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DIARIES OF NEWMAN L. VAN DEUSEN 1863 – 1929

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Newman Lawrence Van Deusen was born in Hinckley February 19, 1847 one of eleven children of Maria and Rush Van Deusen, the 3rd generation of his family to live in Hinckley. At some point he started to keep a diary. Those diaries from April 28, 1863 when he was 17, to the fall of 1929 exist today. Deusen wrote every day. The diaries were written on unbound paper which he copied into bound journals later. Although he mentions the weather every day as most do, his diaries are exceptional in that they include national events, local activities such as the grange, school, local elections, pastimes, details about many of the area citizens, and most importantly his emotions and private thoughts. He describes in detail his farm chores and his travels. This is a transcription of many of his notes. I have included almost all of his chores the first years to illustrate the tremendous amount of hard and tedious work that farmers did. I have included at least once every person that he mentions, every plant and every food, to show what mid 19th c. life specific our area. Newman was hard working, ambitious, bright and observant. He read and attended exhibitions, lectures, literaries and lyceums all his life. He attended Berea College and excelled in math. The 1881 Medina history says he was a math genius and could figure sums and areas for other farmers in his head. On graduation, he only looked for work in accounting one day, then returned to Hinckley to work the family farm and teach school.

It was incredible to see into his life over 66 years, and the lives of those close to him. Although he was a self-regarding man and proud of his many achievements, he was very giving and thoughtful of others and he very rarely had an unkind word to say about anyone. He was bright, educated and had an active curiosity which served him and his community well. Also, I was pleased to discover information specific to our area; what they grew, what machinery and tools they had available, when they added conveniences such as household appliances, automobiles and radios, how in tune they were to national news and events. It really is the story of 19th century life in Medina County. The notations in parentheses are mine. Susan McKiernan, Weymouth, Ohio January 3, 2017

1863 Diary begins on April 28. He turns 17. He attends school Monday through Saturday in January and February, and again mid November through the end of the year when he was not needed on the farm, about 40 days total. He attends church most Sundays often morning and evening, both the Free Will Baptist and Methodist Episcopal. He helps his mother with heavy household chores like carrying water and churning as well as long days of farm work

May 3 Went a fishing, caught 29 fish

4 Went to the tailor's

5 Rain-rain-rain so we went up to Azaroe Richards'

8 Mr Thorp altered the colts

13 Planted sweet corn, popcorn, cucumbers

16 I went up to Woodruff's. Went to the center. Worked in the garden. Hail

19-21 Planted muskmelons and watermelon, potatoes, cucumbers

22 Rode horse to mark out corn for Elmer West

23 Dragged for Alek McKee. Planted potatoes and squash

24 Went a fishing and went in swimming

26 Helped skin a deacon calf. Took it up to Levi Damon *born Ohio 1840, son of Lydia*. Went a swimming. Cloudy

27 Went over to Wilkinson's on north town line. *Farmer Simon Wilkinson 50, wife Sophronia.* Went to the center. Clear, warm, dry.
28 Churned. Hoed. Went a fishing
29 Cleaned out hog pen
31 Sunday Wrote a letter to Lafayette Allen in Michigan. Swimming. Good rain. *Sunday was a relative day of rest. One could be arrested for doing non-essential chores other than feeding the animals or bringing in the crops before it rained, providing a much-needed respite.*

June 1 Went over to Wilkinson's with old Betsy the mare
2, 3, 4 Rode a horse to plow for beans all day
5 Churned and helped mother
6 Went up to the center. Sprouted potatoes. Went in aswimming
7 Sunday I churned and played the rest of the time
9 Churned and helped make cheese
11 Went up to Grandma Van Deusen's. Picked over beans
13 Hoed corn. Covered up beans. Went in a swimming
14 Church
15 Rode horse to drill in beans
18 Went over to Wilkinson's with the mares. Churned and hoed.
19 Helped make cheese. Hoed
20 Helped churn. Set out tomato plants.
21 Went to meeting and Sunday School
23 Killed a calf and skinned it. Helped churn
25 Rode horse to cultivate potatoes
26 Had a sore throat and laid abed

July 1 Worked in the garden. Went to singing school
2 Worked for A McKee in haying. Very hot and dry
3 Chased a calf most over to Richfield and helped skin it
4 Went up to the center to the celebration
5 Wed (*weeded*)
8 Weeded. Milked 15 cows this morning. Went to singing school. Went in aswimming
9 Rode horse to cultivate corn and potatoes
11 Raked wheat into bundles
12 Sunday Helped churn. Picked a pan full of peas
13 Raked, bound and set up wheat. Went to singing school
14 After three days of fog, now smoky and cloudy
15 Went up to the center. Raked hay. Went to singing school
16 Hoed onions. Mowed grass
19 Sunday Loaded two loads of wheat and mowed it away. Raked after two loads of wheat
20 Raked rye into bundles
21 Helped clean over six bushels of wheat. Went to singing school
22 Raked rye, went to singing school. Hoed. Mowed grass
26 Sunday Played marbles
31 Cleaned out hog pen

August 1 Spread hay. Raked hay. Cocked up hay
2 Sunday Went to grandmother Damon's
3 Went up to Dr Wilcox's cooning apples (*stealing*)
4-6 Singing school
7 Mowed grass, raked, bound and set-up wheat, went to singing school
9 Sunday Raked hay, gathered acorns and onions
10 Helped skin a calf. Went swimming. Singing school
12 Went to the concert
16 Harvested coriander. Had a ripe tomato
19 We finished haying

21 Went to William Riley's to get my hair cut
22 Saturday Went to the center to a picnic in Cook Oviatt's woods. *Stephen Cook Oviatt born 1809, wife Jerusha Babcock*
25 Fixed fences
26 Went apeddling (*selling*) melons got 2.08 cents
27-29 Plowed for winter wheat
30 Sunday Went up to play with Elmer West 18, *son of WK and Irena West, Alice Irena West born Hinckley 1860, to Richfield 1866, teacher age 16)*

September 1 Plowed for winter wheat. Picked melons
2 Went to Richfield peddling melons
3, 4 Pulled beans all day
5 Pulled beans. Went over to Richfield peddling melons and driving hogs
6 Sunday Played all day. At night went to Gardiner Wilder's after cheese
7-11 Pulled beans and dragged in wheat every day
12 Dragged in wheat. Peddled melons over toward Wilkinson's
13 Played 'Fair'
15 Went to Medina to hear and see Governor David Tod
18 Did not do much of anything. Cold drizzling rain
19 Plowed for wheat. Went up to Woodruff's
22 Cut six shocks corn. Dragged in wheat
24 Went to Richfield Fair
25 Cut corn 12 days. Went up to Clyne's
26 Plowed potatoes. Went up to Center
27 Cut for Elmer West
28 Dug potatoes

October 3 Helped clean over beans and gathered apples
5, 6 Cleaned up manure
7 Did not do much of anything. Cold rain
8 Fixed the leach tub (*a wooden tub where ashes are leached*) and husked corn
9 Corded up wood
10 Went to the picnic
11 Gathered a few hickory nuts, made some money. Had a sale (*his brothers*) Dexter, Byron and I
12 Went over to John Wilson's after apples
13 Went up to the center to Election *he was not old enough to vote, but very interested in civic affairs*
14, 15, 17 Drew manure. Joined the Sons of Temperance (*anti-alcohol society*) on the Ridge in the evening. *Hinckley Ridge is the last plateau of the Appalachian Mountain range from Hinckley Metro Park up State Road*
18 Went up to Wilson's gathered walnuts
19 Went up to the lawsuit
20 Drew manure. Went up to Bigelo's for a paring bee
21, 23 Drew manure
24 Drew manure. Drew rails ½ day. Went to the Sons of Temperance in the evening
26 Went to Varney's to get the horses shod
27-29 Husked nine bushels of corn. We drew three (*wagon*) loads of corn
30 Pared some apples. Wrote some
31 Husked four shocks of corn. Greased boots. Went up to the Sons of Temperance in the evening

November 3 Husked a little pop corn. Wrote and played
4, 5 Drew 77 loads of manure
6 Drew eight loads of manure and one load of gravel. Went up to the Sons of Temperance in the evening
7 Went over to Richfield. Husked a little corn for J Bigalo. To center. Went to the Sons of Temperance in the evening
8 Sunday Played
10 Went down to Johnsons'. Greased boots. Pleasant overhead, snow on the ground
11 Went to Grandma Van Deusen's. Stayed most all day. Went down to Remsen Corners to the Sons of Temperance in the evening

12 Hoed corn for J Bigalo ½ day 42 cents. Went up to Wheeler's in the evening
13 Pulled beets and carrots all day
14 We drew one load of dirt to bank up the house
16-18 Went to school. Did 90, 44, 100 sums
20 Went to school. Did 72 sums. Head of spelling class. Went to the Sons of Temperance in the evening
21 Drew manure. Went to Sons of Temperance in the evening
22 Sunday Greased boots and played
23-25 Went to school. Did sums
26 Thanksgiving. Pitched straw, piled up rails ½ day
27-30 Went to school. 60, 115, 50 sums

December *He goes to school Monday through Saturday and mentions that he does from 15 to 200 examples and 40-200 sums*

5 Saturday Went to school. Went to Varney's. Went to Richfield
6 Went to Grandma Van Deusen's. Played. Greased boots
9 Went to school. Went down to Charlie Porter's to a dance
10 Went to school. Head class 3. Went to Wheeler's in the evening.
11 Went to school. Went up to the Sons of Temperance but was none
12 Went to Richfield to the mill. Shelled corn
13 Played ball and greased five pair of boots
19 Went to school. Went up to the Sons of Temperance
20 Sunday We drew up logs and boards from the mill
25 Christmas. Chopped wood, went to Charley Porter's to a dance. 25 cents
26-31 Went to school. Head of spelling four times. Did examples and sums. Head 5

1864 He turns 18. Household chores and farming, many social activities. He goes to school Monday through Saturday in the winter months, works 10-30 (math) examples at school daily.

January 1 New year's. Did not do much but chores
3 Skated almost over to Ward's millpond
8 Went up to the Sons of Temperance
11 Went up to Riley's to get hair cut
12 Went to a spelling school over at Buck's schoolhouse in Richfield. Went to a dance at Oviatt's. Worked eight examples. Head mark in spelling. Walked all the way
17 Sunday Read newspapers most all day
19 School. Snowed hard all day two feet deep on level
20 Went to school. 15 examples. Snow! Snow!
21 School. Went to a panorama of war at the schoolhouse in the evening
24 Sunday Snowballed and popped corn. Barton cow came in. River and brooks high. Freshet
25 To Woodruff's the shoemaker to get my boots tapped. To school ¼ day. 5 examples. Head mark in spelling class
27 Measured up 121 bushels of oats. Went to school ¼ day

February 1, 2 Sick. Did not do much but a few chores, worked examples
3 Sick. Shelled ½ bushel corn.
4 Sick. Turned fanning mill to clean over six bushes wheat
5 Went to last day of school. Cleaned up manure in one pile. Went to spelling school in the evening
6 Chopped some wood. Lowery (*dark and gloomy; threatening*)
7 Went up in the woods and got some poles for stilts. Fixed garden seeds
8 Chopped a little wood and read a little book
11 Chopped wood, greased two pairs, black cow came in
12 Chopped wood all day and did not play
14 Read most all day
15 Went up to grandma's wood lot after sumac but we didn't get any. We drew logs for wood to the sugar bush
17-20 My arm is working from vaccination (*for smallpox*). Did not do much of anything
22 Played on the ice some and whittled
23 Skinned two skunks. Got some elders for sap-spouts, turned fanning mill to clean over 17½ bushels rye
24 Made sap spouts. Carried buckets to the sugar bush. We tapped 40 trees

25 We tapped 96 trees more. Cut wood in the sugar bush
26 Streeter hanged in Medina. Boiled sap and cut wood in the bush. Made 1 gallon of molasses
27-29 Boiled sap and tended sugar-bush. Greased boots. Set traps

March 2 Carried brush and put it in the river. Went up to Elmer West's woods

3-9 We drew logs and boiled sap

10 Went up to Varney's to get the buggy fixed. To sugar bush twice

11 Milked eight cows. Fed 25 cows and two horses

13 Sunday. (*Uncles*) Don Van Deusen, Nathan Damon and Edmund Damon came here. Visited with them

14 Took the horse up in the sugar bush. Picked up sticks and loaded up ground chunks *for firewood to boil the sap*

15 Chopped some wood and some I didn't chop. Spotted peal head cow came in

16 Figured on my slate

17 Red peal cow came in

20 Went to Aunt Amaret's and to Edward Waldo's. *Irena Amaret Van Deusen West 1817-1902 and Edward Waldo farmer age 51 were neighbors. In 1870 Amaret was 53 was living with son Henry O 29 and son Stephen C 14.*

23 Drew seven loads of wood from the woods to the house

24 Worked in sugar bush 1/2 day. Killed a calf and skinned it. Killed a mouse

25 Went over to Richfield with some butter. Went to the Sons of Temperance in the evening

28 Worked in sugar bush, killed and skinned two calves

30 Drew one load of boards from the Williard house to our house

31 Went to Richfield. Drove the cattle out of the sugar bush

April 1 Went up to the sugar bush and emptied water out of the buckets

2 Cleaned out the box and measured up 26 bushels oats. Sons of Temperance in evening

3, 4 Drew four loads hay for the cattle to eat. Chopped and piled up wood 1/2 day

5 Drew three loads hay for the cattle, chopped wood

7 Went to the center for the quarterly council

8 Drew boards from the sawmill. Gathered sap, gathered buckets

9 Drove cattle to the Corners

10 Skinned a calf. Worked in the wagon shed

13 Cleaned off the dirty horses. Skinned a calf. We plowed for a willow fence

17 Sunday Popped a pan full of pop corn. Played

18 Dragged for the willow fence. Drove horses to plow by the mill

20 Drove horses to plow greensward

21 Brushed the manure with the team on the Ralph meadow. Went up to the Buel place. Drew logs in the river and orchard

24 Went fishing caught 20 bass and one sucker

28 Salted the sheep. Sons of Temperance

29, 30 Dragged in oats all day, dragged oats on the Hill (*Hinckley Ridge north of 303 on State Road*)

May 1 Fishing

3 Winter in May you don't see every day

4 Chopped wood for the fireplace all day

5 Dragged in grass seed all day

6, 7 Dragged in spring wheat. Drove horses to plow the garden. Went to center after the mail

8 Sunday Went over to Wilson's ledge and fished

9 Went up to Dr Wilcox and then to Waldos' s

10 Sorted over acorns. Went to Wheeler's

11-13 Planted onions, potatoes, peas, beets, parsnips, and other things too numerous to mention

14 Went to Richfield to mill and the wheel run off 2-3 times. Carried and put the flour in a barn

15 Went to Richfield after the grist (*grain ground to make flour*). Helped skin Whitehead's veal calf

17 Chopped wood for the steamer to make cheese. Went up to Aunt Amaret's after pigs

20 Caught the horses. Drove John Porter's cow out of the meadow. Went down to the old sawmill

24 Plowed Williard cornfield. Planted muskmelons and watermelons

25 Dug a ditch. Wheeled stone and sand and shoveled dirt. Planted white and green cucumbers

26 Picked up boards in the Ralph meadow before breakfast. Went up to Simmons' sale of store goods

27 Hoed 841 fence willows. Set out acorns, onions, garlic, beans
29 Caught the horses and went over to John Porter's after our drags. Planted sweet corn and pop corn
30 Planted white pop corn, squashes beans and corn. White corn

June 2 Field corn, sweet corn, cucumbers, Sons of Temperance

3 Lake fog in morning

4 Caught two suckers. Loosened dirt on the melon hills so that they could come up

5 Sowed a little millet. Got 44 eggs out from under the house

6 Cleaned out the cellar and went to Dr Wilcox's after five sheep that got out. Planted over popcorn & sweet corn where hens had scratched it out

7 Set out and hoed cabbage. Charlie Van Deusen came down from Michigan on a visit. Went fishing. Caught ten suckers and two bass. Went up to the Buel place hunting for a new milch cow

8 Went to the Wests' place. Set out willows. Killed a black snake about 6 feet long

9 Went hunting with Elmer, Charley and Dexter. Shot at a robin and the feathers flew. Set out four quarts of onions. To the Sons of Temperance. Helen and Chloe Oviatt were initiated. I was outside sentinel *Women admitted to this secret organization after 1866.*

10 Took the horses and scraper and went down to Waldo's to work on the road. *You either worked the road in front of your property or paid a tax to have it done.* They did not work so I came home. Went up to Harrison Damon's in the evening. Killed a duck

11 Shot a chipmuck (*sic*). Went up to George Allen's to a party in the evening

12 Rode horses up to the river bridge to water. Went up to grandmother Van Deusen's to see Don's mare and colt.

Went in the school house through the window. Hoed musk melons, white cucumbers

13 Turnips, beets, parsnips, cabbage, carrots, coriander, lettuce tomatoes. Went in swimming for the first time this year with Hugh Riley

15 Went up to Don's after his horse

16 Went up to Cleveland to take Charles Van Deusen

18 Raked after hay cocks. Went in swimming.

19 Shot a hen digging up corn in the garden. Went in the woods after ginseng. Found a spikenard root in John Porter's woods in the gully

26 Went up to Joe Carey's woods after ginseng. Went up to Bigalo after colts

28 Went to Richfield to the mill. Hoed thirty hills melons. Hoed corn in the Williard corn field

30 Rutabagas. Sons of Temperance

July 4 Went over to Richfield to a picnic with Dexter and Justus Waldo *born Hinckley to 1847 to Edward Waldo and Elizabeth Damon*

7 Hoed six rows of corn down by the old saw mill then it began to rain and I put for the house. Waded in the river. Sons of Temperance

8 Hoed 117 hills of potatoes in the garden, hoed the willows and set them up straight

10 Went up in the Williard woods with Ed Waldo after his white bull. Went in a-swimming. Killed a young kitten

11 Wrote a letter to Charles Van Deusen

12 Caught the horses, went up the river with them to fix a pole across the river. I drew three poles from the Williard woods to put across the river by the old saw mill. Mowed grass ½ day on the Ralph meadow

15 Went up in the woods for a stick for the mowing machine

17 Went over to Edgerton's steam saw-mill in Brunswick after the mowing machine knives

19 Raked with the horse rake ½ day with Elmer's horse

20 Loaded three loads of hay and mowed it away two loads. Pitched off with the horse fork three loads

22 Mowed grass all day till supper (*the evening meal*). Raked hay til sundown. Smoky and cloudy

24 Put a bottom in a powder horn for Justus Waldo. Picked currants. Went up to the Buel place and went in swimming

25 Went up to Varney's to get the mower fixed

August 4 Made 146 hay cocks (*stacks*). Sons of Temperance

7 Went swimming. Pulled weeds out of the onion beds so Dexter could sow turnips. Harvested some coriander. Smoky

8 Made hay cocks in the meadow front to Wheeler's

14 Picked over a bushel of cucumbers. Went in swimming. Picked a few acorns. Went up to the Buel place after the Williard steer

15 Went up to Don's after old Betsey

16 Went up to Don's to get his mare Kit. Went to Richfield to old Williards'. We had a ripe watermelon and six ripe musk melons
 17 Went up in the Williard orchard to catch old Dolly
 22 Went up to the center. Picked 30 musk melons. Went over in the Wilcox woods after some cattle. Went to Aunt Amaret's, staid til 10 pm
 23 Took ½ bushel cucumbers to Roena's. Wed onions. Raked & bound spring wheat and rye
 24 Raked after eight loads spring wheat and rye. Mowed away four loads. Raked & bound six dozen of spring wheat and rye. Smoky
 25 Loaded one load of spring wheat and rye. Pitched off 1½ loads on to stack. Helped stack. Went up in to the lot to help George Allen get his lambs out and helped him drive them home. Picked ½ bushel of cucumbers. Picked some muck melons. Dexter & I took Dolly and the buggy and took cucumbers up to the center. Sold them for 95 cents to Mr Tuman. Sold a bushel of muck melons \$1.50
 26 Was sick. Could not do much of anything
 27 Picked ½ bushel of cucumbers. Helped Dexter load up a load of watermelons. Somebody stole melons
 29 Went a peddling melons to the center and to Remsen Corners
 30 Went ahead of the mowing machine and picked up chunks in the grass
 31 Raked hay with the horse rake and some by hand. Raked after four loads hay, mowed hay three loads

September 1 Went to Medina with a load of melons. Sold them for \$8.80
 2 Raked after four loads of hay. Wheeled a barrow full of beans from the garden to the barn. Carried ½ bushel of cucumbers up to Mrs Lum Allen's
 3 Fixed garden seeds. Turned fanning mill over to clean over a bushel of beans. Gathered acorns and onions. Henry West came home from the army
 5 Greased three pair of boots. Chopped some wood. Sold 16 melons for \$1.05
 6 Went to Richfield peddling melons. We sold 115 for \$3.61
 7 Went up to Don's after the colt
 8 Went up to the center. Went up to the Williard house after two bushels of apples. Went up to the center to Dr Clarke's lecture in the evening
 9 Cut nine shocks of corn
 10 Peddled melons in Hinckley and Royalton Center. Went to a picnic in McCreary's woods and one at the center of Royalton. Went up to the center to a lecture in the evening
 11 Shot at a mark with Lineas Allen and Dexter. Eat water melons. (*The past tense of 'eat' was pronounced 'et' until the beginning of the 20th century*)
 12 Cut 32 shocks corn
 14 Took the horses and wagons up to the Buel place. Rode Nelly to draw eight poles to the river
 15-16 Raking hay
 17 Drove horses to plow for winter wheat on the Wilcox place
 18 Gathered some butternuts
 19 Drove horses to plow for winter wheat all day
 21-23 Helped thrash for Mahala Bigalo. Dragged three acres winter wheat over once
 24 Went up to the Dr Wilcox place after the drags. Went up to Dan Brant's above the center
 25 Sunday Went up to the Buel place after skack (*lime*)
 26 Cut corn, shook off about a bushel of hickory nuts with shucks on. Went up to Riley's to get my hair cut. Went to the center
 27, 28 Cut 18, 22 shocks corn all day. Fixed a place for butternuts to dry
 30 Went to Richfield Fair 3rd day. Hon Parsons made a speech (*Honorable indicates a judge*)

October 1 Drew three loads of (*fire*)wood to the house. Drew one wagon onions
 2 Went down to Erastus Johnson's
 3 We gathered one load of apples in the Williard orchard
 4 Went up to the Buel place for skack. Went up on the Ridge after chestnuts, Dexter and I got a pan full
 5 Drew three loads of rails for a stack pen and laid them up around the stack
 6 Cut corn on the Wilcox place all day. Rode Nelly up in the woods after poles to put across the river to keep the cattle out of the Williard's corn field. Went up on the lot and got a pan full of shucked hickory nuts. Rode Nelly most up to the Bigalo hill after seven colts that got out into the road and it rained all the time I was after them
 8 Went over to Richfield to John Goldwood's. Greased pair shoes. Went up in the lots after hickory nuts. Snow all day

and night

9 Sunday Went up the river after hickory nuts .We got two bags with shucks on

10-12 Cut corn all day

13 Helped thresh for Ed Waldo and A. McKee. Stacked straw all day

14 Helped thresh for Ed Waldo & Anson Waldo. Helped stack & pitched straw from the shaker to the stacker

15 Dug potatoes and helped unload the 17½ bushels

16 Picked up the onions from the barn floor & put them in the wagon shed. Father & I drew a load of wood and a load of boards. Dexter & I chopped down a cherry tree

17 Helped thresh for Amaret West most all day. Then at home about two hours

18 Threshed all day

20 Gathered apples in the orchard all day

21, 22 Dug potatoes 343 hills

23 Went after hickory nuts on Mahala's back lots, Buel place, Whipp's, and Williard place. Got two pans full

24 39 hills. We drew 14 logs on to the logway (*the ramp up which logs are moved into a sawmill*)

25, 27 135 hills, 183 hills potatoes

27 Husked eight shocks corn

28 Seven shocks corn. Went down to Waldo's after the colts

29 Husked 5½ shocks corn. To the Sons of Temperance. Went to John Goldwood's for father's boots

November 1 Went down to Charles Porter's after five bushels of walnuts

2 Helped draw 96 bushels corn

3 Went to a Pioneer Meeting. Judge Barnard made a speech

4 Went up to the Buel place after a load of wood. Went down to the river after the cows

5 Went up in the wood & dug two spikenard roots. Went up to the Sons of Temperance. Edmund Damon joined

6 Went up to a bee to move Don's corn crib

8 Went to the presidential election between Lincoln Unionist and McClelland disunionist

10 Husked corn in the Williard field and picked it up 17 bushels

11 Went down to the C Porter house to a dance. 35 cents. Dance number 10

12 Milked six cows. Helped feed the cows pumpkins and corn stalks. Fed the pigs and horses and watered Nelly. Went up to the Sons of Temperance. Aunt Nell joined

13 Carried corn from our house to corn house. Went to the school house and put my books into a desk

14-15 Went to school. Chauncey Huntley teacher. Went down to a dance at Henry Pettit's and staid til past 12

16 Went to school. Went up to Uncle Harrison's to see Edmund Damon in the evening

19 Went over to Richfield. Drew corn, cabbage, rutabaga and carrots

19 Drew corn stalks all day. Went up to the Sons of Temperance

20 Pulled and cut the tops off the beets and turnips and wheeled them to the house

21-22-23 Went to school. Went up to Bill Wheeler's in the Williard house to a spree in the evening (*unrestrained activity of a particular kind*)

27 Did some examples in algebra. Had the tooth ache like thunder

28 Went to school. Went up to Dr Swift and got a tooth pulled *His teeth were so bad that he eventually lost them all*

29-30 Went to school

December 1 Went to school

2-7 Was sick. Whittled a little was about sick

8-10 Went to school

11 Sunday Wheeled manure out of the stable

12 Went to school, to writing school in the evening

13-16 Went to school

13 Went to Richfield to the mill

18 Went up to the woods to stake traps to catch skunks. Wheeled out manure. Greased my boots

19-24 Went to school. Went up to the center in the evening

21-24 School, writing school

25 Sunday Went up to Bill Wheeler's to get my skated strapped. *No mention of Christmas*

26 Rolled blocks away from the sawing machine in Mahala's woods. *Portable sawing machines taken from woods to woods when the ground was frozen. He spends 3 days rolling away the blocks that held it in place*

27 School ½ day. Theodore Ferris taught school ½ day

28 Dexter and I drew four loads of corn from the Williard corn field
29 Went up to Mahala's but we didn't saw. Had not froze hard enough. Split a load of stove wood. George Allen butchered his own hogs, Sons of Temperance. Edwin Damon Joined
30-31 Still rolling blocks from saw mill

1865 He turns 18. He attends school in winter Monday through Saturday 75 days. He is well-read and has an active curiosity

January 1 Sunday Milked five cows, turned the cows out and cleaned out the stable after 27 cows and two hours at night tied them up again
3 Cleaned out the stable. Fed the cows up to the stack and skated up past Pekin bridge on the river *Pekin (Pekin was 1½ miles southeast of Hinckley Center, about where Bellus Road crosses 606)*
4 Still rolling blocks. Went to Harrison Damon's in the evening
5 Went to the quarterly council of Sons of Temperance at Weymouth *founded in 1847, the building still stands at the NW corner of Old Weymouth and Frantz*. Went to our Sons of Temperance in the evening
6-February 10 School Monday through Saturday
8 Went up the river and found a skunk in one trap. Skated
11 Went up to the center in the evening to the Literary Society
12-13 Good sleighing
15 Sunday Had a sleigh ride up through Pekin and around the Ridge home. Went to Wests' in the evening
18 Roena's in the evening
19 Sons of Temperance
20 School a little while. Went over to Richfield. Went up to Royalton to a show in the evening. Ventriloquist. Good sleighing
22 Sunday Chores. Milked five cows, cleaned out the long stable, tied the cows up again, sleighing
23 Went to Waldo's in the evening
24 Up to Uncle Don's. Sleighing
27 Eight boys of us went up to the school house in the evening and staid til after 4 o'clock the next morning. We spoke pieces, sung and danced, and everything we could think of. Hanson Kellogg, Samuel Ellison, Sewell Brown, Newman Van Deusen, Dexter Van Deusen, and Archie Crooks were there. Sleighing
28 School. We spoke pieces and read competitions and spelled down. I spelled down the school
29 Sunday chores, Went up to Elmer's and made me a bob to slide down hill on. Sleighing

February 1 Went up to the center and to a meeting. Mr McCormic speaker. Sleighing
3 Went up to the Hinckley Center Sons of Temperance. Sleighing
5 Sunday Chored and ciphered (*arithmetic*) and greased my boots
6 Dexter and Hugh got jerked by the teacher. Sleighing
7 Went up to George Allen's to a dance. Good sleighing
9 Last day of our school.
10-11 Churned, split stove wood.
12 Sunday Wrote a letter to cousin Charles Van Deusen of Elsie, Michigan.
13 Sawed wood and wrote a valentine
14-17 Sawed wood, sleighing. Went up to the center in the evening to a war meeting
19 Sunday 18 years old today. Chores, milked four cows. Cleaned out the long stables
20-22 Chopped wood all day
23 Rolled blocks away from sawing machine. Up to Aunt Amarets' all day
25 Went up to Harrison Damon's to help thresh. Was on the mow pitching bundles. Went to the center to the mill
26 Sunday Went down to see the high water in the river. Did chores. Greased my boots
27 Split wood at the house ½ day. Went up to Mrs Olds' and split wood
28 Split wood. Went to the center to the war meeting

March 1 Split wood all day
2 Chores. Went up to the river and set two deadfall (*traps*). Went to the center
3 Split wood ½ day. Went to the center. Went up in the woods for poles
6 Went up to the river and looked at my traps. We tapped 25 trees in the sugar bush
7 Chopped wood in the sugar bush. Father tapped trees
8-9 Tended sugar bush. Went up to Jim Southam's sale

10 Chopped 112 cords wood
13-15 Gathering and boiling sap
16 Killed and skinned a calf
17 Helped shell corn & took it to the center
18 Helped saw wood for Roena West. *Rowena Shaw born Hinckley 1836, widow of George*. Went to the center after the grist
19 Went up to the sugar bush to set the buckets up straight and played
20-21 Chores, chopped wood for fireplace
24-25 Split wood
26 Sunday Drove cows out of the sugar bush and made some things in the wood shed. Greased boots
27 Killed and skinned a calf. Husked five shocks pop corn. Gathered sap. Lots of pigeons went over flying east
28 Killed and skinned two calves. Boiled sap ½ day
29 Took Pettit's buck home
30 Played and cut my finger. Big freshet
31 Churned. Cleaned over five bushels wheat. Went to Richfield to mill

April 1-5 Shucking corn, chopping wood, brought sap buckets from the sugar bush. Sons of Temperance
6 Went to the quarterly council of Sons of Temperance at the ridge.
7 Chopped wood to burn up a critter in Mahala's lot. Made beds and set out acorn onions down the river
8, 10 Acorns
12 Washed the sap buckets
13-15 Fix fence. Made beds and set out acorns. Sons of Temperance
17 Chased colts most of the day
20 Took 30 quarts acorns to the center. Sold them at a shilling a piece. Sons of Temperance. *Due to shortages of US coins in some regions, shillings continued to circulate deep into the 19th century*
Ap 24, 25 Picked up roots and stones in the meadow. Killed and skinned a calf. Sawed logs
Ap 27 Set out onions, cabbages, turnips, carrots and rutabagas to raise seed. Sons of Temperance
28 Cleaned 12 bushels wheat
29 To Richfield mill
30 Went to the Buel place to set traps

May 1-5 Dug a ditch to drain the old pond near the old mill four days
6 Went up to the center to Woodruff's. Hard, big freshet
7 Went to Uncle Don's. Went over to Bennetts Corners after Harry Wilkinson 26, *son of Simon*
8 Went over to Richfield. Went up to the center. Went over to the Wilcox place and fixed fence
9 Buried a calf
13 Went up to Bill Wheeler's. Went down to Mrs Henry Pettit's place to have Jim Hall bring our stone boat home *a flat-bottomed sled used for transporting stones and other heavy objects*. Worked on cheese house
14 -16 Dexter and I plowed at the Wilcox place
17 Plowed Mrs Wheeler's garden. Drew stumps and stones from the meadow
18 Went up the river with the horses and stone boat after calf. Went up to Woodruff's to get a pair of boots
19 Made a box. Killed, skinned and buried a calf
20 Went to Ed Brown's. Went over to Richfield to get the cheese steamer fixed. Went up to Roena West's
21 Went up to the river to catch a colt. Pulled some nails out of the old bridge
22-23 Hoed onions all day
24 Dragged in the garden. Killed, skinned and buried a calf
25 Sons of Temperance
26 We drew logs from the corn field. Drove horses to plow for corn. Big Spot cow died
27 Helped skin the cow
28 Cleaned the leach tub. Planted 78 hills water melons. Manuered them in the hills
29 Planted musk melons, carrots, beets parsnips, and helped draw logs out of the corn field
30 Plowed for corn in the Williard field. Planted sweet corn and potatoes in the garden
31 Planted peas, beans, squashes, sorghum

June 1 Planted acorns all day. Sons of Temperance
2 Dexter and I washed 33 sheep

6 Piled up lumber and scantling *small pieces of lumber*
7 Went up in the lot after Runty and her calf
8 Chased Runty ½ day. Killed, skinned and buried a calf. Sons of Temperance
9 Planted potatoes and corn up the river. Helped move Uncle Don's house
12 Went in swimming
15 Shoveled up manure in cow yard ½ day. Went down to Porter's after the calves. Sons of Temperance
18 Went up to the river a-hunting. Shot a black bird
19-24 Hoeing corn, popcorn, sweet corn, water melons, musk melons, beets, potatoes, parsnips, carrots, beans, sorghum. Went up on the lots after the sheep
29 Hoed potatoes all day. Shot two birds
30 Went to river, cut and piled up willow (*for binding stalks*)

July 1 Drove horses to scrape at Buel place. Helped load a load of rails
4 Went up to the center for a celebration
5 Worked on ditching the river on the Buel place
6 Went to quarterly council of Sons of Temperance at Remsen Corners
9 Sunday Read and rested. Went hunting in the lots
10-12 Hoeing corn. Buried a calf. Tumbled up hay
14 Drove the sheep put of the oats
16 Chores. Read and rested
17 Killed and skinned a calf. Wheeled out 13 loads of manure
19 Set up wheat in the river in Dr Wilcox place
26 Worked for Aunt Amaret West
27 Helped fix fence across the river
28- August 5 working on hay, oats

August 6 Set up six dozen of oats. Shot two birds. Did other chores too numerous to mention
7 Went to George Allen's to borrow a grain cradle. 7-9 Mowed oats most of day
10 Wheeled manure out of stable. Went hunting. Sons of Temperance. Rowena West joined
13 Hunting up the river. Shot two birds. Went swimming
15 Went up to Russell Putnam's
16 Went to Van Amburg's menageries. *From 1862 New York Times: gentle gazelle, the frisky monkey, the spotted leopard, the striped tiger, the noble lion, and the sagacious elephant, are all represented, and what is more, VAN AMBURGH toys and plays with the beasts as though they were as harmless as kittens*
22 To Richfield mill. Mowing, loading all day
27 Chores, rest, read, eat, play
29-30 Watched the melon patch

September 3 Did chores and went hunting- did not get anything
5 Helped thresh for Uncle Don. Cut bands, pitched bundles, dropped bundles at different times
6 Went in the lot and got some onions and took them to the center
8 Cleaned out the corn house some. Went up the river and drove a colt back. Took the gun and shot two chipmucks and a bird
10 Did chores. Wrote a while. Eat melons and other things. Hunting
15 Went up the river to get the horses. Helped get the sheep and hold them to have their feet trimmed
17 Rode apiece with Justus Waldo. Wrote some things
19 Shot one bird and a chipmuck. Picked a pailful of acorn onions
20 Got some grapes in the woods
21 Sons of Temperance. Rachel Clyne and Emma Shaw were initiated
23 Went down in Porter's lot hunting after the Buck
25 Went up by the school house after the calves. Wrote & played
29 Richfield Fair

October 1 Went up in our woods and got a pailful of grapes
2 Went out to LaGrange with a load of cheese
3 Dug 230 hills of potatoes

4 Went up to Aunt Amaret's sale
5 Chased after the horses. Got a few chestnuts. Chased til about three hours after dark
8 Went up to the Ridge after chestnuts and grapes
10 Drew rails to fence a stack. Went over to Paul Perkins'
12 Was taken sick with typhoid fever Thursday night. When I recovered and was able I probably went to school. There was no record kept. I probably began school December 18 under Charles P Townsend and went two weeks in December and six weeks in January and February up to February 10, 1866. 44 days in that term of 66 days. I was 18 years of age

1866 He turns 19. These years are much more terse and are mostly listing chores. There is rare mention of any activity that he took part in. I have abbreviated the chores

March Working in the sugar bush, cutting wood. *On March 15 he writes*, Here is a month missed. Probably working in the sugar bush, tapping, boiling getting wood etc. We made 250 lbs sugar. To Woodruff's to get boots tapped

April 15 Sunday Went down the river. Fished a little. Went up to Uncle Don's

16 We drew the buckets from the sugar bush

17-30 Plowing for oats. Went up the river after three stringers for the bridge, dug a ditch to drain a pond, sawed logs and dug ditches, plowed for spring wheat pitched straw and manure, went up to the Ridge after some sassafras, plowed for sorghum

24 Went to Richfield, Peninsula, Boston, Bath etc hunting the old white horse

May Plowed the greensward for potatoes, drew hay and manure, drew poles to make fences across the river, plowed greensward for corn, plowed sod for corn, helped put some poles across the river, fished a little, plowed for corn six days, went to the center twice, went to Richfield mill. Dragged for cord beyond the river, draw rails, three 100 sheep into the river (*for washing*), chopped wood, drew hay and manure, dragged for corn, killed and skinned a calf, drew root, chunks, pieces of rails etc dragging for corn. Caught the horses at the center, helped plow the garden, draw rails, drew lumber, drew pieces of rails for wood, planted melons and cucumbers, helped wash 58 sheep. Drove horses to saw wood for Don Van Deusen, drew 16 loads manure, sawed the drafts, drew 17 loads manure. *He only mentions one diversion, which was a visit to Mahala*

June Chopped wood, planted over corn, hoed in garden, went to the center after a load of timber, drew drafts to the machine, drove horse to saw wood up at Don's, made a box, greased my boots, drew 14, 13, 8, 18, 15 loads of manure, plowed Hopkins's garden, drew rails, cleaned over six bushels wheat, went to Richfield mill, split wood, hoed weeds out of the potatoes and willows, hoed corn and potatoes day after day. Went over to Richfield three times, once and to the center twice. Went up to Mr Tommy Easton's, swimming once, went fishing once, went to a dance once, to the Ridge twice, to Uncle Harrison Damon's once, to Uncle Don's once, one day he wrote a little

18 This rain was a great sheep killer. Such a cold hard rain. Many sheep died

July Got my first pair of fine boots. Hoed in the garden, helped dig a ditch up the river, hoed corn, cleaned wheat, run bullets (*cast them in a mold*), went to Richfield mill, shelled corn, hoed in the garden, noodled up hay, spread out hay, tumbled up hay, mowed grass, raked hay, made a fence on the south side of the old pond, hoed cabbages and tomatoes, went up to Mahala's after a cultivator, cultivated corn, raked hay with a horse rake, fixed the horse rake, spread out the hay tumble, drew and stacked hay, loaded and stacked hay

For recreation and social life, in July he did some writing and went riding though Richfield and Hinckley one Sunday, read papers one Sunday, went to Uncle Don's once, played ball, went to Mr Halsey's, wrote a letter

4 Independence day We had our fourth at home. Went to Granger at night. Went to Richfield one evening

22 Played, wrote in this book and read newspapers

30 AG Wilder's barn burned

August Mowed grass, loaded, raked, stacked, tumble up, loaded, drew, stirred out, noodled up, pitched off and turned over hay, hoed, bound oats, shelled all their own corn, cleaned rye and beans, mowed grass, went a-blackberrying, mowed weeds, cut bushes, mowed oats, helped pry up the corn house and hog house, drew two loads of stove wood from Don's, moved fences etc, pitched and mowed away spring wheat and oats, fixed the stone boat, drew hog manure and stones. *For diversion he read newspapers twice, played once, went up to Pekin, went down to Waldo's.* August 25 Hi Miller moved the corn house and the hog house. Newman drew stones and put them under the buildings

September Work: mowed grass, finally finished haying on Sept 6, drew stones and rubbish, plowed where the hog pen stood, dug potatoes and pulled beans in the garden, plowed for rye several days, cleaned out the stable, dug potatoes, drew beans, cleaned off the Woodley barn floor, helped thresh up oats at West's, threshed spring wheat, and oats, drive horse to scrape on the road, drew about 60 bushels of potatoes and put them in the cellar, fixed things, went over the river and got some sweet corn, 'fixed newspapers', fixed a lock on his chest, scraped up manure, drew a cord of wood to the center, cleaned out the stable and plank, greased four boots and two shoes, cut corn four days, went up the river, made a corn cutter, helped load a load potatoes. For fun: Played and went to grandmother's, played and went over to the Wilcox orchard, went to the center once, went to Luther Parker's sale, went up to Uncle Harrison Damon's, went to a union meeting, where Mr C Hill and Judge Humphrey spoke, went to a democrat meeting, wrote things, went to a union meeting where Major Lewis and Mr Bronson spoke. *Senator Clay Hill, Hiram Bronson, Judge GW Lewis and Judge Humphreyville were all from Medina. Not known if they were talking about the union convention to support president Johnson, or the June 1866 meeting in Cleveland supporting work relief in the South*

October Cut corn, dug potatoes for themselves and for Uncle Don, gathered walnuts and apples, drew rails to fence three stacks, went up to Whipp's and got a lot of hickory nuts, went up to the ridge and got a few grapes, chestnuts and apples, shucked nuts, churned, cut and split wood, greased boots, drew pumpkins, drew rails for a line fence, husked corn, drew manure, drew buckwheat and corn, wheeled buckwheat over the road, went up on Bigalo's and Whipp's after hickory nuts, drew manure, fixed things, husked 25 shocks corn, helped kill and skin a sheep. Went up to Halsey's, to the Richfield Fair and to Mr Mattingly's

November Chopped wood, scraped up manure, cut and split wood, drew and husked corn, fixed things, lots of churning, helped skin a sheep, drew stalks, corn, turnips, rutabagas, stalks, pumpkins, straw and manure, greased boots. *Went to a dance at Roena West's, wrote some, read papers one Sunday, went to Aunt Amaret's. Elmer visited one day* 29 Thanksgiving. Went up to Mr Halsey's and had some oysters. The first I ever ate. Had four

December Cleaned out the stable and commenced stabling. Drew manure, stove wood, went up to the center and washed the light wagon, cut wood, drew fireplace wood, four days, went up to Whipp's after the beef. *They had a wood-burning cooking stove and fireplaces for heat.* To Rufus Carpenter's on old Black. Stopped at Riley's and got a hair cut, went to Halsey's one evening, made a writing book and wrote a little, went to Anna Matthison's, sleighed, and went to visit both grandmothers

17-22 and December 26-29 went to school and sleighed every day

25 Christmas. Chored. Turned grindstones for Elmer. Chopped a little wood. Went to a dance at the center

29-31 Went to the Ridge for a watch meeting *a religious meeting or service on watch night, terminating on the arrival of the new year*

1867 He turns 20. They move to a new house on the farm and use the old one for farm crops and tool storage

January Work: *greased boots, cleaned out a weeks manure, churned, shelled corn, butchered a hog*

1 Played, went to Amaret's and Halsey's

3-31 *He went to school Monday through Saturday, 21 total days in January. During the month, he worked examples, went to Dr Pope's, went to Goldwood's and got a tooth pulled, read papers, went to a dime social at Anson Waldo's*

February 1-28 *He attended school every Monday through Saturday, 21 days in February. He is clearly studying for college, as he is overage and never attended this many days. In addition, he ciphered and wrote. Other than his studies, he drew logs and split wood once. He went to Suttons once and Uncle Don's, and he went to the center once*

March School every Monday through Saturday, March 1-13, 11 days until it closed for spring farm work, long days of drawing manure, chopping wood, working in the sugar bush, For pleasure he went to Oakley's for a sugar eat, went down to Cass's or Anson Waldo's to a dime party, wrote letters

April-May Killing and skinning calves, drawing manure, working in the sap bush, worked in Woodley meadow, got boots tapped at Goldwood's, plowed for oats corn six days, fixed things, sawed white wood logs, spaded in the meadow, filled holes and leveled knolls, drew logs to the center, drew rails and hay, fixed things in chest, cleaned out part of barn, cleaned out Williard and Woodley barns, piled shingles, helped clean out the alley across the road, 'I milk 5 cows now', shelled corn, laid up fence, planted potatoes, planted corn. He travels locally to sell the rights to something: he went to Cleveland a-foot and back on April 24, went to Granger and sold rights to Farnum eat dinner

there (the noon meal), then went to Weymouth and staid at night to Mr Wiley's April 29. April 30 went to Medina 'eat dinner at Eden's, had supper at Whitman's (shop), Remsen Corners. Staid all night at Welton's.

On May 1 He took dinner at Ingram's, staid overnight at Dr Hill's in Grangerburg. On May 2 took dinner at Hanson's, staid at George Hazen's at night, sold two rights. May 3 He took dinner at Burt's, supper at Sylvester's. Staid overnight at Wiley's. May 4 dinner with Mr Beach. Sold 1 right then went home. The next two days he 'didn't do much of anything'. For diversion, he went up to Pettit's, Cass's, went to the Ridge and to Richfield, read books, went to the center twice. On May 17 He went to Remsen, Grangerburg, Coddingtonville et al

June Work includes (household) chores, dug roots, threw sheep into the river for five to wash, took the horses up to the center, laid up fence, helped wash Harrison Damon's sheep, planted corn six days, planted corn, buckwheat, beans, potatoes, fixed his things, took a horse to the center, killed and skinned a calf, broke colts, made root beer, went to the center with mare, laid up rails. Harnessed up the colt and drove her some, went over on the Wilcox place and got the sheep and helped put them in the barn. Helped get sheep and 'fix about with them', hoed corn and potatoes six days, went after wintergreens and strawberries. Read books including 'Driftwood', went swimming twice, wrote letter, made some games on boards

July Hoed corn and potatoes nine full days. Raked hay with the horse rake, fixed rake, raked. Loaded and pitched off hay. Cultivated, raked, and loaded mowed most days, mowed grass, chopped wood, went to the center 3 times. Read books. One Saturday after hoeing potatoes he went to Mahala's, went to the center, and went swimming.

19 Went to Cleveland and out to Jones' for a casting for the mower. Went down with Albert Wheeler, came home alone. Went with horse and Rast Jr's buggy

20 Went up to the center Sid Severance and I reckoned up the cheese and milk at the Hinckley Cheese factory up till the first of July

21 Sunday read books and went up to Cass's for raspberries

26 Went up in Aleck McKee's and got some berries to eat. Read 'Life of Fremont'

August 1 Foundry burned down in the night (Dunham's foundry founded Hinckley 1862)

2 Turned grindstone to grind four scythes. Went to the center in the evening

4 Read papers. Went to John Porter's and got some apples

6 Went over to Sutton's. Staid all night

9 Went up to the center cheese factory and helped strike a dividend of the cheese for the month of July. Whole amount of milk 93094#. Whole amount of cheese 9345#. Our milk 12521 pounds. Our cheese 1257 pounds

13 Went to Berea to get a room for Dexter and myself (they are attending Baldwin University). Rented one of Rev EH Bush for 75 cents per week. Eat dinner at Mrs Searles', eat super and staid overnight and breakfast at Bush's

14 Walked home from Berea all but 2-3 miles. Got home at noon. Pitched three loads hay, mowed

16 Went up to Pekin to Wyman's and got a stove. Chopped some wood to take to Berea

17 Pitched hay. Pitched off two loads, they were slippery

19 Helped get things ready and load them up. Took them to Berea. We set up our bed and stove and fixed our other things some

20 Went to chapel for the first time after which we had to give our names to President Wheeler. After they got through we looked around the town some

21 Joined school, my number was 101. Recited twice. Fixed a cupboard and table together, furnished his room

22-24 Attended Baldwin University

25 Sunday Went to church

26 Monday Went down to the depot. Went to a lecture

27-30 Went to school

September 1 Sunday Went to meeting

2 Monday Went fishing. Looked around town etc

7 Saturday School. Went to Hinckley. Went and got some peaches in evening

8 Sunday. Dug potatoes (to take to school). Got some other things ready. Went to Suttons

9 Went to Berea, went around a little

10-12 Attended Baldwin University

13 School, Temperance lecture.

14 Saturday school. Got my shoe mended

15 Sunday chapel and meeting
16 Worked for Stearns carrying rubbish from new cellar
17 School. Worked after school
18 School. Temperance meeting in the chapel
19-through December Attended Baldwin University the balance of September, October, November, December. I worked out a few Mondays doing odd jobs to help pay expenses

1868 He turns 21. 'Attended Baldwin University January through March 4. Was taken down with the measles the 6th of March 1868. Was sick a-bed for about week and after I got up Dexter was taken down and I had to take care of him until the 26th of March when we come home. I joined the M.E. church on trial the latter part of the winter and accepted Christ as my savior and redeemer. We helped around the house for a few days helping care for the rest of the sick who caught the measles from us'. He attends school and church on Sunday 2-3 times. Training with Grant's 'Boys in Blue'.

April 1-3 Helped wait on the sick, chores

6 Hitched up our colt and old Dolly and drew a load of wood then rode most up to Pekin

9 Went to Richfield to mill and to both centers

11 Milked 22 cows. Fixed my things in chest

12 Sunday Went up to the Williard barn. Went to meeting at the center in the evening Rev Powell preached 'It is finished' text

13 Went up to school meeting. Voted for three directors. My first voting

15, 16 Packed up things and moved them to the William Bell house all day

17 Helped move corn. Went up to meeting in evening

19 Went down to the old house and got a plow. Made long beds

21 Transplanted some apple trees. *Hoes the currants etc*

22 Sowed strawberries, beets, onion seed, carrots and parsnips

29 Went down to Osborn's lot after some cattle and colts

May 5 Went to Richfield, and Aunt Amaret's.

7 Went down almost to Halsey's with the team and Doll fell through the bridge and hurt her leg and I took her home. Then I went down to the other barn a little while and then went home. Brady was here and staid all night

9 Helped around the barn and shed (*that*) we are moving. Dropped and covered (*planted*) a barrel of potatoes

10 Went down and got the colt and took him to West's and they hitched our colt up with Henry's and drove them awhile. Meeting evening

11 Helped keep plank under barn rollers etc. Drew some stones

16 Moved fence away in the rain about two hours. Went up to Riley's and got a hair cut

18 Went to Mr Weld's in the evening

19 Moved rail and board fence all day. Went to E Wait's in the evening

22 We drove the colt in the buggy. *Plowed for corn 13 days*

June 6 Rode around Hinckley, Granger, Bath and Richfield after our cattle

10 Threw in about 200 sheep to have washed. Drew logs on log way to center mill

11 Went down to Mattingly's after a scraper. Worked on the road ½ day. Went up to the center. Helped raise the town hall and school house

12 Worked on the road all day

14 Sunday Swimming, wrote and read some in book

20 About sick, read books. We had five men in to shear sheep

26 Went down to Don's. Got the bucket out of the well, fixed a leak, put ashes on the garden

28 Read and wrote some. Laid abed

30 Went down to the other place and got three grindstones and contribution box

July 3 Went down to Cleveland. Got a package

4 Read book, went to center

7-12 Sick abed

19 Sunday *He has been working very hard in the fields*. Read and wrote some. Tried to rest.

26 Laid abed and read 'The Playground'. Very smoky for the next three days

August 1 Cleaned off the Woodley barn floor

2 Went up to A. Doan's. Swimming. Went to West's and Wheeler's

4 Went to Berea and hired a room

8 Drew a load of stuff up home from the old house

9 Sunday Wrote some in this book. Read vol 3 'Temperance Tale' and in other books. Went down to the river and roasted some corn. Went to West's

13-14 Went down to Mr Johnson's after seven sheep. Helped saw wood with the machine

17 Packed up some things and went to Berea. Went over town, down to the quarries and brick kiln

18 Went to Chapel and went over town. Got a book 'Natural Philosophy'. Got two scholarships. Entered school

19 Wednesday. Chapel and two classes, prayer meeting in evening

21 School. Missed my German class

22 School and to town twice. *Haying and Harvesting 113 wagonloads of hay and grain in three weeks*

September 9-12 Returned to Baldwin University

13 Sunday Attended church service four times

15-19 Attended Baldwin University

20 Sunday Read some and went to church

21 Read and wrote some. Split a little wood (*students had to provide their own wood*). Went over town. Bought a vest

24 Attended school and a lecture by Mr Benton of Cleveland. He lectured about Palestine

25-26 School. *He writes 'Attended Baldwin University' each time*

27 Attended church service three times. Rev Samuel Mower preached twice and Mr Swarz lectured once from Paris

28 Monday. Studied some and went to the depot and around town

30 School and prayer meeting

October 1 School and prayer meeting. Went over to the church where they were selling pews in the evening (*you had to pay for your seat that time*)

2 School. Went over town and saw the flagpole raised and heard a speech from Mr Palmer of Cleveland. Went over to the evening to a political meeting. Palmer and A. Wheeler spoke

3 Saturday. School. Went over town twice. Went to a Temperance lecture at the church. The speaker was Mr Gottwald, State Deputy of the Grand Lodge LOGT (*International organization promoting ideals of temperance, peace and brotherhood*)

4 Attended church services four times

5 Went to a meeting of students in the chapel in the morning. We formed into a company and drilled half an hour. Went over town. Wrote and studied some. Went to part of a concert

6 School. Drilled some. Went to a German mass meeting at Wallace Hall

7 We formed into a company and drilled half an hour. We drilled about an hour at the institution and in the evening we met and elected officers and marched over town where we joined the Grant boys in Blue and we all marched till 8-o'clock when we broke ranks

8 Went to Cleveland on the morning to train with the Grant Boys in Blue. Marched around the city till 12 o'clock when we marched in to the 'Rink' where we partook of a bountiful dinner furnished by the citizens of Cleveland. After dinner we broke rank so as to hear some of the speeches. I had the pleasure of listening to Secretary Stanton, Senator Sherman, and Mr Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Ohio. In the evening a grand torchlight procession was formed and we marched till nearly 11 o'clock, cheering as we went. After marching through the principal streets, we formed around the outside of the Public Square, then we were furnished with rockets and at the firing of the cannon each one was to light his rocket and to fire it up into the Square from all quarters. There was a continual blaze for a few minutes. The cannon were firing also in the mean time. It was the grandest display of fireworks that I ever saw. Houses and buildings were illuminated in all parts of the city. After the fireworks we marched down to the train. After some delay the train was put in motion and we arrived at the Berea depot in safety where we got off and walked to Berea. It was about one o'clock when we got home to our rooms

9 Friday went to chapel in the morning. There was no school today. Went to a lecture at 11 o'clock. Address by Bishop Simpson. Mr Benton and Mr A. Wheeler also made a few remarks after Bishop Simpson's lecture in the evening. Went to Mrs Hulet's funeral at 3 pm. Professor Pierce delivered the sermon

10 Saturday No school today. Went over town. Went up in Baldwin to Mr Michel's room (*probably a student*). Wrote some. Studied a little

11 Went to church three times. Went around in the lots and woods for a walk

12 Worked for Booth digging potatoes all day. Went over town to a democratic meeting in the evening

13 Was over town almost all day to election
 14-15 School
 16 School. Went over town for some potatoes
 19 We moved from upstairs to a room below. Went to prayer meeting in the evening
 21-23 School and prayer meetings
 24 School. Byron brought some things out here today. We took him around to see some of the stone quarries. Went to prayer meeting
 26 Studied and wrote some etc. Went to a lecture at Temperance Hall address by Father Williams. To prayer meeting
 27 School, prayer meeting address by Parker Pope
 29 Listened to a lecture by Mr Slade of Cleveland. Prayer meeting
 30 School, prayer meeting. Esther Waldo, Emma Shaw and Miss Lewis went forward

November 1 We went home to Hinckley, got there about the middle of the afternoon
 2 At home. Went around the lots to see some things
 3 Voted for Grant and Colefax for President and Vice President. We got some things ready and went back to Berea
 6 School and two lectures on physiology by Dr Avery, then prayer meeting
 10, 11 School and prayer meeting
 13 Attended one class. Went over town and got my boots tapped. Dexter went home with Don Mattison. I was about sick
 14 Read most all day
 16 Was examined in Algebra today
 17 Was examined in German today at German Wallace College
 18 We went in to the Commercial Department (*later called Departments of Commerce or Business Schools*) today. Went to college exhibition in the evening
 20-25 Attended Commercial Dept. Went to Depot
 26 Attended church in the forenoon. Thanksgiving. Studied some

December 1 -5 Attended Commercial Dept.
 6 Church services twice
 7 Wrote most all day
 8 Went to chapel. School let out today. Went to Miss Barber's funeral. The students went over there in a procession. Studied some
 10 Commercial Dept. and a lecture by Mr Kilburn of New York on Liberal Education
 13 Church services three times
 14 Studied and wrote most all day. Wrote a letter
 15 Commercial Dept. ½ day. Father was out here
 17 Commercial Dept. Went to a German Exhibition at the German Wallace College
 21-23 Commercial Dept. 'Vacation'
 24 Read and studied some
 25 Went over to the German college to a Christmas tree and Christmas Exhibition
 28 Went to Hinckley. Started at 11 o'clock and got there about 4
 30 Went over on the South Ridge to visit Webster Bolle's School in the forenoon. Visited Emma Damon's school in the afternoon. Went up to the center to a Lyceum in the evening

1869 He turns 22. All work, no diversions, never mentions church until the end. No singing school all year
 May 12-20 Caught and held sheep to tag and trim. (*5 years ago he said Caught*) *Plowed for corn every day this week.*
 16 Read books and packed up my chest
 21 Read papers and 'Kit Carson'
 22 Drawed boards, rails and posts (*5 years ago he said Drew so perhaps being with people who speak colloquially effects his speech*)
 23 Sunday Read books and fixed my things
 24 Planted corn *4 days*
 28 Fixed plank in stable floor and made five mangers
 29 Made a stable door. *Planting corn every day*
 30 Sunday Read books most all day

June 1 Drawed three loads of rails & helped wash about 565 sheep with four others
2 Laid up fence, cut down willows and planted potatoes
3, 4 Planted corn all day for Eugene Riley
5 Cut & drawed posts for corn fence
6 Read through Chips from 'Uncle Sam's Jack Knife' and went down and up east in the lots
7, 8 Drawing manure, boards, planting corn
9, 10 Planted and scraped before Halsey's house
11, 12 Drawing rails. Hair cut at Riley's. Wrote five letters. Dexter and father gone to town
13 Finished reading through knapsack. Full of fun! Wrote some
14 Little ram and colt (*born*)
16 Drew up and marked sheep
17-29 *Farm work, no diversions mentioned*
30 Split some wood at the school house

July 1-2 Worked on the road, holding scraper (*they either had to pay a road tax or do the work*)
5 Went to Brecksville to the celebration
6-10, 13-16 Cultivating for corn and buckwheat
11 Went to Weymouth and to Brunswick ariding. Went in swimming
12 Cocked up 40 cocks (*stacks*) of hay. Charley broke his arm today
17 Greased the wagon. Helped drove two loads of school wood
20 Got some berries to eat at John Porter's lot. Mowed grass in the dooryard two days. Swimming
27 Fixed the hay rack

August 2 Store in Brunswick burned
7 Saw an eclipse of the sun. The first I ever saw. *A partial eclipse was seen across all of North America*
8 Read & wrote some. Laid about part of the day
13 Doctored about forty lame sheep
15 Went down to the lots after black berries to eat
21 Put up 105 loads of hay this season
28 Went to the old place after some things. *He is no longer doing household chores and churning for his mother.*
Drove the lambs in the Ralph meadow

September 10 Went to a pioneer picnic at Bath
11 Tore down board (*fence*) and made rail fence
12 Read Medina Gazette. Went over to Whipp's to get some apples
13 Evening to Aunt Amaret's
19 To grandmother's
22 Measured up grain 1½ days
23 (*Richfield*) Fair

October 3 Went to (*Uncle*) Don's and to picnic
6 Bot 'School and Schoolmaster'
10 Went up to the ridge achestnutting
12 Went to election. Voted for Hayes for governor
14 Carried apples and potatoes down the cellar
16 Went to Richfield to the mill and brought back a load of shingles
22 Went to centre to help clean up beans 55 bushels and tear down part of the Williard house. Albert Wheeler was here and we set up most all night
23 Tore down some of Williard house. Went down to Wheeler's. Albert was down from Norwalk. Got my new boots
27 Went to Lyceum
31 Wrote letters. Greased boots. Read letters

November 3 Went over to the south town line (*Ledge Rd*) after colts. Eve(*ning*) went to Lyceum
7 Read papers and cracked nuts and done chores, drawed one load of rutabagas. Snow, cold
8 Went over to Royalton again helped draw two loads of corn
13 Went to the centre to get some blacksmithing done

14 Sunday Read letters. Greased boots
15 Drawed wood for Halsey
17 Went to the centre to get the horses shod. Evening went to Lyceum
18 Thanksgiving. Husked pop corn
19 Went to Bellows. (*President*) Hayes in
21 Received interest on two notes. Wrote two letters
23-26 Went to a lecture, had my head examined by Mendelson (*phrenologist*)

December 1, 4 To centre
5 Sunday Read papers greased boots
13, 14 Plowed greensward
17 Read papers and wrote 18 letters
18 Drawed corn in the shack
28 *Chopped wood 10 days*. Went to the West's
29 Went after the mail

1870 He turns 23. He spend some time working for relatives in Iowa and Kansas, then travels out west

January 2 Packed up my things. Went to Tuman's etc
5 Went up after the mail
8 Read and wrote. Went down to the river. Done chores. Sleighing
10 Went to Halsey's, Wheeler's, West's, Waldo's after bags. Went to Dons' after our wagon box. Went after neck yoke. Started for Cleveland after dark. Stuck in a snow drift one hour on the new road, tuned back and went another road. Got down to West's about 11 o'clock. Put up for the night there. Sleighing
11 Went down to West's tavern to town and around the city. Came back to Fuller's and staid all night
13 Came home from town, got home about 1 o'clock pm. Got the mail
14 To the centre to get the sawing machine took it to the woods and helped set it up
15 Got the mail. *Chopping wood many days*
21 Helped put up the machine and set up the log way
23 Read some and wrote some letters.

February 1-4 Chopped wood at the door
5 Chopped wood. Saw three baptized: Mrs Webber, Julia Webber, Mary Woodruff. Went to the centre and to church
7 Frank O'Dell baptized. Saw Webber Finch, Woodruff and girls baptized. Went to church
8, 9, 11 Went to church
10 Went to John Porter's and Hen. West's sale. Went to church
12 Saw Miss Isham, Miss McIntire and Aunt Tempy baptized. Went to church
13 Sunday Saw Smith girl, Sewell Brown, Julius Webber, Lucy Wilcox baptized and to church
14 Read some, wrote letters, church
15 Tuesday saw Phebe Brown, Libby Oviatt and another girl baptized. Went to church
16 Saw ___ Woodruff, ___, Jennie Conant, Eva Coddington, Mrs Gillett baptized. Church
17, 18 Read papers. Went to church

February 22 Read some and played tricks
29 Visited with Conant and wife. Church

March 2 Read America Missionary Magazine
3 Went to the center. Visited with Emma Shaw
5 Went to West's and Porter's sale. Clerked it for them. Church
8 Dexter started for Iowa
10- April 10 sugaring
21 Went to lecture on Phrenology by Clark
31 We have made this month 196¾ pounds sugar

April 10 Temperance meeting
11 School meeting. *All spring: Choreing, gardening, farming, skinning calves, fixing colts etc*

May 5 Wrote a letter to Bonner. Went up to Mr Easton's. Plowed greensward

8 Packed my things and took teams up to Mr Easton's

9 Went to Mr Easton in Cleveland, bought a trunk and a ticket for Fulton (*Iowa*), got on the cars at 2:30 (*am*). Got to Toledo about dusk. Went by the Michigan South and Lake Shore (*rail*) road. *Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, established in 1833*

10 Arrived at Chicago 7 in the morning and left for Fulton 10:45 am. Got to Cedar Rapids at about sundown pm. Staid all night at the American House. Left Cedar Rapids 1 pm arrived Vinton at 3-4 o'clock and walked to Martin's. Got there 10 pm. (*his uncle Martin Van Deusen, farmer and stock raiser, La Porte City; born Hinckley 1835; to Benton Co. 1858 among the early settlers, working for wages the first year in Iowa at \$12 per month, JP, assessor, school director; 400 acres, wife Harriet, daughter Orpha born 1864*)

12 Drawed rails, moved wire fence

13 Moved fence, plowed for corn

15 Went a fishing caught 3-4 fish

16 Cleaned over wheat. Went to Vinton. Got my trunk

19 Planted corn ½ day for Levi Talbot

June 25 Went down to LaPorte City and up to John Treanor's. Went to an Indian camp and saw Indians and squaws. Evening went over to Royal's. (*Royal A Perkins, farmer and stock raiser*). Also living in LaPorte: *EW Hatch, farmer, born Granger 1831; to Benton Co. 1871; 230 acres. Married Eliza Tuttle 1855; born in Medina Co 1831, nine children*

28 Worked on the road. Went in swimming in the river twice

July 1-2 Worked on the road

4 Went to LaPorte to the 4th got back at midnight

9 Shocked wheat for Royal Perkins ½ day

10 Went up on Martin's Eighty

11 Hunted after our teams. Cut locust poles and made fence

12 Shocked wheat for Abraham Talbot

14 Batched the mules and helped fix the reaper

17 Swimming. Went over to Abraham Woodley's (*1850 living in Granger - 43 yrs, farmer, wife & 3 children*)

24 Took Anna Zuma home

26 Bound oats for Jake Woodley. (*Jacob Woodley, farmer, La Porte City, to Medina Co 1838, to Benton Co. 1856, married Melinda Treanor 1848*) Pitched flax in piles

August 6 Pitched on ten acres of wheat

8 Dexter and I drew up loads of hay

13 Went over on Rock Creek to help George Treanor thrash. (*farmer and stock raiser to Benton Co 1857; 390 acres*)

14 Went to the creek to get some plumbs

17 Pitched flax in the header boxes to thrash for Martin Van Deusen

21 Went a plumming up the creek with Martin's folks

26 Went to LaPorte with barley

27 Thrashed for Gates Brothers

28 Went up to the grove to camp meeting

September 3 Went over to Howitt's and to Frank Perkins' and got some melons

6 Helped tear down an old shed and draw it down for the 80. Helped trash for Van Duyn. (*James Van Duyn, farmer and stock raiser La Porte City to Benton Co 1858, 165 acres*)

17 Pitched off two loads of grass to cover sheds

22 Thrashed for M Rice. *Moses W Rice farmer, La Porte City; born NY 1838, to Benton Co 1858; 160 acres, wife Mrs Mary Rodgers 1865; she was born in Ohio 1841, died 1867. Enlisted in the 13th I.V.I.*

25 Went up to Steve Sherman's with Dexter and Hosey

October 9 Wrote a letter to Kansas

16 Went over to a meeting and to Woodley's and Gates

18 Thrashed for Seth Talbot (*Seth Talboth, farmer La Porte City*)

20 Took a load to LaPorte
23 Get my hair cut by Rose Woodley. Went down to Iago's and Jenkins'
25 Went to circus at night. Poor one
29 Thrashed for Jack Treanor
30 Wrote a letter to mother and Jane. (*Julia Jane Van Deusen, his sister*) Went over to Mr Irons'

November 1 Helped butcher one hog before daylight
4 Done chores and played cards
19 Went over to Shire's. *JJ Shirer, farmer La Porte City, born Germany 1835, to Benton Co. 1868, 200 acres*
29 Went to a dance at John Woodley's
30 Went to Jake Woodley's after flour

December 1 Martin Van Deusen had a husking bee, went to it and to the dance
3 Went up to Uncle Jake's
8 Read some and went over the creek to school and to singing school
9 Went to spelling school in this district
11 Packed my trunk etc. in Bruce Twp, Benton County. I worked six months two days \$137.27
12 Went to Belle Plaine with Uncle Martin and took the cars at 9:00 and forty-five minutes. Got to Desmion (*Des Moines*) about midnight
13 Got to Council Bluffs about 9:30 (*am*). Staid there till sundown
14 Got to Kansas City at 2 o'clock in the morn. Went up in the city. Very hilly and uneven. Started for Emporia at 9:30 (*am*). Got to Topeka at 1:30, got to Emporia at 5:30 (*pm*).
15 Walked all day. Crossed the Cottonwood river shortly after leaving Emporia, walked about 22 miles. Mr Adams was with us. Staid all night at Norton's
16 Went through Bazaar and Mercer Springs. Staid at Perkin's stone house
17 Went to Sycamore Springs and to Chelsea. Staid at hotel. Went about 20 miles
18 Went to Eldorado and within four miles of Augusta. Land office there
19 Went to Augusta and to Mr Baker's six miles beyond
20 Went to Wichita and about 2½ miles further. Staid with two Cleveland boys
21 Went up to Park City and three miles beyond to Mrs Winters of Granger
22 Went up to Mr Pierce's and up to look at section 4 range 2 west Township 25, sixth pin meridian. Staid at Park City at Mrs Miller's hotel
23 Went down to Mr Sullivan's. Too bad to travel
25 Went up to Mr Allison's and then down to Wichita. Packed ice ¼ day for Mr Werner. Christmas
26 Helped put up ice all day
27 Staid at the Munger house. *Mrs. D. S. Munger, house built 1868, opened as hotel 1870 during westward expansion*
28 Went to Mr Sullivan's. Rode home with Rev Boggs. Hired out to him for a few days at 10 per day
29-31 Chopped wood for Dr Boggs

1871 He turns 24. He returns from Kansas

January 1 Went to church at Rev Boggs'. He preached. *Rev Wilberforce K Boggs sent to Kansas to found Presbyterian church March 1870*
2 Walked to Mr Sullivan's. Started to look at the country and on a buffalo hunt. Camped by Lewellan's store, slept under the wagon. *Doc Lewellen kept the first grocery in a log house*
4 Staid around town most of the day and drove down to the Cowskin (*an Indian village at Cowskin Grove*)
5 Went to Nemescan (*Ninnescah*) and to Slate creek
6 Went to the Shawaska (*Chikaskia*) river and looked around some
7 Looked around the country. Helped stake 2 claims near the river. Traveled up the Shawaska to the island on the Nenescan (*no islands there now*)
10 Saw a few buffalo. They killed two
11 Saw plenty of buffalo. They killed six. Camped on the high prairie near the Shawaska
12, 13 in camp. Terrible storm. Dug and tried to keep warm. Snowing, cold, blowing. Weak and tired
14 Dug a hole in the bank to sleep in
15 Dug our things out and left camp, about two miles
16 Got the buffalo all loaded and started back
17 Traveled toward the Nenescan. Got lost and camped 4-5 miles from the island without food or fire

18 Went to the island and got something to eat. Then went down to McLane's ranch (*McLean's ranch, a log house where they sold provisions and whiskey*) on the trail

19 Went to the Arkansas river. Slept and eat at the ranch in Elgin

20 To Wichita. Eat dinner at Fisher's and supper at Sullivan's

21 At Sullivan's. Feet frozen on the hunt. Very sore

22 At Sull's until Feb 14

23 Read part of 'Nemesis'

February 2 Went over the river to look at the marshall's house. Went up the river to hold an ox for the old man

3 Went over to our house (*1½ miles up the river from Fisher*)

6 Went to Sull's. Left my watch. Got my coat. Went to Wichita and back

7 Done chores around the house, helped cook

9 Got up made a fire and cooked a kettle of mush and parsnips for breakfast. Dexter at town, got me a letter

14 Went down to Sam Fitzgerald's

19 Went up to Kerr's, started for Emporia, stopped at Wichita. Took supper at Rayne's Ranch. Went within three miles of the Whitewater. Traveled about 22 miles

21 Went to Whitewater, Eldorado and within four miles of Chelsea. Rode five miles with Mr Bishop

22 To Chelsea, to Sycamore Springs, Mercer Springs, and to Bynor (?) Rode about 30 miles

23 To Emporia, got there about dark. Went to the Indiana House

24 Took breakfast at the Indiana House. Took our trunks and things to Emporia, started on the cars for Cleveland at 8 o'clock by way of Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Got to Topeka about noon. Changed cars for Kansas City. Started at one by way of Kansas Pacific rail road got to Kansas City about 5. Changed cars. Started for St Louis by way of North Missouri Railroad

25 In Missouri. Got to St Louis 7 in the am. Crossed the Missouri River on a ferry boat, in the cars at St Charles.

Crossed the Mississippi on a ferry boat, in a bus to the other depot. Changed cars and started for Indianapolis at 8 o'clock and 40 minutes by way of St Louis, Vandalia, Terre-Haute an Indianapolis railroad, got there after dark about 7 o'clock. Changed cars and started for Crestline soon after by way of the Bee Line rail way

26 To Crestline. Changed cars and went to Cleveland by way of the Cleveland Columbus Cincinnati and Indianapolis rail road. Got there about 7 am. Went to the Bethel House and got breakfast. Left our things there. Went to a few clothing stores, then left town. Stopped at West's tavern, got dinner, then went on and got supper at Mr _____'s staid all night at Mr Stellars'

27 Eat breakfast and went home. Took dinner on the road and got home about dark

28 At home all day. Frank Waldo and Elum and Caleb Damon here

March 1-3 At home, Read some. *Back to sugaring*

7 Father and Damon at Cleveland railroad meeting. Emma and Chris Lister here

8 Went to Don's to a sugar eat

12 Wrote 17 pages in this book

29 Helped move Weld's things

April 1 (*Brother*) Omar and I to Richfield mill. (*I*) weighed #154. Rec'd Shakespeare's Works

3 Up to the town meeting

4 Scraped road to the house. Played euchre.

10 To school meeting – secretary. Read microscope journal

17-18 Delivered ten loads of 2' wood to the school house

16-22 Working in Woodley meadow

23 Read 'The Sundered Hearts, or the War of a Household in New York'

28 Dragged in oats by the old house. Wrote 12 letters to Jolly American Wadsworth, O, Bennet & Co Wadsworth et al

May 6 To Cleveland. Bot clothes and plants

21 Finished reading 'The Girl Hermit'

27 Went to Old Ward mill. Weighed #145. The Gargett family murdered

June 1 Dexter and Jane to the funeral

2 Shot eight chipmucks

7 Helped raise Damon (*cheese?*) factory

16 Temperance meeting at Bennetts Corners
18 Read part of 'The Love Charm'
25 Shot a rabbit
30 Shot a blackbird

July 1 Shot a chipmuck, Red Squirrel, Woodpecker, wakeat (?) and meadowlark. Dexter got reaper at Akron
4 Went to and picnic at Bath and then to Link's to a dance
5 Danced till daylight, hitched up and drove home
22 Dexter went to school
23 Read 'Life and Death in a Rebel Prison'
28 Caught Old Doll after a long chase
30 Went down to the Wheelers' played ball
29 Went to a lecture by Dr Avery
31 Dance at Ben Manchester's not much of one by Rob Odell

September 4 Got ready and went to Medina to Forepaugh's Circus and menagerie with Ben and the boys
7 To prayer meeting. Lansoon (*Alanson*) Wilcox preached
8 To meeting at First church (*Congregational*)
19 Richfield Fair. Battery A First Ohio Artillery picnic. Speech by General Gibson and Rev Powell
21 Went to the fair 2nd day. Balloon ascension. Prof Hayden ascended.
26 Went down to the old house to see about putting oats in it
28 Went over to the town line to Babcock's etc looking after pigs

October 2 Total oats this year 1668 bushels. Went up to a Republican meeting speaker Hon. A Munson
4 To a Lyceum
8 Billy, Dex and Ben and I went achestnutting over south of Law's
10 To election. Voted for General Noyes etc. Republican votes 150, Dem 26
20 To Richfield on the milk wagon
21 To Thorpe's sale

November 1 George Allen and folks staid here all night
2 Went up to the center and got two bolts mended that went through the Lind bolster (*a Jenny Lind spool bed*). Aunt Emily here
4 Went to Richfield to B Wood's cow sale. We bought two cows 30.78 and 34.00 with 5% off
6 Went to a dime party at the Hall
8 Went to Allen Welton's sale on Oak Hill, Boston. We bought twelve cows on note 6% on 15 month's time \$271.75. Walked most of the way home to help drive 20 cows. *Describes each and the price*
16 To Burrill Viall's sale on Oak Hill, Boston. Bought six cows \$106.50 on note at nine month's time without interest. Helped drive them home. *Description and price of each*
17 Went down to William Ferris' to look at his heifer. Stacked stalks across the center road
27 Our cows went home to Oak Hill Boston
28 Went up after the cows. Took the Oak Hill road to Peninsula and went on other roads. Found them all but Dexter left one on the road home
29 Rode over to Furnace run, found the cow just this side of the river

December 9 To Cleveland 2 am with 53 bushels oats for Father. One wheel came nearly off up in Royalton. Sold the oats about two miles this side of Brighton (*Old Brooklyn*) to Mr Clyne. Went on to town and traded (*shopped*) a little
12 Had about 2000 bushels corn in 1871. Evening went to meeting the first time in the new church. Speaking by Rev Andrew Burns
13 To Church, L Wilcox preached
16 To Church, Allen preached
17 Went to the First church. Powell preached
18 To church – Gibbs preached
19 Visited with Lucy Conant and Orr Kentfield
23 Rec'd Vick's Floral Guide
25 Christmas. Read the 'Sophomores of Radcliffe', went to the river to see Sol Kentfield baptized

27 Wrote letter to Martin Van Deusen in Iowa
28 To McDougall's sale
29 To Addie Piper's birthday party
31 Worked at Kitchen Garden Rebus

1872 He turns 25

January 1 Eph Sutton here
7 Cleaned out stables and helped put up the stove. Prayer meeting. Puzzles
8 Party at Mrs Severance's
10 Received two Brainards 'Musical World', Specimen Pages of the Bible, Educational bulletin *et al*
12 To old Ward mill
13 Received Reynolds Floral Guide, Ladies Repository etc. Doctoring horse and writing
16 Wrote five letters before 3 am
22 To Cleveland with Omar and load of oats
26 Bennetts Corners Temperance meeting
29 Went with Uncle Roe to James Preston's in Strongsville
30-Feb 11 *To church daily*
31 Read two numbers of Ladies Floral Cabinet and The Horticulturalist

February 2 Scraping a road. *To church every day all week*
3 Saw Dr Wilcox and wife and ward and wife baptized
4-6 Helped move cheese house for H Damon. Sleighing. *Church daily*
6 Saw Miss Hatch and Chris Lisetor baptized.
8 Stella McIntire & Bertha Baker went forward
9 Worked for Don Mattison sawing wood. Rolled away blocks and went to church
10 Received Chicago and the Great Fires. *List of books received*
17 O Wilcox, F Dunn and F Weld here, played cards
18 Pitched pennies to Albert and Orr here. Second cow came in
20 Went over a skunking with Joe L and George
22 Drove a cow & calf from the river
24 Temperance meeting at Bennetts Corners
26 To Richfield Mill – rough roads
29 Took 25 bushels oats to Dick Dunham at 42 cents. Temperance meeting

March 1 To Richfield to get a grist etc
3 Played, to church on the hill
5 Temperance, appointed secretary
7 Third cow came in, black with white star
8, 12, 19 Temperance at Corners
9 To John Kellogg's sale
13 Rockwood and Squire's sale, clerked it for them. Amount of sale \$746. Cows averaged \$36.16. Fourth cow came in, black and white
16 Went to D Piper's. I was the committee
18 Looking after Temperance pieces. Fifth cow came in Big Spot
20 Brindle cow and red and white cow came in
22 To M Manchester's sale
24 Pitched pennies
26 Ninth cow, star horn
27 One cow died. Helped skin her. Skinned a calf
31 Little red cow came in

April 1 To election
2 Temperance society. Kept minutes. Charley's horse died. Helped draw off four carcasses and set fire to them. 11th cow hollow back. Skinned a calf. 12th cow came in sawed horn brindle
8 To school meeting, am secretary
9 We rented all of the old plow ground. Temperance. Party at Mattison's

10 Done tricks with the boys
13 Rented out 20 of our cows til fall for ½, he to take good care of them and return them in the fall. We have all of the grass cut on shares. Enough horses to make out two teams to work, he to pasture them. Helped HD unload his vat
15 Caught the Crooks' colt
15 To the foundry and to Piper's. Breaking colts some. Temperance
17 Plowed some by the school house
19-23 Plowed north of Mahala's. Temperance
27 Received the Horn of Plenty (*Temperance poem, Plenty of poverty, plenty of pain...*). To Temperance meeting, helped speak a dialogue

May 7 We had a flare up with WRL, staid all night with Ben Manchester
13 To see Damon and N Porter
14 Helped Wait plant corn. Temperance
16 Plowed for corn in Wait's island
20 Walked to Cleveland, sold potatoes. Staid at Mr Sutton's all night
21 Went back to town, bought some things and went home
24 Temperance. *Four days plowing one piece*

June 4 To cheese factory. Temperance
8 Shot one red squirrel
10 To Richfield both centers and to Hinckley Center. Bought a carriage of Mattison
13 To Waite's a raising
16 Washed carriage and went a riding
18 Went to Barnum show at Cleveland went up on the tower etc. Temperance in city
21-22 Hoed corn on the island. Had a lot of coming to practice and swing
23 To church twice
25 Temperance. Dentist Brown filled some teeth for me
27 Helped fix the machine to get ready to mow. Went to center with the rake
30 Church two times and singing school. Went a strawberrying

July 2 Temperance, elected treasurer
4 To Richfield celebration. Rev Powell spoke, Col Wilcox, Axtell and others. To Link's Dances some
7 Church three times. To Bennetts Corners to church and to Drapers. *Free Will Baptist built 1828*
12 Jennie went to the Corners with the girls, broke down
16 Cheese factory, center, Temperance
18 Took my carriage up to the center to be fixed
21 Prayer meeting and Aunt Roxy's
23 To the center after the carriage. Temperance Secretary pro tem
28 We went to the cheese factory and Don's. Evening to church
32 To Sedgwick's, played games

August 2 Company came to swing at evening
3 Fixed the reapers
4 Church three times. Read 'The Broken Seal' (*Masons*), To Charlton's
10 Went to the woods and got some poles for a swing
12 Dan, Zelia and Jennie C here to practice piece
14 Temperance, helped speak a dialogue. Appointed editor. Blackberrying
16 Went to the center to a Grant club
17 To church on the hill. To Barnes' golden wedding
20 Wrote a paper for the society and read it at meeting
22 Put the swing up. To the center. Got my buggy and harness
25 A riding most over to Bennetts Corners. To church
28 Drove cows out of clover several times

September 1 To church twice, papers and billings

2 Cut down, mowed and pitched hay on Dr (Giles) Gillett's and John Brongers'. *Brongers to Hinckley 1867 with peddler's pack, sold wares door-to-door. 1870 he and William Behr ran a general store w Wm Behr, then alone operating it for over sixty years. Brongers left his home and property to Hinckley Township which built a park, town hall, fire station, and police station on the property.* Went to hear Professor Wilson

7 To Richfield to hear Bell Ringers. Pretty good

8 Washed buggy. Went to meeting in Greene's grove. To church, Miss Addie Wilkey went forward

10 Pioneer meeting down in Bath. We drove to Link's and Vroman's. Took supper. Stopped at Temperance

11 To center and Shank's

12 Chased the horse. Caught Billy, got ready to thrash

19 Drove a sick cow up from the river by request in the rain

24 Temperance. Josephine and Jennie Olds staid all night

25 To Greeley meeting at evening (*Greeley was running for president*)

26 To Medina Fair, not much of a show

27 Heard Prof Hayden preach

28 Dr Brown filled a couple of teeth for me. Lucy Conant here

30 Political meeting. Judge Lewis and Senator Bell spoke

October 3 Party here to swing

6 H Wilkinson's sale in Brunswick. Sold over 100 bushels corn to Worden. Made apple rack. To church

7 Election

16 Lura Hawks, Bertha Baker, Joe etc here

19 WR Browns' sale in Brunswick

20 Richfield Mrs Goldwood's funeral. To Searles and concert at Disciples church

25 Went down to old house with WH Damon – spoke with him about a sale

26 To Aaron Waldo's sale

27 We made out a notice for sale bill (*at the old house*)

29 Trading (*shopping*) at center. Temperance

November 5 Election. Voted for Grant. Results in town Grant 197, Greeley 43

6 We had a sale. Sold cows, corn, oats, hay, straw, potatoes etc. Amount over \$800

8 Banked up the old house. To Mr Waldo's to a party

11 Got my foot measured at center

12 Temperance. Dexter and Jane to Cleveland

13 Set up the stove in the old house. We packed up our things and moved down to the old house. Fixed up the house stopping up holes

18 Fixed things in my truck. Ransom Riley and Steve West and Omar here

21 Lura Hawk staid with Jennie all nite. 36 bushels sold to Goodrich Elmer.

24 HE and S West, Justus, Julia and Sylvia Waldo and Chris Lisetor and wife here

26 To factory to build a fire and help butcher seven hogs, ours weighed 316 pounds. Temperance

27 Went to center for salt and flour. 50 bushels for Rev Allen

28 Thanksgiving. Went up to mother's and done chores. Talked with F Gouch and N Porter. Paid Gouch \$2 for what RL's cows ate up for him

29 Fixed the hatchway

30 Made a dash. Churned butter

December 1 Brady, Steve and Elmer here and Ben. Load of stalks to G Hadlcok

3 Lecture on Wonders of the Microscope at the center

4 Read the 'Art of Money Making'. Belle, Leila here and Joe. To church Moffat preached. Drove cows out of Hadlocks corn about 9-10 at night

5 HN Allen stopped and signed note

8 Wrote letter for Mrs Wheeler

10 Helped Wheeler butcher one hog

11 Church. Clara Lisetor went forward

13 To Medina on runners. To Depot Printing office, post office and photograph etc. Home after dark. William Riley and Don here at evening

15 Went to Ben's with Don and got my carriage and harness. Let him take them and the horse to go out to Grafton

17 Wrote in Temperance treasury book. To Aunt Roxy's and to the clothing sale at the hall
24 To Aunt Amaret's two times. Helped keep fire down cellar (*to keep stored food from freezing*)
25 Christmas. Byron, Omar, George and Don here. Staid all night at Don's. Read 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'
26 Don and I to Cleveland to post office, exchange office and others. Read dictionary. Got home in the evening.
Snowy, cold and windy all day. Too much snow for good sleighing

1873 He turns 26. Lots of work and a very active social life

January 1 Played euchre with Steve West. Sleighing
3 Worked up puzzles, engimas, etc. The Hunters Camp a prize rebus.
7 Temperance, elected editor. Staid up all night
8 To Cleveland half past 2 am with Jennie, got to Brighton about daylight. To Baldwin's. Seamans, Smiths, Wheelers and Wilsens, Express Office, Kennedy Deforest and Co. Started for home from Brighton before noon. Got home from Cleveland half past three. Sleighing.
9 Linny staid here all night
13 Sent my solution of the rebus
14 To a dance at West's
15 Looked over my things in my chest etc
19 New rebus. Looking at the dictionary. Took Dan's sled home.
22 Wednesday To ME church
23 Jane and I to Medina Express Office, post office, tailor, dentist etc. sleighing.
24 To a dance at Wyman's, large crowd. Got home 2 am
27 To ME church evening
28 Studied dictionary, to a dance at town Hall. Got home 4 am. 41 nos. sold, mine no. 12
29 Cellar froze. Thermometer 30 below zero

February 2 Dexter and I went to Brunswick, Bennett's Corner and Royalton etc.
3 To Churchill's, to Justus and Edward Waldos after horse and cutter. To Mrs Lillibridge to a birthday party and to the hall. To a dance. Took Eva, got home 2 am. Sleighing
4 Took horse and cutter home. Temperance lecture by Mr Clark.
6 Dexter and Wheeler butchered our hog. I was sick.
8 About sick. Sore throat. Lura and Helen here in the evening.
19 My birthday. Read The Hour of Prayer
21 Read The Haunted Husband
22 Lon Sutton here all day
26 Read 'Work' in the C. Union

March 2 To church in eve
3 Played cards with Joe Lisetor, Will Isham, Frank Damon, Steve West, Jay Crooks, Byron, Omar and father here.
4 To Cleveland started at 9, went down, put horse in stable, the California House, went to town and to Deming's store, came back, left Byron at Suttons. Started home at sundown got there about 9 o'clock.
5 Read The Mormon Wife. Went with a load to an exhibit at the south town line
6 Inez Tuman and Toot Severance here
7 Read Three Years in a Man Trap
9 Read some Ramson Riley. Don Mattison, Weld and others here played cards.
10 Fixed a place in the wood shed for my buggy
11 Read Satan in Society. Dance at the hall. Went to Roxy's after Jane. Got home 2½ am
13 Elwin, Eva, belle Damon here, played
14 Sherm Prentice, Hank and Steve here, played
17 Played euchre at Ethan's
19 Played poker and casino
21 Played casino, bot and sold furniture
25 Churned most all day
26 Helped weigh 1050# hay for B Manchester

April 1 Worked at a Classical Enigma in the Christian Union
3 Played cards. Dance at the hall

5 Divided some things with Dexter. Sold him my cow
7 To election
10 Wrote letter to Gerome H Damon in Medina (*relative, minister & attorney*)
14 Packed up my books and moved them to mother's and packed them away. School meeting, was secretary. A. Wheeler got home. Received chromo from Medina
15 Looked over letters and jumped some. Temperance editor
16 Received Popular Science Monthly
19 Greased boots. Received pictures from SS Wood.
20 Melted up some lard. Saw Elwin, book agent. Saw his pictures
22 Started out canvassing to Frazelles, called on Phelps, NE Wilcox, Wm Bell, Weld's Richards and Parker, JF Webber, Roxey Dunn, Laughlin. Sold 8 books. To dance at hall
23 Canvassed ½ day. Called on TN Easton (*daughter named Temperance*), Isham, Brongers, Chas & Geo Webber. Sold four books. Sold Joe Riley 40# pork at 10 cents.
24 Called on Swift, Shank, Davis, Frizell, Law and Gillet. Sold one
25 Called on West, Riley, Hicks, Ellsworth, Edgerton, Green, Wyatt, Usher, Hall, Gilbert, Brown, Porters etc.
26 Called on the Waldos, Searles, Wyatt, ____, Edgerton. Sold one
28 Called on Gilbert, Sid, Wait, Manchester and Law. Sold three
20 Called on Seward, O Wilcox, Ward, McIntire, Mattingly, Bateman, sold three. Evening went to Sykes cotton wedding

May 1 Called on O Parker, Cole, Gargett, Hadcock, M Margette, Carr et al. Sold 3
May 2 Called on Kellogg, Oakley, Wyman, Allen, Merchant, Gouch, Damon, Moody, Searles. Sold four
3 Called on Coddling
5 Called on Pierce, Crooks, H Wait, Musser, Crooks, Ammerman and Goodrich. Got 3 names
6 To the north town line and around the corners
8 Called on Hugh and Willis Wait, Greenwood, Wait, Rockwood, Squires, Benjamin Babcock and Peters. Got 2 names
9 To Bennett's Corners and west and south and east to WW Brown, staid there all night
11 Went up to Brunswick and on the pike around to Lewis. Staid there all night
13 Canvassed in NW part of Brunswick. Staid at H Doolittle's all night
14 Canvassed NW part of Brunswick
16 Canvassed in the SW part of town, Got 2 names.
17 Canvassed on south town line
18 Prayer meeting
20 Went to town line west and south to a school house and west and around in that section of Brunswick. Staid at Marv Ganyards
21 Canvassed in Brunswick in the SE corner. Took dinner with Knox and supper with Mrs Wyman.
23 Copied diary most all day
25 To church at center. Got ready to go to Cleveland
26 Went to Cleveland. Started about midnight, went to Ansons, Cleveland Publishing Co, JK Lowries, and several picture stores. Got a box of books. Contracted for 50 pair of Pets Awake and Asleep. Got home at dark. Roads rough
27 Temperance meeting
29 Got a pair of pictures framed and canvassed some in Medina. Went about a mile north and stayed at night at Greene's.
30 Canvassed in the NW part of the township. Staid at Mr Miners west of Hamiltons Corners
31 Canvassed some in Medina Township

June 2 To Pekin and on the ridge and N, S, E and W of center delivering books
3 Delivered books on west town line in Brunswick. To a dance
4, 5 Delivered books in Brunswick, South of Hinckley center, on the town line to Weymouth
7 To Cleveland. Got pictures 50 pairs. One pair framed. Saw Ryder, Sargent and Lowrie. Got a canvassing book
8 Contracted for some frames. To the ridge to church and Sabbath school. Evening to Disciples church
9 Canvassing to Lisetors, Law, Frizzeyville, Shanks and down in Medina Township. Staid at Mr Scanlons
10 Canvassing in Weymouth. Staid at Hamblin's. 11, 12 Canvassing south of Weymouth, staid at Nobels. 13 Canvassing south and west of Weymouth, at Clark's at night. 14 Canvassed North and West of Weymouth, rode part way with Orr and Ike. Watched some down the road at night
15 To a sing on the ridge

16 Wrote and figured considerably. Read Ten Nights in a Bar Room. Went to N Porters to a trial. Halsey's wife and her sister charged with larceny. Women bound over
20 To Shooks and got my book case
22 Fixed in some books, magazines, papers in my case. Washed my carriage
23 Greased my buggy. Caught my horse and Jennie and I went to church on the ridge and the swing. Staid til 10 o'clock and started for Cleveland with Elwin
23 To Cleveland. Got to Brighton at sunrise. Got 67 frames for myself and 100 for Elwin and some banks and photographs
24 Carried dictionary to Dr Gillet, carried a picture and my diploma to mothers'. Jennie came home with me to look at my pictures. Got buggy mended in Richfield
26 Delivered books in Weymouth, got horse shod and ordered pair of fine boots made at (*Benjamin*) Young's. Staid all night at R(*obert*) Blakeslee
27, 28 Delivered around Weymouth and Medina and the rest of the township
29 Sunday school on the ridge, to a sing

July 1 went to Richfield with Jennie. She got four pictures taken
3 Weymouth. Got some money and a pair of boots and came home
4 Got ready and went after a girl and to Richfield. Took dinner at Dustin's and we went to Akron to the theater. Started for home about 1 o'clock am. Stopped at Link's old stand. Got home after sunrise. Washed buggy. To church and Sunday school on ridge, to concert, to church at center
8 Read Ora the Lost Wife. Temperance meeting, Wrote and figured
13 Church on the ridge with Omar. To Jim Moody's. From ridge north to Gilberts, then south on the state road to the second corners and east and north and came out by Chandler's and went home
14 To center twice, east to catch a horse, to Edgertons, to Cleveland Barnum show. Dinner at Wests. Hard rain. Tent leaked badly. Drove over to the other side of Euclid Ave, several streets to the Lake Shore by the union depot. To the Clinton House. Took supper and fed teams. Got home about daybreak, 3½ hour trip. Drove to old house. Washed buggy and harness. Went to bed a short time and took a nap
16 Milked 16 cows
19 Dance at the hall. Rode around with John Gilbert, up to his house and around by the center past Waldos and up to Behrs. Wet out riding toward Remsen – one or so miles east of there to Mr Beard's. Got home between 1-2 am
26 Hitched up to Julius Webber's horse and drove to Pekin
27 To church on ridge and Sunday school, to a sing in the horse and buggy. Took Mary Lance about sundown, we rode to Churchill's and back, over to the west town line, and north a piece, then home
29 Read books and papers. To the old house. Slept
31 To the old house. Drew up bedstead and trunk

August 1 Milked 12 cows. Caught my horse and came up home. To Richfield. Got a horse shod. To a ball at the center. Did not dance
2 Hitched up my horse took Frank Pierce to Royalton and back. To the church sing. Got Mary and took her home. Waited there for Frank and Jennie. We went to Richfield by way of Royalton and Brecksville. Came back the same way. Got home about 1 am
8 Mowed grass and bushes in the front yard. Milked 26 cows
10 Church and Sunday school. Went home, caught a horse, hitched up and went to a sing. Went a riding from the sing. North to town line and back and over and to the center and north to Andrews and back to the concert at the center with Mary and Sylvia. After concert took them home by Waldos. Got home 1 am.
11 Caught my horse and took buggy down to old house and turned the horse out. Read and wrote. To factory
13 Caught my horse and Frank Pierce and I took a ride up in to Royalton, went to James Edgertons, Aspers, and to the picture shop at Royalton
14 Worked on the road for father two days
16 Cut down willows and other bushes in front of the house
17 Read some. Washed buggy. To ridge to concert. Went to center to church but did not go in
24 To church and Sunday school on ridge. To Disciple Church then took Mary to Royalton to church. Supper after church at Aspers. Four couples: Caleb and R, Ralph and Jennie G, Harley and E Porter, myself and Mary. Center high school commenced today TJ Lytle teacher. Lowry and Misty Sprinkle
31 Church on the ridge, down to E Conant's, to a sing at 4:30. Belle Damon rode home with us

September 2 Went to LD Edgerton with Jennie

3 Went on to the ridge and got Mary. Took her to church and we went in procession over to the center to the anniversary in Greene's woods about noon. Drove down to the cheese factory to see Jennie

4 Put saw dust around the evergreens

6 Drew 1 load of stones and 7 loads of gravel for the road east of the house. Caught my mare. She kicked me. To Richfield, got buggy mended and measured for a coat. To church and Sunday School

9 Temperance society

10 Fed the hogs 30 pailsful of whey

14 To church. Irving Searles preached

17 Richfield Fair

19-20 Saw base ball match. Scrub race, sack race, male race, greased pig race. Drove to cheese factory and back then over to Richfield, to the east center and about a mile north of there to see some gipsies and back around Pekin

23 Temperance Society then up to Orr's for fun

25 Started to Cleveland about 10 with a load of pork with Case. Went to Cleveland and around the city

26 Medina fair. Went to Parker dance

28 On the ridge to church and to Parker picnic on Wilson's Ledge. Went into the cave

October 1 To Hudson with a load of cheese. Brought a soda fountain from Richfield

2 Went to the North Royalton fair. Stared about 2 am. Drove to Cleveland and put my horse at Struebingers. We walked up to the fairground. Saw the sights and some trotting and running. Left the grounds 4:00. Went back to the city by way of Royalton Avenue. Fair. Went to the Theater Comique. Staid at the California House til morning

3 Went back to the city and around town some. Started for home mid afternoon. Horse kicked the dash off up in Royalton. Got home 10 o'clock pm

4 Helped drive some cattle nearly to Richfield

5 Ridge to church with Jennie. Em Porter rode up with us. Jennie and I rode to Remsen

7 Drove cows out of the corn. Cleaned out the old Mrs Allen house to apples in. Temperance Society meeting, secretary

12 Church and Sunday school. A sing. To the center to church

13 Election

15 To N Porters to Mrs Halsey's trial

19 Ridge church and Sunday school and sing and prayer meeting

20 Helped church three times

25 Drew four loads of corn to the crib

26 Church, Sunday school and to Uncle Oliver Parkers to the sing with Jennie and Eva

27 Fed cows straw. Put up a stove and built fire in factory. Eve, R, Odell and Joe L here

30 To Bennetts Corners and west to Beebetown for a school. Hired out at Beebetown. To teach 3½ months at \$100

November 2 Hitched horse, went to church and Sunday school. Eva Damon and Rose Smith rode with me. Went to concert at Ridge with Jennie.

