
- May 14 1883 *Finished working for King. Very heavy frost.*
- May 15 1883 *Went to Elk River. Ernest commenced corn planting.*
- May 16 1883 *Mary White very sick. The boys trying their brick machine.*

- May 17 1883 *Father built 120 rods of wire fence this spring.
Me, building fence out by Vails.*
- May 18 1883 *Ernest bought his buggy. Showery*
- May 19 1883 *Trees leafing out slow.*
- May 20 1883 *Heavy frost at night.*
- May 21 1883 *Me, planting corn for McDonald. Clear and cool.*
- May 22 1883 *Frost at night. Plum trees are in blossom. Broken weather. Dance at Goodwins,
fair time.*
- May 23 1883 *Herbert Davis started up river again. Farmers are planting.*
- May 24 1883 *Quite a scare about small pox. Me, making corn ground.*
- May 25 1883 *Finished planting corn. A little warmer.*
- May 26 1883 *I commenced work in the brick yard.*
- May 27 1883 *Will Ingersoll and Mr. Pineo up.*
- May 28 1883 *Small Pox raging in Frankfort.*
- May 30 1883 *Fearful heavy frost at night.*
- June 1 1883 *They commenced to build a rest house in Elk River.*
- June 2 1883 *Fred Trustey was moved to the rest house. Very cold.*
- June 6 1883 *Me, to work on the road. Very cold. Ed Phelps died yesterday*
- June 8 1883 *Pretty cloudy and warm. Poor brick weather.*
- June 9 1883 *Everything looks green. Cloudy and cool.
Fred trustey was buried. He died from small pox.*
- June 12 1883 *Very cool. Corn very backward.*
- June 13 1883 *Nice day. Me sick.*
- June 14 1883 *About the same weather, but windy. Very nice brick day.*
- June 15 1883 *Elmer had to quit work. Rainy AM. , Hot PM. Martin Spencer sold his team.*
- June 16 1883 *Mrs. Seneca Porter(Mary age 59) is very sick.*
- June 18 1883 *Me, peeling bark.*
- June 19 1883 *Struck 10 rows of brick this AM. Clear very nice day.*
- June 20 1883 *Hatty King at Eli Kings.*
- June 21 1883 *Mrs. Porter died 10 AM. We, striking brick, splendid hot day.*
- June 23 1883 *Eban Davis got his cart wheel fixed. Light showers AM. Cool.*
- June 24 1883 *Cora Goss up.*
- June 26 1883 *Mr. Briggs at Monticello drowned.*
- June 27 1883 *Hot Hot Hot*
- June 30 1883 *Fearful hot. good breeze, warm wind.*
- July 2 1883 *Cora Goss at the brick yard. Very Hot.*
- July 3 1883 *I bough my coat. Awful hot.*
- July 4 1883 *Dance in Adam Woods grainery at night.*
- July 5 1883 *Wheat most headed out. Hot, rain a lot night.*
- July 7 1883 *Mosman at work for Adam Wood. Nice Breeze.*
- July 8 1883 *George McDonald and Harrington had a fight. Corn backwards.*
- July 9 1883 *Everest Gould commenced work in the brick yard. Quite hot.*
- July 12 1883 *Otis and George and Henry Caulkins started for Washington Territory.*

- July 16 1883 *McDonald having her trial.*
- July 17 1883 *Mr. Stevens moved from Otsego. Mrs. Smith sent forth another boy. (Clint)*
- July 18 1883 *They put fire in the Kiln at night.*
- July 19 1883 *I set up to the brick kiln. Quite hot.*
- July 20 1883 *Heard from Brown. Fearful hot and muggy.*
- July 21 1883 *Ernest cut his knee.*
- July 22 1883 *I set up to the brick kiln.*
- July 23 1883 *Hat McDonald to work for Smith.*
- July 24 1883 *Corn growing very fast.*
- July 25 1883 *Finished burning five AM.*
- July 26 1883 *Dance to John Pepins.*
- July 27 1883 *Brick yard crew hunting for Ed Wood.*
- July 28 1883 *The raspberries are very thick this year.*
- July 30 1883 *Old lady McDonald died 3 AM. today.*
- July 31 1883 *They found Ed Wood.*
- Aug. 2 1883 *We tried the rock(?).*
- Aug. 5 1883 *Corn badly behind.*
- Aug. 7 1883 *Elmer sick again.*
- Aug. 8 1883 *Awful poor brick weather.*
- Aug. 9 1883 *Frank Brown hurt his foot.*
- Aug. 10 1883 *I bought my shoes.*
- Aug. 11 1883 *Elliot King studying for a doctor.*
- Aug. 14 1883 *Two holes done.*
- Aug. 15 1883 *Father commenced harvesting. Poor brick weather.*
- Aug. 17 1883 *Father got his Waterbury watch.*
- Aug. 21 1883 *Awful heavy rain and wind. Lightning struck Plummers barn.*
- Aug. 22 1883 *Louise Caulkin gave birth to a young girl. Helped father harvest.*
- Aug. 24 1883 *Some corn is in the milk.*
- Aug. 29 1883 *Ed Morrison after brick.*
- Aug. 30 1883 *Father finished cutting wheat.*
- Aug. 31 1883 *The crew went cranberrying.*
- Sept. 5 1883 *Camp meeting commenced.*
- Sept. 7 1883 *Fearful heavy frost at night.*
- Sept. 8 1883 *We striking brick.*
- Sept. 9 1883 *Camp meeting closed.*
- Sept. 10 1883 *Cloudy and cold. Corn crop near failure.*
- Sept. 11 1883 *The boys sold 43,000 bricks.*
- Sept. 12 1883 *Commenced hauling brick.*
- Sept. 15 1883 *Sing to grandfathers. Carry Pickard down there.*
- Sept. 18 1883 *Awful dry, warm.*
- Sept. 19 1883 *Striking brick. George Plummer at work on Pickard's house. Mr. Pickard going to build a house on the Barnes place.*
- Sept. 20 1883 *Everest Gould and Nell Goodwin were married.*

- Sept. 22 1883 *Elmer and me are picking clay. Drisy.*
 Sept. 25 1883 *Old man Perry died. Ernest commenced thrashing.*
 Sept. 27 1883 *Father thrashing. He had 345 BU.*
 Sept. 28 1883 *Alice Davise lost her son. It was about 5 days old. Dance to Frank Browns.*
 Sept. 29 1883 *John Vail has sold his farm to Fred. Very cold.*
 Oct. 3 1883 *Ernest went home with Carry Pickard. Put fire in the kiln.*
 Oct. 4 1883 *Elmer and me to see Peavey set up the brick kiln.*
 Oct. 7 1883 *Frank and me set up the brick kiln.*
 Oct. 8 1883 *I quit work in the brick yard at noon. Cloudy, quite hot.*
 Oct. 9 1883 *I started for the woods.*
 Oct. 13 1883 *Building camp. Bill Wood shot himself accidently.*
 Oct. 17 1883 *We moved into new camp. Cold rained most all night.*
 Oct. 23 1883 *Commenced work on the main road.*
 Oct. 25 1883 *Me swamping on the main road.*
 Oct. 31 1883 *Me swamping for Go Devil, and building skidways.*
 Nov. 4 1883 *Mrs. Sherry _____ (?) arrived at camp.*
 Nov. 7 1883 *Me and Blathe (?) making skidways.*
 Nov. 17 1883 *Will Mosman and Alice Holt married. Swamp froze quite hard.*
 Nov. 20 1883 *I got my watch back.*
 Nov. 26 1883 *Building horse shovel.*
 Dec. 2 1883 *Mr. Dwellie came.*
 Dec. 3 1883 *I broke my double bitted axe.*
 Dec. 4 1883 *George Eddy went home.*
 Dec. 6 1883 *Cloudy and rainy. We layed up PM.*
 Dec. 7 1883 *I wrenched my leg. Cloudy, quite windy and snow.*
 Dec. 15 1883 *Discharged Blake and Hiram.*
 Dec. 17 1883 *Commenced hauling logs.*
 Dec. 22 1883 *Will Ingersoll sold his watch.*
 Dec. 24 1883 *Mrs. Dwellie arrived at camp.*
 Dec. 26 1883 *Joe quit chopping at night.*
 Dec. 27 1883 *Four horse teams come at night.*
- Jan. 2 1884 *I commenced swamping main road. Mr. Morrell's house burned at night.*
 Jan. 6 1884 *G. Green and Jim come.*
 Jan. 9 1884 *Jack hurt his foot.*
 Jan. 15 1884 *I got my moose hide moccasins. About 8 inches of snow now.*
 Jan. 17 1884 *Peavey lost a horse at night. Fine day.*
 Jan. 27 1884 *Joseph McDonald and Carrie Pickard were married. Cloudy & warm.*
 Feb. 1 1884 *Building another horse shovel.*
 Feb. 13 1884 *Larry Peavey and his wife arrived.*
 Feb. 25 1884 *Herbert and Eben went to Canada a cruising.*
 March 4 1884 *Mr. Ross came back. About 18 inches of snow now.*
 March 5 1884 *Will Ingersoll went down river.*

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- March 9 1884 *I got my time.*
- March 11 1884 *I got home from the woods.*
- March 12 1884 *Clear, cold, and quite windy. The roads are awful bad.*
- March 13 1884 *I and Ernest & Elmer & Will Ingersoll went to Minneapolis.*
- March 14 1884 *Otsego is flooded with cord wood this spring.*
- March 15 1884 *Mr. Monroe has been staying at Wilbers this winter.*
- March 16 1884 *Andrew Davis had a stroke of Paralysis in his face, better now.*
- March 17 1884 *I got my fine(?) boots fixed.*
- March 19 1884 *Lincoln Davis building a house in Otsego.*
- March 20 1884 *Commenced sawing wood at the door for summer. Will Mosman settled.*
- March 21 1884 *Ben(?) Ingsrde(?) boarding at grandfathers, with old man Wood.*
- March 22 1884 *Bill Izote(?) living at Mr. Adams. Ernest fixing my saw.*
- March 23 1884 *Snow going very fast & making lots of water & awful bad roads.*
- March 24 1884 *I got my shoes sent by express.*
- March 25 1884 *Dance at Len Smiths. I helped Pickard. About 8 inches of snow in woods.*
- March 28 1884 *Dance at Pickards. Lots of whiskey there.*
- March 30 1884 *Mit (?) Shaffner and his wife up at Wilbers.*
- March 31 1884 *Clear nice day. Ice went out. Looks considerably like farming.*
- Apr. 1 1884 *Ernest and Elmer started out for the drive.*
- Apr. 2 1884 *I helped Bill Kute(?) build his log house. Joe got his ferry in.*
- Apr. 4 1884 *Mr. Morrell moved back on his farm.*
- Apr. 5 1884 *Bill Jones working for Len Smith. Warmest day we've had this spring.*
- Apr. 6 1884 *Mrs. Monroe and Frank stopped at Wilber's now.*
- Apr. 7 1884 *Finished our wood pile.*
- April 8 1884 *Jim Morrell's little boy died. (Wilber age 4). I and Will Mosman and my brother, Sid, and father went to Livona.*
- Apr. 9 1884 *Father commenced seeding. Will Mosman commenced work for Frank and Eben Ingersoll. A funeral for Jim Morrell's little boy.*
- Apr. 10 1884 *I commenced work for grandfather. Snow all gone.*
- Apr. 11 1884 *I am grubbing stumps. Looks like rain.*
- Apr. 12 1884 *Frank Monroe and me grubbing stumps.*
- Apr. 19 1884 *I had my tooth pulled. Fearful windy, very disagreeable.*
- Apr. 20 1884 *Water very low in river.*
- Apr. 22 1884 *Finished seeding. Beautiful calm day. Good time to burn brush.*
- Apr. 23 1884 *Father went to Buffalo to get examined.*
- Apr. 24 1884 *Awful smokey. A light in the sky was seen. Elmer got home with(?).*
- Apr. 25 1884 *I am done work on the basement.*
- Apr. 26 1884 *Cloudy and rainy, just commencing to look a very green.*
- Apr. 27 1884 *The river commencing to raise.*
- May 2 1884 *Ernest got home from the drive. Herb Davis & Fred Corey went Cruising.*
- May 3 1884 *Leon Snow has rented old man Cooley farm this summer, water quite high on Mississippi River.*

- May 5 1884 *The Carpenters commenced putting on Ingersoll's cornices. School commenced, Mr. Doran, Teacher*
- May 6 1884 *Grandpa commenced laying brick in the basement.*
- May 7 1884 *Ernest Ingersoll has got the mumps.*
- May 8 1884 *The Carpenters are at work shingling Ingersoll's house.*
- May 9 1884 *Father has got 2 acres grubbed this spring. Will Mosman and Eben Ingersoll are a bricking.*
- May 10 1884 *Clear nice day, quite windy. Nice time to burn brick. Trees look green.*
- May 12 1884 *Elmer started for Leech Lake a cruising. Frost at night.*
- May 13 1884 *I am tending Mason. Nice day.*
- May 16 1884 *Mrs. Washburn very low.*
- May 17 1884 *We finished the brick work in the basement. Very hot.*
- May 19 1884 *John Vail is working for Martin Spencer this summer. Beautiful day.*
- May 20 1884 *The plum trees are in blossom. Light shower A.M.*
- May 21 1884 *George breaking for winter.*
- May 22 1884 *Amacy ? Fisk is working for Eli King.*
- May 23 1884 *I commenced working for Martin Spencer.*
- May 26 1884 *Me, working for Len Smith building wire fences. Clear and hot.*
- May 27 1884 *I & Will Fleming taking out a raft for Mort Spencer.*
- May 28 1884 *Barn raising at David Ingersolls. I went down to Champlin to work for Spencers.*
- May 31 1884 *We quit work at half past two. Heavy showers, some thunder and lightning.*
- June 4 1884 *George McDonald went home from Champlin sick. I went down to the brick yard on a raft from Champlin. Very fine day.*
- June 6 1884 *Heavy showers at night. Considerable thunder and lightning.*
- June 11 1884 *I quit work for Mart Spencwer.*
- June 12 1884 *Father got his harvester home. Heavy showers and lightning.*
- June 13 1884 *I commenced work in the brick yard. Hot and windy.*
- June 17 1884 *Terrible hot. Up to Jim Morrells.*
- June 19 1884 *Looks like a shower. Hot at night but cooler when the wind sprung.*
- June 20 1884 *Fearful hot. Awful heavy shower.*
- June 23 1884 *Eben has got the mumps. Me and Ben & Will Mosman hoeing on the break.*
- June 24 1884 *Eli King has got his barn done. Terrible hot.*
- June 26 1884 *Wheat heading out on the prairie.*
- June 28 1884 *Henry Caulkins got home from Washington. The boys are losing lots of brick by cracking.*
- June 29 1884 *Elmer Ingersoll got home from cruising. Terrible hot.*
- June 30 1884 *Frank commenced to build a shed to dry bricks in.*
- July 1 1884 *We put some brick in the shed. Gus Higgins house & child burned.*
- July 2 1884 *Mr. Morrell building a new house.*
- July 7 1884 *Eve Gould & Frank Brown had a dance on the platform at night.*
- July 8 1884 *Edith Fleming to work for Will Mosman this week. A good time.*
- July 9 1884 *I went to circus at Elk River tonight. Very nice day.*

