

The 1900 Journal of  
**Charles Wesley Fitch**

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## Introduction

Charles Wesley Fitch maintained daily journals or diaries, if you will. We do not know how many remain to this day. This transcription was undertaken to make available to descendants of Grandpa Fitch, these excellent records of life nearly a century ago. We hope that this transcription is only the first of many. Currently we are trying to determine how many of the journals remain and their current whereabouts.

It is our understanding that the journals found after the death of grandpa were divided amongst the surviving children. This journal for 1900 was found in the buffet of Alice Rose Fitch Chinnery

From a genealogical standpoint I have added footnotes that are printed at the end of this transcription. These footnotes attempt to identify members of the family. Many other names are referred to in the Journal and are no doubt recognized by many as individuals prominent in the early history of this area of Mason County. We retained the spellings and punctuations as recorded in the diary, except for adding periods or hypens to separate entries for clarity purposes. Our apologies for typographical errors not caught. I am unable to run the spelling check on the file because of leaving original spellings.

Donald Chinnery  
20 January 1998

January 1900<sup>1</sup>

1. Mon.  
Went to town to a new year dinner at Aunt Maggies<sup>2</sup>  
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2. Tues.  
Helped Richard<sup>3</sup> cut stalks.  
Went to League meeting.  
.....  
3. Wed.  
Boarded up and put a door in between the two shops.  
Went to Prayer meeting  
.....  
4. Thurs. Wea.<sup>4</sup>  
fine  
Went to town after an ax - was gone less than four hours.<sup>5</sup>  
Ground five bags feed  
Netties sick<sup>6</sup>  
.....  
5. Fri. fine  
Went to Hart with Buck wheat.  
.....  
6. Sat. fine  
Haul stone off my place to barn yard  
.....  
7. Sun.  
Went to Summit S.S. - Ethel<sup>78</sup> came home with us  
.....  
8. Mon.  
Cut Poles for wood  
.....

9. Tues. rain  
Helped Richard cut a load of stalks  
Cleaned out pig pen  
Ground a little feed  
.....  
10. Wed.  
Went to Post Office  
cut poles  
Went to meeting  
.....  
11. Thurs.  
Hauled Peach limbs down to barn and hauled them back after sawed.  
Hauled down poles  
Sent for Singing book for Laegue  
Went to meeting  
.....  
12. Fri.  
Cut Poles  
Got examined for to get insured  
.....  
13. Sat.  
Hauled down poles  
Cut poles  
shaved  
.....  
14. Sun.  
Went to Summit S.S. and meeting at night  
.....  
15. Mon. Snow  
Went over to Benedicks after Nettie and Earnest Cut poles  
Put Shelfves in cloths closet up stairs and the stops on the doors.

January 1900

Went to meeting  
.....

16. Tues.

Hauled poles and stone and a load of wood for Anna<sup>9</sup>  
.....

17. Wed.

Sawed wood with the Buzz Saw  
Ground Some feed  
Went to meeting  
.....

18. Thurs

Rainy

Hauled up wood from barn yard  
Split wood  
Mortons brought over a grist  
Went to meeting  
.....

19. Fri.

Foggy

Hauled up wood from barn yard  
Split wood  
.....

20. Sat.

Ground Feed  
Shaved and made the Broom Stand  
.....

21. Sun.

Went to Summit S.S.  
Nettie and I went home with Grouts  
Went to Mortons School house at night.  
.....

22. Mon.

Cut wood - helped Richard cut stalks  
Went to meeting at Wesley  
.....

23. Tues.

Cut wood and hauled it to the woodshed

Went to meeting at Wesley  
.....

24. Wed.

Cut stalks  
Ground 8 bu. feed  
Went to Prayer meeting at Patterson  
.....

25. Thurs.

Ground feed  
Put a slide latch on the wood shed  
.....

26. Fri.

I split wood  
Took Nettie over to Jackson Roses<sup>10</sup>  
.....

27. Sat.

10 Stormy

Went to town  
Nettie and I went to a party at Jack Roses.  
Nettie stayed all night.  
.....

28. Sun.

8 Stormy  
Set around house with overalls on -  
There was no Sunday School  
.....

29. Mon.

Stormy

Set up Shop Stove  
Ethel brought Nettie home and took her back - I went after her.  
.....

30. Tues.

10 to 0 A<sup>11</sup> Storm  
Split and piled wood in wood shed  
Mended three pair of mittens  
.....

31. Wed.

January 1900

Stormy

Put in door between the Peach house  
and shop.

Went to Office

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February 1900

1. Thurs.  
5-7 A Storm  
Oiled Single Harness  
Helped William<sup>12</sup> haul some wood out.  
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2. Fri.  
10 A Wind Snow  
Put a buckle on Fan's collar  
Hauled Peach limbs down to the barn  
and hauled wood back.  
.....  
1. Sat.  
20 A Fine  
Oil harness  
Took some mail over to Richards.  
.....  
4. Sun. Wind  
Went to Summit S.S.  
.....  
5 Mon  
14 to 25 A fine W,S  
Hauled Stone from Frank Kibbys  
Cut stalks for William  
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.....  
6. Tues.  
24 A fine  
William and I hauled Stone from F.  
Kibbys  
.....  
7. Wed.  
40 A. foggy Rain  
Cut stalks for William  
Ground cutting Box Knives  
Give my note for \$27.73 for 30 days  
Received my insurance policy  
.....  
8. Thurs.  
40 to 25 A Rain  
Oiled part of the heavy harness