3 Helped catch and butcher 10 hogs, dress them, etc.

5-6 Sorted over a load of cider apples and took them to Jim Moody's mill

8 To Cleveland. Was examined by the school examiner in the court house

10 Took four cider barrels to Jim moody

11 Cleaned the saw dust out of the ice house.

12 Built fire in factory

13 Took load of cheese to Hudson. Got there about dark and home 1 am

14 Went to Richfield and both centers.

19 Taught school. Had two new scholarships today. Boarding with Mr Brasses

20, 21, 22 Taught school. Stopping/boarding at Mr Brasses

23 At Mr Brasses. Went to church. Mr Randall preached. Wrote a letter to Byron

24 Read about ½ in Gunn's Family Physician. Helped Mr Brasses fixing up the school house putting in panes of glass and fixing up the benches

25-28 Taught school. Boarding at Mr Beebes

30 Went to church on Hinckley Ridge. Went to H Damons. Eve went to the centre.

December 1 Went down to Dexters and settled up with him. Eve went to the centre

2-5 Walked out to school. Taught school. Went down to Mr Locke's
 6-9 Taught school. Boarded at Mr Wise's Sen(*ior*). Read in the Farmer's book
 11 Taught school. Boarding at Mr Barnes
 12 Taught school. Boarded at Mr Bauer's
 13 Taught school. Eve went to lyceum. Was secretary. Staid with Hiram Doolittle
 14 Went to church and staid at Doolittle's
 16- 19 Taught school. Boarded at Mr Curtis'
 20 Taught school. Staid to the lyceum. Boarded at Mr Baisch's
 21 Sunday at Barisch's. Read Dick Turpin
 22, 23 Taught school. Boarded at Mr Baisch's
 24 Taught school and walked out to Hinckley. Eve went to the disciples church to a Christmas tree
 25, 26 Christmas at home. Read some. Visited etc.
 27 Went down to Uncle Don's and to J law's school ½ day. Went up to the centre and to writing school
 28 Went over to H Damon's and to church. Rev Slate preached. Went down to the east river and saw Pem Putnam, Mary Damon, Alvira Damon, Laura Gargett, Emma Porter, Hattie Porter, and Milo Hall's daughter baptized. Went to the same church at night
 29 Read some. Went to Mr Mattison's, Mr Proulx's and to Orlando Wilcox's school. Eve went to church on Hinckley Ridge
 30 Read some and visited. Eve. Went up to the Temperance society

1874 He turns 27

January 1 Read some. Visited. Went up to the ridge to church with Byron
 2, 3 Went to Beebetown with Byron. Taught school. Boarded with Mr Keller. Went to Mr Weis
 4-10 Taught school. Boarding with Mr Weis
 11 At Mr Weis. Sunday. Read some. Went up to Mr Keller's with both Julia and John Weis
 16 Taught school. Mr T Tompkins at school ½ day. Boarding at Mr Newton's. Sleighing
 17 Taught school. Boarding at Mr Newton's. Eve, went to the Lyceum was secretary. Left the Lyceum for a sleigh ride with Frank and Joe Beebe, Henry Roth, Dan Freeze making fine company. Beside the driver George Swinburn. The ladies were two Barry girls, Nellie Hancock, Emma Barber (*he later marries her*) and Myra Lewis. We went up to Brunswick, took supper, had oysters, played some, and came back to Beebetown. Got to Mr Newton's about 3 o'clock
 18 Went down to Mr Doolittle's. Shaved and changed clothes went to church Rev Randall preached. Rode down to Liverpool with Joe and Frank Beebe PM in the afternoon
 19 Taught school. Boarding at Newton's
 21, 24 Taught school. Boarding at Mr Johnson's. Read letters from Byron and Omar. Eve went up to Mr Curtis's and down to the Lyceum. Was secretary
 25 Went down to church. Hayden Damon preached, read some, showed Clara in decimals
 28 Taught school. Received a note from Mrs Brasse. boarding at Mr Johnson's
 29 Taught school boarding at Mr R Todd's. Played ball at noon
 30 Taught school. L Tompkins, Dexter and Ida Cotton at school half a day. Boarding at Mr Todd's
 31 Taught school. Lyceum, secretary. Boarding at Todd's.

February 1 At Mr Todd's. Reading '1000 Miles' Walk Across South America'

3 Taught school. Boarding with Mr Swinburn. Eve went to a candy pull at Mr Butler's. Took Miss Emma Barber, rode with Dan Freese. Got back to Mr Swinburn's about 4 o'clock am
 5 Taught school. Boarding at Mr J Barber's (*he later marries Barber's daughter*). Party there at night Beebe boys, Henry Rhodes, & Mr Brintnall. Barry girls, Myra Lewis, Nellie Hendrick, & E Barber
 7 Saturday Taught school. Dexter came out after me I rode home with him
 8 Sunday At home. Done examples for Omar. Mr Proulx and family here
 9 Went down to see Dexter with Byron. Made two trades there. Sold Dexter robe, buggy, harness, whip etc for 120 dollars. Sold him W. C. Rights to pay the balance on keeping horses. Sold Byron horse for \$160. Wrote two letters to Lee and Shephard. Staid all night at Fuller's
 10 Taught school. Will Rhodes at school ½ day. Eve went up to Mr Barber's and went a sleighing down to Mr Rhodes. We went in a load. We had an oyster supper there. We played several plays. Got back to Mr Fuller's at about half past three. There were seven couples there I believe
 11 Taught school, had some sleepy scholars
 12, 13 Taught school Boarding at Schnell's

14 Taught school. Lyceum, secretary. A piece in the paper about the candy pull Frank Beebe's being drunk etc boarding at Mr Schnell's. Noon went over to the cheese factory
 15 H Damon preached. Went over to Fuller's after my clothes. Read the 'Three Scouts' by JT Trowbridge.
 16 Started at 8 o'clock and went down bought a few things and got back about 3 o'clock went down to _____ very muddy. Boarding at school
 17 Liberty came over and we played Authors, Nationale, and the Most Laughable Thing on earth, etc.
 18 Taught school. Showed Phebe quite a few miscellaneous examples in the back part of the arithmetic
 19 My birthday. I did not think of it until evening as I sat at Mr Hancock's musing when I think over my past life and how little good I have accomplished it makes me feel sad tonight. Taught school, boarding at Mr Hancock's
 20 Taught school, L Tompkins at school ½ day. Boarding with Dan at Mr Hancock's. Tomorrow is the last day of school. This morning went down to the ruins of Locke's factory
 21 Saturday Taught school the last day. Priscilla Schnell visitor. It was so rainy and muddy that my scholars could not all get there. Should have had some more company if they could have got there. Too muddy and rainy for the Lyceum also and was very much disappointed. The last day passed off with reading, arithmetic, grammar and spelling etc. Dan Freese spelled down the school. Gave three prizes viz to Dan Freese for getting the most correct marks, to Ida Johnson for getting the most head marks in the first class, and to Missie Baisch in the second class. Gave also chromo reward cards to each of my scholars. Boarding at Mr Hancock's. Read and ate nuts with Nellie and Dan
 22 Church. Six persons in attendance. Went home with Dan Freese up to Mr Freese's, staid to supper, came back to Mr Doolittle's. Got some of my clothes took them up to Mr Schnell's, went up to Mr Johnson's and up to Mr Barbers' in the evening. Staid all night with Dan at Mr Hancock's
 23 Went to Mr Schnell's, Fuller's, Beebe's and Brasse's. Got an order from the directors went up to Strongsville to Mr Hoys the town clerk, made out a report and received an order on the town treasurer for a hundred dollars. Took dinner there. Went to the treasurer Mr Gallups and got my order cashed and started for home at a quarter to three. Stopped at Bennetts Corners a few minutes, came from there to the centre with Julep Webber afoot
 24 Hinckley. At home. Read some and worked at the Royal Menagerie, a prize rebus. Evening went to the centre and up on the Hill with Omar
 25 Worked at the Prize rebus. Eve went down to Mr Oakley's to a dance. Sleighing
 28 Studied dictionary and worked at the rebus. Started for Beebetown at about 5 o'clock. There about 8. Went to the Lyceum. Was chosen one of the judges. Went after my clothes. Took Miss Barber and Miss Lewis home. Staid all night with Nelson Lewis

March 1 Left Mr Lewis about 10 o'clock and came home in the mud. Byron came home today. Frank Pierce was here
 5 Worked at the rebus, went down to Dexter's
 8 Went up on the ridge to church. Went to Mr Viall's and to H Damon's. Eve went up to Mr Proulx
 10 Went up to the center and Mr Webber's, carried home a library book. Read some and rebus. Chopped down trees, trimmed and cut them into sled lengths for Omar to draw
 11 Visited with Mr Ben Waite. Read some and studied at the Royal Menagerie
 15 Went to Don's and Dexter's. Staid at Don's all night and done his chores. He went to town
 16 Chores at Don's. Put a helve in the ax and helped grind two. Chopped wood
 17-20 Chopped wood at the house most of the day. Wrote letters to Ohio Educators' Monthly and J Holbrook Columbus, O.
 21 Split wood. Helped at the factory putting on roof boards & went up in Don's bush. Eve went up to the centre, stopped at Mr Waite's and spent the evening
 22 Byron and I went on the ridge to church, took dinner at Uncle Harrison's. Stopped awhile at Mahala's and went up to the centre to church. Received Lumen's 'Zoology Theory and Practice'
 23 Went over to Jane's and she cut my hair. Read some at home. Byron went back to Brighton
 24 Worked at Rebus. Copied it off and wrote my solution out and sealed it
 25 Wrote most all day copying my 1872-1873 diary from sheets into a book
 26 Went down in the lots, read some. Sent my solution to the Royal Menagerie Rebus. Went to church. Went to the old house. Down to the river
 28 Eve went to church at the centre. Ida Finch went forward
 29 Down to Dexter's three times. Scalded brine for the pork
 30 Went to Medina after a load of shingles. Got stuck twice coming home
 31 Helped do a few chores down the river and move some old traps down to the Weld's barn. Went down to Dexter and got my lard and took it home. Eve to church

April 1 Traded with Dexter my share of the Frank horse and pork for a note he had against L Riley of \$48.50 and interest. Started for Cleveland about one o'clock. Drove down to Mr Aiken's near Brighton and staid all night with Byron

2 Drove to the city. Sold my butter at 36 cents per pound. Left my watch to be fixed and regulated at Coons. Traded and came home. Eve to church

3 Chores. To CR Ward's sale. Bid off a set of harness at \$30.75. Church. Jennie went forward

8 Dance at the hall

7-11, 21-24 Drawing manure

12 Manure. To H Damon's saw Elwin & Caleb and the rest. Went to Mr. Weld's and church.

13 Drew up 12 loads of two foot wood to the factory. Went down to school meeting. Was secretary.

14-18 Manure and church

20 Manure and lecture on Masonry at the centre

25 Tore down old stoop and wood shed

26 Byron, F Weld and Frank Pierce here. Went to the centre to Nelt (?) Wilcox's

27 Cut some logs in the woods for runners to the old house. We drew five loads of wood for Joe Ritz

28 Piled up the brush in the front yard

30 Put the runner under the house, raised the house up

May 1 Worked at the old house and cleaning up the road

2 Plowed a piece SW of the river bridge, garden and part of greensward NW of the house set out a few maple trees in front of the house

3 Church on the ridge, to Damon's, eat dinner there, played chess with Elwin, to Ben's then home. Went to the center to church in the eve

5. Dug up some maple trees back of Wheeler's and a few currant bushes. Levi Edgerton moved to the old Allen house back of the corn house

6 Set out maple trees by the road. Prised the old house and took out one runner

8 Built fence by the road this side of the Woodley barn. Fixed two colts

9 Built a cow yard back of the barn. Went to Richfield with Byron after his buggy about half past five

11-16 Plowed for corn east of the factory. Went to Richfield bought a \$175 buggy for \$165 on 30 days' time

17 Church and Sunday school on the ridge. To John Porter's and Damon's. Church at the centre

18 Reckoned up the milk for April for the factory

24 Got ready and went over to Merchant's and up to Damon's. Elwin and I rode over to the center got his mail and went back to church, then rode to Richfield, signed the pledge, came back around Ward's mill, to Weld's, down to Ben's and home

29 Worked on the road (my poll tax). Helping plow

31 Went to Weld's after my horse and down to Ben's after his harness & to Richfield to get my buggy. Got my horse shod, bought a new harness

31 Sunday school on the ridge. Stopped at Merchant's, Damon's, & Porters. Went to Proulx, caught our horse & Frank W and I rode down to Bens to take him new harness home. Rode down to the river with F Damon and Prentise then up to the factory & to the centre with Byron and Omar

June 3 Drew boards and made hog pens at the factory

4 Went to the old place and got the hogs and troughs

5 Dug a ditch for the factory to the river, went over to Richfield

8 Drew stone from Kenfield's for a fence ½ day. Went up to Ward's and to Ben's

10 Drew four loads of stone from Kenfield's for the fence. Went to S Porter's and LD Edgerton's

12 Hitched up and drove to Brant's Corners and down to Pekin

14 Byron and I went over to Uncle Oliver's and back in the forenoon. Went to the factory 2-3 times. Took Hattie out a riding about half past four. We went to a concert at Richfield in the evening. Came home by the way of Royalton

17 Omar and I reckoned up the bill for milk for May for the river factory. Went down to the factory

18 Went to Medina to pay father's taxes. To Uncle Tommy's and Billings'. To Old Wheeler's and Dexter's

19 Fixed up mowing machine. Mowed grass south of Case's and in evergreen lot

20 Stephen West and I went to Cleveland. Looked around the city some. Went to the Union Depot, Round house, on a steam boat, up the tower and to the reservoir. There is 240 steps from the ground to the top of the tower. Bought a pair of pants, a robe etc. Drove out to George Deming's staid there all night

21 Elmer rode over to Sutton's with us, stopped there awhile and stopped at Aikens to see Byron, got home about 10 o'clock.

23 Helped a little at the factory. Went to Cleveland to get part of a pump. Started at noon got back at eleven o'clock. The city was decorated with flags etc in honor of the Saenger fest (*German songfest*)

26 Drew stones and gravel to fix a road way into a barn

28 To the ridge to church and Sunday school. To Merchant's Damon's and Porters. Dexter had Ida out here. Took HP out riding we went up as far as Aspers and back

July 2 Earl, Byron and I went up to Nathan's, a prayer meeting there. Went over to C Porter's

3 Helped wash Byron's buggy. And went to Elwins with Byron and Omar. Went to Weld's and Richards'. Washed my buggy. Milked 16 cows

4 Hattie Porter and I went to Rocky River by way of Berea. Stopped at the March house, took dinner, had a swing, saw the sights etc, then went to Cleveland about the middle of the afternoon. Drove up Euclid Street and back on Superior. Put up at Stroebinger's on Michigan Street. Had supper and went to the theatre the principal play was Kit Carson. Pem Putnam and Mary Raw went with us got home about half past three am

5 Church and Sunday school on the ridge. Went to a concert at the Centre

7 Saw two balloons go up at the centre. Went to the centre to the fireworks

11 Omar and I took buggy ride to the center and down to the factory. Nina Olds rode up with us

15 Took my mare to the centre and had her shod

17 Omar and I went down to Weymouth to a dance

18 Church and Sunday school. Went over and took dinner with Pem Putnam. Went down to the sing. Took Hattie Searles and Hattie Porter up to Royalton to church. Got home about 11 o'clock

21 To Uncle Tommy's and E Johnson's

24 Went to the center to a sing

25 Went to Medina with a load of cheese. Warner Bellus went with me. Took it to B Wood. Byron, Elwin and Stephen here. To Damon's and to the sing. Took HP and went riding. Went to John Newton's and around Richfield and back to the ridge etc

30 Went to Medina with a load of cheese. To NE Wilcox's in eve

August 1 To Medina to get money from BH Wood for the last load of cheese. Ordered a vest made at Washburn's

2 To Beebetown, took dinner at Mrs Lewis'. Called (*a short visit*) at Mr Barber's and Johnson's. Eve to a concert on the ridge

6 Ten cords of wood to the factory. Eve went a riding down through Pekin and around by the ridge to Merchant's to a prayer meeting. We sat in the buggy awhile and I took Nina down to Kellogg's

7 Took Nina to Bennetts Corners to a Temperance meeting and around a riding. Got home about 2 o'clock

8 Mowed weeds and thistles

9 Washed my buggy visited with Byron and Katie and others. Up on the ridge and over to Uncle Oliver's and Aunt Roxey's & Jim Moody's and Ed Waldo's, took Sylvia a riding. We went around and to Brunswick

10 Omar and I saw the balloon go up. Went to the dance at the hall

11 To the centre to a Temperance lecture by Will Fitch

15 Eve hitched up and went down as far as Weld's and back home. Then to the centre and down to the factory. Jennie and I went up to Pekin and back down as far as Waldo's and back

16 Took Jane to the ridge to church, Sunday school, up to Aunt Roxey's, down to the sing and to church

18 Eve went to Richfield to Axtrell's store.

19 Went to the Sunday school anniversary west of Bennetts Corners

20, 21 Elwin Damon and I went to Medina to the teachers' institute

23 Washed my buggy went down to the factory, to Damon's, to church on the Hill in the eve. C Thomas preached

24 To Damon's and Elwin and I went around looking after schools (*teaching positions*). We went to Sheldon's Corners, Coddingtonville, Remsen Corners and west of Remsen

25, 26 Worked on the road all day. Cut brush most of the time. Helped scrape some

27, 28 Mowed with the machine all day

30 Church and Sunday school on the ridge. Elwin and I went to Richfield, to Carr's. To the factory and Jennie & Nina rode up home with me. Took Nina home. A sing on the ridge and over to Churchill's and spent the evening

September 3 Hitched up my horse and to Mr Wyman's took him to the centre and home again. Hired out to teach the river school at \$30 per month for 3½ months and board around

4 Threshed for Mr Waite. To a sing
6 Played ball some. Byron was here. To Carr's at Richfield and back home and to the centre to church
8 Took load of cheese to Medina
11 Went to the theatre – Rip Van Winkle - with Nina Olds
12 Drew ashes from the factory for manure and spread them. *Farm chores every day, no teaching*
13 Went home with Dexter. Down to his onion patch, stopped at Ben's, played ball at West's
20 Omar and I went down to the south town line to play ball. Church at the centre
24 Richfield Fair
26 Omar had my horse to go to Richfield to play base ball
27 Went out to Jane's she cut my hair. Played ball

October 1 Went to a sing on the hill. *Lots of farm work every day*
3 Drew some boards to the Case house. Played ball
4 Played ball over at Whipp's. Church at the centre.
10 Hunted up three cows. Played ball west of the centre. Hinckley against the town line and some Brunswick boys.
We won 45 to 15
13 Voted at election
14, 15 *Shingles the ice house two days*
18 Played ball. Went on the Hill to a concert
26 Went to Medina to be examined for (*teaching*) certificates
27 Went down the road and spent the evening talking to some fellow from Kansas
31 Played ball against the Brunswick club. Received certificate for one year

November 2 Milked 22 cows. Omar took my horse and buggy and went around looking after a school (*teaching position*)
13 Loaned Omar \$37 on four month's time. Took his note. Omar and I went to Cleveland. Start about half past 7 am got home at 6 pm. Went to trade, bot him a watch etc
14 Byron and I sawed down a tree and sawed five logs
15 Helped clean part of the school house. Hitched up my horse and drove to Weld's and around the centre several times. Sing at Disciples church
16 Drew five Sycamore logs to the mill. Went to the centre and bought some things for the school house. Worked for RLVD (*his father*) this year 184 days. Paid for horse shoes .80
17 Taught school. Boarded at home
21 Lent Dexter \$75.02 on five months time at 10% interest in advance
23 Helped tear down the old kitchen
24 Boarded at DCVD (*Uncle Don's*). Helped him cut up two hogs
25 Have 18 scholars
26 Went to Mr Proulx's to a Thanksgiving supper
30 Went to Bryon's and sawed a log out of a sycamore tree. Went to Proulx, Manchester's, Phelps and NE Wilcox's. Received 1.50 for cleaning school

December 1-4 Boarded at Merchant's
7 Took a load of flooring to Richfield to get planed and matched. Was measured for a vest by Mr Blackburn
8 Singing school
9 -11 Boarded at Proulx's- we read some of 'The Life of Nero'
12 Elwin staid with me all night
15-23 Boarded at Searles. Paid \$4 for vest. Paid 1.36 for NY Tribune
20 Sunday Read, church. Steve here today
24 Went to the fish pond (*game*) at Disciples
25 Christmas. Read some at Jennie's. Paid .25 for singing school
26 Taught school, Elwin watched, singing school. Bot perfume 5 cents
31 Helped lathe the kitchen. I reckoned for Proulx and his father

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January 1 Helped lath the kitchen. Went over to Mrs Proulx's at eve. Omar and I reckoned for him and for father
2 Omar and I went to Orlando Wilcox's singing school in the afternoon.

3 Read and studied. Eve went to the First church
 4 Went to the center town house to a singing school
 5 Tuesday Taught school. Eve went to singing school at the centre. Boarding at Waite's
 6 Taught school. Eve went to the literary society. Was chosen to be one of the judges. Board at Waite's. Sleighing. Frank Goldwood does chores at Waite's
 8 Taught school, boarding at Mr Waite's. Reckoned the interest on four notes for him one evening
 9 Taught school. Merrill Kellogg visited our school in the afternoon
 10 Went over to Uncle Harrison's to see Elwin
 11 Went over to Uncle Olive Parker's. Harry Smith and Bell Damon (*wife of George*) were there also. Eve went to singing school
 12 Taught school. Eve went to singing school. Mr Housel teacher of Akron, Ohio
 13 Taught school. Boarding at Damon's. Singing school on the ridge
 14 Taught school. Eve went to the centre to a dance. But a few there. I did not dance
 15 Taught school Hattie Porter, Mary Rawe, Sylvia Waldo, Mollie Evans and Pem Putnam visited our school. Boarded at Damon's.
 16 Taught school. Minnie Parker at school in the afternoon. Went to centre
 17 Read and studied. Went down on the West place and caught my horse. Byron and I went down to see Ben R Manchester's corpse.
 18 Studied some. Hayden Damon preached the funeral sermon. Singing school
 20 Boarding at Uncle Harrison Damon's. Taught school. Singing school at the ridge and over to John Porter's to a play party. Sleighing
 21 School, board at Uncle Harrison's, sleighing
 22 Taught. John Gilbert here visiting school. A dance at the hall. Did not dance
 23 Sheldon Waldo at school
 25 Bell, Luella, Effie, Omar and I went down to Elwin's school in Bath. Singing school
 27 Boarding at H Damon's. Frank and Ellsworth visited school. Sleighing
 28 Taught. John Gilbert here. To a dance at the hall
 29 Taught. Carrie Pierce visited. Boarding at Damon's
 31 Studied and read. Went down to Dexter's, Steve West there, and to centre

February 1, 2 Taught. My throat is swelled up. Feel about sick. Evening went home
 3 Taught. Concert on the ridge. Boarding Uncle Harrison's
 4, 5 Taught, boarding at Damon's
 6 Went up to the north ridge school visiting Mary Rawe, Hattie Searles, Sylvia Waldo, ____ Pettit, & Orin Bigalo. Stopped at H Damon's
 8 Read. Went over to Proulx's and the centre and home. Wrote some in this book
 9 -12 Taught, boarded at Wyman's. Sleighing
 13 Taught. Frank Dunn, Emma Porter and Elwin Damon visited at my school. Singing school
 14 Sleighing. Read and studied. Omar at home. E Johnston and Steve West here. Eve went over to Jennie's
 15 Jennie cut my hair. Omar and I went to Medina to get some cards etc. Sleighing
 16 Taught. Boarded at Mr Oakley's sleighing
 17 Taught. Lydia Bigalo at school ½ day. Boarded at Oakley's
 18 Taught, Oakley's, played Pedro
 19 My birthday. Taught, Oakley's. Eve went to Kellogg's, Shaw's and Wyman's. Sleighing
 20 Taught. The last day. Mr Proulx and Jennie and Henry, Merritt Kellogg, Harry Smith, Alvira Damon, Mr Drake, Inez Turman & Byron were there
 21 At home. Mr Drake here. Steve West came up. Eve went to church. Moody reached
 22 Made out my report to the township clerk. Took it there and got an order and drew my pay for teaching.
 23 Copied my daily register and made my term report out. Went to center, boots mended. Down to the river
 24 Read books and papers and commenced to read the history of the US. Went to an exhibition at the hall
 25 Reading history of US. Elwin here and Homer Case
 26 Loaned JB Porter (*mason*) \$100. Went with Elwin Damon to the north ridge school, the last day. Several visitors were there.
 28 Read history. Went down to Dexter's. Old Mr Billings's funeral

March 1 Read history of US, played Pedro at Dexter's

3 Read history by Benson Lessing. Sleighing
 6 Read some about Washington and his general. Omar came home. Visited. We went over to Proulx's. Omar's school is out
 7 Read papers and Washington. Read Washington. Omar and I went up in the lots east and down by the Clyne place
 10 Read some. Went down to the Homer Case house
 11 Read some went down to Don's and over to Proulx's.
 13 Went down to Dexter's. Came home and looked over my accts and wrote them up
 15 Read papers etc. Went down in West's woods, split a little wood for Byron and Omar. Proulx's.
 16 Read 'The Art of Money Making' through
 17 Read some, helped at the house, went after the mail and literary society
 19 Read some. Finished my magazines. Steve was here, we played Pedro
 21 Dexter's and Proulx's, singing school. Sleighing
 22 Byron and I went to Richfield and I walked to ____ corners and then home. Centre. Read
 24 Split wood. Literary society
 26 Read part of the autobiography of Horace Greeley
 27 Helped tap 75 trees. Split wood
 28 Read. Omar and I went to Betsey Proulx's. Went to the sugar bush started a fire and got the kettle of sap boiling. Went up to Richfield to B Wood's sale. Staid all night at Proulx's
 30 Went down in Waite's woods. Split wood. Read Greeley. Studied algebra

April 1 To the river with Dexter. To the sugar bush and to Betsy's and Case home. Went to the centre to caucus
 2 Went down to the river after a pail of buttermilk. Helped split posts. Split wood. Went most home with Elwin
 4 Sugar bush, singing school
 5 Went up to election, staid most all day. Eve went up to see the ballots counted
 6 Literary society, it adjourned til Dec 1
 10 Elwin and I to Cleveland. I bought pants. Traded five books for a copy of Shakespeare and two for geometry and algebra. Bought hat
 11 Steve West here we jumped, etc. Case here
 12 Went to School meeting, appointed secretary. E Searles appointed director
 13 Shoemaker mended boots
 14 Carried water to slack lime. To Elwin Waldo's to the mile society
 16 Went to Proulx 2-3 times. Mixed mortar
 17 Studied algebra in equations of the 2nd degree
 18 Singing school. Milked
 19 Proulx. Sold Jennie's mare Rosie. Rebus. Went to the center and got my foot measured for new boots. Examples
 21 Shingled on Proulx's kitchen
 22 Went to (*our cheese*) factory
 23 Shingled on our house 2 days
 24 Pitched quoits with Steve West
 27 Helped get the colts for Frank Swift to break. Fixed and cleaned barn
 28 George and I cut poles and made fence across river below Kellogg's. Washed my buggy

May 2 Ledger stories, went to church at center, Cox preached, singing school at church
 4 Summer school commenced
 5, 6 Lectures by Charles Bagley on the Island of St Helena and his voyage around the world. J Law assessed me \$65
 7 Heard Rev Cooley lecture on the Holy Land
 9 Wrote 7-8 notices for H Case, Heard Miss *Jane* Weeden lecture
 11 Warner Bellus is plastering the Case house
 12 Went to small sale at Case's. Went to Randall's to see Joe ____ then drove to Bedford. Singing school
 17 Plowed for Hungarian grass
 29 Greased two pair boots
 30 Hitched up and Omar and I went up to Frank Damon's by way of _____. Singing school at center

June 1 Hitched Jimmy in my buggy and went to Medina for father. Went to Woods, Lewis', Gazette office, cheese box factory. Washed buggy. Saw Rachel at Proulx.
 3 Took load of cheese to BH Wood in Medina to ship to CN Howard

5 Greased my harnesses. Went to Proulx. Mr Kuder and Mr Greenfield there
6 Don, Steve, Byron Omar and I played ball. Singing school. Eve at Proulx
7 The teacher is boarding at our house
9 To a concert on the Hill with Rachel Kuder
10 Worked on the road scraping and plowing
11 Went to tnts and he & I worked on the road drawing gravel to fill the holes. Swinging a little. Set up with R Kuder
12 Horse race at the centre
13 Prentice, Steve and Frank here played ball. Merritt came & we pitched quoits. Singing school
14 To Brunswick to hear the bell ringers. Father, George and I planted beans ½ day
18 Played croquet at Don's. Rachel and I took a short ride
20 Took Jennie and Rachel up on the Hill to church
21 Got ready to go to Barnum's show in Medina. Took Rachel Kuder. Got home about 3:00.
22 Helped load up 50 cheeses at the factory

July 3 Got ready and went to Richfield to a celebration on the fair grounds with Rachel Kuder. Went to Grangerburg – by way of Ghent – from Richfield stopped at Mrs Speriglass
4 Saw Dexter, Carrie, Nina and Rachel at Proulx's
5 Croquet with Rachel, ____ and Omar
6 Jennie Proulx cut my hair
7 Croquet. Went to Uncle Don's with Rachel. A peddler staid all night at our house
8 Croquet with Bell, D, Rachel and the boys, Eve to Proulx set up with Rachel. The peddler taken sick with measles
9 Croquet with the boys. Peddler here sick
11 Took Rachel home in the pm. We came back by Vroman's & Links, got home about 10 pm
13 Peddler left for home. Ground scythe (*at Proulx's every evening*)
15 Eve: West's folks all up & Alice West & Rachel, croquet
16 Took 50 cheese to Allen Welton factory on Oak Hill. Eat dinner there
23, 24 Rachel boarding here
25 Caught my horse. Took Rachel home
30 Old Dr Bell buried
31 Renzo Searles staid all night

August 8 Read papers, washed buggy and went to Granger. Got there about four and came away about ten
14 Read a letter from Cleveland (*Rachel*)
15 Croquet. To Mr Wyman's. Wrote letter to Cleveland
18 Hired out to teach the river school again. 3½ month \$125
19 Built a wagon shed. Jennie got runaway with
20 Drew boards and put a floor over-head in the shed next to Dexter's. Bell's school was out today.
Seppa Baysinger buried today
21 Croquet. Elwin and John here
23 To the center to Shaff's
25 The Anniversary today. Byron and I drew six loads of hay from the West place west of Merchant's

September 1 Two Cleveland men staid all night. Letter from Rachel Kuder
4 Fed 19-20 calves. Letter from Cleveland from RK
5 Went to Jennie's. Merritt Kellogg there. Went to Disciple Church
16 Byron and I went to Cleveland to the fair. Rode up from town on the street cars, and back on the railroad
19 Went to Medina to take Omar some things. East dinner there. Came back by Spenselys'
21 Charlie and I took cheese to BH Wood in Medina. Saw Dan Freese and EB
22 Took load of cheese to Medina, stopped to see the boys
23 Litchfield Fair. Took Lillie over and RHK home. Went down to east centre
24 Load of cheese to Medina. To Proulx, Effie Conant there
27-29 Staid at Jennie's
30 To Medina Fair by way of Grangerburg

October 3 Washed buggy, to church twice, Irving Searle preached in the day time and Watkins at night.
4 Political meeting at center. Heard CS (?) Codding, ES Perkins and JH Greene speak

5-8 Staid at Jennie's all night
12 Votes for Governor Hayes. Cheese to BH Wood
13-14 Cheese to Medina and brought back a load of shingles. Went to bank and drew \$600
15 Put up shelves and scraped them in the factory
18 Ground my axe. Helped churn at the factory. Cut down trees into 4-6' lengths
20, 21 Studied grammar & geography
23 Attended examination at Medina. Dinner & Supper with the boys. Dan Freese was with me at the examination.
Hitched up and drove down to Mr Barber's in Strongsville. Took supper with them
25-29 Dug late peach blow potatoes all day
28 Mr Weld's sale

November 2 Built cow fence down to old place
7 Steve West, Merritt Kellogg and John Oakley here. Hitched up and drove down to Mr Barber's. Eve church at Beebetown, Hayden preached
9 Aunts Amaret and Esther & Lu West and Granny here
13 Went out to Medina to examination. Received certificate for 18 months. Paid taxes and traded some
14 Washed my buggy- very muddy.
15 Went to the school house, built a fire, swept out etc. Helped load Jennie's goods
16 Commenced my school at District no. 6 Hinckley Twp 17, scholars. F & B took goods to Berea
17 Taught 18 scholars Jennie and Byron started for Michigan
18 Teaching six days per week. Wrote letters to Omar and JH Greene
20 Merritt Kellogg visited school
21 Walked with Steve West to Beebetown. Stopped at Freese's and to Barber's, got home 12.30 am.
22 Husked corn on the hill all day, father and Mr Riley helped in the afternoon
25 Thanksgiving

December 2 Received of N Porter on J Waldo's etc \$3.50
5 Dexter and Carrie visited
7-8 Taught. Read 12 chapters Irving's 'Life of Washington'. Read papers, catalogues and circulars and four chapters
10 To a dance at the center, did not dance. Home at 9
12 To Beebetown to Mr B's on horseback. Rough road. Home at 10:15
15 New scholar Flora Streeter. Finished vol II
16 Nina and Effie visited school
17 Turned over a new leaf. Dance at the hall
18 Orin Bigalo visited school. On vol IV
22 Read last nine chapter and appendix
23 Taught, read 75 pages 'Lives of Celebrated Americans'
25 Went up to Uncle Nathan's to a party. 50 attended. Evening went after the mail
30 Lydia Bigalo visited school. Reading 'Life of WH Harrison'

At end is a list of books recommended by NY Tribune June 8 1875, lots of histories, encyclopedia concentrating on history, careful reading of Macaulay, Bancroft, Motley, Froude and Prescott. Vicar of Wakefield, works of Irving

Month-by-month accounting of credits and expenditures, very faint

1876 He turns 29. He begins to concentrate on fruit farming rather than general farming. He begins to see Emma Barber

January 1 Aunt Amaret New Year's party. Croquet, Steve and I played chips. The frogs sung to Beebetown. Walked there and back, home at 3 am
3 Letter to Jennie Proulx, Petoskey, Michigan
4 Taught, *teaching 6 days*
5 Taught. To Aunt Nell's at noon. Read 'Life of A Jackson'
7 Frank Olds & Russ Baysinger visited school
11-13, Taught, Read 'In the Great West'
20 Sylvia Waldo, Nina Olds and Carrie Olds visited school. Worked examples in mental arithmetic
22 Burr Fluent, Frank Olds, Joe Webber and Carrie Van Deusen visited school

23 Sunday Read papers, magazines and 'Beyond the Mississippi'
25 John Wyman visited school. Nine scholars in the forenoon, six in the afternoon
30 To Mr Barber's. Emma not at home
31-1 Father took cheese to Medina each day. Tread 'Roughing It' by Mark Twain

February 1 Stephen West visited school. Sleighing
4 Mattie Damon visited school
5 Elwin Damon visited school
8 Read 'Mormons and Mormonism'
9 Prentice Waldo visited school
10 'Innocents Abroad'
11 Freshet. River bank high
12 Saturday Taught. Went over to My Waite's woods at noon and got a drink of sap
13 At Mr Barber's all night on account of the rain
14 Walked home from Beebetown. Taught. St Valentine's Day
15 Lydia and Orin Bigalo & Frank Dunn visited school
16 Frank Ellsworth visited school
17 Last day of School. Stephen West, Prentice Waldo, Orin Bigalo and Frank Olds visited school. To Mr Wyman's after school and got an order
18 To Mr Ward's sale. Made out my school reports and copied my daily register into the school register
19 Saturday Two games of croquet at Mr Olds'
20 'Overland Through Asia'
21 To NE Wilcox's, to K Phelps & to the mill. Got \$100 of my school money
22 Read 'Sights and Sensations of Europe'
25 Read 'Palace and Hovel'. Played croquet
27 Read 'Belden the White Chief'
29 Got a few notes of N Wilcox \$55

March 2 Read 'Narrations & Adventures of Travels in Africa'. *no farm work mentioned for a long time*
5 To Beebetown. Stopped at WC Stowe's
6-7 Chopped some wood at home. Read in 'Physiology and Memory'
12 To Beebetown afoot. Got home 1 am
14 Read in 'Self Culture'
16 Mr West's barn roof blown off
22 Went down to the old place
23 Boot mended at shoemaker
25 Byron (*his brother*) home from Michigan. Henry Van Deusen and Hugh Divine came with him
28 To DN Oakley sale in Pekin. Carrie and Dexter here

April 3 To election. Uncle Julius and wife here. To Joe Riley's
7 Reckoned interest for Messrs. Wyman and Huddleston
8 Helped pry up the Riley house. Omar home from Medina
9 Washed my harness. To Mr Barber's
10 School meeting, elected secretary
11 Planted spring wheat – *farm work starts*
14 Cleaned out the whole house
16 To school sing
23 Sunday Read papers and laid abed. Headache and not well
27 To center to hear Bell Ringers
28 Peach and juneberry trees in bloom
30 Did chores and played. *Plowing to plant every day*

May 4 Received of Mr Oakley cash on note & interest \$55.53
6 To township trustees for remainder of my school pay \$25
7 Drove to Mr Barber's
9 Set out 200 raspberry bushes

11 Took my horse to the center and had her shod
13 To Berea to Robinson's show with Miss Emma Barber
14 Got home about daylight from the show. Went to bed and took a nap. Read some, Henry Van Deusen and Orin here
19 Croquet. We drove the calves to the factory and built a yard for them
20 Received letter from RHK (*Rachel Kuder*)
22 George, Byron and I took 100 bushels of potatoes from the cellar to the old house
28 Drove over to Beebetown to Mr Barber's
30 Went down to Mr Manchester's after our harrow

June 2 Went to Uncle Don's and Mr Merchant's after a planter. Did not use it
8-10 Working on the road 2½ days. Drove over to Mr Barber's. Staid all night
11 Started from Mr Barbers with Emma at 6 o'clock. Went to Mrs Jones' on Hinckley Ridge visited there til about 3 or 4, drove to Dexter's, staid to upper, came home and stopped a short time, then drove back to Mr Barber's, got there about midnight
12 Came home from Beebetown, got home about 2 am. Hoed potatoes and raspberries two full days
15 Planted potatoes all day on the Wilcox Island
16 Croquet with Mr Mattison
18 Visited with Leroy Van Deusen and the boys
20 Got ready and drove to Mr Barber's. It rained in the evening, so I had to stay all night
21 Drove to Beebetown cheese factory then took Emma home, then went home
30 Joe Ritz and I hoed corn all day. Sent E Johnson \$25 on demand note interest at 8%

July 2 Sunday Rested, visited, washed my buggy
4 To Medina with Omar, staid in the evening to see the fireworks
7 Took mowing machine to Akron. Talked a little with Rachel K at Coddingle. Got home about midnight
9 Got ready and went to Mr Barber's in Strongsville. Afternoon and evening there
14 Built some fence that the brook washed away near the school house
16 Wrote a letter to Miss Emma Barber in Strongsville, Ohio
26 Subscribed for 'A True Friend'
30 Sunday Drove to Mr Barber's. Went down to Mrs Killian's and took supper there. Went riding a little in the eve

August 2 Received a letter from MB Van Deusen (*his uncle Martin*) and my cards from Boston
4 Our school was out today
6 To Barber's. Emma and I rode out a little while in the evening
7 Came home from Beebetown in the morning
12 Omar and I went to look after schools for next winter. He found one in York and I in Brunswick. Played two games of croquet with Arthur Brintnall
13 To Barber's in the afternoon. Went to Beebetown to a sing
19 Bell Damon, John Damon, Nina Olds, Merritt Kellogg and Henry Van Deusen here
22 Staid all night at Mr Barber's
27 Went over to Mr Barber's by way of Bennetts Corners. Went with Miss Emma Barber and Mary Fenimore to Strongsville to church in the evening
31 Grandma came to our house today. Mrs Isaac Bittenberg staid with us all night

September 1 Read 'A True Friend' and '1000 Mistakes Corrected'. Byron and Omar went to Mr Wilcox's to a dance
2 Went over to Mr Barber's and Emma and I went to Medina to a Pioneer Picnic. Called at Mr Damon's. Spent the evening then staid all night at Mr Barber's
3 Emma & I went to Liverpool Center to Mr John Beebe's. Charlie Raymond and Nellie Wait were there. We all went to the cheese factory and to the old well. The evening at Mr Barber's
4 Joe Ritz measured my foot for a pair of boots
13 To Mr Barber's. Emma and I went down to Mr Killian's. Byron and Celia, John Wiltshire and Emma Pay and another lady were there. All night at Mr Barber's
11 Left Mr Barber's at half past 11. Played a game of checkers with Emma. Drove home, washed my buggy and harness
13 Omar's birthday. Byron and Omar went to N O fair
14 Took a load of cheese to Medina. Went to the bank and drew \$243.36

18 Sore throat, high fever
24 Emma and Matthew called as they were going by to the Ridge
25 Exercised a little, walking etc

October 1 Afternoon and all night at Mr Barber's. Read 'A Young Gentleman' at Dexter's
2 Played a few games of croquet with Emma and Matthew then drove home
3 Took a walk in the woods for a little exercise
4 Read some and exercised as usual
7 To the center to a Republican meeting. FR Loomis and Prof H/ N Craver speakers
9 To Mr Warner Bellus and he cut my hair. Read a little and took some exercise
10 We went to state election and voted for Milton Barnes for secretary of state and voted the rest of the ticket
17 Wrote a letter to the mail carrier
22 At Mr Barber's. We played 'Authors', checkers and so forth. Sewed a few carpet rags
24 Read some and did other things too numerous to mention. Greased boots *Reading and exercise for weeks, no farm work mentioned until today*

November 2 Lyman McIntyre married
4 Went to Republican meeting at center. PC Hard and Prof EE Henry spoke
5 To Barbers' after Emma. We went to our house and staid awhile. Towards night we went to Jim Moody's and to church on the ridge in the evening. Then back to Mr Barber's and staid all night
7 To election. Voted for Hayes and Wheeler
10 Went down to Joe Ritz and the mail
15 Received postal card from JP Bleiel
16 To A Webbers and Wheelers. Postal card to E Oviatt
17 Omar and I to York and Medina. Bought a suit of clothes, overcoat, fine boots and other things
18 Wrote a note to E Johnson and Charlie took it to him
19 Packed my trunk. Merritt Kellogg, Elwin, Caleb and Henry called
20-23 To Mr Oviatt's in Brunswick. Taught first day. 17 Pupils. Boarded with Mr Erastus Oviatt
27 Read 'Teachers Hand Book'
29 Wednesday Frank Dunn and Lydia Bigalo married
30 Ransom Riley and Sarah Wait married

December 2 Walked home to Hinckley after school. Ernest Van Deusen here from Michigan
4 Did some trading in Medina. Back to Oviatt's. Sleighing
5 To Mr Freese's to Young Folks Prayer Meeting
10 Ernest and I went to Mr Killian's and staid all night
11 Went to Berea and took the train to Cleveland. Did some business. Came back on the 2:20 train to Berea, came back to Mr Barber's
12 Prayer meeting at Mr Brasses' with Emma in a load (*group*)
13 Went for an oyster supper at Mrs Wilders, went with Emma in a load. Got home at 4 am next morning. Sleighing
17 *Spent \$4.45 on jewelry today*
18 Read 'Around the world in 80 Days'
21 To Barbers'. Balls of fire were seen to pass over
22 Phebe Schnell, Alice Barber, Clara Johnson, Eva Curtis, Dexter, Byron, Ernest and Larry visited. To ME church in evening
23 To Mr Barber's. Emma and I went to GH Damon's (*attorney, Free Will Baptist minster and relative*) in Medina and were married in the evening. Came back to Mr Barber's and had supper with a few relatives there.
24 At Barbers. Went to Mrs James Killian's for a sleigh ride. Staid at Barbers'
25 Staid at Uncle John's at night. We went to Rockport Jim, Mary, grandmother, Emma and I to Uncle Matthew's, Then to Uncle John's. Sleighing *Rockport later became Lakewood*
26 To the theatre in Cleveland in the evening. Staid at Uncle John's all night
27 Came back from Rockport. Started at 11 got to James Killian's at 3. Staid all night
28 To Barber's. Started for Hinckley at 5, got to our house about 3. Staid all night at our house
29 At our house all day. Dexter, Ernest, Carrie, Henry there
30 To the Ridge to Frank Dunn's. Came back to our house and staid all night. Went to ME church in a load

1877 He turns 30. He is teaching 6 days a week. He and Emma, 25, are married but appear to live with Newman's family until April 11 when they "go to housekeeping" in their own home, a vacant Western Reserve house on the farm. They socialize often at church and with family and friends.

January 1 New years party at Aunt Amaret's, over 40 there to dinner mostly relatives. Elmer and his wife there. Sleighing. Returned to Mr Barber's

2 Taught. To Mr Barber's. The Beebetown teacher RH Bass boarding there

3 Saw Henry Roth. Staying at Mr Barber's

4 Several visitors at school, Miss Helen Roth, Ellen Curtis, Sarah Raymond and a young gentleman. *A poem here signed Emma 'this momento from a friend'*

5 Taught, at Mr Barber's

6 We went in a load to Beebetown for singing school. William Laughlin of Hinckley teacher

7 To Mr William Curtis'. A load came from Rockport there. Sleighing.

14 We rode down to church with Mrs Freese's folks. Went up to Oviatt's and got my trunk. Staid all night. Sleighing

15 To Mr Preston's and to Mr Davis' after a cutter (*sleigh*). Emma and I came back to Mr Barber's and started for Hinckley at ½ past 10. We went to our house and staid 3-4 hours

17 Taught. Emma and I staid all night at Jim's

19 At Mr Barry's to a candy party

24 Reading 'Don Quixote'

28 To Mr Barber's. Reading 'The Friend'. Copied some of my school register. Helped fix some items for GCA

29 Got Jim's horse and went to Mr Preston's and got his cutter. Emma and I to Berea

February 2 Headache and toothache

4 To church at Beebetown three times – quarterly meeting. Mr Slater preached two times and Mr Barrett once. Uncle John and Mr Ormsby came out. To Isaac Lewis' to dinner

5 At Mr Barber's all day. Emma sold her cow to her Uncle John Hall

6 Mr Bleil (*fruit vendor Beebetown*) visited school. To the Young Folks prayer meeting at Mr Curtis'

7 Mr RW Freese visited at school. Emma sewing carpet rags

8 Emma to Mrs Freese's to help her sew a dress. We stayed all night

9 William Smith at school. Emma and I at Freese's overnight

11 To Jim's, dinner there. We read some

12 Monday Emma visited the Bass's school

15 Mr Wyatt stayed all night to Mr Freese's. George and Mina Lewis came over there

17 Martin Wilder, Will Roth and Grant Tillotson visited at school. Emma I alone at Freese's

18 To Mr Barber's. To Fred Beebe's in Columbiana avisiting. Frank brought us home

19 My birthday. Wrote a letter to my sister Jennie. To Mr Barber's. Gershop Wilder and Mina Lewis here in eve

20 Helped clean out the school house chimney. Emma, Ella, Mina and I went down to Mr Barber's at evening. Saw our MC (*marriage certificate?*) framed

21 Ella and Henry west down to singing school. Emma and I alone in the eve

23 To Barbers' but it started to rain so we came back to Mr Freese's

24 Walked to Mr Barber's then to Jim's, overnight there

25 Emma and I took Jim's horse and buggy & went home to Hinckley. To Disciples Church in evening to hear Dr Gillett's lecture

26 Went to N Wilcox after a report. Took horse and buggy to Jim's

27 Dan spent the night. Went to prayer meeting at Mr Snell's

28 Went to Mr Newton's. His house burned down, helped there. Mr Freese's folks came home from Troy, NY. Henry Uga (*Euga*) and a young lady visited school

March 1 We moved back to Mr Barber's and staid all night. We have kept house for Mr Freese two weeks while they are away

2 Taught school District #8 Brunswick Township

3. Omar at school, came home with me and staid all night. Mr William Laughlin staid with us also

4 To Mr Johnson's. Had some warm sugar

5 All day at Barber's. Copied nine weeks' of my daily school register. Washed & shaved. Made out part of my school report

6 Stopped at Mr Lewis' to get newspapers. Didn't go to prayer meeting on acct of weather

7 Grant Tillotson & George Roth at school. Emma went down to James Killian's. I have eight more days of school

9 Beebetown school out today. Mr HR Bass teacher
10 Beebetown singing school out last night. Mr William Laughlin teacher. Emma and I staid all night at Jim's
11 Beebetown to church and back to Jim's
12 We went with Gershon Wilder and Clara Johnson to a sugar party at Liberty Tompkins' in Columbiana
13 We went to Mrs Barber's (*I think Emma's grandmother*) to a prayer meeting and a few minutes at Johnson's
14 Copied seven weeks' of my daily school register and some writing and reckoning
16 Last day. Sarah Smith, William Smith, Dan Freese, Julie Baner, Sarah Meyers, Charlie Newton and Bertha Van Orman visited school
17 To Mr Freese's, Oviatt's, Bleil's, JG Shaw and to Root's on school business. Went afoot. Did not get any money. Clara came in the evening
19 At home in Hinckley. Visited with the folks. Went to Bellus' and Haynes'. Got a wagon and greased it
21 Helped a little around the house. Worked puzzles
22 Started for Cleveland at 3 am. We traded at Kennedy's, Fogg's, Southworth's and McGillin's and a few others. Subscribed for Cleveland Herald
23 Got home from Cleveland about 2 am. Unloaded and unpacked our goods. Set up our stove
24 Went to the center after some lime and soap. Did some whitewashing (*at the house that is going to be theirs, no mention of where it is but likely an old house on his father Rush's farm*), carried water and other chores. To Mr D Piper's
25 Caught my horse and Emma & I went to her folks in Strongsville. She is going to stay a week to do some work there
27 To center to take a saw to Mr Charlton
28 Made 20 window sticks for curtains. Byron went to Cleveland on the road to Illinois
29 Got some lime. Mixed some mortar. Made a box and dried some sand
30 Made whitewash and whitewashed four rooms

April 2 Voted for township officials. Staid all night at Mr Barber's
3 Emma and I to widow Barber's, took our rags there. Got to Hinckley about 3
4 Went to Bell's and got them to plaster the kitchen ceiling. I helped him whitewash some. Emma cleaned woodwork
5 Went to center for lime and putty. Whitewashed kitchen. Emma and I cleaned house
6 Emma and I papered all day. Kitchen and bedroom
7 Whitewashed the back room over once and puttied on glass and cleaned. Emma papered some, made window curtains, washed some windows, helped putty
8 To Dexter's all day. To Church, Mr Munson preached.
9 Moved my bookcase and books and some other things over (*to new house*). Emma washed I went to school meeting
10 Omar and I bought sets of harnesses in Richfield. Emma baked and sewed. We stayed here for our first night
11 Commenced keeping house today. Emma ironed (*they have been staying with various friends and relatives since their marriage Dec 23*)
12 Emma baked and puttied in window lights. I plowed
15 Up to the Ridge for a ride. Came back through Pekin. Dinner with Aunt Nelly
16 Emma washed windows and had a toothache
18 Emma and I papered the front room
19 Got some shingles of Mr Salisbury at center. Omar and I put up some staging and shingles on the south part of the house
20 To the center and Mr Bell's. Made a scouring box and put up a door catch
22 Emma washed and sewed. We walked to Mr Bell's and back. Emma to Sunday school (*describes his farm work and Emma's chores over this period*)
25 Emma went afishing and ironed
26 We got 25½ bushels oats (*for seed*) at Ed Searle's. Emma cleaned the porch
30 Plowed for oats in front of the house

May 1 Had the face ache all day
2 Made a lounge
3 Minnie and Alice Parker and Carrie Van Deusen visited
12 Emma and I papered the south bedroom. Went to Ed Piper's sale. Bot a cow
13 Mrs Barber, Mrs Mary Killian and Mr and Mrs Jones here. To Disciples church
18 Planted all day. Emma brought my dinner

25 Omar went to a dance at MC. Emma and I shelled corn
26 Clara Johnson and Matthew Barber here, To Disciples church
27-28 Emma and I put carpet down in the front room and bedroom. (*it would have ben sewn together in strips, laid over fresh straw, and tacked down along edges*)
30 Killed two large black snakes (*snakes common throughout the area and Medina Township, often 6' long*)
31 Cleaned out the cellar. Carried out a pile of boards and mud and rottenness. Fixed the wagon. Awake all night

June 2 Emma and I started for Cleveland at 2 am. Traded at several stores. Bot some furniture and groceries etc. Got home 10 pm
2 Put up bedstead. Made a milking stool
10 Heard Mr Scott at the First church at 3 pm. To a Murphy Temperance meeting at ME church, was elected secretary. (*Francis Murphy 1836–1907 a chief advocate of the temperance movement*) BH Hoadley spoke. The horse got into the garden
13 Got a rooster
15 We went to hear the negroes sing at Disciples church
17 To a concert at the ME church Brunswick
18-19 At her folks
12 Copied 63 names (*for Temperance society*)
22 To the ME church meeting. Dr Hudson of Medina spoke. I was secretary
25 Mr Haynes cut my hair
26 To a strawberry festival at the hall
27 Mr Bell's barn burned. We went to Mr A Webber's to see about our clock

July 1 Jim, Mary, Irving and Ernest Killian here and Maria Brooks. We went to Mr O Parker's and a meeting at the ridge
2 Emma to the milliner shop
4 Went to a picnic at the center and fireworks at the eve. Went to see them dance a little while
5 Emma picked and canned some berries
8 Matt, Hattie & Ella Freese came and we all went to Sunday school at Disciples and heard Mr Scott at the Congregational at 3
12 Celia Wiltshire visited
17 Emma ironed her white dress etc
22 To Disciples church and the Congregational on the Hill
29 Caught my horse and we went to Mr Barber's

August 11 Went to the woods and made a well pole. To an exhibition at the school
12 We took the horses to the river to water
13 (*Mrs*) Rachel Kuder and Robert (*Whipp*) married. *She later serves prison time for conspiring to have him killed*
14 High school commenced
22 Went to Sunday school anniversary near Bennetts Corners
24 We moved the corn house (*granary filled with bins*) a piece with four teams. Mr and Mrs Loomis spoke on Temperance at the Congregational church
25 We finished moving the building to the barn near Wheeler's. Prised it up some to put under stone
28 Emma and I went to the town hall to hear a man sing

September 7 Went to Bill Kellogg's to watch men thrash
9 Went to the ME church to Mr Dawson's child's funeral
13 Drove 28 cows out of cornfield. Omar and I to Richfield Fair
15 Omar to the (*teacher's*) examination
16 Went over to see the rocks at the ridge
17 Emma pared peaches to dry (*they did this 5 evenings*)
19 Washed buggy, got ready and went to Medina Fair
23 We went to see the gipsies west and north of the center

October 1 Omar and I husked some corn that the cows destroyed
3 Omar and I put up a scaffold by the square barn opposite Dexter's. Bought two baskets

4 Went to Mr Dawson's sale
5 Heard lecture on love, courtship and marriage by Dawson
6 Helped catch a yearling to kill. Gathered quinces and apples. Emma and I churned
7 Went to Barbers' and down to Beebetown to church
9 Election, voted for WH West. To pioneer picnic. Got my foot measured for a pair of Stogas. (*Stogy: a roughly made heavy boot, name comes from Conestoga wagon*)
10 Raised up part of the house by wedges
13 Built a small hen roost
15 To Mr Weatherbee's sale. Emma and I to the center to trade at evening
25 Emma cleaned the house upstairs
26 A small party here in evening Bell Damon, Jim Wheeler, Carrie Olds and others
28 To Mr Lorin Frisbees'
31-32 Studying in evenings

November 6 I banked up the house. Drew some with team and wheeled some banking
8 Milt Manchester & Inez Tuman married today
9 Omar and I to Cleveland, staid at Clinton House. High school was out
10 Omar and I attended the examination in Cleveland. It was very hard
11 Jennie staying with us two weeks
13 Emma cleaned the buttery
22 Read some in 'Vicar of Wakefield'
23 Made a manger for my horse in the barn
24 Piled up some wood in the back room. Made hog trough. Received certificate from Cleveland
27 Emma and I read part of 'Paul and Virginia'
29 Thanksgiving. Staid at Barber's most of the day

December 5 Took my horse to Bellus and shod her
6 Byron came from Illinois
11 To Richfield to Weld's sale
13-14 Read 'Sinbad the Sailor', 'Ali Baba'
17 Emma quilting on the (*sewing*) machine
18-19 To Cleveland with father. Theatre Comique, rode about the city with father delivering butter and cheese
23 In Rockport to Emma's grandmother's funeral and burial. Mr Tooley preached the funeral. Her name was Sarah Hall, age 78. We staid at Uncle Matt's
25 Christmas. To Mother's to dinner.

Financials at end

1878 He turns 31, Emma 26. Teaching, farming, sugaring, choring. Son Clarence is born

January 1 Byron and Omar here, we played 'Authors'
2. To Mr Barber's, sat up all night with him, he was very sick. Ran errands for him to Curtis'
3 Omar started to Michigan
6. Read in 'Bleak House'. To church on the ridge
7 Went to the center to get the clock. Went to the old house (*so they are not living in it*)
9 Went to the factory for a crock. Brought our pork home and salted the rest of it and put it away. Salted some corn
12 Cut down a maple tree and trimmed it up
13 Sunday Emma to church
14 Whipp's suit commenced
16 To the center to a debating club. *He is not doing much farming, but does household work, chopping stove wood etc and reads books every evening.*
27 Read part of Whipp's trial in the Gazette
29 Earl Van Deusen was killed by kick of a horse (*his first cousin, son of Don*)
31 We went down to stay at Uncle Don's for his boy's funeral

February 4 To Richfield mill

5 Emma's father came out and Emma went back with him. Took the chickens. Sleighing

6 Emma dressed a chicken at her folks
7 Went to Mr Barber's and to Jim's after Emma. To Aunt Amaret's party. Some pop corn and a candy pull
12 Went to law suit between father and Murray in the afternoon and evening. I was a witness
13 Took a grist from the factory to the old water mill for father and brought back one
13, 15, 17 Phenological lecture at center, Mrs Dr Andrews
14 Uncle Ralph and Aunt Margette stayed with us all night
16 'Love, Courtship and Marriage' lecture by Dr Mrs Andrews
18 Another phrenological lecture at town hall. Mother and father had their heads examined publicly
19 Two funeral processions passed by, John Kellogg's and his mother in law
23 Made 56 sap spouts
26 Split 26 cords of wood for Mr Wait this forenoon
28 Got Mr Waite's sugar dishes and tapped 117 trees. Boiling sap

March 1 Carrie Wyman, Nina Olds and Jennie visited
5 Gathered 33 pitchers of sap
7 To the center to trade. Addie Brongers called
21 Tapped 150 trees
26 Syruped off and took it up to Mr Waite's and divided it

April 1 Jennie started to Michigan. To election in afternoon and evening
8 School meeting at the center
15 Corn to Harvey Lewis and A. McKee
29 Wrote letter to the 'Ohio Farmer'
30 Drained some water off from a piece (*field*) of oats

May 9 Took my boots up to Joe Ritz
11 Emma's birthday. Omar played ball
12 Hitched up and Emma and I went riding down the river way
16 Saw the schoolhouse property sold (*probably the schoolhouse on their property*)
18 Shoolhouse moved
19 Saw Emma's Uncle Matt and Aunt Margaret
25 Set a hen
26 We rode to Mr Wiltshire's and to Uncle Oliver Parker's
29 Ellis Johnson's funeral
30 Helped Emma wash a little

June 3 Dragged in the millet
5 Went to the center and bought some haying tools
6 Don's boy was removed (*he died Jan 29 and likely has been in the mausoleum at the cemetery until the ground was soft enough for burial*)
7 Built a pig yard and a chicken coop. Lon had my buggy to go to a dance at the school house
11 Bought a cultivator at the factory
14 To the center to an auction of tinware from Richfield
14-15 Worked on the road
17 Byron went after Mrs Barber, Oliver went after Mrs Wilcox, I went after Dr Gilbert and mother. We staid up all night
18 Baby born about 5 o'clock in the morning *Clarence Elmer Van Deusen*. He weighed 7¾ pounds. Took Mrs Wilcox home. Went after Minnie Parker to work for us. Helped some. Took Mrs Barber home and brought her back, ate supper there. Had a toothache. *No mention of Emma or baby again until July 4*
22. Not very well. Got the toothache. Clarence Dean here
27 Had the tooth pulled at Dr Gillett's

July 4 Went to Whipps Ledge to the Fourth. Emma and baby stopped at mother's. Jim, Mary, Matt, Mr and Mrs Davis, Perry Smith and Ida Johnson called
5 Got a sprinkler and some paris green at the center and sprinkled potatoes
14 Read papers. Took care of baby. We went to Mrs OH Parkers

16 Mary Wheeler washed for us
22 Sold some pens and chickens to Mr Davis
26 The river over the banks. Destroyed a great many oats for us. Bound oats for Byron about ¼ day before breakfast
30 Ground my scythe and mowed grass down by the old house

August 4 Emma, Clarence and I took a ride in the evening up to Pekin and down to Aunt Amaret's
6 Charlie Bishop and George Van Deusen helped rake and bind the oats
8 Emma went to the sewing society at Mr George Webbers'
11 We rode to the ledge
19 Started for Cleveland at 2 am with a load of oats. Sold to the SC stable in Brooklyn. Did some trading on the east side
21 Went to the (*Sunday school*) anniversary in C Green's woods
22 Took my horse down to the stacks and let her loose. Hunted 2-3 hours after my horse. Drove father's cattle out of Betsy's corn field
24 Started for Cleveland about half past one and got there about 7½. Went around town some. Started for home about 12½
25 Went down to the granary and got my knife. We rode in the evening to Pekin and Betsy's
28 Filled 23 bays of oats for the market
31 Gathered some beans and acorn onions

September 3 Commenced teaching school at the center. 30 scholars
5 Went to Dr Gillett's in the morn to get a tooth pulled. He broke it off. 35 scholars
8 Disciples' church in the evening
10, 11 Got up at 4 o'clock and went to the potato patch and picked up potatoes til school time. Taught school all day then picked up potatoes til dark. One more pupil, George Wheeler
14 Taught school. Farmed til 11 pm
18, 19 Went to the Medina Fair
22 Down to the river for my horse before sunrise
25 Went to Minnie Parker's wedding in the evening
30-1 Read geography in the evening. Braided some sweet corn. Studied

October 3 A little girl had a fit at school
5 Emma and I went to Medina. I went to the teacher examination at the high school house. Called at Mr Damon's and Mr Lan Smith
8 Voted after school
11 Received certificate for 18 months
22 Table and lamp tipped over
23 Clara Billings staid all night
25, 26 Threw corn from the floor up on the scaffold after school
26 Last day of fall term
27 Emma sent the baby's picture to Jennie
30 Mr Lamb left town

November 1 To H Miller's twice (*Hiram*)
6 Emma took the baby to the doctors to get his tongue cut
8 Paid Mother. Out of debt. Read some and worked puzzles
12 Commenced teaching the winter term of school in the center district. 30 scholars
15 High school out today. Byron and Halsey to Cleveland. Got me a pack barrel and boots
19 Baby weighs #20
25 Wheeled dirt to bank up around the house all day. Worked at an enigma
26 Omar commenced his school today
27 Have 47 scholars
28 Thanksgiving. Chores, read 'Herald'
30 Ernest Wilcox and Lois Isham visited school

December 2 Copied the fall term into my register

3 Fifty scholars on the roll. Received a prize (silver dime) for puzzle answer
 4 Fifty-one on the roll
 13 Dr Gillett called at the evening
 14 Mrs Frizzell and Dr Gilbert visited school
 15 Worked at puzzles in 'Free Press'
 16 Down to the river and got some salt. Butchered two hogs
 18 Wrote three postal cards to the 'Country Gentleman', AW Lovering and Bristolville Fruit Farm.
 20 Fred Old's after school. Jim Wheeler and Edna Baker married today
 23 Our marriage anniversary today two years
 25 Christmas. Omar home. We spent Christmas at mother's. Played 'Authors' with friends in the evening.
 26-28 *Emma at Strongsville, he sleeps at his mother's*
 29 Got ready and went to Strongsville to get my wife and son

1868	Worked for father 110 days
1869	205
1870	89
1873	\$102
1874	185
1875	198
1876	139

Financials at the end. Dec 31 1878 Cash on Hand \$7.70

1879 He turns 32. Farming and teaching. Peddling books and frames door-to-door

January 1 Read and studied some
 2 Taught school. George and Lillie here. 14 below
 3 School. Did chores. E Wilcox at school
 5 We went to Mother's and staid to supper. Sleighing
 6 Cut down two small trees and cut into sled lengths. Chopped some wood at the house
 7 Taught. Studied. Sleighing
 8 Taught. Minnie Holcomb and F Reed at school. George & Lillie here. Sleighing
 10 Taught. George and I worked examples. Father had my horse ½ day
 11 Taught. Father had my horse to draw logs
 12 To Mother's 2-3 times
 13 Mrs Barber, Matthew, Hattie. Jim Killian, Mary, Irving, Ernest Killian and Sadie Hughes were here. Sleighing
 17 Uncle Oliver, Aunt Emily, Nellie Parker, Minnie and Clarence Dean here. George and I went down to the old house and measures up 25 bushels of oats. Sleighing
 18 Taught. Byron took a lad of oats to Cleveland for Omar and me. Sleighing
 21 Taught. Put up 31 bushels of oats
 24 Mr and Mrs Wright & hired girl here in eve. Received first Nos. of Detroit Free Press, & The Ohio Farmer
 25 Letter from Jennie. Letters to FP and OF Isham
 30 Taught. Took supper at Will Musser's. Emma there visiting
 31 Taught. George and I reckoned up school business til after midnight. Lois visited school

February 1 Taught, last day. Not very well
 2 At home most all day. Emma and I worked out a long puzzle and copied it off. Sent it to Ohio Farmers
 3 Wrote a postal card to NY Messenger and a few lines to Jennie. Tended baby. Not very well
 4 Emma washed. Tended baby.
 5 Went home and put the thills in the cutter intending to go to Strongsville but it grew colder. *Cutter is a sleigh, thills attach it to the horse*
 6 To Jim Killian's. Staid all night. Mr Barber's folks came down, too
 7 We went to William Curtis', Jim's folks went, too
 12 Wrote some of my school business, tended baby
 13 Measured up 41 bushels oats and took them to the hotel in Royalton. We tipped over on the new road. John Wiltshire (*of North Royalton*) and Emma Pay married
 15 Went to Jim Woody' sale. Betsy Manchester and Newell Lamb were married

16 To church in the eve. Rev Musson preached
18 Byron and I cut and drew runners and put them under the school wood house and drew it down to Wheeler's and put up a floor and went to the factory twice after stoves etc. Emma went in the evening to a donation at Syke's. Went part of the way with her. Went after her and brought her home with horse and cutter. Set up til 1 o'clock.
19 To Wiltshire's to a party. Came home about 2 or 3 am. My 32nd birthday
22 Went to the centre for a law suit. Omar's school out
24 Wrote some for Omar about his school business
27 We hitched up and drew one log for me from the gull north of the house. I went to Wheeler's to have father sign my school order. Went to the centre to both stores, mill, Mr Phelps' and the shoe shop

March 2 Studied puzzles. Concert at Disciple church in evening

4 Put our hams to smoke. Made cover for the pork barrel. Life insurance agent called. Steve West and Luell Bigalo married
5 Went down to the river to have a talk with father about setting up. Helped raise a cow
6 Went to Don's and to school house after half bushel oats for cow. Cow came in today
8 A long walk down on the old Wilcox place. Feel very bad. Soaked my feet. Clarence cried hard
14 Copied my last school register
22 Hunted words in the dictionary and wrote them down
28 Carried wood from the gull and chopped it up
20 Had some warm sugar

April 1 Had the blues. Helped take some calves and cheese to the factory

2 Fired my revolver
3 Went to the centre to a suit between Whipps and Bishop
4 Read articles and papers. Don't feel very well
5 Mr Barber came out on horseback
8 Matt and I cut 1000 current cuttings
9 Got my cuttings in the ground. Went back down to the river and settled up with father. Came back sick went a bed
10 Laid abed all day
11 Sick abed. Sat up in the rocking chair a little while Emma made my bed
12 Emma had a chicken killed for me
15 Omar went to Akron and bought some medicine at Dr Bartges. Got my prize pens
19 Set up in the rocking chair about an hour
21 Feel some better. Went outdoors a few steps
22 Walked as far as the barn and back
30 Father Barber, Matt and Robert Odell worked here

May 2 Emma whitewashed pantry

4 Sit up most of the time now. Very weak
7 Omar to Akron to get me some medicine
8 Peddler here to dinner
12 Went to Mother's. Emma carried her soap down
14 Dr Pope called
15 Emma tried to get someone to work (*at*) Wright's and Mattison's but could not
26 Emma and Charlie to Akron. Bought hose for Emma 10 cents, hose for baby 5 cents, toweling, gingham, embroidery, thread, grass linen. Lemons (*they buy lemons every time they shop*) 5 cents. Emma shoes 1.75, baby shoes 50 cents
30 Lighting struck the barn at the center and Hulsey' house at the river. Settled up with Uncle Don

June 2 Matt put a few shingles on the house and whitewashed our back room. Mr Bellus whitewashed the kitchen

3. Clarence sick all day. Emma had to hold him. Did not sleep much
12 Emma cleaned the kitchen and made some brine for the pork
13 Emma churned, ironed and washed the buggy. I wrote a little. Emma received \$3.77 for labor
14 Emma took a piece of harness to Billings' to have mended
15 Emma and I took a walk to see the grapes
16 Emma sewing Clarence's white dress. Bellus set horses for me

18 Little Clarence one year old today. Emma and Lillie went to Akron for some medicine for me
19 Emma sewing a white basque for Lillie. Emma took a ride up to the centre and got the mail
23 Emma and Lillie to Richfield mill
24 Emma to the centre to get a pattern for Lillie's dress
29 Emma and Lillie went down to the factory to carry some butter
30 Lamp chimney 5 cents, safety pins 5 cents

July 1 Sick. Walked to the field to carry some water to the men

4 Emma to the centre to celebration

6 Emma went to Richfield and Dr Pope's to get some medicine

7 Hoed some snowflake potatoes. Drove Mr Wright's cows out of his corn

4 Dr Pope called. E (*Emma*) went to the factory and got a crock and to get Bellus to some and work. He worked 4-7.

8, 10 Dr Pope called

9 Aaron Conant and Lucy called. 1" hail

11 E went to the centre, picked four quarts strawberries, cut baby's dress

12 Dr Pope called. Mr Bellus shot a woodchuck by the barn. Sent photo to Lucy Main

14 Washed. Went to the centre and got some beef

15 Emma ironed and cut out a shirt for Byron

17 Emma cut out an apron for Lillie

18 E finished Byron's shirt. Little Clarence not feeling well. Emma went down as far as the river with Clarence to find the horse

10 Little C quite sick – Emma held him most of the day. He had a spasm in the evening. Byron went after Mother Barber, Mrs Wright and Mrs Tiffany also Dr Gillett. Dr Pope staid all night. Matt, Jim and Father Barber came out

21. Emma sick. We didn't rest any last night. Dr Pope here this afternoon and evening. Mrs Tiffany and Lura sat up all night with Clarence

22 I Stayed last night at others. Rested better. Clarence a little better. Mother Barber and Stella Musser sat up with him. Dr Pope called

23 Stayed at Mother's last night. Mother and Aunt Amaret sat up with Clarence. Dr Pope called

24 Stayed at Mother's. Mrs Tiffany sat up with baby. Dr Pope here

25 Feel better. Baby better, his sore broke. Dr Pope here. Mrs Bellus set up

26 My shoulders ache

27 We all feel a little better. Emma washed and dressed little Clarence for the first time for a week

30 Mr B came out and E and C went home with him. Something killed 8-10 little chickens!

August 1 Dr Pope called and replenished my medicine and Lillie's

5 Dr Pope called and replenished my medicine and got chicken. Emma got the mail

6 Harnessed up and E, C and Lillie went to Beebetown and staid all night. I staid at Mother's

9 Went for a short ride. Got very tired and stopped at Bellus' to rest. He brought me home. Emma, Hattie and Lillie to Richfield to get the buggy fixed

10 Sick all last night. Clarence don't feel well. Hattie and Lillie took my horse to Beebetown for them to drive to Cleveland

14 Peddler called and staid three hours. Ray Kellogg had my horse, Byron my buggy and the other boys my harness

15 Walked down to the top of the Williard hill in the morning and back. Clarence and I sick

19 High school commenced

20 Dr Pope called. Omar had my buggy to go to the anniversary at Brunswick. Lillie and Perry Smith and Ida Johnson called.

21 Emma canned pears and pickled some

22 Had several sneezing spells. Headache. Did not sleep much last night. E ironed and did some mending

23 Sore throat, headache and fever, Emma set up part of the night with me

24 Emma to Sunday school. Father B and Omar took my horse and buggy and went down to Granger

27 Emma, her mother and Clarence went to Berea and got the baby's picture taken

28 Took a walk to Mr Todd's and back. Took a ride around the square. Mary and Ernie here, Mary Lockwood and bally called

30 Emma and I to Strongsville Centre for a ride

31 Mr B & I took a ride down towards Lockes then north then east then south to Beebetown then east to Mr B's. Emma & Clarence went to Beebetown church, Emma wrote some puzzles to Ohio Farm Journal

September 1 Matthew & I went to Medina to see the doctor and back about 1. Real tired.

2 Emma & her father went to Hinckley to take Mr Wright's buggy home. Matt went to Northern Ohio Fair (*Cleveland*)

6 Jep Kizer called. Didn't sleep well last night

7 Took a ride around the north square

8 Emma made undershirts

9 E and I to Medina to see Dr Bean & got some medicine. We did a little trading

11 Received 'Jack and I'. E and I took a ride east to the Pike and north to within a mile of Strongsville then westward by Jims home.