- July 14 1884 *Minnie & Gertie went a blue berrying with the Pickards team.*
- July 17 1884 *I hurt my side. Will Mosman & me picking clay.*
- July 18 1884 *Lots of raspberries this year. Nice day.*
- July 19 1884 *Will Mosman layed up. Quite hot.*
- July 22 1884 *Ron got back from the drive. He got 102 days.*
- July 23 1884 *I went to the Mill Pond re-union. (A soldier re-union)*
- July 24 1884 *Father commenced to cut Mr. Adam's Oats. Am with the harvesters.*
- July 30 1884 *People are commenced to harvest. corn looking well.*
- July 31 1884 *Frank Ingersoll bought Mr. McDermid's crow bar. Charlie Davis is working in the Orono saw mill this summer.*
- Aug. 4 1884 *ron worked in the brick yard today.*
- Aug. 6 1884 *I & Frank & Eben commenced mowing out on their place.*
- Aug. 8 1884 *Charlie Markem? cutting King's wheat with self binder.*
- Aug. 9 1884 *Frank Ingersoll & Will Mosman stacking hay.*
- Aug. 10 1884 *I bought my over coat from Ron Myshrall.*
- Aug. 11 1884 *I helped father harvest. Elmer Ingersoll helping Adam Wood harvest. Another birth in our family. Randolph Myshrall started for home.*
- Aug. 12 1884 *Will Ingersoll is working for Gran Snow.*
- Aug. 14 1884 *I & Will Mosman & Eben helping grandpa thrash. Fearful hot.*
- Aug. 15 1884 *A terrible fire in Anoka at night.*
- Aug. 16 1884 *Didn't quite finish thrashing at grandpa's.*
- Aug. 17 1884 *Alice Davis lost her second child.*
- Aug. 18 1884 *Will Mosman quit work in the brick yard at nigh. Holt & Thorpe's machine broke.*
- Aug. 19 1884 *George McDonald is home sick, caused by overheating.*
- Aug. 20 1884 *Camp meeting commenced. Some fear of frost.*
- Aug. 23 1884 *Pulled the beans.*
- Aug. 25 1884 *Me, chopping stove wood. Will Mosman & Alice are stopping at fathers.*
- Aug. 26 1884 *Father killed Mosman's hog. Not a cloud to be seen.*
- Aug. 29 1884 *I struck 9 rows of brick, P.M.*
- Sept. 2 1884 *Grandmother & Mrs. Smith hurt on there way to Rockford.*
- Sept. 4 1884 *Eben & Me cultivating his corn on the breaking.*
- Sept. 5 1884 *Grandma is very bad.*
- Sept. 6 1884 *I am cutting stove wood.*
- Sept. 9 1884 *Quite a wild looking night.*
- Sept. 10 1884 *Folks are cutting corn.*
- Sept. 13 1884 *Me, scoring brick.*
- Sept. 14 1884 *M. Vail came up from Northfield on a visit.*
- Sept. 15 1884 *Charlie Haden came over to look at Frank's mare.*
- Sept. 16 1884 *Eben & me cutting corn for Ernest.*
- Sept. 17 1884 *Corrie Spencer is working for grandma now. Finished cutting corn.*
- Sept. 20 1884 *Charlie Haden took Frank's mare home. Me cutting stove wood.*

Party at Morrell's at night.

- Sept. 21 1884 *Will Mosman living in Elk River. Quite hot.*
- Sept. 22 1884 *Ernest set up at night. Put fire in the kiln in the morning.*
- Sept. 23 1884 *I sat up at the brick kiln at night. Cloudy & cool.*
- Sept. 26 1884 *Mrs. Ellis and Annie came to grandfather's. King is thrashing.*
- Sept. 27 1884 *Mr. Fisk quit work for Eli King at night, he got in 100 days.*
- Sept. 28 1884 *I quit working in the brick yard, I worked 90 days. Mrs. Gould is working for grandmother now. Luther Ingersoll cut his knee and has been laid up for some time. Grandmother is getting real smart again.*
- Sept. 29 1884 *Milton & Elmer Hamlet & Fred Vail thrashing here. Hailed at night father is thrashing.*
- Sept. 30 1884 *Finished thrashing PM. Good wheat is worth about \$.65 now. It has been worth \$.75 this fall. E.B. & E.E. Ingersoll bought their father's farm.*
- Oct. 1 1884 *I bought my trunk. Cloudy, rained about all day & night.*
- Oct. 2 1884 *Mrs. Ellis & Annie & Mrs. Joe Parker over to fathers.*
- Oct. 3 1884 *Ephram Costigen is working at Morrells for his board. Mrs. Thorp fired a shot at Skinner's store. Hot day & night.*
- Oct. 4 1884 *Joe McDonald had Mrs. Thorp arrested. Adams is thrashing in Elmer Hamlet's machine. Very warm.*
- Oct. 5 1884 *Will Mosman has rented a house in Elk River & is living there. Mother is over to Mosmans on a visit. Clear, cool & terribly windy.*
- Oct. 6 1884 *I commenced husking corn for Eben Davis. Light showers PM.*
- Oct. 7 1884 *Orion Davis & Me husking corn for Eben Davis. Heavy frost at night.*
- Oct. 8 1884 *M. Vail is working at D. L. Ingersolls now. It looks very much like fall now. The leaves are fast falling.*
- Oct. 10 1884 *Wheat is worth \$.62. Acts like some rain.*
- Oct. 12 1884 *Luther Ingersoll is over at E. B. Davis's on a visit. His leg is quite bad yet. Beautiful day, warm and smokey.*
- Oct. 13 1884 *The corn fodder is getting quite dry.*
- Oct. 14 1884 *I finished husking for E. Davis. Another nice day.*
- Oct. 15 1884 *I commenced husking for Mr. Plummer.*
- Oct. 16 1884 *Splendid weather for husking corn. Indian summer, smokey.*
- Oct. 17 1884 *I husked 45 bushels of corn. Husking at Ed Pickards & Frank Browns*
- Oct. 18 1884 *Grandmother is over TB. E.B. Davis's on a visit, she is quite lame yet. Corn fodder is fearful dry. Frank Brown husked 46 bushels.*
- Oct. 19 1884 *Charlie Washburn got shot.*
- Oct. 20 1884 *A lecture on potatoes in Spencer's store by Stacy & ?.*
- Oct. 24 1884 *A man got his arm sawed off at Brimmers' mill.*
- Oct. 25 1884 *I finished husking for Berney Plummer. 304 Bushels.*
- Oct. 27 1884 *I bought my Mackinaw.*
- Oct. 28 1884 *I commenced husking for grandpa. Awful windy.*

- Oct. 29 1884 *Charlie Washburn died about noon. Good husking weather.*
- Oct. 31 1884 *Charlie Washburn's funeral. Cloudy AM., clear part of PM. Snow at night.*
- Nov. 1 1884 *A political lecture in Houlton's hall at night.*
- Nov. 3 1884 *Miss Lilly Morrill commenced teaching school at Pelican Lake.
Democratic lecture at Houlton's hall.*
- Nov. 4 1884 *The election day. Mentions candidates.*
- Nov. 5 1884 *Father has just been having his house plastered below by
Mrs. L.A. Touche.*
- Nov. 7 1884 *I finished husking for W. L. Ingersoll. In all this fall 907 Bushels
so far.*
- Nov. 8 1884 *I bought 6 chairs for \$3.00.*
- Nov. 9 1884 *No. 1 wheat worth \$.60 a bushel.*
- Nov. 10 1884 *Father finished husking. Will Mosman helped husk. Quite warm.*
- Nov. 11 1884 *I helped Will Masman cut dry wood on the Copp place.*
- Nov. 12 1884 *Link Davis moving his house up to his fathers.*
- Nov. 13 1884 *Sing to D.L. Ingersoll. Mr. Baily & a lot more from Elk River*
- Nov. 15 1884 *Me, spreading manure for E.B. & E.E. Ingersoll.*
- Nov. 16 1884 *Levi Copp stayed at fathers all night. Cloudy, cold & chilly.*
- Nov. 17 1884 *Frank Ingersoll got shot in the nose by W. J. Ingersoll.*
- Nov. 18 1884 *Will Mosman to work putting the finish on the sitting room. some
ice running in the Mississippi.*
- Nov. 19 1884 *I helped Elmer Ingerasoll stack corn fodder.*
- Nov. 20 1884 *Chopping bee at Mrs. Thorp. Ground frozen quite hard.*
- Nov. 21 1884 *I got my colt home. Disagreeable, snowed 2 inches at night.*
- Nov. 24 1884 *24 below. Will Ingersoll & Eben Ingersoll hauling hay.*
- Nov. 25 1884 *The ice stopped at night. Clear, quite a cold wind.*
- Nov. 27 1884 *I helped Frank Brown & Eve Gould kill a pig. Cold & windy.*
- Nov. 28 1884 *Warm & nice, thawing some. 3 inches of snow, roads are very bad.*
- Nov. 29 1884 *Herbert Davis & Lucie Hyphel were married 3 PM. Fine day.*
- Dec. 1 1884 *School commence. Mr. Plummer teacher. I commenced cutting wood for Eli King.*
- Dec. 4 1884 *A small dance at Smith's at night. Warm.*
- Dec. 5 1884 *The trees are frosty on the tops.*
- Dec. 6 1884 *Kind of sleet at night. Freezing, good bottom for sledding.*
- Dec. 9 1884 *Mr. Bailey commenced to teach a singing school at D L. Ingersolls.*
- Dec. 13 1884 *I finished chopping for Eli King.*
- Dec. 15 1884 *Ed Pickard & Me, commenced work for Fred Vail. Times are very dull.*
- Dec. 18 1884 *Fearful cold, not so windy. 32 below zero.*
- Dec. 25 1884 *Nothing going on this Christmas, owing to the hard times. The thermometer
ranges from 38 to 46 below before sunrise.*
- Dec. 26 1884 *The lower schoolhouse burned in Elk River.*
- Dec. 29 1884 *Fred Vail helped father butcher. Fred bought one hog from father.*
- Dec. 30 1884 *Snowed about all day.*
- Dec. 31 1884 *Dance at Charlie Snows. They had a good time. I didn't go.*

- Jan. 1 1885 *Terrible cold day. 33 below & the wind blowing*
- Jan. 2 1885 *Terrible, fearful cold, 49 below, the coldest day on record.*
- Jan. 3 1885 *Real warm, almost thawing.*
- Jan. 5 1885 *Still warmer, mostly working in the snow.*
- Jan. 8 1885 *Party at the brick yard. Clear & thawing.*
- Jan. 10 1885 *I am working among very tough Elm wood. Little warmer.*
- Jan. 12 1885 *Mother is having quite a time sick. Growing cold.*
- Jan. 13 1885 *Very cold 36 below.*
- Jan. 15 1885 *They had a singing school at Sam parkers.*
- Jan. 16 1885 *Will Fleming is stopping at Morrills this winter. The old men ?*
- Jan. 18 1885 *20 below yesterday and today.*
- Jan. 21 1885 *Fearful cold & windy. I froze my nose.*
- Jan. 31 1885 *Fred Vail went to Anoka with a load of wheat but he didn't sell it.*
Herbert Davis and his wife are living at the Pollards in Elk River this winter.
Mr. Jones is working for Len Smith this winter.
- Feb. 2 1885 *I bought my boots at night. Clear and real warm.*
- Feb. 5 1885 *I went up to look at my land.*
- Feb. 9 1885 *Fred Vail went to Buffalo. Clear & very cold.*
- Feb. 10 1885 *Fearful cold & windy. 34 below.*
- Feb. 15 1885 *Fred Vail discharged Ed Pickard.*
- Feb. 20 1885 *Mr Welcome & Mr. Garvin are having a revival in Otsego now.*
School closed.
- Feb. 23 1885 *The wood pile is gone.*
- Feb. 28 1885 *Snow settling considerable, it hurt the sledding some.*
- March 6 1885 *John Soper is moving out to Mr. Porters. He has rented his farm.*
- March 7 1885 *The funeral of Levi Maybe ? & Cap ? Trask took place in Elk River.*
Father finished hauling stove wood. I quit work for Fred Vail.
- March 8 1885 *James Morrell's house burned at night. I have piles fearful bad.*
- March 9 1885 *Father & Sydney hauling hay from Washburns. He paid \$3.00 per ton.*
- March 11 1885 *Sydney & Harry are just commencing work on the wood pile.*
- March 13 1885 *People are using wagons now. I bot my nit? Frock away at night.*
- March 14 1885 *Fearful, fearful windy. Freese hard at night.*
- March 15 1885 *The series of meeting closed. Cold & disagreeable.*
- March 16 1885 *The eclipse about noon, 5/6th of the sun covered. I commenced to cut stove wood at home. Clear and quite cold.*
- March 17 1885 *Herbert Davis came over & bought some hens from mother*
- March 18 1885 *They had a donation in the church. They raised \$101.00 for the preachers.*
Gertie took (Won?) the cake.
- March 19 1885 *Henrietta Morrill & Billy Morrill out to fathers a visiting.*
- March 23 1885 *I went down & see Swanson.*
- March 24 1885 *Father butchered 6 or 8 hogs. John Soper & Len Smith helping him.*
- March 25 1885 *Father & Sydney went to Mpls. with the hogs. They got \$.04 & 1/4*

- March 26 1885 *They got home from Mpls. Fields getting quite bare.*
- March 28 1885 *I bought my hatchet. George Crocker, Joe Balzell, & Charlie Dickie drowned a span of horses at Monticello.*
- March 30 1885 *I had my tooth pulled. The river crossing is not very good, but they do cross yet with teams. Road are bad. Thawing fast.*
- Apr. 2 1885 *I went over to Elk River & got my tooth fixed.*
- Apr. 3 1885 *It thundered a little, the first I have heard this year.*
- Apr. 6 1885 *The snow is just about gone. The folks are talking about farming.*
- Apr. 7 1885 *We finished our wood pile Will Fleming commenced seeding.*
- Apr. 11 1885 *The ice went out. Terrible windy & disagreeable, freezes at night.*
- Apr. 13 1885 *Joe got the ferry in. We are having bad weather.*
- Apr. 14 1885 *Little Jessie Crocker died about noon, age 11 months. They are just commencing to build a bank close to Wheatons store in Elk River.*
- Apr. 15 1885 *Father commenced sowing wheat. Jessie Crocker was buried PM.*
- Apr. 16 1885 *Levi Cropp was up for a visit. Terrible backward cold this spring.*
- Apr. 17 1885 *Poor Jessie Parker is having a hard time. The water is terrible low in the Miss.*
- Apr. 22 1885 *No. 1 hard wheat worth \$.88 now.*
- Apr. 23 1885 *Gene Vail commenced work for Charlie Spencer. We cleaned the church.*
- Apr. 24 1885 *The water in the Mississippi raised about 2 feet.*
- Apr. 26 1885 *Minnie went to Eli King to work.*
- Apr. 27 1885 *Froze 1/2 inch of ice last night.*
- Apr. 28 1885 *I put my colt in the Ingersoll brothers pasture by the brick yard.*
- Apr. 29 1885 *Ga ? Marsh is going to run Swansons wood this summer.*
- Apr. 30 1885 *Mrs Janez ? Featherstone of Elk River died.*
- May 2 1885 *Frank Ingersoll is hauling brick to Moticello for Wallace Ingersoll.*
- May 3 1885 *Freeze quite hard last night. Backward spring.*
- May 4 1885 *School commenced. Ellen Cooley, teacher. Father finished seeding. I went to Monticello with Frank Ingersoll with a load of brick. PM.*
- May 6 1885 *Snowed 2 inches. Ice 3/4 in thick night.*
- May 8 1885 *Will Mosman is working for Will Houlton fixing the side walk.*
- May 9 1885 *Eli King sold one gray 3 year old colt for \$125.00*
- May 13 1885 *Martin Spencer shot Mr. Ricker through the leg at night. Father sold his steers, he got \$88.00*
- May 15 1885 *I started for Swansons brick yard. Warn nice day.*
- May 16 1885 *Me, baking brick for Swansons. Nice day.*
- May 18 1885 *I came home from Swansons. PM.*
- May 19 1885 *I went to Montecello with Frank. They are hauling brick with two teams.*
- May 20 1885 *The trees are looking nice and green.*
- May 21 1885 *Miss Charity Porter & Otis Newton were married. 80 degrees in shade. I bought another pair of fine boots. The Swedes stole my others.*
- May 22 1885 *I am helping mark the corn ground. Plum trees all in bloom, 85 degrees.*
- May 23 1885 *Lincoln Davis commenced bricking for Luther Ingersoll. Father finished planting corn. very warm & windy.*