Put dressing on Single Harness  
.....  
9. Fri.  
9 to 15 A Snow Wind  
Hauled Will's wood out and a load of  
stalks  
Put Keepers on double lines. Went to  
meeting - went home with Grass???<sup>13</sup>  
.....  
10. Sat.  
13 to 25 A fine  
Cut poles for wood  
Helped Will cut stalks  
.....  
11. Sun. fine  
36 A  
Went to Summit S.S.  
Brought Mrs Bugarth home and took  
her back to church at night  
Took a sick girl home  
.....  
12. Mon. fine  
38A  
Oil Heavy harness  
cut - poles for wood  
.....  
.....  
13. Tues.  
20 to 12 Blow  
Snow  
Washed light - Harness  
.....  
14. Wed.  
8 to 16 Snow  
Put Heavy Harness together  
Hauled down poles  
.....  
15. Thurs.  
12 A S & W  
Put a pig to fat  
Cut Poles

February 1900

.....		put it in
16. Fri.		.....
5 to 13 A	W. & S.	25. Sun.
Cut poles		10 A
.....		W. Snow
17. Sat.		Stayed at home all day
10 - 26 A	Snow	.....
Cut Poles		26. Mon.
.....		3-34-7 A
18. Sun.		fine
10 A	S.W.	Shoveled roads
Went to Preaching and Sunday School		Hauled two loads lumber
Wrote to G. Hayes and Clin. Grout		.....
.....		27. Tues.
19. Mon.		7 - 24
13 A	fine	fine W
Went to town after a load of Blocks		Hauled load ( 3 cord) of wood from
.....		the mill for William
20. Tues.		cut - Some Peach wood
15 to 34 A	Fine	Hauled two load of stone
Went to town after a load of Blocks		.....
.....		28. Wed.
21. Wed.		16 - 24
20 to 34 A	W. S.	fine
Went to town after a load of Blocks		Oiled light Harness
.....		Hauled Stone
22. Thurs.		.....
24 to 36 A	Fine	
Took Richard's Sleighs home - got		
ours.		
Hauled three loads of wood		
.....		
23. Fri.		
26 - 32 A	Fine S.	
Hauled a load of lumber and three		
loads of stone		
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24. Sat.		
13 - 6 A	Wind Snow	
Ground feed		
Made an X for the Roof Cutter and		

March 1900

1. Thurs.  
19 - fine  
Went to town after a load of Blocks-  
they slid off three times - Orney Kibby  
came home with me  
Ma<sup>14</sup> was sick when I got home.

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2. Fri. 16-36 fine  
Went to town and got 10 thoundan  
shingle

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3. Sat.  
22-35 fine  
Hauled lumber  
Dr. Abbot came to see ma.

.....  
4. Sun.  
23-10 S.W. fine  
Stayed home all day  
Got the worst cold ever had

.....  
5. Mon.  
8 W.S.  
Ernest<sup>15</sup> helped me cut stalks  
Cutting Box ran like the wind

.....  
6. Tues.  
24 W.S.  
Hauled a load of lumber  
Cleaned out pig Pen  
Ground Feed

.....  
7. Wed.  
Hauled Lumber  
Skided logs

.....  
8. Thurs.  
17-43  
Hauled lumber

9. Fri.  
34 Rain  
Got up and helped put up the well  
Rods before breakfast  
Houck kiled our calf, ground feed  
Went to Dan Houcks and Edwards in  
the Rain

.....  
10. Sat.  
18-36 fine  
Went down to Mortons and tryed to  
get tank heater  
Pa<sup>16</sup> and I pulled up the Sucker and  
valve twice

.....  
11. Sun.  
18 W. fine  
Went to Summit S.S.  
Ethel came home with us - went to  
League meeting

.....  
12. Mon.  
7-28 Wind - fine  
Went the other side of nowhere and  
found Dan Houck and then went to  
town after leathers for the well-  
Gillette and I pulled up the valve and  
put the sucker down with out it.

.....  
13. Tues.  
32-35 W.F.  
Cut wood  
Hauled lumber  
Went to a cabinet meeting at the  
church

.....  
14. Wed.  
16-34 Snow F.  
Hauled stone

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March 1900

15. Thurs.  
 Ground feed  
 Dug(,) about four feet of the pipe  
 that runs to the house(,) out and  
 tried to th(?aw) it out  
 .....

16. Fri.  
 8-4 W.S.  
 Went to town with a grist  
 Got a tooth filled  
 .....

17. Sat.  
 6-14 W.S.  
 Skided logs at the mill  
 brought a load of lumber home  
 .....

18. Sun.  
 20 S.F.  
 Stayed home all day  
 Peeled Potatoes and onions for dinner  
 .....

19. Mon.  
 20-45 fine  
 Hauled 3 loads of lumber  
 .....

20. Tues.  
 18-36 W.S.  
 Shoveled Sawdust out of the ice house  
 .....

21. Wed.  
 20-32 W. F.  
 Hauled three loads of lumber  
 .....

22. Thurs.  
 32-42 Fine  
 I hauled two loads of Ice  
 .....

23. Fri.  
 20-42 Fine  
 I hauled two loads of Ice  
 .....

24 Sat.  
 16-54 Fine  
 Put the Sawdust on the Ice  
 Got 50 bushels of carrots in the cellar  
 .....

25. Sun.

34 W. Fine  
 Went to Summit Sunday School  
 Went to League meeting  
 .....

26. Mon.  
 25-40 Fine  
 Got team shoed  
 Hauled two loads of Lumber  
 Got some Apple Scins to Richards  
 .....

27. Tues.  
 27-42 Fine  
 On loaded Lumber  
 Hauled a load of Sawdust  
 Took water Pipe apart and built a fire in the  
 hole<sup>17</sup>  
 .....

