

The 1902 Journal of
Charles Wesley Fitch

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Introduction

Charles Wesley Fitch maintained daily journals or diaries, if you will. The 1905 Diary - grandpa refers to them as diarie. 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 a century ago. Currently we are trying to determine how many of the journals remain and their current whereabouts.

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 punctuation as recorded in the diary, except for adding periods or hyphens to separate entries for clarity purposes.

Donald Chinnery
November 12, 2008

January 1902

January

1. Wed

Rain and warm

I got home from the party at three o'clock. Got up at nine.

Made a frame for my map.

Went to prayer meeting at E.E Grover¹.

2. Thurs

Cold Wind – 20 below zero.

Telephoned to Unkle Mike² and took a job of cutting 50 cords of wood.

Went to town

3. Fri

Windy 14 above zero

Helped make a filing horse. Made some iron saw edges. Helped Willie³ lay floor and split wood.

Received a letter from Ethel⁴.

4. Sat

Helped Willie lay floor and haul in some wood.

We, Willie and I, Moved down to Charles Houks.

5. Sun

Warm Fine Sunny

Went to Morton School house to Sunday School.

They elected me for secretary. Went home with Richard for dinner. Went down to Charles Houks and 6 o'clock.

6. Mon

Fine and warm Day

Willie and I cut wood – we piled two and half cords, and sawed more.

7. Tuesday

It is Fine and warm

Willie and I cut wood, we piled 6 _ cords.

Went to Epworth league Business meeting, I was installed as president.

8. Wed

Fine Warm

Willie and I cut 3 _ cords of wood.

9. Thursday

Fine and warm

Willie and I cut 5 1/8 cords of wood.

10. Fri

Fine _ Sunny _

Willie and I cut 4 1/8 cords of wood.

11. Sat

Stormy

Willie and I walked home, I have a bad cold received a letter from Ethel Rose.

12. Sun

Stormy

Stayed home all day I have an awful cold wrote to Ethel Rose.

I was to lead the Epworth League Meeting but I did not feel well.

13. Mon

Snowing

We went down to Charles Houks – Cut 1 _ cords of wood.

14. Tues

Warm Fine

Willie and I cut 37 logs for Houk

15. Wed

Willie and I cut 41 logs for C Houk.

16. Thurs

Willie and I cut 18 logs for Charles Houk and 17 bolts for lath and 1 _ cords of wood.

17. Fri

Wind and Snow

Willie and I cut 5 cords of wood.

18. Sat

Wind and Snow

Willie and I cut 5 _ cords of wood.

We ate supper at Unkles. Willie went home.

19. Sun

Fine Little Cold

Rode with Charles Houk to the M.E. Sunday School

Went home with Mrs Rose for dinner. Stotards was there. Went to the M.E. Church at night.

20. Mon

Fine

Cleared of brush and marked two trees for wood.

Rode to town and back with William Jamesson seen the F&P.M.⁵ Boat No. 3 on the Sand Bar wrecked.

⁵ Flint and Pere Marquette Ferries. When i was growing up they were known as P M Ferries later C&O Ferries

¹ Eli Grover - married to Charles first cousin Clarissa Doubledee.

² Michael Fitch his Uncle

³ Brother William fitch

⁴ Ethel Vivian Rose - soon to be his wife, married October 29, 1902

January 1902

from Richard⁶ .

21. Tues

Fine

Willie and I cut 3 1/8 cords of wood

22. Wed

Fine

Willie and I cut 6 _ cords of wood

23. Thurs

Willie and I cut 4 cords of wood.

I rode to prayer meeting with Unkle Mike

24. Fri

Fine Warm

Willie and I cut 6 3/8 cords of wood.

25. Sat

Fine

Willie and I helped cut corn stalks for Unkle Mike and came home with him.

26. Sun

Fine Stormy

Went to Sunday School at Morton's School house and begin to act a secretary.

Went to League Meeting and Preaching at night.

27. Mon

Stormy

Layed around the house all day

Wrote to E.V. Rose

28. Tues

Cold and Windy

George drove me down to Charles Houks I found he ahd taken the stove and so I came back home and Willie took his horse and we took a stove down there. I started to live in the same house with pigs.

29. Wed

Fine Cold

Willie and I put new leathers on Unkle Michaels well and cut 2 _ cords of wood.

30. Thur

Fine Cold

Willie and I cut a big Elm Tree witch made 1 log and 3 _ cords stove wood.

Went to the church but there was no prayer meeting

31. Fri

Fine Cold

Willie and I cut 4 1/8 cords of wood. Went to Church at night. Coglin preached. I borrowed \$5

⁶ Richard Fitch his brother

February 1902

February

1. Sat

Fine Warm

Willie and I cut 1 _ cords of wood

Anna came after us and took us to the convention at the church.

I went home with our folks and went to church at night Coglin preached

2. Sun

Windy Snowy and cold

Went to quarterly meeting at the church

Willie and I went home with Unkle Mike for dinner.

3. Mon

Wind Cold Snow

Willie and I ground our axes and cut 3 3/8 cords wood

4. Tue

Cold Wind Snow

Willie and I cut 4 cords of wood

It is the worse day of winter

Willie filed the saw after supper.

5. Wed

Wind Snow

Willie and I cut 4 cords of wood

6. Thurs

Snowed like everything

Willie and I cut 3 _ cords of wood

I went up to the church but there was no prayer meeting

7. Fri

Cold Wind

Willie and I cut 3 3/8 cords of wood – we took dinner at Anties because the cat eat some of ours.

8. Sat

Wind Snow

Willie and I cut 1 _ cords of wood

Pa came after us. Brought us some wood and took us home.

9. Sun

Windy

Went to Morton School house to Sunday school, to League and Preaching at night after which I came down to our batch hall

Herbert Kibby and Eli⁷ and Clara was at our folks for dinner.

10. Mon

Windy

Willie and I cut down over 20 trees an put up 3 3/8 cords of wood.

11. Tues

Fine

Willie and I cut 5 3/8 cords of wood.

12. Wed

Windy Snowy

Willie and I cut 3 _ cords of wood out of 17 trees.

We took dinner with Aunt

We went to a box social at Sultons School house.

We got our boxes for 15 cents each I ate with Kate Hadley and took her home.

13. Thurs

Clear Cold

Willie and I cut 5 cords of wood 16 inch wood⁸

14. Fri

Clear

Willie and I cut 5 5/8 cords of wood 16 inch wood

15. Sat

Fine

Willie and I cut 4 _ cords of wood

Pa sent George after us and we moved home to stay.

16. Sun

Went to Sunday school at Morton School House.

Went to the E.L. Services at night.

17. Mon

Windy

Went over and payed Richard the \$5.00 I borrowed

Went to the Post office and send a letter to E.V. Rose and one to Mrs Foltz.

Made a door for the smoke house

18. Tues

Wind

Helped Willie cut wood on Castor

19. Wed

Fine Cold

Nettie down to Unkle Michaels

Built a fire under the big tank to thaw out the pipe that runs to the house.

Went to prayer meeting at Williams.

