

The 1905 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.

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.

The 1905 Diary (grandpa refers to them as diaries) is written in a generic (no specified year) diary . Included with 1905 notes are entries for 1904 and 1906. The first part of 1904 was missing. This volume is getting quite thread bare and several sections, especially if written in pencil are becoming quite hard to read.

I hope that you glean as much enjoyment reading these transcriptions as I have in preparing them.

Donald Chinnery
November 21, 2002

January 1905

January

1. Sun.

I went to Sunday School

2. Mon.

Earnest finished husk corn. We boarded some on the wood shed.

3. Tues.

We worked in the house. Cut 2 1/2 cords of wood.

4. Wed.

We done the washing.

5. Thurs.

Earnest and I worked in the house. We set up the shop stove. Hauled in corn stalks and the drags.

6. Fri.

Earnest and I worked in the house. Started to paint the wood work in the kitchen.

7. Sat.

Earnest and I worked in the house. We churned 6 lb of Butter.

8. Sun.

Earnest went home. I stayed home all day.

9. Mon.

Worked in the house. Mrs Rose came over to stay.

10. Tues.

Finished sealing the root cellar, worked in the shop.

11. Wed.

Cleaned some beans. Cut some corn stalks.

12. Thurs.

Done part of the washing. Troat Davis was here.

13. Fri.

Went to town and to the sale at peter Milbrandt.

14. Sat.

Worked in the house.

15. Sun.

Stayed home all day.

16. Mon.

Went to town after Estella.

17. Tue.

Churned and helped wash.

18. Wed.

Hauled 100 Bushel of corn in the barn.

19. Thurs.

Shelled Corn.

20. Fri.

Took 25 Bushel of corn to town - Sold it for 56 cents a bu. I bought a double buggy.

21. Sat.

Worked in the house. Put Buggy in the shed.

22. Sun.

Stayed home all day.

23. Mon.

Shoveled the sawdust out of the ice house. Worked at house work.

24. Tues.

Awful stormy, worked in the house.

25. Wed.

Done part of the washing.

26. Thurs.

Done the washing.

27. Fri.

Cut corn stalks.

28. Sat.

Hauled one load of ice.

29. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.

30. Mon.

Took Ethel and the babies¹ to town. Got 600 brick, Paid 5.00 for them.

31. Tues.

Hauled ice. Ate dinner at Richards - ate supper at Willies.

¹ Babies would have been Gladys and Alice.

January 1905

February 1905

February

1. Wed.

Hauled ice. Ate dinner at richards - ate supper at Willies.

2. Thurs.

Helped Richard haul 1 load of Hay. Tried to thaw out pippes. Churned after supper. Ate supper at willies.

3. Fri.

Worked over the butter. Moped the kitchen floor. Painted a little. at supper at Willies.

4. Sat.

Painted in the kitchen. ate dinner at Willies.

5. Sun.

Stormy.

Went down to the School House but there was no Sunday School.

6. Mon.

Went to town. Bought 1230 lb Hard Coal. At Supper at Willies.

7. Tues.

Painted in the kitchen. Ate dinner and supper at Willies. Churned after Supper.

8. Wed.

Willie and I went to Eden and got some Lath bolts. Painted in the kitchen. Ate dinner at Willies..

9. Thurs.

Painted in the kitchen. Ate dinner and supper at Willies. We took our Lath Bolts over to the mill. Put Oil cloth on sink..

10. Fri.

Went to town after Ethel, Gladys and the Baby². Bought a wringer ..

11. Sat

Willie helped me Lath in the shop - 4 hours..

12. Sun.

Stayed home all day. It was stormy..

13. Mon.

Helped wash. Willie Lathed..

14. Tues.

Went over to Houk's mill after some Lath..

15. Wed.

Worked in the shop. Moved George³ and Nora in with us..

16. Thurs

Willie, George and I worked in the Shop..

17. Fri.

Went down on the road and got 3/4 cord of wood. Worked in the shop. George washed, Willie helped me..

18. Sat.

Made two trips with George's stuff.

19. Sun.

Fine Day.

Took my family down to Sunday School.

20. Mon.

Willie, George and I worked in the shop. We shelled 8 bu. corn.

21. Tues.

George shelled 7 bu. corn and washed. I thawed out pipe and went to town. Bought 900 lb hard coal and 3 barrel of lime.

22. Wed.

We made a lme box and slacked 3 barrell[of Lime]. Went to prayer meeting with Ethel.

23. Thurs.

Worked in shop.

24. Fri.

Stoddard worked at the Chimney. George carried brick and mortar. I worked in the shop.

25. Sat.

Stoddard Finiched the chimney and started to plaster. George and I tended him. Willie lathed.

26. Sun.

George and I went to Sunday School.

27. Mon.

Stoddard plastered. George and I tended

³ This would be George Hayes and wife Nora(nee Fitch).

² Baby = Alice

February 1905

mason.

