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YEAR 1855

January

1 Did nothing.

2 For Nealley. Worked on the gates.

3 For Nealley. Again worked on the gates.

4 Worked in the shop for Nealley.

5 For Nealley. Made over a table.

6 For Nealley. Finished the table. In the afternoon built shaving box and sharpened scissors.

Sunday

7

8 For Nealley. Put up shelves in dining room.

9 For Nealley. Scoured boxes and washed sacks.

10 Worked on the gates.

11 For Nealley. Forenoon on the gates, afternoon began to make a grafting table.

12 For Nealley. Finished the grafting table.

13 For Nealley. Made some clamps for the grafting table. Bought candles for 25 cents, also some snuff 10 cents.

14 Sunday

15 For Nealley. Hammered in the shop and in the grafting room.

16 For Nealley Before noon carpentry work, after dinner on the gates.

17 For Nealley Worked on the gates.

18 For Nealley Worked on the gates.

19 During the forenoon Alexander and I hauled oatstraw for me. Old man Andera has husked corn for me for $1.20. This I have paid. After dinner I went to town and mailed a letter, to F.B. in Rock Island. Bought letter stamps for $.15.

20 For Nealley. Worked with the gates.

21 Sunday.

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22 For Nealley Shoveled snow all day. Got there late. Began work a few minutes past 8.

23 For Nealley. Grafted in the forenoon. Afternoon worked in the shop.

24 For Nealley Set and sharpened the saws.

25 For Nealley Made a railing for a bookshelf.

26 For Nealley Finished the bookshelf. Began on a clock.

27 For Nealley Finished the clock, fixed a table and made a chair for the church.

28 Sunday

29 For Nealley Made a kitchen table.

30 For Nealley Did a bit of everything at the shop.

31 For Nealley Made apple ladder, bought paper and envelopes, $.15, paid in addition on the paper, paid Majastina for mending $.25, trousers $.10.

February

1 For Nealley Did various things in the shop.

2 For Nealley Fixed boxes, etc., bought 8 yards of shirt material for $1.00 and 1½ yards linen for bosoms $.90.

3 For Nealley Repaired meat boxes

4 Sundah

5 Went to town and bought some stuff.

Cloth for trousers	$2.90
Shaving knife	.95
Ink, paper, envelope	.15
Snuff	.10

6 For Nealley Fixed doors at the bunk house.

7 For Nealley Again in the bunk house, doors.

8 For Nealley At the bunk house. In the evening went to town after my clothes at Jonas Petter. Paid him for tailoring.

10 For Nealley At the bunk house.

11 Sunday

12 For Nealley At the bunk house.

13 For Nealley Killed the pigs, etc.

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14 For Nealley In the forenoon cut up the pigs. After dinner worked in the shop.

15 For Nealley. Went to town & to Iver after the apple seeds. Went to Karl Latt with my shirt material to be made up.

16 For Nealley Forenoon made flat bread, afternoon salted pork.

17 For Nealley Forenoon took up the chain in the barn. Afternoon made a door in the roof of the barn.

18 Sunday Sent a letter to Rock Island.

19 For Nealley Worked at the cattle well.

20 For Nealley Hauled corn stalks and worked in the shop.

21 For Nealley Finished fixing the cattle well, fixed roof over Joseph's room.

22 For Nealley Began making a stationary wood vise bench & few other things.

23 For Nealley Finished the bench, sharpened saw, etc.

24 For Nealley Made the drawers to the bench. Mended harness.

25 Sunday

26 This day I had a holiday. Mended some little things.

27 For Nealley Finished the bench drawers, etc. Johannes, my brother-in-law, bought me a Bible.

28 For Nealley Made cupboards for the grafting room.

March

1 For Nealley Finished the cupboard & sawed out boards for hayrack.

2 For Nealley. Began work at 7 in the morning to saw boards for the hayrack. Worked until 11 when I took sick with intermittent fever & quit. Bought wine & quinine for $.50.

3 Sick bought wine and quinine for $.50.

4 Sunday Still sick.

5 Little bit better.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Not well Paid Lina Latt for sewing my shirts. Bought wine, bought cloth for pillows & sent letter to Bullen.

11 Sunday

12 For Nealley Worked on the hayrack.

13 For Nealley Worked on the hayrack. Sent a letter to Sweden. Paid for half the letter $.22.

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14 For Nealley Worked on the hayrack.

15 For Nealley Finished the hayrack.

16 For Nealley Mended the drag and the sled.

17 For Nealley Sewed blinds on the harness. In the afternoon mended the door to the sitting room.

18 Sunday

19 For Nealley Mended door between the dining room and the sitting room.

20 For Nealley Made small doors for the pigsty.

21 For Nealley Grafted the newly arrived roots. Alexander has paid what he owed me $15.00. The interest was $1.29 but I took only $.25.