12 E, C and I took a ride around the square by Beebetown church. Rode to Strongsville Centre for the mail

14 Feel bad, was in the house most all day

15 E, C and I took a ride to Jims and around by Stone's home. We stopped at Frank Beebe's to see their baby

16 E and I to Medina to see the doctor

19 Rode down as far as Mr Crosses and to the Bigalo hill and back. Went to the factory

20 Took a ride to the centre and north around by Waldo's home

22 We took a ride 4-5 miles south of father B's to look at a farm. We went the whole length of it and back to father B's

23 We rode down to the shop and got Bellus to put a shoe on my horse. Put a load of road dust in the henhouse. Dug a hole down cellar

27 Called on John Porter, not at home. Called at Oakley's. Mr Riley called with a broom 25 cents. Received from William Riley on account 1.50

29 To Medina to see Dr Bean. Paid taxes. Called on Mr Keller and Deidricht

October 4 Emma cleaned and finished her dress

6 Went to Mr Rogers' to buy his place. Went to Mr Boulton's to look at his place

7 Went to Mr Boulton's staid all forenoon looking over his place (*it's near Mr Barber's*)

9 Emma and I went down to the factory and had a long talk with father. Came back sick and discouraged (*they want a loan to buy a farm*)

10 Emma went to Mr Boulton's and then we went to Medina to the doctor's. Had my pallet cut off *Palate surgery involves removal of a portion of the palate, which can both improve breathing in sleep apnea and reduce snoring*

11 E helped me pick and pile up apples. E churned. Pared apples

12 Father B and I took a ride. We looked at Wait's place and Mrs Brown's

14 Rode to election and voted for Charles Foster for governor

16 Matt, Barber, Mike and Jim Burns here to work. Rode to the river to water the horses

17 Awarded another six monthly subscriptions of the Ohio Farmer

18 Paid Irishman for work \$3.00

22 E went to the river two times to see father but did not see him. Feel tired and discouraged

24 Took some walks for exercise. Feel bad

25 E rode down to the factory to see father

29 Banked up the house

30 E, C and I went to Medina and back. Loaned Mrs Barber \$25

31 We put a few pumpkins in the cellar. Charlie came and got some for Mother

November 1 Wrote a note to father

2 Emma to church

3, 6 Emma made me a shirt

7 Emma wrote a letter to father and took it down to the river but did not see him. About sick. A wood bee at Mr Jones'

8 Went to Mr Wright's after a spade. Mr B and Matt came and dug 225 grapes. (*He paid \$20 for 1000 grape cuttings*)
E Riley's sale

10 Mr Barber and I went to Medina to see Dr Bean. Came back part way on the line between York and Medina

12 E went to Don Mattison's to a wooden wedding in the evening (*5th anniversary*). Did not sleep much at night

13 Rode horseback to Bellus' shop

14 Had a talk with father quite awhile but did not come to any settlement

15 Matt fixed a little in the barn and went hunting

18 Omar began his school

19 Orr K and Ike B called

24 Killed a chicken. Staid abed some

26 Emma, her mother, Clarence and I to Medina. Saw doctor. Went to Mr B's in Strongsville

27 Thanksgiving Day

December 4 Bellus came and put up a stove in the front room. I helped him a little. Dr Pope called and left his bill of \$24

9 Looked over my diaries. Read some

11 Emma finished her window

19 To Medina and doctor. Started at 10 got home at 4½. Did some trading

20 Dr Pope got some corn

23 Baby and Emma sick. Our wedding day anniversary

24 Looked over my dairy for 1877. Byron helped move family from Copley. E and baby sick. Awake a good deal of the night

25 Christmas. We are all sick

31 Helped Lillie to work some examples

1880 He turns 33. He is teaching. He and Emma work long and hard at the house and farm.

January 1 Taught school. To Mother's. We got ready to go to Father Barber's in Strongsville. Got there at 2. Uncle Matt Hall and family came there too. We staid all night

2 At Mr B's all day. Matt's folks here most of the day. Don't feel well. Sleighing

4 At Mr B's all day. Emma at Bill Curtis' til the mid afternoon. Hall's folks went to Jim's and staid all night

5 Emma not very well. At B's all day. Thought of going home but didn't

6 At B's all day. Read a story in the Blade. 'The Tell Tale Necklace' 20 chapters. Read some in Youth's Companion.

7 Started for home about quarter to 11 and got there a little after 2. To Mother's. Quite a lot of mail. Don't feel well. Byron called

10 To Mother's several times. Walked in lots and woods. Worked puzzles. Did some examples for Lillie

11 Made a rhyming hourglass. To Mother's. Omar called, Mr Bellus, Mrs Pritchard, Lura and the children at eve. Emma called at Mrs Wright's

12 To Mother's 2-3 times. Wrote a postal to Frank Fern with an answer to No. 2. Ohio Farmers. Baby sick all night

13 To Mother's. Walked in lots east. Byron, Lillie & George here. Baby sick in the night *a period of teaching and chores and visiting mother every day. No farm work*

15 To Mr Barber's Strongsville, left at 11 got there at 2

16 Mr Barber and I started for Medina about 9 and got there about 1. Got some medicine and started for home about half past 2. Got back about 7 pm. Horse and self very tired

17 Went to Mary's staid all night. Mrs Freeman came too. Don't feel well

19 At Mr Barber's all day. Feel bad. Baby sick. Letty Babcock here. Several walks. Tended baby. Sleighing.

20 At Mr Barber's. All sick. Emma sewed some on Mother's dress. Matt got the mail at the centre

21 At Barber's. Emma washed and ironed. Clarence broke off Hattie's Lillie.

24 Went down to Jim Killian's in the morning and staid all night. Took a walk near Bill Barber's. Steve Ashby called

25 Started for Hinckley. Went to the town line to the 1st road beyond the Pike then south to the center road then east to home. Got home about 2

29 Read American Rural and My Youth's Friend

31 Walks, to Mother's, chores, taught. Made a couple of charades. Emma went to center to Hanchett's sale

February 1 Washed. Wrote a little. Puzzle matters

2 Made a rhyming puzzle. Emma called at Mrs Wright's

4 Swept some paths in the snow. Wrote puzzles. Emma baked

5 Went to Medina with Mr Bellus. Traded a little. Bought some medicine. John Hall and wife, Father and Mother Barber here. They all went to Jones'. I did not see them

6 The wood that I cut lasted til now. Composed a puzzle or so. Emma got her shoes and the mail. She ironed. *Father bought a Dunham steel plow.*

7 Composed an octuple crossword enigma

9 Lillie and the boys here in the eve, we played games

14 Composed a five letter rhomboid

16 To Mother's four times. Composed a triangle puzzle. Showed Lillie how to do examples. Baby got his spunk up

17 Read some in the bible, the dictionary and the geography.

18 Byron made us a well pole and milked a heifer

19 Feel bad most of the time. My 33rd birthday
20 Byron to Royalton to a dance. Mrs Sarah Bellus here in the evening, Mr Warner called for her. Omar's school out
21 Composed a riddle on the letter R. George and Charley cut me a little wood
23 Feel bad. Got a piece of beef
25 Emma sewed carpet rags. Reckoned interest for Mr Wait on a note
28 Emma churned the first of the heifer's cream. Swartzworth moving to school house. Emma went to the centre and called at Musser's and Brongers'

March 2 Composed an eight-letter half square. Went to mother's several times. Clarence walked over twice and back.
3 Emma churned twice. Set two hens
4 Tried to compose an 11-letter diamond but did not quite succeed
8 Staid at mother's while Emma washed and mopped. Had a bad night of it
9 Emma weaning Clarence
11 Feel worse each day. Omar milked at night. At bed part of the time. Charley split a little wood
13 Charley took my horse down for Bellus to shoe. Bellus brought her home
15 Lawsuit at the center did not come off
19 Greased my buggy and got ready and went to Medina to see Dr Bean. Started about half past 9 and got home about 6 m. Roads bad.
20 Emma to church alone. Hitched up and Emma, Clarence and Lillian went to John Porter's
22 Emma baked and churned. Mrs Johnson and _____ Savage had a lawsuit at the center
23 Emma took butter to the center twice. Dr Pope called
24 Read the Gem City Star. Read and puzzled
25 Effie Dunham called
28 Easter. Shaved
29 Tom Murray split a little wood and staid to supper. Emma washed, churned, mopped
30 Tapped 12 trees near the house

April 1 Charley got me a squirrel
3 Uncle Don moved
4 To Mr B's in Strongsville. My horse acted bad coming home
5 Emma washed, churned and ironed
6 Went to Uncle Don's on his new place. Left Clarence with Mrs Wright. First day of the spring school
7 Uncle Don and I went to Medina. Went to Dr Bean's office and to MB Felty
8 Emma went down to the center to Dr Gillett
9 We boiled some sap on the stove
11 Staid with Clarence in evening while Emma went to church. Gillett preached
13 Went to Mr B's then we went to Mr Diedrick's/Diederick to see him about his place. Came home about half past 1
16 To John Porter's and took a new note of him for \$70. Dr Pope called, we were gone
17 Went to Mother's s few times to see if she would sign a mortgage for me. No!
19 RLVD (*his father*) called on his way to center to have a note and mortgage out for Mr B. I feel bad. Stella had a boy
20 To Strongsville. We stopped at Coddling's to get the mortgage but we could not. Came back and then went to Strongsville. Mr Jones, Mr B and I went to look at Diederick place in south Brunswick and looked at Butler's place
22 Mr B, Emma and Hattie went to Rockport. Jep Kizer and a pack peddler called at Mr B's
23 Feel some better. Walked to the barn and back
24 Cleaned the cellar and the drain
25 Washed & shaved. Took some walks. Feel bad. Emma washed
28 The assessor Newton called. Emma cleaned the buttery
29 Read a little in old newspapers. Lay down considerable. Took a walk in the little rain. Set up most of the day. Father Barber, Matt, and Robt Odell here to work plowing grapevines
30 Took care of Clarence while Emma went to funeral of Mr Green's child

May 1 Took a walk over to the Waite's woods and other walks. Greased buggy. Emma whitewashed pantry
3 To Medina to see Dr Bean. Clarence staid with Lillie. The horse fell in the buggy coming home. Real tired. Set up most of the time now. Matt took my horse and buggy and went home. Set hen
6 To Mr Barber's in Strongsville. Stopped at Coddling's and sold out eggs. Bought Emma some shoes. Visited at Barber's about five hours. Emma stopped at the Brunswick store and Coddling coming home. Omar went to Akron to

get some medicine. Had Byron's horse and Mattison's plow. To Mrs W Wright's and others. Tom Murray plowed and made hills. Emma and I cut and dropped and covered some potatoes. Father here. Peddler here to dinner
 9 Wrote a letter to the puzzle book. To Belle's to dinner. Set in the front room. Mary, Jim and Ernie here, helped sort our apples and Jim took some to market
 10 Went to Uncle Don's, Emma worked for her. Staid to dinner and supper
 11 Emma's birthday. Emma washed. To the lots twice for cows. Very weak. Went to mother's and Emma carried some of her soap home
 12 Made soap. Lillie here sewing
 13 The real estate assessor called. Don had my horse and buggy to go to Remsen. Emma went to a concert and dance in the eve. Lillie here sewing on her dress. Emma sprouted a few potatoes
 14 Helped churn. Dr Pope called. Tended Clarence. Emma went for the mail. Lillie here sewing. Emma went to Mr Wright's and Mattison's to try to get someone to drag but could not
 15 Greased buggy. Read the Herald. Tended Clarence while Emma washed
 16 Went to Father Barber's in Strongsville. Looked at his grapes, strawberries, etc. Got home about chore time. Charlie dragged for me. Lillie here sewing two days
 18 I planted corn and potatoes and some garden. Emma helped me some. Frank Swift called
 20 Dan had my horse and buggy to get to Smith Road (*Coddingleville*). Emma baked and sprouted potatoes
 21 Dan plowed with Topsy. Built a small cow pen. Went to Mother's milked outdoors
 22 Had Omar's mare and black Charley awhile. Went down to Mr Jones' in Pekin to see if he would buy potatoes
 23 Sunday Read papers. Washed and shaved. Went after the cows down below. Emma and Clarence went to Sunday school. Matt and Emma went to Richfield peddling potatoes. Sold 5½ bushels
 24 Emma washed. Mr Wright here dragging with three horses. Mother Barber, Mary and Irving here. Mr and Mrs Barber and Hattie here. Mr Bellus here. Matt here
 25 Old cows came in this morning. Mr Wright and Topsy here most of the afternoon. Emma went to John Porter's and walked back. Hot. Hot. Emma and Charley to Akron
 26 Dan had my horse to go to Cleveland. Emma and I found the cow on the old Wilcox place, milked here there night and morning. Emma took Matthew's horse and brought Hattie back with her. Lillie here all day taking care of Clarence
 27 Fred Wright helped me four hours. He went after the mail
 28 Eat supper at Mother's. Tom Murray here twice. Emma helped clean Mother's parlor. Emma washed. Mr Allen called to get some potatoes
 29 Mixed bread. Put ashes on cucumbers. Emma baked and ironed. Lightning struck barn at the center and Halsey's house at the river.
 30 Greased buggy. Washed and we all got ready and went to Father Barber's. Had some ripe strawberries. Don called, settled up with him. Started at 10 arrived at 12. Started home at 3½ got here at 6. Aunt Am, Curtis Kidney, Lillie and Lura called.
 31 Set out 21 tomato plants. Hoed them and some squash, beets and peas. Cut some thorn bushes

June 1 Went to the center then north to the corners then east to the corners then south and up through Pekin to Ethan Conant's and by the center home.
 2 E Conant brought me two pigs
 4 Greased buggy and we all got ready and went to Medina to Dr. Started out at 9 there at 11½. Started home about 12½ and arrived about 3½. Put some ashes on the garden. Transplanted small peach trees
 5 Furnished a team to work on the road. Killed cut morays and potato bugs
 7 *Emma and the boys are at Barbers'*. I miss my darlings
 8 To Richfield to a strawberry festival and concert. All alone today
 9 All alone. Lillie washed the dishes, skimmed the milk, etc
 11 All alone! Caleb Damon (*barber and photographer of Richfield*) called to look at my buggy. Lillie skimmed and mother worked the butter
 13 Got ready and went to Barber's. I came home alone
 14 Read some in the Democrat. Mother salted the butter and packed some. All alone again. Moved a brush pile in the gull
 18 Clarence two years old today. Census taker around
 20 At Mr B's all day. Clarence sick. Got home about 5 o'clock, went back to Mr Bs and staid the night
 21 At Mr B's. He and I went to Mr Tompkins to a harness maker. Emma fainted away this morning. C feels some better. We came home to Hinckley last night. Little Spot 9 months. Gave Bellus two bushels oats and 35 cents for horseshoeing = 53 cents

23 Took my buggy to Richfield and went after it again at night but it was not done. Brought Carr's buggy home with me both times. Called at Dr Pope's
24 Saw Father B in Medina. Saw Dr Bean in his new office. I went at 8¼ am and got home about 3½ pm
25 Took Omar's buggy to Richfield and got mine. Called at Goldwood's while it rained
28 Big Black in s--e (*sire*)
30 Cultivated the piece by the road and the cord by the barn all twice in a row, one way. Made me about sick

July 1 Greased buggy and got the horse ready for Emma to go home. She went to Berea also, got home about 8
3 Made four frames for netting for the windows
4 Got ready and drove down to Pekin and back. Sent puzzles to Ohio Farmer
5 Emma went to the centre with Jones' folks, all ate supper there and went again in the eve
8 Went to a meeting *first time in months that he mentions going anywhere social*
11 Drive Ritz's cow home. Shaved. Greased buggy and got ready and went to Mr Barbers'. Emma and I went down to the woods and got four quarts of blackberries a piece. I came back alone to Hinckley
12 Hitched up and went down to the blacksmith shop and down to Jones in Pekin. Read Free Press
14 Mowed my grass with the machine. Show at the center
15 Got up at half past 4. Churned. Did chores. Cocked up the scatterings and carried a few forkfuls in
17 Am Fluent called with Lillie
18 Got ready and went after E and C at Strongsville
20 Finished the cow yard and made a calf yard and turned them all in, composed a puzzle
22 Mowed Canada thistles. Gathered an arm full of mullein (*yarrow*). Old cow had a bean
23 Emma and I took the sewing machine apart and cleaned it
24 A peddler called. E took a crock of butter over to Bolden's
25 E to Rockport. Worked a puzzle. We went to Strongsville. Came home alone with Old Bet
26 E went to Cleveland. Read Herald. Composed enigma
23 Charley and Lillie had my buggy to go to Akron. E took the butter to Boulden's. Lem Murray called with the mail

August 1 Worked and changed my clothes. Dug in hills of potatoes. E to church
2 E sewed on Clarence's dress
4 Drove Mr Wright's sheep out of our lot. Two horse in out corn last night. To Mr B's in Strongsville. E and I picked a basket of blackberries each in the am and pm
6 Watched corn some *to keep birds away*
7 E washed and helped Lillie. *He does puzzles sometimes and a bit of reading but doesn't mention going anywhere, to sings, church, concerts, lectures*
8 E and C to singing school at night
9 Got puzzle book. Went to mother's and got Omar's horse and hitched it up for Emma and Lillie and Clarence to go to Brunswick and Uncle Don's
10 Lillie started to Michigan. Lura and children called and A Newton's girl
12 Peddler called
13 Murray and I to Richfield, stopped at John Porter's and to Fred Dunn's, Tom eat dinner with us
14 Robinson's show at Richfield
16 Drove 'Jim' to Strongsville
17 Mrs Lamb called to get a pattern. RL's drove of cows got in my cornfield. Burt Paris and Fred Wright turned them out
18 To Sunday school anniversary at Bennetts Corners. Old Mrs Mattison and Clara went with us. Byron and his girl called
20 Shot at a mark once. Fred Wright called twice. Watched my corn. Read the Herald
21 Raised the fence and put under some stone and carried some rails and put on. Picked pickles. Ole Wheeler called
22 Emma went to church on the hill. Clarence staid with me. He cried most of the time.
23 Dug 140 hills of Early Rose potatoes. Looked up some words for a decapitation puzzle. E wrote to Mother. Lura and her child went over to Mrs Newton's. They had Omar's horse
24 Composed a curtailment puzzle and rhyme. Emma and Lura to a lecture at the center. I took care of the child. I went to mother's.
25 Mrs Newton here sewing on Emma's dress. Feel bad
27 Dug 60 hills of Snowflake potatoes. Mr Carrington called. *1st phone in Hinckley from Brongers' store to his house*
29 Washed and changed my clothes

31 Nailed some boards in the barn to keep the hens etc from the corn

September 2 Father B called on his way to Richfield and took breakfast and came back and had dinner. E went home with him

3 Omar and Hulsey went to Cleveland to a show. Killed 711 Colorado bugs with shells on my tomato vines. George and Charlie had my buggy and harness to go to Akron. *Mr Newton moved his barn up the hill and made it into a bank barn as some call it*

4 Dug 154 hills of Burbank potatoes

5 George Wheeler and Charley washed my buggy

10 Chased Frank's horse a good while in my corn to get him out

11 Looked some in the dictionary. Lura M, Effie Dunham, Clara B, Clara M and Raymond called. Read a prize Domestic Explosion

12 E and C went to church

15 Drove Frank's cow out of my corn about 9 at night

16 Clarence had a spasm about 2 am. I went over to Mother's and after Mrs Tiffany. Byron went after Dr Pope. He called this morning and again at night. Lura and Florence had my horse and buggy to go to the Medina Fair

17 Clarence not well. Fred Wright took my horse and buggy and went to Dr Pope's. Set up til midnight

21 Dr Pope called and took my horse to drive

24 Composed a little rhyme

25 Cut 12 shocks of corn in the front yard. Five of RL's horses in my corn

27 Went down to the river and cut a bundle of willows to bind with

30 Pared apples in the eve with a machine partly

October 1, 2, 5 Drove four of RL's horses out of our corn

7 We drew to the barn $3\frac{1}{2}$ one-horse bushels of corn. Charlie helped with 1, Emma the rest. Very tired

8 Mr P Oviatt and his wife called

10 Emma and Clarence to Sunday school. Clarence tasted some ink

12 To the election and the store. Dr Pope brought my horse home

13 To Don's to get his ladder

14 Sorted over corn in the barn and threw it to the 3rd story as it were

17 Emma went up to Bell Kellogg's to see her baby

21 Went down to the river and cut a large bundle of willow to bind fodder. Byron had my horse to go and see his girl

26 Stopped up some mice holes in the house and some holes in the floor

30 E and C went up to the teacher's meeting in the evening

31 Went to Bigalo's to see if I could get his wagon. Emma to meeting at Disciples'

November 1 Went to Mr Wright's and got his light wagon. Drew in small loads of very poor corn. E took her sewing machine to Musser's

2 Went to the center and voted for Garfield and Arthur. Went to Billings' and Ritz's shops

3 Omar married Jessie Conant today

4 E to Cleveland with Eddie and Mrs Tiffany. Read papers in the eve. Went to Mattison's to help hitch up

5 E went after her machine, I went to meet her

6 Threw some corn overhead in the barn and some back up higher. Shaved, washed and changed my clothes

7 Studied some in the dictionary in the eve. E to the Disciples' church in the evening

8 Drew up a small jag of wood. Drew one horseload of apples to the mill on the Hill $14\frac{1}{2} + 14\frac{1}{2} + 15\frac{1}{2} = 44\frac{1}{2}$. Sold them to Wait. Brought a bed from Mr Wright. E filled it

9 Shoot off the belmonts from six trees and picked them up. I drew two loads of them to the mill, took eight bushels of belmonts (*apples like yellow Delicious*) and $6\frac{1}{2}$ small apples

10 Strung some apples. Drew the old cider from the barrel and we scalded it out. Greased the wagon. Pared apples. Omar called and got my horse

11 Borrowed a cider barrel of Mr H Lewis. Gathered all the beets. Horse went to Cleveland (*someone rented it*)

12 Was awarded a book for the best puzzle in the Herald for October

13 Used Omar's horse with mine, I worked it some and he did mine some. Put my beets in the cellar. Went to Mr Wright's for some pipe. We set up a stove in the front room. Banked the stable *some (banked the foundation with dirt, straw etc to keep it from freezing)*

14 Put the sour cider in the barrel again. Omar and Jessie called and staid to supper

16 Went to the Hill and got my cider 46 gallons and boiled cider 18 gallons. (*was paid 1.50 for boiling it*) E went to the store and to Jessie's. Received 'John Andross'. Omar began his school.
 18 Pared 2½ bushels of apples. We are making apple butter. Banked up the house with snow
 19 Strung apples. E took the Mattison's kettle home
 22 We put our barrel of cider down cellar. Read some
 23 Got the horse and wagon ready then E and C went to father B's in Strongsville. Finished my decussles crossword enigma. All alone at night.
 25 E and C are away. Thanksgiving Day all alone. To Mother's a few times. Eat breakfast and supper there. Finished a 10 letter triple acrostic. Cut some puzzles out of some old Heralds. Read papers. Washed dishes.
 23-28 E and C gone. All alone
 29 E, C and Matthew came about 1 pm. We moved the stove from the back room to the kitchen. Feel bad
 30 We went to Charlton's for a churn 1.50. Drew up two small loads for butchering

December 1 Getting ready to butcher

2 Father B and I butchered two hogs and dressed them. Father B took one home. (*brother*) George Van Deusen called
 3 Cut up the hog and weighed it (80#) and put it in the barrel. Cleaned some innards for soap grease. Hitched up and E went to the center for some salt
 4 Byron took my buggy down to Caleb Damon's in Coddingtonville to get it painted. I went with Richfield with Charley to milk. Call at John Bigelow's and at John Porter's
 5 Ed Tiffany called and borrowed 'Ten Nights in a Barroom'. We wrote postals to Detroit Free Press, Congregationalist, Triffits Monthly, Christian Ad
 7-10 Neuralgia in my head and face (*intense pain*). Did not sleep much. In misery
 9 Byron and Charley came and got Mrs Wright's kettle. Byron called and got our knife
 11 E went to Dr Holland's. Saw Uncle Roe and cousins Ray and Warren at Mother's. Toothache and neuralgia bad.
 15 Took Mr Wright's light wagon home. Helped fill a bed.
 17 Byron, George and Elmer V called. We all went to Mother's in the afternoon and evening. Uncle Martin, Aunt Hattie, Cousin Orpha, Clayton, Orpha, Elgin, Warren, Elmer, Ray, Eva, Mary, Olive, Lucy, Ethan, Emma, Clarence, Newman and Mother's family there. Most of them went to a dance in the eve
 18 Party here at eve. Uncle Martin family 3. Clayton Woodard family 3. Uncle Ray's boys 2. Uncle Ralph's Ray and Eva 2. E Conant and family 2. Olive Johnson 1. Omar and family 2. W Tuman 1. Byron and girl 2. Ourselves 3. Total
 21. Clayton Woodard and family staid all night
 19 Clayton shaved himself, Ray and me. Went to church with the boys on the Hill. Clayton, Orpha, Omar and Jessie here to supper. Orpha, Olive, Eva staid here all night. Eva's birthday 16.
 20 Saw the young folks off to Medina. Wrote versus in three (*autograph*) albums. Jonah Andrews called. Ralph, Warren, Elmer, Byron, George, Orpha and Olive here til 11 pm. Wrote in Uncle Martin's album. Martin went up to the burying ground about 2 pm
 24 Played euchre with Elmer VD. We all went to the centre to a ball, home about 11 pm
 25 Uncle Martin's, Aunt Hattie and Orpha here to breakfast. Charley went down and got Bellus' cutter for me. We got ready and went to Mr B's in Strongsville. Christmas
 28 Read part of 'The Silver Medal'
 29 Set by the fire trying to keep warm. Emma quilting for her mother. I have got a head cold
 31 Composed a double crossword enigma on Socrates and Hantisse. Kept fires etc. Frost in the cellar. Clarence and I have head colds.

1881 He turns 34, Emma 29. Clarence is 3. They live in a house on his father's farm. He begins to concentrate on fruit farming and peddling in Cleveland. Emma take long visits to her parents'. Cannot read first pages
 January 23 Read some in the Oil City Derrick. Alone!

26 Emma made a pair of mittens for Byron. Quit milking the heifer
 28 Stopped milking the old cow
 29 Put in three window panes and two pieces and tacked them in
 30 Read some in Bricks without Straw. George and Lura called. E went to church on the hill

February 3 A wood bee here in the pm (*donating his wood for the minister or some elderly or needy person*). Mr Wright drew three loads. Byron and Mr Merchant drew two. The rest chopped or sawed: William Tuman, Si Kentfield, W Bellus, George Wheeler, Stephen West, Newell Lamb, Erastus Johnson, George Van Deusen and Father Barber. I helped unload all but one load

5 Our school out today
7 E went down to Bellus' to get a little sour milk while I took care of Clarence
9 Clarence weighed 25½
10 Cleaned out some extra stable. Clarence sick with the chicken pox
12 Wrote out a puzzle for the Cape Ann Advertiser
19 Emma, Lura and the children went to W Isham's to visit. My birthday
22 Dance at hall
25 E called at Mother's for some flour. Charles brought us a rabbit, I skinned it
26 Sent some feed to Richfield mill by Charles

March 4 E and Mrs Wright called at Jessie's, Mrs Trains and Mrs Billings. Clarence staid with me. Composed a riddle on the word nails. Went to mother's. My horse pulled away and I had to chase her around and catch her

9 Lure's and Mr Laughlin's sale
10 Tapped 22 trees near the house. Gathered what sap that run. Miss Hatch called with a book
11 Wrote a verse in Matt's (*autograph*) album
13 Charles mended my pail
14 Went to Wright's and got a kettle. Hung the kettle
15 Gathered and boiled sap. Read puzzle book 'Lucille'
16 Boiled sap from 6½ am to 9½ pm. Wright got my horse to gather sap. Very tired
17 Carried water from the cellar. Gathered six pails sap
21 Pack peddler called
23 Moved the boiling place down into the gully
24 Tapped, boiled sap, cut and carried old trash for wood til 9 pm. About used up. E helped me.
25 Got up at daylight. Most of our sap dishes full. Cut and carried stuff to boil sap with, E and C helped. Sap stopped running about dark
21 Gathered a wash tub of sap
30 Brought several bushels of apples from the cellar. E cleaned them and we put them in the bedroom. Helped get dinner etc. Omar and Jessie came from 'town'

April 5 Boiled sap all day at the stove.

6 Won the Courier Journal for one year as a prize
9 Cut down, chopped up and burned one tree (*to boil sap*) E borrowed Don's bitt. Joe Ritz, Jep and George called
16 Father gave E a History of Medina County. John Newton assessor called. Put my horse in 40, Cows 36 = 76.
17 Heifer came in. Heard frogs. E and C to Sunday school
19 Fixed the window upstairs. Helped take down the stove and put it away. Carried 50 pails of water from the cellar. Frogs out
20 Charlie got my pistol. Fixed a latch on one door. E to a bee. E cleaned and whitewashed the buttery. Byron returned my horse after six days. Went to see if ground was dry enough to work
21 Whitewashed the back room. Put the yearling and calf outdoors. Sent three puzzles to Episcopal Recorder and Covenant. E helped to clean the Congregational Church
22 Whitewashed the kitchen overhead
24 We all went to the Congregational Church
28 Planted Early Rose, Burbank, Victors and Snowflake potatoes
30 Planted a few Beauty of Hebrons. Sent some things to Cleveland by Omar

May 1 To Father B's in Strongsville. Turned cows out in orchard

3 Helped Byron clean 50 bushels of oats down by the school house. Byron let me have a bag of oats for helping him. Dunham, Wiley and Jas Pierce called
5 Tom Murray called and left an old wagon
6 Fred had my horse in the pm to go to the mill down to Gibbs'. Patched up the roof over the stoop
10 Got Omar's old horse Charley to plow east of the orchard for corn six hours. E went to the harness shop for me
11 Got up at 5 and spread manure. Mrs Tiffany called to bid us goodbye. Emma went to the river after Spot. E's birthday
12 Dragged with Nellie. E helped Mrs Wright in house cleaning
13 Marked the corn ground one way with a chain
15 Emma read some to me in the evening

18 Planted 11 pieces Matchless and 21 pieces Wilkinson, both came from Washingtons
19 Exchanged some corn for some potatoes
20 Got ready and went to Coddingle for buggy
26 Rolled my oats. The rollers bothered a great deal. John Murray took his old wagon away. Mother called to get E to make her some cookies
28 Made fence four rails high for a calf lot and five rails high for cow yard. Drew a few loads of old boards, posts etc from the road to the house and barn. Cows staid in the yard for the first. E worked for Mrs Wright cleaning house
29 M Wilcox borrowed my buggy
30 Brought a few flat stones from the lots to put in the cellar

June 3 E blacked mother's stove. Mr Wilcox called to see my premium books. Fred broke the wagon spring
5 We have got 17 little chickens
7 Ground my axe. Cut nine bean poles in the woods
8 Put kettle up to make soap. E mended some shirts for Fred Wright
10 Freshet washed some crops very bad. Mrs William Riley died last night
11 Went to Mother's. Two of the boys' horses were tramping up my corn and oats and rolling in them. Damaged them considerable. We watched for an eclipse and saw it. Went to bed about 1 after it was totally eclipsed.
12 Mr Chapman and wife and granddaughter from Medina came to father B's in Strongsville. I came home alone
14-15 My horse worked on the road. Shot a woodchuck in Charlie's trap. All alone
15 Lute Riley had my cultivator to use all day. Read a letter from my darling wife
17 Cultivated the potato patch once in a row and bore down hard. Saw one of my potatoes in blossom. Byron traded me an old plow for the use of my cultivator a few days. Charley took his traps home. All alone
18 Clarence was three years old today. Set a trap, caught a rat. Byron to Medina to pay taxes
19 Washed, shaved and got ready to go to Strongsville to see my wife and son. Came home alone
20 Killed a few hundred striped bugs on my vines
23 Sprinkled my potatoes with London Purple
26 Called at Stanley Reed's at Strongsville. Albert Hall and Matt at Father B's, also Patience. Brought E and C home with me. We churned and shelled a bushel of corn
27 We got the pork ready and took it up to the meat market. Bellus set two (*horse*) shoes
28 We got up at 4 and got to father B's before 7, we picked five baskets strawberries apiece and got home about 8 pm
29 Showed Omar some about keeping accounts
30 George, Mrs Write, Nettie Wait and Minnie Gates called

July 2 President Garfield shot this morning
3 E and C to Sunday school
5 Poisoned some potato bugs
6 Washed and greased Mr Wait's wagon harness that I have been using. Took about all day. Pulled some weeds in the grass near the house. Was sick, vomited considerably
8 Started to Cleveland half past 1 am. Got there between 6-7. Delivered Wright's butter to his customers, then sold my things. Had some thing to eat at Ben Wait's and turned my horse out there to bait. Started home at 10, got there 5 am. Very tired and sleepy. Mona and Minnie called. Commenced on my new potatoes.
9 Raking hay into windrows
10 To Celia Lyons', left a coat
12 Wright mowed my grass with the machine in about two hours, I raked and tumbled it
13 Took Mrs Pritchard to Cleveland, corner of Taylor and Clinton Streets. We started 3 am and got home about 4-5 pm. Called at Jones' and got some dinner coming home. Eat some breakfast at Mr Tuttle's in Cleveland. Took some tools home. E and C went to a Panorama in the eve
14 Worked for Mr Wright in harvest from 9 to night
23 Stared to Rockport by way of Cleveland
26 Patched barn roof. Byron got my horse to go to Ganyard's
28 Emma got Clarence's picture taken at the center
29 Joe Ritz got my horse to go to Newburg
31 E went to a sing

August 5 Went to Cleveland, sold butter, eggs. Traded on the east side
13 E, C and Lillie to Remsen to get pictures taken

14 To Congregational church in the eve. Rev Dunbar preached
16 Drew a barrel of water from the river
17 Went to Sunday school anniversary at Chidsey's woods near Shermans Corners
19 Went to Cleveland at 5 am, arrived at 8, sold all to B Wait. Home 3 am
23 Won \$3 cash for a puzzle
26 Seeley called to look at the apples
27 Emma to Ella Webber's funeral with horse and buggy. Milking for Don every day now (*Don Co K 42nd O+VI, lost arm at Vicksburg*)

September 1 Took the wheels from the spring wagon and put them to soak in the river. Got them and put them on the wagon

2 Went to 'town' (*Cleveland*). Fed the team at Siringer's.

6 Gillett called in the eve

7 Drew a barrel of water from Don's cistern

11 To Ray Kellogg's, dinner there. Saw Celia Moody, Henry Billings, Georgie Webber, Faubles and another boy in the melon patch. Charles caught them. A. Winchell called (not at home)

12 Dug matchless potatoes

13, 14, 15 Cut corn for the boys to be paid in wood

17 To Bellus' shop, got the wash tub hooped

19 Went to Sid Cady's and from there to John Rylance's in Royalton to get some phosphate

23 Dug up a large thorn bush in my wheat

24 Alf Webber called and hindered me awhile with a book

October 4 Shank and son called to look at my calves. Whipp bought my two yearlings and a calf

5 Milked Don's cows for the last time. Louie Ritz took some of my wheat to the mill

9 Greased the buggy, E and C to Strongsville

10 Went to Bellus' in Pekin to get two shoes set

11 Got up at 1, to mother's after horse and spring wagon. Started to Cleveland 3½. Got to town about 8. Sold part of my load at Walton Ave and around there, and went over to the east side. The boys sent some poor butter that bothered us a great deal to sell. E traded some. Got home about 9½ pm Lillie did our chores

12 Reckoned up accounts and paid those that sent by me

15 Went down to the Old Woodley Meadow and got a dozen of pumpkins

17 Gathered the rambos, russets and other apples that were on the ground

19 Gathered some walnuts. Took almost the rest of the day to gather the rest of the apples in the orchard. Shocked the walnuts

22 E went to Berea and got her teeth

24 Byron is taking my oats to 'town' to pay for three days of husking

25 Up in the night 2 hours looking at the weather. Mary Robbins here. Good rain in the night

26 Up at midnight, fed team, to Cleveland 3 am, peddled around in the Heights, got home around 11 pm. Borrowed a blanket at Royalton. Eat supper at Charles Wait

31 Climbed two trees, knocked the hickory nuts off

November 2 Helped the boys take off two wagon boxes and put on two racks. Pitched on 15 loads of corn stalks that would average 100 bushels for the boys. Changing works

5 Buggy fixed at the center

6 E and C to Sunday school

8 Don paid me the balance of my horse threshing last year 3¼ days at 3 (*dollars per day*)

10 Peddled around the Heights then to east side. Put the horse out and did trading and errands. Home 10 pm

16 Banked up the house all around with dirt (*as insulation*)

17 Cut some wood and carried it to the back room. Ezra Damon and Rev Hulse called to see about hiring my horse

18 Wright tied my horse up to a post and let it stand in the cold rain most all day and then put it in the barn

19 Put four lights (*panes*) of glass, puttied others in. Brought the stove down from upstairs. Moved the books and bookcase. Put up the stove. Banked dirt around the west end of the stable. Put my sled in the barn

21 Battened up the stable. Banked up north side of the barn with manure. Fastened the pipe upstairs

23 Got horse and buggy for Emma to go home to Berea

24 Thanksgiving. Went to mother's to dinner.

28 Went to Richfield mill. Had to wait til pm for my grist. Wandered around town some
29 To Frank Dunn's wooden wedding in evening
30 Trimmed trees in orchard all day (*he does this part of the next 14 days*)

December 1 Reading First Among Women

14-15 Butchered and dressed two hogs. Carried them to the house and hung them up. Cut, weighed and salted down the largest hog #200. Sold father B one hog. To Charlton's shop, got saw filed

18 Quit milking the brindle cow

22 Read puzzle to find hidden animals, I found 52

23 A party here to celebrate our wooden wedding. 35 present. Father B's folks and Eva Curtis staid all night. We were presented an extension table. Father gave Clarence a wagon. Eva gave him 75 cents. Rowland Charlton gave C a top. Willie C gave us a bracket. Some sledding very early

25 E and C to Sunday school. Clarence to the Christmas doings in the evening on the hill

Financials listed, including to paint buggy \$10, put in bank \$100 and \$70, coat and pants \$8.50.

1882 He is 35. The same farm chores that he does every year at the same time are not re-noted here: plowing, dragging, planting, sugaring trimming (pruning), picking, sorting, peddling, etc, see earliest diaries.

January 1 Jim, Mary and Ernie came, played Authors

11 Father and Byron started to Michigan

12 E and C visiting school

15 E to Sunday school. *Emma and Clarence go to church and Sunday school often, but he mentions going to church service only once in 1882.* Maggie Andrews died

20 Quit milking Spot. Put our hams to smoke

25 Lillie here most all day with her (*quilt*) blocks. Hiram Doolittle called

27 E to the Lyceum and read her paper. Byron returned from Michigan

February 1 Byron Mary and George went to Henry Richard's sale. I'm sick

2 Old Mr Kentfield died

8 Went to B's, brought home a rooster. Called at Ritz's shop, the post office and Ritz's house

10 Piled some brush back of the barn and set it on fire. Rev Hulse had my horse to go to Royalton (*the church usually has a guest minister or lay person giving the sermon*)

11 Tried to cut in orchard but shoulder too lame

15 Clarence received a Valentine. Shoulder pains me a great deal

17 Heard that Wylie Dunham and Bert Damon are both married

19 My birthday. We all went to mother's, spent several hours there and staid to dinner

24 Went to Lyceum at the Ridge in the eve. Read the Gazette through

26 E sent for 50 chromo cards (*calling cards*)

March 6 E Johnson and Jack Merchant called

10 Sold Rev Hulse five bushels potatoes \$6.25, he paid me \$2 on them

13 Began feeding all of my stock today. Brought up the remains of the apples from the cellar

14 Borrowed a harness and went to L Riley's after the little wagon

15 Cut down a lot of cherry sprouts in front of the house

19 Emma to church at eve. Rev Brown preached

21 Byron called in the evening to get my bell and bell AJ Allen (*perhaps he got married, another name for bell is chivaree*)

24 RL (*his dad*) came back from Michigan

25 I weighed with overcoat on 151. Bought a harness and doubletree \$4.50

27 Called at the store, tin shop and grocery. Greased two harnesses twice over. Eva washed the light harness

28 Greased both harnesses again and the halter. We bought a barrel of ashes from mother and set up a leach and two kettles

29 To John Newtons' sale on the Green farm

30 Cleared the dirt away from the house

31 Spot cow came in

April 2 Sowed a quart of timothy on my wheat

3 To election and voted

7 Started to Cleveland. My wagon axle broke this side of Aiken's and I staid with him all night.

8 Took wagon to Brighton to get a new axle put on. After breakfast took Mr Aiken's wagon and went to town. Peddled around most all day. Home about midnight. William Isham called, E went to little Edith Musser's funeral

14 Anna Fulmer called. I won \$10 for puzzle

15 E C and L to Medina for my Gregg plants. Dr Howland called

18 Traded in Cleveland. Found some new customers

21 Dexter came over and we had a long talk

25 Assessor called cows \$36, horse \$35, total \$71

27 Whitewashed the kitchen overhead. We went to the river for the butter

28 To Cleveland. Sold most of the butter to O'Brien. Eat dinner at Mrs Wait's

May 1 Hitched up and took the crocks down to the milk house. Charley was kicked in the head by 'Jim'

2 Went to Richfield mill, took corn. Went to several stores and shops. H Riley rode back with me

4 Sent for 22 packs (*calling*) cards

5 Took the rocking chair and table to Charlton's shop. Jud Pierce called

6 Florence Wait called to get some potatoes for Old Mr Wait to eat. Dug some on cellar drain

7 George Wheeler shaved me. The preacher brought my horse back. We all went to hear him reach in the eve

8 To the center (*he no longer spells it centre*) for the table and chair. *Paid 75 cents to have them mended*

9 To Cleveland, sold out 55¼# butter and 18 5/6 dozen eggs by 11

10 Carried the stove upstairs. To Oliver Packer's silver wedding, paid \$1.04

12 Dug post holes and made fence. Dug on drain

15 Helped shake carpet. E received her package of 22 packs of cards

16 Got George Wheeler's trunk and took it to Hudson. Started at ¼ to 2, got home a little before 7

17 Received premium watch chain

18 George Wheeler slept with me. We went to bed at 9 and arose at 11. Did not sleep but little

19 We peddled in Cleveland then walked to the East side to get popcorn

24 To the center to see a horse perform. Lester Hulse, Effie Dunham, Clara Billings and Lura called

25 Caught four young wood chucks. Fred brought my spade home

26 Put Spot to a S. Horn

28 Read on Robinson Caruso

29 Byron's horse run through every one of my pieces several times, destroying considerable

30 Decoration Day *first mention*

31 Cleveland – sold #75 butter and 11 dozen eggs. *He goes about every week.* Old Mr Wait died today

June 6 Peddled cheese for the boys through Pekin by Lamb's, Frank Wait's to Weymouth, then back on the west town line. Sold two cheese #77 at 12 cents

8 Mr Merchant the supervisor called in the eve

16 Byron had my horse to work on my road tax

17 Eat dinner at Mark Meacham's. Sold #90 cheese went to the factory, north to McCreary's Corners, then west around by Dave Babcock's to Bennetts corners, then west then south then east home. The boys had my horse to work on my road tax. Received for watch chain 75 cents

18 Ira Waldo had my buggy tonight

22 A book agent called and staid 1½ hrs. Emma to Mrs Coddington's funeral

23 Used Steve West's shovel plough

24 Cleaned out the cellar drain that had caved in

July 1 Two hour delay coming back from Cleveland due to rain. Home at midnight

11 To Cleveland. Peddled around Heights. Fed team at Siringers. Went to the brewery for the boys

19 Turned to grind a mower knife and a cradle scythe

21 Did not go to bed last night. To Cleveland

25 My first job of the new machine 153 bushels

27 Hanson Kellogg called

28 Peddled #107 cheese around area

29 Raked wheat stubble all day for the boys, on shares

30 All to church in the evening. Jud Pierce called

August 15 A drove of Texas ponies went by

16 Pierce had my horse to draw coal from Medina two days

21 Picked pears, Astrakhans, Golden Sweet

30 To the Sunday school anniversary in Beebetown

September 4 Sold #117 cheese, three whole ones. To Pekin, then east around by the Old Ward mill and around within a mile of Hammonds Corners then up to Richfield and around

5 Peddled cheese through Pekin around by Shank's, by Webber's to Weymouth, around Weymouth then on the west town line to the SH (*schoolhouse*) then west then north then south to the SH then N to Shermans Corners then east home

12 Rubber boots \$3.50. Overalls 75 cents

13 To Medina Fair 45 cents.

15 Took a keg of 800 pickles to the grocery

18 Neuralgia in my teeth and face. Did not milk at night on account of the rain

24 To first church on the evening to hear Mrs Bailey on Temperance

30 Luther Riley had my horse to use. Luther Riley, May Riley and Ella McKee called

October 5 Emma to sewing society to sew for Mrs Hulse

6 E baked and made Charley a shirt

9 E churned and made C a pair of pants

10 To the center to vote

15 To Beebetown to church. Mr Damon preached. Carlo died this afternoon

16 Went to the old school house and got a barrel of wheat. E C and L to Medina, C sat for a picture

24 Bought cloak 4.00. Table spread 1.00

25 Fixed the road into the woods

27 Threshed 24 (*bushels*) buck wheats and 20 of oats. Joe Ritz, Clarence Wilcox, Johnny Royston, Bryon, Omar and George helped me. Waits, Don and A Warner

30 Took wheat and oats to house and stored them in the bedroom

November 6 Emma to Mrs Calla McCoy's funeral. Walnuts and butternuts at the Buell place

11 We all went to Medina. Took two bushels of wheat to the mill, to Back Woods, to photograph gallery, to the Court house etc. We set for our pictures \$1.00

14 Mended the ½ bushel measure

15 Traded in Cleveland. Staid at William Ferris' all night. Lodging and stabling 43 cents

17 Harvey Lewis called in the evening and fed his team and had supper

18 Cleaned out the cellar down on the bottom and laid 20 ft of sewer pipe (1.60) and 60 ft. of tile (.75). Filled in dirt in the pm

25 William Kellogg called to get some flannel shirts made.

30 Thanksgiving. Went to Father Barber's for dinner. Went to William Curtis' in the eve to Eva's wedding. Staid til midnight.

December 2 Lillie here washing for herself. Wrote some, copying some old papers

5 Took a bag of corn and the pork barrel to Charles to take to Richfield

8-13 Copied last year's diary from some loose papers

13 To Mr Wright's sale from 10½ to 2½. Bought some old traps. Paid \$1.35 for bed stead

15 Looked over old diaries to find and systemize some long standing accounts

19 Paid taxes 33 cents for half year

20 Father helped me cut up and salt #203 hog

23 Emma and Clarence in Strongsville. Got my own meals and washed dishes. *No mention of their anniversary*

25 Christmas, to Mr Barber's

26 We received nine of Clarence's photos

27 Played and had an oyster supper

31 Worked at some examples in the Medina News

Expenditures for 1882 listed, including shoes for Emma 1.70 and 2.00. Emma hat \$1.50, 11 yards calico cloth 66 cents. Put \$40 in bank. Made loans and borrowed some

1883 He turns 36, Emma 31, Clarence is 5. He is township property tax assessor.

January 1 Read the Medina News

4 Wrote a letter to Miss Emma Case Mallet Creek, O. E wrote to Mamie Hulse

5 We all went to the literary on the ridge

9 E went to Mrs John Musser's funeral. We all went to Aunt Amaret's to a reunion and oyster supper. Home at 1 am

10 Uncle Martin here. I went with him to the center to Dunham's shop and to Wilcox's mill, then bid him good-bye

11 E to spelling school at the center in the eve

12 E get up some alphabetical poetry for her paper. To a literary on the north Ridge in the eve

13 Looked over the Courier Journal to find some Kentucky towns

15 Took Omar and Jessie home to Granger. E to an exhibition on the south ridge

16 Wrote in Ira Johnson's (*autograph*) album

19 Helped Byron get up ice all day and drew 20 loads to the ice house *and 10 loads the next day*

23 Wrote for Lillie for a situation in the eve (*a position?*)

25 Banked up the house with snow and straw

February 1 To Uncle Johns in Rockport. 50 present. We staid up til 3 am

3 River highest I ever knew it could be

6 To the center to post office and Isham's shop

10 To Medina to the mill, court house, Mason's gallery and took dinner with Hayden Damon. Clarence sat for some photos. We called in Mr Wilcox's in Weymouth to get warm. Cold, windy

15 Byron married today (*to Daisy McGuigan/McGuiggan*)

17 Byron brought his wife here to visit

18 Grandma Van Deusen died

19 To the tin shop to order some buckets and pan

21 Shaved, got ready and went to grandma's funeral, to Aunt Amaret's and to church on the ridge

22 Looked into the dictionary to find words that could be made from the letters in 'festival'

24 Byron got his furniture today at Medina

28 To an oyster supper and candy pull at Omar's

March 2 Emma read a paper at the literary

4 Emma to Kittie Conant's funeral on the hill

8 E, C and I to Medina to the mill, sat for our photographs at Mason's

18 George went after the doctor for Mother. She is very sick. Emma sat up with her all night, *and on the 26th and 28th*

20 Mary Wheeler died this morning.

April 1 Clarence has been gone a week

2 To election at the center and again in the eve. Was elected assessor and supervisor. Treated

4 Emma sick. Went for the doctor for her. Clarence to Strongsville

6 To Mr Coover's. Called at both stores and the tin shop

7 Father and Wellington Smith signed my assessor bond. Codding swore me in

12 Got up at 12, to Cleveland, the horses ran away in Brighton

14 Went down to the old place for a 'grist' for the boys. Went to Medina to meet the others assessors at the auditor's office. Went to the mill, to Mason's received our photos.

15 Studied my assessor business

16 Commenced assessing at AJ Allen's. Went south to town line, east to the next road, north to the road, by Ward's mill, west by Rookwood's, south to Fauble's, north to M Marquitt's, east to Gargett's, west to Pekin, and home

17 Assessed on the Ridge and some in Richfield

18 Assessed all day to West Richfield and on the Ridge, eat at Henry Porter's

19 Assessed on the Ridge around by Zete Brown's. Eat dinner at Uncle Julian's

20 Assessed on the Ridge, eat at N Porter's

21 Assessed through Pekin to the south town line then east to the hill

23 Assessed north of the center around by E Johnson. East dinner at E Riley's and supper at Johnson's

24 Assessed west of the center. Eat at John Gilbert's. Went around by John Andrews', home

25 Assessed north of the center, then west, then south, then east home. Dinner at Uncle Don's
26 Assessed down the river and around by Keye's. Dinner at Anson Waldo's.
27 Assessed by John Dunn's around by Chaffee's Corners home. Diner at Thomas Roberts.
28 Assessed from Sid Cady's to Stephen Lampson's around by Bennetts Corners. Diner at James Heirs and supper at George W Hurd's.
30 Assessed for C Wilkinson's around by Bennetts Corners to Monroe Wait's. Dinner at William Randall's

May 2 Assessed around by Swift's and Merrill Webber's then toward Weymouth to Dunshas then the same way home. Dinner at Darius Conant's

3 Assessed William Kinch then south to the town line by Swift's then west to the end of the town line. Then east to Charlie Mickel's. Dinner with Aunt Almira, then north home.

4 Went west to Jud Wait's, then south to the town line then east to EO Nichols. Dinner at G Bolles then west to Isiah Conant's then home. George bought a new carriage

7 Assessed all day west to the town line, south to the end of Hinckley, then back home

8 Assessed on foot. South to Mr Law's, then west by Shank's, then north to center road then west to Mit Wait's then back home.

11 Went to town line then south to Mr Heacox then back around by Charley Davis. Dinner at J Law's then south to Aaron Conant's, then west to Lewis Conant's, then home

12 To center, west to Jud Wait's, north around by Don Andrews, home. To Harrison Damon's then back to Jones', home.

14 To Bellus', Kellogg's, Whipp's, Rome's, and around by Julius Damon and George Wheeler's, home. Finished assessing

15, 16, 18 Worked all day on assessing books, E helped me ½ day

19 John Wyman and I put the pump in the well

20 Worked ten hours on assessor books

22 To Medina. I copied off all the births and deaths into a book after I got to the Auditor's office. Traded.

23 George and I cleaned out the well. Took Bellus' stove home and settled with him

23 To Cleveland to peddle. Drove Nellie and Frank

31 Shingled on the house over the front bedroom

June 2 Went to Mrs SS Ammerman's sale

3 Got ready, shaved, and went to the cemetery to see the new (*Civil War?*) monument

12 Peddled in Cleveland

13 Spent the forenoon notifying persons to work on the road. Called at Merchant's, Ritz's, Isham's and Hugh Riley's

14 Shoveled, helped unload and leveled grain in the road

15, 16 worked on the road all day shoveling gravel

18 Put sulphur on the raspberry vines

21 The blacksmith Mr Pomeroy called

26 E and C to the Whitney family show

July 2 Peddled in Cleveland

4 To Medina to spend the 'Fourth'. Home 10 pm. Warm and dusty

8 To the cheese factory. Emma weighed 116, Clarence 44, I 140

10 Seven baskets (29½ quarts) raspberries to Medina, sold to the bakery. Started 5½ am, home 10½ am

13 Sold 13 baskets of raspberries to the Medina stores

17 Peddled in Cleveland. Let horse rent couple of hours then came home

21 The bell tolled for Old Man Babcock

31 Up at midnight, to Cleveland 2 am, got to the halfway house at sunrise and to 'town' by 7 am

August 5 Went to Grangerburg to meeting in eve

6 We went to Merchant's Jones' and Ritz's in evening to notify them to work on the road

7 Worked on the road all day went to the center for planks and down in the woods after some logs for sleepers. Bought 96' of planks of NE Wilcox \$1.72 and 576' fence posts 11.52. We fixed two sluices

12 To Abe Cook's after some winter greens. E to Sunday school

14 To Cleveland 3½ am and got home at chore time. Peddled out one cheese coming home

17 Richardson and Inez Tuman called

20 Up at midnight, to Cleveland about 2½ am with pears and butter. Put horse out at Pearl Street house. Rode over to the square to see the parade etc then rode back again. And went to Barnum's Show, then rode back again to the Pearl Street House. Hitched up and started for home 6 m, got home about 10 and did my chores. Hard shower going down. To admitted to Barnum's' show 1.25, street car rides 40 cents, horse in stable and fee 35 cents
21, 22 Set up oats for Don Mattison all day. Very tired
24 Went to the center to a fire about 10 pm
26 To quarterly meeting on the ridge
29 To Sunday school anniversary in Milo Haine's woods in Strongsville
31 Helped Augustine Wait draw oats. Gustine eat supper with me

September 1 Gene Riley called to buy some cattle but did not
4 E, C and I to Cleveland 2½ am in the buggy. Sold butter, eggs, pears while Lillie did our chores
5 Went down to the river to grind the scythe
6 We all went to Temperance meeting at Disciples Church
7 Went down to the river and got eight gallons butter
8 Got up at midnight and went to 'town', sold on the east side and the 'Flats'
9 Got horse and buggy ready for Anna Fulmer to go to Remsen Corners visiting she said. *(she would have paid to use it depending on the length of the trip)*
10 Hoed strawberries and hoed in where the grubbs had eat them
13 Last day of the fair
14 To a Prohibition meeting at town hall
18 Peddled in Cleveland Temperance meeting at town hall in eve
19 Father started for Michigan
20 Just heard that Jennie's baby May died last Sunday
27 Alfred Weber and son had my horse and buggy to go to the Town Line between Brunswick and Liverpool and then south one mile
30 Read Her Life's Secret a continued story in the Medina News

October 6 To a Republican meeting at the center addressed by ES Perkins
8 Peddled in Cleveland
9 To election. Saw the boys play ball in the pm. Went up in the eve to see the votes counted
10 Emma to singing school
14 Called at Jerry Case's. Si Kentfield and wife and Cassie called
16 To Medina mill and got a stove \$4. Paid taxes \$1.
18 Clark Pierce spoke for horse and buggy but did not come for it. Two peddlers stopped and staid all night
19 Emma went hickory nutting upon Whipp's
22 Peddling to Cleveland
23 Two chicken buyers called and staid to supper
25 John Merchant's sale
28 Hunted for a name in the bible for a long time
30 To Cleveland 8 am got to town about 3 pm. Staid at William Ferris' all night

November 1 Cut some stakes and crotches for a fence
3,7 Peddled in Cleveland
4 Emma went with George and Lillie to Grangerburg
11 Got up at 2½ to go to Cleveland but it began to rain. Did not go back to bed
12 Charlie and I drove 2 horses to Cleveland. Potatoes, apples, chickens and butter
13 Repaired the barn doors and put in some ropes for the cows. Drew a load of gravel to put around the well
14 Banked up the house with dirt and the barn with manure. Ed Nichols is moving into the Wait farm. Put the cattle in the stable, cold and windy
19 Butchered our calf and the hog. Got the pork and hung it in the back room
20 Carried four pails of water from Mattison's to make brine in am. Uncle Harrison died this am
21 Drew several loads of oak scantlings for fence parts from the mill and an old table from the Wait place
24 Laid up a rail and stone fence
26 Picked a lot of burrs off the calf skin and took it to the center. Wrote a note to the auditor for Romain Bender. Drew one load of sawdust from the mill for the strawberries

28 We all went to Prentice C Waldo's wooden wedding (*paid \$1 to go*). Lucius and Minott Newton called and bought my yearling Zeke \$22.

30 Checkers with Charlie and Lillie. Beat them both

December 1 Called at Nichols' to see Gustine Wait. There was a necktie party here in the eve (*social event selling donated neckties for charity*) 35 present

5 To a necktie party and oyster supper at SC West's (*paid 25 cents to go*). About 70 present

12 Cassie Robbins called

13 Blind Jerry and wife Cassie called

15 Five girls here in evening to practice a dialogue

21 Robert Whipp called. Firestone called and staid all night

22 E went to the church to help decorate it

23 E to Disciples church and to L Riley's. Our 7th wedding anniversary

24 E to the center to help about the Christmas tree. I went to the Christmas tree in the evening

26 To Father B's to Christmas. E went to KM Phelps' to practice her piece. Lillie Seeley and Effie Dunham came for her. I went after her 11 pm

28 Mrs Nichols' housekeeper and children called. Emma to the Methodist Church in the eve to practice for the concert. She fell and hurt her back

30 To a concert upon the Hill

31 Played anagrams, checkers etc. with George, Lillie and Charlie til half past 12

Financials for 1883 Amount on hand Jan 1 10.92

Album 3 cents, Umbrella 1.50, Table cloth 1.35, Emma slippers 1.25, Preserving kettle \$1, Clarence suit of clothes \$2, shoes \$1.25, Repairing breast pins 20 cents, 14 rolls wallpaper 1.75. 33 yards wallpaper border 66 cents, 1 can of honey 45 cents, Bot lunch (*first use of term*) 5 cents 4 cents, Pump for well 6.80, horse shoeing 25-90 cents, Paid McGuigan for plastering \$1, Dr Eggert for doctoring Emma 1.75, Lodging in Cleveland 38 cents, stabling 13 cents, Emma hat 2.90, Gave Emma's mother a present 25 cents, Clarence toy horn for Christmas 10 cents, Clarence toy lion for Christmas .5, Bot rubber boots of Brongers \$3.50

Received for use of horse, 50 cents to \$1 depending on length of travel

Pay for 30 days' assessors work \$62

Put in bank \$140, 75, 50

For keeping peddler over Sunday \$1, for doing washing for him 40 cents, for keeping peddler's horse \$1

Sold two shirts 60 cents (*which Emma made*) and five fruit jars 52 cents

1884 He is 37

January 6 Emma to Sunday school. Byron and Daisy here

8 Helped the boys put up the ice at the river

9 E stayed with Mr. Nichol's housekeeper who was sick, staid all afternoon

14 To Aunt Emma Damon's sale. I was clerk of the sale. 14, 15, 19 I reckoned and settled up her accounts and estate business. Aunt Almira Sims' folks were visiting

20 Sleigh ride from Father B's in evening. Got home half past 5 am

28 A sled of young folks from Beebetown came and spent the evening—Matthew and Hattie, Rettie Brooks, Phebe and Leonard Schnell, Martin and Alice Barber, Elmer Ward and wife. 8-12 pm. Good sleighing

30 Made some rhymes for Emma's Lyceum paper. Put bedding in the stables and pens. We all went to the Lyceum at the school house

February 2 We had a spelling school at Mother's

7 Wrote to the Medina News

9 Read 'Bread and Cheese Kisses'

12 Read 'Saved at Last from Among the Mormons'

13 A fruit tree agent called. We all went to a Lyceum at the school house

20 To Lyceum at the school house. Clarence spoke a piece

24 Roena Searles and Dr Eggert were married

March 1 Drew 300 stakes to the vineyard. A peddler called and staid all night and the next two nights

3 I went to the center to settle with the trustees as a supervisor
4 The peddler left this am. We all went to Steve West's wooden anniversary. 77 present. Got home after 2 am
6 Tipped the wagon over and broke the hind axle. Took the wagon to the center. Called at TC Charlton's and Spencer Charlton's
8 Got the light wagon at the center
12 The boys moved the milk house back on the side of the river
13 George and I tapped 206 trees. A letter from Jennie that *her husband* George Proulx died on the 11th
23 Drove the boys' sheep out of the sap bush
26 Mr Casner Green (*nurseryman*) of Medina called. Showed him my plants and small fruit. Spotty cow came in
30 Sent for seeds from Isaac F Tillinghurst

April 3 Helped a stuck team out of the mud in front of the house
7 Made a box around a quince bush and filled it with dirt. Went to center to election. Set up a leach
9 Whitewashed the kitchen overhead. Party at Myrtle Higbee's in the evening,
10, 11 Mary Charlton here sewing for Hattie Barber
12 George took my horse and his 'Blind Jim' to take wheat to the mill at Medina
13 Emma to church on the Hill
14 To school meeting
15 Got a thill put in the wagon at Bellus'
17 Painted kitchen most all of the day
18 Painted the buttery and back room
22 Assessor called. Put my horse in at \$25 and cattle at \$50
24 Emma took some pickles to Medina and sold them
25, 29 Emma papered for Mother
27 To a concert on the hill

May 1 Let my cows down below in the pasture for the first. Turned my calves out
2 Dug 200 Dr Doolittle plants for Mr French
5 To Cleveland 7 am, got there about 2 and sold out two bushels of potatoes, 21.2 gallons syrup, #30 butter and 20 dozen eggs in the Heights before dark. Staid all night at Mrs. Sherman's. H Warner, Carrie VD and sister, Jennie and Lillie here
7 Dug 50 raspberry plants for DO Musser
7 Went to Shank's and Salisbury's for a 3-horse evener and whiffletrees. (*so 3 horses can work abreast*)
19 Peddled in Cleveland
21 Lemon peddler called
24 Hitched up for Emma to go for her carpet etc.
25 Helped put up the stoves. Three of the boys' horses got the fence down and got into my grass. When I drove them out my horse went too and I had to chase 2-3 hours to catch her
29 Helped stretch the carpet awhile. Frost did considerable damage
31 Helped Nichols stretch some barb wire. First strawberries

June 2 Peddled in Cleveland
5 My horse and I worked the road. Smashed currant worms most of the pm
7 Sprinkled currant bushes with white hellebore mixed with water
8 E to church in the eve
10 Took my berries to Akron and sold them to the groceries
11 Sold 500 raspberries to Frank Swift
12 Peddled berries in Richfield and Peninsula
14- July 3 peddling strawberries in Richfield and Peninsula.
18 Clarence is 6 today
21 Mr Nichols called to borrow some money
24 E to Roy Kellogg's wood wedding and staid all night
28 Peddling in Cleveland butter, eggs, syrup
29 E to Sunday school

July 1 Hitched up and Emma went after some pickers to pick berries

6 Mended my berry crates

15 To Cleveland with butter, cheese, eggs syrup, cherries, berries. Emma and C to the last day of school

20 A Winchell and Dick Salisbury called. E to Sunday school

21 E to Aunt Emer, got some cans and canned the berries for her

22 E took a bag of wheat to Medina mill and squashes to market

27 To the First church in the forenoon

August 3 To Congregational church in the am to hear F Gibbs preach and to Disciples' church in eve to hear Alanson Wilcox. Called at the factory I weighed 133, Emma 113, Clarence 48.

5 To Cleveland. Heard McKinley speak at the center in the eve

8 Uncle John Hall and Aunt Lizzie called.

10 Congregational Church at eve. Hayden Damon preached

13 Nursery agents called

14 Book agent called

15 Went to the Ridge to hear a lecture about Africa by Rev Thompson

18 L Riley came for 15 chickens. Starr came with him

19 To Cleveland, peddled cucumbers and eggs

20-22 Cleaned out the hen house and picked 1200 cucumbers

24 To quarterly meeting on the Ridge Rev Inman preached. To Ridge again at eve, Rev Austin Damon preached

27 E and C to picnic at the center

28 We all went to Uncle Julian's in the eve to an 'infare' (*a party for a newly married couple*). Sold 200 strawberry plants to Hubert Wait

30 Sold 500 strawberry plants to Egbert Benjamin

31 To church on the Ridge

September 1 Took 1950 pickles to Cleveland and butter and eggs. Sold by noon

5 E and C to singing school

6 To Jay Babcock's sale

7 To church at Beebetown. Charley Meyers visited. We saw a lunar rainbow about 9 pm. There is a big fire in Cleveland tonight (*Cleveland's worst fire, lumber yards in the flats burned*)

8 Sol Kentfield called to get my horse

10 George Fulmer called. A peddler staid with us tonight

11 To Medina Fair

13 To Republican mass meeting in Royalton. Three speakers

16 To Cleveland 1 am. Went down to the Flats to see the ruins

17 A peddler called to stay all night. Kept him

19 E to Jennie's to do our washing

20 To Orlando Wilcox's sale. Went to the center to Blaine and Logan meeting

25 Spot cow sick. Dried up. To a great mass meeting in Medina. Listened to speeches by Hannibal Hamlin, Judge Lawrence and William McKinley

27 Mr Bellus called for a pumpkin

30 Peddled in Cleveland

October 1 Went to Orlando Wilcox's twice to get some scantlings and put them in the barn. Brought the vinegar and cider from the cellar and put it in other barrels

4 To a Republican meeting at the center. Dr Knowlton and Judge Munson did the speaking. Brunswick and Royalton torchlight companies were present

9 We went to prohibition meeting at the first church. Speaker Mr Johnson of Sharon

10 Meeting at the first church in the eve

11 To Republican meeting at center at eve addressed by HC White of Cleveland

13 Took leaky barrel to Bellus' to get a hoop

14 To state election at the center

15 To Cleveland to peddle. Staid all night at private house on Mentor Street

17 Got load of sand from the river

18 Mr Seeley's girl had my horse and buggy to carry the mail to Brunswick and back. Ernie and Lillie Seeley called

19 Hattie Swinburn called

21 Barney Ritz plastered our cistern. I mixed mortar etc. We went to the jollification meeting (*merrymaking political rally*) in Medina. Gen Ed Myer spoke
26 Frank Weld of Massachusetts called
27 Clarence carried 23 shocks of corn to the barn
28 To Cleveland. Put my horse in a barn at 498 Clark Ave and staid all night at 142 Buhrer
29 Traded on the West side
30 Will Ayman, L Starr and G Pierce called. Put two loads of dirt and one of gravel around the cistern
31 One load of gravel around the well. To Cleveland Republican meeting addressed by LK Mihills

November 2 To a concert at the ME Church

3 Will Ayman put up some eve trough and conductors
4 Voted for Blaine and Logan then to Cleveland at half past 7. Rained 2½ hours going and coming home
5 We moved both stoves
7 Ordered a spring wagon made by Charlton at the center
10 To Don Mattison's for a small bed stead
13 C & E to school in the pm
16 Web Lockwood's barn burned
17 Dug out in front of the gate and put in a stone sluice. Loaned Omar my 5th reader
20 To Hiram Doolittle's to celebrate his 15th wedding anniversary. Over three days C and I drew 22 loads of leaves from the woods
26 Have a toothache
27 Mr G Clark called to get my horse and buggy to go to a dance at Royalton

December 4 To Cleveland. Walked over to the west side while my horse was eating

5 Bought cistern pump
12 Oyster supper at Stephen West's
24 We all went to a Christmas tree on the Hill at eve. I received a large bible as a Christmas present from father
25 Christmas! Examined my new bible some
31 Jennie, George, Charlie and Joe, Will and Nelly Kinch, Will Ayman, Minnie Bedford, George Edwards, Effie Dunham, Mary Charlton, Will Charlton, Charlie Damon, Hattie Conant, George Comstock and Alf Boulden (owned grist and saw mill) here to a party til midnight

1885 He turns 38. Clyde is born. Newman gets 32 acres and his house from his father.

January 4 E and C to Sunday school

5 E varnished her furniture
8 Bought an axe helve, carved it in the evening. Theresa and Johnnie Ritz called
11 Mrs Helmer called. E and C to Sunday school
12 Omar called for his bird
15 10 am went to Cleveland in the buggy by way of the east plank. Got to town about 4 pm, sold part of my load. Staid at Mrs Monk's all night. Rough roads
16 It took me til noon to sell 26# of butter. Carried it around in baskets and eat dinner at Mrs Monk's. Got home about 6 pm. Sleet
25 Lillie, father, Omar, Charlie Van Deusen, Charles Proulx here. Lillie taken sick. Emma and Jennie to Sunday school and to a concert in the eve
26 Went to the center after my grist and to the store. Daisy here.
27 Helped the boys saw ice on the river. *Chopping wood in the woods every day*
31 Spencer Charlton called

February 4 Nellie Kinch and father here to dinner. Charlie and Mrs Beckley called.

12 Erastus Johnson's folks said that Old Nellie is 17 this spring
13 Nina and Electa Olds visited
15 Dr Knowlton called and we drove over to Dexter's to see the baby. While gone Dr E called
16 Hitched up Old Nellie with one of the ponies and drew wood from the woods
17 Bryon's house burned up. Went down there
22 Jennie, Lille and Henry live here with us
24 Had to melt snow this week for all my stock. A peddler called. The last day of our school

26 To Mrs Laughlin's funeral on the Hill. Jennie went to Medina and had her teeth pulled.

28 Posted notes all day – 28 of them. Went to Bennetts Corners, Strongsville Center, Stow's Corners, George Euga's corners, Fadner's Corners, then west to the blacksmith shop, then back again through Brunswick center, home.

March 1 William Riley, Mrs Gene Riley, J Mattingly and wife, Charles Proulx, Mother and Hattie Barber called. Jennie, Henry and Lillie living here

3 Posted bills all day. Went to Shermans Corners, then south to ES Perkins, then west, then south around in Weymouth, then south and east to Granger Center, then to Grangerburg, then back through Remsen and Hinckley center, home

4 Posted bills. Went through Pekin, by Ward's mills, then north and east and north to West Richfield then to East Richfield and back to West Richfield, then north to the forks in the road, then back to West Richfield, then west to home.

5 Posted bills. Went around the center then to Royalton center, then to Casper's hotel, then south to Julian's corners, then west around by Waldo's, home. About the last of sleighing

6 Dug out the old arch in the woods (*that held the syruing kettle*). Filled a bed tick at Omar's. Clarence and Minnie Dean called. Went to masquerade dance

10 Cut some sugar wood in the woods. Broke my axe, went to the center and got another and hung it

14 Cut 3900 currant cuttings. Omar and Emma to doctor in Brecksville in my buggy

15 Dexter, Irving, Byron Daisy, Charlie, William Riley and Charlie Proulx visited.

17 Played four games of checkers with Uncle Don

19 Jennie, Lillie and Henry moved to Mother's

29 E and C to a sing

31 Planted young Gregg raspberries. Trimmed apple and pear trees around the house. Trimmed the old grape vine in front of the house

April 11 A sugar party here in the evening. George and Charlie VD, Matt and Hattie Barber, Willie and Mary Charlton, Willie and Emma Behr, Nellie Kinch, Myrta Riley, Minnie Bedford, Effie Dunham, Todd Salisbury, Will Ayman, Willis Coddling, George Edwards and George Pierce here

18 Hugh Riley the assessor called. He put the horse at \$25 and the two cows at 40. Went up to the tin shop

20 Cousin Wallace Searles called. 'Porters Cure of Pain' man called

21 Clarence to a sugar party at Mr Nichols'

27 Nichols had my horse and wagon to go to Batterson's for some potatoes

28 The road was scraped today

29 To school meeting in the evening

30 Dug 1800 Gregg and 400 Doolittles for Mr FJ Bartlett

May 1 Went to Joe Riley's and bought a goat. Put up a leach. Made a crib for my corn in the barn. Three men called for plants, dug 150 Greggs and currants for them

4 Went up to Durian's to get one of Jennie's ponies to work. Dug Greggs and currants for Mr Hunt of Bennetts Corners. Called at Coddling, Brongers, Riley's grocery and Mr Phelps's for some sage.

6 Made soap. Hoed over some ground to fill up a dead furrow. Sold 150 plants to Mr Babcock of Brunswick

7 Dug some dirt away from the house. James Lyons bought ten plants

8 Set out 240 Victoria currants

9 Picked up rubbish in the yard. Aunt Roxy and Lydia bought 25 plants

12 Clarence to first day of school. Left my cows outdoors for the first last night

14 We moved both stoves. Emma put down the carpet in the kitchen. Charles Draper called for plants

16 Spot came in. Got 200 Capt Jack strawberries

18 Sold 2000 strawberry plants to NE Wilcox. Ernest Nichols got half his father's plants

19 Horse shod at Bellus'

20 Emma and Jennie drove Nell and a pony to Medina. Sold Greggs to Joe Ritz

21 Manchester planted strawberries. TC Charlton, F Bateman and Willis Wait called for plants

22 Took butter, eggs, syrup and sugar to 'town'. Peddled around. Fed the horse and came home before dark

23 Planted Doolittle raspberries. Planted some vegetable oyster (*salsify*) seeds

26 Sold plants to Mr Wyman of Brunswick. Tin peddler called

27 Sold 27 plants to Ransom Riley

28 Picked blossoms from two rows of strawberries

29 Went to Riley's grocery and Charlton's shop
30 Dug up some raspberry plants to clean out between the rows

June 3 Sprinkled the currant bushes with hellebore (*he does this 3 times*)

5 Brought a barrel or vinegar from the cellar
8 To Medina for trading
9 Planted white beans, black beans. Found a ripe strawberry
11 Got my new wagon and left my buggy to be repaired and painted
13 Nichols called for some Hellebore
15 Took four bushels strawberries to Richfield and peddled them out by the quart and the half bushel
16 Took 3½ bushels to Peninsula, peddled them out, Took all day. *He takes strawberries, currants, raspberries to Peninsula and Richfield most every day for weeks, the picks more when he gets home. Up to 13½ bushels of strawberries per day.*
24 Supplied the festival with 3½ bushels strawberries, sold the rest around Richfield
25 Picked ten bushels. It took til 10 pm to look over them and fill the trays
28 Called at B Riley's and Behr's. Matthew came out on his bicycle

July 1 Peddled 13½ bushels in Hinckley, east, then north then west then south by Uncle Don's, home

2 We had 12 pickers. Got up at 3 AM, peddled five bushels strawberries to Richfield, home by noon
4 Durian's hired man called. Went to the celebration in Royalton
5 Hitched up and drive around to notify the pickers
6 Took strawberries to Richfield and currants to Boston. The pickers picked seven bushels of Doolittles in the afternoon
7 Called at Shook's and Brongers store. Took raspberries to Richfield. Drove up to Frank Lindley's to get him to do my haying
9 Took raspberries, eggs, butter sugar and syrup to Cleveland, got up at midnight, got there at 7
10 Clarence and I took raspberries and currants to Peninsula
12 Went to JB Barber's. We brought home the Dutch girl.
14 Frank Lindley and Martin Marquett raked and drew my hay to the barn
18 Henry Proulx took raspberries to Richfield. *Have 5-6 pickers a day*
26 Emma Kinch and Mary Charlton baptized
29 Mowed some weeds and Hannah (*the Dutch girl*) carried them off
31 Hannah hoed raspberries

August 4 Went to Medina for some shingles. Mr Nichols brought 2000 home for me

5 Hannah pulled weeds in the grapes most all day and hoed some raspberries
7 To blacksmith shop in Pekin and got two new shoes put on.
10 Called at EO Nichols'. George Clark helped me put up some staging and tear off some old shingles
14 To Medina for shingles
18 Took pears, beans, butter, eggs to Cleveland
19 Six bushels of pears to West Richfield
20 A book agent called and I subscribed for a book
23 Mrs Barber has been here a week
27 Mother died this afternoon at 2 pm
28 Dug up a lot of purslane in strawberry patch and carried it to the pig yard
30 Clarence and I went to Mother's funeral on the ridge. Sadie and Laura H came out and staid all night
31 Father, Byron, Daisy, Frank Brown and Frank Babcock called here to do some business

September 1 Took apples, butter, eggs, pears and syrup to Cleveland

3 Clarence and I picked 23 basket apples and peddled them in the heights
5 Put stove in front room
8 Put handles in several four-quart baskets
14 To Cleveland with apples, syrup, eggs, vinegar
15 Put 14 courses of shingles on the barn, 16 finished shingling. Matt took Hattie to the Fair. Helped stage four courses. We put in the ridge boards and took down the staging
17 Mrs B and Mary came. Mr B went after Dr Pope. I went after Jennie. Dr Pope staid all night

18 Baby born about 3 am (*Arthur Clyde Van Deusen*). Took eight baskets grapes, 11 of apples and bag of wheat to Medina. *Does not mention the baby again this year*. Sold grapes to Al Root. I took Mary home and brought Clarence back. Got my milking done about 11 pm
19 Picked ten baskets of Queen Anne's, four of pie apples. Dr Pope called
20 Mr Collins of Richfield the Temperance lecturer called.
21 To Cleveland, came back by way of Brighton
23 Picked windfall apples
26 Sweet russet apples. A nursery agent called

October 3 Moved kitchen stove from back room to middle room. Picked through windfall apples that were upstairs
6 Went to the center to hear McKinley speak. Dr Knowlton spoke a few minutes
7 Dug four bushels of good 'beauties' potatoes
8 Store, carriage shop and millinery store at Richfield burned
13 Voted straight Republican ticket at center headed by Judge Foraker for governor
14 Churned. Fixed a place upstairs for more apples
17 C and I picked 48 baskets of apples. Clarence fell from an apple tree
21 Took twelve bushels apples to Mrs Robert Gargett in Richfield
25 Will Peebles, Gertie Wait, Alf Bolden Jr called.
27 Potatoes rotted badly on the vine. I helped the boys make out a sale bill. Dr Knapp called and pulled some teeth for Emma
28 Took potatoes to Mr Collins in Richfield
30 Called at Nichols for my ladder. Went to Don Mattison and Newell Lamb's party til midnight

November 3 Sorted over one bushel red sweet apples. Put the cattle all in the barn at night
7 Took 13 bushels to Jim Lyon's cider mill
11 Mr Kenyon called
12 Went down to the boys' sale. Made out notes and settled up
18 Carried 17 bushels cider apples to barn. Sorted red streaked apples
20 Brought home barrel of cider (4 gallons) from cider mill
23-25 Very sick. Emma did the chores. Potatoes: greenings, Peck's Pleasants and Early Russets
26 Thanksgiving. Emma and father did the chores. Hattie went to Durian's for Thanksgiving
27 The baby fell on the stove and burned himself (*only 2 months old*)

December 9 Banked up the house with dirt
12 Drove my hog over to Don Mattison's and we butchered it #236. *They ate quite a bit of beef and especially pork which they could cure for over the winter. They ate very little chicken, keeping hens primarily for eggs to eat and sell. When someone was sick they sometimes bought a chicken.*
14 Played anagrams at Mattisons'
15 A lot of school children had a party here in the evening
21 To Cleveland. Started 10 am, went by way of York Street, got to 'town' about 3 pm. Unloaded my apples at 140 Holmden ave. Run around to find a place to stay overnight but finally went to the Pearl Street House
22 To several places on the Heights to see about apples or to settle up. Got to the end of York Street plank about 11 am and home about 3 pm. Roads very muddy. Went to father's and signed a quit claim deed to mother's land and he gave me a deed for 32 acres where we live
23 We went to Mr Durian's in the pm to George Van Deusen's wedding. GH Damon married them about 3 pm after which we all had supper (*their own anniversary*)
24 Cleaned a lot of mud from the wagon that was frozen on. It took a long time. Matthew, Hattie and Sadie came out about 4 pm to go to the Christmas Tree. Clarence went, too
25 Christmas! Had callers and went visiting
31 Called at father's to get him to do my chores. We started to father B's about half past 10 and got there about 3 o'clock. C and I walked about ½ way. Staid all night

1886 He turns 39

January 1 Spent New Year's at Jim's, dinner and supper
2 We left Father B's and went to Dexter's. Clarence and I walked
4 I walked all the way home from Dexter's and C walked part way. Rainy day

5 Mrs Helmer left her boys here all afternoon
6 Moved canned fruit in basement
7 Reckoned the amount of eggs and butter sold last year. E and C went to Omar's to see the baby
14 To Medina to court house, mill, Mason's (*photo*) gallery and Boulton's store. Baby sat for some photos. Jennie Royston staid all night
16 Jennie Arnold here for 5 to 9 am after the dance
18 We spent the evening at Edwin O Nichols
21 Made a checkerboard. Went to church on the hill. Charlie VD, Gertie Wait, and Miss Arnold rose for prayers
22 To Aunt Almira Johnson's in Granger. Played checkers with Albert
23 Made a back for my large picture frame. Read 'The Fire Brigade'. Joseph Gouch stopped by to sell us a farm
24 Read 'Grant's Memoirs'
27 Peddled my load in Cleveland, down to Brighton, fed horse and let her rest, got home 11 pm
20 Old Mr Doolittle buried today. Hattie went to a 'mask ball' at the 'hall'. RLVD went forward for prayers on the hill. Charlie also
30 E, Hattie and the baby to church in the evening
31 Lizzie Durain called

February 1 Got cutter fixed at blacksmith shop
2 Played Parcheesi at Jim's
4 Marked out a Parcheesi board and made four dice
5 Hattie staid out of school and went to a dance at Royalton in the evening
6 Sorted through old newspapers and arranged them in order. School out today
7 Will Kinch came home from church with Hattie and kept us awake after midnight. Baby sick
9 Mary, Hattie and Clarence to Lyceum
10 Linnie Van Deusen here at eve
12 Ben and Cassie Cole came for my wagon. Will Kinch came for Hattie in the eve to go to a dance at the hall
13 Leveled off the roadway between the gully and the road
14 Hattie and Will set up til after 1 am
18 Called at Luther Starr's and Joe Ritz's to get some mending done but could not. I put a patch on a rubber boot
20 Read letter from BH Bachtell in Medina in regard to plants
21 E and C to Sunday school
28 Went to Ben Cole's in the Tuman house. Emma and Cassie went to meeting

March 2 All went to Lyceum at the center in evening. Went to Hugh Riley's about 11 pm after my wife and baby
3 Ernest Seeley and Wallace Riley called
4-5, 8 Went to Codding's sale of store goods, day and evening
6 To Durian's sale. It was a fizzle. To Codding's sale in evening
9 Did a lot of trading at Codding's sale, then to Ben Cole's to look at some of his things. Called at McGuigan's
11, 18, 19 Went upon Ridge to a law-suit between Whipp and Durian. At Codding sale in eve
12 Greased boots and shoes. To Ritz's shop and to the store. Took cross-cut saw up to Ling Smith's and the filed it
13 Baby weighed 16½
17 To Codding's sale in the evening also went to the 'club dance' meeting at the hall
21 Bessie Wait here with Omar's baby while he and Jessie went to Aaron Conant's funeral
22 Louis Montoux was arrested and tried for riding on the sidewalk
23 To Will Isham's sale. Got a library book at NE Wilcox's 'Danger, or Wounded in the House of a Friend'

April Received some votes for township clerk. Went to center to vote. Emma got 'Mildred Keith' at NO Wilcox's
7 Straightened things around the up chamber
12 To school meeting, chosen secretary
15 Harvey Warner called
16 Jennie, Lillie, Mrs Helmer and Bernie called to eat warm sugar
20 Washed the wagon box and seat and the sail cloth
21 To Cleveland started at 1 am, got to the plank at sunrise. Peddled my load on the south side.
22 Ezra Damon called
23 Old Mr Wilcox buried today
24 Sold plants to Orlando Wilcox

25 Coming home from Mr Barber's Nelly was taken sick or tired out up there by Si Kentfield's and we all had to walk home. Fruit trees in blossom

May 2 Planted Wilson strawberry plants

4 Clarence first day at school. Hitched up my wagon and took 1000 raspberry plants to DH Bachtell in Medina. Dug 500 Sharpless strawberry plants

5 Shut up some roosters. Omar moving into Mr Nichol's home. Planted Manchester and Great American and Capt Jack and Jewells. Dr Albertson, Joe Gouch, Luther Riley, Jud Piece called

9 Read 'Mildred's Married Life'. Emma to church

11 Peddled at Cleveland 2 am to 9 pm. Emma's birthday

14 Planted Cumberland triumph strawberries

15 Whitewashed the kitchen and buttery. Assessor called

16 Matt and Hattie went to Berea to find a Dutch (*German*) girl for us (*to do household and farm chores*)

18 Went nearly to Brunswick to meet Matthews and Hannah. Brought Hannah home.

22 Nichols and Capp called to get my wagon and harness

23 To Disciples' church to hear George Simms preach

26 To Cleveland to sell

28 Baby Clyde had his tongue cut and has a tooth. He is very cross

29 W Kinch called to take Hattie to Newburgh at night

30 Stopped at the burial ground to see Mother's memorial. Went up the river to see several baptized: Father, Charley, Vic Musser, Georgie Webber, Johnny Royston, Burt Davis, Mrs Arnold and two daughters, Gertie Wait, Lillie Seeley, Jennie Royston and 3 others

June 2 Peddled some in Richfield

3 Hannah hoed the currants in the nursery

5 Matt Charlton, Matthew Searles, and Eva Porter called. E, C and Hannah to the center in the evening

6 King Phelps, Orin Bigalo, Prentice Waldo, Frank Swift, E Nichols, Lillie and Hattie called

13 Children's Day at the church on the Hill

15 The Grant book agent called

16 Rev AL Fox called – got nine baskets of berries for festival at Richfield

19 Sold strawberries to Lemuel Kingsbury of Royalton

21 Traded in Cleveland. Hannah at Barney Ritz's

25 E, C and I drove to Royston's

28 Jennie K commenced work for us today

July 14 Merrill Webber buried today. Jennie tended baby and went also. Emma sewed some on Hannah's dress

20 To Cleveland to peddle

22 Hoed a little garden truck

26 Went to the center bare-headed after my horse

27 We all went up to Whipp's ledge, took our dinners

28 Wilder Sheldon's baby buried today

August 2 Clarence at school

5 Libbie Royston called

6 Clarence to puppet show in the evening

10 Peddled in Cleveland

15 Went to surprise dinner at Uncle Nathan's

16 Charlie VD called for water and to tell me my horse was down

17 Mr CH Parker of Liverpool brought a White sewing machine here and operated it awhile. *He buys it on the 20th*

18 Sunday School anniversary at Bennetts Corners

21 Last day of school. C went every day this term

26 Jim Killian's and Matt Hall's families, Lu Searle and Hattie Barber came here to go to the ledges on Whipp's. To Dexter's in Brunswick to a wedding anniversary, 11 years. To the center to a delegate election

30 Peddled in Cleveland

31 To a railroad meeting at the church in the eve

September 17 Old Mrs Mattison, Henry Richards and Clara and Byron VD called. Mrs Joe Gouch died

18 Clyde is one year old

24 Got up 2 am to go to Peninsula. Came home 3:30 and picked 14 baskets of grapes and carried them to the house

28 To Cleveland to peddle, then to Uncle John Hall's in East Rockport

29 Went to Uncle John's fields to see his fruit. Bill Bell called. Peddled in Cleveland

October 9 At 8½ am we all went to a mass meeting in Medina. The speakers were McKinley and Marvin. Home at 7 pm

10 To the woods to salt the cattle

12 Clarence and I went to Cleveland at 2 am, home at 9 pm

17 Went to James Killian's on a visit, left home 9½ am returned home about dark

19 Peddled in Cleveland

21 All went to Uncle Matt's folks in Rockport on the train. We went to West Dover to see Aunt Ann and Sarah Ann. We came back to Matt's on the local freight

22 We drove to the lake

24 Set out some Downing gooseberry cuttings for Fay

26 To Cleveland 2 am. Sold potatoes and other things to private families

31 Killed eight chickens

November 1 To Cleveland, sold potatoes, chickens, syrup, beets etc

2 Cleaned out the well. To the center to election. Vote for James Robinson for secretary of state etc. To Disciples' church in eve

3 George Snow and John Gilbert bought my yearling

5 To Medina to mill and to get Clyde's picture taken, to pay taxes and to trade

7 Charlie married to Mary Charlton

12 To Cleveland with 12 chickens Snowed all the way home. Am about used up

18 Banked up the house with dirt and chip manure

19 Took the cistern up to the center to get it repaired. Called at Starr's and Wheeler's shop, Pierce's shop, Brongers store, Riley's grocery and Nichols'. Put the pump back in the cistern

20 Charlie called for me to help lift a stove and organ in the evening, I did so

22 Put a load of water in the leach tub

23 Boiled soap grease

24 Wrote in Jennie's album

26 Carried ten pailsful of soap to the cellar. Took Nichols kettle home. Clara Mattison called for some milk

29 Called at Father's to see Jennie and Aunt Emer start to Michigan

December 3 Put canned fruit in the basement

4 Covered strawberries with straw

10 Went to Richfield to a dunning (*demand for the payment of a debt*). Called at Emmington's, Gargett's, Oviatt's, Taylor's, Killefor's and Collins'

11 Worked for Nichols cleaning out his old stable and putting in a new floor

12 Clarence to Sunday school

14 Pulled up a lot of sumac bushes in the lane

17 Emma is over at Mary's having a dress cut

25 Christmas! To father B's in Strongsville all night. Sleighing

27 Darius Conant called

30 Called at Smith's shop and Nichols

1887 He turns 40

January 1 To surprise New Year's party at Father's. All children wives and grandchildren there but Jennie Proulx (*his sister*)

3 Reading at the center. Dexter bought a ¼ of beef. Clarence went to school

5 Cup up beef and nicked my axe badly. Emma and I went to Mr Nichols to grind it

6 Cut down old Astrakhan apple tree. Nettie and Abbie Parker called

10 Lillie here. I made a path for her to go home and started her fire. C(*larence*) at school

11 Clarence to a party at Don Mattison's in evening

13 Uncle Don and I went to Old Mrs William's funeral. C to school
10 C at Sunday school. *They go most every week but he does not*
19 Took the clock to Alf Webber's for him to mend and clean
23 E and C to Sunday school
28 Emma to a social at George Damon's in the pm
29 Slabbed up wood in the woods

February 10 Euchre party and oyster supper at Omar's
11 E to a social at JW Dunham's in the pm
13 Carried the baby part way to the center and part of the way back. Emma Clarence and Clyde to Sunday school
17 Mit Charlton called and I let (*rented*) some ground to him
20 Clarence to both Sunday schools (*morning and evening*)
21 C at school. Emma and Clyde (*their baby*) to Strongsville (*to Emma's father's*)
22 Webber sale today

March 1 C & I dug stones south of the orchard
2 C and I built sugar arch in the woods (*the wooden frame that holds the big sap kettle over the fire*)
4 Clarence (*Dandy*) and Lida McG here. Dandy stayed all night
9 My wife and son went to Mr B's in Strongsville
10 Built stone fence for the meadow north of the old dam. Am all alone. Mrs Nichols sent me some bread by her boys
11 Drew stone for fence blocks til dinner. Drew rails for north side of meadow to north line of Weld's place.
12 My family came home
14 Sharpened 37 fence posts in barn all day
20 To John Merchant's funeral. When we got about to the house we met James Killian coming after Emma so we did not go to the funeral. Emma and Clyde went with Jim (*a neighbor of her father's*).
23 Charley Todd came after Clarence and I, we went to Barber's and staid all night at Bill Curtis'. Walked nearly ½ way out there
24 Home from Strongsviile. I walked nearly all the way. Clarence did about six miles. Emma and Clyde rode. Mrs Barber very sick
27 C to Sunday School
31 Emma and Mrs Jones went to Strongsville, their horse and my wagon. George's folks moved to Kipton today

April 4 Boiled down 54 pails of sap to two pails of syrup
8 Will Smith came out and Emma and Clarence went to John Barber's with him
10 C and I went to Strongsville today. Mrs Barber is very sick. Emma home about four hours, her mother Sarah died at 4 am. Emma came out with '*Tater*' (*hired man*)
13 Emma went to her Mother's funeral at Strongsville center. Then back to the home for dinner. Hayden Damon preached
15 Called at Bill McCoy's. Mit Charlton plowed for oats on my land. I worked for E Nichols plowing
16 To the stores at the center
17 Ralph Oakley cut some grape posts for me
20 Drove fence posts all morning. C to school
21 Helped fix carpet some
26 Emma drove to the center and helped Mrs Nichols iron
28 Whitewashed kitchen overhead
30 Hattie Barber and Lois Morris here, staid all night

May 2 Sold raspberries to a man named Allen from Brunswick
4 350 gooseberry plants
5 Dr George Damon called about 10 pm. Rain
7 Nearly all grape buds killed. Harry Williams called
10 Have 1200 grape plants
13 Emma at Nichols' to a social
20 So bad with the rheumatism
27 The social met here in the afternoon

June 3 Pulled up the caraway around the house

4 Mr CP Townsend of Richfield called and E went to the center with him

5 Went to the river to see the flood

8 C & I peddled berries

10 Carried the grass from the old strawberry patch and spread it out. Towards night I cooked it up and carried some to the barn. Emma to the social at Jessie's

12 To Bateman's and back twice, to church on the hill. Took the Spotted cow to Bateman's

14 Matt came out and brought 'Tater'. Mr McIntyre got 12 baskets of straw for a festival at his house. We all went in the evening. *Tater works until August 6.*

15 Peddled 16½ baskets in Peninsula and Richfield and 12 for a festival

18 We all went to the Whitney Show in Brunswick in the eve, home at midnight

19 Mr Wilcox of Brooklyn called

21 Peddled berries and green currants. *Theo working here 21-July 6*

24 Emma to a social at Orin Bigalo's

25 Tree agent called

26 To Disciples' church in the eve. Was kept awake about all night by *sparking (could be flashes of light)* Cool and pleasant.