- May 25 1885 *I commenced work in the brick yard. The boys sold 3000 brick today.*
- May 29 1885 *Clear & hot. We need rain.*
- May 31 1885 *D. Ingersoll don't like the fast music on Sunday. Nancy is keeping house for the boys, her brothers.*
- June 1 1885 *Only one says pole tax this year. Mr Morrill is Post Master. I worked on the King Hill road. Clear & hot.*
- June 3 1885 *Simon Hunt & his wife took supper at the brick yard. Terribly dry.*
- June 4 1885 *Frank went to Coon Creek. I commenced to strike brick. Light shower.*
- June 5 1885 *Mr. McDermid is dangerously ill.*
- June 6 1885 *Will Mosman is laid up with his little finger. George Spencer got his thumb almost cut off. Quite a shower this morning.*
- June 7 1885 *The crops are suffering for rain. Quite a frost last night.*
- June 8 1885 *Mart is in Buffalo, awaiting his trial. They are having a great time at Buffalo between Mart Spencer & Mr. Ricker. Light frost at night.*
- June 9 1885 *The boys commenced to build a shed to dry the bricks under.*
- June 10 1885 *Frank & Me boarding the roof of the shed.*
- June 12 1885 *We commenced to shingle the shed. Heavy showering AM, then awful hot.*
- June 13 1885 *Will Ingersoll got back from Milwaukee to D.L. Ingersolls.*
- June 15 1885 *I & Will Ingersoll & Frank & Eben killed a hog. Very cool.*
- June 17 1885 *The dry spell we have had, has hurt the wheat & grass some. Warmer.*
- June 18 1885 *Mart Spencer's law suit cost him over \$300.00. Nice day.*
- June 19 1885 *We are making racks to cut brick. Very light shower 1 PM.*
- June 20 1885 *Terrible hot. 90 in the shade. Slight thunder shower about sunset.*
- June 21 1885 *Light frost at night. Clear and very cold.*
- June 22 1885 *We are making racks to put bricks on. Clear & very cool.*
- June 23 1885 *We commenced making brick & putting them in the shed.*
- June 25 1885 *Mr Simon Evons of Elk River died ver suddenly. Hot in PM.*
- June 27 1885 *The Otsego & Meadow Vail baseball clubs played at Otsego, Otsego beat.*
- June 28 1885 *Mr. Welcome baptized quite a number. Clear, hot & calm.*
- June 30 1885 *Father & Norton & John Vail came up to the brick yard. Clear & hot.*
- July 1 1885 *We need rain bad again. Wheat is all headed out nice.*
- July 2 1885 *I carried off 13 rows of brick. Clear & hot.*
- July 3 1885 *Ernest Ingersoll has sold out his interest in the farm. Quite a shower in the evening. Heavy thunder & lightning.*
- July 4 1885 *Fred Vail has bought him a new covered canopy ? They are having a picnic out to Charlie Snows. Clear & hot.*
- July 5 1885 *Eddy Pickard was drowned about 7 PM.*
- July 8 1885 *They found Eddy Pickard below Dayton.*
- July 9 1885 *My leg is darn lame.*
- July 10 1885 *I bet with Sturtevant ? & won.*
- July 11 1885 *The boys went over & tried to hire Simon Hunt.*
- July 12 1885 *George McDonald was drowned in lake Minnetonka.*
- July 14 1885 *The funeral of George McDonald took place.*

- July 17 1885 *Nancy Ingersoll had a party. She is 21 years old. Clear & hot.*
- July 19 1885 *Terrible heavy rain & wind AM. Blew the chimney off the shed.*
- July 20 1885 *Heavy shower, did lots of good.*
- July 22 1885 *We are trying to fix the pump.*
- July 23 1885 *Outrageous hot.*
- July 25 1885 *We have got the pump fixed at last. We have worked 4 days.*
- July 29 1885 *Annie parker is at the brick yard now on a visit. Heavy rain & wind.*
- July 30 1885 *Fearful terrible hot.*
- July 31 1885 *We are filling the shed up again. I struck 6800 today.*
- Aug. 1 1885 *Cloudy & warm. Quite a shower at night. Gentle breeze.*
- Aug. 3 1885 *Elmer Ingersoll got his self-binder home from Monticello.*
- Aug. 7 1885 *Me, binding for Pickard PM. Heavy shower at night.*
- Aug. 9 1885 *I bound for Pickard. (He tied the grain bundles by hand).*
- Aug. 11 1885 *I cut the boys wheat. Lots of water fell in the last 24 hours.*
- Aug. 12 1885 *Ernest Ingersoll is cutting Fred Vail's wheat this year.*
- Aug. 13 1885 *Eben is helping Elmer stack PM.*
- Aug. 15 1885 *Will Ingersoll has been helping Elmer hay & harvest. Elmer Ingersoll finished stacking. Clear and quite hot.*
- Aug. 17 1885 *Camp meeting commenced. Grandpa is sick. Nancy is going home this AM.*
- Aug. 18 1885 *Fred Vail is thrashing for Elmer Ingersoll.*
- Aug. 20 1885 *Will Fleming might drill at night. Cloudy, light showers PM.*
- Aug. 22 1885 *Hazy but hot. Nice time for a camp meeting.*
- Aug. 24 1885 *Mr. Harrington hauled 1000 brick for Frank PM. Very light frost.*
- Aug. 25 1885 *Quite a heavy frost at night. It killed most of the corn.
Minnie Gould took supper at the brick yard*
- Aug. 28 1885 *I am mowing brush in the pasture. Cloudy, misty and chilly*
- Aug. 30 1885 *Minnie went over to put ?Baileys to work. Nice day.*
- Aug. 31 1885 *Ernest Ingersoll commenced work in the brick yard.*
- Sept. 1 1885 *Clear & very cold & windy. Striking brick.*
- Sept. 4 1885 *We are having an awful cold spell. Froze ice last night. Making brick.*
- Sept. 5 1885 *Addy Porter stayed at the brick yard last night. She has been working for grandma two weeks straight. Little warmer, but cool.*
- Sept. 8 1885 *Rain all day. Cold rain, windy. Stopped raining sometime at night.*
- Sept. 10 1885 *The leaves are falling fast. It begins to look like fall.*
- Sept. 12 1885 *A lot of the boys went to Birch Lake to see Ben Sturtevant.*
- Sept. 13 1885 *Elmer has given up farming. Mostly clear, quite warm.*
- Sept. 14 1885 *Fred Vail & Lilly Morrill are quite intamate friends. Elmer Ingersoll commenced changing? Clear, a little cooler.*
- Sept. 17 1885 *Mosman is at work for Pickard this week. Good sing to grandpa's ? a fiddle too.*
- Sept. 19 1885 *I got up 1/2 past 3 & went to making brick. Cloudy, showery.*
- Sept. 21 1885 *Quite a crowd at the brick yard playing cards, a fiddler too.
?? Perrin.?*

- Sept. 22 1885 *A church donation for Mr. Garvin (Minister). Lilly Morrill took cake.*
- Sept. 23 1885 *Elmer worked in Ernest's place. We hauled clay. Very warm & drying.*
- Sept. 24 1885 *Mr. King is thrashing with Fred Vail's steam machine. Clear and cool.*
- Sept. 25 1885 *Father thrashed. He had 293 bushels of wheat. Quite hot & clear.*
- Sept. 26 1885 *I have got a bad cold. Clear & warm, nice brick weather.*
- Sept. 28 1885 *Me & Eben & Ernest filled two pits. Clear & quite hot.*
- Sept. 30 1885 *Clear & quite chilly.*
- Oct. 2 1885 *Finished striking. Cloudy in the morning, but clear & windy again.*
- Oct. 3 1885 *It froze ice 1/2 inch thick at night.*
- Oct. 5 1885 *The freeze spoiled about 6000 brick.*
- Oct. 6 1885 *Eben & Ernest are hauling hay. Cold & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 7 1885 *We finished setting brick. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Oct. 8 1885 *We finished dobbing the kiln. Clear, a little warmer.*
- Oct. 9 1885 *Put fire in the brick kiln. Ernest set up at night. Real warm.*
- Oct. 10 1885 *I set up at night. Clear & hot wind.*
- Oct. 11 1885 *Commenced raining 5 PM. & rained all night.*
- Oct. 12 1885 *Me & Ernest set up at the brick kiln, fearful bad day.*
- Oct. 14 1885 *Mrs. Hanes got hurt. Fine day, warm & nice.*
- Oct. 15 1885 *Quite a crowd up to see the brick kiln. Clear, smoky & quite hot.*
- Oct. 16 1885 *Finished working in the brick yard. I worked 128 days.*
- Oct. 17 1885 *Edith Fleming & Mr. Bracken married. Leaves most all off trees.*
- Oct. 19 1885 *Ernest & Elmer & me went over to Elk River. Windy & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 20 1885 *Father & me went down to see Mr. Cobb. Awful windy & cold.*
- Oct. 22 1885 *I am husking for D.L. Ingersoll. Beautiful day, quite hot.*
- Oct. 23 1885 *Mrs. Hanes is stopping at Fred Vails now. Warm & nice.*
- Oct. 24 1885 *Another sing at grandpa's. A little warmer.*
- Oct. 26 1885 *Elmer & me stacking corn fodder. Cloudy, windy & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 28 1885 *I am grubbing stumps for grandpa. Clearing, quite cold at night.*
- Oct. 29 1885 *Father & Sydney & Mrs. Smith started for Mpls. Clear AM., cloudy PM.*
- Oct. 30 1885 *Ben & Elmer & Ernest got back from hunting at Pelican Lake.*
- Oct. 31 1885 *I went up to Jonathan Heath's to sing. Cloudy & quite warm.*
- Nov. 2 1885 *Levi Copp came up. Cloudy & quite warm.*
- Nov. 3 1885 *I am loafing today. The first day I have lost since the 25th of May.*
- Nov. 4 1885 *We had the writing ?done. Mostly clear & calm.*
- Nov. 5 1885 *Levi & me went to Buffalo. Cloudy, chilly, & quite windy.*
- Nov. 6 1885 *Cloudy, fearful windy & disagreeable. I layed up.*
- Nov. 7 1885 *I finished grubbing for D.L. Ingersoll. Nasty day to work.*
- Nov. 9 1885 *School commenced, Mr. Plummer, teacher. Freeze quite hard last night.*
- Nov. 10 1885 *I & Will Mosman, Ernest & Wilber worked on the campground fence.*
- Nov. 11 1885 *Snowed 1/2 inch last night. Awful foggy.*
- Nov. 12 1885 *I got my colt home. Freeze hard last night. Fearful windy.*
- Nov. 13 1885 *Mr. King & me fencing the camp ground. Broken cold & windy.*
- Nov. 14 1885 *Ice running thick. Clear, cold & quite windy.*

- Nov. 16 1885 *Me to work for Dupont on his house. Elmer Ingersoll commenced chopping for F.C. & Eben Ingersoll. Very nice day.*
- Nov. 17 1885 *Father went to Anoka with wheat. He gets \$.80 per bushel. Joe McDonald commenced running the ferry again.*
- Nov. 18 1885 *I walked to Monticello for some yarn. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 19 1885 *I commenced grubbing on the Copp place. The snow is all gone.*
- Nov. 21 1885 *Sing down at Gran Snows. Mr Bailey was there. Clear, nice day.*
- Nov. 23 1885 *I am grubbing on the prairie. Cloudy.*
- Nov. 26 1885 *Albert Davis & Dolly Oddway married. Cloudy AM., cleared off PM.*
- Nov. 28 1885 *Will Mosman & me hauled a load of his furniture to fathers.*
- Nov. 30 1885 *I & King went to Elk River. I bought 1 pair of Moccasins & one pair overshoes. Cloudy & quite cold. One inch of snow on ground.*
- Dec. 1 1885 *I commenced work for Fred Vail. Warm & nice. No ice running now.*
- Dec. 3 1885 *I am at work for Fred Vail. They organized the Lyceum ?
The last crossing with the ferry. Snowed 1 inch at night.*
- Dec. 5 1885 *Chopping bee at Mrs. Goodwins. Clear AM. cloudy PM. windy at night.*
- Dec. 7 1885 *Will Mossman & Sydney started up river for G.B. Peavey. 22 below zero.*
- Dec. 10 1885 *First Lyceum at night. " The Indian has suffered more at the hands of the white man or the ??"*
- Dec. 13 1885 *Large crowd to D.L. Ingersolls to a sing. I was not there.*
- Dec. 16 1885 *Snowed AM. Made four inches in the woods.*
- Dec. 19 1885 *Charlie Washburn's widow & Elmer Hamlet were married. Thawing some.*
- Dec. 22 1885 *Ernest is working for Eugene Vail today. Roads are muddy.*
- Dec. 23 1885 *Splendid time to clear land. Quite cool, now snow to speak of.*
- Dec. 28 1885 *Cloudy, very warm, rainy PM. I had to quit on account of the rain.*
- Dec. 31 1885 *Dance at Frank Browns at night. I did not dance. Cloudy & chilly. George Crocker is having a bad time. He has been sick about 6 weeks. No better.*
- Jan. 4 1886 *Terrible windy. The snow is blowing all the snow off the roads causing poor sledding.*
- Jan. 5 1886 *I finished for Fred Vails this AM. Commenced chopping PM.*
- Jan. 7 1886 *Father went to Buffalo. Snowed slowly most all day. Cold & blustery.*
- Jan. 9 1886 *Mighty cold & windy, 26 below. Roads terrible, drifting bad.*
- Jan. 11 1886 *Mr. McCleod is very sick. 30 below yesterday, 20 below today.*
- Jan. 12 1886 *Cord wood is going by pretty lively. Clear & windy.*
- Jan. 14 1886 *Big crowd at the Lyceum. Warm, pretty cloudy. Snowed 1 inch at night.*
- Jan. 15 1886 *A terrible riot took place between Lily Pond & Otsego boys at Newell Bakers at night. Cloudy & warm. Mostlylty working in snow.*
- Jan. 19 1886 *Fred & Gene Vail went to Monticello to the trial. Colder at night.*
- Jan. 21 1886 *Gene got home from the trial. 20 below zero. Some snow.*
- Jan. 22 1886 *I froze my face. 34 below. Fearful cold & windy.*
- Jan. 23 1886 *Mr. McCleod is very sick. Bright sun-dog all day.*
- Jan. 26 1886 *Miss Addie Porter & Ed Besion were married at Bakers.*

Grandpa took a paralyzed Frenchman to board for \$4.00 per week.