22 For Nealley Grafted apple trees. Bought wine $.50
Quinine .25

23 For Nealley Did grafting in the forenoon. In the afternoon Wallerstedt was here after the widow's money $38.00

24 For Nealley Grafted until almost twelve o'clock, then took sick with the fever.

25 Sunday Sick.

26 Sick

27 Quite a bit better and went to town

Bought twine	$.05
Wine	.30
Two pair socks	.80
Necktie	.50
Blue denim for pants	.30
Buckle and hooks	.25

28 Went to town

Paid the doctor for two visits	.50
Bought draps in hope of help	.10
Bloomers	.15
Rhubarb	.15
Cloth for trousers	.75
Writing paper	.10
Memory book	.35
Also a small note book	.05
Snuff	.10

29 Did nothing

30 For Nealley Fixed the fence by the horse yard.

31 For Nealley Dug up trees in the nursery and that is the day we began work in the nursery.

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April

1 Sunday

2 For Nealley Sewed sacks on two bundles.

3 For Nealley Nursery work.

4 For Nealley The same.

5 For Nealley Nursery.

6 For Nealley Nursery.

7 For Nealley Nursery.

8 Sunday

9 For Nealley Worked in the nursery.

10 For Nealley Nursery

11 For Nealley Nursery Bought books from Runquist $1.35.

12 For Nealley Nursery Paid the bachelor for hauling a load of straw $.25.

13 For Nealley Nursery

14 For Nealley Nursery

15 Sunday

16 For Nealley In the nursery.

17 For Nealley Nursery

18 For Nealley Nursery

19 For Nealley Nursery

20 For Nealley Nursery

21 For Nealley Nursery

22 Sunday

23 For Nealley Nursery

24 For Nealley Nursery

25 For Nealley Nursery

26 Went to town. Bought a pair of shoes $1.75.

27 Went to town. Had a pair of boots half-soled $.75. To Rosen I gave $1.50 Bought wine $.25.

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28 Did Nothing.

29 Sunday

30 Made up accounts with Nealley and received $38.00

May

The Journey to Minnesota

1 We moved into Burlington
Conveyance to Burlington $.40
Bought a handkerchief .70
Claude Erickson for hemming it .10
Bought snuff .25

2 Necktie .40
Ink .10
Two bottles medicine (power & result .20

4 In the evening at 9 o'clock we went on board the steamship Sir Campbell.

5 In the morning we arrived at Rock Island. That same day we went on board the Albambra.

6 Sunday morning we arrived at Galena.

7 Monday evening we went aboard the steamship Lady Franklin.

9 Wednesday evening we arrived at St. Paul where we disembarked.

12 Saturday evening Alexander, Jonas Petter, and my brother-in-law Johannes with their families went aboard the steamship Black Hawk.

13 In the morning, Sunday, they continued the Minnesota journey up to Saint Francisco, but I had to remain in St. Paul because of sickness.

14 Monday was sick all day.

15 Was sick all day. This is what I have spent for medicine, etc., during the journey

Quinine	$.25
Portwine	.60
Castor Oil	.10
Bottle and stoop beer	.50
White sugar and brandy	.30
Two bottles "Power and Result"	.20
Portwine	.50
Total	$2.45

Deck passage from Burlington to St. Paul	$5.00
My belongings	2.43
My things from the river in St. Paul	.10
My chest to the river in Burlington	.10
And for my chest to the river in St. Paul	.10
Freight for the chest on Black Hawk	.50
Total	$8.23

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Provisions during this time		
Smoked pork in Burlington		$.55
Half pound butter		.25
Tea and sugar		.20
Candle		.05
Pie in Rock Island		.05
Pie in Galena		.15
Cider		.05
Foodstuff		.40
Bread and tea		.20
Bread in St. Paul		.10
Apples and milk		.10
Lemons		.10
1/4 quart molasses		.25
Bread		.15
Sugar		.10
Coffee		.10
Tea		.10
Two pounds apples		.25
Sugar		.10
Milk		.10
Swansons for board		.75
Milk		.20
1 quart milk		.05
Coffee		.10
	Total	$4.45