28. Wed.  
 20-48 fine  
 Willie and I butchered a Pig  
 Put up a Sign for feed grinding  
 .....

29. Thurs.  
 28-40 Fine  
 Cut poles for wood  
 .....

30. Fri.  
 Fine  
 Went to town and made a payment on  
 my place.  
 .....

31. Sat.  
 Cut poles for wood  
 Put a floor in pig pen  
 .....

April 1900

1. Sun.		.....
	Fine	9. Mon.
Went to Summit to Preaching and Sunday School		26-43
.....		Fine W.
2. Mon.		Hauled Peach limbs down to barn
	Fine	Went down to mill to Skid Logs
Went to Election in the forenoon - was sick in afternoon		Went to Mortons after syrup
.....		.....
3. Tues.		10 Tues.
28-48	Fine	23-42
Cut poles for wood		Fine W.
Cut wood		Skided Logs at the mill
Went to Church		Hauled lumber
.....		.....
4. Wed.		11. Wed.
25-47	Fine	24-38
Cut poles for wood		Fine W.
.....		Hauled lumber
5. Thurs.		.....
22-53	Fine	12. Thurs.
Willie and I cut wood and Stalks		32-52
.....		Hauled two loads of lumber
6. Fri.		Started to cut stalks and broke feed cutter
37-62	Fine	Ground feed
Cut tops off Rasberries		Took Maple Syrup to the parsonage
Ground Feed		.....
.....		13. Fri.
7. Sat.		28-48
42-62	Fine	Fine
Cut tops of Rasberries		Oiled light harness
Ground Feed		Took Nettie to parsonage
Went over to Jackson Roses		Piled Lumber
.....		Went to Sugar Social - took E.R. home , I got home at 3 o'clock
8. Sun.		.....
78	Fine W	14. Sat.
I went to Summit S.S. - Nettie and I went home with Grouts and to church at night		30-50
I took E.R. Home		Fine
		Gathered Brush in Rasberries
		.....
		15. Sun.
		71
		Fine
		Went to Preaching and S.S. and over to see E.R. in the afternoon
		.....

April 1900

16. Mon.  
 40-50 Cloudy R  
 Frank Tomson and I hauled, 20 loads  
 of manure, out  
 Started to cut-Stalks  
 Broke cutting Box.

17. Tues.  
 48-57 Cloudy Rain  
 Frank and I hauled ten loads of  
 manure  
 Put some hay on the scaffold

18. Wed.  
 47- W R. Cloudy  
 Hauled manure - 14 loads  
 Ground feed

19. Thurs.  
 24-66 Fine  
 We hauled 6 loads of manure  
 Plowed Apple Orchard  
 Drafted two cherry trees

20. Fri.  
 42-70 Fine  
 Draged Wheat and Apple Orchard  
 twice  
 Took Daisy Cow to see her husband  
 Hauled Berry Brush

21. Sat.  
 60 Cloudy  
 Plowed Garden  
 Put finish on light harness

22. Sun.  
 62 Fine  
 Went to Sunday S.  
 Went to League and Preaching - took  
 E.R. home

23. Mon.  
 42-81 Fine  
 Plowed across the road from the  
 house

24. Tues.  
 46-78  
 Plowed across the road from the  
 house

25. Wed.  
 81 Fine  
 Hauled wood from the barn  
 Hauled brush out of Rasberries

26. Thurs.  
 4-80 Fine  
 Hauled six loads of manure  
 Loaded potatoes

27. Fri.  
 41-77 Fine  
 Drafted five Apple Trees  
 Helped take down Pig Pen

28. Sat.  
 Fine  
 Set trees  
 Pulled out Trees

29. Sun.  
 Fine  
 Went to Preaching and Sunday School  
 Clinton and Joe Grouts and Ethel Rose  
 came home with us  
 I took her back home  
 Sick at night

April 1900

30. Mon.

38-60

Fine

Set Trees

Shoveled dirt behind the Barn

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May 1900

1. Tues.  
40-60 Fine  
Set Trees  
Dug behind the barn  
.....

2. Wed.  
R. W. Fine  
Helped Raise barn  
Took a calf down to Mortons to send  
on the plains  
.....

3. Thurs.  
30 W. Fine  
Helped raise Barn  
.....

4. Fri.  
34-56 Fine  
Hauled a load of Blocks over to Mr  
Voras's  
Hauled Sand  
.....

5. Sat.  
31-50 W. Fine  
Hauled a load of blocks over to Mr  
Vores and a load of Sand back  
Draged the garden  
.....

6. Sun.  
Cold Fine  
Went to Summit SS  
Clin. and Joe and Nettie and I went  
home with Ethel  
I took her to meeting at night  
.....

7. Mon.  
81 Fine Rainy  
Hauled three loads of sand  
Hauled stone under the barn  
.....

8. Tues.  
38 W. Rain Cloudy  
Dipped the water out of the ditch  
under the barn  
Hauled Stone with the Wheel Barrow  
.....

9. Wed.  
34-48 Wind Fine  
Fixed wire fence on my place  
Plowed the medow across the road  
from the house.  
.....

10. Thurs.  
34-48 Fine  
Plowed meadow  
Planted part of the garden  
.....

11. Fri.  
46-63 Sprinkle Fine  
Started to plow but broke the clevis  
Planted four bushels of potatoes  
Pa went to Scotville and got a plow  
and horse Rake  
.....