28. Tues.

Stoddard Plastered, George tended mason.

Willie and I started to haul his wood from
castors.

March 1905

March

1. Wed.

Finished haul Willies wood and started to haul George's. George tended mason. George and I went to Prayer Meeting at Richard's.

2. Thurs.

Finished Haul george's wood and one load for the preacher. Got horses shod.

3. Fri.

Hauled in Corn and shelled it.

4. Sat.

Took 30 bushel of Corn to town. Sold it for 56 cents⁴.

5. Sun

Went to Sunday School. George and I went to Summit at night.

6. Mon.

George and I worked in the shop.

7. Tues.

Richard helped ustake little wind milldown and Babbit⁵ it and put it up.

8. Wed.

George and I worked in the shop. I went up to Patterson's for Prayer Meeting but there was none.

9. Thurs.

George helped wash. I worked in the shop.

10. Fri.

We worked in the shop. I hauled down two load of wood. We went to meeting at night.

11. Sat.

Patched up the roof of the north shop where the stove pipe went through.

12. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.

13. Mon.

George helped wash. I hauled Stone down from the hill, George and I went to meeting.

14. Tues.

Took my family up to Hanson's⁶ in Victory.

15. Wed.

We got home from Hanson's at seven o'clock in the evening.

16. Thurs.

Went to Laddies Aid meeting at Morten's.

17. Fri.

Went down to ???? to Buy some lumber for Sheds. Brought Lissie Beard home with me.

18. Sat.

Thawed out the pipe under the porch. George and I cleaned out the shop and set the stove up.

19. Sun.

Walked down to Sunday School.

20. Mon.

We tryed to grind some feed we had no power. Trimed trees . Phoned to Bender. Went to meeting.

21. Tues.

Trimed trees. Went to meeting. Phoned to Bender.

22. Wed.

Went down to Bender's and got a load of Lumber for sheds.

23. Thurs.

Richard and I went down to Bender's and got some Lumber

24. Fri.

Sleighing is gone. Cut corn stalks. Went to Prohibition Council. Went to meeting with Ed. Meisenheimer.

25. Sat.

Cleaned out chicken coop. Put tongue in light wagon. Trimed trees. Borrowed two egg crates.

26. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.

27. Mon.

Went to town. Nora went with me. Tryed a team. George cut dead Peach trees.

⁴ I hope this was 56 cents per bushel.

⁵ Babbit is the soft metal used for bearings.

⁶ This would be to Ethel's sister Estella.

March 1905

28. Tues.

Trimed trees. Went to meeting. George hauled manure.

29. Wed.

Trimed trees. We sprayed 3 1/2 barrel on peaches.

30. Thurs.

We put on 9 1/2 Barrel of spray on Peaches.

31. Fri.

We put on 9 Barrel of Spray Peaches.

April 1905

April

1. Sat.

I went to town to Gener's Sale, bought a team of Bronco.

2. Sun.

Took a load to Sunday School with the new team also to meeting at night.

3. Mon.

Trimed Trees. Went to Election. George finished haul manure.

4. Tues.

Painted my double buggy. George and Earnest cut stalks and picked up 50 bushel of potatoes.

5. Wed.

George plowed. Earnest and I cut wood in the forenoon. Earnest cut old wood out of Rasberries. I painted the Buggy Seat.

6. Thurs.

George and I sprayed 9 barrel. Earnest worked at rasberries in the forenoon.

7. Fri.

Went to town. George plowed.

8. Sat.

We hauled out two load of wood. George plowed. I hung the front door of wagon shed. Put light sleigh away. Put washers on buggy.

9. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

10. Mon.

Went to Hart with the small team. Willie went with me. George plowed.

11. Tues.

Set some trees. George finished plowing that field⁷. Harley⁸ dug out stumps. Started to trim Rasberries.

⁷ Wages. Refer to appendix and note that George was paid \$6.93/ 6 day week.

⁸ Harley Vanderhoof. Was hired starting April 11 at rate of \$20.00/month, i.e. about 77 cents/day.

12. Wed.

Harley cut tops off from rasberries. George picked up Stone and started to drag. I went down to Castors and made out the deed for our Shed lot.

13, Thurs.

George dragged. I set some trees. Harley cut tops off rasberries. We butchered two pigs.

14. Fri.

Went to town with the pigs (329 lb) = \$23.03. Brought home shingles for sheds. George plowed and dragged. Harley dug out Bushes in my orchard.

15. Sat.

George started to drill Oats but the drill broke. He plowed and dragged by the shop. Harley dug out bushes, sowed some Alfa (Set some trees). Willie⁹ and I bought a rig from Meisinheimer for \$16.00

16. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.

17. Mon.

Willie and I went up on my place in Eden and staked out for a fence. Harley picked up Stone - George drilled in Oats.

18. Tues.

Willie, Harley aznd I went to eden and built fence. George plowed.

19. Wed.

Willie, Harley and I went to eden and built fence. George plowed.