16 Bought carpentry tools to take along to St. Peter.
These we all went together for.

One saw of Carpenter Johnson		.90
A long plane		1.75
A short smoothing plane		1.25
A small plane with single edge		1.00
A one and a half inch gauge		.75
A one inch gauge		.50
A shingle knife		1.00
Two handax		1.50
One iron bar		.50
One chisel		.40
One smaller chisel		.30
Two grubbing hoes, 85¢ a piece		1.70
Four bores (three set and one smooth bore)		.95
Three gimlets		.25
One file		.10
One grindstone		2.00
	Total	$14.85
Three		.35
	Total	$15.20

Bought for myself

One ax		1.50
One whetstone		.30
Two gimlets, on auction		.10
Four awls (bradawls)		.15
One steel square		1.25
One screwdriver		.30
Three sets of hinges with screws		.50
	Total	$4.10

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17 This day, Thursday, Mr. Nilsson and Per. Daniel went up the river to St. Peter but my health is still such that I must remain here. Bought salt herring. $.10

18 Write a letter to Burlington, but I am not at all well.

19 Sent the letter to Burlington. Bought a pint portwine $.80
I am not well at all today. A glass lemonade .10

20 Sunday Took quinine and wine. Bought pie .05

21 Feel a bit better today. Bought some fresh meat .15
Went and got my clock. I paid a dollar for the cleaning of it, half a dollar for the glass, 25¢ for the circle and 50¢for the glass rim making a total of 2.00

22 Went up the Minnesota River.

23 In the evening I arrived at the wharf, San Francisco

June

18 Today I bought a claim from the German for 25.00

Gave Fisher's son for going along 5.00
P. Daniel went to St. Paul

19 Today I planted potatoes on my claim using the grubhoe. Alexander, Jonas Petter and Johannes helped me.

20 Went to Alexander and John for the second time and built on his shanty.

21 Stripped bark for my shanty. Bought pork from Bengtson for 3.94

22 Stripped bark for the shanty. P. Daniels came back from St. Paul.

23 In the forenoon I cleared where the shanty is to stand. After dinner stripped bark.

24 Sunday

25 Cleared the brush from a path to my claim. In the evening we made out accounts with Per Daniels. He has bought for me besides provisions.

One pair shoes	$1.75
One hand set	.75
Two mauls and a chain	.30
Window frames	.70
Window glass and putty	.62
Tobacco	.45
Nails	.25
Nails	.25
Nails (These Alexander later bought)	.25
Half interest in a woodsman's axe	1.62
Chalk	.05

26 Began to cut timber for my shanty. Alexander and John moved away from here.

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27 Cut more timber for shanty.

28 Stripped more bark for shanty.

29 Forenoon - Had the German, Fisher, to haul timber for the shanty.
Afternoon - It rained so did next to nothing only mended some shoes.

30 Rained - Chopped out rafters and shingles for shanty and put dirt around and over the cut bark. Paid Bengtson for pork. $3.95

July

1 Sunday

2 From morning until three in the afternoon, Peter Fisher and I hauled the rest of the timbers to the place for the shanty. Then I stripped all the timbers and cut the grass where I intended to sow turnips. Paid Fisher for his hauling. $3.00

3 Worked for Johannes on his shanty. Began at 9 o'clock to join the foundation. Per Daniel went to St. Paul

4 During the forenoon I worked for Johannes on his shanty, in the afternoon I went up to my claim and met Mr. Nilsson there.

5 Alexander, Jonas Petter and I worked on Johannes shanty.

6 Worked at Johannes shanty all day.

7 Worked again starting to put rafters on Johannes' shanty, Alexander, Jonas Petter and I.

8 Sunday

9 Johannes and I finished putting on the rafters and began to cover the shanty. Nilsson went back home.

10 Continued covering the roof and stripped off more bark.

11 Finished the roof and helped them move in in the evening.

12 Began on my shanty. Johannes helped.

13 Laid one round of timber, chopped four other timbers. Alexander hauled the logs over and we rolled them into place.

14 Johannes and I stripped more timber for the shanty. He changed a ten dollar bill for me into one, five and five one dollar bills.

15 Sunday

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16 Johannes and I finished hauling the logs and that evening the shanty was three rows high. Paid Fisher for some hauling. $3.00

17 Alexander, Jonas Petter, Johannes and I worked on the shanty.

18 Again all four worked on the shanty.

19 Again all four worked until noon when we quit. Did not feel well that evening yet went and marked out Magnuson's claim.

20 Johannes and I worked at covering the shanty. The German, Mr. Fisher, bought home some alcohol for me.
Apple seedlings $.75
Tobacco .25
Mr. and Mrs. Nilsson moved here today. .25

21 Johannes and I worked on my roof.

22 Sunday

23 Stripped bark and chinked my shanty.
Paid Nilsson for the iron wedge $1.35
Also for seed 1.00
Nilsson has paid for two bu. set onions, it was 2.25

24 Made a door for my shanty.

25 Went to the German, Rahn, and rough hewed logs.

26 Worked on logs at Rahn.

27 Built on the house at Rahn.

28 In the forenoon I went and marked a wood claim for Swan, and in the afternoon I went and looked around to see where I could cut hay.