12. Sat.  
48-78 Thunder - Fine  
Dug trench for stone wall  
Put the Screens on the house  
E.R. came over  
.....

13. Sun.  
80 W. Fine  
We went to quarterly meeting and  
temperance meeting at night  
.....

14. Mon.  
72 W. Fine  
Hauled four loads of sand  
Plowed meadow  
.....

May 1900

15. Tues.  
76 Fine  
Plowed meadow  
.....  
16. Wed.  
76 Rain Fine  
Took 41 bu potatoes out of pits  
.....  
17. Thurs.  
38-52 Cloudy Fine  
Wheeled stone  
Hauled three load of Sand  
.....  
18. Fri.  
40-62 Cloud Fine  
Picked up Roots and Stone on my  
place  
Took E.R. to a exhibition at the  
Morton School House  
.....  
.....  
19. Sat.  
Fine  
Got home at half past one.  
Tended mason with cement  
.....  
20. Sun.  
62 Fine  
Went to Sunday School convention  
both morning and evening - took E.R.  
home - made a pretty girl cry  
.....  
21. Mon.  
40-71 Fine  
Dragged five acres over twice  
Took a load of blocks to Bushes  
.....  
22. Tues.  
71 Fine  
Hauled two loads of Sand  
Marked out corn ground and planted

two hours.  
.....  
23. Wed.  
74 Cloudy Fine  
Finished Plant Corn in forenoon  
Hauled three loads of sand.  
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24. Thurs.  
74 Fine  
Tended mason with stone.  
.....  
25. Fri.  
84 Fine  
Dug trench for pipe under barn  
Dragged across the road from the  
house  
Hauled two laods of sand  
.....  
26. Sat.  
80 Fine  
Wheeled Stone  
Tended, mason with mortar, three  
Thunder and lighting tonight  
.....  
27. Sun.  
80 Fine thunder  
Went to preaching and Sunday School  
Went to J. Roses in the afternoon  
.....  
28. Mon.  
75 Cloudy Fine  
Tended mason with water  
.....  
29. Tues.  
74  
Tended mason with mortar  
Went to a cabinet meeting of the  
League  
Took Nettie and Ethel  
.....

May 1900

30. Wed.

74

Fine

Tended mason with mortar

Went to a prayer meeting at Richards

.....

31. Thurs.

82

Tended mason with mortar

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June 1900

1. Fri.  
74 Fine Rain  
Norman and I hauled Stone and put  
them in the bridge  
Went over to see Dan and Jess Houck  
after supplies.  
Ethel was here and we had ice cream  
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2. Sat.  
Foggy Fine  
Wheeled Stone in the Bridge  
Took Ethel to E.V. (?) meeting  
.....  
.....

3. Sun.  
Fine  
Went to Sunday School  
Took Ethel to E.V. meeting  
.....

4. Mon.  
Fine  
Picked up stumps -dragged and floated  
carrot ground  
Helped Richard put one barrel of  
spray on  
.....

5. Tues.  
82 Fine  
Helped Richard Spray  
Planted carrots, mangles, and sweet  
corn  
Took Ethel and Nettie to League B.  
Meet.<sup>18</sup>  
.....6

. Wed.  
Rain from 10 to 3  
Hauled two loads of sand and two  
loads of Stone in the Bridge  
.....

7. Thurs.  
82-60 Fine

Rained this morning till about 8  
O'clock  
Plowed till noon  
Hauled Stone in the Bridge  
.....

8. Fri.  
Fine  
Hauled stone in the Bridge  
Plowed  
Went down to the Hall to see Frank  
Kibby about our debate  
.....

9. Sat.  
72 Fine  
Plowed one and half acres of potatoes  
in the northe west corner of my place  
.....

10. Sun.  
Rain all forenoon  
Stayed home all day  
Went to temperance meeting at school  
house  
.....

11. Mon.  
72 Fine  
Went over to Bushes with a load of Blocks  
Dragged the garden  
Planted Sugar Beets  
.....

12. Tues.  
44-82 Fine  
Plowed for Buck Wheat  
.....

13. Wed.  
64 Fine  
Went to Bushes with a load of Blocks  
Plowed  
Picked up Roots  
Went to Prayer meeting at Grouts  
.....



June 1900

14. Thurs.  
Picked up Stone  
Picked up Brush in the Orchard  
.....  
15. Fri.  
Dragged five acres over twice with the Spring  
tooth  
Went to League meeting - had a debate  
- "*Resolve that Education is more  
Benifical than Money*" <sup>19</sup>- We came  
out ahead.  
.....  
16. Sat.  
Went over the Buckwheat with the  
weeder.  
Went to town with Berries, Rose  
McClatchie rode home with me  
.....  
17. Sun.  
87                      Rain Bow    Fine  
Went to Sunday S.  
Went to Jack Roses  
We took the Black Pony and new  
buggy and went after Nellie Hamilton -  
we got back and went to church  
.....  
18. Mon.  
76    Fine  
Hauled brush  
Planted some vegetable Oysters  
.....  
19. Tues.  
81    Fine  
Worked on the road  
.....  
20. Wed.  
77    Fine  
Hauled Stone for Bridge  
Worked on Road  
Went to prayer meeting at Levi  
McClatchies  
Took Edith Castor Home  
.....

21. Thurs.  
    Rain  
Worked on road  
Plowed in Orchard  
Put stove up for Berries pickers  
.....  
22. Fri.  
    Foggy, Rain, Fine  
Planted Turnips, Bean and Cucumbers  
Scraped dirt on the barn bridge  
Pa went to Scotville and got new  
mower and a plow beam  
.....  
23. Sat.  
85    Fine  
Helped fill up the bridge  
.....  
24. Sun.  
86    Fine  
Stayed home in the morning - Went to  
Jack Roses in the afternoon and  
stayed till after ten  
.....  
25. Mon.  
90    Fine  
Plowed around the trees with Maude  
.....  
26. Tues  
80    Fine  
Plowed around trees with Maude  
Culivated carrots with little Planel Jr.  
Went to ice cream social at school  
house  
Lighteninged Thundered and Rained  
.....  
27. Wed.  
80    Fine  
Plowed around trees  
Went to prayer meeting at Albrights  
Rained Lighteninged  
.....

June 1900

28. Thurs.

7<sup>20</sup>

Foggy Fine

Plowed around trees

.....