⁷ Eli Grover and his wife Clarissa aka Clara.

⁸ What we know as a short cord, a full cord would be 4'x8' by 4feet deep

February 1902

20. Thurs

Fine Warm

I took Pa's team and Willie took his horse we we hauled four lath bolts from Charles Houks.

21. Fri

Fine

Kept fire under the tank to thaw out the pipe
Received a letter from Ethel Rose and Mrs felts
Willie Kibby took a load of us young folks down to Sheldons at Ludington we was not more than three deep in the sleigh.

22. Sat

A Fine Day

We got home from Ludington at five o'clock and was as sick as a dog. I vomited before I got into the house. I went to bed and sleep very nearly all day. Studied the League lesson a little.

23. Sun

A Sunny Day

I went to Sunday school at Mortons School house and done my secretary work. I rode home for Richard and Mary went to Willies for Dinner. Frank Kibby and Norman Hayes took dinner at our place.
I led the Epworth league meeting.

24. Mon

The sun shine sbright. A little frosty in the morning.

I got up @ 3 o'clock came over to Richards for Breakfast. I took him and his wife to town for the early train. I bought a cap at the big store and two diaries at Shermans and started home after Unkle Mike paid me ten dollars. I went down and seen Swansons Spring.

*Temperance

All of our folks went to the phonograph entertainment at the church except Nettie her and Dortha was to bed at 7:30

25. Tues

Another sunny day

We got up late

I went over to John Balls to see about some stone that was taken from place.

Hitched Richards team and hauled a load of stone from the back to front of my place. Burt horse pulled a shoe off and I gave up hauling them.

I took Nettie and Dorthy to the Thank offering at the preachers. Mable came with us.

26. Wed

A fine day

We got up late done the chores.

Wrote a letter to Richard carried water from Edwads and filled a barrel.

Herbert Kibby came over in the afternoon and I beat him playing checkers.

Herbert and I went to Prayer Meeting at Castors.

27. Thurs

Fine but cloudy

I went hunting skunck and White owls. Went to Bass Lake outlet. Walke dup the beach to Labells Landing. Brough some stones home.

28. Fri

Rainy Snow

Cleaned out chicken coop

Split wood cleaned out wood shed.

March 1902

March

1. Sat

Went over home after the buggy pole
Oiled the buggy
Went to town after Richard and Mary. Got a shoe
put on Burt. Richard brought mne an awful nice
watch charm – four hearts connected with gold
rings.
Nettie and I came home to Fathers house.

2. Sun

Wind Snow
Went down to Mortons School House to Sunday
School
Went to E. L. Church at night. Lost three of my
hearts.

3. Mon

Fine
Went over to Hesses to look for my hearts did not
find them.
Willie and I dug out two skuncks and carried them
home and put in the pen.
Went over to Richards and got my diaries.

4. Tues

Fine Sunny
Took Richards canhook and neckjack home.
Put a handle on my ax and ground Willies and
mine.
Went to a tin shower at J. A. Quinceys.
Willie and I went home with Kinney.

5. Wed

A fine day
Willie and I cut 4 _ cords of wood.

6. Thurs

Awful fine
Willie and I cut 4 _ cords of wood.
Walked to Prayer meeting at our church

7. Fri

Fine
Willie and I cut 3cords of wood got through at
noon.
I went to town and bought a trunk and a pair of
gloves
Rode home with Frank Sullivan and stopped at
the Summit town hall

8. Sat

Fine but Cloudy
Went over to the Blacksmith shop after my ax and
clothes.
Stopped at McClatchies and had a talk with him.
Gillette and McClatchie payed me for their league

books.

9. Sun

Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Went to funeral of Mr Smith
Ate supper at T. W. Roses and stayed to League

10. Mon

Fine
Began to work for George McClathie
Took down a wire fence
Gathered Sap

11. Tues

Picked up brush in the orchard.
Trimed peach trees with cross cut saw.
Burnt Brush
Put tags on chickens

12. Wed

Rained and snowed
Put roost in chicken coop
Made two troughs to feed chickens

13. Thurs

Picked up brush in the orchard
Sawed wood with Jay Bruce
Trimed apples

14. Fri

Helped dress ten chickens
Pulled sunflowers cornstalks and parsnips –
trimed grapes.
Went to Box social at T. W. Roses and ate with
Lydia Wright.

15. Sat

A wet day
Levi, Jay and I trimed grapes and apples
Jay beat me three games of checkers and two game
sof caroms

16. Sun

Snowed and Blowed
I went to Mortons School House to Sunday
School. Stopped at our folks on my way back and
got dinner ready for them
Came back to McClatchies about five o'clock
Wrote to Ethel Rose

17. Mon

Two below zero
Awful stormy
I filed my first cross cut saw
Jay, Dick and I cut two and half cords of wood

March 1902

18. Tues

Snowy about zero

Wrote a letter Gressel for trees before breakfast

Dick, Jay and I cut four cords of wood

Went to bible study at the church

19. Wed

Cold Fine

Jay and I split wood _ day

Levi and I trimmed _ day

20. Thurs

Fine

Helped dress twenty five chickens

Trimmed trees

Rode to Prayer meeting with Eli Grover.

21. Fri

Fine

The Boss sent me down to the Lomis woods to help French cut bolts – we cut 3 cords and started home at five.

Received a letter from Ethel Rose

Took some Chicken heads up home for the skuncks

22. Sat

Fine

Started to trim but Boss called me and put me at cleaning up the Barn yard

Received a letter from dressel

Paid Levi up to date

Caught twenty five chickens to fat

Shaved

23. Sun

A nice fine day

I went to Mortons School house to Sunday School

Ate Dinner at our folks went to League and Preaching

Elie gave me the key to the church

24. Mon

Fine

Sowed about eight barrel of salt

Slacked eleven pounts of vidual

Borrowed Benidicts Pipe wrench

25. Tues

Fine Windy

Helped fix the well

Tried to sow plaster but wind blew to hard.

Trimmed peach trees

Hitched up Ben and took Mr. McClatchie to Bible study and took pipe wrench home.

26. Wed

Fine Windy

Dick and I picked up stove

Drilled a hole through the iron pump rod

Trimmed trees

27. Thurs

Jay and I put on eight barrel of spray

Went to Prayer meeting opened the church

28. Fri

Fine _ day Rainy _ day

Jay and I put on three barrel of spray on peach trees

Helped dress 15 chickens

Cleaned out- chicken coop

Went over to see Ethel Rose when she came home.

29. Sat

Fine

Got the buggy ready for Mr. McClatchie to go to town, he took 70 dozen eggs and twenty one chickens

Set fence post and nailed wire on.