27 Went to out north line to see Bill McCoy. Clark Hurd came for Hattie to work

July 2 Went all over Peninsula and took orders to deliver next week

4-13 *Emma went after pickers. They picked about 40 baskets of raspberries and 30 of currants per day*

13 E and I to social at Henry Coddling's

23 E, C and I peddled in Cleveland and the East side. Clyde very sick, had doctor twice

24 Tended baby. Dr George Damon called

31 Read papers and visited. Matt, Hattie, Lois and Tater here

August 1-7 Lois Moore here to work, sewing etc

6 I took Tater home almost near Berea. Emma and Lois and the children went down to the New Road for elderberries

9 Tended baby while Emma washed

11-14 Washed and oiled the felloes of the wagon

15 Peddled in the Heights

17 All to the Sunday school anniversary at Royalton. Next year will be at Hinckley Ridge

19 Mabel Pierce and Hattie called

20 To Oliver Parker's to the Damon reunion, 100 present

23 Peddled in Cleveland

24 Went to Jim Killian's for Emma to sign a paper

29 Peddled in Cleveland

30 Hugh Riley called and I ordered some bone meal of him

September 2 Emma at a social at Charlton's

5 Peddled in Cleveland apples and syrup

6 Had the threshers in the am for 123 bushels and to dinner. The oats are ½ mine

7 To Medina Fair and brought Aunt Maryette back with us. Some one drew away part of the straw stack

8 Put my straw back into the barn. Built a hen roost in the barn. An agent for monuments came out

12 Peddled in Cleveland. Brought home some bone meal and grass seed

13 To John Coover's sale at the center and back again to get some ashes

14 Put barb wire fence on my fence line

16 To an Entertainment at disciple's church in evening

19 Peddled in Cleveland

20 Matt and Tater stopped here to breakfast on their way to Akron

41 Clerked at Mr Matthew Royston's sale. Luella West had a baby boy

27 Mixed and Carried fertilizer and wheat to drill. #1000 bone meal, #200 phosphate and eight bushels of wheat

29 Henry P. had my horse and wagon to draw some straw from the river

October 1 John Oakley's sale today

2 Sunday We went to church on the hill. Saw Burt Davis and Bessie Wait married. Saw some of the Michigan folks at church
 5 Aunt Sophia, Cousins William and Chloe Ballentine and daughter Lettie, Uncle Ray called
 6 Ballentines had my rig and drove it to Aunt Amaret's. We all went to a reunion at fathers', 76 relatives and six others present. I was elected secretary
 8 To Whipp's ledge with relatives
 10 Drove down to Steve West's and Rast Johnson's
 11 The VD brothers went to Medina to sit for a picture
 12 Ralph, Maryette, Rettie Woodward and Milo started for home
 14 Emma went to Addie Brongers'
 16 Mary, Jim, Aunt Ann Kidney etc. here. Aunt Ann will stay here awhile visiting. C to Sunday School twice
 18 To a lawsuit between Nichols and Roena Eggert
 17 Took 13 bushels apples to Linseeder's mill in Brunswick. Uncle Roe and family and Will Ballentine left for home
 24 To Joe Lampson's sale in Brunswick
 27 To Republican meeting at center, Thomas Palmer spoke. Hat and Will here in eve
 28 Helped put out a fire in RLVD corn field

November 1 E and I to Cleveland. I peddled, E traded. C to school, Clyde staid with Lillie.
 2 Put boards around the house to make a place for the dirt to bank it. Prohibition meeting in eve. Mr White of Illinois spoke
 3 Drew 2-3 loads of dirt from the road and banked it around the house
 5 E, C and I to an Entertainment at the hall in the eve. They each spoke a piece
 6 To quarterly meeting at the Ridge
 7 Drew leaves from the woods for bedding
 8 To election. To Mrs William Kellogg's funeral
 12 Barker McIntyre and preachers Hart and Harrison called. E to church
 15 To Old Man Sutton's burial on the Ridge. We went to church in the eve
 17 To Mrs Willis Wait's funeral on the Hill. To church in the eve
 24 To Father's to Thanksgiving dinner
 25 Emma to a social at Jennie's in the pm and eve. Clarence got a prize
 26 Husked corn for Byron, he pays me back in work
 30 Went to Hugh Riley's and got a library book 'Tom Brown's School Days'

December 2 Took oats and corn to Jud Pierce's mill. Jennie, Lillie, Jessie and Emma tied a quilt here in pm
 16 Carried the baby up to Brongers and got a saw at Charlton's. To John Brongers' social in the eve
 17 A Maccabee agent called
 21 Called at Father's, Mattison's and Nichols' for a chain. Harry Arnold, and Calla Shank, Matt and Lois, Will and Hattie here in the eve
 23 Our anniversary 11th. C at school
 25 Read Children of the Abbey and papers. No mention of Christmas
 30 Chopped down a butternut maple
 31 Frank Reed and Hattie came with a load of her things from Brongers and staid all night

1888 He turns 41. A visit to family in Michigan. He peddles in Cleveland

January 1 New Year's Day. Read some in 'Sunrise' by Black. Wallace and Libbie Searles and Raymond Mattison called.

2 We all went over to Dexter's for a New Year's dinner
 3 Chopped down a maple tree in the north part of Weld's place. Trimmed it up
 4 Drew four jogs of limbs from the wheat lot for sugar wood. The horse slipped down and broke the wagon thills. Drew wood on the sap sled. Addie Brongers, Mary Shirk, Edith Mattison, Addie Brongers and Will Kinch called.
 5 Byron and I sawed wood. In all, seven trees
 6 Recorded my accounts for 1887. Clyde sick four days
 10 Drew wood on the sap boat from the gully (*northeast*) to the house
 13 Minnie Jones staid all night. Emma and Clarence to a masquerade dance in the evening. *He is getting wood every day for sugaring*
 17 Put a barrel of ashes on my currant bushes. Took a bushel of corn to the mill at Pierce's

19 Went to Byron's, up in Steve West's wood, and around by Ralph Oakley's home. Went to the center for my bag of corn meal
21 Drew four half loads of straw to the strawberry patch
22 I finished 'Middlemarch'
23 Wife and Clyde away *nine days*, at her father's, at James Killian's
24 Clarence went to school
25-29 Clarence sick with a bad cold. Looked over four years' of my diaries
27 Tom Perkins called to borrow part of my harness for Ed Nichols
28 Got the meals, washed dishes, melted snow for my stock, went to the center for mail and some coal oil
31 Will Kinch brought E and C home. Minnie and Clarence Dean and Lillie called. E and C to the center in the evening to get some boots. Clarence to school in the forenoon

February 3 To Bellus' to get my horse shod and thills mended. Social at our house this pm Preacher Harrison, wife, daughter and two grandchildren, Mr and Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Ammerman, Miss Jane Swift, Mrs Brongers, Mr Musser, Alf and Frank Webber here to supper. Jessie and Floyd here in the evening
6 Drew wood from Wait's wood to Weld's wood. Clarence to school. Emma called at Nichols "Hens"
7 Took E and Clyde down to Jessie's. Broke the cutter and got it repaired. Went down to Omar's to supper and to Byron's to a euchre party in the eve. *They go to SS in the mornings and church on Sunday evenings*
17 Sharpened 18 oak grape posts, *47 the next day*. Ground my ax. E went to the last day of Clarence's school. C got a prize of 20 cents
19 Charlie called for my 'Theory and Practice'
21 Went to Matthew's, started at 9½ am got there 12½ pm. Eat dinner there then we all went to Jim's to Hattie and Will's wedding
23 Went up to the east side of Ralph Oakley's farm and sharpened 51 grape posts *55 the next day*

March 1 Read 'Livingstone's Travels'
2 Will and Hattie spent the night here then went to Akron to live
7 Read 'Lady Audley's Secret'
8 Took 8½ bushels of oats and 2½ of corn to Wilcox mill to be ground for feed. Called at Dundas' shop, William Coover's on the Musser place and RD Riley's grocery
9 William Riley called for several hours and staid to dinner. Visited with him
10 C and I burned several piles of brush, mostly green maple limbs
12 Made a handle and put it on an iron maul. C & I went to the tin shop, grocery & Brongers' store
14 Put several spokes in one of Clyde's cart wheels. A map agent called. Clarence went to the center
15 Drove up to the tin shop after 25 buckets. We got the sap things down and E washed them. Took them to the woods by going three times. We put the old cutter up overhead in the barn. Willie West called
16 Tinkered up the smoke stack in the woods. Cut and tied 700 grape cuttings
17 Will Kinch and wife came and staid all night
19 C & I topped 125 maple trees. I drove 25 new grape posts. Very tired. I read 'A Mad Marriage'
20 KM Phelps called for some plants
21 Drove to the center to trade
24 Took up some of the kitchen floor to get a jack knife
26 We all went over to Father's to see Charley's and Henry's new team
27 Called at Father's, bid Charley and Henry Proulx good bye
29 Lay down a while on the lounge. Do not feel well
31 Sent Clarence to the center with a sign

April 1 We all took a walk to the woods. Clarence to Sunday School
5 Called at Nichols' and got his seeder and sowed three pecks each of clover and timothy north of the orchard and a little on the pasture on the old Waite farm
8 Carried Clyde and we all called at Charlie's, Byron's and Omar's
9 Took the dirt banking away from the house
10 To a school meeting
12 Mrs Charlton, Frank Lytle and Hattie Kinch called
14 Emma papered. Irving Van Deusen and Lillie and Burt Damon called
20 Clarence to school

21 Mr Barber and I wired my grapes. We all went to Kinch's old place to get Will's cutter and put it in my barn on the scaffold
24 The assessor John Andrew called
26 Planted 320 Victoria currants, three Fay's prolific, 16 Downing Gooseberry, 157 Houghton gooseberry. Jennie Proulx and Myrta Nichols called
29 Went around the farm and shut several gaps. Turned the cows out. Emma called at Dr Eggert's in the evening
30 Sold 200 grape plants and 50 currants to Frank Swift

May 1 Ezra Damon called. *plowing every day*

2 E Ganyard, David Aylard, Leroy Hadlock, Toot and Ralph Oakley's wife called
3 Mrs Lizzie Ganyard came for plants
5 Went to a wood-bee for Luther Riley on Gouch's land. Nichols' hired man called here for one bushel oats
7 Charley Shook, Jud Pierce called
9 Byron plowed in the orchard, I helped turn over sod etc. SC West and Zete Brown called
10 Cut down those two large evergreens near the house. Rented the ground in the orchard to Byron to plant corn. I furnish the seed and he does the rest of the work and cuts it up. He has 1/3. Mit Charlton's wife, Father, Brown and sister of Weymouth called
12 A boy from Brecksville called and got 40 strawberry plants and eat dinner here. Zete Brown called for 100 plants
14 Dug out a large stone by the pear tree
15 Daisy and Lida here visiting. Jennie started to Michigan today
16 Dragged the rest of my potato field with Nellie
19 We all got ready and went to Akron to W Kinch's. Started about 10 am and got there about 3 pm. We all went to the city in the evening
20 Took a walk over part of the Wesener farm. We drove to Akron and around the cemetery. We left Will Kinch about 1½ pm and got home before sundown. Mat Barber and wife and Jim's boys had been here, they left Aunt Ann Kidney here
24 Went to 'town' (*Cleveland*). Started about 1 am and got there about 6. Peddled some and walked over on the east side to get a canvas for my wagon. Got home about sundown
25 Hugh Riley called and I went help him fix some wire fence on the north line between his place and Father's and mine
26 Dug out the spring well and stoned it up again. Richard Ammerman called for plants. Called at Don Mattison's, Father and McGuigan's for whippletrees etc. Emma drove Aunt Ann Kidney to Mrs Jones'
27 Arthur and Laura Hall and Eva Ward came. We all went to the petrifying spring near Hubert Wait's and after dinner we all went to Whipp's ledge. Went in the cave. We stopped at Whipp's house coming home I went to the grocery.
28 Clarence at school. E went to Mrs Jones' to get Aunt Ann
30 Martin Ganyard called

June 1 Planted pumpkins and marrowfat beans

3 We got ready and went to the semi-centennial to church on the ridge. Matt and Lois called. Byron, Daisy and Lida called
4 Clarence Dean helped me plant beans
7 Went to Cleveland 1 am, peddled on the Heights
9 We all went to the wolf picnic at William Bennett's woods in Brunswick
10 We all went to church on the Hill in the pm and to the Disciples' in the evening. Old Man Isham died today
11 We went to the stores to do some trading. Went up to Mr Tuman's to get the harness repaired. Called at Charlton's and Ritz' shops
13 Went up to Dr Eggert's and he pulled the roots of a tooth and gave me some medicine for my face. It was swelled very badly. Come home and went to bed
14 Did not do anything. C and father drove the cows to Alec McKee's and back. Emma did the chores
15 Took my watch to a tinker at Father's to have him repair it. He also called here. Steve West called to give us a bid (*to drive us*) to E Johnson's wedding anniversary next week
16 Clyde and I drove to Bellus' to get the horse shod. Mrs JW Dunham called. Emma to the milliner shop
17 E and C and C to Children's Day on the Hill in the pm and we all went in the evening
18 Took strawberries to Richfield and Peninsula to peddle. Ernest Wilcox called. Clarence's 10th birthday
17 Byron, Omar, Lura, Raymond, Mr and Mrs Emington called

20 Anna and Theresa helped pick strawberries several days. We went to Erastus Johnson's 30th wedding anniversary in the evening

23 Minnie and Clarence Dean here. John Dunn called. Omar's folks here visiting

24 We all went to Children's Day on the Ridge

26, 28 Peddled in Richfield and Peninsula

27 Took 12 baskets to Henry Coddington's for a strawberry festival, we went in the evening

29 Dug 100 strawberry plants for Elisha West

30 Mrs Wiltshire, Agnes Lyons, EO Nichols, Will Bellus and Ernie Seeley called

31 To ME Barber's in Brunswick and Frank Swift's coming home

July 2 To Richfield to peddle and take currant orders. To Martin Marquitt's. Luther Riley died today. Spencer Charlton called

6 Peddled in Richfield and Peninsula. George's wife and two girls here to supper. Ella Phelps called

10 I delivered Doolittles in Richfield. The pickers picked 77 baskets. *Peddled in Richfield and Peninsula next 10 days while pickers picked*

14 Went to Peninsula, Richfield and Boston by way of William Smith's. Clarence with me. Home about 10 pm

22 Had four pickers beside our family

25 Minnie Jones picked some currants and berries for us to can. Perry Jones here visiting

30 To Cleveland about ½ past 2 am. Eggs, apples, squashes. Emma and Clyde rode over to the east side on the street cars

August 7 Mary Shirk went home to Michigan. Lillie sick with inflamed rheumatism

11 To Will Kinch's near Akron

12 Went home through Coddingtonville. Stopped at a barn there through a heavy shower. *Digging purslain many days*

15 Went to Sunday School anniversary of church on the Ridge in Joe Gouch's woods

18 To Damon Re-Union at Uncle Julius' over 100 present

19 Called to see Lillie twice. E took care of her some. Our boys went to Sunday School

20 Sold some peas in Peninsula but could not sell any in Richfield. Seth Waldo buried today

21 Eva Nichols called to borrow some money

22 E took the horse and wagon and went elderberrying

23 Annie Fusic/Foosic (*his father marries her*) calling every day now. Emma sat up with Lillie

26 To quarterly meeting at Beebetown. E sat up with Lillie several days

September 5 We all went to the Medina Fair. A woman went up in a balloon

7 Cleaned off the barn floor

8 The thrashing machine came here about 11 o'clock. We had a lot of men to dinner. We thrashed 88 bushels of wheat (half mine). I was on the straw stack. I hired father, Charlie VD and Don Mattison

9 Irvie and Ernie Killian of Strongsville called

10, 13 To Richfield and Peninsula

15 E and the children to Medina to trade. Took wheat to the mill and four pecks of grapes to Weymouth

17 To Peninsula and Richfield. Took a pony, my horse is sick

22 E and the children took 18 pecks of grapes to Medina

27 35½ pecks grapes to Peninsula delivered house-to-house

October 1 Did not get to bed at all

2 Started to Cleveland little past 12, we rode with Father, Omar's folks and Effie Dunham. We took breakfast at the Pearl Street house and left Cleveland on the Nickel Plate Road as far as Elsie, Michigan about 7 am. Changed cars at Bellevue, had to wait quite a while so we went up to town to see the city, left there on the Wheeling and Lake Erie for Manhattan Junction near Toledo. Stopped there a long time but finally left on the Toledo, Ann Arbor and northern Michigan. Got to Elsie about 9 pm. We went to Clayton Woodard's had supper and spent the night. Steve West and Luella staid also

3 Had breakfast and dinner at C Woodard's. Went up to Elsie, helped carry a lot of chairs into a hall there. Called at the depot and at Uncle Roe's. We had supper at Uncle Ralph's and spent the night at Charlie Warner's

4 Went to the Re-Union at a hall in Elsie. Over 80 there. We went with Will Ballentine to do his chores

5 Uncle Roe took me around to Elsie to see the town. Called at Eleanor Bennett's

6 Called at the depot to see Henry West off for home. Ray took us to Uncle Ralph's and over to Andrew's, saw the big spring
 7 Andrew took us to David Bates. Went to Uncle Lawrence's and Uncle Martin's
 8 Mr Roberts took us down to Elsie to see Father, Lucy, Omar and Jessie start for Ohio. We went to see Uncle Ralph's mill, Masonic procession, the Elsie cemetery. Lois took us over to Eugene Gleason's
 9 Helped Uncle Ralph feed his cows sweet corn fodder. Ray took us to Henry's and down to Ovid. Pitched quoits at Henry's. Went to a political meeting in Elsie. The address was chiefly upon the tariff by Mrs Hazlitt. Spent the night at Warren's and Minnie's
 11 We all rode to the Ovid Fair
 12 Left Elsie about 9 am. Got off at Pearl Street depot at 9 pm. Spent the night at Parker House. Elsie to Manhattan 125 miles, Manhattan to Bellevue 51 miles, Bellevue to Pearl Street 64 miles = 240 miles
 13 In Cleveland. Breakfast at Parker House. Visited several stores. E did some trading. Tramped around town considerable. Left Brooklyn Hotel and carried Clyde to Brighton. Left there about 3 pm on the Anna Fusic train, father's horses (*sic*). Got there about 7 pm. Supper and staid all night
 14 In Hinckley. Rained here nearly every day while we were gone away
 16 E drove down to Steve West's to get the trunk. Anna Fusic called three times
 23 Sorted potatoes in the cellar and in the back room
 28 E and I to meetings in the evening at Disciples'. The Bohemian girl (*Anna*) called twice
 30 Charlton called in the evening and presented his account, he got mad
 31 Clarence & I to Cleveland. Walked about ½ way there. Roads very bad

November 2 Clarence took the horse to Bellus' and got four shoes set
 4 Father went to spark (*court*) the Bohemian girl
 6 John Porter's folks here. Went up to the election and voted for Benjamin Harrison for president. Went up again towards night. Got a bill from Brongers
 9 Called at Anson Goodrich's and at Sherman Johnson's in Royalton. C called at Ehman's and Fulmer's
 10 McIntyre called for money to pay the preacher. Nichols called in the evening to borrow my papers
 11 E and Carrie gave Father a talking to (*probably about marrying 18-year-old Anna Fusic*)
 14 Cut 300 willows for stalk bands. We went to the center to a jollification meeting
 15 Took Steve West's team and Dexter's. I moved Jennie and Lillie's goods over to my house
 16 Called at Bateman's, Brongers' and Charlton's he got mad. Got the cows and put them into the stable for the first time this winter. N Porter called (*Nathaniel*)
 17 Constable Eastwood and brother called. Called at Dick Dundas'
 20 E to a quilt social at the hall. Emma drew the quilt
 21 To Don Mattison's sale
 22 Aunt Emily, Alice, Mrs Webber, Sadie and Addie Webber called
 24 Lizzie Coddington, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Ammerman and Mrs Merchant called. J Mattingly called
 28- December 12 *daily but Sundays* Pounded out some beans in the back room (*layer of beans spread on the floor and threshed with a flailed, then cleaned for planting. The remaining bean straw is fed to sheep*)
 29 Johnny Nichols here
 30 Ling Smith's shop burned today

December 13 Don Mattison called and we settled up. Matthew brought us half a hog
 14 Cut and salted the pork
 16 Bohemian Anna was baptized. Jennie and Lillie here all night
 17 Jennie and Lillie to Medina with Mr Charlie Tarr and Daisy
 17 Dexter and Carrie called. To church to a lecture in the evening on Andersonville by Rev David Sprinkle
 20 To Clarence Dean's for a visit. Someone drove into our place while we were away
 24 Went to Christmas tree in the evening
 28 Russell Putnam called, he had a subscription book

1889 He turns 42. The fruit business grows. He peddles in Medina, Peninsula and Boston every few days.

January 8 I tied up a lot of baskets and put them away
 11 We visited Stephen West's. Steve and I played Casino. Disciples' Church in the evening
 12 C to spelling school in evening
 14 Mr Gay called. Old Mr Shank died. Church in the evening

16 Matt Barber and Mr Lunn called. Church
17 Luin Searles called selling bed springs. Church
18 Disciples' church, minister Mr Loomis called and to dinner. We all went to church in the evening
19 Minnie Jones and Annie Ritz called. E and C to the Lyceum at the high school house in the evening
20 E & C and to Sunday School. I took care of Clyde. George and Jennie came here about 10 pm from Kipton and staid all night
23 Rev Loomis and Barker McIntyre called. Church
24- February 3 To church in the evening six days per week
26 E & C to Lyceum at high school, they each spoke a piece. I stayed at home with Arthur Clyde
30 Balanced account books for 1888

February 1 Emma, Pearl McIntyre and myself were baptized in the river by Rev Loomis. They had to break the ice. We called at Jones' to change our clothes and to get warm

3 All went to Sunday School and social meeting. We were given the right hand of fellowship
5 Went to Laura *Mrs William* Bell's funeral on the Hill. Called at the home, was one of the pall bearers
7 To the hall to a basket social and donation for Rev Loomis. JW Dunham bought Emma's basket and I bought Emma Conant's. We gave five bushels of potatoes
8 To Mit Charlton's to a social
9 We all went to the Lyceum at the hall
10 Sunday School and social meeting and church. Emma led the social meeting
11 Mr Ed Hatch called and insured my buildings and contents for \$1300. House \$500, furniture \$100, clothing \$100, books \$100, provisions \$50, barn \$150, hay etc. \$40, carriages and implements \$160, stock \$100. Father brought Lillie here from Kipton. They staid all night
12 E and I to the stores and the high school room. Mart Ganyard called selling grape plants
13 E, Eva N and I went to Polk Fluent's to see about the Sweet family
14 We got ready and went to OH Parker's. Visited with Alice
15 E and I to church on the Hill. Rev Richards preached. Mrs Walker and Mrs Hogue at Uncle Don's
16 Sunday School and social. Mr Gibbs preached
19 We visited McIntyre's. Seeley's folks came after Emma and Lillie and the children and they spent the evening there. Charley VD spent the evening with me. My birthday
20 Mr William Riley, Mrs Clara Draper, Anna and Jones' children called. Luelle McGuigan called. Jessie and Floyd spent the evening
21 Mr McIntyre, Matthew Barber, Gertie Searles, Jennie Wheeler, Mabel Pierce, Lena Bigelo, Lura M and Edith M called
22 Rode to George's near Kipton. Started 8 am got there 6 pm (*Kipton is 50 minutes away, near Oberlin*)
23 I took his buggy and brought my wagon back. Lydia sick. E and C to Lyceum. Charley Searles here
24 Took Omar's horse home. To Sunday School, social and church. Frank Olds called
26 To Hiram Doolittle's sale
27 Callers: Daisy, Byron, Leda McG, Mrs Seeley, Lois Isham, E Gibbs
28 Daisy had a baby this morning 3 am. We drove down to Byron's to grind my ax and see the baby

March 1 Read some on grape pruning. Mrs Wilcox of Pekin died

2 Cut my hand trimming grapes. To church on the hill. Elder Hoyt preached
3 Sunday School, social and church, Reece preached on the hill, then to Disciples' in evening Loomis preached
6 Effie Eastwood called
8 Aunt Emer called. They went to Seeley's to a fishing social
9 C and I to a literary at the hall
13 Minnie and Clarence Dean visited
15 To William Bell's sale *farming, sugaring, chopping wood*
17 Will and Hattie staid here all night, they are moving. Sunday School and social
19 E to Aunt Emer's with her carpet rags. C & I sawed stove wood
21 To William Kellogg's funeral in Pekin
22 Lura and Edith M and Mabel Riley called. Emma sat up with Mrs Hugh Riley at night
24 Sunday School and two churches
25 Mr Dan Tallcot a fruit agent was here. I ordered some trees and plants. Sherman Johnson committed suicide *Buried North Royalton*

27 To the mill at Strongsville all day. To Jim's to dinner and to Will's to supper. I called at Jim Lewis'. Stayed at Matt's all night. ED Nichols did our milking
30 Old Man Andrews' funeral

April 4 Theresa and Ida Ritz visited

6 Went to the center to Brongers' store, Ehmann's shop and got my hair cut at the barber shop
8 School meeting
9 Mr Simnot nursery agent called
11 Smith a book agent called
12 Pig got out and I had to chase it. Helped move furniture, books, stove, carpet etc.
13 Went to sale at the house of the late Mr Kellogg. Emma sat up with Mrs Hugh Riley at night
18 Prentice Waldo bought our calf. Lillie staying here
21 To Sunday School, meeting and church, *first mention of* Easter
22 Dan Talcott and Ed Searles called and bought my trees and plants
24 HJ Seeley called. Broke the plow and got it repaired at Dunham's shop. Lillie went to Father's for a while
26 Hitched up and drove over to N Porter's and got him to come down to Byron's to make out a mortgage deed for \$587.39
27 To Andrews' sale, made purchases. Went to the center to a gas-oil meeting
29 Sold plants to Dick Ammerman.
30 EO Nichols and Mrs Joe Kinch called

May 2 Mrs George Hurd called for some plants. Plowed east of the driveway

3 Hitched up Nelly but could not use Ben so got one of Father's ponies to plow. E to social at Burt Damon's
7 School begins today. Annie and Jerry Case called
8 To Medina mill and to trade
14 Father and Lillie started for Michigan this am. Moved the cook stove to the back room. Put up a wire clothes line. Fixed up the washing machine. To Dunham's shop and Ernest Wilcox's house. Let my grass out to EO Nichols and put up on shares. He to house 2/5. Also let my orchard ground to him to put into grain this next fall on shares. I furnish #200 of bone to the acre
15 Helped about cleaning the church. Carried water, shook carpet and helped put them down
20 E got some plants at Frank Swift's. Aunt Ann staying here all week
24 Hattie Kinch visited
28 E drove to Richfield and got her carpet at Aunt Emer's. I went over and got a pony for her to drive
29 C and I to Cleveland, peddled beans and eggs
30 We put the carpet down. Went to a Memorial Service on the hill
31 The social here in the pm. Jessie VD, Ella Charlton, Lura Mattison, Mrs Beckley, Eva Nichols, Mrs McKee, Mrs McIntyre, and Addie Brongers. Father got home from Michigan

June 4 Mr Smith the agent brought the bible history. Ira and Frank Johnson called with fish

9 Sunday School at Disciples', Children's Day on the Hill. Disciples in the evening
10 Rev Will Loomis and family to supper
12 E, C, Theresa Ritz picking berries. Mr and Mrs McIntyre and Pearl called. Vic Musser called
15 Theresa, Clara, Frank W, Frank R and me picking. To Peninsula and Richfield to peddle
18 Rev Loomis and family to supper and staid the night. Went to strawberry and ice cream social at Don Mattison's
19 Joey, Lura M and Luella M also picking
21 Miss Cady, Mrs Sammie Hicks called
24 Josie Harper and Effie Dunham called
27 Gene Gibbs and family called
28 I went to Peninsula and Richfield. Emma to the social at Father's
29 E and children to the school picnic at the center
30 Our Sunday School anniversary. Copied reports

July 4 EO Nichols called to borrow some money

5 Luin and Gertie called and we traded berries for bed springs. Nichols called to grind
11 Ten pickers
19 Jackson Law called for berries

31 Matthew came after E this morning. Hattie had a baby

August 1 Will brought E home

2 Ice cream festival at Barker McIntyre's. *All go to Sunday School, social meeting and church every Sunday*

6 To Medina to George Damon's. Eat dinner at Casner Green's. To John Robinson's show in the afternoon

10 E took pony and went to Strongsville mill, took four bushels of wheat

16 All went to Damon reunion at Caleb Damon's in West Richfield. 128 present

23 E went to a social at Mrs JW Dunham's

25 Matthew called a few minutes with a load of his boarders. We all went to Brunswick center to the yearly Sunday school meeting at Stanley Reed's Grove. Mr Lathrop Cooley the principal speaker

26 Lydia Van Deusen and her sister Emma D here. E took her to Pekin to E Riley's

30 Clarence and Clyde sat for pictures at the center

September 3 Our district school commenced today. Myrtie Riley teacher

8 Will, Hattie and baby to dinner

11 The family went to the picture gallery at the center

14 Watched the vineyard two days

16 I subscribed \$10 to pay the preacher

17 I put the pump in the cistern and made a seat for the wagon to carry grapes on. Alf Webber here to dinner. Mowed some weeds along the path to the milking yard

23 Concert in the town hall. Don, Mary, Roy, Percy and Clarence Long called and staid all night

27 The picture car left today. Will Kinch called to get our crib

October 7 Helped put up the kitchen stove. *Peddling in Peninsula, Boston and Richfield often, not so much in Cleveland*

12 Put the canned fruit away. Mr Wilcox of Pekin's funeral. Anna (*his step-mother*) had a baby

14 I took two cider barrels to Ira Waldo's shop at the center to get some hoops put on

15 E, C and I to Cleveland to peddle vinegar, nuts and eggs. Emma to the East side on business. Staid at Uncle Martin's in Rockport

16 Called at Sarah Ann's and Uncle John's at Rockport. Eddie, Emma, Ethel and I went to the Cleveland Theater to see a play of 'My Pardner', back to Uncle Matt's at midnight

17 Called at Uncle Curtis', Tommy, and Fred Hall's. Uncle John and wife took us to Dover in the afternoon. We called at Willis and Curty Kidney's, saw Aunt Ann, staid at Uncle John's

18 To Cleveland, did some trading

21 Took apples to Jim Lyon's cider mill with old Nelly. Took 10½ bushels and got 37 gallons cider

22 To Henry Gargett's sale. Bought a cow

24 Omar called to get a cider barrel. I helped him soak it up etc

25 Emma to school awhile. Went to a lecture about Indian life at the hall

26 Called at Brongers' and Oakleys' shop and Anson Goodrich's

27 Studied Sunday School lessons

November 4 We cleaned out the well and patched the house roof

5 Election. Voted for Foraker etc

6 Banked up dirt around the houses. E to the milliner shop

7 To Joseph Gouch's sale. Got some shelled corn

8 Got the cow stable ready and put the Ayrshire cow in the stable

9 Dug out a maple stump in front of the house

11 Picked up stones in the wheelbarrow and wheeled them into the roadway in the hollow. Banked the barn with dirt

12 School commenced today. Omar is the teacher. Drew dirt and stones to the roadway

13 Hair cut at the barber shop. I went to look at some timber over south of the Gouch place

16 Got two saws set and filed at Abe Cook's. E to millinery

18 Nailed battens on the barn to keep the wind from blowing on the chickens, west and south sides. Edith and John Green and Ransom Riley called

27 Charlie and I went to Bedell's and looked at some trees. Read some in 'Household Puzzles'

28 Thanksgiving Day

December 2 Butchered hogs. Mine weighed #260. Sides 75½. Hams 51½. Shoulder 32. Lean 37. Head 27. Ribs 18¼, Legs 9½. Lard 9

4 Helped cut up the head for sausage meat etc. Took some wood to the hall and went to the meat market. Helped fix tables etc in the hall and get other things ready for an oyster supper in the evening

5 Carried stone, boards, dishes etc back from the hall. Went to the center for the rest of the sausage meat

13 Sawed wood for Byron and Kirby in the Smith woods all day for four days. The ladies' social here- Mrs McIntyre, Mrs McKee, Jessie and son, Ella Charlton and two children, Em Waldo and two children, May Damon and 2, Eva Nichols, Alf Webber and Annie and baby

23 Went up to Ransom Riley's. Came back and drove a heifer to Shook's slaughter house for Ransom Riley to kill. Went to the center to see about Christmas doings. We have been married 13 years

24 Cut some evergreen branches for the Christmas cabin on the hill. Went up to the ME church to help build the Christmas cabin am and pm. Went up again in the evening. Helped call off the names of them that received presents.

25 Went to the center to get some meat. Went to father's a few times to get my grist and barrels, Will, Hattie and baby Kinch, father and Matthew Barber here to spend Christmas

26 To ME Church. Went up to Riley's and got my beef

29 Was elected Sunday School secretary and Deacon of the church

1890 He turns 43. He buys the (EO?) Nichols farm. He is a founding member of the Hinckley Grange and is secretary throughout his life. They are trying to buy a farm with Rush's help.

January 1 To Jackson Law's, wrote a letter for him. Made out Sunday School reports

4 Byron and I sawed stove wood in the woods 8 am to 4 pm

10 Emma to McIntyre's social. Read the Sunday School book 'Both Sides of the Street'

14 Byron and I sawed wood in Kirby Smith's woods all day. Omar called

16 Balanced my accounts for 1889

23 Called at the school house. Frank Webber called

25 E and Clarence to Dr Eggert's to have Clarence's tooth pulled.

26 Called at Dr Eggert's and Joe Ritz's. Clarence sick with LaGrippe. Emma staid home

27 To a wood bee for Roena Riley up in Omar's woods

February *To Sunday School and church every Sunday.* 4 Clarence to school in the pm

5-6 Father Barber and I split 34 hickory and 100 cherry fence posts. Traded at the center

10 Father B and Clarence making the patent fence

25 To a meeting in the hall to see about starting a Grange (*first US Grange 1867, Hinckley organized 1890 with 58 members*)

28 Last day of Clarence's school

March 1 To an exhibition at the hall in the evening

3 Wife and I went to the center and to the Grange in the evening

4 Called at AS Goodrich's. Willie Porter called

6 To Frank West's sale, I clerked. Emma rode to a social at Jessie's and back with Ed Nichols

8 To exhibition in the hall

10 Wrote a card letter for Clarence. Clarence got a horse shoe set at the center

13 Stopped the hens from going under the barn

15 Called at Uncle Nathan Damon's. To a literary

16 To church. Charlton tried to preach

17 Called at stores, tin shop, barber shop, shoe shop and Nichols at the center. Father and C took the clock to Oakley's shop. Emma and I to the grange at the hall

20 E to a sugar party at the hall

21 Birney and Eddie here in the evening. Still building patent fence

25 To Grange

27 Frank Wait and Annie Foosic called

April 5 Took the banking away from the house

6 Doctoring the cow. Rev William Loomis reached

9 Father took 1½ bushels of wheat to mill at Peninsula

11 Clarence went afishing

16 Got 27 bushels of oats at Joe Kinch's
28 John Andrew real estate assessor called

May 1 Put the old wagon and the cutter overhead in the barn
2 The Uncle Tom's Cabin Troupe went past
6 E and I to Cleveland 4½ am. Left the horse at Brighton and rode over on the street cars to the east side. Did some trading, for home 7 pm. School commenced. We took a mortgage on Nichol's farm of \$1500 for 50 acres
8 To Medina 8:30. To mill, court house, depot, Roots, Woods etc. Got home 7:30 pm. Read 'Little Women'. Rev Streater preached. Rev Loomis' family staid all night
13 Grange meeting at the Odd Fellow's Hall
21 Helped lift the cupboard and stove for Emma to put down the carpet. Put in some window glass
24 Irvie VD staid all night with Clarence
25 Sunday. To Sunday School. To Mrs Azaroe Richards' funeral at the house. I was a pall bearer. Church, Rev Streater preached
27 To Grange. Clarence has the measles *ill the next 8 days*

June 8 To meeting in the evening. A student from Hiram College preached
12-14 Dr Eggert called to see Clyde
15 Clyde sick. Clarence went to Children's Day at the church. Peddling at Richfield and Peninsula. Myrta Clark borrowed the wagon

July 1 C, C and I took the berries to Medina and sold them. Ethan Conant and Jennie Proulx called. Heavy rain washed away land and fences
3 Got up at 2½ am. Left for Peninsula 4 am. Got to Richfield center at 6 and Peninsula at 7½. Got home 6 pm. Put some washers on the wagon
6 To church in the evening. Harrison preached
7 Curtis Kidney and wife came for Aunt Ann
19 E and C canned some red raspberries
20 To a meeting in the evening. Perry Rice of Hiram preached
26 Byron and I helped Nichols pitch hay from 20 past one till after sun down
27 To a camp meeting at Anson Waldo's grove. Burchfield preached

August 1 To Eliza Waldo's funeral at the house in the forenoon. Wilcox preached
10 Went to Jim's. To Will's, then to the pumping station. Called at Matt's on the way home. Church in the evening, Rice preached
12 To the Grange
16 We all went to Damon Reunion at Dan Long's in Copley. Started at 7½ am, got there about 11½ am. We got home a little after dark. Went by way of Ghent and came home by Coddingtonville. Frank Webber married.
19 Minnie and Clarence Dean and William Coover here in the pm making a Grange banner. We went to the open Grange in the evening
20 Sunday School anniversary at Strongsville
21 Went to the other Damon reunion and Grange picnic
24 Sunday School. David Gillett there. Yearly meeting at Medina

September 2 AA Webber to dinner
3 To Medina Fair 6 am to 9pm
5 E and I went to the watermelon eat at Prentice Waldo's
6 E went to solicit church subscriptions around the center
8 An emigrant and his wife had a quarrel on the road near here
9 School commenced. To Grange
11 Picked 6-7 lbs. of grapes for Ella Charlton. Drove High Riley's sheep out and patched up the fence
14 To Sunday School meeting. Called at Charley's, Omar's, and Hugh Riley's
15 Charley and I hitched our horses together and went to Brighton 5 am. Got there after 8. I went on the east side. Came back and got some fertilizer at Gates'
18 Ladies' social at our house

19 Temperance lecture at the hall. The sheriff took Annie to Medina. Rev Phelps lectured on the liquor traffic. Clarence goes to school
 20 We went to a magic lantern exhibition at the school house
 21 Sunday School and meeting. Rev Freer preached. To a meeting on the Hill in the pm, Rev Phelps preached
 23 E and I to the Grange feast
 24 Took wheat to the mill at Medina, brought back 1000 shingles
 25 To a pioneer picnic at Bath. Robert Whipp died
 26 To Robert Whipp's funeral on the Hill, EH Bush preached
 27 Helped take up the carpet, pound it and put it down again. Helped put up a stove, moved book case and cupboard
 29 E and I to Medina for shingles, trade and pay taxes. Father B shingled some on our house
 30 Shingled the south side of the house. The Michigan folks came to Hinckley today. Clarence at school

October 1 Visited with the Michigan relatives

2 To Van Deusen reunion at Uncle Don's, 88 present. Charlie, Eva, Roy, Clyde Warner staid all night
 3 To the center and to Shook's. Henry, Lelia and Loyd VD staid all night
 4 Took Henry VD's folks to Henry West's near Medina. Brought home Henry VD, Alice and Roie Gleason, Hattie VD, Alice and Roie staid all night
 5 Brought Clayton Woodard's family here. Uncle Don, Hattie VD, Alice and Roie Gleason and Elgie Woodard here to dinner. Clayton, Orpha, Ralph and Egie staid all night
 6 Eli Shook and I hitched our horses together and went to Medina for lumber etc. We played anagrams with our guests
 7 Took our guests to Dexter's. Pitched quoits etc. Lela and Loyd staid all night
 8 Uncle Roe, Aunt Sophia and Hattie staid all night
 9 Took Uncle Roe, Aunt Sophia, Hattie and Emma to the center to hear Hon Wm McKinley speak. Shook hands with him. Took a load (*of relatives*) to Dr Eggert's. Clate and Ralph W and Frank here to supper
 10 Frank took my horse and wagon and went to Dr Eggert's and got Henry's folks. They left the baby Loyd with Emma and we started for Whipp's ledge. We went as far as the old Andrew Allen place and stopped there during a shower. Gathered a few chestnuts and came home. Took Henry's folks to Ras Johnson's and brought back Alice's trunk
 11 To a picnic of relatives at Steve West's. 65 present. Pitched quoits and played ball. Brought Nora Ballentine home
 13 Drove father's team to Brooklyn. Saw the Michigan folks in the street cars at 3 pm
 14 Went to Watson W Carpenter's sale in Brunswick. Clarence went to high school, it commenced today. Nora went to Dr Eggert's. To the Grange
 15 Clarence and I to Medina and peddled tomatoes and syrup along the streets
 18 Went to the mass meeting at Medina. Thomas Reed, Gov Alger and Hon Baldwin speakers
 21 Turned the water out of the road in the ditches in front of this place
 22 Took a trunk from PL Allen's to the depot. Mrs Fred Wood died today
 25 Rolla Chapman called
 27 Chores. Took some tacks out of the carpet
 28 Raked up leaves from around the house and carried them to the barn for bedding
 31 Eli Shook here to work building a privy with me (*wife Amanda Shook Hinckley millinery shop 1857-1927*)

November 4 To election. Voted for McKinley

8 Father called to borrow an umbrella
 13 Attended a suit between William Smith and Father at the town hall
 15 E went to the last day of school. (Chapman's) *must be the teacher*
 17 Helped clean the stove pipe at the church. Got some onions at Hugh Riley's
 23 To church – young Mr Simpson a Hiram College student preached
 25 Called at old Mr Morton's. Put a row of boards around the house and banked it up with dirt. Grange
 26 Went to a mill meeting at town hall to see about getting a grist mill from Strongsville
 27 Thanksgiving. B and Clarence went a hunting
 29 To the center to get some paint. Painted the privy one coat
 30 Read two sermons by Tallmadge

December 1 Went to the sale of Whipp's property on the Ridge and near Pekin. Bought some plants. Signed a note of \$73 with Dexter. EC Carrington called and I subscribed for a book
 3-4 EO Nichols helped me with his team draw 650' of plank from near Whipp's ledge nearly to the center. We got stuck several times. Went to the grist mill meeting after church

5 Friday Emma and I filled the lamps and built a fire in the church. To church that evening.
6 To the saw mill and Shook's. To church
7 To Sunday school and social meeting twice
8 Sawed planks up in short lengths for picket fencing. Church
9 We sawed up 93 planks for fencing, about 2275 feet. I have eight planks 10 feet long for stable floors 157 feet. To church and to Grange
23 Went to the center and helped get a Christmas tree and fix up the church for Christmas. To Grange. Our 14th wedding anniversary
24 Helped decorate the church and put the presents on and helped take the presents off etc
25 Christmas. Carried home some tables from the church. Emma's Aunt Hattie Chappell died in Elyria
28 EO Nichols' house burned down between 9-11 at night. Helped carry some things out of the house and after the house was gone helped put them into the barn. During the fire the wind blew from between the South and the Southwest. We all have hard colds
29 Emma went up to Brongers and helped make clothes for the (*Nichols*) children
30 EO Nichols called and left a large spare rib. His boys staid here Tuesday night.

1891 He turns 44. He is still doing farm work every day. Clarence helps a little and he pays others

January 2 To center, sent registered letter to Charlie Proulx containing \$80.06. Clarence at school
5 Worked up at the saw mill getting some pickets sawed. We had 888 sawed and drew them home in three loads. *Made 4319 pickets over next 4 days*
10 Packed beef in a barrel
13 Copied my part in the drama 'On the Brink'. To Grange. Dr Eggert to see Barber today *and next 2 days*
15 To church on the hill. Rev Slutz preached
16 To the Odd Fellows Hall to an Alliance meeting *he is secretary*
19 Went up on the Ridge and called at Miles Porter's
21 Went over a little past the old Ward's mill to see some picket fence
27 Took Barber to Dr Eggert's to get some medicine. Daisy's Fern here all day. To Grange

February 2 Clarence to school and he built a fire in the church in the evening

6 Went to Farmers' Institute three times. WI Chamberlain and W Likens were the speakers. Medicine peddler staid all night
8 We gave up the church key
9 We went up to the hall to practice a dialogue
16 Walked over to David Babcock's to see him about a fence machine
25 To the tin shop, John Dunn's, and Jim Mattingly's at the center

March 2 Wrote a letter to McKinley

3 Dexter, Carrie and Orlando Berry here
4 Read part of a paper on agricultural depression. Took ten dozen eggs to Dr Eggert's. To Grange oyster supper
5 The social at our house. Mrs Alex McKee, Jessie VD, Anna, Eva, Lizzie McKee, Mr and Mrs Eugene Gibbs, Jessie VD, Eva Nichols, Mrs Joe Ritz, Mrs George Fulmer, Mr and Mrs Elum Goodrich, Mrs Mary Smith and Mrs Jones
6 E and C to the hall to hear the drama 'The Stolen Will'. Clyde was sick, I staid with him
7 Clarence to the high school. Last day
10 Grange sugar party at HJ Seeley's
20 C spoke on the drama 'The Stolen Will'
23 We went to the hall to practice the drama 'On the Brink'
26 Mr Wm Bell died this afternoon at John Brongers' house
27 Signed a note with Don B Mattison \$150 at 90 days

April 1 Helped Nichols fix up his little barn to live in. *Practice every evening*

3 Our drama at the hall
17 E and the boys went fishing
24 Mr Timothy Conant's funeral today. *On Sundays they go to Sunday School in the day time, preaching in the evening*
29 Walked to Baysinger's and bought a six year old mare

May 1 Annie and her baby called

2 Attended county Grange meeting at Weymouth to elect a delegate to Columbus May 27. To Medina to trade

7 Took the wagon to Charlton's shop to have the tires set

11 To Medina but caught cold in the rain with no umbrella and no blanket, came back

12 To Children's Day planning meeting and grange

22 C stayed home from school in the forenoon to ride the horse plow

25 Betsey Lamb called (*Civil War widow*). Painted a house and churned, etc

27 Clarence, Kit (*horse*) and I peddled butter, eggs and vinegar in Cleveland. The social at our house: Anna, Eva N and Mrs Fulmer

30 Clarence to Decoration Day by the school. Emma and Clyde at Hattie Kinch's

June 2 Patent medicine peddler called. Ira Johnson called with fish. Clarence ran away from school in the afternoon

3 Emma at Will Kinch's in Strongsville, then to church to practice

4 To center to meet with 4th of July committee

7 E and C to ME church to Children's Day

10 To open Grange. ES Perkins gave the address

12 I made a 4th of July poster to have it printed

13 Paid taxes. E and C to church to trim it and to practice

16 Peddled in Cleveland. Started home by the Parma center road but had to go again by the State road on account of a freshet taking away the bridge. Stopped at home awhile through the storm

19 Nine berry pickers besides ourselves

21 To Sunday School, preaching and communion table *first mention of communion*

23 Peddled berries in Akron. We looked around in the Empire shops and the other places

July 4 To a celebration in UB McIntyre's woods

6 I went to the Board of Education

8 Mrs Sweet had Nellie to drive to Richfield

11 Anna had a baby

24 Clarence drove to the center for gasoline *about 20 cents a gallon*

25 Appointed director of the next school meeting

31 To church to hear Celia Pritchard talk

August 2 Clarence took Mr More's folks to Boston

4 E and C to a lecture in the evening by an Armenian *this is a seminary student at Oberlin who bicycled to Weymouth often and late became Rev Life*

5 Uncle Curtis Hall and wife called. E and C to church to practice singing for anniversary.

6 Helped pack and load Jennie's goods. Emma to a social

15 To Damon reunion at Aunt Almira Johnson's 76 present. To the Alliance, was secretary

17 Went to People's Party meeting at the hall. Address by Hugo Preyor of Cleveland

19 Sunday School anniversary in Strongsville

24 Wilder Sheldon got my horse to use for a few days

25 Helped Jim Fusic thrash. Grange

29 To Rev Perry Rice's in Brunswick

31 Called at Elwin Rice's in Brunswick. Jessie had a baby girl

September 2 To Medina Fair

7 Little Alma Wait died today

8 Rev Streator and Charles Harding preached. A cow boy called

9 E and the boys to the funeral. Charley Parker called and cleaned the sewing machine

12 Emma took the boys to Dr Eggert's and around the square, then home

15 To Cleveland, took some chickens, butter, eggs

20 Cleveland, then to Beebetown after Hattie and her babies

29 To Cleveland 2 am. Went the center road way through Royalton and Parma. Sold chickens and potatoes by half past 7am and went home

October 2 Emma drove down to Eugene Gibbs' and took a load (*of people*) to the social

5 To Medina. Took wheat to the mill. Paid taxes. Took Clyde to the doctor
9 Helped clean the church
10 To the Alliance, HB Harrington of Medina spoke
16 To Peoples Party meeting, address by Mr Snyder of Kansas
17 C and I took 34 gallons of syrup to Peninsula
18 Drove Hugh Riley's sheep out of my pasture
19 Replaced some stable floor. Emma to Mr Seeley's to a Temperance society which they organized today
20 Built a manger for old Nellie
21 To Cleveland to the bank, to the lake, to the arcade and to the dime museum. *Dime museums were popular at the end of the 19th century providing entertainment and moral education.* Some trading. Got as far as the townline between Parma and Royalton then about 8 pm we upset the wagon, horse and ourselves into the ditch. We had to stay all night at John Pay's
23 To Republican meeting at the hall. Housework all day. Stewed pumpkins, washed dishes, mixed and baked bread, churned, got the meals, Emma sick
24 Clyde and I collected in Peninsula
26 E and children to a nutting with Kit and the wagon
29 Repaired my culvert by the road. Mrs Alice Boulder and Pearl Mc here

November 3 Voted for McKinley for governor. Voted the kangaroo ballot system

5 E and children to jollification meeting at the center
7 To George Wheeler's sale
9 Built a coal shed on the North side of the house. UB McIntyre drew me #3300 of coal. E to Mrs Mattie Hick's funeral
11 Clyde and I went to Medina, bot a Round Oak (*parlor*) stove
12 We cleaned the stove and nearly put it up. AA Tillotson, Hugh Riley and another agent called
13 Raised part of the kitchen
15 Saw the eclipse of the moon
16 Wrote five letters to Peninsula. Very sick with vomiting. Dr Eggert called. Gastric fever. Sick abed. *Dr Eggert calls the next 6 days*
26 Thanksgiving

December 5 Took a walk. Took a bath. Very weak

7 Read 'Pickwick Papers'
8 Uncle Don had his sale
9 Took a walk over to Dr Eggert's and got some medicine
14 First day back at work. Very weak. Preacher Finley called
25 Christmas. Clarence hunting all day
26 The boys and I took a walk back north across our farm and over Hugh Riley's farm
30 Clyde to school part of the time. Very tired

1892 He turns 45

January 1 Clarence and I sawed down seven beech trees. Very tired

4 C at school
6 E and C spoke pieces at the institute
9 Saturday. To church and Clarence went forward
11 Barker McIntyre drew me a load of coal
21, 22 We are all sick with La Grippe (*Spanish flu*). Dr Smith called
28 E to the funeral. Jessie and her baby were here. AA Tillotson and O Bigalo called
31 Emma finished reading 'Ben Hur' aloud. She called to see Clara Mattison

February 2 Lillie's cow had a calf

4 Anna called for a can of fruit for Mrs Sweet
6 Still very weak. Took a bath
7 Rev PJ Rice and Mrs John Musser called. Mr Fulmer and Lulu McGuigan were baptized
8 We sawed off Lillie's cow's horns. Anna and Sardis Isham called
13 E and C to the Alliance

16 Prentice Waldo took the calf
20 Byron called and I reckoned up the interest on his note for him \$692.22
29 Clarence to school

March 8 A baby at Sweet's. The Sweet boys here to dinner. C killed a rabbit
15 Willis Coddington's goods went by going to the center
18 Bad toothache
30 Sawed down a basswood tree

April 4 Election. Drove posts in the poultry yard and strung wire along the top
5 James Lewis and Henry Richards called
11 School meeting – elected director for three years
19 Clyde went to school
20 Ira Bedell's house burned
21 I walked over to Miles Porter's and got his fence machine
25 Repaired Kit's manger. Weeded ten rows of raspberries between the driveway and Ed's line. Hugh Riley called for me to sign two orders
26 Took wheat to Medina mill. Went before the auditor and tax inquisitor. Called at Aunt Nellie's
30 Rec'd a letter from the state auditor. Clarence took Kit and looked for oats in the forenoon but didn't find any. Tried to spray but it will not pump

May 2 Made several braces for end posts for slat and wire fence. Drove two posts. We went to the woods and got a load of flat stones and put one between each two posts. Ramson Riley called
4 Clarence went to John Gilbert's after some wire. Henry Hicks called
5 To Medina to get some #12 wire. Built some more slat and wire fence
9 E worked for Jessie cleaning house
10 Lisle Gilbert called for some raspberry plants
14 Assessor Don Mattison called twice. E cleaned the church. *E and C are going to Sunday School and meetings each week*
17 Built more slat and wire fence. Rolled up barb wire and put it in the barn
18 Laid fence from Rambo to the Greggs (*types of berries*)
19 Bought plank from Shook for slats. Sawed it into 4' lengths and took it to the mill. Took the gasoline stove to Ehmann's. Called at Boulder's. I went down to the old place and sawed off some hickory planks for slabs. Drew 150' to the saw mill. Dug 150 raspberry plants for Emma Smith. Mrs Sarah Phelps died
20 Called at Riley's store. We sat up all night at Mrs Phelps'
21 Went to Nichols and got his draw shave and horse and shaved off some slats that were too wide
23 Finished the picket fence to the brook
25 Jud Shook called and got the fence machine
26 Put up the kitchen stove. Social here
27 Repaired the outdoor table

June 1 C mulled the ground with Nichols' muller
2 Planted rows of our Wilson and of Swift's Wilson. Carried 60 gallons of maple syrup from the upstairs chamber to the cellar
3 Picked up some old rails from the thistle valley
5 Went to Sunday School and to preaching by Rev Switzer. To Children's Day
10 To Cleveland on the center road to York street plank, came back on the state road plank
19 C ran a nail into his foot
21 To Akron at 1½ am. Took eight bushels of straw. Went by Coddingtonville, came back through Ghent
22 To the strawberry festival
25 Peddled in Peninsula Boston and Richfield. C and C took orders at Bennetts Corners
26 Children's Day on the Hill and meeting in the evening
29 Sprayer bursted
30 Sold berries to the stores and on the market in Cleveland

July 2 Repaired the berry crates

5 Peddled currants, gooseberries and raspberries at Peninsula. Came home by way of Ward's mill and Pekin
6 To Peninsula by way of Frank Parker's
10 To Sunday School social and church meeting *like most all Sundays*
13 Grace Sterve called and staid all night. Had 16 picking berries
15 Berries to Peninsula and Richfield around by Parker's and Frank Webbers'
28 C took 250 raspberry plants to Mrs Emma Smith on the Ridge
30 C, Kit and I worked on the road
31 Drove Hector to Father's

August 3 Mrs Joe Kinch brought Cassie Cole and children here
4 Social and ice cream festival at Don Mattison's. All went but me, I was about sick. Ransom Ellsworth and family of Richfield called. Cassie and family here
5 Held ladder for Omar to pick 5-6 bushels of pears
12 Minnie Jones and Miss Knight called
20 Damon reunion at Frank Dunn's. 102 present
21 To Sunday School and church and quarterly meeting on the Hill. Rev Mitchell preached. Disciples' church in the evening, Rev Streater preached. Myrtie Webber committed suicide (*Myrta Chamberlain Webber 1865-1892, age 27, buried Hinckley with maternal grandparents Jane and Flavis J Hicks*)
26 Went around trying to collect some money nearly to Boston and around by Sweet's and Mrs Parker's
30 Peddled in Cleveland. To the bank, some trading, called at Daniel Johnson's, home 8 pm

September 1 To Grange feast at the hall
5 Directed over 50 reunion letters
7 Medina Fair
14 E took Lillie and Clarence to Jennie's, started home at 3 pm, got here 7 pm
21 E papered. Mahala Merchant called
23 C & I took two rigs to Peninsula to peddle grapes
25 Watched Nichols' cows and the grapes. My family went to church and Sunday School
27 Lillie's cow choked and was killed. Hugh Riley dressed her
28 Don Mattison's sale

October 4 Jennie Arnold here sewing. Clarence went ashacking. ('*evading work or responsibility*')
5 To Cleveland, Peddled on Pearl Street and Holmden til noon. Jennie Arnold here sewing on a dress
6 To Van Deusen reunion at Aunt Amaret's. 90 present. Uncle Martin's folks staid with us at night
7 C took Aunt Hattie and Aunt Elizabeth down to Aunt Amaret's. I walked down to Uncle Lawrence's. Drove up on the Ridge as far as Uncle Julius'
8 Ray here, Uncle Ralph called. To the river school house in the evening to entertainment. Uncle Roe was the principal speaker
9 Henry West called and took Uncle Lawrence and wife to Medina, Frank Johnson and family called
13 To Cleveland. Dinner at Jennie's. Eva and child, Blanch and child and Nora staid here all night. Alice Nobles and son, George and Carrie Bates, Frank VD and Libbie Searles called
14 Frank VD and George Bates called and took our company to Medina. We pitched quoits. Charlie Davis drew me another load of coal
17 To political meeting. Ethan Conant and Hubert Nettleton spoke
18 Drove to Aunt Amaret's to see our relatives off. Don Mattison left bag and baggage
20 To Cleveland. Ray, Georgie Phelps and Libbie Searles were at Jennie's
21 Columbus Day exercises at the school house
22 E to Dover in the horse and buggy
25 Clarence first day of high school
26 Olive Sedgwick the teacher called
27 To Cleveland, George, Lydia and son here all night
29 Sick all day. Doctor came at night. George's folks went home
30 Sick all day. Emma caught fire in the woods. Emma drove up to John Porter's. Clarence to Sunday School

November 3 Wrote to the county treasurer
4-5 Head feels very bad. Dr Smith called

7 E and C to Cleveland
8 Election. They moved the kitchen stove
9-11 Clyde went to the river school
16 Charlie and Mary have got a baby boy. Walked the horse and cows in the orchard
22 KM Phelps's sale
24 Thanksgiving. E and the children to the center

December 3 Hugh Riley called. Ora Davis called
5 WK Coover notified me that the trustees had appointed me treasurer in place of KM Phelps who resigned
7 WK Coover brought me two bonds to sign. Uncle Don and John Brongers signed my bonds.
8 Recorded interest on the Gouch and Seeley note by the Vermont rule. To town hall, sworn in township treasurer and given the books and money
9 WK Coover called to get some money for Belle Inman
19, 20 Miss Sedgwick called. Teacher Eliza Husband called. C helped cut a Christmas tree and took it to the church
23 E rode to Medina with father to be a witness in Carrie's (*his brother Byron's wife*) divorce suit. The trial was postponed till next term of court. OH Parker called to get Nettie's school money
24 E and C went up to help trim the Christmas tree at the church etc. They all went to the Christmas tree in the evening
27 E to Grange and elected overseer. Charlie Babcock called
30 Ray Van Deusen was married this week
32 Emma swept the church

1893 He turns 46. Clarence graduated from Hinckley High school (not mentioned). He and Emma visit the Chicago World's Fair. He is elected Justice of the Peace. Brother Dexter is separated and often living with them, his estranged wife Carrie has a baby.

January 1 Reading 'Bar-Rooms of Brantley'
3 Ella Charlton called and borrowed \$28. Rec'd 'Cast Adrift' by the same author
11 Wrote the minutes of the Damon reunion for 1892 in the record book. Henry Hicks called for relief money. C to a bonnet social at the town hall in the center
12 C & C to school
13 Dug a path from the house to the road through the deep snow. Clarence sick
14 E called at the Doctor's and left word for him not to call. Dr Smith called a little later but left no medicine
16 Banked up the house with snow
25 E sat up with Mrs Jane Hicks
27 We went to Medina to attend the divorce suit between Carrie and (*his brother*) Dexter as witnesses. Started 8 am home 8 pm. Sleighing
28 We went to Mrs Jane Hick's funeral on the hill. Rev Slutz preached. Dexter called and staid all night. John Damon called with a subscription book. Carrie failed to get a divorce
30 Anna had a girl baby (*her third child*)

February 4 Henry Hicks called
7 Went to three sessions of the Farmers' Institute, *two more sessions the next day*
10 Charlie helped me make a flat bottom sled. C took the sled to Bellus' shop to have irons put on
12 Saw Father's new sugar house
14 E and I to Medina, drew the public money, put 2000 in Phoenix bank. Some trading. E called at Hayden Damon's and Joe Beebe's
24 I signed E Shook's petition for post master
25 Went to the sale of Mrs Jane Hick's property
26 E and I to an Endeavor meeting at the church *Dexter is there to dinner and/or overnight every few days*
28 Omar and family called. Left the children here while they went up to the vault

March 5 We went to church meeting, Rev McLane preached
6 I wrote four notices for Omar. Edna Jones called. I met with the trustees and paid all of their orders
10 Miss Olive Sedgwick called for me to sign an order *for her teaching pay. Meeting at church every night this week*
12 To Sunday School and to preaching three times
14 Johnny Ritz called to get money
16 E went up to Nichols' to watch with Birney. Lizzie M Parker called to draw some money

17 Got some money for Miss Alice Heacox. Wallace Searles came and drew his money
18 Henry Hicks called to get some money
19 Anna and Lena Rice stayed with us also. Endeavor meeting and preaching. Mrs Bundy's funeral
20 Miss Mary Carroll called for her money. Miss Cole called to apply for the school. *To meeting nearly every evening*
23 Thursday To the center to a baptism in the forenoon. Mr and Mrs Brongers, Mrs Ling Smith, Mrs Carrie Cole, Herman Fulmer and Clarence were baptized near the saw mill. To a social at Mr Seeley's, Mr and Mrs John Klein baptized in the evening
24 E and I to a business meeting at the church. I was secretary. The last night of Rev McLane's preaching here. Lawrence Isham baptized
25 Jessie VD baptized and Myrtie Nichols. Rev Jones preached in the evening. Sat up with Bernie Nichols
26 To Sunday School, social meeting, and Endeavor meeting

April 3 Election. Was one of a committee to revise the church books. Was elected Justice of the Peace

6 Henry Hicks and Louie Ritz called to get some money
7 Charlie Van Deusen called to borrow some money
8 My family went afishing
10 To school meeting. Was elected school director under the new law
11 Grange meeting. Mrs Josephine Smith (*Mrs Ling Smith*) called for her money
12 E stayed up with Bernie Nichols. E went to the doctor to have a tooth pulled
13 Dexter here all afternoon. We made a sale bill for him. His house and contents burned this morning after midnight.
14 Received my commission as JP
17 Met with Board of Education at town hall all day
19 Ladies' social here. To a lecture by PJ Rice at the church
20 Clerked for Dexter's sale
22 To Medina mill, to Treasurer, Auditor and Clerk, the bank and several stores. Dexter staid with us two nights
27 Went to N Porter's to get JP documents. Carrie's baby born
28 Dexter here all night

May 2 Filled in the sidewalk with dirt

3 Wm Coover and Henry Hicks called to draw some money
4 To Cleveland, to court house and bank. Drew the school money. *Dexter there every night*
8 N Porter sent over the statutes
9 OG Beach called. Grange meeting
11 Emma's birthday. I got her a present of a set of silver knives and forks. *First gift he ever mentions for her*
12 C went to church to fix the bell. E went to church to help clean some lamps etc
13 Looked up some school laws at the center
14 To Sunday School, social meeting, Endeavor and concert
15 Hugh Riley called to look at the calf. Wrote a letter to the state school commissioner
16 Called on Rev GB Jones and visited the school
17 Spencer Charlton called to draw some money
19 Went up on the Hill to the vault. Effie Dunham Woodruff's child was placed in the vault
22 Wrote a letter to Dexter and one to Field Force Pump Co. Aggie Lyons called
27 To Memorial exercises at the school house in afternoon
28 To Memorial concert. C took Dexter half way to Cleveland
29 Lewis Peck called to pay a note. John Damon called to draw some money
31 To Olive Johnson Stevenson's funeral at the Disciple Church. Rev GW Damon preached. E and C to the church to practice.

June 1 To the caucuses

2 Olive Sedgewick staid here all night
4 Children's' Day
6 E cleaning church
8 Miss Eliza Husband called for money (*must be a teacher*)
10 Mary Carroll, J Conant and Nettie Parker called for money
13 Cut the Canada thistles in the sidehill strawberry patch with my knife. Made out a chattel mortgage (*a mortgage on a movable item of property*) for Harley Smith and John Damon

15 Peddled in Richfield and Peninsula. E took five bushels of strawberries to Medina with Kit and sold them to the stores

16 Mr Rice bought strawberry plants for a festival at his house

17 E took seven bushels to Medina

18 Sunday School. Read school laws. Children's Day on the Hill

19 Met with the board at the hall

28 Ice cream festival

July 1 To the center to a board meeting until 11 pm

11 Filled out a mortgage for Wilder Sheldon and Harley Smith

22 E took the berries and the sofa to Medina. Clarence run off

28 Took the enumeration of the youth in this sub-district in the pm. There were 44

29 Ice Cream party at Rev GB Jones'

30 C to the YPCE (*Young Person's Christian Endeavor*)

August 2 Wrote to OT Corsen the school commissioner

6 Meeting at the river school house. Charlie Searles preached. Will Porter called to pay on a note of Dexter's

8 E to a picnic party at Mrs Beckley's

16 Sunday School anniversary at Milo Haynes' grove

18 Made out a mortgage for C Proulx and RLVD (*his father Rush*)

19 Damon Reunion at Uncle Nathan's 133 present

29 At Jennie's. Thomas, C and I went to Wade's park and the Garfield monument

31 E went to Medina to the treasurer's office and a social at Joe Ritz's

September 2 To Medina to settle with the county auditor

3 To quarterly meeting on the Hill and to our church in the evening

4 Went with Will Erhman and ordered a stove for the school house and hired Jud Shook to white-wash the school house. Went to EO Nicholas about Marguerette's note

5 Carrie moved into the Stone house. Ernest Clement called for the church keys

6 To Medina Fair

8 We drove Hugh Riley's sheep home twice

9 To Trustees' meeting, paid several bills, met with Board of Education, settled up with them as treasurer of the school fund and retired from office as township treasurer

10 Sunday school and church. Watched the vineyard a while

11 Roena Eggert called

12 School commenced. Grange

13 Boys at school

27 Church business meeting

October 2 Went to see Jim Olds on the Andrews place

3 Rode out to Medina with Jim Mattingly's folks. Left on the train a little past 12 for Chicago. Got to Englewood after 9 at night. Mr and Mrs Seeley, Mr and Mrs Mattingly and Emma and I made up the party from Hinckley. Our children stay at Mr Nichols'. We stopped over night 6652 State Street Englewood

4 Took the street car to the Worlds fairgrounds. Saw organs, lemons etc growing out of doors. Went through the women's building, children, horticulture, transportation and mining, fireworks in the evening. Took the street car back to our lodging place at 166 67th street

5 Street car to fairgrounds. Saw administration building, liberal arts, US government, fisheries, Army hospital, Venezuela, Turkey, Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Columbia. Took street car to Mrs Caroline White 152 North Carpenter Street.

6 Street car to Illinois Central Railroad and took the train to the fairgrounds. Saw the art gallery, Illinois, California, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Washington and South Dakota state buildings. Took street car to 166 67th street

7 Took the street car to the fairgrounds. Saw the Michigan folks. Saw machinery, agriculture, Krupp's gun, leather, forestry, anthropology, dairy, ethnographical (Yucatan ruins), Cliff Dwellers, big tree-log, Michigan logging camp, stock pavilion etc. Took the Illinois Central Railroad and then the street car to 152 North Carpenter

8 Heard Mr Moody preach at the Hay Market Theater on the 5th Chapter of Mark. Met Wm Eastwood on the sidewalk. Called on Mrs Mary McGuigan on E Kinzie Street. Staid at Mrs White's at 152 North Carpenter.

9 Took the street cars and the Illinois Central Railroad to the Fairgrounds. Big jam at the railroad depot. Went in the manufacturing building in the am. Met our relatives by appointment in the Iowa building at noon. Went through Iowa, Virginia, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Texas, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Ohio, Minnesota, Louisiana, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine. Took the street cars to No. 166 67th street. Saw some of the fireworks in the evening from State Street. Called to see Uncle Ralph and wife at 66th street in the evening.

10 Took the street cars down to town (*Chicago*). Went to the Board of Trade, Siegel and Cooper's retail store – largest in the world. Called at Mary McGregor's. Saw the Masonic Temple quite a distance off. Saw the water works engines etc. Pumps 75 million gallons an hour. Uses 27 or 28 tons of soft coal per day. Went through Lincoln Park. Came back by the street cars to 166 67th street.

11 Went alone to the Fairgrounds. Went through horticulture and through Vanderbilt railroad building. Saw the anchor used by Columbus on his flag ship Santa Maria on his second voyage in 1492 in the Hayti building. Went through manufacturing and liberal arts. Saw the \$100.00 diamond there. Went through the Illinois War Ship, Great Britain, Canada (saw the Canada squash 486#, 10 ft 1 inch around, 3 ft 7 in high. Saw the Big Canada Cheese). Spain Germany, Norway, Ceylon, France, Sweden, India, New South Wales, Hayti, Gallery of Fine Arts etc. Part of the Midway Plaisance. Saw the California beet #131 length 14 feet 10 inches. Big Tree 26 ft in diameter, 81½ feet in circumference. Skeleton whale 47½ feet long. Took street cars back

12 Bid good-bye to the World's Fair and Chicago. Left Englewood on the 7:30n train. Got to Elyria 9:30 pm. Staid at Metropolitan Hotel. Took the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Air Line through Clyde. When going, we went through Sandusky

13 Took breakfast at a restaurant. Looked around Elyria a little. Took the 8:00 train to Medina, got there 9:00. Met Clarence at the American House. Mattingly's folks and Grace rode home with us. We got home about 1 pm

14 Straightened my World's Fair accounts

15 Sunday School and social meeting

16 Trading at center. Put in a few panes of glass. Met at the center with the board. We hired WJ Searles to teach high school. Mary VD, Olive Sedgwick, Wallace Searles and Herman Fulmer called

17 Made a coop for the chickens. Greased the wagon and got the chickens ready. Wilder Sheldon called and paid his notes

18 E, Clyde and I to Cleveland 3 am. Took 18 hens, nine gallons maple syrup, a bushel hickory nuts. Peddled on Clark Ave, east of Pearl, Buhner east of Pearl and Seymour on north side of Pearl. Eat and slept at Jennie's

19 Peddled on Scranton from Seymour to Holmden and on Holmden the whole street. Started home 3 pm, got home half past 6

21 E to school

22 Sunday School, preaching and Endeavor

24 Got the horse shod at the new blacksmith shop. Paid Brongers my insurance assessment

25-26 To Cleveland

28 Jud Pierce and I put a new water drawer in the well. Clerked for Omar at his sale. Dexter staid all night

30 To Medina, paid taxes, settled with the bank, trading. Dexter here all day and night

31 Charlie VD called and got my spotted cow to fatten on shares. E and I cleaned out the cistern. Jud Pierce put in the pump. Dexter here all night. (*Dexter is separated and living with them in the 1900 census*) Oyster supper at the grange

2 Prohibition lecture at the hall. Charlie Weiland called to see Dexter

November 6 Dexter and I went to the Public Square (*Cleveland*). Called on a few customers, collected some money

7 Voted Republican ticket. Helped set up the out house at the school house

9 Mr Pope of Strongsville called. Blake Smith staid all night

12 To a meeting, Rev Wood preached

13 E and Clarence to Medina to change his clothes

16 James Marquette sent a boy here

20 I called to see Mr Nichols and Mr Bishop on legal matters. Charlie Waldo paid me \$97.45 on a judgment against him

21 Went to Peninsula to collect money, got \$16.68

25 We went to Edwin Rice's in Brunswick (four women and three men) and took the oysters with us

26 To Thanksgiving entertainment at the church

27 Went up to Johnson's store. Called at the school house

28 Reckoned interest on several notes from Omar to Jennie. EO Nichols called and paid me \$11 for Marquit.

29 Read some law books

December 2 Will Roupke called to borrow beetle and wedge. Rec'd letter from EH Gridley

6 Jim Marquette called and I paid him

7 Had a law suit here between George King and George Bishop. I issued a subpoena for Eli Shook. Jesse W Seymour and FC Wilcox attorneys. Several persons there

8 Entered judgment in the case and filled out the docket records

9 Recorded my decision in the case

11 Chauncey Hopkins called

13 Issued summons for George Bishop. E & I visited high school. We called at the district school. Wallace Riley here

14 Charlie bought the beef. Our half is #228

16 Visited the school fore noon to recess. John Andrew called. Made out an appeal bond

18 Wilcox, Charlton and Bishop called and struck a jury. Made out venire and subpoenas

23 Helped get evergreens etc and helped make a Christmas bell etc. Church. To Christmas exercises in the evening

24 Went to Sunday School, elected officers. To ME Church to a Christmas entertainment

26 To Grange. Emma elected Pomona and I secretary

27 Had a law suit here. Jury trial Hopkins vs. Bishop. Jury was from 5-9. Verdict for plaintiff

31 To meeting in evening. Clarence rang the old year out and the new year in at the church. Blake and Wallace here.

1894 He turns 47, Emma is 42, Clarence is 16, at Baldwin University. Clyde is 9.

January 1 Frank Wilcox and Mr Leavitt called. Made a transcript of the case of King vs. Bishop

2 Read letter from JW Seymour. HJ Seeley called

5 Made out a transcription the case of Seiberling vs. Porter, mailed it to JW Seymour

6 Joseph Turney of Royalton called and I paid him the money for Delos Cook. Bishop and Shook called to take a stay of execution

9 Rev Jones & Steve Wait called. Installed as secretary of grange

11 Social at EO Nichols'. Church business meeting, I am secretary. Sent justices' report to the county auditor. Harty Kellogg called

13 Emma to the center and to Joe Riley's

15 Frank Wilcox, George Fulmer and Eddie Helmer called

18 Toothache. Church oyster supper at Brongers'. Rev GB Jones called

19 John Hatch called and insured my property for \$1300

20 Dexter here all day and night. E to Pomona grange at center

22 Mrs Lucy McKee, Milt Charlton and family and Ransom Riley called

23 Clarence and Clyde to school

24 Called at Rev Jones, school house, Lois', HP Riley's, high school and both stores

26 Lisle Gilbert brought 14 more fence posts

29 Harry Stoner called. Clarence went skating

31 Burt Davis, Hubert Wait, Mertie Jones, Eva Nichols called. Wrote a letter to (*teacher*) WJ Searles

February 1 Ladies' social at our house. Mrs and Mrs UB McIntyre, M&M John Brongers, M&M EO Nichols, M&M Omar Van Deusen, Jonathan Musser, Alfred Webber, M&M GB Jones, Mrs Lucy A McKee, Mrs Bertha Ehmann, M&M HJ Seeley, Miss Lois Isham, Miss Pearl McIntyre, Miss Lizzie McKee, Ernest Seeley, Margie Van Deusen, Clarence Jones, Mrs Joe Ritz, Miss Theresa Ritz. Was chosen church trustee three years. Clarence to a party at Spencer Charlton's

5 Mrs Jones called to get someone to go to Medina after Rev Jones. I let Clarence go

6 Clarence rode old Nelly to Mit Charlton's

7 I left some money at the center for Bert David. Had a lunch with Omar

8 Charlie Van Deusen brought me some graham flour from the mill

11 Rev GB Jones' farewell sermon

13 TC Charlton made out a chattel mortgage from Milt and Ella to me for \$50. Made some paths in the snow

15 Oyster supper at Omar's

16 Joseph Jones, wife and daughter Muriel visited. Charlie drove my horse to the coal bank. Clarence to Rice's in Brunswick and to McIntyre's on a sleigh ride and to a party

17 Heard Rev Aldrich of Royalton preach a trial sermon

19 To school board meeting in the evening in the high school room

23 E and I visited the high school

24 Clarence to a party at Jay Williams'. Hant Kellogg's house burned this morning
27 Clarence to the district school

March 3 Clarence is sick. Dr Smith called

6 Sat up with Clarence

7 Went to the center to get medicine and ice for Clarence

11 Doctor Smith and another doctor called

14 Have been sitting up the first half of the night and Emma the latter half. Social at Mrs Merchant's

19 Dr McKean called and Frank Wait of Brunswick

20 Blake Smith, George Boulden called. Mr Atwater a student called to borrow some money

25 To meeting, Rev Aldrich preached

27 To Grange, I am secretary, six were initiated

28 Mr B and I skinned the calf

30 School out today. Ernest Seeley baptized today. Miss Olive Sedgwick called for her pay. Eddie Ritz and Wade Smith called for an order for janitor work. Elected treasurer and clerk of court

31 Wilder Sheldon's sale

April 2 Mr B and Clyde to the east mills in Strongsville. Election. Made out a lease from Byron to EA Nichols

3 Loaned Henry Richards \$150. James Lewis from Liverpool called and paid me \$200 and the interest

4 Will Smith, Dan Freese, Frank Wilcox, Charlie Van Deusen called

6 B & I repaired several broken pickets in the fence. Dexter here all night

8 Professor Loomis of Baldwin University preached at the Methodist Church. Went to Disciples' church and Endeavor in the evening. Dexter with us day and night

10 White washed the kitchen, buttery and back room

12 Peddled in Cleveland

13 To 'town' on the street cars. Went to the World office, book bindery, bank, clothing store, dry goods etc

16 Dexter and I collected in Strongsville and Brunswick. He staid all night met with the Board of Education

17 To Medina by way of Brunswick. Stopped at William Gay's and got some notes and mortgage of him. Had two mortgages transferred to me

20 To Pekin to see Frank Wilcox

22 To church, Rev Miller of Remsen Corners preached

23 Byron and Clyde to Mrs Law's to get a lamb

25 Whitewashed the ceiling of the front room

27 Road scarping with Kit

May 2 Ella Charlton, Lena Bigalo, and Mina Johnson called

4 Made out a deed from Seeley to Ritz

11 PC Waldo the assessor called. Put in Kit \$50, Hector \$18, credit \$3000

13 Sunday School and social meeting. Lizzie McKee led it. Rev JF Futcher preached

16 To the hall lecture on Pluck, Patience and Perseverance by James Watson

23 Lizzie McKee married this evening at 8 o'clock

24 Frank and Lizzie (*Ingersoll*) called and brought us some wedding cake and ice cream. E to a social at Mrs Ammerman's

25 To River school house to exhibition

26 Clarence and Emma helped decorate the church

27 Memorial services 2 pm at the church. Mrs John Dunn and her children and Ralph Cole to dinner. Memorial concert on the Hill. E and Clarence spoke pieces

28 Called at John Wait's, ME church, Carl Ehman's, Will Ehman's shop and Brongers' store. Carl Ehman called and I paid him his costs in the King and Bishop case

29 Saw Lizzie's presents

June 2 Two painters called for a job. Ike Bedell and wife called. To Children's Day at church. Emma read the program. I was usher

5 Nichols here. I made out a chattel mortgage for him

9 John Andrew, Vick Musser, Wm Gay and wife, Georgie Wait, Burt and Earl, Wayland and Bernie, George Fulmer and E Nichols & Byron came at 11 pm, went to Coover's, then came back and staid till next morning

10 Charlie and Henry Proulx came on bicycles about 7 am. Horace Tibbals here
16 Cassie Cole, Mrs Bedell and others called
20 Will Cumberworth called. *Peddling berries in Peninsula and Richfield several weeks*

July 5 Maude Simonton & Mr Parsons called to apply to the school
10 Through Everett taking orders for currants. Clarence peddled currants around Bennetts Corners. Mrs Roswell called
15 Mrs Loomis and Bryon Loomis here five days. Byron Van Deusen called
20 At Jennie's in Cleveland, We went down on Pearl Street and sat for our pictures. Rode over to the square on business and walked back. E called on Anna Fitch
21 Went to east side, bank, arcade, Battle of Gettysburg and the lake, did some trading
23 Barber left for Parts Unknown
25 Vira Damon called. E and the boys, Mrs Loomis here three nights. They went to Whipp's ledge. Made out chattel mortgage for Ed Blakeslee
30 Did enumeration of the students in district 4. Barber came for his clothes

August 1, 2 Mrs Loomis and Byron here all night
2 We called at father's to see them thrash
6 William Smith called and left a note of \$215 for collection. Dexter to Kipton
7 Met with Sunday School picnic committee at Brongers'
13 Clarence helped the committee fix up for Sunday School picnic in Vic Musser's woods
15 Sunday School anniversary in Milo Haynes' grove in Strongsville
18 To the Damon reunion at John Porters'. 95 present. Dexter and Jennie, Lillie, Rosella (Allen) Deveraux came with us and staid all night
19 George Allen's folks called to Rosella
20 School Board meeting. Cornelius Nobles called
22 Eva Ward and Rolla here visiting. John Hatch, Linden Pettit, Wm Smith's hired man, CJ Hopkins and Joe Ritz called
23 E went to Anna's to dinner
24 Pettit drew me a load of coal
26 Went to Cleveland to meeting at Baptist church in evening, corner of Clark and Scranton. Dexter staid with the boys
27 At Jennie's. Mrs Loomis called and we went around town about all day with her buying a stove, dishes, furniture
28 Took Mrs Loomis to Lorain street. Trading. Mrs John Gilbert called
29 Linn Pettit brought out the load of coal. Charles Long here. Carrington called

September 1 Settled up with Bishop and Shook
3 I paid Carl Ehmann
5 Chased Nichols' turkeys out of my grapes
7 Clarence to a water melon social at McIntyre's
9 Caught George Helmer, and Bernie and Eddie stealing my grapes
11 Clarence went to Berea to school (*college*). Rode out with the McIntyre's. Clyde went to school
14 Received letter from Clarence. Uncle John died
16 Watched in the vineyard
17 Mr and Mrs Sherwood came and staid all night
20 Grape buyer called

October 1 Sard Isham and wife called. Emma sick. Dr Smith called twice
2 Father started for Michigan
4 Mrs Jones sat up with E and staid all day. She washed. I went to the center for medicine
5 Went to Annie's to get Dexter to go for the doctor. Clyde went after Mrs Brongers to stay with E. I went to the center after Brongers' bed pan. Hitched up and went to Strongsville after Mary Killian. Dr Smith called twice. Emma very sick all day
6 Emma very sick. Anna called twice. Dr Smith called and used a rubber tube. Mabel Pierce and Alice Boulden called. I sat up all night. *Clarence also kept a diary. On October 4 he wrote, 'Went to foot ball game. My dear mother has got the Typhoid Fever'*

8 Anna called and took some washing home. Willis Coddington's other twin baby died. Clarence went back to Berea. E a bit better

13 Went up to Mrs John Gilbert's and clerked at their sale

14 Moved cook stove into the large kitchen

15 Made out chattel mortgage for Prentice Waldo. Rose Gilbert called and signed the certificate

16 Went to the center and got a prescription filled for Emma

18 To sale at Uncle Julius's place. Bought wheat. Clarke Wait called

20 To Board meeting

24 Fred Ritz called for an order for cleaning the school house

27 Took five bushels cider apples to Jim Lyon's mill on the Ridge. Myrta working here all week

November 1 Ira Bedell called to pay a note

2 Emma does a little work

5 To Cleveland – to 256 Buhrer and 891 Lorain and 26 Jay Street. Clarence went to Berea on the motor. Old Kit about tired out on the way home

7 Hitched up and drove over past Orin's and got a bushel of sumac blossoms, drove down to Aunt Amaret's and got her swifts (*reel for holding a skein of yarn*) for Jennie. Went to the center and got some coloring material for Jennie

8 Father brought his young ones over here for the afternoon. Charles Campbell called. Jennie here coloring *dyeing*

12 Helping Emma. Hung out the washing. Jennie washed

15 Jennie here coloring yellow and winding rags

18 Clyde and I to the men's meeting in the afternoon

23 E went to Berea to Mrs Loomis'

29 Thanksgiving. Did the house work. Myrta N called to borrow dishes. No school. Clyde here. Wrote to Mrs C Townsend and Mrs C Kent. Read 'Down in the Slums'

December 10 Father called to have me sign a note with him for \$42 due April 15

11 To John Brongers' to a meeting of the officers of the church to investigate charges made against UB McIntyre

13 A Bohemian called to pay a note against Omar's sale last year

16 Mr McIntyre made a confession to the church

17 Board of Education meeting

20 Rev Fitcher called to get some money. Clarence drove down to McIntyre's to get his things. I sent money to pay my taxes

22 To John and Henry Oakley's sale. WH Cumberworth called for a school teacher's order. E and Clyde to the church and to practice.