29. Fri.

50-70

Fine

Plowed around trees

.....

30. Sat.

70

Fine

Hauled down some Sleepers from the  
woods

Dragged Potatoes

Plowed in the Orchard

Went to Wesley<sup>21</sup> after a load of crates

July 1900

1. Sun 77 Went to Summit Sunday School Stayed home the rest of the day The folks went to Free Methodist Camp Meeting .....	Fine	8. Sun.  Went to Sunday School at Wesley Went home with Jack Rose's for dinner .....	Fine Rainy
2. Mon. 68 Split wood Cultivated Rasberries Went over to see Ethel Rose <sup>22</sup> .....	Rainy Fine	9. Mon.  Finished plow around trees Worked in the garden Went to School meeting .....	Fine
3. Tues. 83 Plowed around trees with Bird .....	Fine	10. Tues.  Hauled in a load of hay Made a Double tree Hauled manure .....	Rain Fine
4. Wed.  Got up at two and got Richard's horse. I took Nettie and Ethel to Evert - We started at four and got back about ten. A man jumped off the train and killed himself .....	Fine	11. Wed. 53-67 Piled lumber Worked in garden Went to Wesley and bought a pair of overalls .....	Fine Cloudy
5. Thurs. 90 Mowed hay around fence and trees clutivated corn .....	Fine	12. Thurs.  Worked on the barn Went to town with berries .....	Fine
6. Fri. 89 Hauled in seven loads of hay A worse sand and wind storm I never seen .....	Wind Fine	13. Fri.  Tallied Berries Went to town with Berries .....	Fine
7. Sat. 83 Made pig yard and house Turned ice cream freezer	Rainy Fine	14. Sat. 87 Hauled in a load of hay Used the potatoes Bug Gun Mowed milk weeds and bush on my	W. Fine

July 1900

place after supper  
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5. Sun.

Rain Fine

Stayed home all day - Ethel came over  
to see me and we walked over to  
church at night

Rainy

.....

16. Mon.

Rainy

Worked in the barn

.....

17. Tues.

Fine

Laid floor in barn till noon. Picked 36  
pt Berries

Went to town - took Ethel with me.

.....

18. Wed.

Fine

Tallied Berries

Mowed hay around stumps and fence

.....

19. Thurs.

Fine

Bound wheat

Hauled hay till half past eight -  
Seven loads

.....

20. Fri.

Rainny

Hauled in a load of hay before  
breakfast

Made a Screen for Ernest's window

Made Some Salt Boxes for the horses

.....

21. Sat.

38-70

Fine

Went to Wesley after a load of crates

Picked three crates of cherries

Culivated Garden til dark - Found  
horse shoe

.....

22. Sun.

Fine

Went to Preaching and Sunday School.

Went home with Ethel for dinner

We went to E.V. meeting at night

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23. Mon.

Cloudy Fine

Went over to Richards with the team

before breakfast to haul in oats

Picked 1/2 crate cherries

Tallied Berries

Helped Richard Haul in oats

Hauled in two loads Hay

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24. Tues.

Fine Rain Fine

Unloaded Hay before breakfast

Hauled in one load hay - a little wheat

Culivated carrots and mangle

.....

25. Wed.

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Pairn's Greened Potatoes

Culivated potatoes

Rode Hay Rake

Set up wheat

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26. Thurs.

Hauled in hay

Set up wheat

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27. Fri.

Hauled in wheat

Cut Canada thistle in Rasberries

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28. Sat.

Put up a fence across the garden

July 1900

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29. Sun.

Went to Sunday School at Wesley

Went to church at Wesley

Seen E.R. Home

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30. Mon.

Went to Wesley after a load of crates

Went to town with a load of lumber to  
get dressed

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31. Tues.

Dragged in orchard till after ten

Picked fourty two baskets of peaches

Went to town with fruit after half past  
five

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August 1900

1. Wed.  
Picked five bushels of Apples and  
twelve baskets of peaches  
Went to town  
.....  
2. Thurs.  
.....  
Fine  
Dragged in orchard  
.....  
3. Fri.  
114 in Sun Fine  
Picked 75 Baskets of peaches  
Went to town with fruit - got some lap  
robes  
.....  
4. Sat.  
86 in shade Fine  
Went to Shop to get a tire set  
Got a load of peach baskets  
Weeded Bagges<sup>23</sup>  
.....  
5. Sun.  
111 Fine  
Went to church and Sunday School  
Went over to Roses and stayed half the  
night  
.....  
6. Mon.  
.....  
Fine  
Culivated corn  
Broke cultivater  
.....  
7. Tues.  
.....  
Fine  
Dragged on orchard  
Took Ethel for a ride with our new  
horse Nellie  
.....  
8. Wed.  
.....  
Fine  
Picked 30 baskets peaches

Pulled weeds in the garden  
.....  
.....  
9. Thurs.  
.....  
Fine  
Took kids down to rally.  
Took Ethel, Hattie, and Earnest for a  
boat ride on the car ferry  
.....  
10. Fri.  
Dragged in the orchard  
.....  
11. Sat.  
.....  
Fine  
Hauled seven loads of sand  
.....  
12. Sun.  
.....  
Rained  
Went over to Roses about seven  
a'clock to go to Epworth but we did  
not go.  
We went to church at night  
The girls gave me there picture  
.....  
13. Mon.  
Picked over a hundred baskets of  
peaches  
.....  
14. Tues.  
Picked peaches  
cultivated garden  
.....  
15. Wed.  
.....  
Fine Rain  
nailed baskets  
cultivated garden  
.....

August 1900

16. Thurs.

Picked peaches  
Hauled small Stone for flor in  
Basement of barn  
.....

Fine

Picked peaches

25. Sat.

Fine

17. Fri.

Hauled stone  
.....