20. Thurs.

Harley picked up stone 1/2 day and planted potatoes. I set trees and run the Butaway near the house. george laid off in the forenoon - took the team to shop in the afternoon.

21. Fri.

George plowed. Harley and I moved barn yard fence.

22. Sat.

George finished plowing the East field. Harley

⁹ Willie (brother of Charles) was being paid \$1.50 per day. George Hayes pay apparantly in consideration that the Hayes were lving at Charle's, thus include their rent.

April 1905

and Earnest cut brush on the Ball place. I worked at the fence and went to quarterly conference at the School House.

23. Sun.

Went to Sunday School and quarterly meeting. Roses was here for dinner.

24. Mon. Harley, Willie and I went to Eden and built fence.

25. Tues.

Willie and I went to Eden. Harley took Apples out of the pit. George plowed.

26. Wed.

Harley went to Will Kibey's Bee. George and I picked over Apples and Potatoes¹⁰. Prayer meeting was here.

27. Thurs.

Went to town with potatoes. George plowed. Harley burnt brush.

28. Fri.

George and I went to town with potatoes. Sold at 12 1/2 cents. [?bu?]
Rained.

29. Sat.

George plowed. Harley picked up stone. I trimmed grapes.

30. Sun.

We went to the School House to Sunday School and Preaching.

¹⁰ These would have been apples and potatoes stored over the winter in the pit?

May 1905

May

1. Mon.

Willie and I went to eden and finished our fence. George plowed. Harley cut brush.

2. Tues.

I went to Sullivans to A.J. Rose's. Worked at sheds. George plowed. Harley laid.

3. Wed.

Worked at stone wall for sheds. George plowed. Harley picked up stone.

4. Thurs.

Worked at the house. Ethel was sick. George plowed rasberries, ground feed. Harley picked up stone on Ball place.

5. Fri.

Willie and I took cattle up on our place in Eden. 4 for John Kistler, 2 for D. Cratcher and 2 for myslef. George plowed rasberries and burnt brush. Harley picked up stone and burnt brush.

6. Sat. George took a grist and also his family to town. Harley picked up peach brush and potatoes. I worked in the house and cleaned out the tank.

7. Sun.

Walked down to Sunday School.

8. Mon.

Stoddard and I finished the foundation for the sheds. George pulled stumps in my orchard. Harley hauled them out.

9. Tues.

Trimed Elberta Peach Trees. george hauled some Brands off from new land and started to plow. Harley helped George and picked up brush.

10. Wed.

Rained 1/2 day
George Ground Feed. Harley and I removed 25 Bushel of Potatoes. Cut end off Buggy Tongue. Made a double tree. I went to town in the afternoon and borrowed \$50. for six months. George plowed.

11. Thurs.

George plowed in my orchard. Hralely plowed 1/2 day in Pa's orchard. I ripped a 2

x 6 for my peach grader and dressed it. Went down to Madsons and got 1880 lb. hay.

12. Fri.

George plowed in my orchard till he broke the plow clevis. Then he plowed in Rasberries. Hralely plowed in orchard 1/2 day. Picked up roots and brush. I trimed peach trees.

13. Sat.

I trimed peach trees. George finished plow the rasberries. Cultivated strawberries. Dragged for corn.

14. Sun.

I went to Sunday School at the School House.

15. Mon.

I went spearing on the Pentwater River with Vernon Gillette and Willie. Harley plowed in the orchard 1/2 day. George dragged for corn.

16. Tues.

I went to the Bee on the sheds. Harley plowed in the orchard. George dragged and picked up stone.

17. Wed.

I went to the blacksmith shop. Got dragg fixed. Horses shod. Waggon axle straightened. Chain mended, scale fixed and new single trees. George dragged for corn. Harley cut docks and plowed.

18. Thurs.

We marked for corn. Harley started to plant. George dragged. Willie and I went to Eden - took my brindle heifer to the bull.

19. Fri.

Harley and I finished plant 8 1/2 acres of corn. 77 pounds of seed. Planted some garden. George dragged for corn.

20. Sat.

I went to town to a fruit meeting. George and Harley picked up stone and roots.

21. Sun.

I went to Sunday School.

22. Mon.

May 1905

I trimed trees. Harley plowed in the orchard and picked up stone. Groege dragged.

23. Tues.

I trimed trees 1/2 day, churned, planted cucumbers. Sheled seed corn. Sawed some wood. Harley plowed and picked up stone and roots. George finished digging for corn.

24. Wed.

George cultivated Rasberries. Harley and I marked 8 1/2 acres for corn. And planted 5 acres. Went to Prayer meeting.

25. Thurs.

Rained.

Harley and I planted the corn. I fixed the light harnes. We three went fishing.

26. Fri.

I trimed trees on my place. Harley picked up brush. George plowed.

27. Sat.

Harley plowed. George cultivated rasberries. I finished trim on my place. Cultivated garden and strawberries. Ate Ice Cream.