24 Helped about the Christmas tree. To church three times. To Christmas tree in the evening

25 To Charlie's to get milk and butter. Clyde and I to church and to Charlton's shop

27 Copied Clarence's accounts while at Baldwin University

29 Clarence shot a rabbit

31 I traded a note against John Porter for 21 dollars and some cents and for one against Byron Van Deusen for \$150. Clarence and I sawed down a beech tree and it fell over the line fence and smashed it down. I gave Dr George Damon MC my note for \$100 and Porter's in exchange for Byron's

1895 He turns 48. He owns the Nichols farm.

January 1 Hitched up for Clarence to take his trunk and other things to UB McIntyre's. Charlie VD called and I sent Jennie \$31.50 that I collected for her to date by him to Cleveland. Skating

2 Clarence and I walked down to McIntyre's. Took Clarence and Pearl to Berea with the buggy, drove McIntyre's team. Eat dinner at Mrs Loomis'. To freight depot and downtown to do errands for McIntyre. Stopped at Albion Mills for flour for McIntyre

5 To Oakley to see about some money they owe Byron

7 To Charley VD's for some meal, butter, milk. Did grange secretary work

8 Mr Seeley called with a subscription order to buy a cow from Carl Ehmann

9 Wm Curtis came about dark for Emma and she rode back with him. Her father (*John B Barber born 1823, buried Strongsville*) died in the evening after she got there.

13 There was a short service at Will Kinch's by Rev Fitcher after which we went to the Congregational Church at Strongsville, 2 pm service preached by Rev JF Fitcher. The remains were placed in the vault. Dexter did our chores and kept the fire

15 Jud Shook and Mr Tyson of Elyria called to get the church for the installation of Maccabee officers. Took a dress to Mrs Ammerman
16 Frank Wilcox came to borrow 'Swan'. Dexter called to borrow my sled. Went to a Maccabee installation of officers at the church. Was usher
17 To Pomona Grange all day at the hall. Was initiated through 5th degree
18 Clyde goes to school
20 McIntyre joined the church again
23 Henry Richards and James Lewis called. Some peddlers called
25 Anna called. Their colt died
26 Read some law in 'Swan'. Father called to borrow 35 cents. Mrs JA Gilbert sent me an account by a boy from Henry Porter's
29 Went nearly over to Dan Musser's to see his father and met him in the wood. James Lewis came from Beebetown and took up his note and we released is mortgage
30 I went with Charley VD to the town line between Liverpool and Brunswick to the old Winchell farm to see NW Jordan and T Rowley for Byron and Mrs John Gilbert. Hardy Kellogg signed the bond of Oakley's stay of execution last evening \$74.55
31 To Mrs Seeley's funeral at ME church, was pall-bearer. Rev Alanson Wilcox preached on the perfection of character

February 1 Took E to Jennie Hughes'

3 Clarence is home. Mr HJ Seeley baptized at Brunswick
4 Jim and Mary, Matt, Lois and children, Will, Hattie and children here. We agreed to pay \$500 for each share of the Barber farm in cash
5 E sick. Went for the doctor but he had gone away. Looked for him all day but he did not come. To Willis Wait's and refiled a chattel mortgage given by Mit Charlton to wife and me. Heard that William Behr was dead. Little snow. Good wheeling (*unicycling*). 11 below 0
6 To the center for mail and medicine for Emma. Dr Smith called to see my wife
7 Kept fire in the cellar. Found some potatoes that had been frozen. *Dexter here most days*
11 Called at father's and bought some corn
12 Wrote up Grange members and dues remaining. 30 present. Went to the center for mail and beef.
15 Examined the Justice's files in my possession and rearranged them. E very poorly yet
16 Wrote out some legal questions and sent them to Ohio Farmer. *He does farm chores daily*
18 Board of Education meeting. Rode to Sidney Cady's. No school, teacher sick
20 Frank Draper called with a sprayer for sale. Made out a lease between Fred McKee and Byron. Hector came in this morning
23 E a little better. *He is sugaring every day*

March 1 Called at the school house and center. Wrote a letter to Green's Nursery Co

2 Teacher William Cumberworth called. HJ Seeley given the hand of friendship at my church
4 Wrote letter to RM Kellogg Ionia MI. *Three week vacation at district school* Boarded up east side of barn to keep hens from going under to lay. Hung out the clothes
6 E and Cassie Cole at Frank Wilcox's. Ralph Cole called for a loaf of bread
7 Trimmed the golden sweet tree near the barn. Made a few hen's nests
9 Took E to Mr McIntyre's to stay with his wife while he went to Berea
10 Brother Hilton of Michigan addressed the school. Clarence to Endeavor. Eclipse of the moon
12 Riley Olds and I wrote out a lease for them. Hugh Riley called and bought a veal calf
15 High Riley took the pet lamb
21 I bought a note of Frank Wilcox against Hiram Hunt
25 Aunt Emer Damon's funeral at Richfield
27 Went to Mrs Loomis' in Berea with Clarence. Brought some things home and some for Pearl. William Riley died today
30 To Grange to rehearse initiation ceremony. Mrs McIntyre and Pearl called

April 5 To business meeting at the church – appointed secretary

8 To school meeting. The women voted (*women were allowed to vote on school issues*)
10 I sat as arbitrator in the settling of accounts between Dan Marquette and Betsey Lamb

12 Peddled in Cleveland overnight
13 In Cleveland. Sold 26 dozen eggs at the market. I had the team parked on Superior Street
14 We all went to the Easter entertainment at the church
18 Clarence and I to Cleveland 3½ am. Sold out about noon, home at sundown. Didn't go quite to the infirmary
19 Clarence to a sugar party at Seeley's
23 Clarence to Berea with McIntyre's to get his things that were left there. Clyde took the Grange box to the center
24 To Cleveland by the state road and came home by the center road. Got our bedstead at McIntyre's am. E to social at Eva Nichols
26 Clarence got 22 bushels oats at Vic Musser's. I white washed the front bedroom overhead. A little girl eat dinner with us
27 Put the oats into barrels on the scaffold (*in the barn*)
29 Put up eight bushels of potatoes for market. White washed the ceiling of the front room
20 Clarence and I peddled potatoes, butter and eggs in Cleveland, got through 9 am

May 1 Clarence took the wagon up to Charlton's shop and washed it. E papered the front room
2 E put down carpet
3 Clarence went to Mit Charlton's to get lime to plow
4 Bert Davis called for me to sign a check
5 Called to see Dexter at father's. To Sunday school and social meeting and read.
6 Went down to Jones' to rent him some land on shares. E and I went to Ira Bedell's to Mrs Bedell's mother's funeral. I was pall bearer. Victor Musser and family called for some fruit plants which I dug. Jones called to look at some land for corn. Put barbed wire to the north end of the line between Ed and myself
7 Clarence and I put barbed wire on the top of the line fence between HP Riley and me. White washed the kitchen ceiling
8 Joe Jones plowed in the old meadow
9 Planted Burbank and Jessie strawberries. PC Waldo the assessor called. Put the horse \$50, cow \$18, credits \$4000.
10 George Pierce came for some plants
11 Mrs Hicks to collect some rent for Henry H Coddington. Called at Ira Waldo's, JC Charlton's and both stores. Bought Betsey Lamb's roan cow and Clarence got her at Frank Wilcox's
13 Dug 120 strawberry plants for Dan O Musser. Mrs Fulmer called for some sour milk
14 Posted April accounts. Went to Grange. Mart and Charlie had a baby boy
15 C and I repaired the stable floor where Kit broke through. Clyde when to an ice cream party at Mrs McIntyre's
17 We hoed 1000 currant cuttings. Jones dragged, mulled and marked the old meadow
18 Clarence went after the cow Hector. She got out with father's young bull
23 Worked on the road til 10 o'clock picking up stones. The social was here in the afternoon, about 30 present
24 Anna called, also Lizzie Fusic
25 Dexter, Bert and Ernie staid here all night
26 To Sunday School, read some, went to bed while, greased the buggy to take to 'town'
27 William Stow and Grace called to see about getting a school around here. George Fulmer called to get some sour milk for his pig. Emma called to see Betsey several times and called at Eva Nichol's to get some cloths for Betsey
28 E to Cleveland about 2 am. Went on the center road to the York plank, then took that to Brighton. Took some butter and eggs in the buggy. Did some trading on the west side
29 Several children came after school to practice their pieces to speak. Emma washed and went to see Betsey at Father's
30 Clarence carried paris green water from the pond to the picket fence

June 2 To the school Children's Day exercises. E read the program. I was usher
3 We have had berries to eat since the 30th of May. Clarence took 2½ qts to the center to peddle. Rows of raspberries near the evergreen lot, east of the driveway, north of the vineyard and in front of the house. Eddie Helmer called
7 C and I clipped chicken's wings
10 Peddled 40 quarts in Richfield and more in the center. *He peddles in Richfield, Peninsula, Boston every other day*
11 Clarence to Mrs Law's for some wheat. Dug out some cut worms and killed them
12 Initiation at the Grange
14 Clarence and I picked til after sundown. He went to the ice cream party at Brongers' in the evening
15 Junior Endeavor met here. Charley Proulx & Henry Williard came from 'town' on their bicycles and staid all night
17 Book agent Inman called. Clyde Walling and mother called

18 Book agent Jones called. Mabel Pierce called
21 Theresa and Ida Ritz and Lizzie Foosic called
23 Horse was sick in the evening. I led him around. Children's Day exercises on the hill. Betsey Lamb died. *In 1879, Betsey Manchester born Hinckley 1843, married Newell Lamb born Hinckley 1851. In 1880 he was living in Green County WI with 2nd wife Mary and their 2 children*
24 Wilder Sheldon called. Dexter, Burt, Ernie, Earl and Anna called

July 5 Took six bushels raspberries, ½ bushel gooseberries and ½ bushels currants to Medina and sold them to the stores. Got home and picked berries to take to Boston and Peninsula tomorrow
13 Bot some currants to fill orders
18 Seeley called for milk and eggs. Fulmer called for swill
20 Cut Canada thistles on the side-hill meadow and burned them. William Smith and Mr Hoddinott called
23 Clarence rang the bell for Joe Ritz's child that died this morning
24 Clyde to Brunswick to some convention of Epworth's
25 Sid Cady called. James Baysinger called and left a note
26 Two infirmiry directors called. Went to the back end of the farm to get the cow for them to see. Dexter and children called. Earl staid here all night. Dave Babcock called to hire money
27 E and I to Cleveland. Went to Savings Bank on the east side. We saw Ella Clyne and had a talk with her
28 Watched the horse while grazing around the house and berries
29 Clarence went hunting with Raymond in the pm. Dave and Charlie Babcock called to get some money. Barber Mc called to pay \$25 on Jennie's note
30 F Wilcox called to get a blank deed. Henry Hicks called to get some money

August 1 Mart Ganyard agent for nursery called
4 To Sunday School. The calf died and I buried it
5 Witter, near Medina came to look at the white cow
7 McIntyre called to tell us Jennie's baby died yesterday. Clarence went to Richfield to engage the preacher for the funeral. Jim Marquette called for a summons I made out
8 Went to the baby's funeral at the disciples' Church and to the cemetery on the ridge. The preacher Rev Cost took dinner with us. Clarence went to the funeral and to a picnic on the Ledge and to an ice cream party at Charles Davis'
10 Had a suit here between John Clyne and Dan Marquette. Dismissed. VR Musser called with a subpoena
14 Bartlett preached. D Marquette, Frank Wilcox, Frank Lindley, Anson Ganyard, and son and father here. William Weld, John Clyne Sr here. Sunday School picnic on the ridge
15 To Damon reunion in Medina at George Damon's. Dexter borrowed our buggy
16 Inman called with a book we bought. Jennie, Charlie Proulx and an aunt to Jennie's baby called. Anna V, Herman F, Eddie and Wayland Waldo called
18 Watched the horse while grazing in the door-yard
21 To Sunday School anniversary at Royalton. Frank Wilcox called to borrow 'Swan'. Dan Marquette called for subpoenas
22 We had a suit between J (*John Clyne*) and D Marquette. Jury trial. Clyne withdrew the suit and paid the costs. Fred McKee called and signed Byron's notes
24 C and I worked on the road. I dug chores and C drew gravel. Dexter worked on the road for me
26 To Cleveland 1½ am. Got to Jennie's 9 am. Went to the barn where Byron feeds his team and waited there for him an hour or two. Then C & I went to Jennings Road, took the street cars to Buffalo Bill's Show corner Cedar and Madison. After he show called at Byron's house a few minutes
27 Ernest S and Raymond M called. Harvest picnic at Royalton. Grange in the evening
28 Sent letters to Mrs Gillett Peninsula and JB Tiernan Remsen Corners
29 Jerry Case, Dexter and his children called
30 Fred McKee came and signed Byron's contract and a chattel mortgage

September 2 PC Waldo and Clifford Green called
4 We all went to the Medina Fair
5 At father's all day trying to draw up a contract for them and Dexter but did not finish one. Clarence fell and got hurt. Studied 'Swan' in the evening
6 Went up to Old Charlton's with Dexter to his law suit. Helped settle it up. Sent a letter to Phoenix Bank Medina to have my name taken off a certain note as security

9 To Cleveland 3 am. Traded, took Clarence down to Lorain Street to take the motor to Berea. Got home 2 am. Our school commenced today. Miss Zoe Caskey teacher. To Grange
11 Went to Father's and finished up the contract. Went to hear an elocutionist – Mr Adams – at the Disciples' church
12 E to a social at Joe Ritz's
14 Emma to the junior endeavor
15 Uncle Roe killed. (*Brother of Newman's father Rush. Attorney and farmer in Elsie Michigan from about 1860, one of largest landowners. Married twice, 19 children. He died trying to cross the street in front of 'fractious' horse. He was 78, nearly deaf and blind.*)
19 To Dell Ganyard's twice for wheat bought of Andrews
21 Clyde at school. E to Berea to Clarence and took #125 of wheat to the mill
25 Minnie Jones here dressmaking. Rev JF Futcher called for money for the Strongsville church. Peddler called
26 Helped hang up some large pictures
27 Charlton called and paid me the judgment money against the Oakley boys
28 Took five bushels of apples to Jim Lyons' cider mill on the Ridge for jell. Drove out H Riley's sheep
29 Carl Ehmann's house caught fire
20 E washed and ironed. To a business meeting at the church

October 1 Took nine bushels of apples to the cider mill and brought back barrel of cider. Hired Charles Davis to draw my coal.

5 E drove down to Jones' to get a chicken coop
6 To Sunday School and communion
9 Burt Hicks called and paid a note
10 Took maple sirup, pears and quinces to Peninsula and peddled them around. Social at our house – 14 present
12 To Berea to get Clarence. Eat dinner at Mrs Loomis'
18 Got the horse ready for Jennie and E to take some rags to Ella Charlton
19 Worked on choked cow. She died and I skinned her. To Sunday School convention at the church
20 Dexter called and got my buggy to go to Weymouth
22 To Walling's sale
24 To Clark Wait's sale
25 Dexter borrowed my shovel plow. *Dexter and the boys or the children are here every evening until the children move to Michigan on December 3, then he spends evenings here alone*
30 Put 100 gallons cider in the cellar. Called at Wallings'. Drove white cow to Dexter's B___ (*sic*)

December 2 To Medina. Took #125 wheat to mill. Paid taxes, went to Spitzer's bank and Omar's office. Dinner with Omar. To a republican meeting at the center. Prosecuting attorney Wightman and Amos Webber spoke
5 To election Voted for Asa Bushnell for governor and the rest of the ticket. EC Ellsworth called
6 Used one bunch of shingles to patch up the roof on the house. E and I picked up some hickory nuts. E called at Ed's and Anna's
8-12 Am all alone. E and Clyde to Rockport
11 Went to Charlie's fence and got some willow bands
13 E and Clyde to junior entertainment at the hall
14 Minnie Jones here. We went to Wilcox's again in the evening and went over to West Richfield and around Sol Garman's. Saw Hiram Hart there. We then went south and around by Dell Ward's in the John Bigalo place and through Pekin, home
16 To Berea to get Clarence. Went to the factory and got a new shaft to the grindstone. Eat dinner at Mrs Loomis'. Came around by Hattie's and got our bed springs
19 Drew forest leaves from the woods to the barn for bedding on the spring wagon most all day, five jigs
20 Copied grange minutes into secretary's book. Drove down to McIntyre's and McKee's to take Clarence's sachel and Jennie's umbrella
27 To George Richards' office in Medina to foreclose a mortgage on the Nichols farm. To Savings Deposit Bank and paid them \$7.36 that I collected of Jim Olds. Thanksgiving

December 2 Riley Olds called and I bought his colt for the Medina bank and settled with him in full. George and Joe Ritz to take the colt to Medina for \$2.00. Dexter, Irving, Bert and Earl here. Called to see Prentice Waldo on Baysinger's note

3 Dexter and all the boys called. The boys started to Michigan today. F Wilcox called to see the statutes. Dexter here in the evening

7 Charlie called for a kitten

13 Another baby at Ann's we think (*would be the 4th*)

17 Alex McKee came for me and I rode back with him and acknowledged a deed from him to AR Webber of Elyria. Eber Hawkins of Richfield and Charles Benjamin called and I took the acknowledgement of a chattel mortgage

18 Clarence came from Berea at night. He rode from Cleveland with Will Gilbert and walked the rest of the way home. E to the social at Mrs Ammerman's. Clyde home sick with a hard cold this week

20 Clarence and E to school. Clarence to the writing school at the center

23 At the center helping get ready for Christmas

24 To the Christmas tree in the evening

25 Christmas. Chored, trimmed limbs in the orchard, Herman Fulmer and some other boys here in the evening playing with the foot ball. Dexter here every evening

29 Clarence led the endeavor

31 Clarence to a watch party in the evening at Mr Brongers'

1896 He turns 49. Clarence graduates with an academic degree Baldwin University

January 2 Clarence started to Cleveland to go on foot to Berea to school

5 Recording accounts for last year. Rev Cost preached

9 Wrote to Clarence, Mrs JA Gilbert, Wilder Salisbury

10 Dexter went to Medina to get counsel

11 Ritz's wagon tipped over into the road in front of here. Hattie Salisbury called

14 Dexter boards here. I was elected grange secretary. Emma elected Lady Asst Steward

17 EO Nichols called and I reckoned the interest on his note up to the 16th inst. Simple interest \$512.25 Annual interest \$72.68 more. Amount \$2084.93

18 Dexter was arrested at noon and taken before TC Charlton and fined and sent to Medina

22 Steve West drew Dexter's corn without permission

29 Dexter got his transcript and took it to Medina. Burt Hicks drew Dexter's corn

31 Went down to the long barn and to Westland's

February 1 Wrote to FA Akins, Mrs Mila Bidewell. Paid the township trustees for the use of the hall for Grange meetings the past year

2 A piece in the paper about Johnson S Helmer

5 Mary and Charlie Van Deusen's baby boy died

6 Edna Jones called and left paper with an advertisement of Nichols' place for the Press

7 Went afoot to the funeral

8 To Orin Bigalo's sale but did not make a bid

12 Emma sick. She didn't get up til 10 o'clock

14 Dexter to Jay Sylvester's all night

15 To EO Nichols' sale. To Grange to a lecture. D Babcock gave me eight notes of \$250 each at 7%

17 Walked up to Jud Wait's corners then I rode to Medina. To George Richards' office, Dr George Damon's, Omar's, recorder's office and Safety Deposit Bank. Settled up the case against Ed Nichols and loaned Dave Babcock \$2000 at Medina. Ed Nichols and John Steffen came. Some sleighing. Went on a wood runner sled

22 Mr Genrich of Strongsville called to see Dexter

25 Walked over to William Gay's, eat dinner there

29 Walked to Beebetown, took the train to Medina

March 2 Dexter to see a lawyer

4 Walked to Nathan Damon's place then to his other farm the Doolittle farm. Hired \$700 of him for one year

5 Walked to the Ridge then rode in to Cleveland with Dell Ward. Walked back to Williard's store. Then took the cars to Seymour Ave. Eat dinner at Jennie's and took the cars from Seymour to the square then took the cars back to Franklin Street. Then took the car to Brighton and Jennie's, got off at Seymour

6 Wrote to Mrs Sarah Hatch. Fred Rousch called to see about renting a farm. I went and showed him around Byron's place.

7 Levi W Fields and wife called to rent a place. I rented Bryon's farm to him for \$120 and he furnished the seed and \$130 after

10 I went to see Mrs Jones about buying George's river farms
14 Miss Zoa Caskey and a few children here to eat warm sugar etc
16 Will Pugh called with a special delivery letter
18 Hiram Hunt and Dell Ward called. They left a mortgage with me and I paid them the balance of the money
19 Caucus at town hall
27 Emma fell down the stairs
30 Miles Porter and wife and Burt Damon called and I made out mortgage deed for them of \$1259
31 Fred McKee called and paid me the balance of the rent. Clarence is home this week

April 1 Sorted some acorn onions

2 Father broke down our picket fence by felling a tree on to it
3 Slicked out the back room
6 Made out a deed for Miles Porter and wife. Dex rode Kit to Medina. Three of Steffens' children called and spent the night
10 George Van Deusen and his lawyer Mr Webster here to dinner
13 Case of James Killian vs. Rush L Van Deusen
14 Emma and Clyde were thrown out of the wagon. Jennie and Henry came from Cleveland
20 In Cleveland. Hitched up and drove to Dr Knowlton's and then traded. Clarence to Berea
21 Laid up HP Riley's fence on my north line. Orange and lemon peddler called
22 Mr Swift called to notify me to work on the road
26 Charlie Proulx and Henry Willard came with their bicycles and stopped awhile
27 Dug out the sluice way in front of the gate and replaced it again. Frank Gouch called for JP documents
29 Took the white cow over to Charley Damon's jersey bull (*to mate*)

May 3 Mertie Nichols married. To meeting, Rev Lincoln of Richfield presided

6 Went to hear graphophone at the town hall, performance by SP Porter
8 Last day of school. Perry here to supper
9 To Medina mill. Met EB Fluent in Medina
10 To Methodist church to hear Rev Albertson presiding elder of the Toledo district preach. Disciples' church in the evening
12 Down to the river and helped Ritz and Steffen measure ten acres for corn on the bottom land. Measured from noon to 4 o'clock. E Conant gave a lecture on geology at the Grange
16 Father and Budd had a sale
18 We had strawberries for supper from the Mickels early
19 High Riley and George Snow dug a lot of raspberry plants
21 Steffen children here in the evening to practice
24 Charlie Proulx came out from Cleveland on his wheel before breakfast
29 To Medina to the suit between Omar and Jennie
31 Heard Mr EJ Phinney of Cleveland give a lecture on temperance. Clarence is home

June 3 Our pickers are Clara, Alta and Katie Steffen, Ida Ritz and Edna Jones. Bessie Kiley called for berries.

7 To a Salvation meeting at the church. Omar paid me \$203.04 for Jennie and took up the note given July 15 1895
8 Wallace Riley called. A man from Pekin bought a bushel of berries
14 To Children's Day
20 Clarence joined the Good Templars
25 Clarence worked in the wood. Tim Royston came and staid all night
29 Tom Royston and Jennie came here in livery rig. Clarence to Temperance lodge. *To Cleveland and/or Peninsula and Richfield every day peddling red and purple raspberries, currants and gooseberries*

July 7 To Peninsula. Horse stumbled and fell and broke one thill and the harness in front of Wilcox's

9 To a water melon party at Brongers'. Harry Steffen staid here all night with Clyde
12 Clyne's barn burned down
13 Mr Edminston of Cleveland called to see Clarence. The Bohemians (*Czechs*) drew Dexter's wheat
23 To Cleveland with Clarence to market. Went through the (*Centennial*) log cabin on the square, into the armory, into Union Depot and the Society of Savings Bank
27 Jones' barn burned by lightning

August 3 Mr Moon and Carl Riley called

4 Clarence and I took berries and sweet apples to Cleveland. Waited several hours to get some programs printed.

16-17 Hunted a long time for the horse, Clarence found her at Tom Roberts'. Clarence and I set up seats for the Sunday School anniversary. Clarence to IOGT (*Templars*)

19 To Sunday School anniversary at McIntyre's woods

20 Damon reunion at James Eastwood's on the Ridge

21 Attended a silver demo-populist meeting at the hall addressed by ES Perkins

25 To Grange, Burt Davis furnished the ice cream

28 Clarence went up to help Hugh Riley raise his barn after 3 pm

30 To the yearly meeting in Brunswick held in Dan Reese's wood. Rev McDermaid, Rev Jas Watson, Rev L Cooley and Rev Perry Rice addressed. To a meeting in evening Rev Finley of Sullivan preached

September 2 Dexter and Henry here to meals and lodging four days

3 Peddled quite a spell in Peninsula and Hudson

6 To Oliver Parker's. L Pettit drew me a load of coal

11 Clarence took 16 baskets of grapes and peddled them around by Shermans Corners, Weymouth and Remsen Corners

16 Emma took Clarence and Jennie to Berea. F Gibbs called with a steel fence post

18 Republican meeting at the town hall addressed by J Park Alexander

22 Henry here shingling

26 To Republican meeting addressed by Dr Knowlton

October 1 Dexter to the reunion in Cleveland

2 Went to hear a democrat speech by ED Stark of Cleveland. Saw Ray and Uncle Martin

7 To a partial reunion at Ethan Conant's after 11 am. 40 present

9 J or I (*Isiah?*) Conant called to borrow \$36 for six months

10 Clarence walked from Berea

11 Rettie Woodard and Rena West went down to Steve West's

14 Took #500 of grapes to the cider mill in Richfield. Uncle Ralph and Aunt Isadore stayed

22 Peddled grapes in Brunswick and Liverpool

23 Heard Charles Ogden Whedon from Lincoln, Nebraska speak at the center. Saw Don Mattison, Orlando Wilcox, George Richards, Omar and other from abroad

28 Dexter had my wagon to go to see a man 1½ miles NE of Bennetts Corners

29 Peddled in Peninsula. Stopped at Richfield, heard two Republican speeches by Stewart and Wannamaker. Heard two Democratic speeches at center

31 Dexter got Clarence. E and Clarence to Temperance entertainment. D went to Weymouth to hear Judge GW Lewis

November 2 To political meeting at the center addressed by RM McDowell and CD Wightman of Medina, Republican

3 Voted for McKinley and Hobart. Emma, Clarence, Clyde and myself were near Brighton when one of the forward wheels turned sideways and I had to get the axel mended. E and Clarence took the motor and went to the east side to trade. Went to Lorain Street with Clarence to see him off to Berea. Went to the east side to hear election results come in. Steffen did the chores

7 We all went to a jollification, bonfire and firing cannon over the election of McKinley

14 Ernie Killian and Earl Lewis were here ahunting

16 Rode to Berea. We went to Clarence's room but he was away cutting wood. Dinner at Newell Fuller's. Called at Perry Smith's, Valerie Stone's and JW Dunham's, saw Effie there then went back and saw Clarence. Took the streetcar to Cleveland, walked from Lorain to Jennie's on Seymour

17 Walked to Detroit street and took the streetcar to Lakewood (*formerly Rockport*). To Liberty Tompkins' store

18 Called at Uncle Matt's and he showed up over Ethel's new house, then called on Tommy Hall. Saw Ethel's beau, the doctor

19 Called at Fred and Allie Hall's. Took the cars to Scotch Street and a little further to Putch Court

20 To Wade's park

24 Rode a little on the plank with a German woman and another little way to Parma Center with Ralph Phelps and with Fred McKee from Royalton Center. E got a ride with Mr Coover

28 E Clyde and Dexter to old folks' concert at the hall

December 2 Dexter to Weymouth on his way to Medina to see his lawyer
6 Uncle Oliver Parker died today
7 To Grange party at Barker McIntyre's
12 Clyde to a foot ball game on the hill. I filled the lounge tick
13 Mrs John Dunn, Mrs Clara Benjamin, Mrs John Steffen and her two daughters Clara and Alta went forward at the meeting. They were baptized and joined the church
14 To Rufus Oberacres', C Townsend's, Vellen's, etc
19 The barn on the old Crooks place was burned. It was occupied by Wilder Sheldon
22 Re-elected secretary of Grange
24 Helped about the Christmas tree at the center. Had my horse shod at Ira Waldo's. Christmas exercises at the church
25 Christmas Day. Dexter and I helped clean up the church
28 Harry, Katie and Ruby Steffen here in the evening playing games

1897 He turns 50. He is doing farm work every day throughout the year

January 1 Emma and Clyde to Hubert Wait's to get some groceries. Old Charlton sent Vic Musser, Charley Davis and Jim Goodrich to search for 60 bushels of buckwheat
2 Vic Musser came for me to go before old Charlton. John Brongers signed my bond.
3 Charlie Davis brought Dexter here from Cleveland between 12-1 am and we all went up to old Charlton's. I signed Dexter's bond. Dexter, Clarence and I went to Jennie's cornhouse to see where Father broke into it
9 Dexter went to see a lawyer
11 Hunted in the woods for my poke
18 The Bohemians went to Medina to see the grand jury
20 Went to a pound and chicken-pie social at John Brongers'

February 1 Finished balancing my books for last year
5 Mr Jonathan Musser here to dinner
8 Took Clarence on the sled to the top of the stone hill on the Pike in Strongsville. Called at Mr Barber's
11 To a social at UB McIntyre's
16 Sent a letter to the Secretary of State and one to Hiram College
17 Lester Ganyard and GD Correy called to get subscribers for a new Medina County Atlas
18 Went to sale of Hanson Kellogg's personal property. Clark Hurd and Fred R Gafkey (*house carpenter*) called. Showed Gafkey over Byron's place
17 Read some in Medina county history
24 Wrote a letter on a biographical sketch. Several of the school children had a surprise party here for Clyde
25 E and I to Medina called at the bank, Express office, Picture Gallery, grist mill, Omar's office
27 Byron rented his farm to FR Gafkey. I wrote out contracts

March 1 Went up to the meeting of the trustees to get my rebate on taxes. E to Mrs Ammerman's to see the teacher
3 Mr Gafkey called for me to go down to Jennie's long barn and help him unload some goods
4 Went down in the woods. Hewed off rough bark from a small place on 175 maple trees where I wished to tap them
6 Clyde and I repaired the arch set up the smoke-stack, and put up a shanty and tapped 175 trees. Charlton preferred charges against myself and wife. Seven present. E drove up to WS Wait's
11 E went to Bert Damon's to the Ladies Aid Society. She rode with Brongers' team
12 To a sugar party at the hall
17 E called on Mrs Dr Noland
20 Several children here in the pm to eat warm sugar and play
22 E went up to George Fulmer's to work on her carpet. Harry Nicholas called
25 We went to town hall to hear two trials between RD Ward and Jim Marquette
27 Mr Gafkey called. Showed him around Jennie's farm. She rented a lot of land to him on shares. We went to HG Frizells to a grange trial before a committee
29 Wrote a Grange letter to Jas Goodrich and wife. Jennie here, called on Ruth Allen
31 E went to burial of Eva Codding Wilcox

April 3 To Medina. Bank, Seymour's office, sat for a picture at Hawkins. Courthouse
5 E took Clarence to the brick road. I went up to vote

7 RD Riley and Mr Bradway of Medina called. I took Bradway to Ed Kellogg's to subpoena him
8 Went to a barn raising at Joe Jones'
14 Went to Medina with Mr FR Gafkey to a lawsuit between Bryon and LW Fields. Was a witness
19 Stapled a lot of wires to the posts
23 Wrote some counter charges against TC Charlton and other matters in relation to the Grange trial. E to Dell Ward's and got #13 of lard and brought Pearl home with her from school. Went to the Grange trial in evening till 1 am.
24 E went to meet Clarence at Bennetts Corners
29 Clark Wait the assessor called horse \$40, cow \$12, grain \$16, credits \$5400. Went after the doctor for Clyde. Dell Ward brought me a ham. John Shook called with some mottoes. Helped Mr Gafkey get some things out of Jennie's granary

May 1 Wrote off some testimony to give before the Grange.
9 Went down to Byron's old place to see him. Went down on the old Clyne place and led my cow home. SC West's barn struck by lightning
13 Mr Chandler came for raspberry plants. Linus Pettit called to get my coal to haul. E clipped the hens' wings

June 1 Myrtie Jones here ruffling for herself and Edna
10 To the Coddington's school house to a law suit between Rush L Van Deusen and Jennie Proulx (*Rush's daughter*). Jennie beat. Dexter & I went to Burr Fluent's place in Granger to see where he had been cutting trees
11 To Medina, to Frank Heath's office, clerks, treasurer, recorder, the bank
12 A lot of small children from E's Sunday School here
19 Peddled in Peninsula and Richfield and saw the ball game between them
20 Henry P came out on his wheel
24 Took fruit to Cleveland. Left Jennie's about midnight and stopped in Royalton and had my axle straightened
27 To Children's Day on the hill

July 3 To celebration at McIntyre's grove. Rev Watson spoke
4 Sunday. Mary Lyons spoke at the church meeting
5 We had 12 pickers
11 Merritt Kellogg's barn burned by lightning. Henry West's funeral in Medina *He peddles in Cleveland and/or Peninsula and Richfield every day*

August 1 Called at Uncle Nathan's, he died about 2:20 pm
3 Washed buggy. To Uncle Nathan's funeral at the house
18 To Sunday School anniversary in Henry Wyman's woods at Brunswick
19 Damon reunion at Bert Damon's (wife Theresa Ritz). 75 present
24 Lightning struck the walnut tree again by the road
26 Saw Orpha and Dr Pinkerton at Jennie's
27 I went with FR Gafkey to Charlton's and signed his appeal bond

September 7 To Berea. We went through German Wallace and Baldwin University. Went to Parmalee to engage a room
9 Wade Smith called to borrow bullet molds
13 Went to Cleveland Public Square and waited there to see the parade. We took the street cars to Cedar and Madison and went to Barnum and Bailey's show
14 To Mrs Kellogg's (Harty's mother's) funeral. Mrs David Babcock funeral
15 E took Clarence to Berea to school and she went to the Fair
23 Mrs Hub Williard here all day

October 7 To Van Deusen reunion at Aunt Amaret's
9 We took Andrews and wife to Whipp's Ledge
14 To a social at Rev ME Cost's in West Richfield
18 Picked a few northern Spies
19 To Medina paid taxes etc. The Atlas man called.
23 To Richfield grange. Tom Royston and Charles Proulx came
28 To Mrs Law's sale, clerked

31 To Cleveland. Went to the Pilgrim Church in the evening

November 6 E went after Clarence to Albion

15 Made out a leave between Alex McKee and Fred

30 Lined two sides of the horse stables and filled in with straw

December 4 To Pomona Grange all day and evening at Hinckley Center

17 Wrote to EB Fluent in Weymouth

19 To Sunday School in the town hall. Went up again about 5 o'clock and filled the lamps and did other work. To meeting in the evening

24 To the stores and to church. Played dominoes, read and visited. Dexter here

31 We sat up till midnight. Clyde and Clarence to the Hill and to John Brongers' party

1898 He is 51. He and Emma build a American Square house just west of their current home facing 303.

January 1 Miller Sheldon paid me some money

2 Social meeting, chores, read some

7 Charlie Proulx and Jennie came. Around on Jennie's farm with Charlie

12 Mrs Hilbert and Gust Westland called at Gafkey's

15 Worked on Grange secretary report (*sugaring*) (*he goes to church most Sundays*)

17 To church business meeting at Brongers'

24 To Hubert Wait's and looked over grange accounts

27 E to social meeting at Frank Swift's. Rev Hunter of Hinckley Ridge preached

28 Balancing books for 1897

February 3 Hung out the clothes. John Musser called

5 Got sled ready and went as far as Cook's after Clarence

6 Will Kinch and family, Charles Proulx and Merritt Kellogg here to dinner

9 Clyde went forward at church

16 Wednesday. To church prayer meeting at half past 3

17 Went to the baptism in Brongers' brook. Clyde and 11 more were baptized. Father moved to the center

18 Looked up my notes and computed the interest on them to find out their value

23 Clarence started for Berea afoot. To Grange. Muddy, rough road

23 Reading 'The Conquest of Mars'. To McIntyre's to Pearl's wedding

28 Peddled in Cleveland. Called at Herbert Barber's

March 11 Bot 150 bushels oats from Joe Riley. A social at Bedell's to sew for the Bohemians

12 Dexter got his oats near Weymouth with the horse and wagon

23 To Ehman's shop for some syrup cans. Wrote to FW Peebles

27 We syruped off, went to Sunday School, visited, went to bed in the pm

30 Clarence came home afoot

April 7 Cal Wilkinson called. *Calvin Wilkinson farmer born 1841, wife Eliza*

8 To Easter supper at JL Chase's

12 To Cleveland. Went to Uncle John Hall's. Called at Albert Hall's

13 Went with Byron to Medina on the CL&WRR. Went as a witness for Byron

14 Met Arthur Hall at Society for Savings. Some trading

15 Lois Isham (*lives alone 1910, own income*) and I to Medina. Loaned Lois \$800 on a mortgage.

16 Helped put out a fire on Jennie's place. Voted against liquor selling in this town

17 Dexter had the rig to go to Weymouth

19 Herb Bradway constable of Medina called

21 Went down to Gafkey's and Fields'. C Davis put part of FR Gafkey's goods in the road (*Newman is evicting him*)

23 To the sale at Brainard's in Pekin. Met constable Bradway and road down to Gafkey's with him

28 Dr Noland's house burned

May 1 Rode to Sharon Center with Mr Houghlan and staid all night. We called at Mr Lytle's. FR Gafkey moved to Fields'

4 Went to help raise Joe Babcock's barn. *Charles Benjamin works on the farm for him*
5 Went to Mr Kreuger's near Weymouth on the town line
11 Waldo assessor put \$5000
12 Called on Charlton and gave security for costs for Jennie. Wrote a letter to Frank Heath
16 Charlton rendered a judgment against Frank Wilcox (*attorney in Hinckley*) in favor of Jennie Proulx. Byron had Gafkey arrested
30 Cultivated a piece in front of the house for potatoes
31 Put Sykes called

June 3 E and Clyde went to Richfield to 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'

4 Cultivated raspberries west of the evergreen lot
9 Ice cream and strawberry festival at town hall
15 To Cleveland. Ralph Cole went too
16 Jennie and Thomas to our house to supper
20 To Cleveland 10 pm. Went as far as Scranton Ave, got home about 10 am
23 Clarence and Clyde to Berea after trunk etc. *Most Cleveland peddling trips are overnight 10pm to 10 am or he sends one of the boys*

July 3 To church and communion. Paid the preacher in full

11 Went a long way over on the old Whipp's place to see Merritt Kellogg. Herb Bradway called three times
13 To lumber yard and Window Glass Co (*Cleveland*). Stopped at Mr Roy's
15 Drove over to the old Shank place to see Charley Smith
19 Went to Salisbury quarry with John Oakley (*Russell Wilder Salisbury has a farm in the SW part of the township, it is not marked as a quarry in the 1897 Atlas, he is listed as a farmer in the 1900 and 1910 census. the only Salisbury Quarry I find is in Maumee OH but more likely Berea*). Wrote to Frank Heath (*Medina atty*) for Cassie Cole
26 To Cleveland market, Window Glass Company, Young and Fulton Lumber Company. Came around by Independence and got some tiles
27 Three loads of lumber came from Cleveland *He is building a new house*
28 C Smith and Clarence digging cellar

August 1 Herbert Barber commenced work on the house. Smith ½ day on cellar, ½ day hauling stone, Bert Hicks 1 day. Jud Shook ½ day, John Oakley 1 day.

2 John and Jud in quarry, Smith hauled eight loads of stone
3 Bert drew 1 load of ashlar. Clarence and I digging cellar (*he works on the house and farms*)
4 Dug a drain to let the water from the cellar
9 To the quarry. We slacked lime and mixed mortar
10 We helped square up the cellar and helped putting in the tiles around it
11 Wheeled a lot of stone into the cellar
13 Oakley laying up the wall
14 Ernie Killian and Rolla Ward came here on their wheels (*unicycles*). To church, Rev Taylor talked
15 Oakley and Bigalo putting up the wall
17 Shoveled dirt and put it back of the cellar walls. Fred Smith died
22 Smith and Hicks drew each a load of brick from Medina. Sherwin Richards helped get stone and shovel dirt etc
24 We made a sled and drew some ashlar and helped put them on the wall. Smith drew 900 bricks from Medina
26 Lath from Cleveland
30 Slate delivered. Worked some on the hatchway. Barber putting on the sills and joists. Josie Ritz handled brick

September 1 Herbert raised part of the house

3 Clyde and Clarence to Cleveland for lime etc. Carried some sheeting
4 To meeting. A Jew preached
8 Wheeled dirt up to the kitchen porch
13 Clarence and I put the siding and flooring in the new house
14 Hired Mr Stewart to help carpenter. He staid all night
15 Barber, Stewart and Pete Hansen are carpenters. Settled with John Oakley. Mr Job had dinner here
19 Went to Smith's, Shook's, H Riley's and Willard's after help. Brundage lay up the smaller chimney. Clyde Brown mixing mortar. Lee cutting and punching slate. Gene Williams and partner called to figure on the painting

20 G Brundage on 2nd chimney. Oakley cut chimney caps. Hicks came with the Berea stone
22 Hicks and Smith brought cement, Plaster Paris, hair (*to plaster the walls*)
26 To Ira's shop three times. Three slaters here. Ehmann here tinning
27 Wheeled 1200 bricks and piled them up back of the cistern. E called at Lew Conant's. An iron fell and struck me on the head
29, 30 Went to Weymouth looking for a carpenter. Herbert here siding

October 2 Payne came for the balance of the slate left here
6 Drew several loads of gravel from the river. Townsend and Carr came to paint. They staid all night
9 Drove to Weymouth. Called at Brundage's and Will Peters' (*Gilbert Brundage plasterer, Will Peters farmer and huckster*)
12 Drove to Oliver Ellsworth's and to Eleanor Ellsworth's in Royalton for a sand sieve
13 Monegan came for ladders
21 Made staging (*scaffolding*) at the new house. Carried slate
24 To Cleveland to Window Glass Co, Teachouts (*doors, sashes etc*) and the bank. Brought home six doors. Charles Smith brought a load of finishing stuff
25 Went to Shook's and Willard's after help. Brundage plastering. Henry Hicks carried hod. Sherwin Richards mixed mortar. Oakley and Bigalo pointing up the cellar
29 Oakley cutting porch posts. Hatch called and insured the house for \$1500
31 Moved potatoes from the old cellar to the new cellar

November 5 Oakley and Bigelow working on hatchway
8 Election
9 Sorted molding and tied it up. Settled with workers
12 Carried two tons of coal to basement
16 Charlie Scanlin (*Scanlon*) called to see about a sink
17 Went to a lecture on London by Rev Moss
18 Myrtie Jones is cooking
25 Carried molding, hardware, doors and canned fruit to the house
28 Drove to Weymouth for Peters and his tools. Swept a closet and bedroom
29 To tin shop twice for lead weights

December 1 J Oakley cut a hole though to the ash pit
2 Cleaned out another bedroom. Brundage worked on mantle fireplace. Hugh Riley came to plaster. Clyde had his eye hurt
3 Knocked to pieces the mantle create and two large mortar boxes. Cleaned and swept the back stairs
6 Brundage came and finished the brick and tile work of the mantle
12 Went to the store to get some money of Brongers. Cleaned snow off some studding and put it in the cellar. Salisbury called. Went to Ehmann's shop, he brought down a stove and put it up in the house. Peters made a coal bin. Barber at Pantry. Painters up in Chamber
14 Dug a place for latticework and helped Peters put it up
16 Helped take things from the old buttery and tore out the shelves and took them to the new cellar for shelves. Townsend and Carr painting inside
21 Clyde and I to Cleveland. Called at Bailey's, Teachouts, Davis and Hart and E Seidels
23 A man came from Cleveland and set up our mantle
26 Cass Cole here cleaning. We moved the beds and set them up. Went to Christmas tree. Slept in our new home
28 Carried things to the new house – papers, magazines. We put down the carpet in the sitting room and put up the stove again
29 Took up the old carpets in the old house. We put lumber etc in the old house. Townsend put up some curtains
30 Clarence and I built a stone walk from the porch NE to the grass
31 Made a platform to put the lumber on. Dexter here in the evening. He and Clarence rang the church bell

1899 He is 52

January 3 Clarence and I put down carpets in the front bedroom and hall and set up the bed. Filled a lounge tick. Copied C's accounts for the year
4 Helped E wash some carpets. Clarence to Cleveland with Henry Richards

5 Built more sidewalk to the road. Helped put down dining room carpet
7 Went to Cock Robin's and paid him \$105
12 C(harlie) Scanlin (*Scanlon*) came in and put down some wire. About 20 children to a party here. Ed Adams called
13 C Scanlon and Pete Hanson putting in the pipes and two pumps
22 Mrs McConnell of Mineral Ridge spoke about Frances Willard (*WCTU*) at the meeting
26 Jennie and Henry visited. He took pictures of the new house and one of the old one
31 Figuring the church accounts

February 7 Sleighing. Did Dexter's chores (*two days*). Minnie, Myrtie and Alta Ritz and Ethel and Elva Damon here
9 Tried to keep the frost out of the cellar
15 Hatch the insurer called
18 C Smith sent a load of coal
26 Reading 'Faith and Unfaith'

March 8 Figured up a note against Jennie and one against EB Fluent which is paid. *Sugaring every day*
20 Picked out (*of the cellar*) a bushel of frozen potatoes
23 Did a little writing on a mortgage and hour and a half. The high school out

April 3 To election. Mrs Charles Lyons called
6 Went to Pekin to the sale of Whipp's land
12 Dexter and I to Pekin to see Merritt Kellogg. Called at Benjamin's and Jones'
20 Went to George Johnson's sale on the Bateman farm. Led a cow home
21 Clyde and I took the slats from the front fence and moved it away
26 Greased the wagon. Carr and Enos of Richfield are painting (*6 days*)

May 8 Assessor called. Put in \$4000, house \$500 and Kit
9 To the market. Bot a lot of dishes, furniture, etc in the city (*Cleveland*)
10 Went to George Fulmer's with David M Snyder and Hiram Hunt to get a mortgage acknowledged
13 WC Ehman did a little more trimming on the house. Minnie and Myrtie Jones and a city girl, Irvie Killian and another fellow called
17 To Cleveland. To Henry Leopold's furniture store. Our furniture came in the pouring rain
20 Rev JB Watson made a visit of 3-4 hours
21 Chased sheep. To meeting, Rev J Moxley preached
30 The furniture men came from Cleveland and upholstered the parlor sett etc and brought some more furniture

June 1 DO Musser and Clark Wait called for plastering box
3 Clyde took berries to Richfield. Clyde went to picture show on the Hill. Children's Day. Eight pickers and Clyde; he carried them to the house about 128 baskets. *To Cleveland peddling most every day 10 pm to 4-5 pm the next day*
30 Picked 74 baskets. To Cleveland 9 pm. Walked about 15 miles

July 1 To Charles Proulx's to dinner. Brought home a mantle glass (*mirror*)
3 Drove down to Charles Pelot's to see Vere
5 Henry Miller and Carl Pitkin called on Clarence
6 Took down the mantel and put up a new glass
23 Sunday. A man from Cleveland drove out to put down the new parlor and hall carpet. His wife came too. We did not know that he was coming
27 We hoed and wed eight rows strawberries
29 Lightning struck the picket fence
31 I called to see Father (*he is ill*) but Old Ann would not let us see him

August 6 Charlie Proulx, Jennie and Lillie here. Father died between 7-8 pm. Went to meeting
10 Father's funeral. Omar and Jessie, Jennie and Lillian and Charlie Proulx, George and Lydia and Johnnie here
12 Uncle Martin and Clate Woodward called in the buggy. The boys brought bicycle home from Cleveland
16 Sunday School anniversary in Milo Hayne's grove in Strongsville. Clyde rode wheel
17 Damon reunion at CN Damon's in Richfield
23 The social here 30 present

24 We all went to the Harvest Picnic in Martin's grove in Royalton

September 9 Clarence put handles on 100 grape baskets. Clarence to Berea

14 Got to Akron 5 am. Peddled and marketed 27 baskets. Saw the Street Fair

28 Wallace Searles here to dinner

28 Frank Ritz brought a load of coal

October 4 Clyde came here on the wheel

5 To Van Deusen reunion at Grange hall

7 Delivered 45 gallons syrup around Peninsula

10 Company to dinner – Aunt Amaret, Elmer, Steve and Luella West, Menta West, Lucy and Ethan Conant, Mary and Roy VD, Ira Johnson and wife and daughter, Olive J and three children, Mary J, Isadore and Blanche VD, Chloe Ballentine, Orpha Bates and Harlow and Mr Jones, three and Dexter here all night

16 E took some apples to the cider mill on the Ridge for the jelly

19 To Omar's to dinner. Watched the railroad trial (*in Medina*) awhile. Paid taxes etc

31 Thomas Royston and Jennie Proulx came and staid all night

November 3 Put an old coal oil barrel together that had fallen down. Out the horse and co in the barn

7 Voted for Nash for governor. To a dinner at the church

10, 13, 21 To Independece for 360 4" tiles. 14 A meteor party of children here in the evening. Paid the Bateman note.

Jennie lives at 680 Cedar Ave now (*in 1897 Samuel Parke Allen lived here, Harvard class of 1897*)

19 To Daniel Oakley's funeral at the ME church. Husked Dexter's corn til midnight. *Works on this 5 days*

24 Found cow in Mrs Eggert's lot. E went to Brad Kimball's in Remsen

27 Clarence patched the barn roof. Clyde took him to the brick road in Strongsviile

29 To Medina for corn and the gasoline stove

December 4 Dexter, Emma, Clyde and myself to Farmers' Institute in Brunswick. To Rev Moxley's to supper, home 11 pm

8 To Will Kinch's in Beebetown

9 Dexter, Will and I went to Steffens to get our rooster but did not. Went down to Frank Wilcox's and he went up to Fulmer's with me and made out the papers to arrest Steffens and replenish the rooster. Came back with C Davis and we got Dexter and went to Steffens got the rooster. Put it in the barn. Between 10-11 C Davis came and got the rooster and took it home

11 Went to the center to Steffens' trial. It was settled by return of my property and his paying all the costs. Charles Davis brought my rooster home

13 Clyde at the sing

19 Went to Berea and got Clarence. Walked part of the way home

20 Clarence and I put some tools etc in the old house. Clyde and Clarence to the sing

21 Dexter, Clarence and I got a Christmas tree and took it up to the church and helped put it up

23 To the Christmas tree in the evening

25 James Killian, Will Kinch and Matthew Barber families spent Christmas with us

26 E sat up all night with Clara Bartlett

1900 He is 53, Emma 48, Clarence 22, Clyde 15. They visit Niagara Falls

January 1 Clarence and Dexter here. Played Crokinole (*board game*)

3 Went with Clarence to Beebetown station

4 Clyde to a concert in the evening

9 Helped Dexter draw clover chaff and spread it on his wheat

11 Reckoned up church accounts

13 Clyde to Methodist Church in the evening

14 Sunday School, read Bible history

15 Clyde to a sing

20, 21 Read 'Jane Eyre'

22 Clipped the chickens' wings

24 Trimmed apple trees near the old house

February 1 Working on my accounts for 1899

4 Sunday School and preaching in the forenoon by Mrs Moxley. Idiots yelled (*this is the only untoward thing I have ever known him to write*)

6 Worked some on the accounts between Dexter and I. Tom Royston came

7 To the social at the church. Horace McKee staid all night

12 Clyde and I built some sidewalk along the road in front of the house. Went down to McIntyre's to carry some borrowed clothes

17 Reading 'The Earth Trembled'

22 Settled with Jones for his work

24 Sorted over papers in my desk and burned a lot of invaluable ones

March 1 Reading 'History of England' by Dickens

2 Worked in the old house straightening and cleaning. Carried the old lumber and pieces up stairs

3 Cleaned out the stables. Took a bath

5 To Barney Ritz's and to the store. Had a fall and hurt my head

7 Thomas, Dexter and I built the line fence. Went to Sard Isham's sale in the barn

10 Business meeting at the church. *He is sugaring every day*

15 James Mattingly and Mrs Smith called. Bot an atlas (*his picture and bio are in it*)

18 Went to a church meeting. Jones broke down. Mrs Moxley preached

31 Thomas hurt

April 1 Went to Aunt Kate's funeral at Jim Eastwood's

2 To town election. Cock Robin defeated for JP. Clarence walked back to Berea

3 Rossed up the bark of a small place on about 150 maple trees to have them ready to tap

4 We went to Handy Wagon Show on the hill

6 Saw a live snake, dandelions and wild flowers in the woods

7 Got Mr Royston's seeds and sowed timothy clover on my wheat west of the sugar camp. Several girls and boys here in the evening

8 Rev Moxley's last sermon. Alexander McKee died

9 To school meeting. Was secretary. E and I went to Medina, got there about 8½ am. We were witnesses before the grand jury

15 Cassie Cole married. Found Herman and Clara in our woods

16 Sowed grass seed around the house

18 Straightened up and drove back all of the posts of the slat and wire fence and replaced a few. Clyde helped. Steffen's swearing at them in the mean time

19 To Tom Royston's sale. Some girls and boys here to practice their farce (*6 next six days*). Was subpoenaed on the Gafkey case by Deputy Fosskett

20 To Medina as witnesses in the Gafkey case. It was continued

21 Mr Hoddinot called with the Elberta peach trees

28 To Pomona grange. Mrs Herbert Williard died

29 Mrs Rev Wiseman preached

30 We laid the north stone walk to the east of the house

May 2 Dug on the slop drain all day. HG Frizzel called to assess my real estate

3 Dug the slop drain and laid some sewer pipe and tile in it

5 Went to the grange hall to help plant trees

6 E and I to Berea to see Clarence. He has the measles. Mrs Parmalee gave us lunch

12 Dragged a pole over the piece of oats to smash the lumps. Clyde went to a show

14 Plowed and dragged a little garden for Clyde

18 To Cleveland peddling mostly on Buhrer Ave

22 We all went to Medina. Got warrants out for the arrest of John and Henry Steffens

24 Went to hear the drama in the evening

25 Sadie Young called. Sheriff out after the Steffens

26 Steffens fined in Medina. Clarence helped put up the curtain rollers

28 To Cleveland. Saw the eclipse of the sun in Brighton

3 Clyde to Children's' Day exercises in Remsen

June 11 Had 11 *berry* pickers

14 We all got ready and went to Clarence's commencement. Got there about 8½ am. Clarence was graduated AB from Baldwin University. Attended White Rose exercise in the pm (*obit says he was captain of the football team*)

17 To Children's Day on the hill. *He is peddling in Cleveland every other day overnight*

30 Reese Dunn rode home from Cleveland with me

July 1 Bessie, Archie and Joe Kinch's girls called

8 Rolla and Walter came out. Children's Day. *He naps before going to Cleveland from 8 pm to 10 am the next morning*

18 Repaired the berry stands and put them away in the old chamber

21 Hitched up the horse and drew the stones west of the strawberry patch used as a walk, and those in front for a walk to a place about ½ way between the house and the barn

25 Measured the roof to see how many shingles to buy. We doctored the horse's foot

26 Measured the ground for some walks around the house

27 Clarence and I walked to Liverpool station. Took the 11:15 train to Brooklyn and the street cars to Jennie. Went to the store company and ordered some flagging for the walks. Staid at Jennie's

28 In Cleveland. Walked to Nickel Plate station near Broadway. We took the 5:35 train to Niagara Falls. Got there between 1-2 pm. Went all around Goat Island, the Three Sisters, and Luna Island. Lodged at 22 Niagara Street

29 We took the belt line street cars and went over on the Canada side. Saw old forts etc. Saw the whirlpool and whirlpool rapids. Went down as far as Lewiston and up the gorge route on the American side. Went to the Horseshow Falls and Table Rock on the Canada side. Victoria's park and other places of interest. We took a ride on the Maid of the Mist just below the falls. Took a walk around Goat Island again. Saw the Falls, walked some around the city.

Waited at the depot till 10:15 then took the train to Buffalo. Had to wait there til 2 am

30 Left Buffalo at 2 am on the Nickel Plate for Cleveland. Got to Pearl Street about 6½ am. Walked home. Got home about the middle of the afternoon, went to bed before night. C was about sick and I got a chance for him to ride most of the way with Merritt Kellogg

August 1 Dexter and Clyde to Maccabee picnic in Strongsville. To a Boxwell commencement at the disciples Church

3 Mr Cady of the Sprague Carriage Co called

8 E and the boys to Sunday school picnic at the center. She brought her Sunday School class here and had Shook take their pictures

10 Clarence spoke a piece at Etta Musser's concert

19 Clyde spoke a piece at Etta Musser's concert

15 We drew lumber, planks and blocks from T Royston's for table and seats. Clarence and I went to Mrs Merchant's for dishes and to the church for horses and to J Ritz's for horses. We built a long table with seats

16 Damon reunion here 75 present. We had our picture taken by Shook

17 We cleaned away the lumber etc, dishes, freezer, etc. Home. We played ball till dinner. Ice cream party at the grange

18 Clyde went to Maccabee picnic in Granger.

23 I worked on the road. The tax changed to me. I had scrapers and plow. Cady called about buggies

24 Reckoned up Jennie's note of \$689.00

25 Boys to the ball game. Thomas paid me \$21

September 3 Machine agent staid here all night, supper and breakfast

5 Second day of Medina Fair

7 Barber reunion at James Killian's. Played ball, had ptcture taken (*the Gazette often reports on these family reunions and sometimes lists the guests*)

8 Hoed raspberries and grapes. Drove out six thieves

9 Clyde to ME church. Emma sick, doctor called

14 Emma still sick. Clyde helped Tom Royston thresh

16 E and I to Sunday School. Clyde to Methodist Sunday School

18 Clarence rode to Cleveland with Will Pugh

22 Clyde took his high school examination

28 Grapes to Boston and Peninsula. That finishes them

October 4 Van Deusen reunion in Michigan

7 Rev DD Fennel of Medina preached
20 Last load of coal delivered
21 Wrote syrup labels
24 To Charles Waldo's sale. Clerked
26 Greased wagon, caught chickens etc
27 To Cleveland 5 am. Got razor at Oakley's
31 F Ritz brought eight flagging stones. Barney came to help unload them. We went to a surprise party at Brongers' for George and Mabel Wait. They were given a rocker and center table

November 2 F Ritz brought seven more 6 x 2½ ft. flagging. Helped unload them. Laid down about three hours, started to Cleveland about 10 pm
3 Peddled on Holmden, Buhner, Scranton and Agnes Court. Saw the Republican Prosperity Parade till 4 pm. Walked back to the south side and got some shingles at Brighton
5 We put up the Round Oak (*parlor*) stove
6 Went up and voted for McKinley and Roosevelt. Charles Proulx and I met C on the (*Cleveland*) square and we staid over town til past midnight hearing the returns from the election. We staid on the streets till 10-11 when it commenced raining then we went to the armory
7 Trading on Pearl Street
8 Unloaded the wagon, unpacked and untied some chairs. The Ladies' Social here. *List of attendees*. The 4th load of stone came
10 Drew eight one-horse loads of sand to put under the flagstones
14 Agent for a brush called
15 Frank Smith's sale
16 Wrote a letter to the Cleveland Stone Co Berea
19 Hugh Riley called a long time about Lois Isham's affairs. Barney Ritz here 2½ hours trimming flagging
22 B Ritz here dressing and laying flagging. Finished the front walk
23 Got up at 4 am and drew three loads of sand to put under the flagging. Ritz here dressing and laying the flagging *and over the next 2 days*
27 Drove down to Jones' for a box Clarence sent. Carried dirt and sods and put the around the sides of the walk. E to school
29 Thanksgiving. Drew the tiles and put them in the old house porch. We drew the privy up nearer to the new house. Pitched up a lot of spalls (*chips of rock, concrete etc*) and other things from the lawn. Made a walk to the privy and repaired the door a bit

December 1 Dug a ditch along the front of the house by the road. Lay boards and planks along the sidewalk
3 Took the shingles from half the old kitchen. Clyde and I patched the roof boards and lay several courses of shingles
4 Hugh Riley called and we talked til noon. We went to Lois Isham's and talked with her. E and I went to a grange box sale at their hall. Got Mrs Rupert's, George Bedell got Emma's
5 Read some in the 'Silence of Dean Maitland' by Gray
6 To Temperance lecture and magic lantern show at the church. Chapman boy staid all night
8 Clyde and I tore the shingles from the east side of the old kitchen roof. Patched the roof boards and shingled nearly to the top
10 Put the old shingles in the old back room
22 Was elected grange treasurer
24 Helped get an evergreen tree at Jennie's, carry it up and out it up at the church. We all helped all day. We all went to the Christmas tree in the evening. Clyde called off names and E read the program
30 Was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School
31 A watch party at night. Wayland and Winnie Waldo, Horace and Winnie McKee, Ida Damon, Myrtie and Minnie Ritz, Perry Jones, Glen and Archie Chapman, Fanny Martin, Grover Duncan Bessie Riley and Clyde. We sat up till 3 in the night and saw the 19th century out and the 20th century in

1901 He is 54. Working on farm chores, fruit, balancing accounts, etc

January 3 To church and ladies' social
7 Handy Wagon picture entertainment on the hill
10 Had LaGrippe
13 Clarence and Jennie here from Cleveland. Tom Royston and Dexter called

17 Reading 'Dr Claudine'
18 Reading the World's Fair Book and looked through Views of Niagara Falls. Clyde went home with Horace McKee
20 Revival service commenced
22 Charles Babcock called and paid me some money. Queen Victoria died
26 To the grange
28 Played a couple of games. Cleared snow from the walks and porches.

February 2 Sunday School. Men's meeting and meeting again at evening. Charles Searles gave his experience
5 Dexter to Kipton. Byron rose up at the evening meeting. Sleighing.
7 To Methodist social at the Grange
9 I am secretary of the Grange, also secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school
11 Clyde to a party at Miles'
12 Surprise party at Byron's. Clyde staid from school *Newman's birthday is Feb 19*
14 E to the donation for Charles Searles day and evening at the grange
15 Minnie Ingersoll called with carpet stretchers
16 Clyde to Osborn's Corners Institute
19 School house caught fire. Aunt Emily's sale
20 To Donation for Rev Biechele at the grange
21 Clerked at UB McIntyre's sale. Clyde to Granger and spent the night with Horace McKee
25 Went down to McIntyre's twice for the bedroom suite I bought. Carried them up to the chamber and put them up
27 Charlie brought me from the mill six bushels corn and six bushels oats ground together. Clyde to a sugar party in Granger. *Dexter is here most days*
28 Clyde to oyster supper in Granger

March 2 Went to sale of Elisha Wait's personal property
4 Straightened around and cleaned up the old house. Played a little chess
12 To a box social at the grange *Sugaring*
26 Called at Charlie Damon's sugar camp
27 Went to C Benjamin's and to see his lumber
28 Went down to Charlie VD's to measure some wood 24 cords. Mary VD called
29 Gathered a barrel of sap

April 1 Election. Henry Richards and Joseph Ritz called
3 Helped put up a transom lift
8 Easter social at the grange
15 HP Riley called and I reckoned up the interest in the Lois Isham note for him. Later Mabel called with a check for the amount. Split a few butternut logs for sugar wood
16, 17 Greased the wagon and got the horse ready for Clyde to draw wood from Charlie's
18 Clyde drew one load of stove wood and got the carpet and a sack of flour
21 Clyde and Clarence came from Cleveland in a buggy. Road impassable from here to the center. Several digging out the roads
24 Assessor Charles Searles called. Credits \$4000, horse \$30, cows \$30. Dexter's 145
26 E to the center and to the school
28 Clyde went to Beebetown on his wheel. Tamar Wait's funeral
29 Electric road surveyors through my farm

May 4 Clyde to Medina on his wheel. Surveyors for the electric line through here going south
6 Surveyors through mine, going north, little further east
7 Drew a load of dirt for the flower bed
10 E and Clyde to Cleveland peddling
11 Picked up some stones north of the house and put them in the roadway
12 Omar's barn burned by lightning and Charlie's property inside
13 Henry Richards called and paid me almost all up, 8.33 left
18 Joe Ritz borrowed 85 3" tiles
21 To Cleveland 12½ am, got to town about 6 am. Sold the potatoes on Pearl Street. Took the eggs to market. Got back to the Pearl and Scranton (*horse*) shed about 10, started home at noon, got home at 5. Rain all the way home

22 Mowed the lawn with scythe and lawn mower
24 E and I to Alex Morton's and bought a six year old black horse
27 Clyde and I to Medina after some harnesses. Took Kit and Fred. Looked at some buggies. Cashed a \$100 certificate of deposit
28 Shook here cutting a hole through the east side of the old kitchen. Saltzburg here with a load of picture frames, staid all night. Surveyors through
30 Shingling north side of the upright part of the old house

June 5 Got the new harness by mail carrier

6 An eye man called

7 Erhmann put up some eave trough

11 To Cleveland and to market, came back to Stadler's and bot a top buggy \$75, cash \$68

13 Clyde went to Brighton after the buggy. Helped wash the buggies

14 Clyde to Granger for a pig. Took it back at night. E to church to practice

16 Children's Day exercises

19 We picked 469 two-quarts of strawberries, 17 pickers. *To Cleveland peddling 6 days a week*

30 Clarence and Mr Jacques came from Cleveland

July 7 To baptism in the river. Minnie Ingersoll, Arthur & Edith Benjamin from our church and several from the ridge

18 Mrs Higbee, Mona, Edith and Emma U pickers

24 To grange entertainment. Clyde took Minnie

26 Mrs Gilbert Finch's funeral at George McKee's

28 Dr Noland family and Minnie Ingersoll here. Made ice cream

August 5 Clyde and Floyd went to Crackie Gibbs and then to Whipp's ledge

7 Emma and Clyde went to Jim's, Will's and Matt's and brought back a kid

8 Kid here

11 Bessie Walter and Archie here til 2½ am. Charles Proulx and wife here to dinner and supper

14 Hunted around in the woods and lots of the neighborhood for the cow probably four hours. Sunday School picnic

15 To Damon family reunion at Roy Kellogg's in Richfield at Behmer farm. Ralph Cole here (*Ralph is working for them*). Clarence at the Pan American

16 Clyde to Cady's and to Clark Gibbs'

21 To Sunday School anniversary at Milo Haynes grove in Strongsville. Took Lois Isham and Ralph, Clyde took Minnie I. To ice cream social at Grange

24 Bell tolled for George Boulden (*he died*)

27 Worked on the road, cleaned out the culvert in front of the house

29 Ralph and Clyde to harvest picnic. Clyde brought his girl here to supper. He got home about 4 am

30 Clyde painted some on the old buggy

September 4 To Medina Fair. Saw the balloon ascension

5 Elgie West and Eugene Hier got married

6 Ralph took the cow to George Kuder's bull. McKinley shot

7 Caught several boys in the vineyard

9 Peddled in Peninsula. Fred got lame on the trip with stone bruises. To Cleveland to market 9 pm

10 Cleveland, sold out, went to Prospect Street restaurant and to the square. Considerable rain. Staid under a shed several times agoing in

13 Took the coal grate out of the kitchen stove. Ground off the wood grate on the grindstone and put it partly in. Eli Shook and Derhammer came to hang a rolling door and put it on the east side of the old kitchen, also put on some ridge boards on the house. *Eli Shook furniture and undertaker Hinckley*

14 McKinley died

21 Ralph quit work this morning

27 Clerked at Charles Pelot's sale

28 Went to NE Wilcox's sale. Clerked for him. Painter staid all night

29 E and I picked up five half bushels, four pecks, four grapes and two pony baskets grapes that I had ordered

October 1 To Charlie Damon's sale on the Mahala Merchant place *he moved to Brunswick*. To the Grange to a farewell party for DO Musser and wife and Charles Pelot and wife
5 C and I helped McIntyre put up the church stove and pipe
9 To 'Toot' Oakley's funeral in the pm at the house
13 Picked up 2½ bushels pears that the wind blew off last night
14 Saltzburg came and staid all night
16 Drew a load of stones and put them in front of the carriage house door
17 E to a social at LA McKee's. Mrs Norland, her father and his housekeeper called. Mr Martin and a pack peddler called
18 Surveyors through here again (*the next 5 days*)
22 Picture man called with a framed picture of John Barber. Wrote 30 syrup labels and a grange report
24 E and I took the maple syrup to Peninsula and delivered it to private families
26 E and Clyde to see Clarence. Clarence is sick with typhoid fever. Clyde and Wayland drove Kit to Clarence to bring back the black horse. Eva and Rollo Ward and Irvie Cole called. Four Granger men came to see Clyde about the fire. Uncle Don called and told me Emma wanted some one to come after her horse
29 E and I to Cleveland to see Clarence at the German hospital on Franklin Ave
30 Clyde drove Kit to Grange to help Welton build fence that was burned up

November 2 Clyde went to Eva Porter's sale

6 Wrote to the Handy Wagon Company (*Ideal Entertainment Company*)
7 Peddled in Cleveland. Had our dinner and went to the German Hospital to see Clarence
11 Will Swinburn died. Picked up a peck of hickory nuts
13 My left wrist very lame. Clyde distributed circulars of the Ideal Entertainment Company in the Ridge and river roads and east of the center road
17 To church. Built the fire and rang bell
18 Swept up the town hall. Built a fire and helped fix the seats. Worked there most all day. Sold tickets in the evening
128 adults and 28 children. Ideal Entertainment came here at noon and staid all night
22 Sheldon the book agent called
23 E and Clyde to Cleveland to see Clarence
24 To Sunday School meeting. Was janitor, built the fires, rung the bell etc. Called at McIntyre's for the keys
26 Helped move the chairs from the town hall to the grange
30 Clyde started to Cleveland after Clarence. To Pomona Grange. Next one at Montville February, 2nd Saturday

December 3 Bob Norton brought #80 beef. E swept the church

10 To Lewis Conant's sale, clerked
14 Carried 24 pails of water from the cellar. Pumped a lot from the cistern
17 To box social at the hall for the church
21 Clarence and Clyde to Maccabee entertainment
24 We all went to Christmas tree in the evening
25 Christmas. Mr Isham of Cleveland a book agent called
27 Saw a flock of geese flying northeast
30 Clyde took Minnie to church on the hill. Jen's furniture came
31 Helped skin rabbits. Clyde took Minnie to Remsen Corners

1902 He is 55

January 1 Clarence had company from Berea and went back with them

5 Bessie, Walter, Archie, Alta and Amber Kinch called
7 Matt and Lois here to dinner. Hurt my eye
8 We helped raise Omar's barn
11 Installation of officers at the Grange – I am secretary. Had dinner at the hall. Biechele and Evans preached
26 Mrs Cady and Winnie came from the ME church (*according to the 1900 census, Mrs Demmis or Dimmis Cady 77 lived in Hinckley with only her granddaughter Minnie Ingersoll 14 born 1885*) Clyde took Minnie on the ridge

February 2 Clarence built fires at the church but no preacher came

9 Wrote some resolutions of respect on the death of Ira Bedell
14 Clarence visited the high school

15 E and I drove over to the ridge. Called at Porter's, Ellis', Euga's mill yard, Aunt Roxey's, Fred Damon's, J Eastwood's, Harley Damon's and Steve West's. Pearl, Elliott and Wayland here

17-20 *Drew loads of posts from Jim Marquette's woods each day*

21 Drew three loads of plank scantling and ten posts from Euga's mill on Marquette's home

22 Went up towards Pekin and bought some sycamore lumber from Ethan Allen

24 To John Damon's sale. Came home and took Fred and sled and got ten bushels potatoes and ten of corn

March 2 Searles commenced the new year at the meeting

8 Clarence and I to the sale of Ira Bedell's personal property. *Sugaring, grange secretary, cutting firewood, Sunday School secretary, etc*

28 Case the paper hanger called

29 To Grange Easter supper at the hall, staid til midnight

April 1 Frank and Lizzie Ingersoll called

2 We repaired the mud sled and Clyde took a log to the mill and rode over to Snyder's. Little snow

7 To town election, Case brothers here papering

8 Helped in the house moving things, put down carpet etc

15 Drove to McIntyre's and got two maple trees and set them in front of the house. We drew dirt to put around them

17 Hauled some stone and put it in the driveway

19 Clyde took the Boxwell exam in Medina. *They rent farm land from Mahala Merchant*

24 Drew manure with Fred with a boat SE of the barn for the strawberries.

28 Clarence took the cow to 'Bob' Norton's

29 Clarence to Cleveland for a box of Fay currants

May 1 Clarence and I made a muller

2 Dug dandelions out of the lawn

3 Clyde went to Medina teacher's exam

10 Clyde played ball in Brunswick

13 We made a barrel of Bordeaux mixture. P Waldo assessor called. Credits \$3000, horse \$40, cow \$15, carriage \$25 = \$3880. Aunt Amaret died about 6 pm

14 We went to Ehmann's and got an Imperial plow. E to Noland's to help on the carpet

28 Clyde took Mary Halida to Royalton

22 The boys plowed the island pieces and went to caucus

26 Clyde to Cady's twice, brought Minnie here and took her home

28 Cold. Very chilly wind. I wore an overcoat to weed in

June 1 Children's Day exercises, Clyde brought Minnie here

4 Clyde to Granger with Mr Wiese all day. Wiese here all night

5 We started for Fred Metz's about 6 o'clock.

8 Clyde took Minnie to Weymouth

13 Harold Arnold's barn burned

16 Mrs Cady came for Minnie. Mr Gill and Miss Gould here – Gill applied to teach at high school

24 Stopped at Cady's for Clyde's wheel

28 Clyde played ball and went to Charles Ruple's in the evening

July 4 Went to the center for the 4th. Went to Dr Noland's and E Isham's in the evening. Had ice cream

5 Clyde to Medina to Boxwell commencement. Took Ethel N

19 Party here in the evening

20 Jennie and Tom here all night

24 E had her eyes examined

31 Student called selling (*stereo*) views, here to dinner. Frizzell's barn burned

August 1 Clyde to Brunswick station to get Miss Salvina (*Selma?*) Kiel. Jennie here at night, Tom called

3 Selma here. Clyde took Selma and Mary Halada somewhere. Clyde took Selma to station

6 To Ernie Killian's wedding at Ogleby's overnight

10, 11 Kit very sick

14 Ritzes helped pull Kit out of the brook
15 Found Kit dead this morning in the barn. Got Josie to draw her to the gully with his mule. We buried her
16 E and CE went to Royalton in the evening. He got vaccinated
19 Clyde to a party at Akins'
23 Clyde took Minnie to Maccabee's picnic at Granger. Clarence is camping out
24 Clyde vaccinated in Royalton
26 Clarence in Linwood
27 To Damon reunion at Guy Weeks' in Copley. Sick all night, bad chicken pies. About 100 present
29 Was vaccinated

September 1 Clyde, Elmer I and Henry H and I worked on the road
9 Clarence went to the cemetery ice cream
11 Railroad lawyer called awhile
28 Took Clarence to Brunswick station *List of accounts, appears to be money owed for fruit, syrup etc*

October 1 Peddled in Peninsula and Boston
2 Van Deusen reunion at Grange hall. 70 present, 17 from Michigan. Milo and son RG, Aunt Sophia and Fanny came and staid all night
3 E took the women to Ethan's after noon
4 Relatives here to supper, Clarence came home, we all went to the Ideal Entertainment. I sold tickets. They came home with us. Wilcox's barn burnt
5 Visited with six Michigan folks. Settled with the Entertainment Company
6 Peddling 3 am to 9 pm. Clarence cut some corn and went to the car line on foot
12 Worked on Grange records
14 Put up Round Oak stove
15 Cut pop corn on the island
18 E took stove and other things to Medina for Clyde. I went to Lyle Gilbert's sale
19 Hitched up and went to meet Clyde and two boys in Brunswick at Gay's. Clarence came home about noon with Miss Mamie Nichols. Clyde and boys drove to Whipp's ledge. Took the boys to Brunswick in the evening. Clarence & Mamie took a walk back in the woods
23 Peddled in Cleveland with 33 chickens, apples and eggs. Brought home 200' lumber
25 Drew apples from the old house to the cellar
26 Clyde drove down to Cady's. I moved some potatoes to get the buggy out
31 To Medina, got Clyde and lumber

November 1 Clyde staid all night at Earl Williams'
2 Took Clyde to car line. To Strongsville, Albion and home by Bennetts Corners. Then east to Center road then home
4 Election. Eat dinner at Grange hall
6, 8, 10, 11 12 To Medina for building tiles
9 Clarence brought Miss Williams here. Took Clyde to car line
13 To Medina for lumber, cement and windows. E and I moved Clyde to Rawlings
14 Drew 2 loads sand from the river. Got B Ritz to help lay out the foundation for a poultry house. Drew some sandstone for some wall
15 Dug some foundation. Drew a load of flat stones from the woods
16 Clyde came home. Minnie and Ethel N and Clyde to the car line with Fred
17 Sorted potatoes in the cellar. 33 bushels good ones, six bushels seconds and four bushels small
20 Jim and Riley Olds work on the hen house
22 To Medina for more lumber and shingles
24 Siding the hen house, some roof boards. B Ritz plastered some cement around the sills
26 Jim putting the windows
29 Boulden painted on the hen house and the old house

December 3 Spread dirt in the poultry house. Moved the dust box in. Put some netting on the windows. We put the chickens in the first night
8 Clyde rode to Brunswick with Waylon
9 Elected secretary of the Grange, Emma is Chaplain

10 Helped laying the floor at the grange three of us, two days.
12 Husked corn on the old house 2 days. Called at Ritz's to see if they would butcher John. They came over and killed him. Wade Smith brought me #2650 coal
16 To carpet rag social. I got Mrs Charles Ritz's carpet ball, Willie Weiland got Emma's
19 Wade brought #2700 of coal. E moderating at school
22 Ethan Conant brought #2740 coal
23 Snyder's sale
24 Got a Christmas tree at Tom's, put it up at the church. Clarence home, he and E to the Christmas tree.
25 Christmas. Clyde came home. All here towards night

1903 He is 56. Clarence graduated from Cleveland law School and passed the Ohio Bar. He is Chair of Mathematics at Central State university in PA for one year, not mentioned. Clyde may be at college.

January 2 Posting accounts

4 Reading 'Youth's Companion'

7 H Batterson and wife called to look over the house. Nine boys and girls here to practice a play

10 Grange in session am and pm

19 Clyde to high school in am and walked back to Brunswick car line in pm

22 Pack peddler called

25 Clyde came home and brought Earl Martin and John Lutz

28 Carried coal to the cellar from the roadway

February 1 Dr Noland and Minnie F granted letters. *Doing Clyde's and Dexter's accounts*

10 E to Christy show

13 To Grange Entertainment. Mrs Bartlett and Rex staid here all night

14 To Pomona grange entertainment

19 Shoveled off the walks. *Sugaring*

25, 26 To Farmers' Institute, three sessions. State speakers RH Wallace and AS Brigham

28 Carried good many pails of water from the basement

March 6 E went to Remsen in a load (*of people*)

8 Clyde granted a letter. George Johnson called

18 Put poultry posts and netting (*chicken wire*) up. Put three screens in cellar windows

25 Put wire hoop on the old wash tub

28 Charlie Hensinger called. To Grange oyster supper

30 Worked on 'Ladies' Home Journal' puzzle

April 1 Bought John Oakley's four year old mare. Plowing with Belle

6 Repaired several windows on the old house. To township election. Drove Belle to Medina. Eat dinner at Baisch's

11 HP Riley called and paid interest

13 Dug weeds from the lawn

14-16 Peeled bark from 300 grape posts and piled them up

17 Put up clothesline by the old and new houses. Put in a new hitching post

20 To Medina court house by request of tax inquisitor. Drove Fred in buggy

21 Looked over accounts and papers to find evidence. Mrs 'Mack' here visiting

22 Took the cars to Cleveland. Called at Dr Cutler's and at his office in the Arcade

24 To Jim Goodrich's on the Vic Musser place

27 Assessor called. Put horses \$150, credits \$3800. Raked the lawn

30 To Cleveland. Stopped 2-3 hours in Parma on account of the rain

May 3 Read 'Romeo and Juliet'

5 Planting flower bed

7 Called at C Proulx for Clarence's dishes

10 Clarence, Jacques, Miss Nichols and Miss Williams here

18 Voted no on centralization of schools special election

21 To sidewalk entertainment

27 We went to Uncle Don's for a pig

28 To Tom's barn raising

June *Berrying, peddling in Cleveland every day or two*

11 Boulden painting on house ten hours a day

13 Peddling in Cleveland. To Clarence's rooms on Hawthorne and got some dry clothes

28 Clyde and Herbert Newton came out and brought Misses Baisch and Holbein

July 1 To Ritz's barn raising

4 Clyde at Chippewa

14 To Grange, was presented a gold pen

16 Paul Wells came and staid all night with Clyde

21 Mowed and cleaned up roadside in front of the house

23 I mowed some grass with the scythe. Raked it and drew it to the barn

August 5 Clyde and Clarence to high school reunion

7 Clyde and Clarence to cemetery drama

8 Clyde to ball game. Grace Mattingly called

12 Clarence to Medina, Mr Scherf came back with him

13 To Damon reunion at Frank Dunn's. 126 present. Scherf here on his vacation

14 Dessie Fowler here in the evening (*later Clyde's 2nd wife*)

18 Clarence and Scherf to Whipp's ledge

19 Clyde at Chippewa

22 To Barber reunion at Will Kinch's

31 Clyde is working for Elliott. Clarence and Scherf at Lorain

September 2 Joe Ritz gave notice to work on the road

4 Clarence and Scherf spent the evening at E Riley's

12 Dessie and Lelia called

13 Earl Martin called. D Derhammer called, sleeps here. *Peddling grapes in Peninsula and Cleveland every day or so*

27 Chased boys out of the grapes

29 Clarence to Medina with Ethel Noland. C Oakley brought coal. Ritz brought my tile

October 6 To Cleveland. Peddled around south of the poorhouse

8 C helped HP Riley thresh

9 Clarence threshed for RD Riley

12 Cleveland. Peddled around south of the infirmary, on Scranton and Myer Avenue. Clarence to the sidewalk concert

13 Put apples in the old house. Cock Robin helped plant. Old could cane to see the old house

16 Clarence and I to Cleveland, he helped til noon then left to work for himself

November 3 To social at Grange hall. Voted for governor, etc

4 To Cleveland. Peddled on East View, Titus, Aiken, Scranton. Took some orders for popcorn

6 Fixed the pig nest. Mrs Mitchells' daughter here visiting

9 To Cleveland before light. Delivered on Scranton, Eglindale, Dower and Aikens. Home 3½ pm. Shook off some hickory nuts

11 Derhammer commenced to board here

17 Swept the cobwebs down in poultry house

19 Social here. Mrs Ritz, Sweet, McKee, McIntyre, Edith B, Mr McIntyre and Charles Searles

21 Drew chestnut bark from the old house

23 Got 2 pumpkins for NP Riley

26 Clyde and Mr Austen called

December 1 Called at Dick Salisbury's. Fred Johnson brought ¼ of beef. I cut it up. Mr EL Hale called. Sleighing

2 Wrote to Mrs Dr Keeley 10 Scranton Terrace Cleveland. To McIntyre's to meet with committee to see about Sunday School supplies

8 To Farmers' Institute in West Richfield

14 Ritz butchered hog. 186#. I went over there three times, helped fix inwards (*sic*)

19 E and I to Medina by way of Brunswick car line. Put horse out at Freese's. Paid taxes
23 McIntyre and I cut an evergreen tree at H Arnold's and drew it to the church with Fred and put it up
24 To Christmas tree
25 Christmas! Cut sugaring wood
27 E elected assistant superintendent, I secretary and treasurer
28 Sent for 'Fruit Grower and Farmer'. Alta called selling extracts etc
31 Clyde and Derhammer rung the old year out and the new year in. Rung three hours

There is no 1904 diary. Clarence moves to Lorain as secretary, treasurer and lecturer at Lorain Business College, but resigns to practice law. Clyde is 19.