29 Sunday

30 During the forenoon I was over at Magnuson and his wife's place and went over their claim by the lake. In the afternoon I cut hay on Nilsson's claim. In the evening I went to Rahn after white cabbage plants which he presented to me. Sent
with him to Chaska for apple seedlings. .50

31 Cut hay on Nilsson's claim and worked on pins for rakes.

<u>August</u>

1 Cut hay in the morning and worked on the rakes. In the afternoon we had a meeting and had communion. We organized into a church.

2 Finished the rakes and after dinner went over to Nilsson's claim and cut down timber for his shanty.

3 In the morning I borrowed Swan's oxen and moved my things to the shanty including my trunks. In the afternoon I split some timber and hewed it into shape for a table.

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4 Nilsson and I turned hay all day.

5 Sunday

6 Turned hay and cut some more. In the afternoon began to stack it.

7 Turned hay and cut more. Started stacking when it began to rain and we just did odds and ends.

8 In the morning spread out the hay and then got ready a place for the haystack.

9 Nilsson and I cut hay in the forenoon. After dinner we stacked hay.

10 The German, Ran, and I hauled hay in the morning. After dinner I cut timber on Nilsson's claim.

11 All of half a day I cut timber and the rest of the day spent my time taking care of the hay.

12 Sunday

13 In the morning felled timber for Nilsson's shanty. After dinner the German, Ran, and myself hauled hay until late at night.

14 Mended my shoes and in the afternoon, I finished felling timber for Nilsson's shanty.

15 Cleared a path from brush on Nilsson's claim also the place for the shanty.

16 Finished clearing on Nilsson's claim and cut out rafters. Nilsson went today to Chisago Lake and Root River.

17 Rahn this morning hauled a load of hay for me then I fixed the haystacks until noon. After dinner I chopped and rolled the old saw over to the place of Nilsson's shanty.

18 Cut hay all day.

19 Sunday

20 The larger part of the day I hewed out planks for Nilsson's shanty. Johannes Anderson and the servant, Magnus, dug out the cellar until noon when a hard rain made them stop.

21 I and the German, Rahn's boy have hauled timber all day to Nilsson's shanty while Johannes and Magnus finished digging the cellar.

22 Johannes and I have laid the base for Nilsson's shanty and then planned out how we should make it. Then we trimmed and hewed out logs. Swan and Magnus worked at that all day and finished it.

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23 Swan, Magnus, Johannes and I built on Nilsson's shanty all day. In the evening I went over to the Germans to find out how Greta, Jonas' wife was feeling.

24 Swan, Magnus, Johannes and I worked on Nilsson's shanty. Nilsson arrived from St. Paul and had all of his things along.

25 Swan, Magnus, Johannes and I finished the building of Nilsson's shanty. Swan hewed out sills, etc. Bought tobacco in Chaska. $.25

26 Sunday. Got a letter from Sweden today.

27 Swan and Magnus made shingles for Nilsson's shanty while I hewed out planks for the floor. Nilsson went today to New Sweden and Johannes went along. He is going to St. Paul to get a cow.

28 Swan and Magnus split shingles for Nilsson's shanty and I hewed planks.

29 Swan and Magnus covered Nilsson's shanty and I split rails for a cow yard, and made part of it. Split more planks.

30 Finished the yard for the cow. Cleared a place for an outside cellar, etc. Swan and Magnus chinked Nilsson's shanty.

31 Swan and I have finished up odds and ends at Nilsson's shanty and helped them move in. Johannes arrived today from St. Paul with Nilsson's cow.

<u>September</u>

1 I have put in the window in Nilsson's shanty, put up some shelves, dug a well and covered it.

2 Sunday

3 Johannes and I cut hay on P. Daniel's claim.

4 In the morning I went over and paid Ran for hauling timber for Nilsson. $3.00
Also for a load of hay for me .40
Later in the day I split rails for a fence around the haystack.

5 Finished the fence by the Haystack. Was over to Johannes and glazed his window.

6 Finished glazing the window. Then Johannes and I tended hay and put up part of it.

7 Worked with the hay. We are not feeling very well.

8 Still feeling sick. I split a couple of logs for boards and put up the rest of the hay. Alexander and Jonas Petter are out here today.