Picked peaches

Went to look for a hired girl  
.....

18. Sat.

Picked peaches  
.....

26. Sun.

Stayed home all day  
.....

19. Sun.

Went to church and Sunday School  
Ethel, Mary Baker and Unkle  
Micheals<sup>24</sup> came home with us  
.....

Fine

27. Mon.

Went to the Blacksmith Shop

Picked peaches  
.....

20. Mon.

Picked peaches  
.....

28. Tues.

Peaches picked

Went to town with peaches

Got a letter from E.V.R.<sup>25</sup>  
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21. Tues.

Peaches picked  
Hauled Stone  
Nellie balked and I left the wagon  
down at Mortons  
.....

29. Wed.

Went to town with a load of oak  
lumber to get dressed for the stable  
.....

22. Wed.

Hauled one load Stone  
Hauled four load Sand  
Hauled ?????[not completed]  
.....

30. Thurs.

Picked peaches

Went to town  
.....

23. Thurs.

Worked at the stable  
Hauled two loads of Sand and one  
load of wood  
.....

Rain Fine

31. Fri.

Hot Fine

Went to town with a load of plank to  
get dressed for the Stable

Wrote a letter and mailed it to E.R.  
.....

24. Fri.

Hauled two loads of Sand

Rain Fine

September 1900

1 Sat.  
Picked peaches  
Went to town with them  
.....  
2. Sun.  
Went to preaching and Sunday School  
Clin and Joe came home with us  
.....  
3. Mon.  
Picked peaches  
and took some to town  
.....  
4. Tues.  
[ Picked peaches went to town ]  
Went to Mars to get horses shod  
[        ]26  
.....  
5. Wed.  
[Picked peaches - and went to town.]  
Went to Wesley after Baskets  
[        ]  
.....  
6. Thurs.  
Picked Peaches  
Went to town  
.....  
7. Fri.  
Put covers on peaches  
Took 300 to town  
.....  
8. Sat.  
Helped in the packing house  
Went to town  
.....  
9. Sun.  
Stayed home all day  
Went to League meeting  
.....  
10. Mon.  
Picked peaches  
.....

11. Tues.  
.....  
Went to town  
Got wet to the skin all over  
.....  
12. Wed.  
Went to town with Peaches  
.....  
13. Thurs.  
Went to town with peaches  
.....  
14. Fri.  
Went to town twice with with peaches  
.....  
15. Sat.  
.....  
Rainy  
Picked peaches and took some to town  
.....  
16. Sun.  
.....  
Fine Rain  
Went to Sunday School - Ethel came  
home with me and we took Nettie to  
town in the evening  
.....  
17. Mon.  
.....  
Cold Fine  
Worked at the Stable  
Picked peaches  
Hawkins Fracey and I went to Grouts  
.....  
18. Tues.  
.....  
Fine  
Picked peaches  
cut corn  
.....  
19. Wed.  
.....  
Fine Rain  
Peaches picked  
Went to town in the rain  
.....



September 1900

20. Thurs.

Rain F.R.

Nailed baskets  
Cut corn  
Hauled corn up in front of the corn  
crib

21. Fri.

Fine

Hauled corn  
Went and got 100 Bushels of Oats  
from E. Woolman

22. Sat.

Fine

Cut corn  
Hauled up corn

23. Sun.

Fine

Went to Summit Sunday School  
and to meeting at night

24. Mon.

picked peaches

25. Tues.

picked peaches  
Took Ella Madson home

26. Wed.

Picked peaches

27. Thurs.

picked peaches  
Took peaches to town and brought  
Ethel home  
Broke the King Bolt

28. Fri.

Hauled down peaches

29. Sat.

Picked peaches  
Tied up corn  
piled up stone

30. Sun.

Went to praeching and Sunday School  
at Wesley  
Went to Morton's School house to  
Praeching at night

October 1900

1. Mon.  
Dug the pipe and barrell out of the  
Blacksmith Shop  
Put new leathers in the well  
picked peaches  
.....  
2. Tues.  
Picked peaches.  
Went to town, took 300 baskets  
Pa took 100 with Nellie  
I paid Aunt Maggie \$52.75  
.....  
3. Wed. Rainy  
Put partitions in root cellar  
.....  
.....  
4. Thurs.  
Picked the last peaches and took them  
to town  
.....  
5. Fri. Rain Fine  
Split wood  
Plowed 1/2 day for wheat where we  
had corn  
.....  
6. Sat.  
Hauled up corn  
pulled stumps  
picked up Stone  
.....  
7. Sun.  
Went to Sunday School - drove Roses  
team home and stayed there and went  
to meeting with E.R.  
.....  
8. Mon. Fine  
plowed  
.....

9. Tues. Fine  
Finished the plowing  
.....  
10. Wed.  
Picked up roots and Stone - Dragged  
Bound Buckwheat  
.....  
11. Thurs.  
Dragged in wheat  
.....  
12. Fri.  
Dragged  
Bound Buckwheat  
.....  
13. Sat. Fine  
Went and got Unkle Mike's Rollar  
Bound Buckwheat  
Ethel came over to see Nettie  
.....  
14. Sun. Fine  
Went to Preaching and Sunday School  
Nettie, Ethel, and I went to Richards in  
the afternoon  
Took Ethel Home  
.....  
15. Mon. Fine  
Rolled the wheat  
Picked five bushels apples  
Took Rollar Home  
Started to load hay  
.....  
16. Tues. W. Fine  
Took a load of hay to town  
Went to prohibition meeting  
Lecture at our church  
Took E.R. H.