1905 He is 58. Clyde married Reba Allora Weatherup of Kipton on Dec 27 1904, daughter of Andrew Witherup, Berea farmer. They are living at the house on the Eggert farm.

January 1 Took Clarence to Brunswick station and brought Clyde and wife back
2 Figuring accounts
3 Callers Mrs Noland, Ethel Damon, Bessie Riley
6 Farmers' Institute at Disciples' Church three sessions. John Begg and LG Spencer are state speakers. Sleighing
8 Heard Mr Armitage (a deformed man) lecture on prison life at the church. He had been in prison nearly five years
9 AE Aylard called to sell RFD mail boxes. Wrote to the Gazette
10 To Grange hall dinner and installation of officers. E is chaplain and I am secretary. Wrote to AE Aylard, RW Derhammer, Charles Hatch, DM Snyder
11 Hunted in the attic for a catalogue for Clarence. Straightening up Clyde's accounts
12 Took Clyde and Reba to Brunswick station
16 George Vowles called. I went to Smith's for some quilting frames for Mrs Noland
22 Sunday School. Read 'Gordon Keith'. Clyde and Reba drove from Brunswick and staid all night
27 Read 'Castle of the Shadows'. E to school exercises
28 Dr Kaufman of Richfield called to see about the Snyder farm, so did Frank Wilcox
31 Josie and Johnny Ritz helped me draw three loads of hay from Charlie's' barn, about four tons

February 2 Dell P Isham called. I gave him several motions which had been passed
4 Emma called at McIntyre's to 'phone' to Clyde
7 John Damon called to sell some beef
9 Grange oyster dinner at the hall. Bert Fisher left his card at the house. I saw him later at the grange hall. Frank Wilcox called to let me know that they had sold the Snyder farm
11 Dr Baughman the high school teacher called. He paid me some interest on the Snyder notes
12 Clarence, Clyde, Reba, Calhoon, Miss Nichols, Miss Johnson, Miss Eastman and Mr Campbell came here in a sleigh load. They brought oysters and crackers
17 Clyde Brown called with groceries. Sorted in the drawer of my secretary
20 To Liverpool Station, got six bushels corn and nearly #300 bran. Mary Killian, May, Ernie, Florence and Ruth visiting
22 PC Waldo came and got his veal calf

March 2 George Smith called to see and measure our front stairway
5 Read 'Running the Blockade'. Clyde and Reba came and took Belle and the buggy
6 UB McIntyre called for me to go home with him and show him how to trim the grape vines. *Sugaring*
8 E went up to UB McIntyre's and telephoned to Clyde
9 Drew out four jags of manure and put it around the grapes in the vineyard. Broke my bob sled down – it was so icy and had to quit. Clarence drove Belle home from Berea
15 Candidate Beech of Sharon called. Alta Ritz called to borrow the Crockinole board
15 E took some warp to Mr Barney Ritz's
17 E went to Brunswick for Reba with Fred and the buggy. Saw a snake today
20 E and Reba to Barney Ritz's with carpet rags
21 Edwin Kinch the grocer's boy called. Amaret West and Amber Kinch called for money

April 2 Took E by horse and buggy it Brunswick station to take the car to Berea
5 The painter from Brongers' called

8 We drove to Barney Ritz's and got the carpets. Clyde Brown called on Riley's grocery wagon
11 To Mr Joseph Jones' funeral at the Disciples' church and to the vault. I saw Mrs Ezra Damon's face in her coffin in the vault. *Clyde and Reba are here most every day and night*
18 Took the pump to Ehmann's shop and a whippletree to C Wait's shop. Moved the hitching post further south
19 Emma and Reba cleaning wallpaper
21 To the tin shop for some poultry netting (*chicken wire*). Added to top of poultry fence to make it 6 ft. high
22 We all went to the high school reunion at the Disciples Church. Hugh Riley called and paid me some interest
25 Cleaned out the 'Jones home' and buried the contents
26 Edwin Kinch called for orders. Planted nine peach trees. Clyde and Reba came with her furniture and I helped unload it and carry it upstairs
28 Planted ten natural fruit peach trees. Mowed the lawn. The painters painted the pantry and kitchen floors, the second coat. Clyde got the grape wire at Riley's and drove down to Mattingly's

May 3 Waldo the assessor called: horses \$80, cow \$20, credits \$3100

13 Clyde and Reba to Liverpool express station to get a box of strawberry plants from Green's nursery. Ramse Riley called
16 Planted out 500 very poor Senator Dunlap strawberry plants, five rows
17 Went to RD Riley's phone to hear from Clyde
18 Got up at 4 am and drove to Medina was subpoenaed as witness on the Hulda Nichols' suit. Paid taxes and brought home some oats
20 Drove Fred to Liverpool station and got a coal oil stove. Got some feed and vitriol. Drew 21 Bushels of potatoes to the old house
21 E and Reba called at Mack's to phone
26 Blocked up a corner of the old porch
27 Clyde and I to Cleveland peddling. Edwin Kinch brought a painter
31 Mr Warner commenced to paint the house. Ralph Waldo assisting him. Mrs Wilks hoed nine rows of grapes east of the house.

June 1 Painters here working. Perry Jones called and I paid him in full of account

3 Peddled in Cleveland. Mr and Mrs Witherup came out and Reba went back with them
7 Painters Mr Warner and Ralph finished. Mrs Wilks and I pulled weeds four hours
11 E to Sunday school and Children's Day
12 Elva Damon and Clifton Shook helped pick *To Cleveland peddling every day*
20 Clyde and Lewis Westland took berries to market
21 Clyde, Willie West and I to Cleveland

July 15 Byron Loomis staid all night. Would-be burglars called

22, 23 Mrs Squires and two daughters visited
23 Byron finished his vacation here this afternoon
29 Hail damaged the grapes badly. Clyde to Liverpool for a rake and some feed and to get Reba
21 We commenced haying. We all worked. HP Riley came down and set up our new rake

August 2 Went after the doctor for Reba. He called three times. Clarence to the high school picnic

6 Visited with Clarence. He went back to Lorain in the afternoon
7 Clyde worked on the road. Charles Werner the painter called
9 E and Reba to Medina to trade
14 Clyde threshed for Merritt Kellogg
16 Helped get a table and other things from Jennie's. Jim, Ervie, Ernie and their _____ visited
19 Mrs Witherup, her sister and Grace came out
21 Repaired the canned fruit cupboard
22 To Grange
23 Mr and Mrs Witherup came out, Clyde and the girls to Grangerburg. To blacksmith shop and paid him
16, 28-31 Clyde got coal and Liverpool. I unloaded it
31 All went to Ethel's recital but me

September 7 E and I went to the Fair

9 Nurseryman Green called. Peddling grapes in Boston and Peninsula most days
14 Clyde went to the station for three men. Two staid all night. Four men here
15 Clyde took Mr Irish around till 1 pm
30 Clyde and Reba went to AA McKee's sale

October 6 Trustees called and appointed me township clerk

9 To Fred Ellis' sale on the ridge
10 Drove over to the Eggert place and got the property of the township clerk. Drew four loads of things from Ellis'. To grange meeting, to a concert of the lecture course at the church
11 We all went to Clare and Ella Wyman's sale near Bennetts Corners
12 Reba and I went to Berea for some of her things
14 We took the load to the Eggert place. To the caucus
16 Emma Reba and I went to Cleveland to get some things for Reba. We eat breakfast and supper at Charlie Proulx's. Traded on the east side. Home at midnight
17 We took two loads down to the Eggert place, put up a stove etc
18 Put a grain bin in the old house
24 John Randall called. To LN Chidsey's sale
25 Went to the lecture on the rise and fall of the Polish empire. Mary Long called
28 Helped Clyde move a load of furniture. Called at WK Coover's twice
31 Got Riley Olds to repair the town hall floor

November 1 Went to Coover's to be sworn in as clerk of election. Drew two loads of wood for Clyde from the Ridge to the Eggert place. Miss Lizzie Bailey here all night

2 Drew three loads of wood from Ellis', took one to Clyde. Hurt my leg and ankle. Swore in Charles Lyons as judge of election
4 Did some township and Grange writing. Mr Atwater and Ethan Allen were here to fix chattel mortgage. Mrs Noland, Lizzie Bailey, Libbie Waldo and Florence Eastwood called
6 Clyde and I went to town hall, put up the guard rails and fixed the boots and I went to Ira Waldo's, Coover's, Andrews' and Brongers' on town business. Clyde swept the hall
7 Was clerk of election. Eat dinner at the town hall. Got home about midnight
8 Made out four copies of summary of Hinckley's vote
9 Wrote to James Long, WH Hobart, Fire Report and E Barrett. Called at PO, Brongers' store, Ira Waldo's, burnt blacksmith shop and at Eggert place
10 Making out notices to notify the township officers of their election. Made a map of the township. Notified nine supervisors and five other trustees in the south part of the township of their election. Mrs Fields called
13 Notified six supervisors on the north part of the township of their election
16 Clyde brought a half hog from E Shanks
16 To James Dolazel's sale. Clyde went on Fred to the south town line
18 Drew three jags of corn from the Eggert barn
19 To Sunday School and Mrs Dunn's funeral
23 To Martin Barber's sale in Brunswick
24 Millie Richards died. Washed the light wagon
26 To the funeral on the hill, then to Clyde's to dinner
27 Wrote seven notes to seven appointed supervisors. To Lucy Conant's birthday party
28 Notified supervisors Will Porter, Elbin Willey and BT Lyons
30 Notified WA Cumberworth, James Hier, Bert Kenyon and Frank Wait all day. E to school entertainment

December 4 Sent resolutions of respect to three papers

5 WG Hoddinott called to see about his bond. Ed O'Neill also called to give bond etc. JC Goodwin called to settle on grange business. I wrote up his treasurer's book while he has ben in office. E and I took the sewing machine down to Reba's
6 Reba's birthday. To Grange social
7 Drove to Rupert's, Charles Babcock, Lawrence Ishon and Reba's. We went down to Clyde to supper, Mrs Witherup there too
9 Put up some window panes. John Randall and candidate Fitch called. We went to lecture course concert at the church
12 Elected secretary of the grange, Emma is lecturer

20 Clyde and I to a sale on Frank Allen's old place. We all went to 'Peck's Bad Boy' entertainment at the grange
21 Wrote notices to delinquent members. Painter boy called. Edith Benjamin called
22 Clyde and I drove to Mr Reith's to get lumber and wheat bought at his sale
23 Reba to station. E to Christmas tree
29 Went to William Marsies in the afternoon to see Mrs Coover. GW Finch called to refile mortgage
30 Built a fire in the town hall. Clarence went to HP Riley's

1906 He is 59. Clyde and Reba live on the Eggert farm, nearby and work on the farm. Emma goes to church or Sunday School every Sunday but Newman rarely goes. Clarence lives in Lorain. Newman works less on the farm, hires help in addition to Clyde, but active in community affairs. They still have the old house and use it as a barn

January 1 Bessie Riley married (*Frank*) Montgomery
3 Went to PO for mail. Worked on 1904 books
5 Clyde took the cow to have it butchered
6 E to Clyde's and Reba's. Clyde brought the beef
8 To three sessions of the Farmers' Institute at church. Chamberlain, Dunlap speakers. Lunched at Grange hall (*he used to call this dinner*)
9 HP Riley called with a mortgage to file. To the Institute
10 We put down the beef. L Reith called
11 Edwin Kinche called. Jennie and Dexter's lawsuit in Medina. To grange meeting. Balancing books for 1905
13 Mr and Mrs Gay, Mrs John Wyman (*Carrie Olds*), Muriel Jones, Mrs Noland, Mrs Pugh and Clyde called.
21 To Sunday School and meeting
24 Homer Hale the candidate called. Terrible roads
25 To lecture course entertainment by Capt Snow
27 Cut off the butt lot and split it up. Met with Trustees. Eggs in January: six days 49, seven days 118, seven days 154, seven days 224, four days 144 total 699
29 Ford Gouch called. Dr Noland brought Topsy here. Very sweaty
31 (*sugaring*) To grange social

February 3 Looked over grange minutes. Did township writing. Clyde got the horses and went to the station

6 Hunting up what I had paid Dexter
8 E and Reba to the social at McIntyre's. Sleighing. Saw total eclipse of the moon
10 E to school
14 To Grange social at Grange Hall
19 Grange gave me a birthday surprise party and presented me with a chair: Mr and Mrs Rupert, M&M Babcock, M&M S Richards, M&M Dell Isham, Mr Arnold, M&M J Kinch, Mrs E Waldo, M&M J Randall, M&M L Isham, M&M HL Damon, M&M SC West, M&M J Ritz, M&M T Royston, M&M C Ritz, M&M E Conant, M&M Frizzell, M&M CA Van Deusen (*Clyde and Reba*), and numerous children
20 We took Jennie's small table home
21, 22 Made a donation for (*Rev*) Searles. E fell from the attic. Am hardly able to get around
23 Mr Coover brought three mortgages to be filed. I looked over all the old mortgages and picked out those that were not refiled
28 Laurene Isham, Winnie McKee, Jennie Royston (*his sister*), Eugene Gibbs, Clyde, Reba, Mrs Ritz and Joe Ritz called. Wrote some receipts and dimit cards (*to resign a job or public office*) Wrote out a bond

March 4 Made out a bill for service as clerk

5 Met with Trustees all day
8 Clyde and Josie tapped the bush
10 To Fulmer's to be sworn in as clerk of the primary election. Got some medicine
13 Charles Lyons called. Swore him in as judge of primary election. Pat Hutchingson called, Clyde and Reba joined the grange
14 Fred Wilcox called with a mortgage to be filed. Grange dinner ta the hall
15 Dr Baughman called to pay his interest
17 Primary election at town hall 5:30-9:30 pm. Eat dinner and supper at Maccabee hall. Was clerk. 133 votes
19 Read in Rockel's (*Ohio township*) guide
22 Rev Thistle's donation at the grange hall. Had dinner there

23 E to OO Bigelow's. Sleighing
24 Irvie, Mae and Ruth Killian here visiting

April 3 To Cleveland by way of Brunswick. I bought the Eggert place. E visited Mrs Mat Kinch
6 E met with the club at Fulmer's
9 Pounded down 90 grape posts and nine rows of grape posts (*does this again over 3 days*). Elliott and Pearl called and we looked over the parsonage rent business
11 To Easter supper at Grange hall
14 Put the buckets and covers back in the old house. Mr Dolazel called
17 Clyde got seven head of poultry
20 Isiah Conant called and gave bond as road supervisor
21 E to Eli Shook's funeral. Clyde came for a colt and brought a new vineyard plow. John Damon and wife called to see about line fence law
26 Changed the hitching post. JF Babcock called to have a mortgage cancelled. Joe Kinch was buried
27 Went down to Clyde's to plant currants
28 Met with Trustees all day. WE Bigelow called to pay rent. Went to Sunday School entertainment. Had ice cream at town hall. Clyde and Reba drove in a little while
30 We planted about 300 currants on the Eggert place

May 1 Assessor called. Put horses at \$60, tools \$30, credits \$3000
7 Royston's sheep in the strawberries
8 Went to the station for plants
9 William Markle called to be sworn I and give bond, also Andy Wait and Andy Wait
17 We got the sewing machine at Clyde's
19 Reba gone away with Belle (*horse*)
23 Topsy and Belle sick
25 F Montgomery fitted potatoes to ground
27 Sprinkled 6 pailsful of poison on 22 rows of currants
29 E and I planted 1400 strawberry plants to fill in where they died out

June 4 E helped Reba to paper
6 Filled out nine road lists in the supervisor's books from noon to past one
8 Clyde and Reba sold berries in Hinckley and Richfield
12 Clyde and Reba took berries to Cleveland markets (*Clyde goes to Cleveland with berries every day*)
17 E to Sunday School and Children's Day exercises
25 Reba got her mother at the station with Belle
28 Sheriff called with summons, Reba went home

July 4 Ritz, Ruby C, Muriel G and Mrs Wilkes (*called*)
6 Hazel Kinch helped pick
10 Went to Brunswick after Clarence. Reba drove Belle to Berea after Clyde had gone
11 Clarence and I looking up credits for our defense. Clarence and Clyde to ice cream supper
12 Left horse at Perry Freeze's and went to Medina. Saw FW Woods, to court house, drove to Brunswick to Harve Miller's, Ed O'Neill's, Charles Mackel's and Nes Beach's
18 Ice cream social at Grange hall
21 E to Medina to see FW Woods (*prosecuting attorney*). Trustees meeting. Aggie Lyons called
23 Walked to John Damon's and Will Porter's to notify them when the trustees would meet to decide their line fence. Put the lime in the blue vitriol
24 Clyde to the ball game in Medina.
28 Clyde went to the ball game with Reba
29 Went to Clyde's to get Belle and we rode around Reuben Willey's and left his road book.

August 1 Burned over strawberry patch – it burned some fence. E, Clyde and Reba at the high school picnic
3 Trustees divided the l line fence between John Damon and Will Porter
4 Put up Steffen's fence that I tore down on account of the fire. Packed away rake, harrow, wagon and other things in the barn and old house. Damon reunion at Thomas Royston's. 100 present

15 Barber reunion at James Killian's. Clarence came from Lorain
16 Belle went to the station. Fred went to Remsen and to Joseph Smith's
17 Clyde took insurance man to the station and brought 'Grace' back
22 High Riley called and paid me some money. Frank Wilcox called to see how much land Arthur McKee owns.
George Kuder called to get some supervisor books. Maccabee picnic – Clyde and Reba went
23 E to Medina on the cars
24 Clyde and Reba to Medina ball game. Aunt Sophia Van Deusen here visiting. Kellogg called selling lightening rods
26 Frank Wilcox had our spring wagon to take Mrs Sweet to her brother's in Medina Center
29 OG Beach called with supervisor's book. To Grange. Wrote postal cards to send to road supervisors for them to return their books
30 To Harvest picnic in Strongsville near the York Street plank. Perry Kellogg, Elbin Willey and Fred Johnson called on Supervisor business. There are 12 road districts. Ethel Damon and Harvey Miller's boy called with road books. E drove down to see Mrs Rupert. Steffen called on the Eggert's

September 4 Anna Bigelow brought rent

5 E and I to Medina Fair. Drove Fred. Took the road book to the Auditor

6 Clyde and Reba to the cider mill

10 Peddled grapes in Peninsula and took orders for more. E and I took 15 chickens to Brongers' to sell

11 Arthur McKee called on business

13 H Richards and Cleveland nurses called. Had a call from Medina by phone to meet the state examiners to have them examine the clerk's account book. (Took) Belle to Brunswick and took the cars to Medina. Auditor's office examined books about two hours. Standard. Took the 2.18 car north. Got a box of goods from Clarence at the Brunswick station.

Addie Brongers called to bring a message

16 Washed and shaved. Clyde called. Clarence home, brought Miss Cranford, staid about 3 hours

21 Women's Literary Club met here, five present. Hattie and Bessie Kinch here

29 Met with trustees. Had two sheep claims. *He and Emma peddle grapes in Peninsula, Boston and Richfield from 3 -8 pm every other day*

October 4 1906 To Van Deusen reunion at Grange Hall. 80 present

9 Clyde went to some sale at Weymouth

10 We went to Clyde's to pick apples. It began to snow. Helped Clyde in the house putting up stove

11 Clyde came up. We took a stove, carpets etc to his house. E helped down there. Tinkered around the old house fixing wagons, buggies etc. Took off one screen door

18 I pumped several barrels of water down the cistern to keep it from the cellar

19 I made out a detailed statement of the receipts ending March 6 1906

22 Clyde went to J Dolazel's for lumber wagon brake. Ehman putting on iron roof at Clyde's

25 E to Methodist social at Thomas Royston's

26 Clyde to Town. Husked five shocks of corn on the Eggert

27 Wrote to Granger town clerks. Met with Trustees. We had three sheep claims

28 Carried the pumpkins into the old house

29 Loaded up for market to start for Cleveland at midnight. Commenced to drizzle at 6 pm and rained all night. At 10 we unloaded the wagon and went to bed

November 4 Sworn in as election clerk. Helped Clyde load up for town here and at his place

2 Clyde to Cleveland, I did his chores

3 Clyde to Weymouth

5 Worked at town hall putting up guard rail and fixing the voting booths

6 Was election clerk. Eat dinner and Maccabee Hall. Finished about 8 pm. 102 votes cast; R 85, D 17

7 Clyde put some tarred paper on the roof

8 Tree agent with Clyde

9 Charles Benjamin called. Cancelled a mortgage for him and one for Charles Pelot. Clyde drew himself a load of coal

11 To meeting. Rev Ford preached

12 William Springburn called to cancel a mortgage. Charles Lyons called for me to write an order to take to Mrs Brongers

14 Got a post ready to set for a mailbox. HP Riley called to borrow money

15 Finished putting up the mail box. Spectacle man called. Grocery boy called

16 RFD began here today. John Randall called for infirmity blanks. Hauled corn to Clyde's barn and down to the old house

21 Clyde at (*our*) home, playing cards etc., he staid here last night

22 Took cider apples to Payne's mill in Richfield. Heard that we had a grandson born

30 Emma went to Berea to see the baby. (*Clyde's and Reba's, she is at her mother's*) Clyde went to Akron

December 2 1906 E to Sunday School and Clyde's

5 To Grange dinner at noon

8 Elected secretary of the grange, Emma is Chaplain

11 Carried corn into the old house. The last on the piece between the houses. Clyde here to dinner tonight. Farmer's Institute work

12 E and I to Brunswick station and took the cars to Medina. Paid taxes, traded

18 Clyde butchered

24 Helped shovel snow out of the road so teams could travel. Helped put up the tree in the church for Christmas.

Visited with Clarence. Clarence went to the Christmas tree in the evening

25 Christmas. Clyde (*not Reba*) and Clarence to dinner. Clarence shot two rabbits

26 Clarence back to Lorain. I rode with Harry Steffens to the station

29 To Grange dinner at DP Isham's

1907 He is 60. He does much township and grange work, church most Sundays, farming, chores. For a full description of farm chores, see earliest years. At 5 am they had a breakfast of coffee, hard rolls, marmalade. After the milking and other chores about 9:00 they had a second breakfast of sausages, cheese, small beer. Women prepared a hot lunch every day and evening. When the men could not come in from the farm, wives took them meat, pumpkin, fruit, etc baked into a crust to keep the filling clean. Clarence is a single attorney in Lorain. Clyde is divorced from Reba Witherup and lives in the Eggert house. Clyde works the farm and also sells insurance.

January 1 Emma down to Clyde's. Wrote three hours in Trustees' record

3 Sorted potatoes in cellar, 5½ bushels good, two bushels scabby and inferior, two bushels small seed, four bushels very small. Pumped a lot of water from the cistern

4 Spread straw on strawberries at Eggert place (*which he owns*)

5 Installation of officers at grange meeting. I am secretary, E is Chaplain

6 Made out 1906 Sunday School report. Clyde left for East Liverpool, O.

7 Chored mine and Clyde's. Cistern running over

10 Dexter's second petition knocked out

11 Drew nine jags of straw on the wagon to the Eggert berry patch

12 Cow climbed up the stair to the corn pile

15 Cow very sick. Some one was in Eggert barn last night and left the stair door open

16 To CO Bigelow's sale at the center. Tommy and Dexter's suit

17 To ME social at grange hall. Tommy and Dexter's suit

18 E to Literary club at Ehman's. Snow and ice went off (*the roof*) at night

19 We all went up to see the new school house

21 Burt Damon, John Damon and Harry Arnold here. *Still drawing straw for berries, still doing his chores and Dexter's*

26 Hired H Steffens to haul me #7400 coal. Met with trustees all day. We had two sheep claims

27 Below 0. Built fire at the church and rang the bell (*which he does every Sunday*)

29 To grange oyster dinner at John Randall's

February 1 Filled out five Soldier's Relief orders

2 Drove Fred in the wagon to Brunswick station and got a box from Clarence. Heard Uncle Ray was dead

3 Grange oyster dinner at Harry Arnold's

7 Ordered coal of Willie West. The Witherups came and got all Clyde's furniture and things (*their daughter Reba is divorcing Clyde*)

8 John O'Connor called with a chattel mortgage

12 Wrote to the fire marshal. Built fire at the church, helped get piano in and did janitor work

13, 14 Built fire at church for Farmers' Institute. Attended three sessions. John Gould and Mr Nicodemus speakers

15 Clyde phoned us. We met him at Brunswick station at 10:41 for a short time. Went over on the Ridge to get a report on Lizzie Farrell's house fire
19 To Mr Kruggel's sale at the Bert Davis place. Went up to Brongers' and got a coop. Filled it with 18 chickens and took it back again
20 To Grange oyster dinner at Lawrence Ishman's. Took 11 jardinières to Eugene Riley on the way
21 Carried the pile of coal down cellar and put it in the bin
22 Balanced township accounts book after the February distribution of taxes (*to schools, etc.*)
25 To Medina by way of Brunswick to meet Clarence at FW Wood's. Talked over the Dexter case. Left sheep claims at court house
27 Took Clarence to the car line at Brunswick. He left for Medina at 10:07. I came back and paid Aylard for Clyde and went to Huffman's on the town line and got Fred shod all around
28 *Still choring his and Clyde's*

March 1 We took the hams over to Ritz's smoke house. E to the club at Florence Pugh's
3 Wrote a letter to Reba
6 Oyster supper at Joe Ritz's
8 Reuben Willy called for road books
9 To Jim Killian's to meet Reba. Had a long talk with her and saw the baby. Left Jim's 5 pm. Walked back to station. Got home 8½ pm
10 Emma phoned to Clarence and Reba
11 Drove to the station, took the train to Berea. Met Clarence there. We went to Witherups' to see Reba and the baby boy. Staid to dinner. Got home 8½ pm and chored both places
13 Went to Mattingly's and Johnson's for Clyde's stolen clothes
15 Mr Werner died. Sherriff after Dexter
17 Harry Arnold's house on the old farm burned up, went there and saw the fire. Made out a report to the fire marshal. Built fires at the church and rang the bell. To meeting in the evening
18 Cleaned out the poultry house. HP Riley was here a long time hindering me
19 Drove down to the Eggert after some things in the house
21 Helped paper overhead in the kitchen
22 Dr Baughman called to pay me
23 Met with Trustees – special meeting to act on Jennie Proulx Royston's water-course matter. (*Jennie is his sister and next-door neighbor*) Clipped currants west of the old house
24 Copied from Mrs Emma Van Deusen's old Society for Savings book.
26 Carried a lot of water from the cellar and pumped a lot from the cistern, many very large hail
27 Tommy and I measured the east line fence 2909 feet
28 To Medina with Hugh Riley and wife by way of Brunswick
29 Sold Clyde's dog to WJ West. E to club at Royston's. Jack Merchant's funeral on the ridge
20 Chored both places. Clyde left after 2 pm. I went up in John Oakley's woods to look at some wood I bought of him. Called at Charlie's and bargained for some wheat
31 Charles Searles' last sermon here.

April 2 Callers: Mabel Wait, Winnie McMillan, Mrs Ritz, Ida and Myrtie, Mrs Noland and Mrs J Kinch
3 Jim Dolazel called to see about the wagon brake. Sadie and the children called
4 Put the sled away in the old house.
6 Went to SW Rupert's and Fred Smith's sale
8 Leon and Gail Kellogg put up lightning rods on my house. 187', five glass bottles and one weather vane \$44. To school meeting, was secretary
9 Wrote a letter to Reba. Wilder Sheldon called to borrow money
12 E and I went to the Eggert place and cleaned the cellar
13 To Medina with Wilder Sheldon. Went to all the banks and the court house and FW Woods'. We took the car from Brunswick. Very bad roads
15 Notified SW Rupert of his appointment to office. Called at Harry Arnold's and re-insured the Eggert property. Dr Baughman called and paid me \$1005
17 Went down in the woods and repaired a road-way across a brook
18 McIntyre called for a ham
23 E to Mrs Ehman's to practice. Received a card from Reba

24 To Boulden's sale
25 Led the horse and cow from the Eggert place. Two trips in the rain
26 Went to Eggert place twice to tend the chickens. Ladies' club met here
29 I went to Berea by way of Brunswick to see Reba and the baby and eat dinner. Got the baby's picture taken at Berea
30 Drove over to Roxy Dunn's and OT Swigart's to notify them when the Trustees would divide the fence

May 1 Dug up two maple trees at Eggert's and set them out in front of the house
2 Got a letter from Reba with proofs
5 Sick. E built the fires at the church. Lewis Conant died
6 Jennie and Thomas to Medina to meet the commissioners
7 Saw the play 'Topsy Turvy' at the playhouse
8 Charlie Van Deusen came and got 101 3" tile and 45 2½" tile
9 E and I walked down to the Eggert place and carried manure for the flower garden. Clarence came home and hour or two, then I took him to Brunswick
10 E and I to Brunswick & took the car to Berea to see Reba and the baby. The horse fell and broke the thills. Clyde came home
13 Clyde and I to Cleveland by way of Brunswick. Met Clarence there. We went to see George Harris an attorney about Clyde's case
14 Drove horse for Clyde to plow on the Eggert place
17 PC Waldo assessor called. Credits \$1200, horses 50, tools 35. Rex Bartlett called
20 *Clyde plows every day for weeks.* To old Mrs Carl Ehman's and Elwin Goodrich's funerals today
21 To the center after the black cow. E to the center to practice
22 Clyde and I went to the station and took the car to the city (*Cleveland*). I called at Berea. Clyde went to Klein and Harris' office
24 Clyde and I went to Cleveland by way of Berea. We went to Harris and Klein's office, also to Vickery's office. Clyde saw his baby for the first time
26 Clyde to Berea. Clarence brought Miss Caroline Williamson of Medina here about three hours to dinner

June 1 Clyde to Medina to see (*attorney*) McDowell
5 Drove Fred & Topsy to Medina to get some corn etc. Clyde went to Old Man Ehman's sale
9 To church in the evening, Howard preached, I was janitor
10 Clifton Shook mulled on the Eggert place, Clyde dragged
16 E to Children's Day exercises. Danny Steffens helps on the farm
18 Josie and Fred helped move stones
20 E swept and cleaned the church and practiced in the evening. E washed buggies
21 Clifton took the cows to Eugene Riley's. Clyde went to Liverpool for fertilizer
22 Danny plowed, then went to Perry Kellogg's for the potato planter
24 Clarence, Emma, Clifton, Elva, Gladys, Ida, Myrtie, Minnie and Alta, Lizzie, Lucille, Mrs Westland, Orin Westland, Ora Van Deusen, Mrs Pugh, Ethel J, Ruby and Norm and Mettie Martin picked. I gave tickets etc
25 Clyde and Danny to Cleveland to peddle
26 We picked 408 baskets berries in ½ day. Clyde and Danny took them to Cleveland
27 To a play in the evening *Clyde and Danny to Cleveland to peddle every day. Newman peddles in Peninsula, Boston and Richfield but no longer goes to Cleveland every day or so*
28 Twenty-six pickers picked 600 baskets. Fred McKee, Danny Steffens (hired man) and Clyde took the team to Cleveland at 8½ pm

July 1 23 pickers picked 1100 2-quart baskets. Josie Ritz, Harry Arnold, Harry Steffen and Clyde took them to market
2 Clarence, Ida, Alta and I picked the rest of the patch that was left yesterday for lack of baskets – 160 baskets
3 Sold 4½ bushels berries from Wilcox's up through Pekin to Frank Brainard's in the am
4 Clyde mowed some with the machine. E in a play at the school house
8 Clyde and Davis Westland took 333 baskets to peddle
10 I peddled 48 baskets along Hinckley Ridge around by Bang's Corners and north and south of there quite a ways. Sold the last to Ellen Phelps. Came around through Richfield and home.
13 E and to Uncle Curtis Hall's funeral in Lakewood by way of the Brunswick car line
14 Tied up the baskets and packed up the stands and out some vehicles under cover
17 To Epworth ice cream at Jennie's

31 Stouffer called to repair the 'phone'

August 2 To a Temperance entertainment at the church by Rev Huff and daughters

3 To Pomona grange at the hall

4 Clarence came home 10½ am. Brought Miss Crow

5 Helped put up the kitchen stove. Carried baskets and stand upstairs in the old house. Clyde to Cleveland to meet Clarence at Harris' office

6 High school reunion

8 Damon reunion

11 Ernie and wife and his mother here visiting. Clyde took apples to Cleveland

17 Clyde to ball game at Royalton

20 Got up 3 am. Drove over to Jim's and took the car from there to the Barber reunion at Clarence's in Lorain. He took us all for a boat ride up the river 4-5 miles, then out into the lake 2-3 miles. He got up a dinner for all of us after which he took us all to the theater. Home 11 pm

21 Clyde to the Hall reunion at Lakewood with Kinchs'. He staid at Will's two nights

27-Sept 3 Clyde drew coal

31 Met with the trustees

September 4 E and I to Medina Fair. Called at Frank Woods' and the auditor's

8 E and I to Sunday School, then took a ride around the north square

9 Clyde and Ora started to Cleveland 9 pm

11 E and I to the Berea fair. Saw the baby. He has 6 teeth. Loder Green, Ford Gouch and Springburn called

15 Clarence and Miss Crawford came from Lorain. Mr Westland's funeral

17 Lit up the church and rang the bell at the Nolan recital

18 Went up to get the doctor for Emma. Helped around the house. E sick abed

19 Dr called. Stouffer called to fix 'phone'

21 To the grange. Clyde played ball in Strongsville

24 Peddled grapes in Peninsula and Boston

26 Clyde to Cumberworth's sale. To Republican caucus in evening, was secretary. Was nominated for township clerk

27 Got up 3½ am to take grapes to Peninsula and Boston – *every day or so*

28 Met with trustees. To caucus to nominate two members of the school board. Was secretary. Clyde got Topsy shod at Granger

29 Gave Belle some medicine

October 8 I sat up till past 11 to get Clyde started to Akron with grapes

12 Em Waldo and Lulu McGuigan that was called (*I think he means her name before marriage*)

20 Clarence, Miss Crawford, Mr and Mrs Allwine from Lorain here a few hours

24 Wife and I went to Medina to pay feed, pay taxes, trade etc

26 Met with trustees, two sheep claims, Gay called

28 Clyde went to Weymouth. E cleaning house

29 Rode up to Fulmer's to be sworn in as clerk of election. Sick – Dr Noland called

November 1 Clyde at Jane Davis' sale. He bought a cow on note for \$25

2 Wrote Soldiers' Relief Order and two pages in clerk's detailed statement of receipts and expenditures. Ehman put up new round oak stove

4 Clyde swept the hall and helped set up the guard rails. Pearl Bigelow called to pay some rent

5 Voted. Was elected township clerk. Mr Reynolds brought some buckwheat

11 Still sick. Read and write a little

13 Clyde and Colie went to Pointer's sale

14 Fire in Riley's store

16 Wrote and sent out two fire reports to the assistant fire marshal. Clyde got a rack etc from the sale

18 Clyde went to Jackson's to see about lumber

19 Wrote notices to notify officers elected. Robison a fire insurance agent called to see Clyde

20 Filled out several bonds. Clyde and Elliott working in the barns

21 UB McIntyre died in Medina. Topsy took sick. Ritz's came over and helped doctor her

22 Called at PC Waldo's, George Fulmer's, DP Isham's, George Kuder's, John Brongers'. HM Richards', Charles Cady's and James Eastwood's to notify them of their election. Reba's child one year old
23 Helped Clyde move some lumber in the barn. Mr Stouffer called to collect phone rent
25 Irvie Cole helped Clyde. PC Waldo called, swore him in
28 E and I to Jennie Royston's for Thanksgiving. Clyde around home
29 Dr Noland stopped in as he was going by. Mr Jackson called to see about lumber. Old Smith called. Frank Wilcox got hurt by a horse
30 Called on John Andrews for him to sign my clerk bond. Met with trustees. Heard 1 2/3 sheep claims

December 6 Clyde to John Wyman's and down in Granger all day, Reba's birthday
11 Dr Noland left me a little medicine. Rob Norton had a fire
12 Walked down to Norton's and back to investigate the fire. Tabulated the picking accounts for last year. Merritt Kellogg called to see some beef
14 Met with trustees all day. They settled with road superintendents, health officer, and adjusted the sheep claim
17 Clyde drew some lumber to the Eggert place and put it in the barn
18 Burt Hicks and a Woodruff drew two loads of bill stuff (*lumber*) from JL Jackson's place
20 Jim Olds and NL Munson helped Clyde put siding on the Eggert barn. Received 1/2 of a hog of Charles Ritz weighing #102 at 7 cents
21 Elected secretary of the grange, Emma is chaplain
24 Clarence to the Christmas tree on the Hill
25 Visited with Clarence. Clyde took him to the station after dinner
27 WE Bigelow called to see about insuring Sheldon's buildings
28 Met with trustees all day. WC Ehman here putting up siding on the old house
29 E and I to Sunday school, then called at Dr Noland's to get some medicine
30 Met with trustees all day. Heard one sheep claim and settled with the township for the past year
31 E and I to Royston's to look over books with the grange trustees and compare them. Thomas and Jennie signed a document for me as witnesses.

1908 He is 61, Emma 56, Clarence 30, Clyde 23

January 1 Clyde is building the sugar house
4 Installed secretary of the grange, Emma is chaplain
5 Made out 1907 Sunday School report
6 Attended three sessions of the Farmers' Institute at the high school auditorium. George Scott and C Wagner speakers
7 Irvie Cole got his pay. Hicks and Woodruff brought two carloads of lumber
8 To Brongers' store, bought three blank books
9 Ray tried to draw some straw, but got stuck in the brook
10 Olds and Munson carpentering on the (*sugar*) shed
11 Dr Nolan called for health report. Clyde and Ray spent all day getting the wagon out of the brook and worked on the shed. Reckoning accounts and balancing books
17 Clyde to Joseph Martin's sale
18 Clyde went to Liverpool for the evaporator. E goes to Sunday school. *he rarely goes*
25 Met with the new (*school*) board of trustees all day. Josie and Johnny (*Ritz*) went to Liverpool station for two loads of wood
27 We all went to a concert in the auditorium in the evening and heard some colored women sing

February 1 Clyde Harvey, candidate for surveyor called
4 Clyde got Fred and Belle shod at Remsen
5 Harley Wait called. Filled out five soldier's relief orders. Bert Hicks and Bert Woodruff called for their pay
10 Put up the guard rail and cleaned out the hall. Good sleighing
11 Built fire in town hall. Was Primary election clerk 1-9 pm
12 To Medina by way of Brunswick street car line. Drew out some money. Clyde to John Oakley's sale
14 Cleaning horses and other chores
18 Helped saw the astrakhan apple tree to sugar wood
23 Clarence came and brought a girl from Lorain
24 Dug out the wagon. Helped wife about the washing. Swept snow from the roof of the new shed
25 Clyde to Liverpool Station for coal for sugaring, lumber and building tile

26 Clyde and I got evaporator etc close to sugar house
29 Chored, showered, got ready and met with the trustees. Built the fire. Heard one sheep chain

March 1 Drove down to Charles Cady's farm on the town line to see about the fire there
2 We dug holes and filled them with stones to set the evaporator on
4 Boys here playing cards on the evening. Tapped 300 trees
5 Drew storage tank and brick to sugar house. NL Munson lining the evaporator. I cut bushes and briers to make a road way
6 Olds and Munson made a sap sled. Literary club met here
7 Up at 4 am to boil sap. E to Sunday School
9 Book agent called
11 Olds and Munson put roof and two windows in sugar shed
12 Olds worked on a hog pen all day
13 H Beach called to look at a cow. Sap running pretty good. Harr
20 To Harrison G Frizzell's funeral at the house- we walked. Mr Loder Green called
22 Josie and Johnny helped turn the cow over
24 Black cow came in
25 Clyde painting sugar house
26 Gathered 6-7 barrels of sap
28 Met with Board of Trustees. The cow gave birth to twins, one was dead. Clyde painting Eggert barn
31 Drained some water away from the barn. Clyde called on Sherwin Richards

April 1 I buried the cow
2 Clyde went to BD Kenyon's sale. He bot a cow on 6 month's time
3 RD Riley called and gave me a check and several notes. We fixed a stall for the new cow
4 Jim Olds and Lewis Munson called. E and I to the grange dinner at Charles Babcock's. To grange in evening
8 Drove posts for a wire fence. Sharpened posts and made holes with the iron bar. Clyde tore down an old fence. Mr Chandler a book agent called. Here to supper and staid all night
9 Clyde to Wilson Hurd's sale
13 E called at Rupert's for some eggs to set
14 Tightened up the wires on all the vineyards. Dr I Baughman called on business
17 E to club at Royston's
18 Wrote to LE Green. Helped wash harnesses
19 We went to Sunday School. Clarence and Nellie Correlli here from Lorain
21 We put up American fence on the Eggert's
22 We washed and greased the harnesses. Part of our nursery order from Loder Green came and we heeled it in. PC Waldo came and bought the calves
23 Wayland came for the calves. Clyde brought three pigs from Shanks
30 Made out per capita tax and township levy

May 2 Clyde and Danny to sale of HS Frizzell's property
3 Wrote five soldier relief orders
5 Clyde and Don painting in Eggert house
6 Assessor called. Credits \$1200, horses \$50, vehicles and tools \$50, chickens 10
12 Planted 730 strawberry plants, making in all to date 1560 plants. Stouffer called for phone rent
29 Clyde pulled wild mustard
24 Went to meeting, Rev Maple preached. Went over in John Oakley's woods to see how much of my wood had been stolen
25 Clyde to Louie Ritz's for fertilizer
26 Tried to plow out some grapes but the evener was too long. Clarence refiled mortgage. I sent out sheep claims
29 Took evener and whippletrees to Bellus' to get them repaired. Clyde at Eggert place
31 Had three strawberries for supper

June 1 The trustees James Eastwood and ME Wait met with James Olds here in the evening. Byron Loomis called
3 Dan mulled and spring toothed harrowed near the barn
4 Mrs. Louisa Tibbals and Mrs. McIntyre here visiting

6 Danny at ball game in the evening. To grange
8 Clyde and Mahlon started to Cleveland (*to peddle*)
10 Ehman covering Eggert barn (*tin roof*)
13 Automobile race on Porter hill (*303 west of Hinckley Center*)
15 Clyde and Elliott started to Cleveland
16 Topsy played out
23 Clyde pulling morning glories
24 Clyde discing
25 Wrote to the fruit inspector
28 Saw the eclipse of the sun

July 1 Grange ice cream at town hall

8 Insurance man here
12 Fixed up my books for the inspector of the state examiner
13 Clark Hurd's barn burned by lightning
19 We drove over to Brainerd's to see Aunt Roxey. Clyde and Albert watering the crops at the Eggert place
24 Preacher here to dinner
25 Soldiers' reunion. Mrs Farrell died
26 Report to Ohio State charities
28 Cleveland doctor came to see Jennie. Clyde and Albert weeding on Eggert's

August 2 Clyde to Liverpool station. E to Sunday School. I wrote and read. Albert (*hired man*) slept in the barn

5 High school picnic
8 Minnie Ingersoll called to telephone. Grange picnic in Medina. Brunswick picnic
22 Mr Hyde fruit inspector called and inspected the fruit on the Eggert and here to dinner
23 Clarence came from Lorain about 11½ am. Brought Miss Richards (*his future wife*)
24 Al (*hired man Albert* ____) and Clyde to Liverpool for feed and coal
25 Al and Clyde tarred the roofs
26 To the Hall reunion at Jim Killian's

September 1 Clyde to Royalton insuring

2 Peddled in Peninsula and Boston. Up at 3 am, home at 7 pm
3 Al drew up some apples for the hogs. Clyde got a load of shingle in Liverpool for Eggert hen house
4 E and I peddled grapes and vinegar in Peninsula and Boston
7 Clyde took 40 hens to the store for Pugh to sell
10 Al painting barn and watering trees
11 Clyde went to Weymouth
12 Clyde to station for girl. He took her to Pelot's
13 Clyde took the city girl to the station. *Taking fruit to Peninsula and Boston every day or so, but Clyde peddles in Cleveland*
29 Muriel here to work

October 1 We picked 26 baskets grapes, 13 pecks and 6 halves and two pecks for the Van Deusen reunion

2 Berman girls got dinner here
3 Al and Clyde took the girls to the station in the evening. Frank Van Deusen, Isador, Orpha, Sophia, Milo's boy and Ethan Conant called
4 Clyde and Al to Fred Johnson's for pumpkins. Called to see about MJ Wait's fire. Wrote to fire marshal and Mrs FH Cranz.
8 Clyde got horses shod at Brunswick and paid Frank and Weidner at Liverpool station
10 Clyde to cider mill and he went to Eugene Heirs' in Royalton and got 55½ bushel oats
11 Sent reports to fire marshal about Jennie Royston's house and wrote to Bureau of Vital Statistics. Clyde to station to meet the Berman girl
14 We helped put out a fire in Jennie's roof. Austen Damon's house burned in the pm
17 Wrote to fire marshal of Jennie's second fire and Austen Damon's. Al and Clyde to Pelot's and to an entertainment
18 E to Sunday School. I read some. Lewis Ritz, jr, Clyde and I and two Berman girls here

21 E and I collected in Peninsula. We helped fix a lot of maple syrup. Cooking it up, etc. E worked til one hour past midnight
22 Clyde and Albert took maple syrup to Akron from 1 am to 2 am the next morning
25 Made out exhibit sheet of receipts and expenditures to post in the town hall election day. Sworn in as election clerk at Fulmer's
27 Swore in CE Lyons as judge of election
28 Recorded trustees minutes. Cleaned town hall
29 W Sheldon, J Shook, Albert, Clyde shingled east side of barn
31 Halloween night. Outbuildings tipped over on the Eggert and ruined

November 2 Milked twice at Eggert. Wilder and I put up scaffold and tore off the shingles on Eggert kitchen roof
3 Clerk of election
4 Counting votes til after 7 pm. Hurried home, hitched up and drove down to Eggert and milked, met the milk wagon on the road. Eat breakfast and went to bed til dinner time. Preacher Maple called. Carried water by the stock and did other chores. Boys in Cleveland. FC Wilcox called twice
6 Made out a summary of the election results and posted it on the town hall door. Helped put up the heater
8 Clarence, Miss Richards, Calhoon and Miss Root here visiting. Albert drove to the station for Dora
9 E took the three Berman girls to the station
13 Drove to Elbin Willey's to see about Mrs Rockwood's fire
15 Clyde drove to Brunswick station for the Berman girls. Clyde and Albert drove down to the station in the evening in two rigs
18 Loder Green called. Ordered 12 perfection currants at 12 cents each, Sharon Center RFD #1
21 Grange oyster supper
23 Institute committee met here in the evening
25 Julian Riley brought a load of goods to the Eggert place and put them in the house. Clyde took the young cow to Joe Ritz's B---- (*sic*).
29 Clyde brought Dora Berman here to supper

December 1 Clyde and Jud worked some on the Eggert privy. Temperance meeting addressed by Rev Kirby and Mrs. Root of Medina and Rev Etter of Wadsworth
2 Worked at township accounts between choring. Clyde went to Greenleaf's
3 We went to Lorain to see Clarence. Drove to Will's, took the car to Berea. Bought tickets to Lorain. Took dinner with Hattie Chappel in Elyria and supper with Clarence at Mr Allwin's and staid there. We all went to the Majestic Theater in the evening
4 Breakfast at Allwin's. Clarence went with us to Cleveland on the Lake Shore electric at 10:50. Got to town after noon. Had dinner at a restaurant. Met Hattie at Society of Savings Bank. Drew some money. Traded
6 Wrote list of elected grange officers and sent it to the Medina Gazette by Mrs. Frizzell. Charles Babcock and wife, Sherwin Richards and wife, George Kuder and wife, WE Bigelow. Rena and Ola Dunn (*called?*)
9 Met with trustees all day. George McKee and John Damon met here to make out the programme for the Institute
8 Clyde and Harry butchered our two hogs at Steffens'. I helped E fix the innards. We all went to the lecture by AR Webber, the first member of the lecture course at the auditorium. 'The Greatest People on Earth' was the subject
9 Harry helped cut up the pork. Clyde and Walter Kinch went to Frank Gouch's sale of Jack Merchant's property
10 Packed the pork. Did township writing. Muriel and Pekin girl called. Sent for township supplies
11 Helped grind sausage meat. Read. Charles Werner the painter died
12 Balancing township account books. Called at the library and got a book 'Coniston'. Clyde got Fred and Bell shod at Bellus', then went insuring in the afternoon. Werner's brother Isaac came from Canton to see his dead brother
14 Swept the hall and got ready for the Local Option election
15 Up at 4 am. To town hall and built a fire. Was clerk of election. Eat dinner with the ME social below. 110 dry votes. 75 wet. Got through about 7. Perry Haight's funeral
17 Clyde painted outhouse on the Eggert
21 Clyde went to Liverpool station for a package of supplies of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Then he went to Hadlock Brothers' sale in Brunswick. Dr Noland, Jud Shook and Mahlon Charlton came and registered and received their supplies for their respective offices
22 Frank Wilcox borrowed my 1-horse spring wagon to go to Liverpool
23 Our wedding day. Moved away one load of hay brought by Mr Greenleaf. A sheeny bought an old stove in the cellar

24 E drove to Brunswick station for Clarence. They went to the Christmas Tree at the Disciples' Church in the evening.
25 Christmas. Chored, pitched over manure pile. Read and visited. Clyde got Leona and Dora Berman at the station. They staid all night
26 Writing and figuring in clubs books all day
28 Clyde and Louis took the girls home to Cleveland
30 Cleaned the well
31 Charles Gibbs called to sexton's supplies. Mr Greenleaf called for a note of \$51.35 due April 1st for Harry Arnold. We all went to hear the Olymphic (*or Olymphic*) quartette in the evening at the auditorium

1909 He is 62. He buys the Frizzell farm.

January 1 *Working on grapes, straw on strawberries, sugaring.* Rough roads
2 Met with Trustees, *he is clerk of township.* To oyster supper at Grange. Installed secretary of grange, my wife was elected chaplain
3 Read some in the 'Hoosier Schoolmaster'
5 Filled out three soldier relief cards. Made out my bill to the state fire marshal. Made out the 1908 Sunday School report. Copied some in my diary
8 Clyde went to the station for Dora Berman. We all went to a lecture by Charles Paul on the 'Awakening of China'
9 Frank Bigelow called for a burial permit. Dora Berman here. Sent cards that there had been no births or deaths in the last ten days of 1908
10 To Aunt Roxey's funeral on the Ridge at the house. Was a pall bearer. She was born Oct. 21 1830. Clyde took Dora to the train station with Fred
11 Attended Farmers' Independent Institute three sessions. CR Wagner and Lowel Roudebush the speakers. We eat dinner with the Maccabees. Addie Brongers died
12 Attended three sessions at the auditorium
13 Charles Searles preached both funeral sermons. Sleighing
16 To Werner's sale. To the grange
18 Read 'The Weavers'
19 We took our hams and shoulders to Joe Ritz to smoke them. Went four times to build fires
20 Grange. Social dinner at the hall
21 Helped cut wood for the grange in Charles Ritz's woods. Clyde and I tore down the old porch on the parsonage and piled it up
22 Elmer Isham called and gave me a check for the rent of the parsonage from Feb 1, 1909 to January 1 1910. Went to lecture by Rev Gross on 'Italy and the Italians'. AA Shook and Clyde did some repairs on the parsonage hanging the cellar door, etc. Rev Gross stayed with us at night
26 Carried twelve hams and shoulders from Joe Ritz's
28 Clyde and I repaired the parsonage floor. Elmer Isham moved today
29 Ladies' Literary met here in the pm. Mrs Bartlett, Pugh, Ehman, Bigelow and Pelot present. Read some 'Calumet K'
30 Dr Noland called and we made out a report to the State Board of Health

February 2 Reckoning accounts for 1908

3 To the grange social dinner at the hall
4 Clyde and Elmer Isham drove Belle over to Chaffee's sale in Richfield. Stouffer called for the phone rent
5 Sawed and cut sugar wood at the Eggert place. Trimmer at the home orchard
6 Went to the grange. Got the new password. Wayland Waldo's wife divorced today
8 Sent for eight journals for the Sunday School
10 Sent report to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Finished reading Ralph Marlow
12 E to club at James Montgomery's. Clyde insuring. Worked some in the old house
15 Sent a notice to Mrs Henry Beach by order of the Trustees. Writing and figuring 5 days
17 To a grange social at the grange hall
18 Clyde to Henry Porter's sale
19 Clyde went to Liverpool for feed, to a dance at Richfield in the evening. My birthday, got three post cards. Clyde gathered (*syrup*) with the team. Boiling all day
20 E and I to the last number of the lecture courses – music and speaking and papers
27 Met with (*school*) Board of Trustees

March 5 Notified HP Riley of his appointment as Justice of the Peace. Clyde and Ervie Cole to a dance in Richfield
7 Good sap day. Many buckets running over. Wilder Sheldon tiling north of the house 3 days
9 Black cow came in
11 Tom Royston, John Andrew and Mrs Greenleaf called at sugar camp
12 Sheldon digging drain at the Eggert. 5 days.
15 Milk inspector called
16 Clyde to Kinch's sale
29 Mr Long called and paid me \$66 interest on the Snyder note. Clyde paid Harry Arnold note for hay bought of Greenleaf. Wrote a grange charity letter

April 3 Clyde went to Donahue's and made out a report of the fire which occurred there Feb 20. Jud Shook called for a burial permit. To grange
8 Cut over 1000 gooseberry cuttings
9 The Ladies' Club met here viz Mr and Mrs Rupert and Davis, Mrs Bartlett and Rex, Mrs Arnold, Stella and Mildred, Mrs Pugh, Mrs Frizzell, Pearl B, Mrs Pelot, Vere and Leo. John and Mrs Wyman, Lawrence and Lucia Isham, Leslie and Ella Swift, Mrs Millie Isham and May
10 To Easter social at grange hall
11 Read some arguments of Judge Kohler and Anderson in the Guy Rasor trial
12 Clyde got all the horses shod at Huffman's in Brunswick. He went to the school meeting
13 We went to the sale of the Frizzell farm. Bot 60¾ acres for \$1200
14 Got ready and drove Belle to the station. Left her at Perry Freeses'. Took the 8.15 to Cleveland. Went to the bank and came back on the 10.15. To Medina to Frank Woods' office and the court house. Left on the 2.15 car for Brunswick
15 Clyde and Wilder Sheldon went over on the Frizzell place to look at the plow land. Eddie Ritz rented the Eggert house
18 Pitched over some manure that was heating
22 Ehman called in the pm and put in two new pumps
23 E went to Will Kinch's and brought Dora and Leona from the station. Clyde and Dora went to Richfield to a dance. Some trees and plants came from Green's nursery
26 Planted 3600 currant cuttings
28 Planted Red Cross, Perfection and Black currants, red jacket gooseberries, Early King red raspberries, Gregg and Conroth black raspberries on the Eggert
29 Signed a release to be administrator of the Frizzell estate. Wrote to the International Harvester co. PC Waldo the assessor called. Cows \$55, credits \$120. Total \$1420
30 Made a platform for the old cistern

May 3 Clyde to Liverpool for tile. I cleaned out the Eggert house (paper and plaster)
5 I burned a lot of paper and plaster. Loder Green brought 4000 strawberry plants. I heeled in half of them. 1500 Bubach, 500 Parson's Beauty, 500 William Bell, 500 Gandy, 500 Stevens Late Champion, 500 Sample. Eddie Ritz moved into the Eggert house. Sheldon tiling there.
9 Clarence came out in the am with Miss Richard. Clyde brought Miss Berman here
10 Austin Damon called for a burial permit for his baby. (*Austin born 1886, wife Julia*) Wrote to Glen Chapman, Willie Dake, County Recorder and Bureau of Vital Statistics
15 E to millinery shop and to McIntyre's and store
21 Drew 375 tiles at the Eggert place and piled them up and drew a pile of sandstone for north of the hen-house there
23 To Lorain. Got to Clarence's office 9½ am. Clarence took us to dinner to a restaurant. After dinner he took us down to the lake shore to see a place. We called at AR Webber's a while on the lake shore. We walked back to the office and started home about 3 pm. Was too late for the car at Elyria and had to wait about 40 minutes. Took the Limited for Kamm's and missed the regular by 20 minutes. Would have to wait nearly two hours for the next regular car, but in a short time a limited came along from Cleveland which would let is off at Strongsville station. We walked to Jim's
25 E and Alta R cut potatoes four hours and Joe Riley and Clyde planted them (about 18 bushels)
26 Received from the Frizzell estate 17.95 and from Mrs Frizzell 82.05. We lost nearly two year's interest on \$100. HP Riley called and paid me 43.00 interest. Clyde discing
29 To trustees' meeting. Brongers was appointed custodian of the township flag. Dora here

June 1 Clyde to Cleveland to sell potatoes and eggs, took the Berman girls. Black cow went to bull
2 I mowed some on the lawn with the scythe. To grange. Clyde to Royalton and Parma
6 E to Sunday School and Children's Day exercises
8 Cleaned out the privy and raised it up. Mark Morton and Mr Leatherman an office seeker called
9 Got the buggy at Eggert's. We all went to Porter Hill to see the automobile race up the hill. Mr Greenleaf's wife's brother here to dinner
11 Clyde drew a load of grape posts from Haddock's place in Brunswick. We had strawberries for dinner and supper. Clyde took a boy to Richfield dance
18 Clarence came from Lorain and brought Margaret and Florence Richards. To Grange
20 Uncle Matthew, Aunt Margaret, cousins Dr McClure and Ethel and Miss Curtis from London and Will and Hattie came in an automobile and staid a little while. OH Buck came for a burial permit for Norman Gouch
21 Seventeen pickers picked 455 baskets. I started to Cleveland 10 pm. Eddie Ritz drove one horse, too
22 At Cleveland, sold out to two men
24 To Cleveland, also took some cherries for Bert Damon. Sold out early to two men 15 cents per basket. Brought home Ida Simon and Adolph Simon and Myron Berman. Clyde took my place and met with the trustees in the pm
27 Sunday. Clyde drove to Richfield to see the doctor. E to Sunday School
29 To Cleveland sold the load to Joseph Hook

July 15 A terrific and destructive wind and hail storm towards night destroyed our grape crop at home and our corn crop on the Frizzell farm besides doing other damage to our other crops and fruit
18 Clyde to Dr Anderson's in West Richfield and to the ledge and to a meeting
24 John Van Deusen and Mr Holten came for supper and staid all night
25 Took a ride over to the Frizzell farm to see the damage done by the wind, hail and rain. E and Clarence went too. Clarence and Margaret came out. Orrin *Westland (age 12)* and Willie Springburn (*Springborn*) were drowned in the river wards night
27 E went to the double funeral on the hill

August 3 Mr Castle of the Stadler Co and James Dolazel called about the buggy affair
5 Clyde went to church lawn fete
6 Emma, Clyde and I to the Barber reunion at Will Kinch's. Clarence and Miss Richards there
7 To Caucus. Was nominated for Clerk and Clyde for JP
14 E and I to the Damon reunion at CN Damon's in West Richfield. 118 present
20 Lightning burned Delno Marquitt's barn at 5 am
21 To grange. George Smith had Bell and the buggy to go to Maccabee picnic in Granger
23 Mr Evans the inspector called to inspect our plants, vines and trees. Was here to dinner
24 Mr White of Brooklyn called with an account against Clyde
26 Tony (*hired man*) helped Tom Royston take some cattle to Liverpool. E and I to Harvest picnic at Akin's grove in Royalton. Sworn in as election clerk at Coover's
27 Swore Gail Kellogg in as judge of election
30 John and Lydia Van Deusen came and staid all night

September 1 We all went to Medina Fair
2 Thursday. Clarence and Margaret were married this morning. Clyde plowing. Young cow had a calf
6 Cleaning hall, putting up guard rails, repairing them, fixing ballot boxes. Tony plowed in am and rolled in pm
7 Went up early and opened the town hall, carried up ballot box. Called at Rupert's to get him to act as judge. Voted the second one. Received threatening letter from J and H Stadler (*buggy company*)
10 Harley Damon, Mr Searles and Wilbur Charlton here to supper. Frank Wilcox, Wilder Sheldon and Jud Shook and helped thresh
12 Mrs Mary Fulmer died yesterday. Funeral at ME church. Jud called for (*burial*) permit
16 Boys drilled four acres wheat
19 Went to the woods to find the horses
20 E and I peddled grapes and Peninsula and Boston and took orders *they do every 2-3 days*
25 Eat dinner with the Pomona grange
30 Clyde took veal to Whitcraft's. Gouch put new culvert in driveway. Waylon butchered the calf

October 2 To the grange. Deputy Briggs met with us

3 Tony's friend came to buy Topsy. Clyde to Kotnic's. Ed Abrams funeral on the hill
 6 Clyde to HJ Chidsey's sale, Clyde bought some things
 7 Helped load two stoves on the wagon. Clyde and Tony took them to Frank Wilcox's and helped put them up
 8 Pearl called to borrow 50 cents. Tony worked on the road for Clyde. E picked 1 bushel grapes
 9 E and I took maple syrup and grapes to Boston and Peninsula
 10 E to Sunday School, I read and wrote a little
 12 Clyde to Brubaker's sale in Granger
 15 Clyde, Tony, Frank Wilcox, Clay Greenleaf worked ½ day – poor picking and Andrew (*HP Riley's hired man*) ½ day. Made out trustees' warrant to constable and three notices of township election
 22 Clyde at Weymouth insuring
 24 Frank Debelak (*Debeljak*) and Tony called in the evening
 26 Clyde went to Liverpool for coal
 27 Filled out 100 maple syrup labels. Clyde and I went to Frank Gouch's sale. Milk inspector called
 28 Loaded 100 gallons maple syrup and Clyde took it to Brunswick station
 29 E and I to Medina to trade, pay taxes. Drove Bell. Clyde went to the Ridge for an old stone boat bought at the sale
 30 Got two buckets out of the well

November 1 Made out a burial permit for Lila Eugenia Davis

2 Voted at township election. Was elected clerk – had 112 votes the highest of anyone running
 3 Went down to Charles Averill's on the old Kellogg farm in Pekin to get a report of a barn fire there. Made out ten lists of officers elected and filled out the bonds
 4 Notified Charles Parker, George McKee, HL Damon, Ory Mattingly, John Brongers, PC Waldo and ME Wait of their election. Called at JL Chase's. WC Ehman signed my bond. I signed ME Wait's bond. Filled out four Soldier Relief orders. Copied several birth and death certificates into books
 5 Called at HP Riley's to notify him of his election and swear him in. Clyde took E and I to Brunswick station. Got the 9.50 car to Lorain. Got there after noon. Went to (*Clarence's*) office first then down to the house. Had dinner and supper there. We all went to a show in the evening. Clarence showed us over the house. George Fulmer died
 6 At Lorain with Clarence and wife. We all went to a moving picture show
 7 Clarence and I took a walk out on the pier, to the water works, to the ice plants, to the beach etc. We left Elyria on the 2.40 limited
 8 Notified Jim Goodrich of his election. Made out an order for Charles Searles for delivering poll books. Charles Shook called for permit
 10 Made eight maple syrup labels and got load ready for Akron. Clyde got a wheel repaired at Charlton's shop. Mr Albert and John Andrews candidates for Commissioner called
 11 Clyde and I started to Akron 2 am. We sold 25 gallons syrup and some pears, started for home 3½ pm. Got home 9½ pm. Bad roads. Left Clyde in Akron to sell more
 13 Clyde in Akron selling syrup. Helped put up the round oak stove. Mrs McIntyre very sick. Tony broke wagon tongue. HL Damon called
 14 Went as far as Mr Monegan's watering trough to meet Clyde coming home from Akron
 15 Cleaned out the hen house and drew hen manure onto the currant patch. Charles Van Deusen called to get some money for Lillie
 17 Fixed a pace in the hen house for a hen and 11 small chickens. We built a yard for the calf. I fixed the pig-pen for a stable for the calf
 18 Clyde to Ganyard's and other paces to see about insurance. Tony (*hired man*) left this morning. Tony and brother Frank came for his trunk in the evening
 21 E and Clyde to Liverpool station to go to the south part of the state. *He rarely goes to church*
 23 Dr Ayers called to register a baby
 25 Thanksgiving day. Posted accounts
 27 Shaved. To trustees' meeting all day. Had two sheep claims. Coover swore me in as clerk. To grange in evening. Saw eclipse of the moon
 29 Reckoned clerk accounts and copied them into church records. Telephone man here tinkering the 'phone. I Baughman called and paid me the Snyder notes and took up the mortgage. Mr Montgomery called to get a burial permit
 30 To Cleveland by way of Brunswick cars. To Society for Savings and Home Savings Bank.

December 3 Clyde drove to Richfield, Ghent, Copley etc. E to club at SW Rupert's

4 Helped Frank Gouch fix up his road books all day. Grange in evening, I am secretary, E is chaplain. Clyde got the wagon from Spencer's shop
9 Clyde to Granger on insurance. Emma went to the bazaar
10 Sent out the birth certificates. Copied Sid Cady's hired labor into record book
14 WJ Sheldon and his son cut some logs on the Frizzell *5 days*
17 To the grange installation of officers and social dinner at the hall
20 Made and put up a feed box for the new horse
21 Clyde and Held drew logs to the mill. We eat our dinner in Held's house
23 Our wedding anniversary day. Came home to dinner
24 E to the Christmas tree
25 Christmas. Chored. To Brunswick station to get Clarence and Margaret. Clyde making Frank a stall on the barn floor
28 Lester Robison called to sell musical instrument. Sleighing
31 Met with trustees at Mr Brongers' house to settle up. James Eastwood and Charles Cady present.

1910 He is 63, Emma 58

January 2 Made a 1909 report for the Sunday School

6 Met with new Board of Trustees

13 To grange oyster dinner at Ethan Conant's

15 We drew four loads of lumber apiece from the mill on the Studer place. Clyde went to Clifford Martin's to investigate their fire

17, 18 To Farmers' Institute at the auditorium three sessions. SE Strode speaker

18 Clyde and Ernie Cole to Weymouth. River high. Big freshet. Williams of the Wooster experimental station the speaker

22 Moved the oats from the chamber to the old house. Reckoned expenses for 1909

23 Bad drifts on the north and south roads all over town

25-28 Clyde drew four loads of wood home

29 Met with trustees all day. Telephone man came for rent. Clyde to Medina on his way to the south part of the state. Eddie Ritz moved the fore part of the week

February 2 Walked up to Jud Wait's corners and rode to the station with Ira Waldo and John Brongers. Met with Mr Fowler the state examiner. Mr Keyse's funeral

3 Made out four relief orders and a written note to Dr Ayers

6 Read in 'Garfield's Life' by Thayer and newspapers

12 Chopped wood in the woods. Drew four loads home.

13 Read some in 'That Printer of Udells'

14 We drew three loads of posts from Bly's place on Ira Bedell's farm

18 To grange at the hall, dinner there. We took in 26 new members

March 14 Tapped 192 trees. Sugaring – Wilder and son drawing wood *every day for two weeks*

15 Insurance man here

16 Black cow came in. Milk inspector called. Met with trustees

20 *Boiling sap all day sometimes all night.* Wrote to Prosecuting Attorney, State Highway Commissioner, County Engineer and Surveyor and Benny Waldo

22 Clyde to Emma Benjamin's sale. He bought a yearling heifer

27-29 Clyde to south part of the state

April 2 Clyde took the spotted cow to Joe Ritz's bull

4 Clyde split and shaped 70 grape posts

5 We took the calves to Eggert's place. Carried and set 120 posts in vineyard

6 George Smith called for a burial permit

7 Twelve pear and 25 peach trees came from the Granger nursery and I heeled them in

10 E to Sunday School and we all went to the evening meeting

11 Clyde took 15 gallons of syrup to Liverpool Station to ship. He went to the school meeting in the evening

12 Arthur Sheldon came to work. He picked up grape trimmings, split wood and helped fit ground north of the house. Met with school board and trustees

15 Insurance inspector called. Loder Green called. To grange
29 PC Waldo the assessor called, put in four horses \$75, two cows and 3-month-old yearling \$105, carriage and tools
50, lumber 50, credits 800. Arthur and I took the calf to Waldo's
23 Clyde to Liverpool for some windows
25 Clyde to Brunswick on insurance business. Arthur worked today. SW Ganyard staid here at night
27 Charles Williams papering here. Clyde insuring
28 Charles Williams papering at Eggert
30 Clyde clerked at Brongers' sale

May 1 Wrote to CN Carpenter on trustee business. Investigated fire at George Smith's brooder house. Made out a report to the fire marshal. Recoded last minutes of trustees meeting. Made a copy for Bert Damon. Clyde to B&O station at Liverpool

3 Clyde came home. Charles Parker called
5 Clyde to Liverpool, got feed and took the windows back
6 To Medina to meet with trustees. Arthur here working
7 Clyde drove over to Sheldon's to get the money Arthur stole. He came back with him. Arthur and I stretched 17 grape wires and planted 25 peach trees. To grange
11 Mr Green brought 4500 strawberry plants. Minnie Ritz married
13 Clyde to Liverpool for feed, lumber and windows. Isabel Bigelow died
15 To meeting, Rolla Wise preached
17 Clerked at primary election 5.30 am to 9.30 pm *the first time he says 30 instead of 1/2*. Republican votes cast 129. Democrats 10.
18 Vere Pelot plowing for potatoes all day and here to dinner
20 Painter at Eggert house. Aunt Almira Johnson died
22 Clyde got two young pigs.
29 Clyde south insuring

June 1 Well, expect Clyde was married today to Miss Dessie Fowler

3 Took black cow over to Joe Ritz's. E drove to Brunswick station to get Clyde and his wife.
4 To grange. Clyde and Dessie to Medina to trade
5 Clyde helping his wife. Branch and Longacre team brought out some furniture
9 Clyde and wife at Eggert at night
11 Clyde to Richfield to get Fred shod and harness mended
12 To Maccabee memorial services at Disciples' church. Kirby preached. Clyde and wife here to dinner. Black calf turned in with bull. Wrote minutes in the town clerk book
13 Insurance man here from Wadsworth
14 Pulled Canada thistles. E stayed with Mrs Ritz four hours. Dessie and E helped cut potatoes
15 Wilgush (*HP Riley's hired man*) and Clyde to Cleveland
18 Clarence's birthday. He and Margaret here on the train four days
19 We all took dinner at Clyde's and to a meeting in the evening
23 Clyde took 21 bushels and 235 baskets to Cleveland (*strawberries*) two loads, we had 15 pickers
26 Clyde and Dessie here to dinner. Hurd the painter called

July 2 Clyde was arrested for non support of child

3 Took black cow to Joe Ritz's bull. E and I went to Lorain to see Clarence about Clyde's affair (*Clarence is an attorney*)
4 Clyde, Dessie and her brother Charlie here to dinner
5 Met new trustees to open bids
6, 8, 11 Clyde and Dessie picked raspberries. Clyde to Cleveland
10 Will, Hattie, Bessie, Mr Munn, E and I to Clyde and Dessie's to dinner
16, 18 Clyde and Dessie peddled in Cleveland
20 Clyde and I drove to Cleveland to fight it out with the Weatherup gang. The trial was postponed. Met Clarence there. We went to a show in the pm
22 Clyde and Dessie drew in three loads wheat. They went to Cleveland after 11 pm
25 Clyde and I drew wheat and ground the mower knife. Bert Searles called for a permit
26 Clyde went to the station and got four women to hoe

29 E, Clyde, Dessie and me trading. Met with trustees. Clyde and Dessie drove to Brunswick to meet Mr Hill 'typewriter man'. *A list of strawberries by row*

August 3 High school picnic

4 To Barber reunion at Irving Killian's in Strongsville

13 To Damon reunion at Austin Damon's on the old Gouch place. Clyde and Dessie took pears to the city

14 Drove to Held's and Mohns. To Uncle Don's to see Aunt Delight

15 Mr Evans the fruit inspector called. Showed him around both places

17 Sadie called to look at Frank (*horse*). George Kuder called to see about the fence

19 Pulled weeds in the currant and gooseberry nursery

21 Wrote to Albert van Deusen and secretary of the Ohio State Fair

22 Clyde and Dessie returned from St Clairsville

23 Clyde to Whitcraft's

26, 27, 28, 3 Clyde drew coal

28 To church in the evening. Copied trustee minutes

31 WJ Sheldon got the Frank horse. Clyde to Medina Fair

September 6 Dessie took us to Brunswick station. To Lorain to see Clarence and Margaret. Clarence not home til evening. We visited with Margaret.

7 At Clarence's. Margaret sick. She had a baby boy in the forenoon. The baby weighed 7# (*Richard Karl Van Deusen 1910-2000*)

8 Clarence and I went to the street car to Elyria, then to Wellington. We eat dinner there and then took the big four to Columbus. We went to the state house and looked it through where we could get in, then went to the deaf and dumb asylum, then to the camp of the national guards. Engaged a lodging place on the street east of the capitol. Saw the Neil hotel and the Crittenden, went into the latter. Went to the Busy Bee restaurant for dinner, then we took the street car to the fair grounds, went in and looked around awhile and then went around the race track where Paine's Performances and fire works were to take place. Staid there till the show was over then took the street car to the state house and walked over to our room and went to bed

9 At Columbus. Went to the Busy Bee for breakfast. Went down to the penitentiary and a guide took us through. Took the street cars to the fair grounds. Went through the poultry, swine, cattle, horses, and sheep buildings, saw the horticulture, agriculture, machinery, and other exhibits and one of the races etc., etc. We had our lunch on the grounds after we had seen all we cared to see we left the grounds and took the cars back again. We visited the OSU grounds and saw all the buildings and another encampment of soldiers. Busy Bee for supper and then to the depot. We bought tickets to Galion on the fast train over the Big Four (*Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway*). Waited quite a while for the train which was late. Was sick coming back. At Galion, we got tickets for Wellington, then took the street cars to Elyria and then to Lorain. Got home pretty late and went to bed

10 At Lorain. Some of the time at the office and around the town. Mt Witt took CE (*Clarence*) & me to South Lorain in his automobile, visited

11 At Lorain. Clarence and I went out to see his lots. E, Clarence and I went down to the lake for a walk. E on I went to a tent meeting on Broadway

12 At Lorain. Went with Clarence to his office and around his business. I helped E some about the washing. Clarence and I went to an entertainment in the evening

13 At Lorain. To Clarence's office, then we left at noon. Waited in Elyria ten minutes, at Kamm's 45 minutes, at Berea 60 minutes, at Brunswick, O. Dessie met us there with Bell and the buggy. We staid at Clyde's for supper, lodging and breakfast

14 *Farm work*. Trustees meeting

15 Threshing. 93 bushels of oats and 71 of wheat. We had Harley Damon's machine with his son and Steve West. Wilder Sheldon, John Andrews, Sherwin Richards, Vere and Les Pelot, Ray and Dan Steffens and Hugh Riley's hired man Andrew helpers. *Charles A Pelot moved to Willsville NY in 1911. He died in 1913 in accident with his team. Mrs Pelot was severely injured trying to get her daughter-in-law to safety and died from a stroke. Son Vere was taken ill with typhoid fever, lost sight and had kidney trouble, died September 1 1915. Lee (Victor Leo) died of an operation for appendicitis in 1915. Mother married again and was suing for divorce.*

16 Fred and Bell got in a kicking fracas and both were hurt badly. Rathburn came from Richfield to attend them

17 Ground the wagon. Clyde helped Eugene R thresh

20 E and I took grapes to Peninsula. Saw John D Rockefeller in Richfield

23 Clyde and Clarence in Cleveland to see George B Harris (*attorney*)

27 Clyde to Cincinnati. *They go to Peninsula and Boston every day or so peddling, taking orders, delivering and collecting*

October 1 Met with Pomona Grange in our hall

2 Wrote five notifications for judges and clerks for the road improvement election and served them

5 Helped put tent up west of house for reunion. Clyde took apples to Richfield cider mill

6 To Van Deusen family reunion at grange hall. Alice Gleason staid all night

7 Made out a lot of orders for Board of Education and to meeting

8 William Eastwood and E Conant called with bids for bonds. Visited with Van Deusens at Jennie's

10 Wilder Sheldon here digging ditch for barn wall four hours. I drew some tile from the Eggert then drew cobble stones to the barn. Clyde drew some cement from Liverpool

11 Drew cobble stones and gravel to the barn six hours

14 Prayer meeting here 3 pm. Mrs Kirby and Miss Effie Mane staid here all night

November 5 Took forms away from the cement barn wall, dug ditch to draw water away. Cleaned hall and got some fuel etc for election

6 Copied Board of Education expenditures to exhibit to hang in town hall on election day. Covered up cement wall and got black cow out of the barbed wire fence. To meeting. Took in a lot of new members, Clyde and Dessie among them

8 Got up 5 am, to town hall, was clerk of election. Done 11 pm. Road election held at the same time and place

9 Tacked up summary of election on town hall. CE Lyons got poll books, tally sheet and summary to take to Medina

10 Drove nails out of boards and stakes used on cement wall

11 Banked up north end of barn with straw. Phone to FW Woods, Charles Parker, HL Damon and ME Wait. Filled in dirt around cement wall

12 Did writing in clerk's books and recorded grange minutes

15 Clyde to the old Goodrich place to get a report on the fire there

18 Went to sale of Eugene Riley's personal property. Bought three small shocks of corn. Bot 57 bundles of corn fodder & 122 loads of corn. To grange hall but no quorum. Clyde to sale of TC Charlton's things (*he died, was wagonmaker*)

27 Ate (*first correct use instead of eat*) Thanksgiving at Clyde's

28 E had her class here

December 2 Have 121 bushels of potatoes in the barn and cellar by the canned fruit. Ed Reynolds, Ralph Cole and Clyde cutting wood. Did Clyde's chores

24 E to Christms Tree

27 Wrote to C Frank and Steck Valley City, the Farmers' Exchange Medina, Charles Cady Brunswick

30 E went to Sunday School class

31 Lyman Bartlett called to look over Board of Education record for 1910. Sid Cady called and we looked over Road Superintendent accounts. Met with Trustees. Clyde at St Clairsville

1911 He is 64

January 1 I took Clyde and Dessie to Valley City station at 7 pm. Got home at 11 at night

3 Worked on Board of Education records and Township records. Wrote to Medina Gazette. Clyde to Cleveland to sign a bond

4 Helped draw dead hogs from Steffens here to Clyde's. Harry and Dan butchered them

5 Sent death certificates to Cleveland

7 Grange. Installed secretary, Emma is Chaplain

8 Mr Swigart brought the high school teacher here (*the high school teacher is W Laurence Shuman of Beaver Twp, Noble County, and boarding with them*)

9 Went to the center for some salt. Salted down the side pork. Clarence called up Clyde by telephone at night

19 Made out clerk's bond and sent it to OT Swigart the president of the Board. Sent letter to Columbia School Supply Co. Sent a card to agricultural extension school. HP Riley, RD Riley and WC Ehman signed my bond as school clerk. Phoned to WC Rohde. Amaret West called to sell Larkin products. Clyde took a man to Will Kinch's to see the Mustoe farm. Trying to straighten out the Arnold treasurer accounts

20 Clyde, Dessie, Mr Shuman and Mr Dean Bowman here to dinner

23, 24, Clyde and I drew straw from Gene Riley's to our strawberry patch

25 Clyde and Dessie to Cleveland to trade

27 To Farmers' Institute in am but speakers did not get there in time. Attended pm and evening. JJ Crumley, WH Goodwin and SJ Baldwin speakers. The first two staid all night
28 Heard Harry Rowe make a speech at the Institute
30 The Ganyard boys called to get some money. Jud Shook (*undertaker*) called to get a burial permit and removal permit for the body of Helen Vaughn

February 1 Clyde went to the Brunswick Institute

2 Sharpened 44 grape posts. Sun shone about a minute
3 RD Riley and Mr Means called and I learned the Frizzell and this place to drill for gas or oil within 6 months
5 RD Wise preached at evening meeting
6 Wheeled a lot of cement from the barn to the old house
7 Made out a burial permit for Rosa Emma Takeajck. Made out several orders for teachers' pay
15 Mr Means called, we leased the Eggert place for gas or oil
22 Clyde and Dessie here looking over papers in the attic (*to dispute Reba's suit for non-support of the children*)
23 Copied WC Rohde's certificate and sent it to him
25 Got ready for sugar making drawing wood, etc. Tapped 275 trees. Met with trustees. One sheep claim

March 5 Some new members taken into the church baptized yesterday at Royalton. Mrs Mahala Merchant died

8 Clyde and I took veal calf to PC Waldo for him to kill it. Met with trustees
9 Watson Wyman called. *Got up at 3 or 4 am next few days to gather and boil sap*
13 Dessie here sewing for Elmer Isham
17 Sent report of Cartwright sugar house fire. Sent subscription for four years to Green's Fruit Grower. John Oakley called twice to see the specifications in regard to the town hall. Clyde and Dessie to George Simm's lecture
28 Rev Rolla and family here to dinner. To church business meeting
30 Wrote to EL Barrett and son for school supplies. Wrote to the county for Arbor Day pamphlets and to Charles Mickel for a new itemized bill. Wrote to Pearl Bigelow for a statement of church money collected and expended by her. Clyde at Stadler's and Mattingly's suit. Frank Wilcox borrowed our buggy pole. Gathering and boiling sap

April 8 RD Wise, SM Greenleaf and George Emmet met here to audit my church books

10 Clyde went to the orchard meeting at Harry Arnold's
12 Made out a complaint to auditor about appraisement of real estate. Made out a report on ML Held's fire. Wrote church letter to Benjamin Ayres West Bay City MI. Church dinner at town hall
15 Grange Easter supper at the hall. The men got supper
16 Wrote to Otis and Hough of Cleveland, Ernest Francis, FW Woods and Eugene Cranz. Laurence Shuman took Clyde and Dessie to Brunswick for St Clairsville
17 Rev Wise, Mr Greenleaf and George Emmet here in the am and got the amount of my parsonage receipts
18 Wrote to Clarence about the church affair
20 I went to Clyde's and heeled in some fruit trees that George Vowles *of Richfield* brought
21 Clyde and Dessie shipped syrup. An insurance man called for Clyde to go to Dr Ayres
22 Cleaned hen house, put screened to windows, greased wagon, wrote minutes. E to Sunday school and ME church
26 Joe Ritz called to get pay for bull. PC Waldo the assessor put four cows \$60, two horses 50, tools and carriage 60, lumber 50, credits 800 total 1060

May 1 Milk inspector called

2 Board of Education meeting, home at 11 pm
3 Clyde talked with Cartwright and Greenleaf about Emmet's report. Heard that Emmet went to Tennessee
4 Got a lot of enumeration papers ready to mail to the school directors
8 Went to Sherwin Richards' for a drill
12 Mr Evans the nursery inspector called at Clyde's. Elliott Bigelow called there and threw out two dead peach trees
16 Dug grass with the mattock out of the grape rows east of the house. To a fruit social at the grange hall
19 High school commencement
20 Helped WL Shuman get his trunks out etc. Went to Lorain. Clarence did some typewriting for me at his office. E did some trading
17 Rev Gray preached Baccalaureate sermon at church
23 Dug 831 strawberry plants *he does this every day all week*. Clyde and Dessie to Medina to look at some horses
28 Clyde brought the new horse home from Medina

June 1 Mrs Ehman called and we gave her 54.01 of church money

5 Eighteen pickers picked 23 bushels

7 Clyde and Dessie and Ford Charlton took berries and 67 bushels of potatoes to Cleveland

23 Gave ice cream to pickers

24 Clyde brought a boy home. Topsy died

25 Making out two tax budgets all day and evening. Fertilizer man came for Topsy

26 Took Spot to Ritz's bull

27 Katie Fowler is helping pick, and three Johnson girls, Ray, Alta, Ethel Johnson

July 1 Paid LC Isham 2.64. John Novak is working for them

5 Clyde took currants, raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries, potatoes and eggs to Cleveland

17 Hitched up Belle and went to Medina on tax budget business on call from the auditor

18 Several men for Medina called to bid on road contract

23 Clyde took a picture of Emma's class

28 Picked hard shell potato bugs on the Eggert all day

29 Fixed up my petition and left it with John Brongers. Branch and Longacre brought sideboard. Camp fire at the center

31 Fruit inspector Heckatine called

August 1 Met with school board til 12. Sherman and Vaughn there

2 Wrote to Miss Louise Fox and Carrie Huntley (*teachers*)

3 Barber reunion here. Seventeen came with four horse wagon

8 E had some children of her Sunday school here

12 Signed John Andrews' bond for \$5000. To Damon reunion at Thomas Royston's. Fred run away home

13 Clyde to Bennetts Corners to get a fire report. E to meeting the last of Bill Kirby

17 Clyde drew coal here. I helped unload it *3 days*

22 Phoned to Prof Dickerman at Wooster

26 Called at John Brongers' store to sign orders for books. Met with trustees

29 Swept town hall. Wrote to Miss Helen Snyder and Miss Edminster. To Medina Fair. Drove to Brunswick and took the car.

September 2 Did not go to grange meeting. Tired out

4 E and I peddled in Boston and Peninsula (*every day or so*)

5 Voted in primary election

7 ME Social supper at Anna Shook's

10 Jasper Smith called about building a barn

12 Clarence and family and Mr Nichols came in an automobile

13 Went to a sale by George Wait of Mit Wait's personal property

22 Clyde and I peddled grapes around Dennison Ave Cleveland. Got through about noon. Got home at sundown *He and Clyde peddle in Akron or Cleveland every day or so*

October 2 Helen Snyder and Ruth Markle had the horse and buggy to go to Brunswick station to take the car to Medina teacher's exam. Mamie Snyder came home with them

13 Mit E Charlton's barn burned

18 Clyde to cider mill in Brunswick

19 Clyde to Valley City for feed and bookcase. I helped unload cider

20 Clyde fixing stable floor in his barn

22 Composed a letter to have printed. Helped wire up the wagon box

26 Frank Wait's sale. We bought 400 shocks corn

28 Worked on the foundation for a milk house

29 Clyde helped me put the names of all the votes and addresses on envelopes with the typewriter

31 Sent letters to township voters. Clyde to Valley City for shingles and three sewer pipes

November 3 Helped lay a foundation for a granary. Banked up north side of the stables with straw

7 Went to the hall early, built fire, lit up etc. Voted. Clyde is clerk. Emma voted. Miss Gussie Wilgush and Miss Louise Fox called
 8 Wrote to Van Epp about Miss Louise Fox's certificates, took one hour. Dug holes for foundation to the granary. Wheeled stone and gravel there. Made a place to mix concrete on
 9 Jud and Clyde put concrete in holes. Wrote 11 lists of township officers elected
 15 George McKee and Will Bellus elected *et al*
 16 ME social, folks at our house, over fifty present
 18 To Bessie's recital in evening
 19 HO Riley swore me in as to election expenses
 23 Sold syrup in Boston and Peninsula. Trusted four gallons
 25 Girls' club here
 28 Clyde took two horses to Ghent. Norton brought 37# of beef
 29 Ralph Cole working on mill house
 30 Thanksgiving day. Margaret's father and sister here too. To moving picture show in evening. E and Margaret to missionary meeting

December 1 At Clarence's houses and office

8 Wrote letters to seven teachers
 9 Wilcox came for Clyde's old buggy
 15 We all went to AR Webber's lecture in the auditorium
 20 Counted words in this year's Trustee record
 24 Christmas tree in evening
 25 Chored at both places. Made out eight township papers, wrote six letters on clerk's business. Phoned to several parties
 30 Built fires and met with the trustees all day

1912 He is 65, Emma 60, Clarence 34, Clyde 27

1 Chored at Clyde's and here. Met with Board of Education
 2 Dried out the buggy for Emma to go see Helen. Closed off the horses. Met the trustees in the pm
 3 Attended three sessions of the Farmers' Institute. JH Brigham and Bert Smith speakers
 4 Attended three sessions of the Institute. Clyde came home and called. Went to Valley City and met Dessie and her brother (*Charlie Fowler*)
 5 Charlie Brongers and I balanced township and Board of Education account books
 6 To Grange
 11 Helen staid all night at Mr Averill's in Pekin
 12 Tried to thaw out water pipes. Could not. Sent account to State Fire Marshal
 16 Chored. Met with trustees all day
 17 Wrote to EL Barrett and Son for two Road Superintendent outfits and three trustee service accounts.
 19 Read some in 'Barriers Burned Away'. Helped get 25 gallons syrup ready for market. Cut a little wood
 20 Clyde took syrup to Valley City. Oyster dinner at the grange. Ford Charlton drew me #9500 coal from Frank and Steck in Valley City
 22 Went over on the Frank Wait farm and dug corn. Emma and Helen to meeting in the evening. Dug them out of the ice and snow
 24 Helen staid all night at Clyde's
 25 To a meeting - Rev Gray told of his trip to South America
 26 Harry Steffens butchered our two hogs
 27 Met with new trustees. To a school entertainment at auditorium. Miss Wanda Hoagland and Myra Averill here to supper. Ford Charlton drew two loads of coal for sugaring
 29 Cut up hog. To center to trade
 30 Ground pork with the chopper

February 3 Clyde to YMCA convention in Medina

5 To Brunswick station on foot. Rode a little way with Will Salisbury and some father with Josie Ritz. Took a car to Medina. Called at auditor, Phoenix, Savings Deposit Banks, Roots office, Ziegler store. Took the 1:13 back to Brunswick and walked home
 8 Went up to the donation for Rev Gray at the lower room in town hall

10 About 20 below 0. Read some in the 'Right of Way'
11 E and Helen to Sunday School and to Wise's meeting. Clyde and Dessie here to dinner
16 We all went to the mock trial at the auditorium. Sleighing
18 Cleaned out a lot of frozen manure from the stable. Harry Mohler and Mamie Snyder came from Wadsworth. Rev Hopkins preached at the evening meeting
19 Wrote to 21 grange members that they were in arrears in dues one year or more. RD Riley called and canceled the gas or oil lease on the 20 acres
20 E and Helen to a prayer meeting at Royston's in the evening
21 Copied Clyde's Cleveland and fruit accounts
24 Mr Schnee the optician here fitting glasses for us. To Granger
25 Read 'The Fighting Chance' by Chambers. Copied diary from loose sheets into book

March 2 Miss Wanda Hoagland of Centerburg near Columbus staid all night with Helen

16 Clyde to Mrs. Jones' sale
18 Dug the door of the sugar house loose from the ice and put up the new smoke stack. Pried up the evaporator. Drew a tank of water from the well to wash the buckets. Tapped 13 trees
19 Black cow came in
24 Read 'Lorna Doone'
25 Clyde to Mrs William Gay's sale
30 E to Mrs. Willgush's funeral

April 4 Thomas, Jennie and Myrtie here in the evening to eat warm sugar. Clyde gathered syrup with the team

6 Saturday night. To Easter supper at the grange
8 Hung 350 sap buckets on the trees. Trimmed (*pruned*) grapes
12 *According to family history, Clyde and Dessie had a son who was born and died today*
14 Helen (*I think it's Snyder*) went to visit the teacher Ruth Markle on the _____.
19 Helen's last day of school *the teacher boarding with them*
20 Assessor called: four cows \$120. Horses \$100. Tools etc \$35. Lumber \$35. Credits \$1000. Dessie very sick. Had three doctors and I took Dr Steele to Brunswick after 10 in the evening. Got back 3 am. Broke down by Thompson's in Brunswick. E sat up with Dessie all night. Ethel Johnson staid with Helen
21 Clyde to Medina to get Dessie's mom
22 E, Helen and I drove the buggy to Brunswick station, to the 10:26 limited to Cleveland. Met Clarence and Margaret at Society for Savings at 11:30. We all went to dinner and did some trading and then to the Hippodrome. Took Helen to Union Depot to take the 5 o'clock train home.
27 To school commencement. Mr Fox talked. *Clyde's house is on the farm but not the old house*
29 To the law suit between Hazel and Uncle Don

May 1 Mr Switzer and Oviatt called and released 92 acres of land at 50 cents per acre 6 months in advance

2-4 Tied up grapes on the Eggert. Took my dinner
10 Released the Eggert farm at 50 cents per acre.
16 Clyde to Medina to get teeth pulled. Charley Oakley called for pay
19 Watched the cows while baiting
21 Was clerk of primary election til 9 pm
27 Ford Johnson came in the evening and butchered the calves
28 Clyde and Dessie took the calves to Whitcraft

June 2 E to Sunday School and Children's Day

9 Watched a hen a long time to find her nest but did not. E to Sunday School in high school house
17 We picked 594 baskets berries. 14 pickers besides ourselves. I carried baskets and punched tickets. Clyde and Dessie took them to Cleveland (*they go every day or so, he no longer goes to Cleveland, Peninsula, Richfield or Boston*) with two rigs
22 To Pomona grange. Tommy fixed the pigs
28 We had ice cream for the pickers
29 Took the black cow to Ritz's bull in the woods

July 15 A Behner called, phone burned out

21 Wrote to delinquent members of the grange. Made out report to state grange. *He no longer mentions anyone trading in Boston, Richfield, Medina or Peninsula, but Akron, Valley City, Cleveland*

August 7 School picnic

8 Got up 4 am. We got ready took the 8:00 car to Elyria. Got to Hattie Chappel's 10 am. Barber reunion. Got home 11 pm

10 Damon reunion at Medina

23 E took Clyde to Valley City to go to St Clairsville

28 Up at 3½. Did chores. Clyde took us to Brunswick station. We took the 7:00 car to Cleveland. Got to Society for Savings 9 am. Met Clarence there. We looked over the new court house. We took the mid-day Big Four train to Columbus. Went to the state house. Clarence engaged rooms for us near the capitol. Saw the parade and went to the theater

29 Breakfast at Busy Bee. Looked at the Capitol. Saw the relic room etc. We took the street car to the fair grounds (registered in relic room). Saw president Taft and Gov Harmon in front of the state house. Went to the fair. Looked over the exhibits etc. Had lunch on the grounds and supper at a restaurant. Waited a long time to see the Parade of the Serpent. Then saw the fire works at the capitol

30 E and I went through the state penitentiary. Came back to the state house. Soldiers' Day. Met Clarence in the steps. To a moving picture show. Dinner at Busy Bee. Saw the Old Soldiers' Parade. Took the train from Union Station to Cleveland. Got to Cleveland 6 pm. Had supper at Meyer's Restaurant. Took Lake Shore Electric to Lorain. Staid at Clarence's

31 Got home. Chored. Terrible storm – 4-5" of water

September 2 Went down to see the freshet

3 Was clerk of election. 131 votes cast on the amendments to the constitution, 42 of them. Got home 2 am

4 E took Clyde and Dessie to the station to go to Wooster

21 To grange in the evening

27 Bought vacuum cleaner

30 George Kling taught school

October 7 Dexter, Minnie Buckminster and two children came in afternoon visiting. *Clyde and Dessie are peddling in Akron every day*

14 Harry Doolittle an insurance man staid here all night

26 Leslie Swift called in the evening with a Ward catalogue

November 5 Voted for Roosevelt and the rest of the Progressive Ticket

6 Clyde to Cartwright sale. Bought some potatoes and fodder corn

10 Tried to drain off the hog yard

12 Sent to Montgomery Ward for a barrel of flour

16 To Granger. WD Briggs inspected the grange.

23 E and I drove the old buggy to Medina to pay taxes, trade, and collect lease rents etc

25 Put cow chains in stables. Put all the cows in the barn

28 Celebrated Thanksgiving in pm. Clyde and Dessie to dinner

December 3 Clyde went to Weymouth

7 Elected secretary of the grange, E is chaplain

10 Cousin Ruth Barnhart here

11 Fred Johnson and Clyde here butchering four hogs. We drew the hogs up to the house in the evening

14 Visited Clarence in Lorain and went shopping *first time he calls it shopping rather than trading*

16 David Chandler's funeral. *He is ill. No mention of Christmas Tree or Christmas*

1913 He is 66

January 2 *He is sick.* Kling came in the forenoon

9 Clyde went to Klause's sale

15, 16 Wilbur Charlton, Ed Carpenter and Clyde working on the barn 10-5

18 Sale of Uncle Don's personal property – bought apples

20 Carpenter worked all day and staid at night

21 The Ritz's and J Shook helped a little while to raise one bent of the barn. *Carpenters worked all day 21- 27*
25 Clyde went to Mahlon Charlton's sale. Behmer called and I paid phone til April
28 Clyde got some shingles in Valley City
29 Read. Went over account books
31 Farmers' Institute at the center. *They are sugaring but Clyde does most of the heavy work*

February 1 Emma went to Farmers' Institute in am and pm. She spoke two recitations
2 E to Sunday School at both churches. Gave Clyde a copy of what I sold and what I bought in 1911 and 1912
3 Copied minutes into Grange record. Wrote all names in grange account book. Clyde drew us a load of green stove wood
5 Mildred Wilgush and Elise Kuder called for subscribers to a paper. *Albert and Augusta Wilgush born Germany to Ohio 1898. 8 children ages 3-18 in 1910*
6 Looked up the account of RD Riley and copied it off. Rev Gray called
9 E taught Mrs Mattingly's class in the ME church
10 Wilbur Charlton called for money. Clyde drew lumber from Valley City
13 Finished reading 'Freckles'
14 Mattingly and Shank drew wood for the ME church through my place to the road. E received a valentine from Helen Snyder
15 Carpenters working on granary from 9 – 5½. To grange meeting
18 Carpenter went to Clyde's and made a sink
19 Carpenter and Sheldon worked on granary splicing rafters and siding
20 Carpenters siding and shingling
22 Laying floor, making doors and working on bins
23 Read some in 'Daniel Deronda'. E to Sunday School and preaching.