Paid Levi up to Date

Paid our girls 7.00 for washing

30. Sun

Snowed and blowed

Went over to Preaching at our church but there was no Sunday School

Went home with Ethel for dinner

31. Mon

Fine but windy

Jay and I carried the Sawdust out of the incubators

Put in the self feeders

April 1902

April

1. Tues

Windy

Split wood

Choped peach limbs

Went down to Benidicts to grind bones but he did not have any steam

Went to Bible Stucy and Business Meeting of the League, Took E.V. R⁹ home

We got 161 eggs

2. Wed

Windy Fine

Jay Dick and I cut five cords of wood

Let Claude Houk have ten hens and a rooster

3. Thurs

Fine

Helped Mr McCatchie dress twenty two chickens

Jay and I put on four barrel of copper sulphate

Went to prayer meeting and opened the church

4. Fri

Clear

Froze hard last night

Jay and I tried to spray but our hay wire harness gave out

Trimed trees

Dick and Jay sprayed 5 barrel

Went to C. Smiths for mother

Bought box of salve and a picture from W. Kibby

5. Sat

Cloudy and cold

Trimed trees

Jay and I put on one and a half barrel of spray

Fixed chicken yard

Paid Levi up to date

We shut up 33 chickens to fat

6. Sun

Rained before nine and cleared up fine, rained at six at night

Went to Sunday School at Wesley

Ethel and I went home with our folks

We walked to church at night

7. Mon

Blowed and snowed

Jay and I cleaned out hens nests in the forenoon

We burnt peach brush in the afternoon

I shot old Black Fanny horse after supper

Cut one _ off for chickens and _ for skunck

8. Tues

Fine Warm

Jay and I burnt peach brush in the forenoon and

⁹ Ethel Viviaan Rose

put on 5 _ barrel of copper sulphate in afternoon.
Went to Bible study went home with E V R

9. Wed

Fine

Jay and I put 10 barrel of copper Sulphate on peach trees

10. Thurs

Fine Warm

Jay and I put 9 barrel of copper sulphate on peach trees

Went to prayer meeting

Stacled 14 pounds of blue Vitural after I got home also wrote for a red letter testament

11. Fri

Fine

Sowed 300 pounds of Western Brand and 100 pounds of Chicago Brand Fertilizer right east of the house.

Helped dress chickens

Jany and I sprayed 4 barrel

Counted the chickens took twenty up stairs to set.

12. Sat

Fine Cloudy Cold

Cleaned the chicken roost

Went to Allen Houks and got 100 Rasberries plants

Went to Benedicts and run the bone grinder.

Driled in _ pound of onions seed

Set 9 hens

Caught 19 and shut them up for the fat

Had some taffy

13. Sun

Went to preaching and Sunday School at Wesley

Went hunting flowers with the boys.

Went and walked to E.V. Church with E. Rose to hear Fathers Farewell Sermon. Ate supper at

Roses when we got home. I got back at 1:30 o'clock.

14. Mon

Fine

Sowed 200 pounds of pure bone and Potash and 100 of Chicago Brand on the Rye and Clover.

Sowed 3 bushels of Rye

Dragged on the Rye

Dick went to have his teeth filled

Levi and Jay put 8 barrel of spray on

Slacked Vitural

Caught Chickens

15. Tues

Fine

April 1902

Sowed Clover seed on the Rye
Floated the carrot and onion ground. Sowed 100 nitrate of soda on Rye.
Drilled 1 lb of onion and _ lb carrots
Went to Bible Study
Went home with E V R

16. Wed
Fine Mr. McClatchie and Jay went to town
Dick and I put on 7 barrel of copper sulphate on peaches.
Went up to A. Benedicts and took Nettie to Prayer meeting at Gillettes
Set a Set a Plymouth rock hen with round eggs.

17. Thurs
Fine Windy
Jay and I put 6 barrel of copper sulphate on Peach trees
Drilled 1 pound of carrot seed
Give my note for \$30.20 trees for 6 months at Hart
Went to Prayer meeting at M E Church at Wesley

18. Fri
Fine but windy
Sowed 80 lb Super phosphate and 20 lb nitrate soda on east side of onions
Jay and I sprayed 3 barrel out-
Sowed 400 lb super phosphate in peach orchard east of the bridge
Drilled _ lb of onions
Ma brought my big had to me
Sowed 200 lb super phosphate north of the onions at the rate of 1000 lbs to the acre.
Went down to C Smith for our folks.

19. Sat
Rained Fine
Remodeled little chicken coop
Went home to ???¹⁰
Set 14 hens [dgc note: This page and several pages following were entered with very faint pencil. 6 days total - accuracy of transcription questionable]

20. Sun
Fine
Went to Sunday school at Wesleys
Went over to roses and walked to League meeting with Ethel

21. Mon
Fine rained a little and thundered and lightened
Sowed 25 lbs of potash South of Apple Orchard.
Sowed 100 pound of Pure Bone and Potash East

¹⁰ Question marks indicating could not readd diary entry

of Barn yard for strawberries
Sowed 200 pounds Western Brand East of the Strawberries and 100 lb bone and potash east of Grapes.
Fixed the fense around the woods.

22 Tues
Windy Winday Rain
Fixed fence around the woods
Rune weeder on some ground for some strawberries. Also run the float over it.

23. Wed
Cold Fine
Dug some strawberry plants
Set strawberries
Hauled up some trees
Burned ?? Chickens
Sowed some plaster

24. Thurs
Fine
Levi, Jay and I set strawberries
Sowed 200 pounds of pure bone and 300 pounds of farmers favorite

25. Fri
Windy Cloudy wet Thundering
Levi, Jay and I set strawberries
Sowed 200 pounds of pure bone and 300 pounds of Chicago brand

26. Sat
Rained all dayl
Went home for supper

27. Sun
Fine
Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School

28. Mon
Fine
Willie and Pa's hired man Grover helped me set stakes for trees.

29. Tues
Fine but cloudy
Willie and I made a skunck yard and got them into it at 10 o'clock at night – we also made a glass box

30. Wed
Fine
Came back to McClatchies before breakfast
Sowed 2000 of Chicago Brand and western Brand fertilizer Worked in the flower garden

May 1902

MAY

1. Thurs

Fine

Helped Mr. McClatchie plant one row of peas.

Burnt Plum Brush

Helped Mrs McClatchie work in the grave yard.

Went to Prayer meeting

2. Fri

Rained hard and thundered before breakfast

Carried brush out of black berries

Sowed 150 pounds of pure Bone in the black berries leaving the 5th and 6th rows without any.

Planted Potatoes

Fixed Fence

Worked in the Flower Garden

3. Sat

Fine Rained thundered and lighteninged

Worked in the flower garden

Started to make a chicken yard.

Helped Mrs McClatchie Wash

Went home and stayed all night.

Mrs Bruce got struck with lightening

4. Sun

Came down to McClatchies and took care of the chickens

Went to Sunday school

Went home with roses

Went to League and Preaching at night

5. Mon

Fine

Levi and I worked at the chicken yard

Went over to Jack rose's with a note

6. Tues

Rain Fine Rain

Sowed a ton of Farmer's Favorite Fert.

Cleaned out chicken coop

Sowed Nitrate on the Garden peas except the middle row

Walked to Bible Study and Business Meeting with Ethel Rose

7. Wed

Fine

Set 4 hens

2 in the first coop east side

1 in third

1 in the first on west side

Jay and I sowed 5600 of pure bone and Farmers Favorite

Caught 35 Chickens for to sell

8. Thurs

Windy

Jay and I sowed 2400 of Ground Bone and Chicago Brand

We worked at Chicken Fence

Ethel came our and helped Mrs. Bruce and went to Prayer meeting with me.