28. Sun.

George's folks and us went down to the School House to Sunday School and Preaching.

29. Mon.

Worked at my Grady. Went down and finished the sheds.

30. Tues.

George plowed and dragged the corn. Harley plowed and picked up brush. I trimed.

31. Wed.

Trimed trees. Went to town and put 200 & 50 crates in our folks Barn. George plowed Harley picked up Brush and cut docks.

June 1905

June

1. Thurs.

Worked on the road. Plowed and trimmed trees.

2. Fri.

Trimed trees. george and Harley were plowing.

3. Sat.

I trimmed peach trees. George plowed. Harley plowed and picked up brush.

4. Sun.

Went to Sunday School. Ethel's folks was here for dinner.

5. Mon.

Trimed trees.
George finished the plowing on my place and started to drag. Harley plowed. It rained.

6. Tues.

We plowed 15 bushel / 3/4 acre of potatoes in. Willie and I went to the Eden farm. It rained awful hard and we were in all of it. They had a surprise¹¹ on me.

7. Wed.

Worked at my grader. Cut a little hay. Replanted some corn. Harley picked up Brush. George plowed. We took the team to prayer meeting.

8. Thurs.

Replanted corn, trimmed apple trees. george dragged and Harley plowed.

9. Fri.

Trimed Apples. George dragged. Harley plowed and picked up roots.

10. Sat.

Worked at my grader. Went to town in the afternoon. George and Harley shingle the tank House. George finished plow the peach orchard.

11. Sun.

Went to Sunday School and Preaching. We went over to Rose's.

12. Mon.

¹¹ A birthday party, June 6 was grandpa's 27th birthday.

Trimed Apples. Cultivated corn with the riding cultivator. George dragged. Harley picked up brush in the forenoon, mowed hay in the afternoon.

13. Tues.

Trimed Apples. george dragged . Harley plowed and picked up stone.

14. Wed.

George dragged and cultivated. Harley plowed. I trimmed Apples. Harley and I marked ground for pumpkins, squash, pop corn and beans. Raked some hay.

15. Thurs.

Cultivated corn with riding cultivator. George cultivated raspberries. Harley planted pumpkins, pop corn and beans.

16. Fri.

George cultivated corn on the Ball place. Harley planted beans and picked up brush. I planted squash and beans and trimmed.

17. Sat.

Harley dragged and hoed corn. George cultivated corn. I trimmed peach trees.

18. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

19. Mon.

Harley and I sprayed the Apples. He cultivated Corn. I went to town with our first berries.

20. Tues.

Harley Cultivated Corn. I cultivated Corn. Went to Joe Edwards funeral.

21. Wed.

We sprayed the Apples and mowed some Hay. I went to prayer meeting at Meyers.

22. Thurs.

We mowed Hay.

23. Fri.

Harley Cultivated corn, I went to Beni..?

24. Sat.

Harley Cultivated Corn.

June 1905

25. Sat.¹²

(Suspect continuation of 24th previous page.)
Harley cultivated Corn, I raked Hay. We
hailed in hay until 8 O'clock.

26. Sun.

(Actually the 25th)
We went to Sunday School and preaching .
Ethel's folks were here.

27. Mon.

(Actually 26th)
We cleaned out the shop. I went to town.

28. Tues.

(Actually 27th)
George cultivated and I cut hay and trimed
peach trees. Harley made a bunk and mowed
hay.

29. Wed.

(Actually 28th)
George Dragged peach orchard. Harley
trinned peaches and picked up brush. I
cultivated corn, broke cultivator. Trimed trees.

30. Thurs.

(Actually 29th)
George dragged orchard. Harley plowed and
raked Hay. I turned some hay, set up Hay.
We hauled in 3 loads.

30. Fri.

George dragged in the orchard. Harley and I
hailed in 5 loads of Hay.

¹² This next page in the diary seemed to be out of
wack. And dates are one off till 30th.

July 1905

July

1. Sat.

Harley finished plowing the Apple orchard and went home. George cultivated Raspberries, I went to blacksmith shop with bird horse. Cultivated corn.

2. Sun.

We went to Sunday School also over to Rose's for dinner. Mable Dean came home with us.

3. Mon.

Cultivated corn. George cultivated beans. It rained hard.

4. Tues.

We went to rose's.

5. Fri.

George plowed. I went to town.

6. Thurs.

Cultivated corn. and Mowed Hay. George cultivated corn and beans. Harley cultivated corn and beans.

7. Fri.

A rainy forenoon. George and Harley piled lumber, weeded onions. Picked some cherries. I worked at my grader, trimmed trees, fixed cultivator.

8. Sat.

Trimmed trees. worked at Hay. Harley picked up brush and raked Hay. George run the cuttaway in my orchard. We set up hay after supper. 2 acres.

9. Sun.

We went to sunday School.