October 1900

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17. Wed. W Fine  
Willie and I drove up to within 1 1/2 miles of Freesoil and 1 1/2 miles east of Fountain  
.....  
18. Thurs.  
Picked all our Apples  
.....  
19. Fri.  
Got the barn ready for the thrashers  
Helped thash  
.....  
20. Sat.  
Helped Gillette's thash  
Got fifty bushels of corn from Frenchs  
Went to fruit meeting  
.....  
21. Sun.  
Went to Sunday School  
Went to League meeting and Preaching  
I took E R H  
.....  
22. Mon. Rainy  
Cut fodder corn and picked Apples for Richard  
.....  
23. Tues. Rainy  
Went to Hart with a Buck Wheat Grist - it was to damp for to grind it  
Wrote a letter to Prop. Fountain Hotel  
.....  
24. Wed. Fine  
Dug 16 bushels of potatoes  
Went to Prohibition Lecture at Mortons School House

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25. Thurs. Fine  
Dug 15 bushels potatoes  
Put new Roosts in chicken coop  
.....  
26. Fri. Fine  
Dug 9 bushels potatoes  
Picked up 80 bushel of Bagges that Pa dug.  
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27. Sat. Fine  
Dug 30 bushels potatoes  
.....  
28. Sun. Fine Rain  
Went to Summit Sunday School, and preaching, Clin and Joe - Nettie, Ethel and I went home with Elie  
We took Nettie to town in the evening  
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29. Mon. Rainy  
Lathed up Stairs  
.....  
30. Tues.  
Willie and I hauled two loads of Sand and dug 56 bushels of potatoes  
.....  
31. Wed.  
We buried old Fan Horse  
Dug 21 bushels potatoes  
Went to prayer meeting at Woolmans  
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November 1900

1. Thurs.  
Cold Cloudy Rain  
Dug 16 bushel potatoes  
Put the Apples in the barn  
.....  
2. Fri.  
Fine  
We dug 27 bushel potatoes- Finished  
.....  
3. Sat.  
Wind  
I went over to the hall to register<sup>27</sup>  
Made a pig run  
.....  
4. Sun.  
Went to Summit S S  
Nora<sup>28</sup>, Ethel, Hattie<sup>29</sup> and I went  
home with Unkle Mike  
Took Ethel home and had a conflag  
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5. Mon.  
Fine  
Took in the cabbage  
Pulled 48 bushels Bagges  
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6. Tues.  
Fine  
Went to Election  
voted for prohibition  
Pulled 50 bushels Bagges and 30 Sugar  
Beets  
.....  
7. Wed.  
Rain Snow  
Pulled 40 bushels Sugar Beets and  
picked them up in the rain and snow  
.....  
8. Thurs.  
Put a floor in Mauds stall  
.....  
9. Fri.

Dug out water pipe to the barn  
Made Sour Krout  
.....  
10. Sat.  
Helped haul down Some poles and cut  
them into wood with the Buzz Saw  
.....  
11. Sun.  
Went to Preaching and Sunday School  
Clin and Joe came home with us  
.....  
12. Mon.  
Wind S  
Slacked two Barrels Lime  
Hauled down poles  
Dug for a skunk but did not get it  
Dug out pipe  
.....  
13. Tues.  
Snow W  
Dug out pipe  
Split wood  
.....  
14. Wed.  
Run the Grind Stone with wind mill-  
ground cutting box knives  
cut stalks  
.....  
15. Thurs.  
Hauled up wood  
Hauled in corn  
Dug out pipe  
Wind over and Seen Baby Dean<sup>30</sup>  
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16. Fri.  
Got home at three  
Dug out pipe  
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17. Sat.  
Fine  
Dug out pipe

November 1900

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18. Sun.

Rainny

Went to Sunday School

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19. Mon.

Rain Fine

Husked corn in the barn  
Pulled carrots - 7 bushels

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20. Tues.

Fine

Pulled carrots  
18 bushels

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21. Wed.

Helped clean the church

.....  
22. Thurs.

Put a partition in the shed for a pig  
pen  
Took Elie's horse and took Joe Grout  
to Oyster Supper at Pattersons

.....  
23. Fri.

Got home at half past one  
Helped butcher 4 pigs and take down  
the old Stable

.....  
24. Sat.

Helped take down the old Stable  
Helped Willie haul corn stalks

.....  
25. Sun.

Went to preaching and Sunday School  
Went home with Ethel Rose

.....  
26. Mon.

Helped take down old Stable  
Mixed Mortor

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27. Tues.

Elie and I cut 4 1/2 cords of wood and  
1 log for Myres

.....  
28. Wed.

Hauled manure  
10 loads  
Put it on west hill  
Went to prayer meeting at Levi  
McClatchies

.....  
29. Thurs

Helped cut Stalks  
Hauled in Corn in the Fodder  
Afternoon  
Went hunting - never shot once

.....  
30. Fri.

Hauled 10 loads of manure and put it  
on the west hill

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December 1900

1 Sat.  
Hauled 9 load of manure  
.....

2. Sun.  
Went to Sunday School  
Elie and I went to League meeting and  
preaching  
Elie got out of the buggy and I took  
Ethel Home  
.....

3. Mon.  
Warm Wet  
Hauled manure  
Moved some Lumber  
Hauled corn  
.....

4. Tues.  
Wet  
Elie and I cut 4 1/2 cords wood for  
Myres  
Went to the church for League  
meeting but there was not any  
.....

5. Wed.  
W. S. Fine  
4 Logs  
Elie and I cut 5 cords of wood - 2 1/2  
for Meyers and 2 1/2 for Stewert  
Went to Prayer meeting at Albrights  
.....

6. Thurs.  
Fine  
Elie and I cut five cords for Stewert  
.....

7. Fri.  
F. Cold  
Elie and I cut 5 cords of wood for  
Stewert  
.....

8 Sat.  
Wind

Elie and I cut 5 cords of wood for  
Stewert - 1 log  
.....