9. Fri

Cold Wind

Set 35 Peach Trees and trimed 35 of them

Took Willie Horse and Pass buggy and Ethel and I went up in Eden to get a drain petition signed, but did not get it signed. We ate supper at home and I trimed 90 of my trees after supper and then walked home with her.

We had an increase of skunck today.

10. Sat

Snowing Wet

Sweeped the cobwebs down in the kitchen

Took handle out of a shovel and put it in a spade.

Planted some sweet peas

Healed in some strawberries

Jay and I sowed 3000 of Ground Bone and

Chicago Brand

Took a chicken home to our skucks.

Shaved

11. Sun

Fine Sunny

Went to Morton School House to Sunday School

Went over to roses and waited till Ethel came

home from Sunday School then we went and took dinner with Claude Hock

We all went to the E V Church at night

12. Mon

Jay and I sowed 600 pounds of Framers Favorite in Potatoe ground

500 Chicago Brand on Corn ground and 3000 of Farmers Favorite and Phosphate in Peach orchard.

13. Tues

Fine

Sowed 100 pounds of nitrate of soda on the onions, 133 of sulphate and 16 of potash on the cabbage ground

200 of Farmers Favorite in Apple Orchard

Worked at Chicken Fence – churned-

Dick and I sprayed Apples

Walked with Ethel to Bible Study

14. Wed

Fine Sunny Warm

Jay and I finished Chicken fence and Planted (ten) rows of Deewey Potatoes

May 1902

15. Thurs

Fine

Jay and I finished plant potatoes and set out 800 cabbage

I put the 1st short row of potatoes cut side down and the 2nd cut side up.

Went to Prayer Meeting

16. Fri

Fine

Sowed 600 of Farmers Favorite East of Potatoes Jay and I marked out 2 acres of corn ground

Drilled in _ lb carrots and about 5 of Marigles

Went up to trim trees but it was dark when I got there – found Ma sick abed

Brought my shotgun back with me

17. Sat

Helped dress 12 chickens

Sowed 1200 lbs of Nitrate of Soda in the peach orchard

25 lbs on cabagge

25 on carrots

Shaved and washed my feet

18. Sun

Rained all the forenoon

Went to Prohibition Lecture at the M.E. Church

Went home with Ethel and we went to League and Preaching at Night

19. Mon

Clear & Hot = Day

Sowed 100 of Acid Phosphate on tomatoes ground

Levi and I picked up Peach Brush and burnt it.

20. Tues

Levi and IJ Mar planted 300 hills of Mush Melons

Set out 180 Tomatoes

Went to bible Study

21. Wed

Levi and I marked out 4 _ acres for tomatoes and set some.

Went home and to Prayer meeting at Williams

22. Thurs

Levi and I set about a 1000 tomatoe plants

Hung screen door

Levi and I marked some ground for melons and Fodder corn

Helped Mrs McClatchie do the washing

Went to Prayer Meeting

23. Fri

Mixed 100 pounds phos.;25 pounds M. Potash; 30 pounds nitrate

And put half pound und[er] each melon hill.

We planted melons. A Girl came to see me

Levi, Jay and I set 2800 tomatoes plants

Took Jackson Roses team and his girl and went over to Richards.

24. Sat

Jay and I sowed 500 lb of phosphate on tomatoes ground'

Marked out 1 acre for tomatoes and set 2100

Took Bath and shaved

25. Sun

Fine

Went to Sunday school at Mortons School House

Rode down to Bethel Church to quarterly meeting came home with them and stayed till twelve

o'clock

26. Mon

Cold

Set 400 tomatoes

Covered 4 rows of manure

Sowed 160 of phosphate and 40 of potash on tomatoes ground on hill

Started to put a handful of Chicago Brand on each corn hill

We covered 300 tomatoes with dirt

Went to Prohibition alliance at Church

27. Tues

Cultivated a corner of the Apple Orchard

Uncovered the tomatoes

Put Chicago Brand on corn

Hooked chain for Dick

Went to Bible Study

28. Wed

Helped Dick haul stone and put them in the road where it was washed out.

Burnt Peach brush

Levi and I marked out tomatoe ground and set 800

Went to prayer meeting at John Bulls

29. Thurs

Levi and I set 1700 tomatoes and 300 or 400 cabbage

Fixed up some water barrels at the Barn Yard

Went to Prayer Meeting

May 1902

30. Fri

Fine Warm

Levi and I set 1260 tomatoes and 75 cabbage

Hauled some Peach stumps and piled them

Planted 210 hills of mush melons

Levi and I picked up brush in the lane and had a
Bon Fire after supper

31. Sat

Fine Warm

Levi and I planted 936 hills of melons leaving the

10th row without any fertilizer or manure, the fifth
row with manure and no fertilizer

Bought a wheel from McClatchie

June 1902

JUNE

1. Sun

Fine rained in the Evening
Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Went home with Richard for Dinner
Ate Supper at Willies and a lunch at Jack roses at nine o'clock

2. Mon

Jay and I picked up brush and burnt it
Levi came at noon and him and I planted two rows of Defendr Mush Melon
It got dark at four o'clock so they had the lightz light
Worked at my wheel¹¹

3. Tues

Rained _ day Fine
Levi and I laided floor
Went to Bible study took E.R. Home

4. Wed

Levi and I filled in 700 tomatoe plants and cultivated onions
Went up home and trimed 190 peach trees

5. Thurs

Dick and I sprayed Apples put on 4 barrel
Levi and I worked at the onions and filled in 300 tomatoe plants
Went to prayer meeting

6. Fri

Levi and I marked out 4 _ acres of ground for tomatoes
Dick, Jay, Levi and I set tomatoe plants

7. Sat

Picked 30 quarts of berries
Worked at my wheel

8. Sun

Went home before breakfast

9. Mon

Puttyed in 12 window lights 6 x 8
Worked at the lower house all day

10. Tues

Levi and I worked at the lower house

11. Wed

Levi and I layed floor
Jay and I went to John Lambs funeral

12. Thurs

Levi and I layed floor
Carried Mrs Claude Houks kid home
Worked at my wheel

13. Fri

Levi and I finished the floor
Put seats in the privy
Tried to ride wheel

14. Sat

Levi and I put a tar paper roof on the privy and hunbg a door.
We took a stove down to the lower house
Set 450 tomatoes and planted 5 kinds of mushmelons.
Churned
Took a bath and shaved

15. Sun

Rained last night but it is fine today
Walked beside my wheel going home and went to Sunday School at the School House
Ate dinner with my folks
Went to League meeting and childrens day exercises. Stayed at Jack Roses Ate a lunch and kept the girl up till about two o'clock

16. Mon

Fine
Levi and I planted melons and set 1000 tomatoe plants
I sowed 75 pounds of nitrate of soda on the onions
Played ball

17. Tues

Awful hot
Levi and I set about 1000 tomatoe plants
Went over to the store and bought a bug gun and Paris Greened 3000 tomatoe plants
Went over and walked with Ethel Rose to bible Study

18. Wed

Fine but cloudy
Levi and I hoed onions and ten boys pulled weeds out of the rows.
Thined the tops of two peach trees for Ethel
Hunted for the cow

19. Thurs

Fine
Mixed Fertilizer
Looked after ten boys putting fertilizer on tomatoe plants

¹¹ Bicycle

June 1902

Rode my wheel to prayer meeting but walked back with Ethel

20. Fri

Fine Cloudy Rained after supper
Mixed fertilizer
Had nine boys putting it on tomatoes plants and picking potatoe bugs off

21. Sat

Helped set tomatoes and mush melons
Took old Ben Horse and went to Halleys Mill after some lumber.