10. Mon.

George ran the cuttaway. Haroley and I hauled in 1 load of Hay. I started to cultivate corn. Harley picked cherries.

11. Tues.

Rained all day. We build Berry shanty. George finished disking orchard. I went to Eden. Harley picked cherries.

12. Wed.

Trimmed trees. Harley picked 1 crate of cherries. George dragged. We hauled in three load of

Hay. Ethel and I went to town.

13. Thurs.

George cultivated corn. I trimmed trees. Harley picked up brush. We hauled in three load of hay.

14. Fri.

Trimmed trees. George cultivated corn. Harley mowed Hay. They hauled in 1 load [Hay].

15. Sat.

Tallied berries. Went to town. Ma came home with me. The Boys hauled in 1 load of hay.

16. Sun.

We went to quarterly meeting at church.

17. Mon.

Went to quarterly conference and to town. George and Harley cultivated potatoes and corn and raspberries.

18. Tues.

Harley cut wheat. I bound wheat. Clyde finished it after supper. George cultivated raspberries.

19. Wed.

Finished bind the wheat. Sowed turnips - two pounds. Dragged them in. George cultivated corn.

20. Thurs.

Hoed squash and beans. Sprayed potatoes. Picked cherries. George cultivated beans, raspberries and corn.

21. Fri.

Hoed beans and canada thistles. Went to town- got Barney shod behind. George cultivated corn.

22. Sat.

Went to Rose's store¹³ for Parris Green¹⁴ and crates. George cultivated corn. We sprayed potatoes. Went to town after 6 PM.

23. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

24. Mon.

¹³ L. W. Rose, uncle top Ethel.

¹⁴ Paris Green a poisonous, bright green powder used as an insecticide and pigment.

July 1905

George cultivated Garden Potatoes and corn.
I went down to A. Albrights to get a reaper to
cut my oats.

25. Tues.

Clyde¹⁵ and George and I hoed Pumpkins
and Beans. Hauled wheat, went to town.
Barney horse was sick.

26. Wed.

Mr. Bartley hoed beans. George hoed beans
and cultivated corn. I went to town.

27. Thurs.

Raked the wheat stubble and hauled the
Rakings in. Went to town. Got Dan shod.
George cultivated corn, beans dragged in
Apple orchard. Bartley hoed beans.

28. Fri.

George & I unloaded a load of wheat. Went
over to G. Shappee's to get him to cut my
oats. George went to town. Bartley hoed trees
1/2 day.

29. Sat.

Bartley hoed trees and beans. George
plowed beans. Picked berries went to look for
some berry pickers.

30. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

31. Mon.

Went to L.W. Rose's after crates. Picked
berries - went to town after six o'clock. George
plowed, disked and dragged. Bartley hoed
beans.

¹⁵ Clyde Dell worked during July 1905 at \$1.50 per
day.

August 1905

August

1. Tues.

George cultivated corn. George Shappee cut our oats. Bartley set up oats. I set up oats. went to town.

2. Wed.

Bartley set up oats and hoed beans. George cultivated corn and dragged in my orchard. I craddled some oats - picked berries - went to town.

3. Thurs.

Went over to Richard's - made out a contract for Willie's place. Dragged went to town.

4. Fri.

Rained
Bartley and I picked up stone on the road. George dragged in the afternoon. Bartley hoed beans. I went to town.

5. Sat.

Bartley and George hauled manure. Bartley setup oats. George run the cutaway. I went to town.

6. Sun.

We went over to father Rose's.

7. Mon.

Bartley set up oats. George run the cutaway. I picked up brush. We hauled in Oats. I went to town at 6:30 PM¹⁶.

8. Tues.

We picked peaches. George & Bartley hauled in Oats. I went to town at 5:45 PM.

9. Wed.

I went down to the horse doctor and blacksmith shop. Willie and I went to Eden to put our cattle in. George worked on the road. Bartley worked on the road and hoed beans. Ma went home.

10. Thurs.

Bartley helped George Shappe. George picked peaches. I tallied berries - went to town.

11. Fri.

George and us went to Camp Warner.

¹⁶ The various references regarding went to town was probably to take that day's picking of fruit.

12. Sat.

We hauled in oats. Went to town with a grist¹⁷ for our folks. George run the cutaway. Bartley hoed beans.

13. Sun.

We went to Sunday school.

14. Mon.

Bartley hoed trees and docks. George run the cutaway. Went to Houcks.

15. Tues.

George ground feed, I worked at my grader. Bartley moved some rubbish.

16. Wed.

Picked and packed peaches - went to town. George pulled stumps and run cutaway. Bartley picked 4 crate cherries & hoed docks.

17. Thurs.

George & Bartley hauled clay on the road. I went up to Knolls and Browns and hired a girl¹⁸ to pack peaches. Mowed weeds in alfalfa.

18. Fri.

George and I picked peaches, Willie went to town with me after six o'clock. We stayed all night. It rained.

19. Sat.

Got home from town at noon. Painted grader. George nailed baskets and burnt brush.