- Jan. 28 1886 *Last night of the Lyceum tonight. Windy & quite cold at night.*
- Jan. 31 1886 *Clear, nice day. Thaws some in the sun.*
- Feb. 2 1886 *36 below, gentle breeze.*
- Feb. 4 1886 *Clear, moderating. Cord wood going by lively.*
- Feb. 8 1886 *Very warm & thawing. The sledding is poor now.*
- Feb. 14 1886 *Mr. McCleod is considerable better. Nice day, thawing some.*
- Feb. 15 1886 *My wrist is awful lame. Growing cold & awful windy.*
- Feb. 16 1886 *I am laid up with a darn lame wrist. Snowed very little.*
- Feb. 17 1886 *I went after hay with father. Very nice day, thawing some in the sun.*
- Feb. 19 1886 *Wilber & me went after a load of hay PM. Clear, quite cold & windy.*
- Feb. 22 1886 *Skip died at night, he got cast(rated)? a colt ?? I hope. windy, terrible disagreeable/ No sledding now. Dance at Charlie Snows at night. I had a good time.*
- Feb. 26 1886 *it is terrible slippery getting about. Cloudy, chilly wind.*
- Feb. 28 1886 *Quite warm, snow most all day.*
- March 5 1886 *Sydney got home from the woods in the morning. Real warm, thawing fast.*
- March 6 1886 *Mr. Hallet & Corie Spencer were married. Grand exhibition in the Otsego church. School closed yesterday. J.E. Plummer, teacher. Finished chopping for Fred Vail at night. Sledding about gone.*
- March 7 1886 *I commenced cutting posts. Thawing some*
- March 8 1886 *Town meeting. Warm & thawing.*
- March 11 1886 *Party to D.L. Ingersolls at night. Cloudy, squally & thawing.*
- March 12 1886 *Some folks use wagons. Mostly clear.*
- March 14 1886 *I finished cutting posts. Clear warm & thawing.*
- March 16 1886 *Wilber & me piling post. I ordered a pair of shoes made at Elk River.*
- March 17 1886 *Donation at church, small crowd. Collected \$20.40. Cloudy & chilly.*
- March 19 1886 *I helped Wilber saw wood. PM. Roads are terrible bad.*
- March 21 1886 *I am at work on the wood pile at home. Fair day.*
- March 22 1886 *Will Mosman got home from the wood at night. Fields most all bare.*
- March 25 1886 *Mr. Dupont helping father saw wood. Clear & quite cold.*
- March 26 1886 *I got my shoes driving home. Clear & quite warm.*
- March 28 1886 *Mr. Morton got his ankle hurt quite bad. Clear & calm.*
- March 29 1886 *Thawing fast, the river crossing poor.*
- March 30 1886 *Will Mosman is living at fathers now. Nice day but not very warm.*
- Apr. 1 1886 *We finished our wood pile. Clear, windy & cold.*
- Apr. 2 1886 *Mr. Oddways house burned down. Warm in the sun but a cold wind.*
- Apr. 5 1886 *Father and me hauling grubs off the prairie AM. Very nice day.*
- Apr. 6 1886 *I am helping Wilbur Ingersoll saw stove wood. The ice went out.*
- Apr. 7 1886 *Frank Brown & Mr. Plummer are painting the church. Beautiful day.*
- Apr. 8 1886 *I am loafing now. Some farmers have commenced seeding. Warm & clear.*
- Apr. 9 1886 *Ernest Ingersoll & Emma Vail were married. Fred Vail & Lilly Morrell were married.*

- Apr. 8 1886 *Joe McDonald got the ferry in.*
- Apr. 10 1886 *We serenaded Fred & Lilly. Cloudy and chilly.*
- Apr. 11 1886 *I am am loafing now. Cloudy & chilly AM. Clear and warm PM.*
- Apr. 12 1886 *Father commenced to sow wheat. Very warm at night.*
- Apr. 13 1886 *Quite a shower at night.*
- Apr. 14 1886 *Terrible cyclone in Sauk Rapids & St. Cloud PM. Heavy hail storm PM.*
- Apr. 16 1886 *I & Elmer & George Cocker played cards all day at the brick yard.*
- Apr. 19 1886 *Elmer Ingersoll & me started for the drive.*
- May 1 1886 *I am at work on the drive for Karl Douglas.*
- May 3 1886 *Mrs. Sam Parker of Elk River died from quick consumption.*
- May 11 1886 *Elmer Ingersoll & four others left the wonigan, he worked 19 days.*
- May 14 1886 *I & three others left the wonigan, I worked 23 days.*
- May 20 1886 *Elmer & me left Brainard, we stopped all night in Little Falls.*
- May 21 1886 *Elmer & Me & Leon Snow got home from the drive. Terrible hot & dry.*
- May 22 1886 *Father is breaking on the prairie. He has got 6 acres broke.*
- May 24 1886 *I went down to throw out wood for Mort Spencer. Clear, hot & windy.*
- May 29 1886 *Clear, hot & dry. The water is falling fast in the river.*
- May 30 1886 *I worked 1/2 a day. Clear & hot.*
- May 31 1886 *Otis Adams got home from out west. Rained considerable at night where I was at Swansons. Ernest Ingersoll & Herbert Davis have gone up cruising*
- June 8 1886 *Finished throwing wood out. Light showers AM. Hot PM.*
- June 9 1886 *Camp meeting commenced. We came home from Swede town. Clear & hot.*
- June 11 1886 *John Hannah is very low. We need rain terribly. Fearful hot.*
- June 12 1886 *Fearful heavy rain at night. 6 inches on the level.*
- June 13 1886 *Camp meeting closed. Muggy AM. Terrible hot PM.*
- June 14 1886 *Fearful heavy shower about sunset.*
- June 15 1886 *I am helping father hoe potatoes. Terrible hot.*
- June 16 1886 *John Hannah died at night. Terrible heavy shower 3 PM. another at sunset.*
- June 19 1886 *Will Mosman came down from Royalton with a team. Mr Hannah was buried.*
- June 21 1886 *Commenced cutting brush for Mr. Chase. Light showers.*
- June 22 1886 *Will Mosman & Alice staired for Royalton, bag a baggage. Cool breeze.*
- June 24 1886 *I worked my poll tax out. Clear & cool AM. Hot PM.*
- June 25 1886 *I cut brush. Clear, fearful hot & very calm.*
- June 30 1886 *Been hot last few days.*
- July 5 1886 *The hottest day we've had this year. 98 above.*
- July 6 1886 *I commenced to work for Joe Parker by the day. Clear & ver hot AM.*
NOTE A page has been cut from this book between June & July.*
- July 9 1886 *Dance at Charlie Snows at night. We had a splendid time. Clear PM.*
- July 10 1886 *I commenced to work for Joe Parker's daughter, Lizzie.*
***NOTE** The author had married Joe Parker's daughter Lizzie.*
- July 21 1886 *I cut one acre of oats for Joe Parker AM. Clear & quite cool.*
- July 24 1886 *Terrible fearful hot PM. Light showers at night.*
- July 26 1886 *Father commenced harvesting. Clear & hot.*

- July 30 1886 *Joe Parker & me finished haying. Broken quite hot.*
- Aug. 2 1886 *Joe Parker & me commenced harvesting. Nice & cool.*
- Aug. 6 1886 *Dolly Davis was buried. Leslie Ingersoll died in the morning.*
- Aug. 9 1886 *Ed Peavey commenced working for Joe Parker harvesting. Hot.*
- Aug. 13 1886 *It has been clear & very hot the last few days.*
- Aug. 16 1886 *We finished cutting grain for Joe Parker. Cloudy AM, Clear PM.*
- Aug. 18 1886 *We commenced stacking. About same weather.*
- Aug. 19 1886 *Some farmers are cutting their corn. A shower at night.*
- Aug. 21 1886 *Terrible hot, heavy wind & rain 6 PM.*
- Aug. 23 1886 *Edson Parker got home from below working in a garden. Fearful hot.*
- Aug. 24 1886 *I quit work for Joe Parker at night. I worked all 44 days.*
Arthur Chase and me went up on my 40 acres haying. Clear & hot.
- Aug. 25 1886 *We finished stacking. Clear & hot.*
- Aug. 28 1886 *Arby Stevens stayed at fathers all night. Looks like rain.*
- Aug. 31 1886 *Light frost at night, not enough to do any hurt.*
- Sept. 3 1886 *Arthur Chase & me came home PM. Showery all day.*
- Sept. 4 1886 *I am cutting corn. Quite hot.*
- Sept. 5 1886 *I put up my hay out back on my forty. Windy.*
- Sept. 6 1886 *Rained most all of the afternoon & all night.*
- Sept. 9 1886 *We started from the meadow but it rained before we got there.*
- Sept. 10 1886 *We are stacking hay. Very cool & windy. Quite a shower at night.*
- Sept. 12 1886 *We finished haying. Clear, terrible windy.*
- Sept. 14 1886 *Fred Vail thrashed for Charlie Spencer. Clear, quite hot.*
- Sept. 19 1886 *I am husking corn for Eben Ingersoll. Clear, very nice day.*
- Sept. 20 1886 *Carry Brown had a boy at night. Clear to partly cloudy.*
- Sept. 21 1886 *Fred Vail & Will Thorpe thrashed for father. Clear & quite hot.*
- Sept. 22 1886 *Father finished thrashing. He had 473 bushels wheat & 108 Bu. oats.*
- Sept. 30 1886 *Eli King thrashed. He had 560 Bu. wheat. Broken cold & windy.*
- Oct. 4 1886 *Father taken sick. Clear & hot.*
- Oct. 5 1886 *I am digging potatoes for King. Still clear & hot.*
- Oct. 7 1886 *Mr. Borthwick is very sick. (Probably David)*
- Oct. 8 1886 *Donation for Garvin.*
- Oct. 9 1886 *Mr. Plummer was buried. Quite a hot breeze.*
- Oct. 11 1886 *I husked 70 bushels of corn for Eli King. Sid is home with a sore finger..*
- Oct. 14 1886 *Harvey Hicks was buried. Cloudy, windy, & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 15 1886 *Louisa Davis is very sick. Clear, cold & windy.*
- Oct. 16 1886 *Old Man McDonald died 5 PM. The folks turned out and husked Mr. Borthwicks corn. Broken chally.*
- Oct. 20 1886 *Husking at our place. Clear & cool.*
- Oct. 23 1886 *I quit work for King. I worked 30 1/2 days. Heavy shower at night.*
- Oct. 28 1886 *Best wheat worth \$.65 to \$.67. Clear & warm.*
- Nov. 3 1886 *Levi Copp came up. I had a runaway with the colts. Clear, cold & windy.*
- Nov. 5 1886 *I am cutting fencing for the cow yard. Cold, cold wind.*

- Nov. 7 1886 *Elmer & me and Nancy, Gertie, Geneva, and Etta Heath went over to Elk River to a concert. Cold & disagreeable.*
- Nov. 8 1886 *The ground is very dy. Considerably warmer, no freeze at night.*
- Nov. 11 1886 *I am cutting wood for Crocker upon Mr. Chase's land. I cut 3 days for \$4.00. Clear nice day.*
- Nov. 12 1886 *The ground is frozen most too hard to plow. Beautiful weather.*
- Nov. 13 1886 *Mr. Chase is batching it up at his place. A little warmer.*
- Nov. 14 1886 *Elmer & Frank Ingersoll & Fred Vail left home at night to go hunting up to Atkin. Clear, quite cold & windy.*
- Nov. 15 1886 *School commenced, Mr. Pickard, teacher. Snowed 1 inch at night.*
- Nov. 16 1886 *Floyd Hollet is building a house on the Hagger land. Charlie Spencer has bought it. Snowed most all day & night.*
- Nov. 18 1886 *The ice stopped last night. It snowed about a foot in all.*
- Nov. 19 1886 *Will Fleming got home, he has been up country thrashing. Moderate.*
- Nov. 22 1886 *It snowed about 3 inches more then rained all day.*
- Nov. 23 1886 *I am loafing. Mostly clear & quite cold.*
- Nov. 25 1886 *I & Len Smith & Delana ? & Minnie went to Mpls. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 26 1886 *We sold our chickens alive for \$.05 a pound. Awful chilly.*
- Nov. 27 1886 *We came home from Mpls. Clear nice day. Snowed at night.*
- Nov. 28 1886 *Fred Vail got home from hunting, Frank & Elmer stayed up there.*
- Nov. 29 1886 *Mr. Chase & Leon Snow are cutting wood on the Chase place. Chilly Otis & Justin & Oscar Adams have Bought the McDermid farm. They bought it of hasty.*
- Dec. 1 1886 *Clear cold & windy. 15 inches of snow on the ground.*
- Dec. 3 1886 *Smith & me went to Mpls. Clear & cold.*
- Dec. 4 1886 *36 below this morning. Clear & mighty cold.*
- Dec. 7 1886 *I started for the woods for Peavey. A little warmer, thawing some.*
- Dec. 10 1886 *I left Royalton for the woods. Warmer.*
- Dec. 11 1886 *We got to camp. Snowed all day & night.*
- Dec. 17 1886 *Will Mosman got to camp. Clear & quite moderate.*
- Jan. 1 1887 *Will Mosman is laid up. I lost my watch. Clear & terrible cold.*
- Jan. 4 1887 *Will Mosman went home. Mostly clear, don't thaw.*
- Jan. 10 1887 *Ross went home at night. Clear & quite warm.*
- Jan. 15 1887 *Ernest Ingersoll got to camp. Thawing some.*
- Jan. 19 1887 *I worked on the main road. Cloudy & warm*
- Jan. 20 1887 *Will Mosman came back to work. Clear, quite cold.*
- Feb. 3 1887 *Will Mosman went home sick again. Fearful cold & windy.*
- Feb. 7 1887 *Chopped with John Seely. Some thunder & lightning at night.*
- March 12 1887 *The teams quit hauling at night. Roads are very poor, thawing fast.*
- March 14 1887 *We are cutting boom timber. Don't thaw to much.*
- March 20 1887 *I left camp & started for Royalton. Thawing some.*
- March 22 1887 *I got home from the wood. Thawing lots.*