22. Sun

Fine but not too warm
Rode my wheel over to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Went up to see how Mary was
Went over and took dinner with Clauds wife and Ethel Rose – we went to E V Church

23. Mon

Partitioned off the room above the horse stable for my room.
Took six kids and gathered the bugs off about 10 acres of tomatoes.
Thined the top of a peach tree for Ethel
Played Ball

24. Tues

Fine Warm
Worked at my room in the barn
Milked two cows at Eleven O'clock
Sowed Nitrate on carrots
Took five boys and picked the potatoe bugs off potatoes and tomatoes

25. Wed

Rained
Fixed three Step ladders
Cut a link out of the chain on my wheel
Helped set 350 mush melons plants

26. Thurs

Layed off on account of a bad cold
Went up to Eden the tire came off my wheel and the chain got tight and the waterw as across the road and so I carried the wheel a mile
Ate dinner and supper at our folks

27. Fri

Set Tomatoes
Ethel and Mrs Claude Houk came over after me – I went over and stayed all nightat Jackson roses

28. Sat

Set Tomatoes
Planted some beans
Howed some tomatoes
Patched up the roof over my room
Took a bath
Went to prohibition Aliance Meeting

29. Sun

Fine
Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School and preaching . Widlock peached . Ate dinner at our folks.
Went to League and Preaching at Wesley. Widlock Preached

30. June

Wet Fine
Got up at five and fed my chickens then went back to bed again and stayed there till 9:30 A.M.
Had a headache and stomach ache
Set Out cabbage
Wrote a letter

July 1902

JULY

1. Tues

Planted Beans

Picked up the brush in the chicken park

Picked potatoe bugs

Put up some hay

Went to Bible Study

By way of A.J. Roses and took his girl.

2. Wed

Wet

Helped set tomatoes

3. Thurs

Levi, Petter and I set tomatoe plants

Hoed four rows of strawberries

Helped set up 4 acres of Hay

Went over to the church but there was no Prayer Meeting

4. Friday

Fine Hot

Sowed some nitrate & phosphate on lawn

Drove A.J. Roses team down to the lake when we came back we went in home and milkeda cow and got a cake of ice and some cherries brought them up to Stotards and had some ice cream.

Got home at twelve

5. Sat

Fine Warm

Mowed the weeds and grass in chicken park and cultivated it.

6. Sun

Fine

Got up at five o'clock

Wrote three letters in an endless chain.

Went to Mortons School house to Sunday School ate dinner with our folks

Went to E.V. Meeting at night.

7. Mon

Fine

Cut a maple board down to 4 inches by 40 long bored 10 inch holes in it

Put nitrate on melons and howed them\

Took five boys and picked the bugs off the Tomatoes

Put some parries green on potaoes

Went to Jackson Roses got home at twelve.

8. Tues

Awful warm

Parris greened potatoes

Spread some hay

Hoed melons

Put up some hay

9. Wed

Hoed melons

Paris Greened potatoes

Went to the M.E. Church to hear Patingil talk.

10. Thurs

Paris greened potatoes

Loaded 6 loads of hay

Went to Prayer Meeting with Ethel Rose

11. Fri

Marked out some ground for fodder corn

Put some barrels down in the barn yard for water.

Planted fodder corn

Thined two trees of peaches

Went home

12. Sat

Fine

Thined peaches by the tree at 10 cents a tree.

Shaved and took a bath

13. Sun

Went to Sunday school at Mortons School House

14. Mon

Fine Rain Fine Rain

Picked up roots in the tomatoes

Put fertilizer on tomatoes

Pulled milk weed at the East end of the place

15. Tues

Mowed Bigers and weeds on Zions Hill

Thined peaches

Went to Bible Study with Ethel rose and got home at 2 o'clock

16. Wed

Thined peaches

Helped Clyde haul in a little hay and set up some.

17. Thurs

Put some Paris Green on potatoes

Thined Mangles with a hoe

Went to prayer meeting – went home with Ethel

18. Fri

Thined Mangles and mush melons

Hoed Melons

Went over to Olmsteads and boxed with Clay

July 1902

19. Sat

Rained all day
Cleaned out part of chicken coop, one floor.
Fixed step ladder
Helped set 1000 cabbage
Shaved, Washed
Went home and stayed all night

20. Sun

Rained
Went to quarterly meeting at Mortons School House
Went to Jackson roses in the evening and stayed until about two o'clock

21. Mon

Will French and I started a wagon shed but run out of lumber
Thined peaches
Hoed

22. Tues

Kept four boys a hoeing melons and corn
Paris Greened one row of potatoes
We, Ethel and I, went to bible study also Ice Cream Social at M. Frenches

23. Wed

Paris Greened Potatoes
Went up to Gillettes to Prayer Meeting

24. Thurs

Rode my wheel over to the store after some Parris Green and put it on potatoes
Thined Mangles
Quit at half past three and rode to town on my wheel
Stayed to a temperance lecture at Epworth got home at one by riding on the rim of the wheel because the tire crept and took the valve off.

25. Fri

Rained off and on all day
Thined Mangles
Set cabbage
Went to Jack rose after some plants
Went to Kibbeys after some scythe and mowed weeds and some hay

26. Sat

Rained off and on all day
Helped clean up the yard
Hoed Strawberries
Thined Peaches
Played Ball
Shaved

27. Sun

Rained Fine
Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School and preaching.
Came home and ate dinner with Mrs Bruse then went over to Jack Roses
Went to League and Preaching

28. Mon

Stanley and I hoed tomatoes
Helped set cabbage
Played ball

29. Tues

Four of us hoed tomatoes
Cultivated Strawberries with old dan
Played Catch

30. Wed

Hoed Onions
Dug Potatoes
Cultivated Strawberries with old Dan
Went to E.E. Grovers to Prayer Meeting

31. Thurs

Fine Warm
Hoed near the house
Played Ball

August 1902

AUGUST

1. Fri

Fine

Got a load of onions ready for Mrs McClatchie to take to town.

Nailed handles on baskets – packed peaches

Cut every other hill out of the fodder corn.

Weeded onions

Went to Prohibition Aliance at the town hall.

2. Sat

Culivated Tomatoes with old Ben

Went over to L.W. Rose and helped haul 4 load of wheat

Played ball

Shaved washed

Went to Bed

3. Sun

Took Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Stotard to the Epworth League Grounds with roses team.