20. Sun.

Stayed in bed all day - had a sore throat.

21. Mon.

George & Bartley picked peaches - Ethel and I packed them. George went to town.

22. Tues.

Packed peaches - went to town. george picked peaches. Bartley picked peaches.

23. Wed.

¹⁷ A batch of grain - in this case assuming oats as that is what they were harvesting. Grist can refer to a batch a grain to be ground or has been. Here again these probably have been ground for his parents.

¹⁸ Not sure who he hired, but several references in his tally record for several young women [Brown and Knoll] packing fruit at a rate of 10 cents per hour.

August 1905

Willie and I went to Scottville and to our Eden farm. Bartley mowed milk weeds and picked cherries. George hauled peach stumps off.

24. Thurs.

George picked peaches and run the cutaway. Bartley picked peaches and went to town. I packed peaches. Richard and I started for Milwaukee.

25. Fri.

Richard and I went to see Offerman, Schmidt and Luther Bros, and to wonderland. Started home at 8 o'clock. George dragged. Bartley trimmed berries.

26. Sat.

Walked home from town. Ground mowing machine knives. George dragged and cleaned up barn yard. Bartley trimmed raspberries. Took Red Cow to Bull.

27. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.
Rained.

28. Mon.

Mowed Hay. Arthur trimmed raspberries.
George dragged.

29. Tues.

Picked peaches - went to town. George raked hay and hauled some in.

30. Wed.

We set up some hay. The boys hauled some in, I mowed hay 1 acre.

31. Thurs.

Picked peaches - went to town. Arthur and George hauled in some hay.

September 1905

September

1. Fri.

We put some eve troughs on the South side of the Barn.

It Rained.

George took lath off the Ball House. Bartley and I worked at a Waggon Box.

2. Sat.

We picked peaches and plums. I went to town . Bartley and George took lath off the Ball house.

3. Sun.

Rained.

We went to Sunday School and preaching at the School House.

4. Mon.

Rained.

George went after a load of baskets at Rose's. I went to Castors and put aboard on the fence my team pulled off. We worked at the waggon box. The boys picked peaches.

5. Tues.

Arthur and George picked peaches and hauled in a load of hay. I went to town.

6. Wed.

No entry

7. Thurs.

Picked peaches - went to town.

8. Fri.

I went down to McDonalds to see the Boilers. We picked peaches. Helped Gillettes Thrash.

9. Sat.

We thrashed 36 wheat and 310 Oats. I went to town at 5:30

10. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

11. Mon.

Arthur helped Edwards and Morton thrash. George and I picked peaches. I went to town.

12. Tues.

George helped Morton & Patterson thrash. Arthur and I picked peaches - I went to town.

13. Wed.

We picked peaches. Went to town. Arthur helped Edwards and John Patterson thrash.

14. Thurs.

We picked peaches. Jaye Stoddard and George Weist helped us. George took 324 [bu.] to town.

15. Fri.

We picked 16 1/2 bushel peaches on the Ball place. I went to town. George and Arthur pulled beans.

16. Sat.

We picked peaches. I went to town. The boys cleaned the barn floor and nailed baskets. It Rained.

17. Sun.

We went to Sunday School.

18. Mon.

We worked at peaches. I went to town.

19. Tues.

We worked at peaches. George and I both went to town.

20. Wed.

We worked at peaches George went to town.

21. Thurs.

We worked at peaches. I went to town.

22. Fri.

We worked at the peaches. George went to town.

23. Sat.

We worked at peaches. George and I went to town.

24. Sun.

I went to sunday School.

25. Mon.

We worked at peaches. I went to town.

26. Tues.

We worked at peaches. George went to town.

27. Wed.

We worked at the peaches. George and I both went to town.

September 1905

28. Thurs.

Worked at Peaches. Went to town. Boys cut corn 1/2 day.

29. Fri.

We worked at the peaches. I went to town. Arthur and Dick cut corn. George was sick in the afternoon.

30. Sat.

We cut corn.
George was sick.

October 1905

October

1. Sun.

We went to Sunday School and Preaching.

2. Mon.

We worked at peaches. I went to town. The boys cut corn.

3. Tues.

We pulled beans 1 1/2 acres and cut 5 acre of corn.

4. Wed.

We cut 3 1/2 acres of corn. Hauled in the beans. Picked 25 bu peaches.

5. Thurs.

Picked and packed peaches. Went to town. Richard and Arthur thrashed beans. George worked at tearing down the Ball House.

6. Fri.

We plowed our potatoes out. 66 bushel. Dick and Arthur thrashed beans. Arthur went home.

7. Sat.

I started to grade for my cellar, went to see mason but he was not at home. George and Dick cleaned beans in the forenoon. Dick thrashed beans in the afternoon.

8. Sun.

We went to Sunday School and to Richard's for Dinner.

9. Mon.

Dick and George husked corn. I graded for cellar.