- March 24 1887 *Father hauling wood from the Chase place. Clear & quite windy.*
- March 26 1887 *Weather awful backwards, lots of snow on the ground.*
- March 28 1887 *Commenced sawing stove wood. No more crossing river by teams
Frank Ingersoll has sold out to Elmer Ingersoll.*
- Apr. 5 1887 *I went up to McCleod's & help Will Fleming saw wood. Snow going.*
- Apr. 7 1887 *Will Fleming helped me saw wood. A little warmer.*
- Apr. 8 1887 *The ice went out of the river. Snow is going terribly.*
- Apr. 9 1887 *They put the ferry in the river. We finished our wood pile. Hot.*
- Apr. 13 1887 *We commenced harrowing on the prairie. Rain some last night.*
- Apr. 14 1887 *Jessie Note ? is very sick. Heavy shower 5 PM.*
- Apr. 15 1887 *Old lady Snow died age 87 years. (Hannah Snow)*
- Apr. 16 1887 *We commenced seeding on the prairie. Clear nice day.*
- Apr. 19 1887 *We finished shedding on the prairie. Father sold a steer to
Fred Hildreth for \$84.00. Clear & broken.*
- Apr. 23 1887 *I am sick with the piles. Clear, cold & windy.*
- Apr. 24 1887 *Will Ingersoll & Jessie Parker were married. Cloudy, windy & chilly.*
- Apr. 25 1887 *Father sold a cow & a calf for \$36.00 Father commenced seeding.*
- Apr. 26 1887 *I commenced setting post. Sprinkled a little in PM.*
- Apr. 28 1887 *The Adams boys had 70 cord of wood burned. Fearful windy.*
- Apr. 30 1887 *I am setting post. Hot & awful windy & dusty.*
- May 4 1887 *The Elk River Grist Mill burned. Clear & quite warm.*
- May 10 1887 *Father went to Mpls & bought wire. Clear & hot.*
- May 13 1887 *Frank Brown & me commenced building wire fence. Acts like rain.*
- May 16 1887 *I finished the wire fence. It froze ice at night.*
- May 18 1887 *I commenced work in the brick yard. Clear & cool.*
- May 26 1887 *Fred Vail & Henry Caulkin are working on fathers barn. Quite hot*
- May 27 1887 *Miss Hosmer & Henry Holt (No relation to us) were married.*
- June 4 1887 *The water in the river is so low that they have quit running cord.*
- June 8 1887 *Camp meeting commenced. A much needed shower last night. Wood.*
- June 13 1887 *Camp meeting closed. Shower & hot yesterday.*
- June 16 1887 *Clear, windy & very hot.*
- June 18 1887 *Quite a shower at twelve o'clock.*
- June 19 1887 *The grain has commenced to head out. Clear & hot.*
- June 20 1887 *Quite a heavy shower AM.*
- June 23 1887 *F.A. Ingersoll & Annie Parker were married. We put fire in the brick kiln.*
- June 24 1887 *Everything is all drying up. Clear, warm & no rain yet.*
- June 29 1887 *Weather has been the same, hot & very windy.*
- June 30 1887 *The Chitz bugs have begun to work in the wheat. We finished
burning the kiln. Heavy shower wet down six inches.*
- July 4 1887 *Will Mosman came down to spend the fourth of July. Hot & showery.*
- July 5 1887 *We commenced haying for Eben Ingersoll. Clear & hot.*
- July 19 1887 *Weather has been hot & dry. Father commenced cutting my wheat.*
- July 20 1887 *Fred Vail is moving up to Morrells, he has got the farm. Cooler.*

- July 21 1887 *The corn & potatoes need rain terribly. Clear & hot.*
- July 23 1887 *The Chintz bugs have ruined the wheat around here. Clear & hot.*
- July 25 1887 *Father cut King's oats. Terrible hot AM. Windy & a little cooler PM.*
- July 26 1887 *Father commenced cutting across the brook. Ground terribly dry.*
- July 28 1887 *Mrs. Parker & Mrs. Snow were over to fathers visiting. Light showers.*
- July 29 1887 *Sydney & Fred Pepin started for Duluth. Showery AM. Clear & hot PM.*
- July 30 1887 *Eben & Elmer have discharged their crew, Everest Gould & A. Chase.*
- July 31 1887 *I worked fifty one days in the brick yard this summer. The corn and potatoes are suffering terribly for rain.*
- Aug. 1 1887 *We are stacking my wheat. Terribly hot.*
- Aug. 5 1887 *Minnie went to Roylton. We are stacking wheat. Very cool & breezy.*
- Aug. 8 1887 *We finished stacking. Cloudy & hot.*
- Aug. 10 1887 *I worked for the Adams boys handling cord wood. Rained last night.*
- Aug. 13 1887 *Rained about 16 hours, I guess the ground is wet enough now.*
- Aug. 17 1887 *I went down on a raft with Justin & Leon. My head aches fearful.*
- Aug. 18 1887 *Frank Harris is very sick with thyroid fever. He is staying at Halley's.*
- Aug. 20 1887 *D.L. Ingersoll thrashed, he had 275 bushels of wheat, 8 bu. per acre.*
- Aug. 21 1887 *Frank Harris 3 AM. It is very sickly around here now. Quite hot.*
- Aug. 24 1887 *Dupont helped me stack hay. Quite a frost at night. Cloudy & cool.*
- Aug. 25 1887 *Dupont & me are cutting hay upon my land. Mostly cloudy, poor hay day.*
- Aug. 26 1887 *Father isn't able to work, his stomach is all wrong. The folks have begun cutting their corn. Very cool weather.*
- Aug. 27 1887 *Dupont & me are stacking. Clear, good breeze, good hay day.*
- Aug. 29 1887 *Dupont can't help today, his wife is sick. She has got a baby.*
- Aug. 30 1887 *The lightning struck Louis McDonalds house. Heavy rain at night.*
- Aug. 31 1887 *Cloudy, hot & a lot of rain, thunder & lightning at night.*
- Sept. 1 1887 *Clara King & Carry McCleod are out at our house visiting.*
- Sept. 2 1887 *I cut corn all day for father. Cloudy, cool, light showers PM.*
- Sept. 3 1887 *We finished cutting corn, we only had 6 or 7 acres. Rain till 11 PM.*
- Sept. 6 1887 *I am cutting brush out on my meadow for a fence. Shower 4 PM. Hot.*
- Sept. 7 1887 *Norton bought a horse & gig. Dupont & me commenced haying again. We lost 2 tons on account of the rains. Very cool & awful windy.*
- Sept. 9 1887 *I helped Fred Vail thrash this AM & put up hay in the PM. Frost.*
- Sept. 10 1887 *We finished haying. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 12 1887 *Rain most all day. Bad day.*
- Sept. 14 1887 *Ernest & M? moved over to the brick yard. cutting post out back.*
- Sept. 17 1887 *I drove 108 posts. Clear & quite warm.*
- Sept. 18 1887 *Leaves are fading fast, looks like fall. Clear & quite hot.*
- Sept. 19 1887 *I an cutting brush upon my meadow. Clear & quite hot.*
- Sept. 22 1887 *Cloudy, smokey, very heavy frost at night.*
- Sept. 24 1887 *I am working out on my place. Leaves are falling fast. Warmer.*
- Sept. 29 1887 *I finished cutting brush out back. Clear, nice day. smoky PM.*
- Sept. 30 1887 *I helped Harrington thrash, P.M. Bistidoes Machine. Partly cloudy.*

- Oct. 3 1887 *We thrashed, I had 75 bu. from 25 acres. Heavy frost, terrible windy.*
- Oct. 4 1887 *The crops are very light this year. Windy and very cool.*
- Oct. 6 1887 *I finished working up on my meadow. I set up the brick Kiln.*
- Oct. 7 1887 *Father is very poorly. Cloudy & cool, light showers at night.*
- Oct. 8 1887 *Elmer & me set up at the kiln. Cloudy & cool.*
- Oct. 9 1887 *I went over to see the salvation army at night. Clear at night.*
- Oct. 10 1887 *Elmer & me set up at the kiln. Cloudy & cool.*
- Oct. 11 1887 *Gran's Snow's mother was buried.
I helped burn at he kiln, worked days & nights. Very windy.*
- Oct. 12 1887 *I am digging potatoes, had 25 bu. Clear & windy.*
- Oct. 13 1887 *I commenced husking at home. Cold & windy. Wilber is working
for E.B. Davis now \$20.00 a month.*
- Oct. 14 1887 *Fred Vail is thrashing for Mr. newton. Clear nice day.*
- Oct. 15 1887 *Fred thrashed for Wilber & Lute ? Wilber had 12 bu. Lute had 20 bu.
Clear, awful windy.*
- Oct. 17 1887 *We finished husking. I went over to the salvation army. Nice day.*
- Oct. 18 1887 *We stacked our corn fodder. Calm nice day.*
- Oct. 20 1887 *I am building a fence around the yards. Very disagreeable, windy,cold.*
- Oct. 21 1887 *I finished building yard fence. Clear & cold.*
- Oct. 22 1887 *Sid came home sick. More moderate, snowy PM. at night.*
- Oct. 23 1887 *We went over to the salvation army, they had some beautiful singing.*
- Oct. 24 1887 *The captain speaks tonight for his last time in Elk River. The
corn(esh)? is half off the old stable.*
- Oct. 26 1887 *Father, mother, Sid & Gertie went to Anoka. Nice day.*
- Oct. 28 1887 *Sid & me commenced digging a well.*
- Oct. 31 1887 *Big time at the salvation army jubilee. Happy Emma sings her farewell
song in Elk River tonight, she is the most beautiful singer*
- Oct. 1887 *I have ever heard. A little warmer.*
- Nov. 1 1887 *Basket picnic at the the church. Beautiful day. Injun summer weather.*
- Nov. 3 1887 *Big fire out on the meadow. Clear & awful windy.*
- Nov. 4 1887 *I helped raise a house for Justin & Oscar Adams. Very nice day.*
- Nov. 5 1887 *A.T. Norton finished underpinning the school house in French Town.*
- Nov. 6 1887 *Salvation army still holds meetings in Elk River. Nice day.*
- Nov. 7 1887 *I am building a pig pen. Clear & a little cooler.*
- Nov. 9 1887 *I took 34 bu. of my wheat over & got \$.47 per bushel. That pays
big don't it? Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 10 1887 *Arthur Chase is boarding at Wilber Ingersolls this winter. He is
working on his place cutting wood. Clear nice day.*
- Nov. 12 1887 *Minnie is teaching school out in French Town this winter. Nice day.*
- Nov. 14 1887 *Frank Ingersoll & me started for the woods. N.P. Junction ?*
- Nov. 15 1887 *We commenced work. Cloudy, thawing, snowed 1 inch at night.*
- Nov. 26 1887 *Snowed most all day. About 5 inches of snow now. Bad windy day.*
- Dec. 2 1887 *Frank left camp. About 8 or 10 inches of snow now.*

- Dec. 5 1887 *Bad working in the snow. Warm & calm.*
- Dec. 9 1887 *My foot bothers me bad where I stuck a fork in it. Real warm.*
- Dec. 24 1887 *There is about 2 feet of snow now. Cloudy, warm, & calm.*
- Jan. 10 1888 *Forty below & 2 1/2 feet of snow. Clear, cold & windy.*
- Jan. 15 1888 *Clear & cold. 48 below zero.*
- Jan. 20 1888 *Clear, terribly cold, 57 below zero.*
- Jan. 31 1888 *Partly clear & warm. Snow settling some.*
- Feb. 2 1888 *Fred & Will Pepin went home from the woods at night. Nasty & wet.*
- Feb. 9 1888 *Very cold. 45 below zero. About 2 feet of snow left.*
- Feb. 18 1888 *Bill Shields Jim Hill had a row. Colder & windy.*
- Feb. 29 1888 *Weather has been getting warmer.*
- March 2 1888 *Snow is awful deep now.*
- March 5 1888 *We commenced to eat dinner out. Warm & thawing some.*
- March 6 1888 *Jane Borthwick died. Beautiful day.*
- March 9 1888 *I started for home at night. Cloudy & wet.*
- March 10 1888 *I got home. Clear, cold & windy.*
- March 13 1888 *Town meeting. Quite warm & windy.*
- March 16 1888 *I commenced chopping for Justin Adams PM. Thawing some.*
- March 19 1888 *Delana & Len S. had a row. Clear nice day.*
- March 20 1888 *Delana left Len Smith. Cloudy & calm.*
- March 22 1888 *Two feet of snow left, terrible crust. Clear nice day.*
- March 23 1888 *Delana Smith went back home.*
- March 24 1888 *The roads are good yet for sledding, lots of snow.*
- March 27 1888 *Sidney sold Norman ? Roads are good.*
- March 28 1888 *Fathers health is very poor. Warm, snowed 1/2 inches at night.*
- March 29 1888 *I am helping the boys count out brick. They sold 30,000 more*
- March 1888 *at Elk River. Clear, thawing some.*
- March 31 1888 *Mr. Harrington has been having a very bad time with his hand.
I cut stove wood for E.B. This PM. Will Fleming has been sick
most all winter.*
- Apr. 3 1888 *Levi Copp up at fathers. Real warm.*
- Apr. 4 1888 *I commenced to cut boom ? for Otis Adams. Snow going fast.*
- Apr. 5 1888 *Mr. Newton moved on the Porter place to live. Snow settling.*
- Apr. 6 1888 *The roads are very bad now. About 1 1/2 ft of snow left in the woods.*
- Apr. 9 1888 *Commenced to rain about ten AM., continued rest of the day.*
- Apr. 10 1888 *I finished cutting booms for Otis Adams. Clear & warm*
- Apr. 11 1888 *I commenced work for E.B. Ingersoll to pay my board PM. cold & windy.*
- Apr. 12 1888 *E.B. sent me down to grandpas to work, Warm, snow going. Very poor
crossing the river. The ice started to go out.*
- Apr. 15 1888 *The ice went out of the river. freezes some at night.*
- Apr. 16 1888 *Sid Commenced plowing. George has rented his fathers farm.
Edson Washburn made out the writings. Rain some at night.*

- Apr. 18 1888 *I commenced seeding P.M. I sowed 10 acres this year. Froze at night.*
- Apr. 20 1888 *I finished seeding. Clear, warmer, & Quite calm.*
- Apr. 21 1888 *Mr Bashaw dropped dead. Rain a little at night.*
- Apr. 23 1888 *Miss Georgie White commenced teaching school in French Town.
I bought 267 LBS. of wire for my meadow. Cold AM. warm PM.*
- Apr. 24 1888 *Wilber Ingersoll bought my wire fence. (Should have been-I & Wilber)*
- Apr. 27 1888 *Rainy most all forenoon, heavy rain at night.*
- Apr. 29 1888 *Bill Jordon came to Ingersolls, he has been gone 22 years.*
- Apr. 30 1888 *The ground is terribly wet, the farmers are badly behind this spring.*
- May 2 1888 *I helped Wilber Ingersoll drive posts. Rain most all day & night.*
- May 3 1888 *I got my shoes. Rain changing to snow.*
- May 5 1888 *I am driving posts between Vails & Holts. Clear & warm.*
- May 6 1888 *No farming in the timber yet. Sprinkled a little.*
- May 7 1888 *Mr. Chase quit boarding at Wilbers. He boarded for 6 months & 10 days.
I finished cutting brush by the Lilly Pond. Warm & windy*
- May 8 1888 *I commenced working for Justin Adams. Cloudy & rainy.*
- May 9 1888 *We went down on a raft. Cloudy & calm.*
- May 12 1888 *Freezes hard at night. Very cold & windy.*
- May 13 1888 *Father is very poorly. Windy.*
- May 14 1888 *I rafted cord wood. Clear, ver cold & windy.*
- May 16 1888 *I am running wood. Freezes at night. Terrible backwards spring.*
- May 17 1888 *The farmers are not done seeding yet. Very nice warm day.*
- May 19 1888 *Father is very low. Terrible foggy in the AM.*
- May 20 1888 *Father(William Henry Holt) died about as O'clock midnight.*
- May 24 1888 *Sid commenced breaking the Prairie. Mist a little in the morning.*
- May 28 1888 *Old lady Gould was buried. Mr Morrell is very poorly. Charlie
Rivers left D.L. Ingersolls for the soldiers home.*
- May 31 1888 *Some of the farmers haven't got done sowing yet. Cold & backwards.*
- June 4 1888 *I am cutting boom for J. Adams. Clear & hot.*
- June 5 1888 *I & Larry Snow are cutting boom. Windy.*
- June 7 1888 *Willard Ingersoll's wife died. I quit work for J. Adams.
we broke a raft on Cooley's bar in the river. Heavy showers AM.*
- June 10 1888 *The grass & grain are looking nicely. Clear, very nice day.*
- June 11 1888 *F.A. & E.B. Ingersoll are at work on Jamesons blacksmith shop. Hot.*
- June 13 1888 *I commenced work in the brick yard. Terrible heavy rain & wind at
night. The ground is very wet now.*
- June 18 1888 *Commenced striking brick P.M. Everything is growing fast.*
- June *Miss Nellie Borthwick was buried. Mostly clear, awful hot.*
- June 22 1888 *We are working on the pump.*
- June 23 1888 *I went to Anoka and bought my suit of clothes. The cinch bugs have
commenced working on the grain. Clear & cooler.*
- June 24 1888 *The grass is very good this year. I am hoeing potatoes. Real cool.*
- June 25 1888 *The boys went to Monticello & bought a pump. Cloudy & cool.*