Ethel came home with us.

4. Mon

Fixed the fence when cows got out yesterday.

Picked five bushels of peaches

Helped Jay load up 45 bushel

Culivated Strawberries and tomatoes with Old Dan

Took Idas new horse and went home after there cradle

5. Tues

Helped pick peaches

Bound Rye

6. Wed

Helped pick peaches

Helped Babbit buggy wheel

Bound Rye

Went home to see George and take the cradle home

7. Thurs

Rained Fine

Layed around the Barn all the forenoon

Sowed 1000 of Chicago Brand on the old meadow ground

Went up to see Dave, and George, and Willie about playing Ball.

8. Fri

Put a fence though the chicken yard and sowed one part to clover

Weeded carrots

We caught 17 roosters and shut them up to fat.

9. Sat

Helped set cabbage

Picked peaches

Five of us played ball in Frenches Diamond.

10. Sun

Went to Sunday School at Mortons School House

Took Dinner at Jackson Roses and supper.

11. Mon

Culivated Strawberries with old Dan

Run the Stracherover three acres of ground

Started to sow some clover after supper.

12. Tues

Finished sew 3 acres of clover before breakfast

Hauled dirt out of the chicken coop.

Run the Stratcher

Went up home and over to Richards with Ethel Rose

13. Wed

Sewed three bags of Chicago Brand in the corn

Hoed Strawberries

14. Thurs

Sowed 300 Chicago Brand and 400 of Phosphate and 25 of each kind of Potash on the corn

Sowed clover in the corn

Helped move H.J. McClatchie off the hill

15. Fri

Finished sow clover in the corn

Remodeled old stretcher over

Picked Peaches

Run the stratcher in the corn

16. Sat

Run the stratcher in the corn

Cultivated cabbage and onions and tomatoes

Hired A Benidicks Bicycle and Fred and I went to town, we got home twelve o'clock and he stayed with me all night.

17. Sun

Went to Sunday school at Mortons School House

Stoped home and stayed all day went to Jackson roses at night

18. Mon

Run six pound sof babbit into a wagon wheel

Went to the BlackSmithg Shop after a bolt for the wagon.

Hoed Tomatoes

Went home

August 1902

19. Tues
Sowed 150 of ground Bone and 200 of other stuff
and 1/8 pound of turnip seed
Picked Peaches
Sowed _ bu clover seed
Came home for two days

20. Wed
Helped load peaches
Bound and set up Rye
Trimed Peach Treets on my place
Sent my bicycle wheels to town
Went to Prayer meeting at Stotards

21. Thurs
Picked Peaches
Helped Put new leathers on the pump
Hoed Canada Thistles on my place
Came down to McClatchies

22. Fri
Fine Cool
Raked the weeds off the strawberries with the
horse rake
Dragged in the orchard

23. Sat
Repaired six Stepladders
Trimed the Sun Flowers
Picked Peaches
Hoed tomatoes
Shaved

24. Sun
Walked to Sunday school at Mortons School
House
Went to A.J. roses for Dinner
We went to League and preaching in the Evening

25. Mon
1. Picked up the Apples
2. Oicked a peck of tomatoes
3. Hitched up old Ben for Mrs McClatchie
4. Cleaned out the barn
5. Burnt some weeds
6. Picked about three bushes of corn
7. Picked Peaches
8. Hoed potatoes and tomatoes

26. Tues
Fine Warm
Helped get a rig ready for Myrtle to go to town
Helped Pelter get his load of Truck Ready
Repaied two stepo ladders
Put Netting and covers on plums
Dug Potatoes
Hoed Strawberries

We caught 74 Chickens and put them in coop

27. Wed
Hoed tomatoes
Picked up Rotton plums and buried them
Went over to the store with Dave Grover and Mr.
Perry and got the wheels for my Bicycle. We went
down to the OMsteads and I ha dthe gloves on
with Earl Croster and With Earl Omstead.

28. Thurs
Picked the rest of the 11 bushels of the rotton
plums
Pelter and I done some scraping by the bridge
Went to Prayer Meeting at the M.E. Church

29. Fri
Helped get the rig ready for Mr McClatchie also
one for her.
The boys and I picked ten busheld sof Sweet
Apples and put them in the cellar.
Hoed tomatoes, Bean and Strawberries
Went to prohibition Alliance

30. Sat
Helped thrash at Frenches, Smiths and Benidicks
got home at 8:30 P.M.
Shaved and took a bath

31. Sun
Ethel and I walked down to Mortons School
House to Sunday School. We took dinner at
Richards

September 1902

SEPTEMBER

1. Mon

Got the rig ready for Mrs McClatchie
Fixed a buggy wheel with Babbit
Picked Tomatoes
Took a one horse load of Peaches town after Six O'Clock

I've got a very very very bad bad cold (written in margin by binding)

2. Tues

Helped fix the well
Went over to Benidicks and also over to Houks after some four basket crates
Hauled some empty baskets up to the orchard
Picked Tomatoes
Went over to the church
Ethel went with me but there was no meeting

3. Wed

Tried to Rain Cold
I packed peaches all day with White Pants on

4. Thurs

Packed Peaches
Walked to Church with Mr Biger, walked with Ethel coming home.

5. Fri

Packed Peaches

6. Sat

Packed peaches
Picked peaches
Cleaned out up over the horse stable and put up a bunk for the boys
Shaved

7. Sun

Rode my wheel over to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Stoped home for Dinner
Went over and walked to meeting with Ethel

8. Mon

Awful Awful windy
Packed Peaches
Rode over to the store at Wesley on my Wheel for a bale of neting??
Picked peaches
Raine

9. Tues

Cold windy
Picked and packed peaches
Went to Business Meeting

10. Wed

Picked and packed peaches

11. Thurs

Picked and Packed peaches
Walked to prayer meeting with Ethel
I got home at one in the morning

12. Fri

Picked peaches
Packed peaches
Harry Hawley and I went up home on our wheels

13. Sat

Put roof on wagon shed
Levi and I cut corn 78 shocks
Went home after my fall jacket

14. Sun

Wheeled to Mortons School House to Sunday School, came back to Bruces for dinner
Edward Jawbreaker and I wheeled to town to the Cal.... Church came back to Jack roses and stayed a little while, got home at one.

15. Mon

Made covers for crates
Picked peaches
Cover peaches
Loaded peaches

16. Tues

Packed tomatoes
Packed peaches
Carried a bushel of Crab Apples over to A.J. roses

17. Wed

Packed Peaches
Took Old Dan and took a bushel of crab apples over to Jack roses, and brought back to McClatchies Rye from Benidicks 23 bu.

18. Thurs

Wet Fine
Helped load Peaches
Made a new top for washing machine
Packed Peaches
Took Ethel with Roses Team up to our place to a party for Hattie

19. Fri

Picked and packed peaches
Nettie helped us

September 1902

20. Sat
Packed peaches till 4 o'clock then cut corn
Went up home

21. Sun
Harry and I rode to Mortons School house to
Sunday School
Came back by way of Wittys and I stopped to
A.J. Roses
We went to League Meeting, Set In the buggy
after we came home.