10. Tues.

George and I worked in the Ball house in the forenoon. We three husked corn in the afternoon.

It rained 1/2 day.

11. Wed.

George & Dick picked peaches. We packed and I went to town.

12. Thurs.

We worked at the peaches and all three went to town.

13. Fri.

Dick & George helped Richard 3 1/2 hours and

husked corn the rest of the day. Willie and I walked to Eden and brought our cattle home- 13 of them.

14. Sat.

Dick and I worked at my cellar. George hauled in corn - 156 bu.

15. Sun.

We went to Sunday School at the School House.

16. Mon.

Dick and I worked at my cellar. George husked corn. Richard got 50 bushel of corn.

17. Tues.

A wet day.

George picked over beans. Dick and I worked in the Ball house. I cleaned out chicken coop. Made a trap door by the pig trough. Put a post under corn crib. Put a hame on the harness.

18. Wed.

George husked corn. Dick and I husked corn 1/2 day. Hauled pumpkins and quash and took Richard's rack home. I went to prayer meeting at Williams.

19. Thurs.

George husked corn. Dick hauled sand and stone. I husked corn and carried in squash.

20. Fri.

Rained and snowed.

George repaired crates and the horses Salt Boxes. I put the iron on top my wagon box. We cleaned the barn floor and moved 2000 ft of plank.

21. Sat.

I went to town - brought home ten barrel of lime. George & Dick picked Apples for Richard.

22. Sun.

We went to Sunday School and Preaching.

23. Mon.

George husked corn - 3/4. I graded cellar - took Gladys to the doctor. Hauled 40 shocks of corn in the Ball barn.

October 1905

24. Tues.

George husked corn 3/4 day. I hauled in 156 bushel.

25. Wed.

George husked corn. I graded cellar, walked down to Castors to the prayer meeting but there was not any.

26. Thurs.

George dug at the cellar and husked corn. I went to Joe Scott's Sale.

27. Fri.

Ethel and I went to town and borrowed \$400. for 5 years. George husked corn.

28. Sat.

George was sick. I hauled some corn stalks over to Richard's . Willie helped me haul in 27 bushel of corn and 23 shocks of corn. Took my Black Molly to the Bull.

29. Sun.

We stayed home all day.

30. Mon.

We hauled in three load of corn fodder. George husked corn. I hauled stone and 18 bushel of corn.

31. Tues.

George and Willie and I, and Ray Crotzer 1/2 day - pulled turnips. 72 bushel. Cold and Windy.

November 1905

November

1. Wed.

We hauled some corn. Cut some stalks and hauled 41 bushel of corn from the Ball Barn.

2. Thurs.

We hauled in 3 loads of corn stalks and 43 shocks of corn and 82 bushel [corn].

3. Fri.

George plowed. I husked corn. Ray husked corn and picked up potatoes.

4. Sat.

George went over to Castors for a load of wood for himself, and plowed -Ray husked corn and pulled turnips. I hauled in corn and worked at turnips. We had 105 bu.

5. Sun/

We stayed home all day.

6. Mon.

George plowed. I slacked 1 barrel of lime and husked corn.

7. Tues.

George husked corn, I worked at the cellar and husked corn.

8. Wed.

George cut corn stalks and husked corn. I went to Edwards Sale. Willie and I ate dinner at Eli's. Ethel went to Richard's.

9. Thurs.

Pa took his team to town. George and I husked corn - went hunting. He took siding off the Ball house. I went to see the wood cutters.

10. Fri.

Pa brought the team back. George tended mason. I went after the gasoline engine. We cut the wood - took it down to Bucks after nine o'clock.

11. Sat. Pa, George and Nora¹⁹ went to town with my team. Willie and I tended mason.

12. Sun.

I went to Sunday School. George and Nora came home at night.

13. Mon.

We tended mason. I went to town after 700 lb. cement.

Cold & Windy.

14. Tues.

We tended mason. I went over to Richard's after supper and got his saw. George²⁰ quit work.

15. Wed.

Slacked a barrel of Lime. Put a landside and a shol and a point in the plow. Willie helped me haul in 50 shocks of corn.

16. Thurs.

Tended mason. Willie helped in the afternoon, Edd got a load of corn stalks.

17. Fri.

Willie and I tended mason.

18. Sat.

I tended mason.

19. Sun.

I went to Sunday School.

20. Mon.

Willie and I tended mason.

21. Tues.

Willie and I tended mason.

22. Wed.

Willie and I tended mason in the forenoon. Hauled in corn in the afternoon. Father Rose helped me.

23. Thurs.

Willie, Father Rose and I hauled on 114 Bu. corn and 59 shocks on corn and a cord of wood.

24. Fri.

Willie and I got Bird Shod. Took 82 bu. corn over to the Warren Farm and went to

²⁰ Record showed that George was paid on Nov 14 for 2 days that week and 10 1/2 days for the previous weeks of November. Rate of pay was \$1.15 1/2 / day. We first noted George and family moving in with Charles and Ethel on February 15th. So we assume that rate of pay included rent. Notes do not indicate where George and Nora moved.