- June 26 1888 *Frank Brown has arrested Joe McDonald about the ferry. Need rain.*
- June 27 1888 *I went over to the river & signed notes for the binder. ?*
- June 28 1888 *I am laid up with a lame side. Clear & quite hot, can't rain.*
- June 29 1888 *I commenced work again. Mostly cloudy & warm.*
- June 30 1888 *I worked on the road. Fred Vail is path master. Heavy showers at night, it done lots of good.*
- July 2 1888 *I worked on the road, the ground is wet enough now. Hot & showery.*
- July 4 1888 *Big dance at Charlie Snows in the evening. Clear & cool at night.*
- July 10 1888 *Eva Cooley & Will Pepin were married. Clear & cool, nice day.*
- July 16 1888 *People are beginning to cut their hay. Clear & cool.*
- July 18 1888 *Eugene Vail & Lindy Spencer were married. Clear & cool, nice days.*
- July 19 1888 *We serenaded Gene & Lindy. Dance to the camp J. Adams. Nice day.*
- July 21 1888 *I helped Sid stack hay. Terrible hot, a shower 6 PM.*
- July 23 1888 *They had a good time at the dance at Charlie Snows. Beautiful night.*
- July 24 1888 *Fred Vail moved back on his old farm. Clear & quite warm.*
- July 25 1888 *Supper at the church. Not very warm.*
- July 29 1888 *D.L. Ingersoll is poorly. Louisa Davis is very poorly. Terrible hot, heavy showers 7 PM.*
- Aug. 3 1888 *Mother went to Royalton. Cloudy & cool AM. Clear PM.*
- Aug. 5 1888 *The meadows are very wet now.*
- Aug. 9 1888 *The wheat crop is about a failure now. Cool rain at night.*
- Aug. 11 1888 *Most everyone are harvesting. Quite warm.*
- Aug. 15 1888 *I helped Pickard stack oats PM. Rain considerable at night.*
- Aug. 20 1888 *I helped King stack. Clear & hot.*
- Aug. 21 1888 *Louisa Davis is very poorly. Nice day.*
- Aug. 24 1888 *I helped Sid thrash. Clear nice day.*
- Aug. 25 1888 *I helped Pickard thrash. Terrible hot.*
- Aug. 27 1888 *George Ingersoll Thrashed. Clear & hot.*
- Aug. 31 1888 *Light frost at night.*
- Sept. 2 1888 *D.L. Ingersoll is very sick. Clear & hot, nice day.*
- Sept. 3 1888 *I helped George stack wheat & grass. D.L. Ingersoll had his will made.*
- Sept. 4 1888 *Grandpa is very low, I laid up.*
- Sept. 6 1888 *Sid & the Borthwick boys are up haying ?? Hot & windy.*
- Sept. 8 1888 *We helped George stack hay. Clear windy & cool.*
- Sept. 10 1888 *I commenced mowing on D.L. Ingersolls meadow. Light shower in morning.*
- Sept. 11 1888 *Otis Adams had Lizzie & May ? arrested for taking a pumpkin. We are haying this week. Clear cool & windy.*
- Sept. 12 1888 *Heavy frost at night.*
- Sept. 13 1888 *Grandpa has to have watchers, he has for about a week. Clear nice day.*
- Sept. 18 1888 *Grandfather is about the same.*
- Sept. 19 1888 *Louisa Davis died.*
- Sept. 21 1888 *We finished cutting corn for George. Windy.*
- Sept. 22 1888 *We are hauling clay again. People are cutting corn. Quite hot.*

- Sept. 24 1888 *We commenced striking again. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 26 1888 *I am sick today. It begins to look like fall. Cloudy & windy.*
- Sept. 27 1888 *Frost at night. Very cool & windy.*
- Oct. 1 1888 *Lowell Davis died at night. Cloudy, light showers about noon.*
- Oct. 2 1888 *We are digging potatoes. Very cool.*
- Oct. 3 1888 *Lowell Davis was buried. Nice day but windy.*
- Oct. 4 1888 *We finished striking brick. Cloudy & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 5 1888 *Mother is very poorly. Clear & cool PM.*
- Oct. 6 1888 *We are scoring & mudding the kiln. A cold wind.*
- Oct. 9 1888 *Grandfather is a little better. He sits up a little. Windy.*
- Oct. 11 1888 *We put fire in the kiln. Nell Norton has been working for grandmother for a while. Clear & cool.*
- Oct. 18 1888 *I quit work in the brick yard. Drisy*
- Oct. 19 1888 *Mr. Morrell was buried.*
- Oct. 21 1888 *A load went over to the salvation army, May Adams & me.*
- Oct. 22 1888 *I commenced work for King husking corn.*
- Oct. 24 1888 *I & May Adams went to the Dance at Snows.*
- Oct. 26 1888 *I quit work for King.*
- Oct. 27 1888 *I husked 54 bu. of corn for George Ingersoll.*
- Oct. 30 1888 *Justin Adams & Captolia Harrington were married. Clear nice day.*
- Nov. 1 1888 *Dance to F. Heaths. I had a good time. Light showers AM.*
- Nov. 2 1888 *We serenaded Justin Adams. Mat ? Goodwin is husking for George Ingersoll.*
- Nov. 3 1888 *I am husking for George Ingersoll. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 7 1888 *D.L. Ingersoll died 2:30 AM. Fine warm day.*
- Nov. 8 1888 *D.L. Ingersoll was buried at Otsego. Cloudy, chilly, disagreeable.*
- Nov. 12 1888 *I finished husking for George Ingersoll, 510 bu. Otis Adams moved his house.*
- Nov. 13 1888 *I commenced husking for Fred Heath, 3 PM.*
- Nov. 21 1888 *I commenced husking for McLeods PM. Beautiful day.*
- Nov. 27 1888 *I finished husking for McLeods, I husked 1165 bu. in 27 days.*
- Nov. 29 1888 *Party to E.D. Washburns, big dance at Dayton. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 30 1888 *I help Edson Parker PM. on log stable.*
- Dec. 1 1888 *Supper at the church. I help E.B. Ingersoll saw wood.*
- Dec. 2 1888 *The old Davis house burned in the evening. Cloudy & quite moderate.*
- Dec. 3 1888 *Sydney Holt & Clara Borthwick were married. Clear & nice day.
I helped Edson Parker.*
- Dec. 4 1888 *Mother is very low.*
- Dec. 6 1888 *I quit work for Parker. Beautiful weather for this time of year.*
- Dec. 10 1888 *Cuylar Washburn is teaching the Otsego school. Carrie McDonald is teaching the French school. I commenced work for Ed Ingersoll.*
- Dec. 12 1888 *Mr McCord is down running out the lines for the boys.*
- Dec. 13 1888 *The ice stopped. The ground is terrible dry & froze hard. Nice day.*
- Dec. 17 1888 *I commenced chopping for E. Ingersoll.*
- Dec. 20 1888 *Protractive meeting? meetings commenced, Mr Kerfoot is teacher. Clear & warm.*

- Dec. 22 1888 *Mother is very sick. Reul warm.*
- Dec. 24 1888 *A Christmas tree at the church. A man killed in Elk River by a train.*
- Dec. 25 1888 *May & me went over to Crockers. Elmer & Eben & Nancy & Grandma, all went over there. Clear, quit winterism.*
- Dec. 29 1888 *They are having some very good meetings. Thawing some in the sun.*
- Dec. 31 1888 *Dance at Dayton. Clear, very nice day.*
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- Jan. 2 1889 *There has been very many converted in these meetings. Warm*
- Jan. 5 1889 *I went to Monticello & got my watch.*
- Jan. 8 1889 *Poor mother is very bad. Partly cloudy & cooler.*
- Jan. 9 1889 *The meetings are closed.*
- Jan. 10 1889 *The folks use wagons all together. Clear & quite cold.*
- Jan. 12 1889 *Ther is about 3 or 4 inches of snow left & sledding is poor.*
- Jan. 15 1889 *Mother died 11:00 PM. Warm & thawing. Rain some at night.*
- Jan. 17 1889 *Mothers funeral preached by Pastor Kerfoot. Cold wind, terrible icy.*
- Jan. 18 1889 *Some teams are commenced to haul wood for the Adams boys.*
- Jan. 21 1889 *Lots of teams are hauling wood for the Adams boys. (River ice safe)*
- Jan. 24 1889 *Warmer, they are hauling snow on the week end.*
- Jan. 31 1889 *I am cutting wood for E.E. Ingersoll. About 5 inches of snow now.*
- Feb. 5 1889 *26 below zero. Clear & cold.*
- Feb. 7 1889 *Herbert Davis up to the brick yard. E.M. ? & his wife.*
- Feb. 12 1889 *Lila & Elliot Ingram were up at the brick yard for a sing.*
- Feb. 13 1889 *There has been lots of stealing going on around here. They ? are out searching the house today. Cloudy & warm.*
- Feb. 16 1889 *Will Mosman stayed out at the brick yard at night.*
- Feb. 18 1889 *Clear & cold wind, 20 below zero.*
- Feb. 20 1889 *I quit work for E. Ingersoll at night. I worked 58 days for \$20.00 a month. Clear, warmer, a nice day.*
- Feb. 23 1889 *Clear & very cold, 32 below zero.*
- Feb. 25 1889 *I commenced work with Brainard, chopping wood for the Adams boys.*
- Feb. 28 1889 *Clear & much warmer. They quit hauling wood so I quit chopping after 4 days.*
- March 1 1889 *Cloudy & warm. It did not freeze at night.*
- March 4 1889 *I commenced work for E.B. King. Snow going fast.*
- March 5 1889 *Charlie Spencer is very sick, he is paralyzed on one side.*
- March 6 1889 *Clear & warm, snow going fast. The fields are mostly bare.*
- March 9 1889 *I am splitting wood for King.*
- March 11 1889 *I quit work at night. Clear nice day.*
- March 12 1889 *Town meeting day, they past the law ? hard. Party at Ingersolls at night. Snow is very near all gone.*
- March 13 1889 *I commenced work for Sydney(his brother)P.M. Disagreeable snowed some.*
- March 14 1889 *Times are terrible dull around here this spring.*
- March 16 1889 *Clara's Aunt came over to Sids.*

- March 19 1889 *There is no crossing the river with teams now. Nice day.*
- March 20 1889 *A. Chase commenced work for Sid.*
- March 21 1889 *We finished the wood pile. A little warmer.*
- March 22 1889 *The ice went out of the river. We are cutting fencing. Clear & hot.*
- March 23 1889 *Joe McDonald put the ferry in. Beautiful weather.*
- March 25 1889 *The Bailey ? boys are sawing wood for grandmother, I helped.*
- March 28 1889 *Folks are plowing some. I am setting post around the hog pasture.*
- March 30 1889 *Snowed 8 inches.*
- Apr. 1 1889 *Lincoln Davis's house burned. Cloudy & terribly windy.*
- Apr. 2 1889 *Party at Borthwicks. Terribly windy at night.*
- Apr. 3 1889 *We need rain bad. I worked for Dupont, fencing. Clear & windy.*
- Apr. 4 1889 *I am driving posts for Dupont. Clear nice day.*
- Apr. 5 1889 *The river is very low this spring. Freeze hard last night.*
- Apr. 6 1889 *I commenced seeding oats. Clear, windy, & quite warm.*
- Apr. 7 1889 *Mr. Stewart preached at the school house. Warm.*
- Apr. 8 1889 *Arthur Chase is boarding at Kings, now. We need rain.*
- Apr. 9 1889 *Party at Frank Browns. Me & Lizzie Parker went. (He later married her)*
- Apr. 10 1889 *Clear & real warm. Lots of fires around.*
- Apr. 12 1889 *I finished sowing oats. Clear, chilly wind.*
- Apr. 13 1889 *I am helping my grandma, splitting wood.*
- Apr. 15 1889 *I finished working for grandma. Hazy & warm.*
- Apr. 16 1889 *Quite a shower at night.*
- Apr. 17 1889 *Len Smith is laid up with Rheumatism. Partly cloudy & warm.*
- Apr. 18 1889 *Quite a shower 6 PM.*
- Apr. 19 1889 *Supper at church. Neck tie supper. Clear nice day.*
- Apr. 20 1889 *Clear windy & warm. We need rain.*
- Apr. 22 1889 *Light shower at night. Will Fleming & May Borthwick were married.*
- Apr. 23 1889 *Cloudy & cool. Very heavy rain at night. It done lots of good.*
- Apr. 24 1889 *Farewell party at Borthwicks. Cold, windy & disagreeable.*
- Apr. 25 1889 *Nice day. I helped Elmer cut down brick.*
- Apr. 26 1889 *We built wire fence. Nice warm day.*
- Apr. 27 1889 *We finished building wire fence. Cold & windy.*
- Apr. 29 1889 *The plum trees are in blossom. Clear & cold, heavy frost at night.*
- Apr. 30 1889 *Loretta Ingersoll is working up on the Washburn place.
I am helping Elmer Ingersoll. Nice day. Freeze at night.*
- May 1 1889 *I sold 20 bu. of oats to F. Lewis for \$.22 per bu.*
- May 2 1889 *I am sowing some more oats. Clear, warm, & windy.*
- May 3 1889 *I finished sowing 30 acres of Oates. warm & windy, we need rain.*
- May 4 1889 *I, making soap for grandmother to pay for the seeds. Clear & windy.*
- May 5 1889 *Leroy Spencer is having a bad time with his leg that he broke a month ago. Mostly clear, very windy & warm.*
- May 6 1889 *I finished planting potatoes. Clear, terrible windy.*
- May 7 1889 *I commenced work for Joe Parker building a fence. Fearful windy.*