22. Mon
Hung Barn Doors
Picked and packed peaches
Bought 3 bushels of Tomatoes
Went to A.J. Roses after the crates

23. Tues
All Day Rained
Packed peaches
Cleaned Chicken roost

24. Wed
Picked up Peaches
Packed peaches
Picked Tomatoes
Shaved

25. Thurs
Fine Rain
Picked tomatoes
Nora helped us _ day
Packed peaches
Went with ethel to Prayer Meeting
Went to bed just before eleaven

26. Fri
Picked peaches
Packed peaches
Took 125 baskets of peaches to town with old
Dan and a wagon with out springs, got to bed
after 12

27. Sat
Packed peaches
Picked Tomatoes
Helped load 4 load of peaches and tomatoes

28. Sun
Rode my ladies wheel to Mortons School House
to Sunday School, Let Richard take it home with
him to keep it a while
Ate dinner at our place
Went to A J Roses and spent the evening

29. Mon

Wet Fog
Picked Tomatoes and a bushel of mush melons

30. Tues
Wet Fog
Picked Tomatoes and peaches

October 1902

OCTOBER

1. Wed

Picked Peaches till noon
Ethel and I went to town with her Fathers team
I borrowed \$100 of Wing
Had a tooth pulled

2. Thurs

Picked Peaches
Went to Prayer meeting with the girl

3. Fri

Picked peaches
Scared the Boys out of the melon patch by shooting.
They very near broke their necks running.

4. Sat

Picked Peaches
Went up home and payed my washing bill till the 1st of Nov

5. Sun

Walked over to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Stopped home for dinner – Ethel was there
Went went to League Meeting I got home at nine

6. Mon

Picked peaches
Went over to J. Roses to help them put up some peaches

7. Tues

Picked tomatoes and peaches
Went to bible study

8. Wed

Picked peaches

9. Thurs

Picked tomatoes and Peaches
Walked to Prayer Meeting with Ethel

10. Fri

Went over and worked on the parsnidge.

11. Sat

Picked mushmelon
Dug potatoes
Carried a bushel of Butternuts over to A.J. Roses
Shaved
Put my wheel together

12. Sun

Wet
Rode to Sunday School on my wheel
Stopped home for dinner – Went over to Jack roses in the evening and stayed all night.

13. Mon

Rainy
Packed tomatoes
Cleaned out chicken coop
Went home to fix a washing machine
Stayed all night

14. Tues

Picked Tomatoes
Went to League Business Meeting

15. Wed

Picked and packed peaches

16. Thurs

Picked and packed peaches
Walked to Prayer Meeting with E.V. Rose

17. Fri

Fred McClatchie and I rode our wheels to Ludington, Scottville, Custer and to Warens Farm in Eden

18. Sat

Picked tomatoes – Green
The boys also picked tomatoes
Shaved

19. Sun

Rode to Mortons School House to Sunday School – went to A.J. Roses for dinner
We went to League Meeting and preaching in the Evening

20. Mon

74 Bushels of Tomatoes picked in yard. I looked over most of them about half of them was ripe
H.J. McClatchie and the Boys hauled down 88 bushels of Tomatoes

21. Tues

Packed Peaches – Finished Pick Peaches
Went to Bible Study with Ethel Rose

22. Wed

Rained Early
Packed Peaches
Picked Tomatoes

October 1902

23. Thurs

Picked over Tomatoes
The Boys hauled down 64 bushels of Tomatoes
Finished Dig potatoes
Bought 1 _ Bushels of Uncle Sam potatoes and 1
_ Bushel of Sir Walter
Went to Prayer Meeting with Ethel Rose

24. Fri

Picked over Tomatoes
Husked Corn
Picked Grapes
I went out with the Boys – went to A. Houks ,
B.W. Taylor, M. Wanen and Frank Kibeys

25. Sat

Picked Grapes
Picked Tomatoes
Picked Grapes
Got dinner for four of us
Hauled in Grapes
Shot old Dan horse and helped Fred bury him
Husked Corn
Shaved
Cleaned my wheel
Wrote a letter to W.G. Smith

26. Sun

Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School
Stoped home for dinner
Went to Jackson roses in the evening

27. Mon

Went over home and got some tools to hang a
door
Put in a Door Frame and hung the door
Carried 6 Bushels of Tomatoes and pile dthem in
the yard
Fred, Petter and I took Pa's tools home

28. Tues

Rained
Fred, Petter and I packed grapes, and
Picked Apples and pulled two rows of carrots
Fred went to Bible Study with me, we went by
way of Shapples and then we ha dto climb in the
window.

29. Wed

Stanley, Petter and I pulled and hauled in carrots
and mangles
Rode my wheel to town and [got] my license to
marry – came back to A.J. Roses and got married
at eight o'clock.¹²

¹² [Note: His diary had this date tagged as red
letter day]

30. Thurs

Went up to Fathers and got his team and went to
Ludington after a load of furniture and got home
about dark
Treated some young folks with Oysters
Ethel and Mable went to town with their rig

31. Fri

We went to Scottville after a cook stove – got one
for \$59.00

November 1902

NOVEMBER

1. Sat

We went over to Father roses after some of Ethels things. We could not bring much over half of them at once.

Set up the stove and Bed

Hauled 1 cord of wood from Willies

Stella came after us and we went and stayed all night over there.

Got a bushel of potatoes

2. Sun

We walked over to Mortons School House to Sunday School and preaching

Ate dinner in our own home on our own table

We rode with Pa to church

3. Mon

We got up at five ate breakfast at six

I went to McClatchies and patched his roof where the fire burnt it.

4. Tues

Put our table together

Put a length of pipe on the top of ours.

Took Willies horse and went to Election, came home by way of Pake's to see him about some wood timber.

Hauled up a load of wood.

Hauled up out fifty cabbage

We went to Bible study

5. Wed

Rained all day

Board up between the shop and the peach house and hung a door.

Ethel canned some pears and worked at some grapes

6. Thurs

We went over to the church to work.

Ethel helped clean the church

Pa and I run the scraper between the church and the shed.

7. Fri

Buried some Apples, cabbage and potatoes

Ma and I went to town – Ethel went over home

8. Sat

Boarded and papered the east end and part of the south side of our house, inside, and left the door key hanging in between the studs.

Shaved

Loosened the paper and got the key out so we could lock our door.

9. Sun

Ethel and I went to Sunday school at Mortons

School House

Wrote a letter to George Hayes

We had 19 callers today

10. Mon

Husked 24 shocks of corn

Went over to Willies showed him how good out lantern was and broke the globe

11. Tues

Quite Cold Wet

Husked 11 shocks of corn

Helped the Boys haul in twp loads of carrots

Put a partition in our house

Borrowed \$20 from Richard

Fred McClatchie came up to see me , I payed him \$15.00 on the timber

12. Wed

Took Williams Horse and wagon and went up on our place in Eden and husked corn 12 bu. And brought it down, also looked up some wood timber but did not find any.