¹⁹ NoraBelle, George's wife and Charles's sister.

November 1905

Sheppes Sale.

25. Sat.

I went to town with four horses, brought home
1200 feet of 2 in lumber.

26. Sun.

Stayed home all day on account of having the
Barbers itch.

27. Mon.

Went to town after 800 feet of 2 in lumber.

28. Tues.

Shelled 4 bushel of corn. Willie and I went
over to the Ball house in the afternoon. Took
the shingles off and the windows out.

29. Wed.

Richard and I moved Willie over to the Warren
farm.

Awful stormy.

30. Thurs.

Done odd jobs in the forenoon. Picked over
beans in the afternoon. Roses were here for
dinner.

December 1905

December

1. Fri.

Went to town with 32 bu. of corn at 25 cents.
Renewed note on team for four months.

2. Sat.

Put the tongue in Willie's old sleigh. I hauled
manure around tank.

3. Sun.

Went to Sunday School and Preaching. The
preacher and his wife came home with us for
dinner.

4. Mon.

Husked corn in the forenoon. Hauled manure
and hauled a load of Lumber from the Ball
house.

5. Tues.

I took part the roof off the Ball house. Cut corn
stalks - husked corn.

6. Wed.

Helped wash, Willie and I hauled in two load of
corn stalks. Took Morton's boar home. Took
load of corn stalks over to Willies. Willie came
home with me to stay.

7. Thurs.

Willie and I worked at the Ball House.

8. Fri.

Richard came over and we took little wind mill
down, took it to the Blacksmith Shop and put it
up again.

9. Sat.

Willie and I finished take down the Ball house
husked some corn.

10. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.

11. Mon.

Willie and I laid the sills for my house. We
went down to McClatchie's after supper and
bought old Ben horse for 72.90.

12. Tues.

Willie and I laid the lower joists for our house.

13. Wed.

We hauled 5 loads of lumber from the Ball
place - cut the studding.

14. Thurs.

Richard, Willie and I worked at the house.

15. Fri.

Richard, Willie, and I worked at the house.

16. Sat.

Willie and I boarded some of the house.

17. Sun.

I went to Sunday School.

18. Mon.

I took 20 chickens to town. Bought some 4 x 4
x 14 and 18 for rafters for my house, ordered
my window & door frames.

19. Tues.

Willie and I boarded on the house.

20. Wed.

Richard, Willie, and I worked at my house.

21. Thurs.

Willie husked corn in the barn. I helped Ethel
wash, took 40 bu. of corn over to G.
McClatchie. Broke two twgs. <???

22. Fri.

Willie husked some corn. I cut some stalks.
Richard, Willie, and I put some rafters on our
house.

23. Sat.

Richard, Willie, and I worked at the house in the
forenoon. Willie and I finished husk the corn in
the afternoon.

24. Sun.

Went to Sunday School.
Stormy.

25. Mon.

Rose's folks was here.
A fine day.

26. Tues.

I went to town after shingles. Willie went with
me. We saw three fat steers 1 weighed 431
pounds.
Fine Day.

27. Wed.

Richard and I worked at the house.

December 1905

Warm Day.

Grace Fitch picking berries²¹
Mable Fitch picking berries²²

28. Thurs.

Richard and Willie and I put the roof boards on the house.

29. Fri.

Willie and I finished husk our corn and cut some stalks.

30. Sat.

Willie and I cut the logs that was on the skids all summer.

31. Sun.

I went to Sunday School. Started the fire.

APPENDIX

Some notes taken from back of the book, where Charles recorded money earned, amounts earned by berry picking and credits taken against pay for food and sundry items.

Names Recorded and service performed:

Frank Stearn by Work Nov 1905

Arthur Morton by work

Earl Crotzer by Work - 9 hr days @

1.50/day

William Fitch

By Work \$1.35/day

Husking Corn at 0.04/bushel

By Work Dec 1905 at \$1.00/day

Richard Brown by work @ \$1.20/day

Ray Crotzer by work @ \$1.00/day

Nettie Fitch By work \$3.50/week

George Hayes By Work \$6.93/week

Minnie Brown by work @ \$1.00/10 hr day

also picked berries

Tizzie Brown by work @ 1.00/10 hr day

also picked berries

Paulina Knoll by work at 10 cents/hr

Clara Grover picking berries

Flossie Vanderhoof by work 0.84/ 10 hr day.

William Kibby picking berries

Minnie Knoll work at 10 cent/hr and picking berries

Millie Kibby picking berries

Hattie Fitch (Sister to Charles) pick berries

Agnes Kocrak picking berries ave 50 cents/day

Constance Kovrak picking berries

²¹ Must have been a very good picker as peak days were as high as 1.42/day.

²² Also a good picker every bit as good as Grace.