March 6 E to ME social at town hall
10 Built corn bins in granary
14 Siding barn and making doors ten hours
15 Clarence came afoot
18 Clyde and Wilder putting roof boards on barn. Paid Ed Carpenter (*the carpenter*) \$5
19 Frank Isham came at 8 to paint on house *Born 1857, infirmity since manhood, died there 1930*
22 Clyde drove two horses to Weymouth in the old buggy
25 Went down to see the great flood on the river bottoms. Terrible freshet
28 Lyme Bartlett called selling lamp burners
31 Carpenters here all day and staid all night. Sap coloring badly

April 1 George Helm commenced work today. Carpenters working on barn and hay rack
3 Clyde painting rack
8 Ehman spouted the barn and eat dinner here. F Isham painting barn
9 *According to family history, Dessie and Clyde had a son Kenneth Arthur born today*
10 Clyde to Royalton on insurance
12 To the rug sale and ice cream party at Grange hall
19 Clyde to Valley City for cement, bookcase, etc
20 Fixed shelves in new book case
21 Ehman put iron roof on south side of old house and on the wagon and tool shed. Jud Shook helped
22 Isham painting on Eggert barn
23 Clyde to Nolan's on Oak Hill for a lot of plum trees
24 Clyde to Brunswick on insurance
25 Fred sick. Henry Akins called to doctor him
28 Worked on the old house. Cleaned out the old kitchen for the wagon and buggy. George painted arch and pipe at sugar house. We painted and hooped barrels. Assessor called. Horses \$100, cows \$150, tools \$60, credits \$1000, improvements \$100

May 2 Helped Oakley put stone in foundation of barn floor for cement
3 We went to Laphams' for jackscrews and to Clyde's for crow bar. To grange
8 Carried several pails water for the concrete work. Oakley cementing barn

9 Grandson Kenneth born today?

10 George and I cleaned and took out the barn floor. George painted the concrete floor in the barn. Clyde to Ford Charlton's sale. Literary Club here

15 Settled with carpenters 226 hours. Paid cash \$22.50

22 Put hay overhead in the new barn. Helped put some sleepers in old barn bay. Put in the floor

25 Wrote to WD Briggs Sharon Center. Read 'The Five Frankfurters' in the Leader

27 George and I raised up the side porch with a jackscrew and blocked it up

30 George painted one sled and then went to Clyde's and dug a drain for a sink pipe

32 Clyde to Valley City for sewer pipe. I went to stockholders' meeting at Grange hall

June 7 Paid Frank and Steck of Valley City \$162.30

12 Clyde drove to Medina and had some teeth pulled

15 Wrote off the names of 44 grangers for a Line Stock Co. E to ME Children's Day

July 1 Clyde and George took two calves to the stock yards

3 Sent cream to Royston's

21 E and Dessie went to Ella Charlton's soap club

August 3 J Oakley cemented a place in the milk house for the separator. Clyde helped him. Took three hours

6 To high school picnic

7 To the Barber reunion at Jim's in Strongsville

16 Clyde, Dessie and Joe to Maccabee picnic in Granger

20 Clyde drew #2370 grange coal. Frank Isham called. He says he painted 153 hours on the house

24 Joe came down and we tapped the coal oil tank

29 Clyde to Brunswick for the big wagon and then to Valley City for grange groceries and feed. Jim Gargett called and I bought lighting rods for the home barn

31 Wrote to Hartman's Collecting Agency

September 3 To Medina Fair. Did some trading and some business at the bank. 103 degrees

4 Got horse and buggy ready for Clyde and Dessie to go to the fair *Clyde peddles in Cleveland every day or so*

11 Jim Gargett and Mr Ball put up 159 foot of lightning rods in the barn at 15 cents a foot

13 Gave note to Mr Ball for one year \$23.85 due September 1 1914 without interest

14 Put up the heating stove

15 Emma quite sick, Dr Kellum came and brought a nurse Miss Mary Cunningham. Behmer put new batteries in the phone. Received cream check 11.15

16 Nurse with Emma. I put handles on 25 grape baskets

18 Joe to Valley City for coal but they had none

27 Clyde took Joe to the station. He has got through work here

October 2 E and I to 26th annual Van Deusen reunion at town hall. 26 relatives and Lora Randall and Fred Parker.

Charlie and Eva Warner came from Michigan. I was president, Clyde secretary

4 Clyde and Dessie to Medina to see the dentist. To grange

7 H Brongers' funeral. ME aid in the town hall. *Clyde to Cleveland peddling most days*

8 Clyde came after cider apples and barrels at night

9 Clyde unloaded two barrels cider. Watkins man called. E staid with Dessie at night

12 Clyde got Paul Fowler at the station. Dessie's brother *Paul helps on the farm*

17 Dug potatoes with a fork on the north end side hill

20 We cut out the picture puzzle and looked over the book catalogues

22 To the stockholder meeting in the evening until 12. Ground froze hard and thick ice. Clyde picked 63 baskets grapes and some apples for Akron

24 Paul brought the load down and backed it into the barn

26 Read Booklover's Catalogue. *Putting away fruits and vegetables, cider, vinegar, syrup in the barn and cellar*

31 Saw two flocks of wild geese flying south

November 2 To meeting at Disciples' church

4 Voted. Clyde on election board.

7 Took old Black Cow to Joe Ritz's for the 4th time. To meeting
 8 We all went to oyster supper at grange hall. E to Literary Club at Mattingly's in am
 10 *Caring for stock most of the time.* Studied book catalogue
 11 Roads impassable. No school or mail, one team went by breaking road
 12 Cleaned a lot of snow out of two rooms of the old house and some out of the granary. No mail yet this week. Some roads still impassable. Almost 20" of snow fell on the level during the big storm
 13 Cleaned snow out of the old buttery and back room. No cream wagon came yet this week
 15 Went up to Ehman's and bought a pair of overshoes. Read some. To grange
 17 Two hunters from Cleveland hunting here
 18 Hunters went back home. Wrote grange minutes
 19 Cream man came. Check 11.68
 20 E to RD Riley's store goods sale (*dry goods, groceries, hardware, fresh and salt meats Hinckley*)
 22 Carried straw and covered strawberries all day. Carried my dinner. To grange oyster supper at evening
 27 Went up to see the ruins of Spencer Charlton's two shops that burned last night at 3 am. Clarence and Clyde's families here for Thanksgiving. Three Ritz girls here in evening. Paid Frank Isham \$25.00 in full for painting
 29 Charles Ritz, George Helm and John Betz called to get permits to hunt on the farm
 30 Looked over the picture game catalogues. Wrote to Leader for two pictures, No. 36 and 46. To church, Rev William Garrison preached

December 2 To the center to see insurance man Longacre the adjuster
 6 Elected secretary of grange, Emma is chaplain. Also appointed on sick committee. E to Riley's sale
 14 To Clyde's for supper and then to church. Rev Mohler preached
 20 Ford Charlton's funeral. Emma lost Clyde's key and her breast pin
 22 E to Ethel's school in the pm. She drove down to Clyde's in the morning with feed and drink (*for the chickens, Clyde is away*)
 24, 25 No mention of Christmas
 27 Trustees' meeting
 29 Got a telephone call from Clyde at Denison
 30 Started to Valley City 2 pm with Fred and Bell to get Clyde and family. Got there 5 pm. Waited 30 minutes. They staid all night

List of rows of strawberry plants by type

1914 He is 67. Newman and Clyde buy an "auto truck"

January 2 Chored. Looked through puzzle catalogue. Shaved. Copied Grange minutes, to Grange
 9 Clyde peddling in Cleveland
 10 To Grange oyster supper
 11 Wrote about 40 titles in answer book
 16 Lois called. Gave her liver. Royston butchered two hogs. Emma fixed the meat and lard
 17 E read some aloud of the story 'By Force of Circumstance'. We looked over a lot of papers to find the story. Clyde went to station to get the insurance man
 20 Wrapped some old sox around some young plum trees to keep the rabbits away. Clyde took Ehman down to look at the old evaporator
 28 Cleaned our a lot of horse and hog manure about three hours

February 5 Potatoes, apples and eggs to market. Took cream to C Ritz
 9 Wrote to experiment station and to a phonograph company for circulars
 10 Julian Riley's home caught fire
 12 To the bazaar dinner at town hall
 16 Copied and tabulated receipts and expenditures for 1913
 21 I got two boxes of bill stuff and lumber for the chicken house. Charley Oakley drew logs
 22 Sport came home to Clyde's after several days' absence
 23 My chores are feeding four cows and one horse hay in the mornings and (*feeding*) hens chopped ear corn. Milking four cows and turning the separator. Feeding cows and horse grain. Warm milk and oyster shells to the hens. Barn and meal scarf mixed. Carrying water from well to cows and horse twice a day. Turn them out and wheel out the manure.

Feed cows and horse stalks at noon. Gather eggs twice a day. Milk to hens three times a day if needed. Feeding and milking again at night etc.

March 4 E to Wyman's to club banquet

10 Sadie McKee, Lois Isham and Carlotta Ehman called. Eclipse of the moon

13 Ory Mattingly the assessor called. I went over the farm with him. We also looked over the HP Riley farm north of us. He put in two horses \$75, four cows \$130, credits \$1000

15 Tapped 150 trees. Getting sugar house ready to boil. Clyde peddling in Cleveland. Pruning grapes. *Charles Carl works for them*

29 To meeting, Rev Peoples preached. The new minister Mr Garrison preached at night

April 2 Carried coal to the cellar

8 C Williard papered the front bedroom

9 Chored. Trimmed two rows grapes. Split stove wood. Took cream to Charles Ritz. Got keys to sugar house at Clyde's. Gathered sap and ice from 106 trees and put it in the pans. Charles Williard papered the kitchen

15 Made out the per capita tax report. *Clyde Brown works for them*

23 District school out today

25 Wrote out three sets of minutes in the grange record.

26 Storm flooded the stables in the barn. I had to clean them all out. To church

27 Mr Snee the oculist staid here all night

May 3 Visited Uncle Jim and Will Kinch. Called at Uncle William Curtis'. Called at Harley Wait's for eggs

5 Went to Ehman's and paid him five cream checks

8 Wheeled some manure from the poultry house and spread it on the plowed ground. Hunted lumber for Charley who is building a row of nest boxes on the north side of the poultry house. Clyde drove to Harley Wait's to get some eggs to set

10 'Mother's Day'. Charles Searles preached baccalaureate sermon

11 Hard rain flooded the barn stables and cellar

12 Very high water. Ground washed badly

13 E to Commencement. Clyde at Royston insuring. Charlie carpentering

15 Piling up trimmings of Osage orange hedge

16 Hunter brought an auto truck and he took us for a ride. Hindering us quite a while. We bought an auto truck of him. To grange

18 To Medina. Drew out some money to make a payment of the automobile truck. E took a ride to Valley City in the truck

20 C Oakley here fitting strawberry ground into potato ground. Charlie fitting also. Took auto ride to Brunswick in evening. Hunter and Parker here teaching Clyde to run auto etc. Gave notes for auto truck

23 Clarence and Margaret here visiting. They went fishing

24 Clyde took Clarence and family and us to Uncle Will's in the pm

27 Lightning struck the maple tree in the woods

June 4 *Raymond Stanley works for them.* Clarence here working. Charlie worked on the small chicken house

5 Had ripe strawberries for supper

8 Mr Parker came from Akron to tinker the auto

11 Fifteen pickers. Clyde took berries to Cleveland. We had ice cream at Clyde's

13 *Teddie ___ working for them.* Clyde took berries to Akron, got home 7 am. Carl quit work

14 Uncle John, Aunt Lizzie, Arthur Hall and wife and a stranger called

20 Clyde took ball players to Medina and back. To grange

21 Mr Witt wife and daughter came in an automobile from Lorain. Took ride in our auto around by Pekin and the Ridge. *His farm has a stone road along it*

27 Mr Leonard helped here. Teddy mowed a little then went to Royalton to play ball. Clyde went to Akron with berries and to Cleveland with eggs

28 Cows got out. Looked for them a long time at Richards, Shank, Riley and Clyne farms. Found them tied up at Shanks. *Harry Leonard works for them*

30 E and Clyde mowed the grass

July 3 We picked currants 242 quarts. Clara 57, Dorothy 40, Elsie 32, Grace Van Deusen 21 (*daughter of Byron and Daisy*), Emma and I 90. Hazel Frizzell, Jennie Westland, Gladys, Bernice, Hattie, Clara Gibbs, Jennie W, Clarence Charlton, Lucille, Henrietta and Margaret Lyons, Edward, Alma Damon, Alta also pickers. *George Johnson is working for them*

11 Harry and Frank hauled in the balance of the hay. Got stuck on the Hill and had to throw off the whole load. (*Hinckley Hill was loose stone, paved in concrete in 1915*) Julian Riley cut the wheat on Clyde's. To stockbrokers' meeting at grange hall

13 We picked 232 quarts. Omar called on business. Watermelon for the pickers

24 Helped Julian Riley thresh

30 Emma went down to Clyde's with Alma and Alta's baby. Grange

August 2 Clyde's folks to Will's in the auto.

5 Shaved and bathed

6 To Lorain to Barber reunion at Clarence's house. We went all the way with the auto truck. Clyde, Dessie, Kenneth, Will, Hattie, Archie and Bessie went with us. Clarence took us on a boat ride on the lake and up the river

7 At Clarence's. Went with an automobile party to Elyria and Ridgeville. To missionary society in evening, they met at Margaret's

8 Clarence, Margaret, E and I to Cleveland on 8.50 Lake Shore street car. To bank, several stores, and to dinner at a restaurant. Left there on the motor bus at 4:30, got home and did chores

14 HD Riley and Mr Becker called soliciting funds for surveying a car line

15 To Pomona grange at town hall. Five granges represented

17 Sent birthday card to CR Culver and wife. Clyde and Harry drew wood and rubbish to the sugar house *for firewood*

22 Harley Brown's machine here threshing. Clifton Westland two Damon boys, Julian Riley's man, Eli Shank, Sherwin and Henry Richards, Clyde and Harry helped thresh

26 Man sent here from the employment office

29 Harry got through work here and went to Cleveland

30 To Temperance meeting and Disciples meeting

September 2 Blocked up sill of old house. Raked the straw off from the barn roof. Untangled a lot of old poultry netting

4 Clyde to Medina to get Odie *Fowler Dessie's brother is working for them*

6 Put fence of posts around the bell pear tree in Libbie's yard. Red cow came in (Heifer calf) went to the woods and drove them up

7 Labor Day (*first mention*). E drove to Royalton line to meet Julia (nee Locke) Phillips but did not find her

9 E gathered 25 baskets of grapes. Clyde and Bessie to Berea Fair

11 Libbie (*nee Royalton*) Carpenter and her two children Kathlene and Madeline here to dinner

12 Clyde to Cleveland to get repairs for auto. Mr Pruhl dragging and mulling. Little black cow came in, bull calf. Went to farthest end of the farm two times to see and feed her

13 We all went to Brookside Park to see a ball game. Raymond Ludwig and our hired man rode with us

16 We all went to Medina Fair

26 Paul Thomas helper. He helped clean the auto

29 Clyde to CE Wait's sale

October 1 To Van Deusen 27th annual reunion at town hall. 60 present

7 Have to bait the cows twice a day in the old vineyard

18 We put up the heating stove

26 Stopped up a rat hole in the cellar

27 John Steffen's funeral. Jud Shook (*undertaker*) called for some flowers

29 Clyde drove down to Craft's for two bags of fertilizer. Archie Sheldon's funeral

30 Clyde to Granger Weymouth etc on insurance. He drove Fred, Sadie and E to exhibition at high school

31 Clyde drove Belle to Cleveland and auto to Parma. Hoodlums out in the evening. Broke our galvanized water spout on the west side of the house and the thills of a buggy down at Clyde's

November 1 Clyde put the calf rack on the wagon

2 To Harry Arnold's sale. Bot 403 shocks corn in 19 rows (*lists them*). Paid \$199.80. Clyde and Paul took the three calves to the stockyard

4 Hugh Riley paid me \$40 interest. E, Clyde and I went to Medina in auto, borrowed \$250 of Phoenix bank for 30 days. Received gas lease rent. Paid the last auto note.

5 *Took 9 days to bring corn from Arnold's.* We shocked it

10 Paid Nurse Killiam \$282

11 E to magic lantern show of Bible pictures at town hall

12, 13 E and I to the picture show in the evening

2 Free oyster supper at the grange. E elected chaplain, I secretary

25 Clyde took pears, chickens, eggs and syrup to Cleveland

26 Thanksgiving Day

29 Cleaned the cobwebs from the cow barn. *To town hall weekly to church weekly*

December 2 To Mrs Jud Wait's sale. Wilder bot cow on 6 month's time

3 Received last Royalton cream check

4 Drove Belle to Medina to Safety Deposit, Old Phoenix, treasurer's office, Lyman Oatman's and DC Shepard's. Called at HPR and he paid me \$25

6 I weigh 131, (*weighing cost*) 1 cent

9 Wallace Riley helped Clyde and Paul butcher our two cows. I helped Emma fix the innards. Helped the boys get the hog into the kitchen

10 Wallace cut up our hog. E and I weighted it and carried it down cellar #310-313 in pieces

12 Helped salt the pork. They cut down the old elm tree. E to club. Wrote grange minutes into records

14 Helped E grind meat for sausage. Put some apples and punkins down cellar

15 Paul and Clyde cut down the old walnut tree in front of the house and sawed most of it up

18 Clyde drove Belle and carriage to Cleveland

19 To installation of officers dinner at grange hall

21 Thomas Gleason came towards night for work. Ethel Johnson called

23 E to Christmas exercises at the river school

25 To Clyde's for Christmas. Had dinner and ice cream there. *Christmas gifts for Dessie 1.50, Kenneth .60, Jean .50, a book for Richard .63. Margaret for films 15 cents*

26 Split hickory wood at the door. Clyde to Weymouth. Sleighing

29 Paul drove down to Clyde's with Gypsy and Fred with the sled and took some corn, potatoes, apples, and milk.

Clyde drove to Peninsula in the carriage

30 Paul took corn and oats to Bellus' to grind. Clyde writing policies and dressing chickens

1915 He is 68

January 1 *Cannot read, even under black light*

2 Drawing corn stalks to feed cows

6 Drew 38 shocks of corn home in three loads on the sled. Read and wrote.

7 Corn. Clyde peddled in Cleveland. To stockbrokers' meeting. E went to the club at Florence Pugh's

11 Put chickens into the yard. Sent for Cleveland Daily Leader, Home life, Farmer and Wife and Everyday Life

14 He and Paul sawing wood. Disciples' social at town hall

15 Paul packed up his things. Clyde had teeth pulled in Medina

20 Robert Stenke (*worker*) and I split wood at the old house

21 Charles Oakley helping

22 Clyde took us to the bus on the sled. Left home 6½ Eastern time (*first use*). Took bus to Brighton. Bus stalled several times on the way. Met Clarence and Margaret at Society for Savings. Went to City Immigrants' Bureau for Clyde about Paul Thomas. Went to 401 Citizens Building for two Farmers' Merchants Bank Co dividers for Clyde and I. Went to May Co for dinner and to a moving picture show. Took the 4.30 Electric car for home. Clyde met us at the end of the brick. Clyde and Robert worked the Frizzell place

25 Robert Stenke left

26 Edwin Kinch worked

27 Clyde went to Cleveland with the sled. Cream man came very early

29 Coal oil man came and filled the tank

31 Moved some potatoes from the water in the basement

February 1 Clyde brought a new man to help us work Matthew. *Clyde and Matthew farm, he peddles*

4 E at Club banquet

5 Shelled corn by hand for table meal about two bushels of ears
6 Saw the play Breezy Point in the auditorium in the evening
7 Clyde brought a bag of oyster shells
10 Matt splitting wood every day
12 Buried the dead hog. Matt quit and went away. Clyde drove Belle to Cleveland and met an insurance man
13 Literary Club here in pm. Let hens out towards night
16 Steve West called with a road petition. Clyde got some corn and oats ground at the center
17 Mr Schmidt came to Clyde's to work
19 Made a cream stand by the road
20 To Grange reception dinner for Ernest Lyons and wife. Clyde's carpenter working there on the hen house
22 To Farmers' Institute in pm and evening. JS Brigham, SJ Baldwin and Mrs Christina D Laws speakers. E sick with the grip (*flu*). Abed all day. I am very tired
23 To Institute am and pm. Brigham, Baldwin and CO Jenks, County Superintendent of Schools speakers. Hunky (*slur for Hungarian. Schmidt is likely German or Austrian, but the prejudice against all foreigners was equal*) Schmidt left. Clyde peddling in Peninsula. I am sick with the gripe
24 Milked in the am. Sick all day. E sick also, she helped Clyde do chores
25 Tom Reid came to work on trial, *left after 2 days*
27 Clyde took Tom Reid to Cleveland to get his trunk. E and I had to do all the chores. Sick

March 4 Andrew McCreary came at noon (*to work*)

6 Clarence came in the pm by way of the bus. Took physic (*medicine*). Clarence brought some things for us and gave us \$10. He walked to the brick. A tramp called for breakfast
13 Andy took Clyde to the bus line to go to Cleveland to see the fire marshal. E and I boiled sap. Clyde peddling
20 Went down to the woods to tell Clyde he was wanted on the phone. He went across, home
23 Clyde took 15 gallons new syrup to Frank Edgerton in Peninsula, *ten more gallons a few days later*

April 3 Clyde took 15 gallons maple syrup to Valley City to ship to Wheeling

5 Dessie had a girl baby in the pm weighting 7¼#. Edna Jane Van Deusen *Gravestone says Edna Irene*. Emma at Clyde's. Sap runs all day and night
9 Clyde took Mrs Fowler (*Dessie's mother*) to Valley City, came home and went insuring
11 E and I drove to Clyde's to see the baby and took some corn and potatoes
12 Drew the sap dishes to the old house in three wagon loads
16 Clyde had to stay with Dessie and the children so Ann could go help Jud (*do Barney Ritz's funeral*)
18 Went to the woods and got some rotten wood for a sick hog. Helped get the auto back into the old house with Belle
27 Clyde went over in Brunswick and got a hired girl. Clyde went to Valley City for 600 currants and gooseberry plants from JB West

May 1 Clyde took hired girl home and got two black pigs in Brunswick. To grange ice cream social

2 Baited the cows twice. We made a place for the little black pigs. Elton Johnson brought two loads lumber
3 Cleaned the cistern at the house. Clyde went after his hired girl in Brunswick
5 E to Grange Hall to rehearse initiation ceremony
6 E and I sprouted three bushels potatoes between 2-3 am. Cleaned out poultry house and privy. Put some sled into barn
7 Planted 1050 strawberry plants
8 Ladies' club here. List of strawberry plants, 14 rows, 80-92 in each row on south side, east of Clyde's barn
8-12 planted 3227 plants total
12 Man came from Akron and rehabilitated the truck
16 Mr McCreary brought Andy here, staid to supper, fed his two horses and took home a can of maple syrup. WK Coover was taken to the infirmary
17 Clyde drove Fred to Richfield on insurance. Will Salisbury called to hire money
18 Hard freeze froze a lot of berries
21 Pulled weeds for the cows from the strawberry plants. Dessie sick. E, Margaret and Jean went down to see her
22 Margaret at Clyde's taking care of Dessie. Dr Stillman called twice. Clyde got a nurse from Strongsville (Clara Jones). E and I to grange. Railroad meeting
23 Sold Clarence eight gallons of maple syrup
25 Dessie very sick. Dr Killum brought a specialist from Cleveland to see her

26 Dessie very sick. Clyde went to Valley City for her mother. Ora Mattingly assessor called- four cows \$100, truck \$600, and dog
27 Clyde to Valley City for Mr Fowler (*Dessie's father*) and Odie. Archie brought Hattie here. She staid all night. E at Clyde's. *Dessie had peritonitis*
28 Hattie and E to Clyde's. Clyde to Medina for ice cream for Dessie. She is very sick
29 Sprouted 15 bushels potatoes in cellar. E at Clyde's
31 *There is a cistern at the barn.* Clyde took Miss Cunningham home. No mail. Very tired

June 1 Dessie very sick. Miss Cunningham came back. Clyde took Clara Jones home
3 Andy trimmed hedge at Clyde's. Dessie very sick
4 Piled up green lumber near vineyard. Operation on Dessie 4 pm. E there. Clyde drove 30 dozen eggs and two bushels potatoes to Cleveland. Tom Reid called
6 Linnie Van Deusen Heater called. Dessie very sick.
7 Clyde planted some corn in his young orchard with machine. He went to Akron with truck and staid all night
8 Jessie Van Deusen of Medina called. Clyde in Akron to have rubber tire repaired
9 I drove the cows out of Steffen's to Riley's to Shook's to Royston's and home again
13 Andy to circus at the center in the evening. E, Clyde and Kenneth took ten gallons maple syrup to Peninsula. Andy went home and back again on his wheel. Read and wrote a little
14 Clyde took 20 bushels potatoes to Cleveland and the berries to Akron
16 We had 14 pickers. Clyde and Andy took veal calf and 12 bushels potatoes to Cleveland. Clyde took berries to Akron and staid all night. I carried water to Clyde's currant bushes. E got the pickers and Andy took them home. E put up 20 bushels potatoes
17 Andy went to McCreary reunion at George Kuder's
18 Clyde brought a new man Dewey Scott
19 Clyde took a desk to Medina
20 Clyde took Mrs Fowler and the baby to Valley City. I read and wrote a little. E put up ten bushels of potatoes. Ann at Clyde's
21 Clyde to Cleveland on the bus to get repairs for the auto. 16 pickers. Sold FC Wilcox 16 quarts berries \$2. *Clyde peddling in Cleveland and Akron every day.* Hired man Wilbur _____. To grange for ice cream

July 5 Three pickers went home at noon to go to a picnic. Clyde went to Akron. Broke engine
7 Clyde phoned from Akron for me to take the berries to Medina. Got there 5 pm and home midnight
8 Sadie McKee and Grace picked. The Ridge load came but it was too wet and threatening
19 21 pickers. Reckoned up and paid them
17 The River pickers here
20 We had a strawberry shortcake for dinner
23 Emma, Margaret, Verda Carl picked
26 Clyde to Cleveland to get a man to work. He brought back a man wife and child
27 Sherwin cut the wheat. Dewey and a *Polock (slur for Pole)* set it up. Polock and wife wed and hoed
28 The Polock and myself caught potato bugs in coal oil
29 E took Fred to get some pickers. The Damons drove their own horse. No Ridge pickers. Mrs Polock bugged some
30 Clyde peddled in Akron and brought anther man

August 1 Polocks moved to the old house. We went down to the top of the Williard hall
2 Ben ____ working. He mowed, broke mower
3 Clyde to Cleveland for repairs to the mower and 200 berry quarts (*baskets*)
4 Ben mowed and broke the machine some more.
6 Clyde to Cleveland and broke down near Havilscoth (*Havlatho*)
7 Got ready and took the Isham bus at 6.30 for Cleveland. *DP Isham ran a bus to Cleveland daily at 7, 11, 3.* Went to May Co and Bailey Co to trade. To Barber reunion at Edgewater Park. Saw a ball game there
9 Clyde and family came home on a bus from St Clairsville (*her parents live there*)
10 Akron man came out and fixed the truck
12 Clyde and I went to Medina to see Omar about the last real estate assessment and to get gas and oil lease money. Uncle Martin and Elbert Johnson played checkers about all day
13 The Polocks left this morning *never named*. Clyde brought back a new man
17 To ice cream social at grange. Clyde away on insurance. New man worked

18 Took spotted cow to Ritz's but did no good. Clara Gibbs, Frieda Johnson, Lillie and May Austin called. (*his sister Lillian Austin of Michigan and her daughter May are living with her sister Jennie Royston to care for her*)
19 Went up to the center to meet Omar and made out a tax complaint. Mellert gang grading in front. Robert Brown (*new hired man*) and E gathered some bell pears and pie apples. Clyde went to Richfield picnic with family
25 Cleaned off the floor in the horse and cow barn that was flooded last night. Wheeled the chicken coops to the old house. Clyde to Cleveland for a hired man. I have got an awful lame back. Grace Held was bathing at Springfield Lake
27 Ground the brush scythe. The board that hears tax complaints called. The strawberries are badly destroyed by grubs. Back very lame. Clarence and Margaret to California to the exposition
28 Robert Brown went back to Cleveland
30 Joe McCarthy (*new hired man*) mowed
31 Allison here to supper and staid all night with horse

September 2 Allison boarding here with horse two meals and night for nine nights. He is canvassing for Farm Journal and Directory
4 Repaired the platform for the well
9 Dr Green sale, now with Acme Manufacturing Co Cleveland
10 Black cow came in (a bull). Hunted all over the farm for her
14 Clyde away with some doctor
15 Joe left Clyde's at night (Drunk)
16 Last day of fair. Clyde and family went
17 Clyde stepped on a nail in Cleveland
22 Hum Averill took Clyde to Everett in his auto. Akron man came and fixed auto. George Helm of Liverpool working
23 Clyde took ten halves and 72 ponies grapes to Akron and staid all night to get new rubber tires
25 Appointed secretary of Pomona grange
27 Clyde to Cleveland. Got home late. The auto gave out

October 2 Clyde to North Dover for 2000 baskets. George repaired Clyde's house drain. George said he handled 300 baskets
11 Clyde Lewis and an Akron man working on truck. Came from Akron twice. Clyde and family rode to Akron and back with him to get a small piece to fix truck
12 Getting ready for the threshing machine. Threshed 68½ bushels oats and 96 wheat. In pm. Harley Damon, Lloyd Damon, and their hired man, Byron Van Deusen, Ora Van Deusen, Mr Havalotha (*Havlatho?*), HP Riley, Charles Oakley and George Helm helped thresh
15 Clyde went to Frenche's with Sadie's buggy
16 Clyde went to Akron with 250 ponies, came home early but lost part of the truck. To grange in evening
17 Made out quarterly grange report
22 Dr Killum says Clyde has Typhoid Fever
23 Our barn burned down between 3-4 pm. We all went home when we saw it on fire. *The Gazette says that he and Emma had been assisting their very ill son. George Mellert and his men, paving the road, got out three veal calves. Loss \$1500. Cause unknown*
24 Clarence came out. We went to Clyde's and made a list of things burned and their value. Clyde sick
25 Mr Longacre and Wright came and adjusted fire loss. Merritt Kellogg called soon after
26 Fed the veal calves and got them ready to go to stock yards. Richards came and got them. Ira Waldo called to report the fire
27 Laurence West took his truck and Lewis Westland took our with grapes but ours got stalled over by Conant's and they had to leave it and Laurence came back and got the grapes on his
28 George and Laurence got back at noon. They squandered about one load. Porters Cure of Pain man called
30 Clyde and George at Akron, George drunk
31 Clyde called for milk and to see the ruins

November 2 Stopped at the hall to vote
7 Clyde brought Ed Carpenter here to see about building a barn
8 Cleared ashes etc from the concrete floor of the burnt barn. Carpenter and George working on the barn
11 Clyde and Pugh drew rafters and lumber from Valley City
12 Clyde to Cleveland to get teeth pulled
13 Clyde and Dessie's Uncle Luke Fowler gathering apples. Carpenter, George and Clyde put up the rafters

15 Fixed a place in the old house for the cows and tied them up
 17 We butchered the hog. Clyde and Luke to Valley City for 25 bunches shingles. They cut up the hog and took Clyde's home
 18 George worked on the barn roof. Went down to carpenters and got something to drink then he left. Clifton Shook painting barn four hours. Carpenters on a spree
 20 Clyde and Luke brought some tools to store away and the horse ran away and broke the harness, wagon and hog fence. To grange
 21 Wheeled a lot of stone to the pig pen and covered them up with old straw for a floor. Read a little
 23 Carpenter put on some cornice and shingled some
 25 Thanksgiving. Chored. Gathered apples. Carpenter here shingling barn. Clyde went to Valley City and got six bunches shingles. Luke and Clyde helped finish the shingling. Put cows in barn
 26 Luke to Valley City and got lumber for barn scaffold. Clifton Shook painting barn
 27 Fastened boards on the door ways and windows to help keep out the wind and rain from the cows. Took three pieces of door tracks and two stanchions to Spencer's shop for him to straighten out. Went up three times. Carpenter came and hung doors and set in windows. Oil man brought 50 gallons coal oil

December 2 E and Dessie to Medina to pay taxes, get lease rent, trade etc. Drove Belle with buggy
 4 Dinner at grange hall. Luke went home
 8 E, Dessie, Kenneth and baby to Dr Cumberworth's. Baby sick. Insurance check for \$1323.40 came
 10 Cider from mill one barrel and two milk cans full. Baby very sick. She died about 4 pm. E staid all night at Clyde's
 12 We all went to Clyde's. Clarence and Margaret drove Fred to Dr Cumberworth's to get a death certificate. He went to the center with Clyde to pick out a lot and to Ira Waldo's to get a burial permit.
 13 We all went to the baby's funeral at the home and at the ME church. Charles Searles preached the sermon. Bert Searles was undertaker. Bessie Riley played the organ. Gladys and Bernice Damon, Lille Ritz and Sadie McKee were pall bearers. Sleighing
 18 Helping at Clyde's. Got our clock at Charlie Shook's. To grange, installed as secretary
 19 Christmas tree at the Disciples church. All invited to bring her presents to put onto the tree. Candy and oranges for every child
 20 Went down to the river with Thomas and bought the piece of corn west of Byron's. He called it 140 shocks at 34 cents per shock
 24 Received Christmas presents from Clarence and Margaret by parcel post
 25 Lillie and Mae Austin and Lora Randall here to Christmas dinner. We sent some to them and Jennie Royston
 31 Looked over Ehman's accounts against me. Read some in the papers. Sleighing

Gazette news for Hinckley in 1915: Connie Hartley teaches at school #4, Lucille Simmons at #8. Norris Clark is superintendent. Teacher Miss Shuman lives in Quaker City. Teacher Miss Cole lives in Medina. Ann Shook is a milliner. New lights at the grange hall. Mae Isham, Mildred Arnold and Alta Johnson graduated from Hinckley High School. James Mattingley house on his farm across the river burned to the ground March 2. Dr JC Noland's office in Hinckley. Clarence is law director of Lorain. The big sandstone hill by the Don Van Deusen farm was 'blasted down' by Charles Scanlon of Weymouth for \$300. Hon AR Webber of Elyria gave a weather vane to the steeple of the Disciples' church

1916 He is 69. He chores, farms with Clyde, is grange secretary. He and Clyde buy a Ford automobile for \$375. The road east of the center (303) was improved in concrete to the improved River Road by George Mellert Co of Medina. They own the Frizzell farm

January 1 Big freshet. Washed out and covered up a lot of my corn and Royston's
 2 Wrote to Eugene F Cranz. Clyde drove Belle to Valley City for Dessie and Kenneth. Got here about midnight. Anna's Martin called
 5-11 Went down to the river, dug up a lot of corn out of the mud, tied it into bundles and set them up
 11 Clyde called. Gave him four checks 100, 25, 15, 15. Man called from employment agency and went to Clyde's
 12 Clyde drove Belle to Valley City and paid Frank and Steck the \$100 check
 13 Clyde and I drew up bundles of corn from the river the load tipped over in the ditch by Frank Wilcox's
 15 Clyde drove me and Gypsy over to John Oakley's on the Ridge
 17 Clyde to Cleveland on the bus
 21 Emma took some eggs to the grange store

22 We got up at 2 am to help Clyde get ready to go to Cleveland. He started out about 4. To grange hall for dinner and meeting
23 May came over and we played Crockinole
24 Clyde bought a seven year old horse for 167 at Siman's sale down on the town line
26 Clyde and Clarence to Cleveland. Emma sorted apples and fixed eggs for market
28 Emma to Farmers' Institute and read a paper. We were up from 2-4 to help Clyde get ready to go to Cleveland with the team
31 (*brother-in-law*) Thomas Royston dropped dead in the corn field, probably somewhere around 4 pm. They found him there after dark with a big load of fodder on the wagon. Clyde got a load of feed in Valley City. We all went over to Royston's til about midnight. *Gazette says that Thomas Royston was out on the farm, wife became alarmed and called Clyde to look for him. Clyde found him lifeless by the side of his team and wagon, dead 2-3 hours.*

February 1 A Sheeney (*racial slur*) came for the fire junk
3 Built a fire and heated water to scald the hogs in. Clyde, Wilbur and Danny helped butcher two hogs. George Van Deusen came from Kipton. We all went to Royston's funeral at the house. Jennie's six brothers were all pall bearers. George and I walked up to the cemetery. Partial eclipse of the sun
4 Wrote to Cleveland Leader about their new picture game
7 Sent one dollar for Greene Fruit Growers til January 1918
14 Saint Valentine's Day
17 Clyde got three chickens down here
18 Clyde to Cleveland to peddle. We rode to Cleveland with DP Isham 8½ Eastern time. We went to Leader office and the Hollenden then to Lorain on the Lake Shore Electric
19 Had a birthday dinner. 69 candles on the cake. We all went to a moving picture show
21 Wrote off the grange names for the Huron Fish Co. Cut out the puzzle pictures from the Leader. Hunky (*hired*) at Clyde's
23 Clyde away with an insurance man, Hunky (*slur for Hungarian*) husking corn in the barn
24 To Jennie Royston's sale
25 Clyde at Royston's settling with buyers at the sale. Charles Oakley teaming. Took a load of chickens to Clyde and over a hundred bushels of oats and put them in the barn

March 1 Emma called at Clyde's, Andrews', Ehman's store and grange store. *Clyde peddles in Cleveland every few days. Newman and Emma get up every time at 2-3 every morning to help him load. He takes the wagon or sled*
4 Henry Richards called and paid me for some wheat. We went to town hall to hear Amos R Webber talk on improving the looks of the township
7 Clyde brought coal from Liverpool. Clyde, Emma and Dessie to a play at the auditorium
11 Emma to club at superintendent Clarke's. *They are sugaring every day.* Charley Oakley works for Clyde
17 Charley Oakley took his horse and Belle and got four bags of oats and four of corn and got them ground at Bellus'. Drawing straw on berries
21 George R Emmett auctioned his merchandise and went to Dayton to be a baseball player, soon after in Raleigh NC.
22 Went down to sugar house to fix it up. Clyde to George Emmett's sale
23 Boiled sap and ice. Drew straw from Royston's. Poor stuff
24 Edmund Eastwood farm on the Ridge sold to William Furniss
27 H Riley called. I ordered a mower
28 We got up early to help Clyde pack 66 gallons syrup for Cleveland. Sold 66 gallons at \$1, five gallons at 90 cents
31 Helped Clyde get apples and eggs ready for Cleveland

April *Thirteen teams building Brongers' park. Barney Ritz place at the center sold to Eugene Gibbs*
1 Syruped off three times, E helped. Jennie had a stroke. Washed and greased harnesses
3 Picked a ground nut flower. Wilbur, Oakley and Clyde pulled out the hedge by the lane
5 Oakley to Valley City for lumber and Clyde helped Carpenter about poultry houses
10 *His sister* Jennie J Van Deusen Proulx Royston died, *born Feb 15 1851.* Harley Wait papering ceiling of kitchen
11 Helped Carpenter put up some. He worked ten hours
12 Gathered 275 buckets
13 Carpenter and Oakley shingling and laid floor
14 We all went to Jennie's funeral at house and church. Burt Van Deusen of Petosky, MI visiting his father Dexter
18 Clifton here painting three hours, *and 9-6 the next day*

20 Clyde to Valley City for windows. Lighting struck two trees near me and knocked me down
22 Took sap buckets apart and stacked them in the old house. Wrote titles to 50 pictures in Home Life reply book.
Carpenter to date 48 hours
24 Raymond came to work
25 Helped load 52 gallons syrup and Clyde took it to Chandler and Rudd's (*a Cleveland specialty grocer that was in business 1868- 2009*). Gazette says AR Webber bought lawn mower and flower urn for each of the four churches
26 Emma to center for garden rake and to LC Isham's for 15 dozen eggs
28 Clyde to Valley City for tile
28 Clyde peddling to Cleveland with the buggy

May 2 Clyde and Raymond to Akron with the auto. The pigs came
5 Clifton and Julian painting a few hours on the barn
6 Clyde brought a new disk home
8 Assessor George McKee called. Put in two horses 150, four cows 110, thirty chickens 20, truck 300, tools 50. Raised Clyde's barn 100. Lowered for burned barn 200
9 Clyde went to Valley City for trees and strawberry plants from JB West. Heeled in strawberry plants for Knight. H Hicks and Raymond working. *Andrews-Steffens live next door, he owns east of their driveway*
14 Emma to Mother's Day meeting on the Hill. Sprained my back
17 Moved all 400 sap buckets from the room in the old house to the kitchen bedroom. Clyde to Valley City for a chicken stove (*incubator*) and 40 little chickens
18 Clyde to Valley City for 403 little chickens. Sent for shed plans
19 *Charlie Brown's implement shed and tool shop burned, chickens in brooder, fire alarm given over the phone, almost all of line 28b turned out, only a few of line 23 heard the alarm.* Raymond brought King raspberry plants in the buggy
21 Mae, Sadie and Doris called, they all went to Disciples church Baccalaureate service by CH Searles. *Weeding and planting many days*
27 *Emma and I sawed some maple tree in the poultry yard*

June 2 Mrs Higbee died. Thunder storm flooded stables
5 Junk man came. Let him have some junk and spout
6 Clyde went to Valley City and fitted some ground
7 Black cow to Ritz's. Paid \$1
8 Clarence and family came out. They walked from the brick road
11 Clarence and I made a crate to ship an old cradle to Lorain in. *Planting hundreds of currants and strawberry plants each day: Glen Marys, Uncle Jims, Jessie, Samples, Marshalls*
16 Milk inspector called. Grace, Jennie, Jessie, Mae and Emma picked 65 quarts berries here and 49 at Clyde's
17 Clifton painting on barn and old house door 5 hours
18 To Children's Day at Disciples' church
21 Twenty-one pickers. Clyde took berries to Akron in the truck. 18½ bushels
22 Candidate Grill called
23 Borrowed HL Damon's potato planter and planted back of our barn
25 Cut a lot of Canada thistles from the strawberries with a jack knife
27 Raymond quit
28 Joe Smith hired
30 Clyde had to abandon truck and take berries to Akron with the team. Arthur working

July 3 Truck at blacksmith shop
8 Joe left
12 Albert working. Clyde went to the Ridge for 3 small pickers
13 Man cultivating potatoes at Clyde's and corn down here, Albert running around
18 Hay load tipped over
23 Sunday Washed, shaved, lay down some. Clyde took his pickers to Brookside Park in truck
24 Put slacked lime on cucumbers
29 To Beebetown school reunion

August 2 Cows got out could not find them. Dessie sick, Emma with her

4 Cleaned out the old home kitchen
8 Put some tools in old house
9 Albert left. My back very lame
11 Dessie Van Deusen dangerously ill with kidney trouble. Drought
13 We all went down to view the new road
14 Coldest August 14 since 1889
15 Clyde at Montrose
19 Hunky (*pejorative term for Hungarian*) mowed and hoed. Mellert concreting part of our road in front
24 We got up 4 am did the chores and took the Green Line bus on the River Corners at 7 Eastern time to the Barber reunion at John Barber's at Osborne Street. 34 present. We traded some in Cleveland.

September 1 Hired man Ira left, says he is 'sick'. Lightning struck Mrs Steffens chimney
2 Sadie and Lillie called and signed my will as witnesses
6 Clyde to Cleveland for lights for the truck
7 Mellert covered up the tile in our driveway
16 Clarence helped me put up the cream stand and mail box
17 Helped gather 14 baskets peaches
24 Tied the cow on the lawn
25 Sadie and I picked 275 baskets grapes. *Dessie's uncle* Luke Fowler working. Emma washed, ironed and carried peaches
30 To Pomona grange. Eat dinner at town hall. Emma spoke a piece

October 2 A man came from Akron and fixed truck
3 Truck broke down 2½ miles from home. Albert Griffith working
24 Ora VD had sale.
29 To Leslie Swift's funeral at Frank Swift's house
30 I worked in the cellar fixing a place for apples and potatoes and emptied them

November 1 Billings called to sell automobile. Albert quit
6 Spaded a bed for tulips and crocuses
7 Cleaned out the new chicken house, put up some roosts and put in two windows. Voted for Hughes and Willis and Herrick
10 Fixed barn where the horse had kicked it through
14 Moved tools in old house making room for a buggy.
18 Elected secretary of the grange, Emma is chaplain
20 Ordered Ford of Dan Billings. Hired man Peter. I covered strawberries all day
23 Took the horse rake apart to stow away. Clyde got two pigs from Chas Gibbs in Brunswick.
30 To Clyde's for Thanksgiving dinner. Clarence and family came by way of Sherman's Corners bus.

December 6 Working on a garage at Clyde's. Our Ford automobile came
7 Took a ride with Clyde and family to Royalton and on to York Street, around to Wooster Pike, Albion, Strongsville Center, Brunswick to Medina. Drew \$375.00
8 Carpenter, *hired man* Walter and Clyde working on the garage
9 Grace here working, washing, sweeping
12 Tied newspapers around young fruit trees. Walter drew a load of coal
14 Luke shot a rabbit, E and I dressed it
21 Walter and I put the one-horse sled together and caught 15 young roosters for Clyde to take to Cleveland for Christmas.
25 Did household chores. Emma sick. Clyde and family called, Walter hunting here
26 Clyde helped move a bed downstairs for Emma to sleep on. The Green Line bus got stalled in front of here about 2-3 hours. Clyde helped them.
28 Charlie and Henry Proulx called, settled with them for rotten corn got of Thomas Royston in full for ten dollars cash
29 Mary Killian here caring for Emma

1917 He is 70. Emma dies age 65. Clyde and Dessie move in with him.

January 3 E still very sick. Clarence came. Clyde took truck to Akron and left it there for the winter. Lizzie and Lucille Ritz brought oysters, crackers, pie and cake from grange dinner
4 Wilbur Carleton butchered our two hogs. Dessie and I did the housework
9 Clyde brought our pork and lard
12 Mary and Hattie Killian here to help. Behmer put new batteries in the telephone. Dr Killian called for E. Sleighing
16 Clyde took our washing to Malvina Damon
17 Went to Lillie's for hot water bottle. Ladies' Literary Club sent flowers for Emma
20 To the grange. Spelled them down
21 Mary and Hattie left. Millie Isham here helping
25 I tended fires, got the meals, washed dishes, etc. Am working alone today
26 I went to the center for some alcohol but could not get any. Paid Millie Isham for helping here. Sent to Cleveland for alcohol by DP Isham

February 2 Froze hard in the house at night
11 Clyde brought some ice cream and lemons. Lizzie Ritz brought some pie, cake and corn beef
12 Stopped milking the red cow. Dr Killiam called and said not to give Emma any more medicine til he came again. Emma doesn't eat anything. Kept the lantern burning in the cellar all night. Froze a little in the cellar
13 Moved all the potatoes to the middle of the cellar and covered them well. Clarence came and walked from Shermans Corners. He staid all night and slept on the sofa
14 Dr Killiam brought a specialist from Cleveland
15 Dr Killiam brought a nurse
17 E very sick. I borrowed a bed pan at Ritz's
18 Went to Ritz's for a pint of milk and a pail of water. Nurse here. Dessie brought ice cream
19 I am 70 years old. Dessie brought some clean clothes. Laura Charlton brought flowers from the grange. Clarence sent a check for \$25
21 Nurse Elizabeth Stillwell here. E did not sleep last night
22 Clyde and family went to Weymouth in the Ford
24 Sold 34 dozen eggs on Cleveland at 50 cents and 11 baskets apples at 75 cents. Sold 30 dozen eggs at grange store for 40 cents

March 1 E very sick!
4 Nurse here caring for Emma
7 Theresa Damon and Minnie Ritz Riedel called on Emma
10 Clyde came here and put the smoke stack and worked on the sugar house
11 Scalded and cleaned 400 sap spouts. Washed the baskets. Trying to smoke the ham
12 Mail carrier broke down the mail post
15 Paid nurse \$75. Myrtie Ritz Jones here to work
19 Unpacked a crate of syrup cans, wiped them off and carried them upstairs. Dessie filled 25 cans of syrup. I carried them upstairs. Nurse caring for Emma and cooking
21 Clyde boiled (*sap*) all night
24 Elva Allen here caring for E. E very sick, she is out of her head
31 Went to Elyria for some alcohol. Clyde has pneumonia

April 2 Took our first cream to Ritz's to go to Royalton. Sent for pint of alcohol by DP Isham
2 Hired man and Wilbur set up the water closet in the evening
4 Clarence came and boiled sugar. Dexter was taken to the hospital
6 Clyde still can't sit up
11 Dexter, E and Clyde very sick
20 Dr said there was no hope of my wife getting better
21 My dear wife passed away without regaining consciousness. The saddest day of my life
22 Clyde took Clarence and myself to the cemetery to choose a lot. We went to meet Richard and Jean at corner Detroit and 25th streets. (*25th Street is Route 42*) Another very sad day for me
23 My dear wife's funeral at the house 2 pm. Charles Searles conducted the service. Miss Britnall of Medina did the singing. George Pitkin (*of Brunswick*) was undertaker. About 100 present (*many named*). The Killians, Kinches, Clarence, the grange, Clyde and myself furnished flowers
25 Clarence and I looked over and packed away my darling's keepsakes and clothing

26 Looked over some more old letters of my darling wife and her Lyceum papers
29 Clarence, Clyde and I to the cemetery. Clarence wrote an obituary and card of thanks and wrote in the Bible record.
All alone tonight. I trust I will meet my darling wife in heaven

May 2 A small hog and calf butchered. Clyde took them to Whitcraft in the Ford
6 Had several crying spells
7 Clyde moving down here
10 Clarence came in the morning and staid all night he slept with me. High school commencement
13 Dessie cut my hair. We took an auto ride to the cemetery and put flowers on mama's grave
14 Helped Clyde move two loads furniture. We put several sled and tools in the barn and put the doors on rollers.
Clyde to Botsum (*a farm in Northampton Township Summit County*)
16 Clyde got two little pigs of Avery Wait
17 I hope my angel wife is happy
18 Slicking out my desk
20 We went to the Wilcox Corners then south to Beach Corners then east to town line by Osborn Corners and to Whitcraft's (*in Bath*) and Ghent to Akron, then to Cuyahoga Falls, Darrowsville, Twinsburg and Cleveland then the State road home *Osborn Corners at corner of Medina and Summit County*
24 To Medina to get gas rent. Hired Clyde DeWitt
26 Went to the Eggert place to look at the house with Charlie Proulx and Lillie. Surveyors here
28 Copied some of my daring's egg record into little book to keep them. I wish my darling would have lived
29 Clyde and Dessie cleaning (the Eggert house) so Lillie can move in
30 Went to Maple Hill Cemetery and planted some flowers on my darling's tomb and on Clyde's two children's. I hear Dexter is very sick

June 1 Charles Searles called and I signed a petition for a prohibition referendum. Clyde and family and I and Alta West to Valley City around to Beebetown east to Wooster Pike through Strongsville to Cleveland. To grange 10 present
4 Dexter Van Deusen died today
5 Wrote grange names and addresses for Mrs Fred Porter and copied them for Ohio Grange monthly. Wilder Sheldon gave me a mortgage for \$250
6 To Dexter's funeral at Charlie's house
7 All of us and Dexter's children went to Medina. They paid for our dinner. Old Mrs Kinch's funeral
8 Clyde to Dexter's house to look over some papers
11 Rag and paper man came and got a lot of stuff
14 Wilder bought Gypsy, harness, wagon etc. Gave new mortgage and cancelled old one given the other day
16 Clyde to Cleveland to meet with the fire marshal at his command
17 We all went in auto to Cleveland, up Denison back to Schaff road around by Willow past CR Phillip's drug store and around along Howard and Denison back to Brighton and Clarence took us to a restaurant then to Brookside Park along Edgewater, Clifton Boulevard to Rocky River
19 My darling wife was all the world to me
20 Joe Kraft was shot by his son and died. *Joseph Kraft wealthy farmer and stock raiser on 150-acre farm in Pekin 1½ miles southeast of Hinckley center. A Bohemian who had lived in Hinckley from 1904. Abusive and alcoholic, killed by son Frank with 4 shots from automatic shotgun. When the family was particularly threatened and frightened, Frank went to neighbor WM Bellus for advice, returned home, the family planned the murder and he carried it out. Frank was not arrested to care for the farm and stock and tend his hysterical mother. Arraigned, the neighbors rallied about Frank and wealthy JL Stadler and John F Johnson (who had 600 acres in Hinckley Township and a Cleveland feed manufacturing business) offered financial assistance. Pled guilty to 2nd degree murder. 'There was no singing at the service', the only attendant was Rev CH Searles who gave an address 'What is your life?' on the evils of the liquor business and a man's dedication to family*
21 Damon reunion at town hall. We forgot about it. Mourning
23 Put a gate across the driveway
24 Clyde took us to Cleveland to Princess Theater. Ehman put eave troughs and conductors on the barn
28 Elders and roses commenced to blossom at the house

July 4 Will Twining, wife, children, grandchildren etc called, a schoolmate at college about 50 years ago
8 To the cemetery and to Ernest Mohn's

11 Hired man 'Morton'. Carl Riley died in Buffalo
15 We all went to Cleveland to the Hippodrome
19 Nine pickers picked 400 quarts currants. Leon (*his wife is Mattie*) Searle's team killed and three children knocked down. Hoed garden corn, onions, beets, lettuce, radishes, beans, salsify, parsnips. Insurance man called
22 We all went to Chippewa Lake. Stopped at the cemetery
24 Saw a balloon in the south
25 If I only had my darling back I'd try to make her happier. Two Jews hoed some in the morning
28 To Old Soldier's Reunion at the center. Beebetown social reunion.
29 To the cemetery, to Grangerburg, Granger Center, Sharon Center, Wadsworth, Seville, Medina, Weymouth and Hinckley
30 Agent called to sell Auto Tire Company stock. Didn't bite

August 1 Burned a yellow jacket's nest in the currants. Hinckley (*school*) reunion
2 Black cow got her bag hurt badly
4 Jews left some time in the night
12 To Kipton. Came home through Oberlin, Elyria, Dover, Berea, Strongsville, Bennetts Corners, Hinckley about three hours
14 Received Lorain paper from Clarence with portrait in it. Slipped down and nearly broke my neck.
18 To grange ice cream social til 12. Read story 'The Miracle of Love'
20 Uncle Martin 82. Hattie 73. Orpha 53, she married Henry Wait
22 Took 7 am bus to Cleveland. Then cars to Pearl and Lorain and car barns, then walked to Osborn and to Julian Barber's son-in-law to reunion. Got there 9½. Clarence here

September 4 Ed Carpenter boarding here
5 We all went to Akron fair. Poor fair
6 Clyde and I took apples, pears, quince, plums, grapes and elderberries to grange exhibit at Edgewater Park
7 We all went to Industrial exhibit at fair. Hinckley Day at the fair. Our grange took 4th prize \$125. Over 200 present from Hinckley. Bot fountain pen 25 cents
8 To Pomona grange. Appointed on the committee on Time and Place
9 We all went down to the Exposition
16 We all went to the center and to Brunswick to Mrs Miner's north of the center, then to Hinckley center, south to Almira Johnson's, then east to Osborn Corners, south to Abe McClary's, then home by Charley Parker's and Pekin
19 To Medina Fair in the Ford
24 Clyde and I picked 2275 cukes and 10 baskets grapes
27 To Van Deusen reunion at the hall. Orpha Woodard staid with us. Hired man George
29 Carpenter cutting an opening in the old house. Orpha Woodard, Alice Gleason, and Lois Darcus staid all night

October 1 Carpenter changed stairway in old house
2 Axie Beach, Hattie Gibbs, Sadie Van Deusen and Esther picking
3 George (*hired man*) left in a rage. Edward Rogers hired
11 Received dun from Mrs Dr Killiam
12 Edward Rogers straightened out the basket house
21 Buried eight hens
24 Clyde and Dessie to Cleveland to a lecture course in the evening

November 3 Oyster supper at the grange. Edward left
6 Went to vote
10 Went to Becker's and got Belle. Clyde gathered windfalls. Dessie fixed my cough medicine
17 Went to see Clarence on the Lake Shore Electric. About used up
29 Thanksgiving. Shaved
30 Clarence and I to Cleveland bank, picture show, etc. Had dinner. Went to his office

December 2 To a football game
4 I miss my Darling Fair
6 To barber shop. Walk every day once or twice
15 To grange to dinner

18 To a concert in the evening. *No mention of Christmas*

31 The saddest year of my life

1918 He is 71. He ends every day with 'How I miss my darling wife'. Clyde and family live with him. They go somewhere most nights – movies, etc – but don't take him. First few pages are illegible

January 5-11 Gathering and splitting stove and sugaring wood. To grange. *Grace niece Grace VanDeuseun 21 often stays all night.*

12 Below 0. Got up at 3 and made a fire

18 Had dinner at the grange. Clyde took children to Cleveland

22 *Takes cream to Ritz's*. Hired man is Jack ____.

February 2 Ground Hog Day

3 Wrote off a list of 49 grange families. Wrote the same list for OW Ingersoll Paint Co. Grace stayed all night

11-13 Nurse Stillwell came on the bus and staid all night. Wilber C here. Received check from Ingersoll for the names.

How I love the memory of my darling

14 Check from Clarence \$20 was very thankful. Grace staying

15 Got gas and oil rent

18 Mr Roy came to look at the cows. \$51 to George Pitkin (*undertaker*)

20 Jack came for his clothes. ____ Parish of Brunswick working

21 Nellie Kuder, Grace and Jennie here to supper

28 Clyde and I fixed syrup evaporator and gathered sap. Covering strawberries several days

March 2 Trimmed grapes many days

25 Packed away syruping things

April 4 Andrew Botar (*hired hand*) moved some things. Hattie Gibbs called with papers to get signatures for Charles Searles to preach. We signed \$12. *Clyde does the plowing. Newman plants currants and prunes grapes*

13 Charlie shaved me and cut my hair. To auditorium and bought a commencement ticket. Clyde away with Kenneth in the morning. They never ask me to go any more!

17 Fixed picket fence. Grace here nearly every night

19 Saw the play 'Valley Farm' at the auditorium

24 Slicked up around the old house. Fixing fence wires

26 We all went to commencement. Nine graduated. Ex Governor Willis spoke

29 Audit put horses at 150, cows 50, auto 150, household 50, tack 50. Credits 900. Minus debt 800. Clyde moved stove and furniture from two rooms downstairs

11 Sharp pain in my left breast. Williard papering sitting room and upstairs west room

May 11 To Pomona grange

12 Clyde, Dessie and I to Cleveland. Took the Ford to Brighton and trolley to the square. Got interest recorded at Society for Savin,gs bank. Took Lake Shore Limited to Lorain. Clarence took me to a restaurant for lunch. At his office and to a picture show

14-15 We went to the Lorain court house

16 Took B&O to Medina with Clarence. We called at probate office to see Omar and Jessie. Got rent on gas and oil lease at bank. Met Clyde and we went to the Medina cemetery to look at the monuments. The Granite and Marble Works ordered a monument for \$160. Went to the dentist and talked with him. Got shoes and rubbers at Greisingers.

Split wood. Harold Young came to work. Botar working

20 Sold two cows to John Roy. Working on grange records

21 Took auto ride to Joe Hand's. George McKee called and raised evaluation on real estate 32 acres \$300, 20 acres \$240, 60 acres \$240

22 Bought strawberry plants of JJ Nolan. Mrs Bertha Ehman called and I signed \$4 to the Red Cross

24 Planting berries. Clyde hurt his arm very badly cranking the Ford. Fred McKee took him to the doctor at Royalton. Grace and Jessie staid

25 Wilder Salisbury died. I long to hear the voice of my darling

29 Helped Harold get stone for driveway into the old house

31 Took up the tile and cleaned them and laid them back again. I got the wheel rake out

June 1 To grange

3 New hired man from Cleveland Frank ____.

5 I wish I had been a better husband to my precious darling. Clarence Mumford and a man named Martin working

8 Voted on school bond. Yes 53 No 52

13 Damon reunion at Osborn's Corners Grange Hall. Sad world without my darling

19 Elmer Bland came to work

22 Expect Frank stole my book 'Life of PT Barnum'

23 Grange Secretary

27 Charles Cady called. I subscribed for two thrift stamps for July-Aug-Sept-Oct

30 Signed a petition for changing of improvement on diagonal road and on around south of center

July 6 To Grange. To election to vote addition to high school building.

7 Got cream check

15 A few pickers and many birds in the currants

20 Clyde and Dessie went to Medina and got home late. I had no supper. To grange

22 Got two war savings stamps at Brunswick Post Office

23 Pulled wild carrots along the road and along the picket fence all day

24 To Cleveland. Got hair cut, we went to Dover and got 3000 grape baskets on the truck. J Goodrich called for money for Hinckley Home Coming Day

August 1 To Barber reunion at Clarence's. 34 present

2 Went to Medina Monument Works to see it set up. Got my Liberty Book at Old Phoenix Bank. We had a self served dinner at an arcade restaurant 50 cents each then to moving picture show

11 Clyde got a puppy

18 Bathed. To Cleveland picture show. Came back on Wooster Pike. Stopped at Strongsville cemetery and to Matthew Barber to see Arthur before he left to war. Called at Maple Hill Cemetery

20 Our monument was erected

22 The Ford on the beam. We got it to Shank's garage

23 Clyde towed the Ford to Medina and left it

28 Waited for mail carrier and got two war savings stamps. Hinckley Day at the Cleveland fair

30 Becker's cow in the berries again

September 18 Clyde is 33. Dessie canned peaches

19 I put handles on 552 baskets. Reade Shook picking. Clyde received his questionnaire

21 Emma Kellogg picking. To grange

22 Clarence gave me \$99 on the monument

23 Clyde brought a load of coal got stalled in the mud by Wilgush's. Broke both front springs on the truck

24 Clyde bought me a watch

29 Brongers called. I bought another \$50 Liberty bond of him

October 1 LB West had a sale

3 Van Deusen reunion in Elsie (*Michigan*). Would like to have gone but too much work to do

8 Thieves stole a good many bushels of our best grapes

9 Wrote to Harry Arnold and wife to notify members in Brunswick phone that Hinckley grange was invited to meet with them in October

15 Wed strawberries

19 Clyde and Dessie put up heating stove

20 Wrote two birthday cards

26 Don got caught in barbed wire fence

November 5 Voted for Willis, Prohibition, etc. Received an announcement of the birth of a grandson George Lawrence Van Deusen (*born to Margaret and Clarence November 1, the baby dies Feb 18, 1919*)

7 Mr Johnson an insurance adjuster here to dinner

10 Called at Jim Johnson's, RJ Smith's SW Rupert's, SC West, cemetery

11 End of the great war in Europe. Mrs CP Dickerman, Pomona lecturer

18 John Brongers and Charles Searles called to collect war contributions

- 21 Filled out a complaint for increase in real estate tax
- 23 Did not know there was a grange meeting but elected secretary
- 26 Saw eight airplanes go over

December 4 Five men from tax division board in Medina called to look over the farm

- 6 Clyde went to Cleveland and got a job
- 7 Talked to Clyde and Dessie about our business partnership. Feel bad about the position they take. Wrote a letter to Clarence asking him to come out
- 11 Clarence came out and tried to reason with Clyde but it seemed to do no good. His little baby is very sick. Gave me \$10. He is a good son. I love him and my darling wife
- 13 Came to a partial agreement with Clyde. Sent \$2 to Red Cross
- 16 Fred Johnson butchered our two hogs
- 21 No Grange, Dr Ayers forbids it (*1918 influenza*)
- 23 How I miss my loving wife. On Dec 23, 1876 we were married. Thank God for her goodness to me
- 25 Christmas Day. Wrote a letter to Clarence. Read some. A green Christmas
- 28 Read a story in McCall's magazine. Wheeled manure
- 30 Mr Wightman of Cleveland hired. Trimmed grapes

1919 He is 72. He mentions his darling wife every day. He no longer sugars in the woods, Clyde does. He reads, goes to the store, to the grange

January 1 *Trimming grapes many days.* Trimmed 1 3/10 rows grapes and 2 7/10 on Eggert place. Pick up grape cuttings

- 5 To church. Got ready for sugaring
- 6 Theodore Roosevelt died
- 11 Called at Clyde Brown's at the store
- 14 Cut down several trees in the woods for stove wood
- 20 To Cleveland. Got \$100 from the bank. To Clarence's in Lorain, to his office, to Richard's birthday party, Clarence and I to Cleveland. Clarence got our dinner at a self served restaurant 55 cents. We saw the baby at Lakeside hospital. Margaret and Clarence went to hear the Messiah in Lorain in the evening. Clarence paid our fair
- 15 At Clarence's. Had my last 3-4 teeth pulled by Dr Love the dentist. Clarence came back to the house with me and bought some medicine for my gums
- 26 At Clarence's. They went to Sunday School then to Cleveland to see their sick baby

February 1 At Clarence's. Went to his office and he took me to a picture show. Mae Love works for Margaret

- 2 Sunday. Clarence took us all to Cleveland to the hospital and to dinner. Clarence paid all my expenses home
- 10 Watkins man here to supper and staid all night with two horses
- 12 Hear Bert Van Deusen's wife and baby were dead
- 18 Dessie called up that Clarence's baby was dead. I told them to send my best clothes which they did by the mail carrier to Brunswick and Archie brought them from there
- 19 Will shaved me and cut my hair. Irving drove his machine to Lorain and took Will, Hattie, Mae and myself to the baby's funeral at Clarence' house. We all went to the cemetery. Staid at Clarence's
- 23 Clarence shaved me. We all went to the ME church. Clarence always pays my fare etc. Got home and went to church. Broke my glasses
- 27 Called at Ehman's store to settle but he was too busy. Clyde and I fixed sap evaporator and set up the smoke stack. Scattered buckets and tapped trees

March 5 Boiled sap all day

- 13 Clyde angry
- 15 Had a dizzy spell and fainted
- 16 To church (*most weeks*) Some singing. The preacher did not come
- 17 HP Riley paid me \$100
- 21 Mr Zurn Carey called and rented the Eggert house for six months at \$10 per month
- 22 To Clarence's. Played games with Richard
- 23 Clarence drew up another will for me to satisfy Clyde
- 24 To dentist to get an impression of my teeth. Picture show
- 28 Copied some months of my first diary of 1863 into a book for preservation

April 1 Charles Williard papered kitchen and pantry

6 To cemetery, eat supper at Lillie's, to church. Signed \$10 for the preacher

17 Sent Easter cards to Kenneth, Grace Van Deusen and Mae Austen

18 To Clarence's for my teeth. Helped him fix up 325 affidavits

19 Clarence took me home. He paid for some Easter flowers for his mother's grave. Saw a play at the auditorium

21 Two years ago my precious Darling wife passed away. The greatest sorrow of my whole life

24 We made out tax blank and sent to auditor. Two horses 150, auto 125, tools 50, credits 800, debits 350, exemption 100, chickens 35

30 Drove Becker's sheep out three times

May 3 Tying up grapes

4 George Emmet talked at Grange meeting. He was married today

8 Dessie was operated on at St Lukes Hospital. Was on the table 1 hour and 50 minutes, Clarence here, too

23 Clyde got stuck in mud east of the house. Helped him but could not get auto out

26 We all saw Dessie at St Lukes. Sprinkled paris green on gooseberries and currants. Clyde peddled eggs in Cleveland

June 1 Was sick all night. Bowel trouble

2 Played checkers with May. Clyde brought Italian and wife from Cleveland for work. Planted

3 Italians left

4 LB West and LC Isham called to get new stock for the (*grange*) store. I subscribed \$40 more

24 Clarence brought a dozen geraniums for my darling's grave. Carl (*hired man*) lost his watch in the hay

July 3 Picking currants. We all went to Cleveland to moving picture show

5 Clyde had a tip over and smashed up down near the Jay Wilcox place

14 Ruth Porter, Eunice Porter, Frances Moutoux, Mrs Stanley Ashdown, Eva and I, Clyde and Dessie picked gooseberries

17 HC Averill came to dinner and showed Clyde a Maxwell truck. We bought it for 1485 and traded the old truck for 385. We gave him 200 in bonds and a note for 700

18 Man here teaching Clyde to run the truck. *To church and cemetery every week*

21 Pickers Mae Austin, Ethel Fuller, Calla Chidsey, Eva Chichester

26 Clyde took me to Beebetown school reunion

August 2 To Pomona grange picnic at Hinckley park

4 Carl tore out partition in old house and did some work on water closet

6 Went to Centennial of great Hinckley Hunt

7 To Barber reunion in Twinsburg 34 present. *He is hoeing and weeding every day*

25-27 Clyde at Put-in Bay, not Dessie

September 5 Three men from Medina called and I signed to give 20' wide more of my land to straighten the road by the Frizzell farm

6 Clyde didn't come home last night. No explanation

2 To 'contest supper' at the grange

27 Clyde took grapes to Akron twice. 321 and 182 baskets. *Picking grapes every day*

October 2 To Van Deusen reunion at the grange hall. Clarence brought a lot of clothes for me and a box of candy

11 Made out quarterly report for grange. Mrs Eli Shank died

24 Emmet put new spouting on the house

25 Clyde to Silas Ashdown's sale. Bought corn

31 Shoveled rain water out of the barn. We put a lot of stalks overhead

November 5 Clyde went to Valley City for things bought of Sears and Roebuck. Clarence elected to 3rd term as city solicitor

7 To picture show at the center

12 Delco light agent hindered Clyde about ½ day

13 Dug flowers at my wife's grave and put them in the cellar. Some potatoes were frozen in the bags in the cellar. Hogs got out and I chased them quite a long time

14, 15 Clyde to Cleveland with two men. *Clyde "insuring" at Royalton, Liverpool, Granger, etc*

15 Went to Steve West's and got my two shares of the new store

17 RD Riley and "Alamo" light man here (*Alamo and Delco were generator-driven electric plants for residential basements. Olie has an electric washer and he has been paying an electric bill so they already have an electrical source*)

18 Elbert Johnson shot himself and died (*farmer in Granger born 1868*). Delco light man here

20 Went to bed after nine and passed a wretched, sleepless night

21 Took physic and it operated in a short time

24 Osgood, wife and child here in the evening. Clyde away with a man til late

December 3 Clyde away with a man somewhere in the South East

4 Clyde to Cleveland on the trainer insurance affair. Mr Watts high school superintendent called. Dessie called on Mrs Smith No. 56

8 Clyde went to Norris and Elton Johnson's sale

9 Man putting in furnace

10 At Clarence's. He attended trial of policeman in Cleveland

11 Clyde and Fred Johnson butchered our two hogs at home

12 Had a shave at the barber's. Saw the dentist; left my teeth. Calhoun, Clarence and I went to Elyria in Cal's Buick. Had dinner at the Elk's club. Clarence at city hall in the evening trying a policeman.

13 Clarence and family and George the chauffeur brought me home in their Buick. Had dinner in Brighton. Chas Williard papered my room. Bill McKay working here (*lives with then in 1920*)

14 Clyde got four pigs

17 Clyde got lumber in Valley City. Ed Carpenter is working on up stairs in the back room

20 Bill went to Valley City for plaster with the spring wagon. Renz came down to start the Ford and mend the truck radiator. John Oakley is plastering. Bill drew some manure. I dug out the ice from under the truck. Trimmed three rows grapes

23 Charlie Oakley and Bill sawing in the woods some. Was married forty-three years ago today to the best woman in the world

24 Received presents from Clarence's family. Dessie and Kenneth to the school entertainment

25 Christmas. Received a fountain pen from the grange. Was very much surprised, I appreciate the gift very much

27 This was Dexter's birthday. Cleaned out a drawer and looked at a lot of old papers and letters of Emma's and mine of long ago. John Brongers called about selling some church land.

28 Dr Killian called twice to see Clyde

28 To Medina by way of Grangerburg. Paid taxes \$72.43

29 Signed church deed for John Johnson to build a garage upon. Still working on the upstairs back room

1920 He is 73. Clyde dies on Newman's birthday, his insurance business is sold. Newman and Dessie sell the farmland and he continues to live in his house. Dessie and Kenneth move to Cleveland. He visits Niagara Falls with Clarence and family.