Ethel and I went to prayer meeting at Richards

Payed Richard \$5.00

13. Thurs

Husked corn _ day

Went over to George Reynolds to see him about some wood timber

Shot a rabbit

Ethel Wasn't well

14. Fri

Wet Windy

Ground my ax and butcher knife

Worked in the house

Ethel and I went over to Father Roses for supper

15. Sat

Papered the house

Hauled a load of wood 1 _ cords

Husked 8 shocks of corn in three hours

Split wood

Shaved

Wrote a letter to W.G. Smith

Brought up a bushel of potatoes and a bushel of onions

November 1902

16. Sun

Ethel and I went over to the Morton's School house to Sunday School and preaching.
Anna went with us.
Treat Davis was here for dinner and he and I went over on Metur's Hill
Ma had a spell with her heart in the evening

17. Mon

Fred Mc Clatchie and I went up to Millard warron's farm in Eden and I cut my finger on the saw on the way up there.
Helped him to start to build his shanty

18. Tues

Woke up at 2 o'clock and couldn't go to sleep again, so I started for home and got [there] while they were eating breakfast.

19. Wed

Harness Willies horse and went over to Richards and got a box of provisions that I had up to camp
Ethel took the horse and went over to her folks
Mother rose and Sister Mabel were here for dinner

20. Thurs

Went over to H. Whistler to buy some timber for wood but did not buy any.
Shot at a Fox Hound and a rabbit

21. Fri

Boarded and papered some in our bedroom and hung stairdoor.
Ethel and I went over to Father roses for supper, we went from there to Joe Olmsteads to a surprise on Vernon, we drove Wills horse

22. Sat

We got home from the party at wto o'clock
I got up at nine and we made some cream soap for Ethel as she was not well enough to get up.

23. Sun

Hitched up Williams Horse and took Anna and Ethel to Sunday School at Mortons School House
Father and Mother rose was here for dinner

24. Mon

Got about 4 hours of sleep
Took Ethel down to see the doctor
Helped log
Bought timber from John Ball for 10 cors of wood
Ethel took her evening bath

25. Tues

I got about 4 hours sleep last night
Ethel took her morning bath
I hauled up 1 _ cords of wood
Oiled the buggy
Mother rose and Mrs stotard came over to see Ethel
Willie came home from hunting
Went to Bible Stucy
Mr Mc Clatchie rode with me
Ethel took her bath after I got home.

26. Wed

Picked out two bushels of corn for seed
Shelled two bushels of corn for Ball
Helped Pa measure out 60 bushels of oats for me.
Split wood

27. Thurs

Willie and I hauled in corn stalks
Got ready and went into Nora's wedding
George and I took Maud and went over to the Fortier House afterhis treat

28. Fri

Got up at half past Four waited for Fred to take me to Eden but he did not come.
Rode my wheel over to Warrens Millard and went up to Eden in his covered buggy
Worked at outr shanty

29. Sat

Snowed last night and very near today
Millard and I worked at the shanty
Came home after three o'clock

30. Sun

I went down to Mortons School House to Sunday School and Preaching
Ethel stayed home in the morning and we both went to League and Preaching in the Evening

December 1902

DECEMBER

1. Mon

Got a bushel of Potatoes
Fred McClatchie and Willie and I went up to M.
Warrens Place in Eden
We all worked at the shanty and moved into it.

2. Tues

Willie and I cut logs
Fred McClatchie skided

3. Wed

Willie and I cut logs
Fred skided with his old black

4. Thurs

Willie and I cut logs
Fred Skided them

5. Fri

Willie and I cut logs
Fred skided them

6. Sat

Willie and I tracked a skunck about two miles and
got him.
We cut 32 logs and cut down a big stub
We run a rabbit We run a rabbit about ??

7. Sun

We stayed home all day
I had sores on my face

8. Mon

Hauled Manure and covered the pipes by the tank
house
Hauled a load of straw for Willie
Went over to John Kistlers by way of Roses and
left Ethel there. Sold Kistler a skunck hide for
\$1.00
We took care of Washington and Carrie while the
folks went to church

9. Tues

Took the team over to John Kistlers to have them
shod but he did not have time
Took the sleighs apart and helped Pa fix the
runner
Went over and helped Stotard Butcher a pig for
A.J. Rose
Helped Pa take the Apples from the shop and put
them in the cellar

10. Wed

Ethel and I went down to McClatchies and
Shapple's lawsuit, they excused us about five
o'clock. We ate dinner at Aunt Maggies
We saw a horse they only weighed 54 pounds

11. Thurs

Got a bushel of potatoes
Took our team and heavy wagon up to Warrens
Farm – Fred McClatchie and Willie went with
me.
We cut 6 logs scale almost 1500 feet

12. Fri

Willie and I cut logs
We went and looked through the cedar swamp in
the afternoon
Lost my watch
Broke a Lantern Globe
Shot a partridge

13. Sat

Willie and I cut logs
Willie shot a Rabbit through the log and I shot
him through the head
We brought home some fal Pine for to start fire
with

14. Sun

Went to Mortons School House to Sunday School
but there was not any but there was preaching and
class meeting
Walked to League and Preaching

15. Mon

Took the fresh water Pipe out of the tank
Carved wood in the shop
Corked around the pipe that goes to the barn
Wrote letters to Mrs W. G. Smith and J.E.
Ingelfritz & Sons
Went over to G. Shappey after some wood for the
folks

16. Tues

Split wood and brought it into the shop
Ground a bag of feed
Cut Corn Stalks

17. Wed

Cut Corn Stalks
Shot a rabbit
Ground Willies and my ax
Hauled 1 _ cords of wood
Hauled two load of manure

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18. Thurs

Willie and I went up to Warrens Farm
We worked at the shanty

19. Fri

We cut 85 logs

20. Sat

We cut 100 logs

21. Sun

Rainy

We drove out to Charles Ordways to Telephone home to see how Pa was but the central was Not? Up till 2 PM. So We went back to the shanty and put in a hard day of it.

22. Mon

We cut 83 logs

23. Tues

We cut 52 logs

24. Wed

Blow & snow

Cut 19 logs

Came home

25. Thurs

Blow & Snow

Cut corn stalk

Hauled Corn stalks and put them over head in the shed to keep the steer warm

Ate dinner at our folks

26. Fri

Hauled 1 _ cords of wood from G. Shappes for our folks and 2 cord for George Hayes

Went over to John Bebees to look at colt but did not buy it.

27. Sat

Willie and I cut wood for Jackson Rose and fixed his well

Drove over to Epworth League Business meeting

Shaved

28. Sun

Drove down to Sunday School and Preaching at the school house

Richard and Mary were here for dinner

Drove to church

Took a bath

29. Mon

Willie and I cut 3 _ cords of wood for Father Rose

30. Tues

Willie and I cut wood for Father Rose

31. Fri

Willie and I finished cutting wood for Father Rose and cut three maple logs for me.

Went down to Gillette's and got my sleigh Bunks
Drove the team to meeting

END of 1902