- May 8 1889 *I quit work for Parker. Very heavy showers AM hot PM.*
- May 10 1889 *I am getting ready to go down and throw out cord wood with Frank Brown.*
- May 11 1889 *The feed(Pasture) is very good now.*
- May 12 1889 *Reverend Stewart baptized some folks at the Otsego ferry(landing)
Clear, the hottest day yet(Sunday).*
- May 13 1889 *We started for Swede town.*
- May 14 1889 *I came up with the team. Quite a shower 4 PM, heavy rain at night.*
- May 16 1889 *The river water is very low.*
- May 17 1889 *The Boom Company is bothering the Wood men terribly this year.*
- May 20 1889 *We threw out a raft(Launched?) Clear & windy, nice day.*
- May 21 1889 *Light showers AM. frost at night.*
- May 22 1889 *I walked up from Mpls. (Did go to Mpls. on the raft?)*
- May 23 1889 *I split stove wood for M.E. Spencer. Clear, hot & windy.*
- May 24 1889 *I finished Mart's wood pile.*
- May 25 1889 *Ernest Ingersoll is going to put a cellar under Mart Spencer's store.
They went with a raft. Cloudy & quite hot.*
- May 27 1889 *I work for E.B. Ingersoll. Clear nice day.*
- May 29 1889 *I went down on a raft.*
- June 1 1889 *Arthur Chase & me went down to the Pinse ? Opera in Mpls. at night.*
- June 2 1889 *The water is so low in the river that they could not run wood so I came
home. We need rain terrible.*
- June 4 1889 *Me and Sid are going to fence from ours to Parkers for a pasture.*
- June 5 1889 *Ernest Ingersoll is building a cellar under M.E. Spencer's store.*
- June 6 1889 *I carried my watch to Monticello, light showers about noon.*
- June 7 1889 *I went & got my watch. Clear & warm, nice day.*
- June 8 1889 *I went over and hoed E.B. Ingersolls garden. Looks like rain.*
- June 10 1889 *Big fire in Seattle Washington Territory. Clear & hot.*
- June 11 1889 *Camp meeting commenced.*
- June 12 1889 *I am working for Ernest Ingersoll. Clear quite hot.*
- June 14 1889 *Ernest & me are working on a well at the starch factory. Nice day.*
- June 16 1889 *Terrible crowd at the camp meeting. Clear & terrible hot.*
- June 17 1889 *Camp meeting closed. Clear & hot. Light showers at night.*
- June 19 1889 *Terrible hot & windy.*
- June 20 1889 *Cloudy & rain.*
- June 21 1889 *We finished digging the well.*
- June 25 1889 *Quite a shower at night, nice shower 6 PM.*
- June 27 1889 *I finished work a. the starch factory. Clear & hot.*
- June 28 1889 *I hoed Ernest garden. Clear & hot with a gentle breeze.*
- June 30 1889 *M.E. Spencer's wife is very sick. Clear with a hot wind.
George Adams & Leon Snow started for Washington Territory.*
- July 7 1889 *Awful hot wind. 102 degrees above.*
- July 11 1889 *Levi Copp came up. We quit work on the factory until the boilers
came. Fred Wood was buried on the 11th. Not quite as hot.*

- July 12 1889 *I hoed for Ernest Ingersoll. Hot AM. Cooler PM.*
- July 13 1889 *I helped stow away hay. Very light shower PM.*
- July 15 1889 *I am hoeing my potatoes. Clear & hot.*
- July 17 1889 *Elmer & Ida Ingram went to Anoka to a circus. Everything is suffering for rain. Getting terrible hot.*
- July 18 1889 *I went to Monticello & got my watch fixed. Clear & fearful hot.*
- July 19 1889 *I went out to the station after some twine. Hot.*
- July 22 1889 *I commenced tending mason. Everything is dying for rain.*
- July 25 1889 *Cloudy with light shower.*
- July 29 1889 *Retta came from Blaine on a visit.*
- July 30 1889 *Quite a shower at night.*
- July 31 1889 *Quite heavy shower.*
- Aug. 4 1889 *Very light frost in places.*
- Aug. 5 1889 *The crops are very poor to dry. Clear & warm.*
- Aug. 7 1889 *I finished work on the starch factory. Heavy showers.*
- Aug. 8 1889 *I helped Pickard thrash. Not very hot.*
- Aug. 9 1889 *Lawn festival at Frank Browns at night. Cloudy & not hot.*
- Aug. 10 1889 *Walter Smith helped me stack oats. Clear, quite hot.*
- Aug. 12 1889 *I helped stack hay. Clear, quite cool & windy.*
- Aug. 13 1889 *I helped A. Wood thrash. Same weather.*
- Aug. 15 1889 *We thrashed, I had 330 bu of oats. Sid had 50 bu. oats & 70 of wheat.*
- Aug. 16 1889 *I helped George Ingersoll haul hay. Clear, not very hot.*
- Aug. 17 1889 *I went over to work on the school house.*
- Aug. 19 1889 *Heavy shower at night.*
- Aug. 21 1889 *I finished work on school. Ernest Ingersoll moved from Franks house.*
- Aug. 23 1889 *Alfred Borthwick & me commenced haying upon my meadow. Clear & hot.*
- Aug. 29 1889 *Alfred Borthwick finished working for me. Quite cool.*
- Aug. 30 1889 *I helped Edson Parker thrash. Clear & hot wind.*
- Aug. 31 1889 *Sid helped me hay in the PM. Awfully windy & hot.*
- Sept. 3 1889 *I went down on a raft with Joe McDonald. Clear & windy.*
- Sept. 4 1889 *I worked for George Crocker. Very light frost. Cloudy & very cool.*
- Sept. 6 1889 *Lewis McDonald & me dropped some rafts for Joe McDonald. Warm.*
- Sept. 8 1889 *I went down to Rockford to a camp meeting. Light frost night before.*
- Sept. 9 1889 *I went down below to throw wood for Joe McDonald. last.*
- Sept. 11 1889 *I finished throwing out wood, only three rafts of wood.*
- Sept. 12 1889 *I am helping Newton. Cloudy & cool.*
- Sept. 15 1889 *Folks are hauling potatoes to market. Very light crop this year.*
- Sept. 17 1889 *I helped king dig potatoes. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 18 1889 *Still helping King. Eben Davis's house keeper came from Mpls.
Quite heavy frost at night.*
- Sept. 19 1889 *I & Lizzie Parker went to the exposition in Minneapolis. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 20 1889 *I commenced work for Charlie Davis at \$24.00 a month. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 27 1889 *We finished digging potatoes. Clear nice day.*

- Sept. 28 1889 *I am husking corn. Clear & warm.*
- Sept. 30 1889 *I work for Eben Davis digging potatoes. Terrible windy PM.*
- Oct. 3 1889 *There are lots of potatoes going to the (Starch) factory in Elk River. I & Will White digging potatoes for Eben Davis.*
- Oct. 4 1889 *Heavy frost at night. Clear nice cool day.*
- Oct. 7 1889 *I & John Walley, Will White & Fred Bailey, commenced husking for Charlie Davis. Clear warm & calm.*
- Oct. 11 1889 *We finished husking at noon. Herbert got home at night.*
- Oct. 12 1889 *I cut corn stalks. Cloudy & cool.*
- Oct. 14 1889 *I commenced husking for Eben Davis. fearful foggy in morning.*
- Oct. 15 1889 *People are hauling their potatoes to market. Cloudy & cool.*
- Oct. 18 1889 *The fodder is terrible dry. Nice day, quite windy.*
- Oct. 19 1889 *I finished work for Eben Davis. Windy & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 20 1889 *The fires are raging terrible. Nice day, quite windy.*
- Oct. 21 1889 *Snowed a few flakes.*
- Oct. 22 1889 *I helped Sid pick potatoes. Cloudy AM. clear PM.*
- Oct. 25 1889 *I commenced digging my potatoes. Cloudy & cold*
- Oct. 26 1889 *Mr. Norton broke his arms. Hard freeze at night.*
- Oct. 28 1889 *The fires are burning the meadow terribly. Quite warm, nice day.*
- Oct. 29 1889 *I finished digging my potatoes. I had 125 bu. Clear & warm.*
- Nov. 1 1889 *Cloudy & cold. Snowed 3 inches at night.*
- Nov. 2 1889 *The snow went half off.*
- Nov. 6 1889 *I walked to Anoka to see a dentist. Clear & warm.*
- Nov. 8 1889 *I went to Buffalo to pay my tax. Clear nice day but windy.*
- Nov. 9 1889 *I husk for grandma. Clear & warm.*
- Nov. 12 1889 *Cold & disagreeable husking weather.*
- Nov. 16 1889 *I lent the house out to Sid. Clear nice day.*
- Nov. 18 1889 *I am husking for grandmother. Clear very nice day.*
- Nov. 22 1889 *We finished husking. Cloudy AM. Clear PM. windy.*
- Nov. 23 1889 *I went to a wood bee at the church. Quite cold.*
- Nov. 25 1889 *No crossing with the ferry now. I am stacking corn fodder for grandma. Broken & chilly.*
- Nov. 26 1889 *The last snow is nearly all gone. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Nov. 28 1889 *The ice has stopped, people cross the river on foot. Thanksgiving dinner at LaPlants. Clear & cold.*
- Dec. 2 1889 *I started for the woods for Gray & Libby. Cloudy & windy.*
- Dec. 3 1889 *I got to camp. Cloudy & colder.*
- Dec. 4 1889 *Five inches of snow here. Cloudy & warm, almost rain.*
- Dec. 14 1889 *About 6 inches of snow, enough to commence hauling logs.*
- Dec. 23 1889 *Ross went down home. Cloudy & warm.*
- Jan. 10 1890 *We have had a very mild winter so far. The lakes are not frozen solid yet, it bothers hauling logs.*

- Jan. 14 1890 *I commenced tending sled. Clear, cold & windy.*
- Jan. 16 1890 *36 below zero. Clear & cold.*
- Jan. 25 1890 *Quite a soft day. Quite warm.*
- Jan. 30 1890 *Quite a lot of water on the lakes.*
- Feb. 4 1890 *Snow settling fast. Very warm, thawing fast.*
- Feb. 12 1890 *Ernest Ingersoll went down river. Clear & warm.*
- Feb. 14 1890 *We are over to Erskins hauling old logs.*
- Feb. 28 1890 *Clear & cold.*
- March 1 1890 *32 degrees below zero.*
- March 2 1890 *Eli Holland quit work & went down. Quite moderate.*
- March 8 1890 *I have got a terrible sore mouth. Quite warm, thawing some.*
- March 17 1890 *The snow has not settled much yet. Clear & quite warm.*
- March 25 1890 *Cloudy, terrible windy snow blowing. Terrible cold.*
- March 27 1890 *There is very near 2 feet of snow now.*
- March 29 1890 *I am out helping Boom timber.*
- March 23 1890 *Adam Wood died the 23rd.*
- Apr. 2 1890 *I quit work at night. Thawing fast.*
- Apr. 3 1890 *I came down to Little falls. It don't freeze at nights.*
- Apr. 4 1890 *I got home from the woods. I worked 104 1/2 days.*
- Apr. 5 1890 *I went to Monticello & got a main spring put in my watch.*
- Apr. 6 1890 *No crossing the river with teams. Cloudy & chilly.*
- Apr. 7 1890 *The snow is just about all gone. Cloudy and rainy.*
- Apr. 9 1890 *I went out to Harrings & got 12 bu. of seed wheat. Windy & quite cool.*
- Apr. 10 1890 *The ice went out & they put the ferry in the river. I commenced splitting wood for Mrs. Ingersoll. Clear & quite warm.*
- Apr. 12 1890 *I am boarding for Mrs. Ingersoll for \$2.50 per week. I am plowing on my land. Acts like rain, cool.*
- Apr. 14 1890 *I commenced sowing wheat, sowed 12 bu. Warm, nice day.*
- Apr. 15 1890 *Len Smith moved to Mpls. I went to Joe Parkers and got some maple sugar.*
- Apr. 16 1890 *The fires are raging all around. Hot & windy.*
- Apr. 20 1890 *I had 5 tons of hay burn PM. Everything drying up.*
- Apr. 21 1890 *The whole country is burning over. Light showers at night.*
- Apr. 22 1890 *Alfred Borthwick is working for Sid this summer. Showers*
- Apr. 23 1890 *Dance to Frank Ingersolls at night. Charles Brown came over and hired me to work in the brick yard. windy & disagreeable.*
- Apr. 24 1890 *I am boarding at Mrs. Ingersolls. Clear & warm.*
- Apr. 26 1890 *I finished plowing and commenced sowing oats. Clear & nice day.*
- Apr. 27 1890 *The feed (pasture) is very poor, we need rain bad. Clear & quite warm.*
- Apr. 30 1890 *I finished sowing.*
- May 3 1890 *Cloudy & very cool. Snowed some at night.*
- May 6 1890 *I helped Charlie LaPlant. Showers going around.*
- May 9 1890 *I work for Mrs. Ingersoll on the meadow.*
- May 11 1890 *Rain just a little at night. We need rain bad.*

- May 14 1890 *Clear & very windy. Freeze at night.*
- May 19 1890 *Joe Parker has got the measles. News that Frank Ingersoll is crazy out in Washington Territory.*
- May 20 1890 *I planted my two acres of potatoes. Rainy PM. Rained quite a lot at night.*
- May 21 1890 *I went down on a raft with Len Vail.*
- May 22 1890 *I commenced throwing out wood for Spencers. Rain & snow in morning.*
- May 24 1890 *Ricker went up last night with a lame wrist. Light showers PM.*
- May 26 1890 *The recent rains helped things terribly. Clear, windy, & warm.*
- May 31 1890 *Lizzie Parker has been very sick with the measles.*
- June 6 1890 *Everything id growing very fast now.*
- June 10 1890 *The ground is plenty wet enough now. Light showers PM.*
- June 11 1890 *I quit throwing out wood at night. Camp meeting commenced.*
- June 13 1890 *Lizzie & me went to camp meeting. Hot, quite a breeze.*
- June 14 1890 *Rain real hard from 10 AM until 5 PM.*
- June 16 1890 *I went back throwing out wood again at night. Frank Ingersoll is sick.*
- June 17 1890 *George Crocker took Frank Ingersoll to St. Peter, he is bad off.*
- June 20 1890 *The water is raising in the river now. Good running cord wood now.*
- June 27 1890 *Clear & terrible hot.*
- June 28 1890 *Terrible, fearful, heavy rain from 1:00 to 2:00*
- June 29 1890 *Muggy, heavy showers about noon.*
- July 1 1890 *I finished throwing out wood for Joe McDonald. Not very hot.*
- July 2 1890 *I came home in the morning.*
- July 4 1890 *Quite a celebration at Buffalo. Clear & a little warmer.*
- July 5 1890 *I am hoeing in the garden for Mrs. Ingersoll.*
- July 6 1890 *Harry Holt is stopping at Sydneys. He is not in his right mind.*
- July 7 1890 *I went up to the brick yard above Princeton. Terrible hot.*
- July 8 1890 *I commenced work in the brick yard.*
- July 12 1890 *The crops are looking very good now. Clear and terrible hot.*
- July 13 1890 *Ean & me put up our tent. Very heavy shower in the morning.*
- July 14 1890 *The wheat is rusting through the country. Cloudy & light showers.*
- July 19 1890 *They are having a terrible time with their brick business.*
- July 22 1890 *We are setting posts on the kiln ground. Very light showers.*
- July 25 1890 *I, Ean & Charlie Brown, commenced raking bricks. Clear & hot.*
- July 26 1890 *The bricks are cracking bad. Awful hot.*
- July 31 1890 *We commenced setting bricks. Clear & hot.*
- Aug. 2 1890 *I went home.*
- Aug. 7 1890 *Terrible heavy rain at night.*
- Aug. 16 1890 *The brick dry terrible slow. Cloudy & real cool.*
- Aug. 18 1890 *We finished setting brick, first kiln.*
- Aug. 20 1890 *We put fire in the first kiln at night. Clear & cool.*
- Aug. 21 1890 *Light frost at night.*
- Aug. 22 1890 *Frank Ingersoll is in St. Peter yet.*
- Aug. 29 1890 *I am tending the brick kiln. A little warmer.*