January 2 Sent list of grange names to Ford Seed Co. Carpenter here seven hours

3 Went to grange. Signed a petition for Dr Damon to be appointed Administrator, Clyde to EL Fuller's sale

8 Williard here painting. *He still ends each day with How I love my darling wife. Dug potatoes in the snow. Cuts fire wood, grange reading and writing.* Sleighing

16 Dessie sick. Clyde to Royalton for medicine. Road to Frizzell impassable

20 Kenneth has the measles

21 Helped cut ice to open the barn door

24 Dr Damon sent medicine by mail for Clyde, Dessie and Kenneth

February 7 Ray brought load of coal

10 Clyde took two cows to stock yards for Pugh and J Johnson

13 Census man here

19 Dr Damon called. Doctor and driver here all night. Clyde passed away about 2:30 pm. *This is Newman's birthday*

21 Nurse here Mrs. Proudley. Longacre here. How I love my darlings

23 Undertaker and Doctor called. Dessie's relatives called

24 Clyde's funeral at 1:30 at the house. Nurse here. I mourn my departed

March 8 W Dague here. He bought Clyde's insurance business \$500

10 Charles Ingersoll called to look at truck

13 Hanniwell Arizona Insurance agent called. Fowler (*Dessie's father*) has been packing since March 9

19 Sent 44 chickens to Cleveland

20 Clement bought the Ford

22 A family came to look at the farm. Sold the team collars to Clement

24 Fowler still packing. Sold Belle

25 Spector and another real estate man came. Dessie sent goods to Valley City

26 Sold 26 bushels seed potatoes

27 Sold lumber. Sold truck to Frank Bond

29 Sold the hogs to Clements

April 2 Brought things down from the attic

3 To Easter social

6 Leased this farm to Martin Held

8 Sale. Large crowd. Made \$1500. JD Loder auctions. Cerny my clerk. *Trimming grapes every day*

24 Alumni banquet

26 P Hruska paid note

30 Taxes. Deposits in three banks 19.40. Credits 600. House goods 50. Debts 750

May 2 Church. Cemetery. Lunar eclipse

9 Held took us to Liverpool to see a ball game. Dover and Liverpool. Mother's Day. How I love my daring wife and Clyde

19 JH Spector called. Gave option for 30 days on Eggert farm. Kerns called. Gave him a note of \$150 due August 20 no interest

24 Charles Shook (*operates a lunchroom*) painting roof on south side of ell on Eggert house

26 We all went to Minnelli's show in Medina (*traveling show by Vincent Minnelli's father*)

June 1 Barn at C Ritz burned by lightning

2 Barn at Tim Roberts' burned by lightning. Struck twice in Eggert vineyard

4 Signed Lillie's pension paper

8 To Ringling Bros, Bailey and Barnum show. Rode with Helds'

12 Clarence and family and I planted geraniums on graves. We eat dinner in the auto. Clarence took the rest of the canned fruit and Emma's best dishes

13 Picking strawberries. Held and Harold peddled them. Had a lot of Cleveland friends visit

19 Chores. Milked. Weeding. Guessing game at grange. Number of stair steps

23 We sold the Eggert farm for 7500 to Waseleff

24 Went to Vern Cary's to tell them farm was sold

26 Signed Eggert papers at Frank Wood's. Working in strawberries and tending pickers

30 Twenty one bushels berries to juice factory at 8 pm

July 1 We went to Cleveland for 2000 berry baskets. We all went to Royalton and had ice cream. Fowler's house struck by lightning

4 Helped fix tables in old house. Eat dinner there. 36 present. Cemetery and church

5 We all went to Euclid Beach Park

10 Clarence's family took me to Richfield, to Hershey's in Ghent, Dr Reed's in Granger and to Perry Jones' in Granger

16 We all went to Chippewa Lake

20 We all went to Mill Hollow for dinner then to North Amherst and Vermillion

21 Went to Elyria to see the parade of Eagles. Saw picture show in Lorain. Heard Rep Ralph D Cole speak

24 Went to Boston store for thread. Went to the lake and down town

25 We all went to Hinckley

27 I looked at a lot of Mama's things in her dresser

31 Beebetown school reunion and Berea picture show

August 1 Went to pumping station with Kenneth

4 To Brunswick. We went around the reservoir. Gave Dessie \$5

5 To reunion at Irving Killian's. 34 were there

7 We all went to Lakeside. I took Kenneth to the park, all around the high school building and to the lake to see the ships. Looked through Western Reserve history

12 We all went to Wellington, Pittsfield, Greenwich, Ripleyville to Missionary Convention. Dinner at New London.

Supper at Oberlin. Also through South Amherst and Kipton

14 Called at Dentist Love. Went down town for meat and bread. Walked down Oberlin Avenue to lake. Weigh 132

16 Took Kenneth to ice plant, lake and park

18 Took apples to Freeman's convention. Saw Fireman's parade. We all went on the Sea and B boat to Buffalo. All night on the boat. Buffalo to Niagara Falls on street car. Saw the falls, Prospect park, Goat Island, Three Sisters, Luna etc. Took belt Line around the gorge. Got to Cleveland 7 am. Seven of us. The trip cost me \$50

21 Left Clarence's, to Medina, Probate, Phoenix, Kerns, Longacre, Dr Damon's, Charlton's and home. To grange

23 Wrote to East Ohio Gas Co. Went down to Waseleff's (*the Eggert place*)

26 To musical show. Took Dessie and Kenneth. Took lunch to center for the Held girls. Went to the store to get Dessie oil of cloves. Girls went camping

31 Drew tacks from sink oil cloth

September 1 Carried out a load of ashes from furnace and chimney

2 Picture man called and we drove down to Charlie Cady's to show the sketch to Dessie

3 Wrote to OA Ridiker to stop three papers

4 Carpenter came about 9½. Did some repairing on the house, barn, chicken house and old house

6 To Labor Day celebration at the center. Held took me to see Frank Heacox a painter (*of Brunswick age 69*)

10 Mable brought two portraits of Clyde

17 Received portrait of my darling wife. Hung the portraits

19 To ball game Sharon vs Hinckley

21-29 Picking grapes for Waseleff. Rider threshed my wheat

October 7 Van Deusen reunion at grange hall. 50 present

22 Painting house. Paid \$250

November 2 Voted for Harding

6 Trimming grapes every day. Secretary of the grange

10-12 Husking for Byron

12 Twenty-six present at church

20 To grange. Seven present

December 13 Frank Bond gave me 417. Gave it + 50 to Clarence to bank for me

15 To Clarence's. We attended state grange at Gray's Armory. They put on the Pomona or 5th degree to a large class of several hundred. 1143 took the 6th degree. I was one of them

16 Rode around with Margaret collecting clothing and other things for the needy

17 Went to Wickens music store and heard a lot of records. Bot four double sided one and Margaret played them

19 We all went to Mr Kurtz the high school superintendent to see his fine collection of Indian relics

21 Took coat to cleaners

22 Reading 'Vanishing Landmarks'

23 Forty-four years ago tonight I married Emma G Barber the best girl I all the world for whom I shall mourn as long as my life lasts

25 Christmas. Ten of Margaret's relatives here. Sent Dessie hand bag. Kenneth trick monkey. Gave Clarence records. Margaret two records and teacher's hand book. Richard map game. Jean purse. I received two shirts from Clarence and Margaret and handkerchiefs from Richard and Jean

31 At Clarence's. We watched the old year out and the new year in. How I love my darling wife and Clyde and how I love my living relatives too

1921 He is 74. Clarence has a new son. Newman lives at Clarence's through May. Runs errands such as library and post office. Sweeps walks. Plays with children. To church. Reads. Hinckley General Store wired for

**electricity and fixtures added but electricity not available yet. New ball grounds on SC West farm on the river.
HP Riley built a new dance hall on his property.**

January 1 At Lorain. I went to South Lorain and South Amherst to see the deep quarries 250-275 feet deep. Went to see a picture show with music on the graphophone

3 Read 'Heidi'. To a war picture show

4 Drew 2140 from Medina bank. Paid 89.69 taxes

7 Played chess and checkers with Richard

8 Visit to Judge AR Webber in Elyria. Clarence went too with 'Booze'

18 Frank Swift shot himself and died (*Franklyn Swift lived with son Winfield, taking care of two young granddaughters of older son deceased, was losing eyesight age 83, born Hinckley 1836, poultry raiser with 2000-3000 chickens, son Win died later in 1920*)

21 Box social at the school

26 Held went to Holden's bailing

February 19 My birthday, a cake with candles and a penny inside from Richard

20 Dr Noland's wife Ethel and husband Mr Pegg came. We all went to the government offices

24 Looked over my stereoscope views

26 Saw Helen Keller at the Hippodrome

28 Bot three double records Yankee Doodle/America, Dixie/Star Spangled banner, Dixie/Little Old Cabin in the Lane

March 2 To Dr Frank Young's funeral. Saw Mabel and Clare Riley

14-20 Trimming grapes at home and at Mit Charlton's

26 To Easter social

April 1 Took Sada Van Deusen (*Byron's daughter*) to 'Way Down East' in Cleveland

4-5 To Clarence's. Trimmed shrubbery. Trimmed roses and red raspberries. Heard records in the evening

8-18 Doctor calls every day. Sick, temperature 103. Dr Meek came

9 Margaret wrote to Dessie and received a letter back

23 Clarence bought me shirts and drawers

28 My tax report. Credits 2500, household 50, exemption 100. Rode to Day's dam with family SE of Lorain

29 To ball game

30 We played anagrams

May 6 Went to the sale of the ME church (*building sold to the Booster Club as a memorial and community house, bell not located but purchased by the citizens, the grounds to be used by the trustees for a cemetery*)

10 Frank Ridiker killed by bus. We went to French Creek

15 We all went for a ride to North Amherst, Amherst, Henrietta and Birmingham

16 Saw the Rhoda Royal circus parade

22 We took a ride to West Erie Street to Leavitt Road then past Amherst to a creek in the woods

23 Went to the lake and bathing beach

25 Spaded garden

27 Helped plant garden

28 To Hinckley, planted geraniums on graves

June 12 To ball game and Children's Day

20 Saw ice making on the lake

July 4 Got some pop. Heard records. Watered flowers at cemetery. Picnic, fireworks *picnic with Clarence and family on the Alger Gull on Newman's farm*

16 To grange, 100 present

23 To Pomona grange at Charlie Ganyard's

30 To Beebetown reunion. Read a paper there. *That he taught school at Beebetown nearly 50 years ago at the little red school house and was also janitor. He listed the names and ages of his pupils and related several incidents that winter, the lyceums and joyful sleighing parties. One of those he met became his wife.*

31 Wrote item for the Gazette

August 4 To Baker reunion at Will Kinch's

6 Will and I turned out the wheat shocks and several teams and men loaded it on to 5-6 wagons and a storm coming up they hastened and got it into the barn. A little later a terrible cyclone passed through a few rods south of the pumping station doing frightful damage. 54 trees destroyed on my farm at home
7 Rode up to see the scenes of damage
10 Visited at Cedar Point. Clarence won by eight votes
12 Clarence took some Kodak pictures of us
13 To Medina. Ordered monument for Clyde's family. Had dinner at Minnie P's restaurant in Medina
14 To ball game Sharon-Hinckley. Treated the girls to soft drinks. Church
18 Social at town hall
24 Sent ½ dozen oranges to Byron
25 Went to dedication of high school with laying of corner stone
28 Got ice cream at Shook's and took it to Byron

September 6 Went to Wadsworth for a ride with Held
9 Took the 12.50 car to Bannock got there 6.15
10 We went to Morristown to church convention. Went through Lloydsville (*where Dessie's parents live*)
11 Staid with Dessie, Kenneth and Paul (*Dessie's brother*). Looked over pictures. *The Gazette says that he spent Sept 10-20 in St Clairsville and was now very ill*
14 Went to school with Kenneth. Staid til recess. Helped watch cows. Fowler cut my hair. We all went to the fair at St Clairsville
17 Walked with Kenneth to National Pike
19 Came home on train. Sick
25 Still sick, Dr Ayres called. Nurse Miss Meta Kilian in Cleveland *Gazette item- Hinckley people wired their homes and put fixtures in, now where are the lights?*

October 22 Miss Kilian still here. Have been very sick
20 New baby at Clarence's (*Wilbur*)
22 Grant Tillotson master of Pomona grange. Sitting up
29 Nurse walked me on farm, to cemetery. We walked up the Pekin road a ways

November 3 *Nurse is doing grange writing for him, shaving him*
6 We walked to Pekin and back
7 We walked as far as 'Page's'
10 Miss Kilian left. God bless her wherever she goes. I gave her a book for a present. I first saw baby Wilbur Neal today
11 Armistice Day
14 Took some films of the baby down town
24 Thanksgiving. Changed clothes, took a bath, twenty-two here to dinner (*named*). Hired woman Clara Ricks
26 Clarence and I to Cleveland in a taxi. To Uncle John's funeral in Lakewood

December 6 Weighed 131, cost 1 cent
7 Rev Lewis of Shiloh came. She and Margaret went to a convention at the church. Margaret gave an address
10 Got a letter and Kodak picture from Miss Meta Kilian of Wesley, Iowa
19 Changed rooms
25 Got for Christmas: bath towel, neck scarf, night cap, peg and board game
26 I watched Wilbur while others went to picture show

1922 He is 75

January 3 Clarence and I to Cleveland to bank, deposited \$800 plus \$50 for each of my grandchildren. To Vaudeville
29 For a ride through Vermillion to Ceylon Junction and back

February 19 75 years old today, weigh 137. Many cards and visitors. Had a birthday cake with candles and fresh strawberries
27 Uncle Martin died at Sargent, Nebraska 86. Burial in Iowa

April 1 Clarence, Richard and I to Hinckley. Lunched in Berea. Rented the place to Lucille and George Emmett

16 Clarence went to church in uniform. George Emmett wants papering done
22 My tax report credits 2730
28 At Clarence's. Read some. Beat rug. Cared for baby. Took a walk. Man papering and painting woman cleaning

May 6 To Hinckley, to cemetery. Dinner with Lillie and May. Clarence sent them berries and Criscos. Gave them my photo. Called at dance hall to see George Emmet
23 Carried junk to the street

June 15 To Nathan Damon reunion
18 To Medina ball game with George Emmet's wife
19 To Barry school reunion. Jules Waseleff ran into a car in front of the house about midnight driven by Ray Ludwig, seriously damaged Waseleff's car (*1930 census Julius E Wasileff truck gardener, wife Agafis, children William 20, Anna 16, Edward 13, Olga 11, Thomas 4 all born in Russia*)
20 To grange social
24 Copied a list of Hinckley Civil war soldiers
26 Picked currants all day

July 5 We posed for pictures. Went to Whipp's ledge. Posed for pictures there. Got ½ gallon ice cream
8 Got a lot of soldier's names from Hattie Gibbs and Anson Waldo
9 Took 19 old soldiers' names from tombstones
17 Mellert paving east and north of Shermans Corners (*303 at West 130th*)
18 RS Noble called. I gave him an option on the 60 acre farm til December 1
22 We went up to the hall to see the dance
25 Went to hear the radio in the evening
28 Got ice cream, coco cola and candy. *He is Gazette correspondent; they send him stamps and a little pay*
29 Went to the Old Soldier's Annual Camp Fire. 14 present. *He is not a veteran. According to census, Dessie lives at 3276 West 84th Cleveland with Archie Phelps*

August 3 To John Barber reunion at Ernest Killian's 33 present
5 To Beebetown store, bot Kenneth ice cream
10 Clarence and family to Blue Hole in Castalia
19 Saw picture show 'Deluxe Annie' with Norma Tallmadge twice
29 Went with the children to see Gilbert's Toy Show in a traveling car
30 Clarence took us all to South Amherst to Henrietta near Birmingham then north to the 'haunted house' at Vermillion river valley. Eat our supper there by the river

September 2 Bot Kodak album. Took pants to tailor
4 Went to the homecoming the park, an immense crowd. Shook hands with many old friends
9 We called at Merrill Moutoux's
23 Picnic at the park 150 present
25 Mailed my letter in Pekin

October 5 To Van Deusen reunion at the center, 78 present
6 Some of us traveled around the Ledge. Clarence and I explored the cave
19 Ford Gouch's house burned at night
24 WJ Sheldon and Arthur are pointing up the north chimney on the house
26 Clarence and Marian Wilmot from Bang's Corners to supper

November 2 Bought lecture course ticket. Went to the concert. The Jugo-Slav Tambuica Orchestra
5 Took some root beer to Lillie's
7 Voted, to election dinner at grange
17 To Pomona. Was committee on Time and Place. Gave lecture tickets to Sada
21 Elected secretary of grange
24 Two electric light men called
30 Thanksgiving at Byron's

December 5 Installation of grange officers dinner
24 Saw the Pageant of Bethlehem at the ME church in Lorain
25 Received suit case, photos of Margaret and Richard, Jean and Wilbur
27 To picture show 'Oliver Twist'

1923 He is 76. He lives at home June through September, at Clarence's otherwise. He and Clarence visit Washington, DC by train. He rents his house to Fred and Olie Smith and rents his bedroom from them.

January 2 At Clarence's. Gave Clarence an order the Society for Savings bank to buy \$5000 bonds for me
5 Sent bank book to Dessie and Kenneth with \$55 in it

February 3 He takes heart medicine
5 Ill at Clarence's. Dr Meek gave me a syringe injection.

April 3 Letter from Walter W Tait Cleveland who wants to rent
15 We all went to Hinckley, house was locked. George was playing ball in Medina
23 Tax credits 2630. Household 50

May 6 Fred Smith family moved in my place. Wife Olie, children Helen, Leonard, Bobbie
8 Lake Shore Electric for Cleveland 4:25 am, got to B&O station 5:25. Left Cleveland 6:50 am for Washington, DC. Passed through South Park 5:25, Brecksville 7:30, Peninsula 7:43, Everett 7:50, Union Station Akron 8:30, changed cars for Pittsburgh. Cuyahoga Falls 8:50, Kent 9:00, Ravenna 9:14, Youngstown 10:00, New Castle 10:27, Pittsburgh 12:30, West Newton 2:10, Dawson 2:43, Connellsville Ohio Pyle 3:30, Rockwood 4:28, Garrett 4:45, Meyersdale elevation 2053. Four miles east of there on the B&O the elevation was 2150 ft. the road runs through a long tunnel at the top of the mountain range about a mile through it. The water runs each way in opposite directions down the mountains being the highest elevation on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad of that division. Cumberland 6:00, Green Springs 6:37, Hancock 7:37, Martinsburg 8:10, Shenandoah Junction 8:30, Harpers ferry 8:51, Washington Junction 9:20, Washington 10:15. Had dinner on the train. Stayed at the Raleigh hotel 12th street and Pennsylvania Ave 8th floor.
9 Breakfast, shave, visited Capitol and grounds, House of Representatives, Senate chambers, Supreme Court rooms, Hall of Fame. The marble and mosaic work in the Rotunda of the Congressional Library is said to be the most wonderful in the world. Visited White House, saw Crystal Room. Walked 90' up the Washington Monument and then gave it up. The elevator broken, 555' high. Through the park to the Smithsonian. Saw the airplane exhibit and other military weapons. Through National Museum, Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was shot. Dinner at restaurant
10 Street car to Alexandria and Mt Vernon. Visited the Washington home, grounds, garden, pier and tomb. Visited National Museum again, Lincoln Memorial and Tidal Basin. Saw Arlington Cemetery in the distance. Saw the War and Navy buildings, Patent office, Treasury, Post Office, DAR Building, Pan American, Civil War Ladies' Building, President's house and many others. Saw many rare trees and plants and several monuments to noted men. Went to the movies 'Within the Law' and Norma Tallmadge's 'Heroine'. Staid at the Raleigh Hotel. Paid in full in the evening.
May 11 Left Union Station on Pennsylvania Line Train 16 at 7:45 for Baltimore. Arrival 8:55. Passed through Ashland (lime stone quarries, much wild mustard), Glencoe (following river valley), Monkton, Greystone, Freeland (hilly section), Hanover Junction, York, Pa (a large town, 10:35 o'clock). Left Harrisburg the state capital at 11:45m heading into the mountains. Duncannon 12:08. Newport, Millerstown (in the mountains), Mifflin – Engine on bum – half hour late – mountainous. Lewistown, Tyrone, Mt Union. Huntington county seat. Bellwood 3:15. Altoona 3:30. Horse hoe Curve. Went through a long tunnel at the summit, 2250 feet 4:00 two trains engines pulling the train to the summit then one taken off. Cresson 4:10. Portage going down the mountains. South Fork 4:32. Johnstown 4:45. Conemaugh Valley, Greensburg, Blairsville 5:15. Latrobe 5:35. Greensburg 5:50. Irwin, Pittsburg left at 7³⁰. Youngstown 9:15. Newton Falls 10:00, Akron, Cleveland Union Station 11:00. Street car to Public Square. Lake Shore Electric at 12, to Lorain 1 am

14 Sent description of trip to the Gazette
18 Clarence and I went through Penfield Junction, Elyria, Grafton, Belden, Litchfield, Mallet Creek, York to Medina. Closed my accounts with three banks. Called on Omar and Jessie. Paid taxes, paid taxes on improved road in front of my place
26 Grace Van Deusen Hill had a premature child born dead
29 Went to the picture show 'Tim Mix'. Went to Barnum, Bailey and Ringling show at the foot of East 9th street
30 Hung out the American flag

June 2 To picture show in the school auditorium. To operetta at the school house
8 Looked over a lot of my cards received in former years
11 Mrs Smith cooking school lunches at the school house
13 Maxwell Brown, Alice West, Edrie Swift, Nellie Kuder, Vernon Jordan and Gladys Brown graduated
15 Received a precious letter from my dear nurse. She has not written for a year
16 To Nathan Damon's reunion at the home of Clark Starr in Copley. McCreary's reunion at Dell Isham
17 Watered plants at cemetery. To church to hear Maccabee memorial sermon by Rev Charles Searles
20 Heard speaker from Municipal Park Association at the auditorium
25 Sada was struck by lightning – in bed (*she is okay*)
26 They were blasting on the center hill (*on 303 east of the Center*)

July 2 A dirigible airship went right over the house
4 Hung out the Star Spangled Banner
21 To Seville Pomona Grange. Stopped at Medina, treated to ice cream and bot four records
28 Took out a lot of pictures for the Centennial. Had dinner picnic at school grounds. The Goldwood and Searles Martial band (*of Richfield*). *List of people he saw*

August 2 In Lorain. Helped fix for reunion in basement, tables, chairs etc. List of those present. Dinner and supper in the basement. Lemonade, ice cream, watermelon and plenty of other food. All went to the bathing beach, several went in. President Harding died
5 Took relatives to Hinckley
27 Ransom and Wallace Reed (*lightning*) rodded the barn. Copied several teachers' lists of the old pupils from an old school register on District No. 6 *does this 5 days*
29 Clarence and family brought lunch and we had a picnic north of the old house. They got elderberries and blackberries at Frizzell's farm

September 3 Saw ball game
10 School commenced
18 Clyde's birthday. Poor boy
28 Sent Dessie a present of \$35

October 3 Clarence and I to Toledo on the Lake Shore electric. Visited George and Louise Van Deusen
5 George and I left Toledo on the Ann Arbor railroad at 7:45 for Elsie
17 Sold Frizzell farm to RS Noble \$5000
19 At Clarence's. Heard Negro spirituals at the high school. *He goes to church and the cemetery weekly*

November 3 Elected secretary of the grange
6 Voted
13 Got flashing fixed. Jules Waseleff paid me \$500 on his note (*he is buying Eggert farm*)
14 Yard work
21 Went to cartooning lecture
29 Thanksgiving at Byron's

December 12 Received check from Clarence. To grange
17 Sent Dessie and Kenneth presents
19-24 Names those he sent and received cards, letters and gifts from
20 To basketball game at auditorium between Hinckley and Chatham
24 Went to Christmas tree in the evening
25 Spent Christmas with Lillie and May at Byron's. Signed affidavit of Dr Eggert's death

1924 He is 77. He does few chores other than sweeping the walks, his own mending. Spends most of his time reading, writing, visiting, doing crosswords, grange work and church. He lists the newspapers that he reads each day, and sends subscriptions to friends. He is correspondent of the Gazette. He doesn't socialize often, but lists the places where the Smiths go. Clarence's house struck by tornado, baby Wilbur dies. A trip to the West with Clarence and family.

January *Gets milk from Ritz's nearly every day, sometimes butter*

9 He sends poems off to papers and magazines almost every day
12 To Grange stockholders' meeting. To lecture by Bob Hauscow
16-17 Farmers' Institute. Took notes, had dinner there. Speakers CG Limbach and Mrs Vernon Martindale
21 Sent for grange song books

February 5 To grange hall for installation of officers dinner
7 Composing an article on my old teachers and scholars for Gazette
9 To Pomona grange. Was committee on Time and Place
16 Sent long school letter to the Gazette
24 To Lillie's and May's. May is 18. We played anagrams. I beat with 29 words. Slipped down at the watering trough
25 To Rocky Mountain Warblers

March 1 Rode to Medina with Waseleffs. Went to DeArmitt's, Phoenix Block, got 38.09 for Waseleff and cancelled my mortgage. Bot records for Lillie and May
3 Sent registered letter to Clarence with Waseleff's check 1987.50
27 John Rockwood and helper plastering. Letter and abstract from Clarence
31 Ordered wallpaper from Charles Williard

April 12 Clarence bought my (*Emma's*) pearl necklace for May. Taxes Notes 2550. Household 50
13 Sent Dessie \$50
18 Went to the store for things to eat and stamps
19 Took presents to Lillie and May. To cemetery
20 To Baccalaureate services. May graduating
26 We went to Pomona grange at Heavilins 1½ miles beyond Seville. I treated to ice cream in Medina
29 Voted. Saw rose bush on Emma's grave

May 15 Carrie Riley here on committee. Went to 'Blue' entertainment in the evening
17 Clarence, Margaret and all three children here, we went to the park and had a picnic dinner. Clarence and I planted geraniums on the graves of our loved ones. Darius Conant buried
21 Tore up some picket fence (*first chores mentioned this year*) along the road. Very tired. John Damon's sale

June 10 Had well cleaned by vacuum cleaner
11 Wrote article Edwards Payson Weston for Gazette
23 Wrote for a guide to our National Parks
25 Went to Damon reunion at town hall
28 Tornado in Lorain. Wilbur (*grandson age 2½*) killed. House destroyed. Clarence, Margaret, Richard and Ruth buried in the ruins. Clarence, Richard and Ruth in Elyria hospital. Margaret taken to a neighbor. Harriet and Jean were away. High flood on Rocky River
29 Started down to see the river. Daily papers were saying that Clarence was dead or seriously injured. Will Balour drove his machine and George Emmett, Fred Smith, Clyde Brown and Spencer Charlton went with me. Saw Richard and Clarence at the hospital both alive and hopeful but Wilbur was dead. Came home and wrote to Dessie. Thanked God it wasn't any worse (*still the worst tornado in Ohio history*)
30 Got extra dailies from the bus. Got telegram from Margaret by special delivery. Got a phone call in the night from Margaret about the funeral

July 1 Charlie took me, Lillie and May to the funeral. We tried to get down to Lorain but all the streets were guarded and we could not pass. Very tired
6 Fred Smith, Olie, Bobbie, Sada Davis and myself went to the hospital in Elyria to see Clarence and Richard
14 Took some black dirt to the cemetery. Watered and hoed the flowers
28 Sheldon Wilder fixed the chimney. I helped him
29 Ralph Wilder fixed the front porch

August 2 KKK meeting in Park
12 Voted at Primary. Got two quarts porch paint at Grange store and brush
14 Clarence, Margaret, Harriet, Richard and Jean came to get me. (*Harriet may be a sister of Margaret*) Rode back with them. Sent a letter to be read at Van Deusen reunion. We left 10.20 pm on Pullman cars on the Nickel Plate RR

for Chicago. Each had a bed in a lower berth. Passed Findlay. Mortimer, Ohio at midnight. *Etc, describes trip in detail.* Arrived Chicago LaSalle Street station 7.30 am. Left 10 am on Rock Island division. Traveled through Illinois and crossed the Mississippi at Rock Island into Iowa at 2,15. Passed through East Des Moines the state capital. Reached Council Bluffs Iowa 11.10 pm. Crossed the Missouri river at Omaha Nebraska at 11.30.

16 Passed through Lincoln the state Capitol at 1.40 am. Left Nebraska at Thompson 3.40 am. Entered Kansas at 6.40 central time. Changed there to Mountain time 5.45 am. Left Kansas at Kanarado, entered Colorado at Burlington the first town. Limon, Colorado Springs, we are now in the Rocky Mountains. Stayed at hotel Alta Vista near Pike's Peak. We engaged an auto with four others to take us up the mountain. Its summit is over 14,000 feet above sea level. We had supper up there and watched the sun set from the top of the peak. There was snow on the side of the mountain. (*Edwin S Nettleton born Northropville 1831, went west in 1870s to establish the weather bureau at Pike's Peak. Many from Medina went to Pike's Peak during the Gold Rush years*). Left Colorado Springs on the Denver and Rio Grand Western for Salt Lake City. Went south to Pueblo, westerly through Salida, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Tennessee Pass.

18 Entered Utah a little west of Grand Junction, Through Provo. Arrived at Salt Lake City. Visited the capitol building, Temple Square, the Tabernacle and other places of interest. Left on the Union Pacific line for Los Angeles. *Describes the route.* Stayed at Gates Hotel. Clarence called up his attorneys and made dates with them. We strolled around and went to the theater

20 Clarence attended a hearing in court and a conference with his attorney. I sent postcards home

21 Van Deusen reunion at home. I was president but absent. Clarence met with his attorneys and called up several people. We took a trip to Venice by the Pacific Ocean. The first time I ever saw it. In the evening we had the pleasure of meeting dear friend Miss Meta Kalian (*his old nurse*)

22 To Lincoln Park, We saw a moving picture being taken. Theater

23 Took The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe to Chicago. Passed through Riverside, San Bernardino and Needles, California

24 Had breakfast at Seligman, Arizona. Hot and dry. Desert country. *Lists the towns he passed through.*

25 . . . Entered Texas at Farwell. Fine country Cotton, maize and broom corn also many Hereford cattle

26 *Describes the remainder of the trip in detail.* Arrived at Chicago, stayed at Dearborn hotel

27 Lists the towns he passes through. Arrived at Lorain after 10 pm. Stayed at Clarence's 744 Washington Ave Lorain

28 Settled up our trip. To the bank and several stores. Came to Hinckley in the pm, called at the cemetery and Lillie's

29 Sat on steps watching the raising of the flag pole

30 Tried to study out our trip to the West

31 Shaved, bathed, went to unveiling of the soldier's monument

September 1 To home coming at the Park

2 Sent a letter to Charlotte Perkins Thayer of Gates Ave Lorain one of my old school teachers. Her daughter is Miss Eva Thayer of Elyria.

24 Wilder Sheldon and Arthur came. They painted the gutters, eave troughs and fixed spouting. They put a post in the basement to raise the partition

29 Went to the store for a chair seat

October 2 Arthur and Wilder put pipe on furnace and two grates. Got a ladder and tried to cement around the chimney to stop the leaking. Arthur put in a window. Sent rocker with Arthur for repairs

4 Frances Clark came (*Francis B Clark of Medina Center*)

5 May went to Cleveland to work. Put seat in rocker

16 Sent letter of trip to Gazette and 26 cents in stamps for them to send eight copies to family and friends

18 Rode to Ethan Conant's with a stranger and back with Ethan

29 *Saw 9 people he knows at the cemetery*

26 Mr Fred Pierce called. James Mattingly, Fred and I went down to the north town line and found where the old Pierce house used to be

27 Sent 2.36 to Lytle Dague for plate glass insurance

31 Hoodlums overturned the water closet

November 4 Voted for Coolidge at town hall and Republican ticket. My vote No. 40. To the cemetery dinner at noon
7 Lucia, Lawrence, Charlie and Lizzie, Joe Babcock, Steve West, Charles Gibbs, Newman L and Mr and Mrs Raskon at the grange

9 Lizzie Ingersoll, Wilbur and Helen Charlton and children and Ruby Pietro signed my (*autograph*) book.

10 James Goodrich's funeral at the old William West place
12 Clarence and Margaret took me to Medina to court house, treasurer, auditor, recorder and probate Judge Omar and Jessie. Got rent for gas and oil leases. Clarence paid for lunch at restaurant. Traded at some stores. Clarence bought me a sweater. California trip published
15 Sick to my stomach. Took dose of salts
16 Ramson D Riley's funeral. Syd Cady died
21 Sent letter and \$5 to Dessie. *He remains close to Dessie*. Re-elected Grange secretary
27 To Byron's for thanksgiving dinner

December 3 Sent Dessie \$25. Clarence will make a new will for me giving Meta Kilian \$100

7 To church and commencement
8 To Lecture Course, man and woman giving reading and playlets
11 To Ladies' Aid dinner at town hall
20 Sada invited me for Christmas
23 Took presents to Lillie. Received box of candy from May and scarf from Lillie. Worked out a grange diagram of land
24 Christmas tree. Did not go
25 Christmas Day. 9 below zero. Went to Bryon's. Got a box of stationary from Byron's girls. Nuts, oranges and tablet from Smiths. Dinner and sweet cider at Byron's. Gave them all nice handkerchiefs. No mail today
31 Smiths went to a dance

1925 He is 78. Smiths live with him. He reads, copies poems and sends them to friends and newspapers. Grange secretary, errands, crosswords, tending family graves

January 2 To grange supper
9 The Smiths to a ball game at Sterling
10 Store stockholders' meeting
11 To church supper with Stanwood, May and Lillie. *Lillie is his sister, May is her daughter*
17 To Pomona grange at Brunswick
10-20 Farmers' Institute, lunch there
24 Saw the eclipse from 8 to 10½. Moutoux trashed mail post down
30 School debate

February 19 May played a lot of records in celebrating my birthday. After supper Helen said she was going to give me a concert and played records for nearly two hors

22 Charles and Lucile Dolazel called
27 Received letter from Donald Porter South Bend, Indiana with 50 cents conscious money

March 11 Manager of the Telephone Company took the wires from the home. Merrill Moutoux put up the mailbox post

April 3 Repaired my Medina County map

12 To Easter services at the church 10.30. Theresa Ritz had a stroke
13 Went up to see George Emmett about my rent
17 Went by Ira Smith's foundation and he paid me last year's grange dues. Attended the senior class play
18 Got a letter from Margaret with three Kodaks of the house
19 Clarence brought me a new rug and two window shades. Put the shade up
20 Slicked out my room. Trimmed Lillie's grapes
21 Took things out of my room so Olie could clean it. Helped Byron make out his tax return
23 Wrote lease between Byron and Ray Van Deusen
25 Dug up the surface of our three graves and spread on fertilizer
26 At Byron's celebrating his birthday. Grace, Clarence, Jessie, Jennie and Doris were there. To church Baccalaureate address
30 Wallace Riley is a notary

May 1 Commencement. Graduates Curtis Cady, Howard Cartwright, Almon Green, Grace Held, Evelyn Hier, Opal Johnson, Agnes Koptis, Mildred Mickel, Louise Moutoux, Bessie Wilson.

9 To Pomona grange at Poe. I reported for Hinckley. Treated to ice cream in Medina
10 To Father's and Mother's Day at church
12 Saw Grace's new baby Lewis Francis Hill. Road work in front
13 Byron had a stroke of apoplexy
16 Byron had another stroke. Went up to see him and Grace and the baby. Lillie and May visited me in my room.
Byron had another shock and passed away at 8.15. *Family history says that Byron's daughter Fern Van Deusen Seffing died today*
17 To Byron's. Mr Searles the undertaker. Charley and I picked out a place in the cemetery for a family burial plot.
Saw Wilder Sheldon to dig the grave
18 Talked to Charlie Van Deusen about getting flowers
19 Clarence and Margaret came and brought eight shades, sheets, pillow slip and birthday cards and box of flowers for the funeral. They brought 28 red geraniums and left them at the cemetery. We got Lillie and May and took them to the funeral at the house. The procession went around by Fred Johnson's to Maple Hill cemetery. Planted geraniums
23 Took some root beer and ice cream to Lillie and May's. May's birthday
28 Was witness to Byron's will at probate court. Got lease money and tax statement. Treated the bunch to ice cream
29 Took the bus to Cleveland with Charlie. Took street car to square. Went to Discount Building for Charlie, to picture show and to dinner on East 9th Street then to Barnum Bailey Ringling Bros Menagerie and Circus. Walked to square and took West 25th car to the bus line, then bus home
30 Memorial Day. *Lists people he saw at the cemetery*
31 Helen had a lot of company. There were five autos here at one time

June 2 Bot a pair of pants at Brongers store
3 Got \$50 check from George Emmett on rent
10 Received letter from editor of Cleveland News thanking me for sending the poem 'Old England 40 Years Ago'.
Dispute over money that RD and Sarah Riley owe on rent (*to Clyde*). Sada Van Deusen went to Cleveland to live. The School Sewing Club met here with Helen. Mrs Superintendent Charlton was present. May married today *his niece May D Austin married Stanwood Griffith farmer of Richfield*
11 Looked all day for papers and documents between Rileys and Clyde. The Smiths to a Lawn Fete at Melvin Case's. Stanwood and May there
17 Olie went to May's shower
20 To the 39th annual Damon reunion held at town hall and the park. May gave me a picture of Standwood and self
25 Paid taxes 65.67. Card from Margaret at Grand Canyon Arizona. Bot suit of summer underwear at grange store
28 The town hall and Ehman's store and shop burned down early this morning. I knew nothing about it

July 2 Received 50 cent check and papers and envelopes from the editor of the Gazette (*he is correspondent*).
3 Went to the store for Olie to get sugar for canning. Had to wait for the clerk. Had a physic sick spell
4 We had ice cream, watermelon and lots of fireworks
6 Clarence and family at Yellowstone Park
12 Preston Robertson and Walter Riley stoned our water closet. Went up to see Steve West about a five dollar grange order that he is intending to cheat me out of
13 Went to Dr Ayres and got some ointment for my neck
14 Clarence and Margaret brought a crate of cantaloupes. They took me on a long ride. We called on Sada awhile then went North to the Royalton line and south on the Ridge road to the center road and west. Then up to Pekin and east to the Ridge Road then north to the center road then west to the Ridge cemetery then west to Maple Hill cemetery. Clarence and family returned from California. Read a letter from Dessie and a scrawl from that scoundrel George Emmet
17 Verne Miner the mail carrier on vacation
20 To grange bee to clean up around the yard
22 Stopped at the store steps awhile
23 Had bad dream last night
29 Mr Phelps and family of West 84th street brought Dessie and Kenneth here to visit
30 Looked through the old orchard and the plum orchard

August 1 To Beebetown reunion. Clarence and I gave short talks
8 Called at the Moutoux ice cream stand *on the river road*

10 At Clarence's. The boys and I went to the bathing beach and watched the bathers. After supper we took a ride to Vermillion. Harriet and the baby went with us
15 Clarence took me to Barber's reunion at Mary Killian's. 35 present (*listed*)
18 Clarence and I to Toledo on Lake Shore Ltd. Got lunch at a restaurant and shave at a barbershop. To Van Deusen reunion at George's. Slept with George. Clarence went home
19 George and I went on Ann Arbor train to Elsie. 20 from Ohio, 121 in all. Went through a large octagon barn where many mules are kept
23 At Toledo. To park and zoo
24 The other line out of commission so I took the train to Norwalk, then bus to Lorain. Bot suit of clothes 27.95, belt .50, collars .35, shoes 7
26 Wrote in Margaret and Richard's autograph albums. To Hinckley

September 1 May and Stanwood Griffith called and took met to their home in Richfield
7 Went to park Labor Day celebration. Very large crowd. Tired out
12 Smiths went to Spike Fieldhouse dance
16 To Medina Fair alone all day. Washed out my drawers
19 Letter from Julia Bauer Schwarz *or Swartz* of Elyria old pupil from Beebetown school
24 Went to Ladies Social and dinner at grange hall
26 Albert Albertson of Remsen Corners gave me Anna Mattison my last district school teacher's birthday

October 13 Went to cemetery to the burial of Ira Johnson of Akron, the KK Klan performed the ceremony
19 Received a check of \$25 from Wallace Riley for RD Riley's old \$50 note
25 Looked through two Medina County Histories for birthdays

November 3 To election at high school building
6 Elected grange secretary
11 Wilder Sheldon came up and settled his note in full and I canceled the mortgage
26 To Sada Van Deusen's for Thanksgiving. Masquerade dance

December 4 Dr John Conrad Marting treasurer of Baldwin Wallace College and Rev Charles W Kennedy field secretary of Berea called. Received electric light card
6 Was appointed a committee to audit the grange books. Received letter from Hiram College
10 Ellet Riley papering the parlor
11 Clarence and Margaret brought Christmas present and a large basket of fruit
14 Ellet Riley painting around the parlor floor
23 Christmas exercises at school. 1855 summer teacher was Charlotte Perkins Thayer at the river school at the three corners just east of the Rocky River bridge
25 South through Remsen, Granger Center, Grangerburg and Coddingtonville, then east on Smith Road up Stone Hill around through Ghent. Hammond's Corners up to Richfield to May and Stanwood's. After dinner we played some stunts, guessing game contest. Played anagrams. I made about a dozen words and had more than all the rest together. We had candy apples, popcorn etc and a glass of sweet cider. I gave May a Jardinière vase and Lillie a bath towel. Lillie and May gave me a pair of house slippers and night slippers and other things. Gave Helen perfume, Leonard a pair of gloves and Bobbie a Tinkertoy. Once had a student named Alonzo Chandler
30 Went to the fire at Wallace Riley's. Carried water
31 Dance at the center. Maxine and Maynard here two days

1926 He is 79. He reads, is grange secretary, writes letters every day, runs errands, household chores limited to sweeping the porch and walks. He lives with Fred and Olie Smith and children Helen, Leonard and Bobbie in his house. He collects rent from the Smiths and pays them \$15.50 per month for his bedroom and board. He is close to the family but they go on about their lives and he is often alone and lonely. Dessie dies, leaving son Kenneth an orphan age 12. Fred Smith buys a piano.

January 1 At dance last night til late
4 Farewell party for Mrs Josephine Hurd
9 Stockholder's meeting. My trade for 1925 \$11.98 bonus 5%. Interest check \$8
13-14 To Farmers' Institute. Speakers HP Miller and Mrs Thomas P Pierce. Eat down there
16 Electric bill 75 cents. Addie K West died

27 Maria Marquitt died. Square dance at John Vigler's farm in Hinckley. John is a fancy dancer.

February 22 Washington's birthday. No mail. *He sends electric light payments to Steve West*

28 The well froze. Parent-Teachers meeting Wednesday 8 pm, lunch (*a light meal*) will be served

March 17 Oil man came

24 Wrote to Washington DC for hero leaflets

28 Read a chapter of the Bible

29 Saw a star after sunrise

April 2 Dessie L Van Deusen (*widow of his son Clyde*) died (*her son Kenneth is 12. He goes to Lloydsville to live with his maternal grandparents*)

3 The nurse Emma had in her last illness was Mrs Elizabeth Stillwell Stevens. *He kept up a lifelong friendship with her*
10 Ida Steffen's sale

13 Copied the names and ages of pupils who attended the school of Charlotte Perkins in the summer of 1855

29 Agent from Akron called raising funds for children to go to camp

30 Fred painted front porch floor. To commencement, 12 graduates: Marvin Beach, Roy Bowman, Kathryn Paige, Anna Palek, Elie and Marian Richards, Elyn or Evelyn Rooy, Carroll Smith, Elsie Veverka, Everett and Herman Wilson, and Walter Riley

May 9 Visited with Eugene Clark (*farmer of Weymouth*). Norris Clark here from Akron (*school principal born and taught in Weymouth*)

20 Clarence and Margaret brought two quarts strawberries and three dozen geraniums. We planted them on our loved ones' graves

29 Wilder and Arthur Sheldon carpentering on the old house, poultry house and barn

June 3 Bought paint at the grange store, wood at Medina Bending Works

10 Trimmed around the Golden Sweet tree

14 Gave electric light man \$150. Light posts set. Wilder painting house.

17 HC Adams came and looked through the house to see about wiring it

19 40th annual Damon reunion at George Damon's in Medina. 65 present. Received three checks from Clarence viz paint 56.50, taxes 35.65, another for Wilder 50

21 Theodore W Messick Nettleton called

27 To Children's Day exercises

29 Two men from Cleveland wiring above. Meter put in

July 15 Saw the panes in the sugar house were all broken out

28 SC West died at Elgie's

August 6 Clarence took me to the Beebetown school reunion

8 Fred took me over to the Big Dam

10 Cartwright and C Lyons appraised real estate. Voted

19 Rode to Van Deusen reunion at Linnie Van Desuen Hueter's with Ralph Ward. 54 present

September 6 To Labor Day celebration

October 10 To church. Sophronia Ordilla Sim's funeral

18 Sent letter and \$1 to shower for Grace H Read

25 To lecture course concert

November 2 Sent 1.50 to cemetery association dinner and bazaar. To election

12 Elected secretary of grange

15 Measured buildings and distances apart. Sent application and diagram

December 6 Copied "It's Better to Laugh than to Cry"

10 Sent POMO (*post office money order*) to Meta Kilian for Christmas present

14 To grange meeting. Nine present. Had pop corn and maple sugar
18 Read 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. Clarence brought me handkerchiefs and stockings, candy, grapes, oranges, grapefruit, bananas
22 Took night dress present to Lillie. *List of presents he gives and receives; the most expensive to Meta Kilian*
23 To Mrs Henry Richards' funeral, W Elliott Bigelow undertaker. Fifty years ago this day Emma and I were married by G Hayden Damon at his home in Medina. His wife Isabel Richard Damon was witness. Miss Mary Evans was present also
14 Gave the Smith children their presents
25 Christmas Day. Had guests and visited
26 After church, May invited me to see them. Took my Christmas cards and letters to show them. Had some candy, made sugar and nuts. *May lives in Richfield*

1927 He is 80. He sees Clyde's son Paul for the first time in any years. Church next to Maple Hill Cemetery razed for more lots.

January 2 To church, Rev Charles F Hart, John Brongers and I the only ones present. Communion after sermon. Mary Van Deusen at the organ
5 Insurance on outbuildings \$30
8 List of grange stockholders
10 Fred Smith tipped over near Hiers Corners near the foot of Porter Hill, bent one car fender and lost all his gas. Had to be towed home. *Got gas in the village*
12 Did not go to Farmer's Institute
14 Boys high-school basketball team played at Brunswick and lost. Girls team won. Town team won. Helen plays on school team. *Teams pay at Wadsworth, Sharon, Homer, Chatham, Granger, Valley City*
22 Received a box of medicine from Wall-Webber in Medina. A sample free
24 Cleveland Southwest Railway and Light Co \$18.05. Grange electric light bill 75 cents
25 Went to grange store and bought ten packages of Ludins 50 cents, one pair cuff buttons 25 cents. Five pens 5 cents. The oil man brought ten gallons
28 No. 9 rubbers 1.25, two pairs drawers No. 40 1.60, one undershirt .80 at grange store

February 9 A book agent called (a woman)
16 Received bursary catalogue for JB West and Sons Perry, O
22 Olie paid me 9.50 rent and 3.48 for electric light and stamp 2 cents.
28 Loaned Olie two nickels

March 2 Scarlet fever at the school, school canceled
12 Letter from Grange Regalia and Costume Co
24 Brongers was taken to Oberlin. Washed out some badly soiled underwear
26 Maytag agent here with a washer showing it work. Ed Reidel's sale

April 1 Lillie's daughter May had an #8½ daughter (*Fern, raised by father Stanwood Griffith and wife Bessie, married James C Finch, died Mobile, AL 2003*). *He received the Plain Dealer and many other papers from through the country*
12 At grange store bought Smith Brothers cough drops, Ludins cough drops, ink, two dishes ice cream. Insurance on house \$2700, on goods \$300, premium \$21
16 Clarence, Margaret and children Richard and Jean brought hankies and a small alarm clock. We all went back to the woods for flowers
17 To Easter services
25 Paid board and washing 15.50
26 Leonard went to YMCA meeting in Granger

May 1 To baccalaureate at church. Charles N Proulx died
2 To Dr George Damon's funeral
5 Fish peddler called. Commencement Valedictory Forrest Damon, Class history Maxine Riley, Class prophecy Helen Smith, Class President's address Frances Moutoux, Class will Elene Handley, Address by Prof GL Hayes. Benediction by John Brongers.
7 Got my hair trimmed. Paid him 30 cents. *He pays 25 cents toward the preacher and 5 cents for Sunday school each Sunday*

11 Straightened up things in my room so Olie and Helen could clean it
13 Spaded for flowers at the cemetery. Got cramps in my hands
18 Helen cleaning the ceiling paper in the sitting room. Paper ten side walls 1.30. 20 yds. border 1.00. Eight ceiling
.72. Lillie has a new stove. Olie paid me for rent 9.50
26 Harley Wait papered the kitchen and pantry, paid him \$5
27 My dear friend Mrs Julia A Frizzell of Medina died, Wait undertaker
30 Went to the cemetery. Counted the flags

June 4 Helen works at John Wyman Jr's, his wife Mary had a baby

12 Dell P Isham showed me his painting
13 My grandson Paul F Van Deusen of Berea son of Clyde and Reba came out to see me. We talked and visited and went to the cemetery and down to the Eggert place and the old house. We had a good visit
18 Walked to Bert Damon's. Went North to Edgerton road then east to Broadview then south to the village then west a short ways to the hall. Rode to West Richfield to Nathan Damon's reunion at the hall west of the village south side of the street, Mrs Lida Damon host. Paid 50 cents. 85 present
19 To church meeting. A stranger talked about raising money for some political scheme by pledging so much per month. Did not sign
25 Ida Peebles Wait, Mrs Owen Wait, died in Cleveland

July 1 Clarence and family brought a watermelon and Gillette safety razor, gave me \$25

4 Talked to Arthur Barber and his girlfriend as they passed on the way to the Park lake
15 Grange store one pound coffee 45 cents
16 Pumped and carried three pailsful of water from the town pump to the hall and felt weak
20 Clarence brought me a half bushel of fruit
25 Olie paid \$25 rent
26 Letter from a stranger from Milwaukee asking for songs, answered
27 Forrest Damon asked me to write a letter of reference to Wooster College
29 Sent a letter and poem to *grandson Paul now living in Harbor Springs MI*
30 The May Company delivered a Gem Mattress 11.25. The Smiths put it on for me

August 4 Rearranged several drawers that mice were working on

6 Clarence took me to Bennetts Corners and diagonal road to Drake Road, the Wooster Pike and across to May Killian's. To Beebetown school reunion. Some of my old pupils were present John Brasse, Julia Bauer, Leonard Schnell, Eva Curtis
7 The Smiths went to Pleasant Valley to see planes go up
8 Wrote to Mrs Charles Linseder inquiring about Helen Keller a pupil of mine in 1873-74, Miss Gerta Fuller's aunt
16 Left Elyria with Clarence and Margaret on the New York Central 8.05. I weigh 120. Arrived Toledo 10.55. Taxi to George Van Deusen's and staid all night
17 Worked some at the library. Went on the street car to Ann Arbor Railroad station and bought tickets to Elsie MI.
18 To reunion in Elsie. *Lists who he saw*. I was elected president, next reunion in Hinckley
19 To old Roe Van Deusen farm
20 Left for Owasso station to Toledo
21 Lake Shore Electric to Lorain. They took me to their new church which is very fine. Jean plays in the orchestra the UB church (*granddaughter age 15*). *Jean was born on October 16, 1912 in Lorain, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio Wesleyan. She was a life long student of music, played clarinet, piano and organ, volunteered with Akron peace groups and was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, enjoyed playing bridge, bird watching and getting together with the Richards and the Van Deusen families, especially at Lakeside, Ohio. Clarence lives at 1128 Fifth Street Lorain. Newman lists many newspapers that he reads*
25 Received rent \$25, electric light bill 2.40, paid board \$12, paid washing 12.50
31 Lost of 12 Van Deusen relatives that he sent subscriptions to Cloverleaf American to

September 5 To ball game at school grounds. To Home Coming at park. Barbecue, Strongsville Band, Gold Bond Quartet and other attractions. *He goes to grange store every day or so, always buys Ludins and often paper, ink, stamps, envelopes, ice cream*

18 Wilson Hurd died at John Pay's
20 The Gazette said that Omar's wife Jessie had a stoke on the 17th

21 Took quite a few names and dates from the tombstones at the cemetery. Walked home. Was late for dinner
22 The Smiths listened to the Dempsey-Tunney prize fight over the radio at Wallace Riley's
25 Rev Charles F Hart's last sermon. His time was out. We feel sad
30 Went to the well and stumbled over some limbs that the strong wind had blown down. I fell flat and bruised my shoulder and my hands and fingers and jarred me up quite badly

October 1 Fred quit his job in Cleveland, *he works this summer for HA Redmond on the farm, then works on the road crew and is janitor at the school, his son Leonard helps him*

4 To Parent-Teacher meeting. Old pupils the Wises now live in Valley City
21 Fred Smith's car was stolen from near the dance hall
30 Fred went to Medina and got a car on trial

November 1 L Chase's body was dug up and taken to Lyman Bartlett's home in New York State

6 Swept the porch and walks
8 To election at the school-house
9 Copied off my Beebetown pupils' names and ages including Helen Keller (Mrs Byron Brant, Buchanan Michigan)
15 Rabbit season opened. Two hunters from Cleveland. Brownie got lost
18 To Cleveland with Clarence and Margaret. To Gray's Armory. And two sessions of the state grange. To Winton Hotel to register. To Memorial Auditorium and got 7th degree (highest honor). Clarence got me a 7th degree pin and some Christmas cards
23 Bobbie has scarlet fever. Quarantined in the house. Helen moved to Cleveland. Leonard went to the doctor's and was vaccinated in the arm. Fred goes to the farm but not to the house

December 1 Ed Holden came with meat

4 Saw Stanwood's family drive by and waved
8 House shook from a fierce wind
10 LM Knoff St Paul Minn appointed me agent for Cloverleaf American
11 Helen called on the back porch to talk to her mother. Paul F Van Deusen of Berea (age 13) called to see me *so quarantine must be over*
23 Bought a Christmas tree at grange 25 cents. Our anniversary. I cherish my dear wife's memory
24 Went to the grange store and bought a Christmas tree for the Smith's 65 cents
25 *List of who he sent Christmas cards to.* Gave Helen 50 cents, Leonard and Bobbie each 25 cents, and candy. They have me a tablet and packs of envelopes
27 Sent 20 Christmas and New Year's cards
28 Composed a letter to the Gazette on the life and death of my old teacher Charlotte Perkins Thayer. Copied the parents' names and her pupils and their ages

1928 He is 81. Copies poems and stories every day, sends to friends and papers. Crosswords. A few light chores. Letters to newspapers. Grange secretary.

January 1 We had duck for dinner

2 Oysters for dinner
4 Dutch Cheese man called, sent \$1.35
7 Elton and Helen went to a show (*film*) in Medina
14 Annual stockholders' grange meeting. 40 present
11-12 Farmers' Institute. A Lincoln's birthday
15 Swept front walk of slush
19 Elton and Helen went to hear Al Jolson the Jazz Singer at the Stillman in Cleveland
29 Received a certificate of membership in the National Grange

March 3 To picture show at the school house. Clarence and Calhoon's office burned this morning

18 Cheese man brought cottage cheese
19 Our electric light bill 3.96. Grange's 1.56
21 Musical concert at the auditorium
23 Received a bid for Lawrence and Lucia (*Isham*) to ride down to the Ponomo grange at Wadsworth. Paid dues .25. Gave report of Hinckley grange
27 Received letter from grandson Paul F Van Deusen Mansfield Wisconsin traveling with car

28 Prentice C Waldo died, WE Bigelow undertaker

April 9 Trimmed the rose bushes. Read bulletin from experimental station

20 Received package from Clarence of shirts, collars and stockings. Went to senior play

21 My dear angel wife passed away eleven years ago

22 Fern has one tooth. Heard Baccalaureate address

29 Helped May plant some tea roses. Gave them my trading stamps

May 7 Helen got her diploma from Dyke Business School. Slicking up my room so Olie can clean it. Olie washed bed spread, was-stand spread, dresser spread, curtains and underwear. Lucy Conant had a stroke – paralyzed and died

9 Charlie Shook cut my hair – 30 cents *CR Shook barber Hinckley*

10 Got Lillie's spade and spaded our loved ones' plots in Maple Hill cemetery

13 Fred to American League ball game in Cleveland

17 Called at Charles Ritz's for a crock of butter

22 Clarence and Margaret brought red geraniums for the graves, chocolates and strawberries

29 Gave Richard gold watch chain and pocket knife 7.25 for high school graduation

30 Memorial Day. Watered flowers at the cemetery

31 Fred finished work at Redmond's. Helen works in Cleveland

June 6 Loaned Olie 10 cents for Dutch cheese. Circus at the center, did not go

16 Bought two cakes 50 cents at the grange store to take to 42nd annual Nathan Damon reunion at the grange hall.

Program at Brongers Park, dinner at the hall, ice cream later. 70 present. Feet and ankles very painful

21 One half year taxes 57.35. Fred working on the roads

25 Kenneth at St Clairsville *with other grandparents*

27 Clarence and Richard took me to Medina through Weymouth and the old covered bridge. Went to banks, got lease rent, to Chippewa Lake, to a Medina restaurant, through Beebetown from the south, Strongsville, Bennetts Corners

28 Had a physicing spell. Sold stamp .02 cents

July 2 The Richfield Central Station called me by Mrs John McClelland that cousin Orpha Woodard died Saturday and was buried today

6 Grange has 24 members

7 Went up to the square awhile to see them pave along the front to the grange store

8 To church. Paid .25 collection. Gave May my grange store coupons

9 Fred Smith working with brick layers in the road north of John Wyman's

11 Clarence and Margaret brought a water melon. We drove east to Peninsula, to West Richfield, got lunch at a restaurant, called on May, Stanwood and Fern Griffith, then north to Edgerton road, then west to State Road then home. Melon for supper

14 Fred Smith hired for janitor at the school house

15 Sunday. Saw young people sporting on the lawn in bathing suits.

August 1 Pulled flowering weeds in the grass in the front yard. Got a blister on my finger. Tired out. Mrs Smith and children went to a swimming pool in the evening

4 Twelfth Beebetown school and community reunion. Saw John Brasse and Charles Newton, two of my old pupils and many old friends from 1873-74

5 Terrible storm put the electric lights out of commission

9 Insured house for \$5000 37.50

13 Got Postal from Richard at Mammoth Cave Kentucky. Fixing grange books ready for grange deputy inspector

14 Voted in primary election. Received grange funds \$3. Burton Riley painted my name on mailbox, paid him 50 cents

16 To 41st annual Van Deusen reunion at grange hall, 52 present. Was president. Clarence went too and brought me a new shirt. *Lists those attending*

22 Pulled weeds from front sidewalk. Made my legs ache

23 Sent 37.50 to Lyle Dague for 5000 insurance policy on dwelling

September 3 To Labor Day picnic. Large crowd. *Lists people he saw*

4 First day of school. About 230 on the roll

5 Took a walk back in the orchard

23 Smiths away. Went to bed in the cold

October 2 Richard lives at Delaware, Ohio

7 Olie and Helen took a joy ride around the Ridge, Pekin, Granger, Weymouth, Brunswick, Strongsville etc.

18 Magician at school house in evening

23 Sent \$26 for New Webster's Dictionary and New Reference Atlas of the World

30 Fred Becker's big sale

November 6 Voted for Hoover. Olie and children to Medina to trade. Left my supper on the register and table

10 To Clarence's. Bot shoes 8.50, rubbers 2, pants 3.45, two pairs sox 1.00, shirt 1.50, diary .65. Jean in band at football game. Listened to radio

11 I took a good bath in the tub. Home. Paid \$1 to cemetery association

12 School commenced again

29 Thanksgiving dinner and supper alone. Looked at old clippings. Smiths to masquerade dance. Helena and Leonard masked and won prizes

December 3 Bought Christmas seals from Bonnie

5 Fred received a load of coal

9 Helen had friend Grace spend the night, they were not up at 10:30

11 Collected waste baskets into the furnace. Elected secretary of the grange

13 May D Griffith had a 10# son at *Richfield (Stanwood J Griffith Jr, US Naval Academy, died 10/6/16 in Chesapeake VA)*

1929 The last year of the diaries. He is 82, grange secretary and Hinckley correspondent of the Gazette. The census taken April 7, 1930 has Newman living with Clarence in Lorain.

January 5 To Charles Ritz's and bought a peck of potatoes for Pomona. Had dinner and Pomona at hall. Spence Charlton married Mrs Emma Waldo. Paid ½ taxes 58.94

6 Saw Rev Rollo Wise former minister at church. I did not recognize him

7 School begins today. *He says his address is Brunswick RFD #3 Ohio*

12 Grange stockholders' meeting

February 9 Sale of Ellet Riley's property

15 Good sleighing

27 Rev HB Twining called on his peddling trip

March 3 Mabel Waldo gave me two group pictures of reunions

5 A bad cold. Paid at Brongers' store for medicine that doctor called 50 cents. Paid Dr Ayres for two calls \$6

7 Wind blew shingles from west side of the kitchen of the old house

8 Bot #1 baking soda 10 cents

12 Parents-Teachers meeting at the auditorium

26 Watson Peebles and wife joined grange

30 Easter supper at the grange hall

April 1 There was no fire in the furnace. Had a hard time starting it

8 'Speck' (*glasses*), milk and bread men called

9 Came home from grange with Charlie and Lizzie. They lent me their lantern the rest of the way. Rain. Got home after 11 pm

12 Olie and Helen to mother and daughter banquet

13 Fred and Leonard cleaned the cistern

19 Water in wash tub outdoors froze over. Got a board out of the well

21 Mrs Rev Twining sang a solo at church

22 Saw May and her children at Lillie's. May is having trouble. Am very sorry

May 23 Ladies Aid Society at grange hall (*didn't go to Baccalaureate or school picnic*) *The grange hall is above the grange store.* Packed away some of my things so Olie could clean my room. Clarence and Margaret came and put two

dozen geraniums on the graves of Emma, Clyde and little Irene. Clarence gave me \$25. Mrs Percy Tibbets here papering front bedroom and overhead in the sitting room

28 Mrs Tibbets papering the kitchen. Paid her 11.28. Attended feast. 20 present

29 Wilder and Arthur Seldon called, went to elevator and bought 4000 shingles \$26. Shingling the old kitchen

June 1 Sheldon fixed around the bottom of the pump curbing

6 Cut and dug a lot of bushes at the old house

11 Got red and white paint at Ehman's. Arthur painted galvanized roof on the old house red again. Mrs Tibbets here papering 5½ rolls at 50 cents, paid her 2.75

13 Sheldons took attic south wall Art Window to Medina to get a new sash

18 Sheldons worked 88 hours, paid them \$44

20 Took a lot of gasoline stamps I received from wall paper to May Griffith

22 To Nathan Damon reunion. Clarence took me through Weymouth to Medina. We went through Bending Works. Bought a cake at Rhineharts (*Reinhardt*) for reunion at Mrs Perlle Damon's on the farm. 100 present. Clarence bought me two musk melons

23 Stanwood called to see May and Fern at Lillie's

July 7 Elton and Helen went to Chippewa Lake to witness a ball game by deaf and dumb players

13 Carried several pails of drinking water

24 Sent dues receipts to Bert Damon and wife, H Ward and wife and Clair Eastwood. Clarence, Margaret, Richard and Jean took me to Wooster to the home of Mrs Jennie Taylor. Had dinner at Lodi. Saw Weymouth, Medina, Seville, Leroy, Lodi, Creston and Wooster. Clarence paid for dinner at Wayside Inn and ice cream at Medina. Very tired.

27 Received letter and picture of myself, Clarence and Richard from Margaret

28 Went to church, collection .25. After dinner called at DP Isham's, Lillie's and May's and Emma Waldo Charlton's. Had no supper. Went to bed early. Every one gone

31 Received Experimental Station bulletin

August 2 Jennie Rupert, Dot and Junior here visiting

4 Ball game after church at school ground. 4 to 1 favor of Hinckley. Called on Lillie, May and the children and met Stanwood. *Sada lives at 4214 West 24th Street, Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio*

7 May D (*Griffith*) says she has dismissed the divorce suit and is going back to live with Stanwood

8 Hattie Sheldon drowned herself in their cistern

15 Helen's bedroom set came. Flock of wild geese went south. Van Deusen reunion at Margaret Van Deusen's in Elsie, Michigan

16 Loaned Olie .07

17 Shaved. Clarence, Margaret, Richard and Jean took me, Mary, Hattie and Will (*Kinch*) to the Beebetown (*school*) reunion. They gave me two baskets of fruit for the reunion. Saw four of my old pupils there, viz Charles Newton, Leonard Schnell, Phebe Schnell, Eva Curtis and several old friends. I gave a short talk. Paid 25 cents. Clarence came and took us home

21 Electric light bill 2.70 + .09 fee, grange light 1.86

22 Large window smashed in the front hall by a ball

23 Cut some large burdocks. Went up to caucus in the evening (*lists nominations*)

25 Got ready and went to Brongers Park to the yearly meeting

27 To grange. Initiated two, 11 present, got home after 10. Am about sick, bowel trouble. The Smiths visited the Cleveland airport in the evening

30 Several air planes passed over

31 Went to the grange store for ice cream .10 and cough drops .10. Cut *newspaper clippings*

September 1 Shaved, got ready and went to meeting. Rev Twining back from his vacation

2 To Brongers Park to the Home Coming. Heard Strongsville Band, Musical Magpies Concert, Two Shades of Blue, addresses Sarah E Hyre and Judge Carl V Weygant. Saw baby show etc. Saw Sada, Grace and the children. Bot ice cream .10. No mail. *He reads several papers and magazines every day*

7 Smiths to picture show at the Palace Theater

23 Received letter from the P Lorillard Co and package of tobacco. Received of Olie for last month's rent 2.70 and light bill 2.70

25 Anderson brought a load of coal. Parent-Teachers meeting. Jessie Van Deusen took Lillie in her car to Ella Charlton's

29 Lillie staying at Ella Charlton's, they paid her 9 dollars. Stanwood went home for the night

30 May took the baby early in the morning and jumped in the pond to drown herself and it. Raymond Ludwig watched them and pulled them out but they were nearly drowned. They were taken to the Doctor's and Stanwood came and took them to his home. They came after me and Anna Shook went down to Ella's to see if she would take Lillie again. She wanted a week's pay in advance, I to guarantee it

October 1 Sheriff came and subpoenaed me to go to Medina to Probate in case of (*May's*) lunacy. Rode out with him. Clarence came. Inquest held, case dismissed. Stanwood called for the nine dollars that he paid for Lillie's (*his mother-in-law*) board

5 Saw Mrs Dr Gillett and daughter Mrs Bixler

7 Olie received a new electric washing machine

8 Paid Ella Charlton \$14 in advance for Lillie's keep. Bought five pounds sugar 33 cents for grange supper at the school house. Clarence lives at 1128 Fifth Street Lorain

12 Heard the ball game over the radio between the Chicago and Philadelphia teams

14 Mrs Charles Lyons called for me to subscribe for a small monthly which I did not care for to please her. Paid 50 cents

15 Sent percapita tax to WG Vandebark Secretary of State Grange. Went down to see Sister Lillie. Paid 14 dollars to Ella Charlton for her

16 Clarence brought me \$100 and \$30 to cash Lillie's check. He brought me a melon, grapes, bananas, plums, apples and a watch

23 Bought four tickets of Olie on the cemetery bazaar quilt for Clarence, Lillie, May and Newman total 40 cents. Ella Charlton called for \$14 check for Lillie (*he pays this every week in advance*)

24 Paid 2.10 on plate glass policy to Lytle Dague Agency and 30. on the other buildings besides the house

25 No school. Teachers at convention in Cleveland

26 Myrtie Jones Ritz's sale

28 Olie went to school to help cook hot lunches

November 3 Clarence and Margaret brought me a set of sheets, gloves, and a basket of grapes. He engaged Helen and Ella Charlton to care for Lillie at \$40.00 per week. He called to see Dr Ayers

4 Took Lillie her pension check. She raved a great deal. Could not bear to hear and see her

6 Carried some old *wooden* shingles to the basement for kindling

10 Charltons sent a little boy down to tell me that Lillie had died about 9 o'clock that morning. Leonard took me down there in their car. Omar and Jessie, Stanwood and May, Elliott Bigelow and son Martin and Ira Waldo were there. Martin took us in his car to the cemetery to find a place for burial

11 Ira Smith took me to the cemetery and we located a place at the south end of our lot. Paid Olie for telephoning to Clarence from the school house 35 cents

12 Charlie Shook shaved me. Clarence and Margaret brought flowers, a hat, shirt, diary and grapes. Borrowed overcoat from ME Charlton. We went to the funeral and the cemetery. May will stay awhile with Omar and Jessie in Medina.

Was elected secretary of grange. Got home at midnight. Clarence gave me \$15 for Ira Smith

13 Oil man came, paid him 1.40 for Olie

16 Millie Isham called and I bought five Christmas cards from her for .25

18 Ira Smith called and I paid him \$30 for Lillie's grave and digging it. Received The News and Movie Romances

21 Olie went to the November birthday party

22 Clarence and Margaret brought me an overcoat and some candy. Olie paid me \$9.50 for the rent, 1.40 for the oil I paid for and 4.92 on Electric Light

23 Received four premium novels from Good Stories: When Love Spurs Onward, We Loved Her Once, The Tracy Diamonds, and Her Husband Was a Scamp. Received circular from the Helio Plane Co of America

28 Thanksgiving Day. Read some and worked crosswords. Had Thanksgiving dinner alone. Swept walks. Think Smiths went to friends' and then to a dance

30 Howard Cartwright and Frances Moutoux married

December 4 Rev HB Twining called. I bought Bobbie five Health Greeting Stamps .05 cents

5 Smiths at the bazaar. Jud Shook won the quilt. Quite a number of planes circling the sky

6 A load of poor coal came from Medina

8 Went to Medina with Clarence and Margaret. After lunch I retired. Very tired

11 Don't feel very well in this weather

13 *Last entry. Very unsteady hand.* Read some and worked on crosswords. Cold, drizzling rain

In January Newman went to Clarence's home 'to recover from his late illness'. A news article says that he died at home August 11, 1930, age 83. He had been living in Hinckley, cared for Charles Gibbs the last four weeks and by Charles and a nurse from Akron during his last illness. Survived by brothers Omar of Medina, George of Toledo and Charlie of Hinckley. His obit says that he was a fruit grower and secretary of the grange for 50 years from its inception. Grandchildren Richard, Jean, Paul and Kenneth. May Griffith of Cleveland et al attended the funeral.

Hinckley Grange book 1917-1929. Last entry Dec 31, 1929 lists member names and dues paid.

Appendix #1 Expenditures 1880.

He spent \$55.25 for doctors and medicine, \$5 of which he borrowed from his father and \$25, part of which he settled by letting Dr Pope use his horse for a week. He seems to have been rather generous with Emma; he bought her shoes often but mended his, bought two hats on the same day for 90 cents and \$2, a Balmoral skirt for 45 cents, a parasol, velvet, a shawl 1.25, etc.

Farm equipment and materials: 2 sweat collars .60, #2 popcorn *to sow* .10, 12 tons cow feed 7.50, a dairy thermometer .20, creaming cans 2.00, tapping bit .15, Monkey wrench .40, syrup cans 2.13, cow 19.00, 1 cultivator 25, Grinding 26 bushels feed 1.04, Sold 6 loads sawdust 1.50, paid on windmill 3.10, Bought #2039 bran 17.33, Horse shoeing 3.90, Tolls when taking goods to peddle in Cleveland .03 to .22, . One stick drag braid 3 cents.

Household goods: 3 papers safety pins .23, 5 bars Fels Naptha soap .25, 1 bottle mucilage *glue* .05, lamp chimney .08, stove polish .03, 1 iron .40, 6 table spoons .86, 1 bread raiser .50, 1 kettle and cover .80, 1 wash board .25, 2 wooden pails .30, 1 bodkin .98, 1 bracket lamp .50, 1 rocker 3.50, 3 cistern chain rubbers .25, 1 bottle caustic balsam 1.25, whip .50, 5 gallons coal oil .40, 1 bottle blueing .10, 1 dozen can covers .25, 2 dozen can rubbers .10, Sleigh \$5, 3 blankets \$2, Stove polish 9 cents. #100 sugar 5.20, #1 coffee .11, #1 tea .35, #1/2 cinnamon .05, coffee essence .05, 2 bottles extract .30, Raisins .08, Beef heart .10, 2 nutmegs 2 cents, ¼ pound fresh gingerroot 9 cents. Saleratus 9 cents (*like baking powder*), infant shirts .60, 2 pr overalls .50, boots 2.25, 2 shirts .90, 3 pr sox .25, 1 coat 2.00. Fabrics: flannel, shirting, lawn, calico, cambric, 2 yds Shaker flannel .16, 32 yds unbleached muslin 2.16, 2 yds feather, 4 yds cheese capping .20, ticking .20, pekay (*pique*), waterproof, cambric, wigger, flannel, drilling silk, turkey red two yards plaid, bleached cotton, velvet. Christmas: candy for Clarence 10 cents and a book 10 cents, 3½ yds fabric the same day, so perhaps that was for Emma. Cutting hair .08, Supper at social .20, 2 glasses lemonade .10, having picture taken 25 cents, lunch at Foltz's 10 cents

Examples of prices for items sold: 507 gallons syrup 60.88, 4 loads sauerkraut .90, 7 dozen eggs 1.12, 11 roosters 2.93 (he never mentions eating chicken). Emma sewed for money, 50 cents for a shirt etc. Sold old paper for rags. He was still selling picture frames but no longer selling books door-to-door. Received 50 cents for allowing someone to use his buggy to go to Akron. He charged peddlers to have dinner, supper 15 or 20 cents, stay overnight, and stable their horse, more for two horses. He loaned money and charged interest. Loaned Father Barber for Matthew \$200.00.

Appendix #2 Biographies:

Newman's Grandmother Orpha Joyner Van Deusen, born Egremont Mass 1796, in 1815 married Andrew who was born 1794 to Laurence and Christeen. They settled in Hinckley in 1828, bought 30 acres on 'the Ridge' then 30 more, and in 1836 traded it for the sawmill and 30 acres. Andrew died in 1841 and in 1883 age 86. Although sources do not agree, there children were Irene Amaret West b 1817, Roe George Van Deusen b 1820, Newman's father Rush L Van Deusen born 1823, Ralph Henry Van Deusen b 1825, Esther A 1827-1878, Ray L 1830 feeble health so learned printers' trade, joined whaling ship for sea air, lost at sea 7 years, to Michigan 1861, Edmund Octavus 1833-35, Martin Van Buren Van Deusen b 1835, Don C Van Deusen born 1839 and perhaps two more. Her descendants numbered 67 at her death.

Father Rush Ludlow Van Deusen (RL, RLVD) born Mass August 23, 1823 son of Orpha and Andrew Van Deusen, to Hinckley 1828, ran sawmill with brother age 14-21 when dad died, bought 21 acres on Rocky River, had 435 acres by 1881 at \$10-\$75 per acre, dairyman with 60 cows, cheese factory from 1872, farm ½ mile from Hinckley Center, died 1899. Children all born Hinckley: Edmund A 1844-1851, Newman 1847-1930, Dexter N 1848-1917, Julia Jane

“Jennie” 1851-1916, Byron R 1853-1925, Omar Olin 1855-1930, George E 1858-1933, Lillian M born 1862-1929, Charles M 1865-1938, and perhaps Emma M 1860-1862.

Mother Maria S Damon born June 1822 in Chesterfield, MA to **Nathan Damon** and **Hannah (Shaw) Damon**. Married Rush Van Deusen 6 Jan 1844

Wife Emma ‘E’ Barber Van Deusen born 1852, died April 21, 1917. Daughter of John Barber of Beebetown/Strongsville. Married December 23, 1876. They lived in a Western Reserve house on his father’s farm, then built their own house at 1449 Center Road in 1898.

Son Clarence Elmer Van Deusen Born June 18, 1878 in Hinckley, Ohio, and graduated from Baldwin University where he served as captain of the football team. He received his law degree from Cleveland Law School in 1903 then moved to Lorain. He and a classmate, A.C. Calhoun, opened an office there and were in partnership until Mr. Calhoun's death. He resided at 1128 5th Street. In 1908 Mr. Van Deusen recodified all city ordinances and 1912-21 was elected solicitor. He was a member of Masons Lorain Council 103 and Lorain Commandery 65, Al Koran Temple of Cleveland, Rotary, Elks. He was a member of First Methodist Church. Survivors are the widow Margaret, sons, Richard K of Lorain, a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Jean) Geroch of Akron and a son Bruce D. Died 1962 age 84. He was preceded in death by his sons George and Wilbur.

Daughter-in-law Margaret Richard Van Deusen wife of Clarence, retired school teacher, died 1975 age 89. Born in Bombay, India, July 2, 1886, ME church and many civic organizations.

Grandsons of Clarence and Margaret: **Richard Karl Van Deusen** (1911-2000). **George Van Deusen** (1918 - 1919), **Wilbur Van Deusen** (1921 - 1924). **Dr Bruce Dudley Van Deusen** 1932- 2012: Bachelors in Physics and Mathematics Ohio Wesleyan. MS Nuclear Science U of Michigan; MS Automotive Engineering from Chrysler Institute. PhD Engineering Mechanics U of Michigan. Worked for the Chrysler Corporation, held many patents. One of the first to use Chrysler’s earliest computers to support his experiments and research. Early love of cars, would building cars with parts from several crapped ones. He rebuilt a model-A car to drive in stock car races in Texas, winning countless time. Bruce invented simulators for tanks, helped design the M1 Abrams tank. Projects in the field of electro-thermal energy development. He retired from General Dynamics in 1993 as Director of Advanced Development. Served on the Birmingham Board of Education for twelve years, started Education Services to create accurate projections to assist school boards and administrators in planning for the future, for 20 yrs after his retirement. [[111]]Wife Ann and children David, Beth Swenson and Janet Rice.

Son (Arthur) Clyde Van Deusen was born Sept 1, 1885 in Hinckley. He went to Baldwin University? Clyde was a farmer and insurance agent. He was married December 1904 to Reba Allora Witherup. They had a son Paul in 1907. They separated in 1907 and were divorced by 1910. Clyde married Dessie Fowler June 1, 1910. They had a son Kenneth born in 1913 or 1914, although Newman does not mention his birth. They had a daughter Edna Irene “Irene” April 5 1915, she died Dec 10 age 8 months. On Feb 12, 1920 Clyde is 34 head of household, son Kenneth A 6, Dessie 33, Newman 72.

Daughter-in-law Dessie (Odessa?) Fowler Van Deusen was born to Eliza and David Fowler in Gilmore, Ohio in 1886. She had four brothers Paul, Opie, Charles and Robert. She died age 39 in 1926 of pneumonia brought on by long illness, at the home of her parents near Lloydsville, Belmont County. Funeral First Christian Church Wheeling, burial St Clairsville Union Cemetery by the Knights and Ladies of the KKK, (monument with Clyde at Maple Hill). In 1928 Kenneth is in St Clairsville with his maternal grandparents. In 1927, Kenneth was ending 8th grade at a small country school near his grandparents’. In Sept 1930, Clarence brought him to Hinckley to visit family and friends then took him to ‘a noted school in Austinburg, Ashtabula County’ (*Grand River Academy*) and enrolled him. There is no information on Kenneth past this date, perhaps in 1930 Kenneth Van Deusen 16 working as a plumber in a plumbing shop and boarding with Nannie Dickerson in New Philadelphia?

Daughter-in-law Reba Allora Witherup Van Deusen born 1887, attended Oberlin, married Clyde Dec 27 1904, separated in 1907, divorced by 1910, teacher Berea. He was sued for non-support and lost. In 1920, Reba is boarding in Berea with Nellie and John Blair, and son Paul 13. Never remarried.

Brother Omar O VanDeusen born Hinckley 1855 married Jessie Conant 1880, teacher and farmer, moved to Granger to teach school 1882, attorney elected clerk of courts 1893-1899, admitted to bar 1899, attorney Medina to 1894, elected probate judge. He died in 1930.

Brother Dexter Nathan Van Deusen 1848-1917. Probably attended Baldwin University. Married Caroline 'Carrie' Lovina Webber in 1884 or 1885, she divorced him in about 1888. 1880 Dexter 31 and Carrie 21 living in MI with son Irving D age 3. In 1898 they moved to Hinckley. Dexter's children Irving 1877-1922. Earl Rush 1885-1927. Paul E, 1893-1978. Bert 1882-1944. Carrie and Dexter were divorced between 1893 and 1896. Carrie and husband Robert Stanley got custody of the children and lived in Michigan. In 1900 Dexter is divorced head of household in Hinckley.

Brother Bryon Van Deusen born Hinckley Ap 27 1853, died Hinckley May 16 1925. Married Daisy McGiggan Feb 15 1883, "large farm owner and dairyman". Children Grace Hill and Fern Van Deusen Seffing.

Sister Julia Jane 'Jennie' Van Deusen born 1851, married George Proulx 1873 2nd cousins, George died 1884, she married Tom Royston (born Engand 1845, died 1916). She died April 10, 1916 in Hinckley, farmer's widow. Jennie cared for first wife of Geo Proulx in her illness, then took care of the children, then married him at age 22. To Michigan with Geo and brother Byron 1870s, then returned to Hinckley

Aunt Mary Van Deusen b 1838 to Washington Williams in Pekin, taught at her home school 1859, m Ray Van Deusen, lived in Michigan, died 1927

Step-mother Anna Fusic/Foosic/Foosick born Bohemia (Czechoslovakia) 1870. Married Rush when she was 19 and he was 65. Children Esther A 1889, Clifton L 1890, Anna M 1892, May J 1894, Martha 1895, Martin 1897. Widowed Anna Fusic lived in Cleveland 1930, came to Newman's funeral, daughter Anna Shook lived in Hinckley.

Sister Lillian 'Lillie M' Van Deusen Austin born 1862, living 1898 at 147 Seymour Ave Cleveland. Married Richard F Austin in Cleveland 1902. Had a daughter May or Mae D Austin Griffith.

Niece May D Austin Griffith, daughter of Lillie M Van Deusen Austin born c. 1906. Had a baby Fern April 1 1927 and a son Stanwood Jr in 1928, separated by 1930. By 1932 he is 31, married to Bessie Washburn 46 with custody of the children. In 1940 farmer living in Richfield 38, Bessie 54, Fern 13, Stanwood Jr 11, to farm in Spencer 1947, died there 1961. No further information on May.

Aunt Emer Damon on his mother's side, died 1895, buried Richfield

Addendum #3 Autobiography from the 1897 Medina County Atlas

"Newman L. VanDeusen, farmer and fruit grower of Hinckley Township. Was born in that township February 19, 1847. He passed his youth assisting his father on the farm and attending the district school, where he acquired a common school education. After four terms at Baldwin University, he took the business course in that institution, receiving his diploma in the spring of 1869. The following spring he went to Benton County, Iowa, remaining till December when he went to Wichita, Kansas where he joined a party of about a dozen men who were going on a buffalo hunt in the wilds of southwestern Kansas. The sixth day out a few of the noble animals were seen and the next day plenty were found. The weather was warm and pleasant in the forenoon but in the afternoon it suddenly changed to one of those terrible blizzards for which the west is famous, and for three days it raged with unabated fury. It was only by hard work and careful preparation that they kept from freezing to death. On the fourth day they succeeded in digging their way out of the snow, and making their way back to Wichita, which required about five days more. Each one of the party was frozen more or less and nearly exhausted by hunger and fatigue. Remaining a while at Wichita, he returned to Hinckley, reaching there in February, 1871. For six years after attaining his majority, he assisted his father on the farm and taught school in the winter. For four years more, in company with a brother (*Byron*), he rented his father's farm. While engaged in teaching he met Miss Emma G. Barber, of Strongsville, Cuyahoga county, to whom he was married December 23, 1876. She was born in Rockport (*now Lakewood*), Ohio May 11, 1852. This union has been blessed with two children, Clarence E. born June 18, 1878, who is now attending Baldwin University, and Arthur Clyde, born September 18, 1885. Since 1884, Mr VanDeusen has been engaged principally in the culture of small fruits and raising plants for sale, in both of which he has been very successful. He produced last year seventy bushels of strawberries, twenty of gooseberries, and thirty-six of currants, also over six tons of grapes. He has been honored by his townsmen by several offices of trust, such as assessor, treasurer, justice of the peace and member of the school

board. As justice of the peace he was a peace-maker and did much toward the settling disputes without litigation, working more for the good of men than for money. He is a prominent citizen of his township and a staunch republican. A charter member of the Hinckley Grange and for several years has been its secretary. He is strictly temperate, using neither intoxicants or tobacco. He is a consistent member of the Disciple church in which he holds the office of clerk, treasurer deacon and trustee. His wife has been a faithful worker in the Sabbath school and its superintendent for several years”.

Addendum #4 In 1894, son Clarence also kept a diary. He is 16 and attends Baldwin University:

January 5 WJ Searles is high school teacher. *Every day he writes* ‘Went to school. Took my dinner’

8 Skating – ice not very thick, fell in

10 Skating on Shank’s pond

18 Brongers’ oyster party, home 1 am

19 This was on the blackboard NB No Whispering.

23 Caught a cat in my trap

26 Skating on W Wait’s pond

February 1 Party at Spencer Charlton’s, home 1 am. Put four lights of glass in the school house. *He does the preacher’s chores for a few weeks*

10 To KDC at Herman’s

11 To KPSCE

18 Clyde and I slid down the hill on my skees

29 Bernie and Eddie called. Snowballed. Shot a woodpecker

23 To church on the hill. Rev Mitchel the presiding elder preached

24 To surprise party at Jay Wilcox’s. Last day of school

27 Went to the little school (no 4)

March 4 *has been ill* The doctor came again. I have got Typhoid Fever! 4-16 can’t eat nothing – terrible fever – out of my head – no maple sugar this year because it was poor and I am sick – weaker than a fly – all I have to eat or drink is milk – we have a new doctor McKean

16 I am not well, something is the matter with my liver

28 Can eat a little but of a piece of toast. Awful tired of laying abed

April 1 I had my pants on. Getting so I can eat egg and toast

10 A baby is staying at the home

14 Eat and read is my motto now

16 First day outdoors

28 Hoed *First day he worked a little*

June 21 Birthday. I got a box of cartridges, a gold pen, a paddle and we had all the pickers eat with us

26 Grandpa and I got up at 12 at night and went to Cleveland. Going over the viaduct we broke a thill. Coming home it rained very hard we went in a barn. I bought a few fire works and went over the new Brighton bridge. *Brighton now called Brooklyn or Old Brooklyn. Steel bridge 1,540 long, 29-1/2’ roadway, 7’ sidewalks on either side. The road surface was wooden planking*

July 4 Got up early and shot off fire crackers. Made lemonade. Shot off fireworks in the evening then went up and saw them at the center. No good

14 Went hunting. One robin, a frog, a turtle

19 To Cleveland with ma and pa and Clyde. We got there after dark. I went to bed on the floor

20 In Cleveland. We got our picture taken

21 To the Battle of Gettysburg, walked around the lake

August 13 Helped fix the ground for the Sunday School picnic at Vick Musser’s. Swings, seats, stage etc.

20 Helped mama build a dam

23 Went to Annie’s. Shot at a mark

26 Ma and Pa to Cleveland. Did chores, played, read. Dexter (*his uncle*) came and staid all night. We were not afraid

September 2 Broke the tongue of the bell

9 Caught Bernie and Eddie Nichols stealing grapes

10 Went to UB McIntyre's and I took my baggage

11 Went to Berea to Mrs Loomis'. Going to college

12 Went to college. Did some trading. Registered and had my studies marked. Went downtown

13 8:30 Physical Geology. 9:30 Whale's Arithmetic. 10:30 US History 11:30 Reed and Kellogg grammar. 12:30 dinner, studies, went to town. Wrote

14 To school as usual. I ate and went to recreational room. Went to library

15 I have to study very hard

16 Went to a funny church and to the ME church in the evening

18 Studied elocution

19 Went to recite. To Penmanship class

24 Ball game BU vs. GWC

26 To recitation 8.30-12.30. Studied, Exercised. Studied. Went to bed. Wish I were home

28 To library. We live on Bagley road.

29 Went to Hinckley. Ma sick

October 4 Went to a foot ball game. My dear mother has Typhoid Fever! *Goes to football games every day or two*

28 To ball game CAC vs BW

30 Went to Lake Abram

November 12 BW vs Hudson. *They play Oberlin, Wellington. His obit says he was captain of the football team*

19 Football team is the champions of the state

29 Church, went downtown, write, had turkey and to football game

December 5 To chapel 8.45

16 To concert at ME Church

17 Cleaned lamps for Mrs Loomis. Pearl and Mrs Loomis are mad at me and my folks and said terrible things about them because they charged too much for things. They called her stingy, Mrs L said

18 To music recital, to lecture by Prof Frazer in old Hulet hall, took Pearl

19 Examinations. Geology 90, penmanship 91, arithmetic 86

20 Glad to see my folks. Played with the lamb

22 To Oakley's sale

24 Helped with the Christmas tree at the center. Spoke a piece and called off names

25 Went to church at the center. Had a good time

29 Went hunting and killed a nice fat little rabbit. Froze my toe sore as the duce

30 To church saw all the nice little girls

Addendum #5 Census records Hinckley, Ohio

1830 Not found, although Rush supposedly in Hinckley by 1828

1840 Not found

1850 VAN DEUSEN, RUSH 27 FARMER 1,000 born NY, MARIA 27 born MA, EDMUND 5 born OH, Newman L 3, (*Dexter*) Nathan 1.

1860 Rush 37 farmer worth \$1700 personal and real estate \$1700, Maria 37, Newman 13 at school, Martha (*Dexter Nathan*) 11 at school, Julia school, Byron 7 school, Owen (Omar) 5, George 2.

1870 Newman 22 and Dexter 20 are farm hands for uncle wealthy farmer MB Van Deusen in Iowa, living with him, wife Harriet and daughter, and domestic servant.

Rush L 'Vandeusaw' 49 very wealthy worth \$17,290, Maria S worth \$1260 45, Julia J 19, Bryon R 17 farm laborer in school, Omar O 15 school, George E 13 school, Lilly M 7 school, Charles S 5.

1880 Newman 'Drsen' armer is living with Emma 28 and Clarence 2

1900 Newman is a farmer, Emma, Arthur C 14 at school, Thomas H Royston 55 is boarding with them

1910 Newman is a fruit farmer, Emma, Clyde is insurance agent, divorced lives with them.

1920 Newman S Van Deusen head, son Clyde A at home, wife Dessie. Fruit farmer. Wm McKay hired hand lives with them.

1930 April 7, 1930 has Newman age 83 living with Clarence in Lorain

Addendum #6 Crazy Quilt designed by Newman's uncle Roe G. Van Deusen 1885-1887 whose initial is in the lower left-hand corner. Velvet and silk 65x 74".^[1]^[SEP] Pieced and finished by daughter Lois Van Deusen (1865-1926), Elsie, MI 1887. Roe designed the stitches which he drew in a notebook entitled "Fancy Stitches for Crazy Work" and then asked Lois to duplicate in embroidered form. If her needlework did not perfectly copy his drawings, he reportedly made her take out the stitches and start over. Roe Van Deusen also was a contributor to the Elsie Sun, in which he had a regular column called "Old Saws." Lois married in 1891 and spent life in Ithaca.