9. Sun.  
Cold Wind  
Started to Sunday School but there  
was not any. Got the doctor for Nettie  
We all got vaccinated  
.....

10. Mon.  
Cold  
Wind  
Elie and I cut 5 1/2 cords of wood  
for Stewert  
.....

11. Tues.  
Elie and I cut 5 cords of wood for  
Stewert  
.....

12. Wed.  
Wind  
Elie and I cut 4 cords of wood - 2 logs  
.....

13. Thurs.  
Wind  
We laid off on account of Elie's back  
I helped Pa husked corn and cut  
Rubbish and haul it in the wood shed  
.....

14. Fri.  
Elie and I cut 5 cords of wood  
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15. Sat.  
Fine

Elie and I cut 4 cords wood  
5 cords  
\*  
2 1/2 cords  
.....

16. Sun.  
Wind Fine

December 1900

Went after Doctor for Nettie before  
Breakfast -  
Went over to J. Roses for dinner came  
home at nine

.....  
17. Mon.

Fine

Elie and I cut 4 cords of wood

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18. Tues.

Elie and I cut 4 1/2 cords of wood

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19. Wed

Elie and I cut 3 1/2 cords wood

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20. Thurs.

Elie and I cut 4 1/2 cords wood and 3  
logs

.....  
21. Fri.

Warm

Fine

Elie and I cut 4 cors wood and 2 logs  
Pa went over and paid our taxes

.....  
22. Sat.

Elie went to town for Holidays  
I husked corn for Pa  
Joe came over in the afternoon

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23. Sun.

Rain Snow

Stayed home all day

.....  
24. Mon.

Finished husk the corn

.....  
25. Tues.

Snow W.

Ground cutting box Knives  
Unkle Mikes was here  
Helped Willie make a picture Frame

.....  
26. Wed.

Set up cutting box

Put a door and window in Storm Shed,  
and a Storm door on the log house

Cleaned out wood shed

Elie came

Went to Post Office

.....  
27. Thurs.

Warm Fine

I went down and cut 2 cords of wood

.....  
28. Fri.

Fine S.

I cut 2 cords wood

.....  
29. Sat.

Wind

Took Ma and Nettie to town, to do  
some trading

Bought three shirts - one for \$1. two  
for \$.25 each

.....  
30. Sun.

Went to Sunday School - went home  
with Grouts and to League and  
preaching at night.

Received a book for a christmas  
present from Ethel

.....  
31. Mon.

Snow

Elie and I cut 4 cords wood and 1 log

Memoranda

.The following are additional notes included at the end of the book under memoranda

Nov. 16

Elie and I bought a cross cut-Saw, a set, a file, and two handles for \$5.00

Dec. 19, 1900

M.O. Stewert

Dr to cutting of fifty cords of wood  
\$12.50

Dec 21

cr by cash 6.25

Jan 7, 1901

cr by cash 3.00

Feb 5, 1901

cr by cash 3.25

Feb 5 hauling logs 0.75

Feb 8 by cash 1.90

Dr to cutting logs 2.65

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Total Dr \$12.50	6.25	Cr
2.65	3.00	
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15.15	0.75	
	1.90	
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	15.15	



- 1 Charles Wesley Fitch would have been age 21 at this time. (b. 6 Jun 1878)
- 2 Aunt Maggie would have been Margaret Fitch, b. 28 Mar 1849 and widow of Edward Doubledee, (b. 3 Dec 1838, d. 4 Apr. 1896)
- 3 Richard Fitch, b. 1 Jun 1869 brother to Charles Wesley Fitch.
- 4 For each days entry there was a place for recording the weather. Left hand side a place for recording the temperature and on the right a place to comment on weather. We will not include the descriptive headers for each days entry. But, when a notation has been made regarding the weather we will list on the first line for that day.
- 5 Now a days we would consider four hours to be excessive for such a simple task of shopping for an axe. But one must remember that town was 10 miles away and would have been traveled by horse.
- 6 Nettie Mable Fitch, b. 17 Jan 1881 - sister to Charles.
- 7 Ethel Vivian Rose
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- 9 Not sure who this is. William's wife was named Anna
- 10 Andrew Jackson Rose. Parents of Ethel Vivian Rose. Probably commonly called Jackson. Even as a youngster in Ohio he was listed on 1850 Federal census as Jackson age 11.
- 11 Not sure what the 'A' references when temperature is shown. Best I can assume is he mans morning temperature.
- 12 William Fitch brother of Charles
- 13 Couldn't decipher this word
- 14 Harriett Cecilia Lano Fitch
- 15 Probably his brother Ernest Louis Fitch, b. 13 Nov 1888 (11 years old at this time)
- 16 John Henry Fitch, b.19 jan 1847, d. 18 Nov 1916.
- 17 Probably a frozen water line and trying to thaw the system out?
- 18 League Board Meeting?
- 19 Italics are editors
- 20 Probably incomplete entry

- 21 Several references referring to Wesley. Lewis Rose brother of Andrew J. Rose operated a store in Summit. His middle name was Wesley and I believe he commonly went by that name.
- 22 I wonder if this was something special as Ethel Rose was written with a special flourish
- 23 Bagges referred to several times , I wonder would this be short for Rutabaga
- 24 Michael Fitch, b. 29 Sep 1856 (age 43)
- 25 E.V.R. would be Ethel Vivian Rose.
- 26 Brackets represent his method of ditto comments
- 27 Charles would have been age 22 at this time
- 28 Nora Bell Fitch, b 11 Jul 1883, sister to Charles
- 29 Harriet Alice Fitch, b 18 Sep 1886, sister to Charles
- 30 Probably Hazen Alwyn Dean, b 7 Jun 1899 son of Mabel Rose and Frederic Dean. Hazen would be nephew to Charles.