- Aug. 30 1890 *I came home from Princeton.*
- Sept. 2 1890 *I have been gleanng over my wheat. I went back to Princeton.*
- Sept. 3 1890 *Tremendous heavy rain & wind at night. Cleared off cool at night.*
- Sept. 4 1890 *I quit in the brick yard and went home. Clear & cool.*
- Sept. 5 1890 *I helped thrash at Adam Woods. Clear & windy.*
- Sept. 6 1890 *My grain was thrashed wet.*
- Sept. 8 1890 *I & Ed Vail are helping Sid dig potatoes. Clear as dirt, nice day.*
- Sept. 9 1890 *Harry has been to St. peter about two weeks. Frank Ingersoll is about the same. He is there too. Clear & quite warm.*
- Sept. 11 1890 *I & Ed Vail commenced cutting corn on the prairie. Cooler.*
- Sept. 12 1890 *Light frost at night. cleared off about 4 PM. Very windy & cold.*
- Sept. 14 1890 *Lizzie parker is working down to Humphreys.*
- Sept. 15 1890 *Heavy frost at night. Rained all morning.*
- Sept. 19 1890 *I commenced work for Eben & Elmer Ingersoll. Windy & very cool.*
- Sept. 22 1890 *I commenced digging potatoes for E.D. & E.E. Ingersoll.*
- Sept. 23 1890 *Potatoes are worth \$.55 per bu. & will probably be higher.*
- Oct. 4 1890 *I hauled cane for E. Ingersoll over to Borthwicks. Fred Vail worked it up.*
- Oct. 5 1890 *Old Mrs. Cooley was buried. Mostly cloudy & warm.*
- Oct. 6 1890 *I & Elmer picked up potatoes for Sydney Holt. Cool.*
- Oct. 7 1890 *The leaves are mostly off the trees. Cloudy & cool.*
- Oct. 8 1890 *Potatoes are worth \$.50 a bu. Broken & warm.*
- Oct. 11 1890 *Commenced raining 4 PM. & rained most all night.*
- Oct. 13 1890 *Maggie Snow is very sick with typhoid fever. Rainy all day.*
- Oct. 14 1890 *The ground is plenty wet enough now. Windy & cool.*
- Oct. 15 1890 *Lewis McDonald & Oscar Adams are drawing(hauling) potatoes to Minneapolis. Partly cloudy & cold.*
- Oct. 17 1890 *Quite a shower at night.*
- Oct. 18 1890 *I quit work for B.D. Ingersoll. Cloudy & disagreeable.*
- Oct. 21 1890 *I commenced work for Joe Parker digging potatoes. Warm.*
- Oct. 24 1890 *We finished digging potatoes for Joe Parker.*
- Oct. 27 1890 *Joe Parker & Lizzie went to Mpls. Cloudy AM. clear PM.*
- Oct. 28 1890 *I commenced plowing on the prairie. Clear & windy.*
- Oct. 30 1890 *freeze hard at night.*
- Nov. 1 1890 *I walked to Elk River & Moticello PM.*
- Nov. 4 1890 *Election day. Pretty fair kind of day.*
- Nov. 3 1890 *I finished plowing on the prairie. I plowed 16 acres.*
- Nov. 7 1890 *I hauled my potatoes to Joe Parkers, 34 bu. Disagreeable.*
- Nov. 8 1890 *I commenced husking corn for Mrs. Ingersoll. Snowed about 5 inches.*
- Nov. 10 1890 *I hauled my wheat up to Eli Kings, 48 bu. Clear & quite moderate.*
- Nov. 11 1890 *I helped King stack corn fodder AM. Helped George Ingersoll husk corn, PM.*
- Nov. 12 1890 *I am husking. Broken & moderate. Snow is going off.*
- Nov. 14 1890 *Mr. Dupont moved out on the Morrell place. Mostly clear & windy.*
- Nov. 17 1890 *Liz & me went over to Charlie Browns to a husking bee.*

- Nov. 20 1890 *Our snow is about all gone.*
 Nov. 21 1890 *Dance at Ed Peavey's house. Basket supper at the church.*
 Nov. 22 1890 *I finished husking at Browns. I husked 179 bu.*
 Nov. 24 1890 *I commenced husking at Ben Mabe? Clear & warm.*
 Nov. 27 1890 *Thanksgiving. Beautiful day, clear & smoky.*
 Nov. 28 1890 *I finished husking for Mabe? I husked 170 bu. Clear nice day.*
 Nov. 29 1890 *I went up to Buffalo to pay my taxes. Cloudy AM. clear & windy PM.*
 Nov. 30 1890 *Snowed just a very little at night.*

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- Dec. 1 1890 *Cloudy AM. clear & windy PM.*
 Dec. 2 1890 *I went down to Anoka to get my tooth fixed. Cloudy & cold*
 Dec. 3 1890 *The Ice stopped.*
 Dec. 4 1890 *I am loafing now. Stopping at Mrs. Ingersolls*

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NAMES and PLACES MENTIONED in DIARY
DATES of ENTRIES

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| Adams | 10-31-81, 8-30-82, 3-19-83, 3-22-84, 7-24-84, 10-4-84, 4-28-87,
8-10-87, 1-18-89, 1-21-89, 2-25-89 |
| " George | 6-30-89 |
| " Jessie | 6-27-81 |
| " Justin | 11-29-86, 8-17-87, 11-4-87, 3-16-88, 5-8-88, 6-4-88, 6-7-88,
7-19-88, 10-30-88, 11-2-88 |
| " M. | 8-21-81 |
| " May | 1-21-88, 10-24-88, 12-25-88 |
| " Oscar | 11-29-86, 11-4-87, 10-15-90 |
| " Otis | 9-16-81, 5-31-86, 11-29-86, 4-4-88, 4-10-88, 9-11-88, 11-12-88 |
| " Samuel | 7-25-79, 3-4-80, 3-10-80 |
| Addway (?Ordway) | 6-26-80 |
| Anoka | 8-15-84, 1-31-85, 11-17-85, 10-26 -87, 6-23-88, 7-17-89, 11-6-89
12-2-90 |
| Atkin (?Aitkin) | 11-14-86 |
| Bailey | 11-13-84, 12-9-84, 8-30-85, 11-21-85, 3-25-89 |
| " Fred | 10-7-89 |
| Baker | 1-26-86 |
| " Newell | 1-15-86 |
| Balzell, Joe | 3-28-85 |
| Barnes | 9-19-83 |
| arnhart | 11-19-79 |
| Bashaw | 4-21-88 |
| " John | 10-27-80 |
| Besion, Ed | 1-26-86 |
| Birch Lake | 9-12-85 |
| Bistidoe | 9-30-87 |
| Blaine | 7-29-89 |

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| Borthwick | 10-7-86, 10-16-86, 9-6-88, 4-2-89, 4-24-89, 10-4-90, 10-11-90 |
| " Alfred | 8-23-89, 8-29-89, 4-22-90 |
| " Clara | 12-8-88 |
| " Electa | 1-20-80 |
| " James W. | 11-13-80 |
| " Jane | 3-6-88 |
| " Lydia | 4-22-81 |
| " May | 4-22-89 |
| " Nellie | 6-18-88 |
| Bouchet, Eustache | 11-12-81 |
| " Jim | 10-11-81 |
| Bouchy, Mary | 7-19-81 |
| Bracken | 10-17-85 |
| Brainerd | 11-16-81, 5-20-86, 2-25-89 |
| Briggs | 6-26-83 |
| Brimmers Mill | 10-24-84 |
| Brown | 7-17-82, 7-20-83, 11-22-90 |
| " Carry | 9-20-86 |
| " Charlie | 4-23-90, 7-25-90, 11-17-90 |
| " Frank | 7-29-82, 8-7-83, 9-28-83, 7-7-84, 10-17-84, 10-18-84, 11-27-84, 12-31-85, 4-7-86, 5-13-87, 6-26-88, 4-9-89, 5-10-89, 8-9-89 |
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| Caulkins, Henry | 7-12-83, 6-28-84, 5-26-87 |
| " Louise | 8-22-83 |
| Champlin | 5-28-84, 6-4-84 |
| Chase | 6-21-86, 11-11-86, 11-13-86, 11-29-86, 3-24-87, 5-7-88 |
| " Arthur | 8-24-86, 9-3-86, 7-30-87, 11-10-87, 3-20-89, 4-8-89, 6-1-89 |

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Colbath, George 6-19-82

Cooley 5-3-84, 6-7-88

" Arthur 12-30-82

" Ellen (Teacher) 5-10-83, 5-4-85

" Eva 7-10-88, 6-17-90

" Margaret 10-5-90

Coon Creek 6-4-85

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" George 3-28-86, 12-31-85, 4-16-86, 9-4-89, 6-17-90

" Jessie 4-14-85, 4-15-85, 12-31-85

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" Albert 11-26-85

" Alice 9-28-83, 8-17-84

" Andrew 3-16-84

" Charlie 7-31-84, 9-30-89, 10-7-89

" Dolly 8-6-86

" Dot (Teacher) 8-11-82

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| " Louisa | 10-15-86, 7-29-88, 8-21-88, 9-19-88 |
| " Lowell | 10-1-88, 10-3-88 |
| " Orion | 11-12-79, 10-7-84 |
| Dayton | 11-29-88, 12-31-88 |
| Dickie, Charlie | 3-28-85 |
| Doran (Teacher) | 5-5-84 |
| Douglas, Karl | 5-1-86 |
| Duluth | 7-29-87 |
| Dupont | 11-16-85, 3-25-86, 8-24-87, 8-25-87, 8-27-87, 8-29-87, 9-7-87,
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| Dwellie | 12-2-83, 12-21-83 |
| Eddy, George | 12-4-83 |
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| Ellis, Annie | 9-26-84, 10-22-84 |
| Erskins | 2-14-90 |
| Evans, Simon | 6-25-85 |
| Featherstone, Lizzie (Teacher) | 5-2-81 |
| " Janez | 4-30-85 |
| Ferry | 4-16-83, 4-19-83, 4-22-83, 11-17-85, 12-3-85, 4-9-87, 3-23-89,
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| Fisk | 9-27-84 |
| " Amacy(?) | 5-22-84 |
| Fleming | 4-26-82 |
| " Edith | 7-8-85, 10-17-85 |
| " Sarah | 11-15-80, 11-17-80 |
| " Will | 7-18-79, 12-13-82, 5-27-84, 1-16-85, 4-7-85, 8-20-85, 11-19-86,
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| Frankfort | 5-28-83 |
| French Town | 11-5-87, 11-12-87, 4-23-88 |
| Garfield (President USA) | 7-2-81 |
| Garvin (Preacher) | 2-20-85, 9-22-85, 10-8-86 |
| Genny | 9-22-82 |
| Goodwin | 11-25-82, 3-19-83, 5-22-83, 12-5-85, 11-2-88 |
| " Nellie | 9-20-83 |
| Gorham, Tommy | 5-29-80 |
| Goss | 5-29-80 |
| " Cora | 6-24-83, 7-2-83 |
| Gould | 10-20-82, 9-28-84, 5-28-88 |
| " Everest | 7-9-83, 9-20-83, 7-7-84, 11-27-84, 7-30-87 |
| " Minnie | 8-25-85 |
| " Pearson | 10-19-81 |
| Green, G. | 1-6-84 |
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| Hallet | 3-6-86 |
| Hamlet | 3-7-83 |
| " Elmer | 9-29-84, 10-4-84, 12-19-85 |
| " Milton | 9-29-84 |
| Hanes | 10-14-85, 10-23-85 |
| Hannah, John | 6-11-86, 6-16-86, 6-19-86 |
| Harring | 3-13-83, 4-9-90 |
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| Harris, Frank | 8-18-87, 8-31-87 |

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" Fred 11-1-88, 11-13-88

" Geneva 11-7-86

" Jonathan 10-31-85

" Maggie 3-1-83

" Nancy 11-7-86

Hicks, Harvey 10-14-86

Hidreth, Fred 4-19-87

Higgins, Gus 7-1-84

Hill, Jim 2-18-88

Hoffman 5-7-81

Hoffney, Retta (?Loretta) 7-29-89

Holland, Eli 3-2-90

Hollet (?Hallet), Floyd 11-16-86

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" Alice 3-21-83, 11-17-83

" Gertie 3-18-85, 11-7-86, 10-26-87

" Harry 3-11-85, 7-6-90, 9-9-90

" Henry (no relation to Will) 5-7-87

" Julia Ingersoll (Will's mother) 10-21-81, 1-12-85, 10-26-87, 10-5-88,
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" Minnie 4-26-85, 11-25-86, 8-5-87, 11-12-87

" Sidney 3-21-83, 3-26-83, 4-8-84, 3-9-85, 3-11-85, 3-25-85, 10-29-85,
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" William Henry (Will's father) 2-20-80, 4-8-84, 11-5-84, 11-10-84, 8-17-85,
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" David Look (D. L.) (Will's grandfather) 11-6-80, 9-15-83, 5-6-84, 5-28-84,
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" Ernest (E. B.) 4-1-80, 4-9-80, 11-13-80, 2-11-81, 6-13-81, 10-8-81, 11-21-82,
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" Eunice Hillman Look (Mrs. D. L.) (Will's grandmother) 9-2-84, 9-17-84,
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" Leslie 8-6-86

" Loretta 4-30-89

" Luther 9-28-84, 10-12-84, 5-23-85

" Nancy 5-31-85, 7-17-85, 8-18-85, 11-7-86, 12-25-88

" Phoebe 12-27-79

" Wilbur (Will) 10-4-79, 4-26-82, 12-6-82, 12-29-82, 1-17-83, 2-24-83, 3-1-83, 3-4-83, 3-10-83, 4-9-83, 5-6-83, 5-27-83, 12-22-83, 3-5-84, 3-13-84, 3-15-84, 3-30-84, 4-6-84, 8-12-84, 11-7-84, 11-17-84, 11-24-84, 6-13-85, 6-15-85, 8-15-85, 11-10-85, 2-19-86, 3-16-86, 3-19-86, 4-6-86, 4-24-87, 10-13-87, 10-15-87, 11-10-87, 4-24-88, 5-2-88, 6-7-88

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" Elmer 7-17-89

" Ida 7-17-89

" Lila 2-12-89

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" Charlie 10-12-81

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" Bill 4-5-84

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" Clara 9-1-87

" Edith (Teacher) 11-15-80

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| " Elliot | 11-28-82, 8-11-83 |
| " Hatty | 6-20-83 |
| " Lorin | 9-30-82, 11-28-82, 12-21-82, 1-30-83, 4-11-83 |
| " Mary | 7-10-82 |
| Kinney (Teacher) | 2-20-83 |
| Kute(?), Bill | 4-2-84 |
| LaPlant | 11-28-89 |
| " Charles | 5-6-90 |
| Leach Lake | 5-12-84 |
| Lewis, F. | 5-1-89 |
| Lily Pond | 1-15-86, 5-7-88 |
| Little Falls | 3-20-86, 4-3-90 |
| Livonia | 4-8-84 |
| Loyd, Rhub | 3-14-83 |
| Maine | 2-24-83 |
| Markem(?), Charlie | 8-8-84 |
| Marsh | 4-29-85 |
| Martin, Joe | 4-8-83 |
| Mason | 5-13-84 |
| Maybe(?Mabe), Ben | 11-24-90, 11-28-90 |
| " Levi | 3-7-85 |
| McLeod(McCleod) | 1-11-86, 1-23-86, 2-14-86, 4-5-87, 11-21-88, 11-27-88 |
| " Carrie(Teacher) | 9-1-87, 12-10-80 |
| McCord | 12-12-88 |
| McDermid | 2-24-83, 7-31-84, 6-5-85, 11-29-86 |

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" George 7-8-83, 6-4-84, 8-19-84, 7-12-85, 7-14-85

" Joe 4-19-83, 1-27-84, 4-2-84, 10-4-84, 4-13-85, 11-17-85, 4-8-86,
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" Lewis 8-30-87, 9-6-89, 10-15-90

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