9 Sunday.

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10 Johannes and I worked on the felling axe, then I worked at home on the small wooden vessel.

11 First I split logs for doors, then worked at odds and ends.

12 First I went to Johannes after the felling axe and so hewed out the doors, thence tended to the hay and put up some in stacks.

13 First I fixed a place for the next haystack, then I cut a road through the wood to Alexander. In the evenings Johannes and I worked with the hay.

14 Fixed a place for Johannes haystack and stacked the hay. Did some more chopping on the road.

15 Made board for the door and window to my shanty.

16 Sunday

17 Rained. Hewed out boards for frame for Nilsson's window.

18 Went over to Alexander and made a door for his shanty.

19 Went to Johannes and made a door for his shanty.

20 Returned to Johannes and finished the door.

21 Went to Alexander and hewed out floor planks.

22 Jonas and I hauled some loads of hay and made half a stack, then it rained. In the evening I cut out some boards.

23 Sunday

24 Made a carpenter's bench, a last, etc.

25 Chopped out pieces for lathes. Chopped holes for windows in Nilsson's shanty.

26 Jonas Petter and I hauled in my hay. Johannes helped some too. In the evening I worked on the window frames in Nilsson's shanty.

27 Put the window frames into place in Nilsson's shanty, then put the last on the lathes.

28 Worked on various things at Nilsson's shanty. Johannes and "Maga Stina" were there the 28th and the 29th and daubed mud in the chinks.

29 Made a door frame and other things for Nilsson.

30 Sunday

<u>October</u>

1 Made boards for my shanty.

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2 Made ceiling boards at Alexanders and at Jonas Petters.

3 Made boards for chairs, etc. for Nilsson.

4 Split and made ceiling boards for my shanty. Cleared the bush away from the haystacks.

5 Cleared away brush around my shanty. Johannes left today for Cokato to get some window sashes and so forth.

6 In the forenoon I split planks for doors and frames in my shanty. After dinner I finished the clearing around the haystacks and did a few things over at Nilsson's shanty. Johannes came back today from Cokato where he has bought for me, tobacco for 50 cents, window moulding 25 cents and a plate for 5 cents making a total of $.80

7 Sunday

8 Worked on my shanty, hewing out doors, etc.

9 Before dinner put up a fence around the haystack on the meadow. After dinner raised the door frame in the shanty.

10 Put wedges under door frame to my shanty. Put the finishing touches to the frame and hung the door.

11 Chopped out the opening for the window and put in a frame. Mrs. Nilsson and Mathilda today finished digging up potatoes. The potatoes measured 5 1/3 flour barrels or about 17½ bushel.

12 Worked on my shanty.

13 Worked on my shanty. Mr. Nilsson came back home today from New Sweden.

14 Sunday

15 Worked on the shanty.

16 Went over to Alexander and hewed out ceiling planks.

17 Worked on the shanty.

18 Was at the German, Fisher, for a house raising bee.

19 In the morning I finished chinking my shanty. Johannes, Maja Stina and Mrs. Nilsson daubed the chinks with mud. In the evening I also worked at the daubing. Per Daniel today arrived from Burlington.

20 Mr. and Mrs. Nilsson and I worked at the daubing of the shanty.

21 Sunday

22 Finished daubing the shanty and the roof.

23 Went to Alexanders and worked on the door to their shanty. That finished the five days of work that I owed him.

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24 Went to Alexander's shanty and finished the door.

25 Felled timber for my cowshed.

26 Felled more timber.

27 Was over at Johannes and built on a cowshed.

28 Sunday

29 Jonas Petter and I hauled logs for my cowshed.

30 In the morning I laid one row of logs for the shed. In the afternoon Johannes and I went with Bengtson to be witnesses to his staking his claim.

31 First I went with the surveyor and measured out Johannes claim. Then the surveyor and May went over mine and Nilsson's claims putting out markers. Nilsson got his legal description from the surveyor with a payment of $5.50. My brother-in-law got his for housing and boarding the surveyor, and I paid $5.00 and am owing $.50.

November

1 Worked on my shanty.

2 Built on my cow shed and had Alexander, Jonas Petter and Johannes to help me.

3 Chopped out the opening for the shed door and hung the door, etc. Burnt grass around the haystacks.

4 Sunday

5 Went to Alexander and built on his cow shed.

6 Worked in my shed making cribs, etc.

7 Worked in my cow shed. In the afternoon we were at Alexanders and had a language meeting.

8 Worked on the shed.

9 Again worked on the shed.

10 Nilsson and Alexander hauled hay to cover my cow shed. I helped with the covering. Cleaned the inside of my shanty, and built chimney. Nilsson went to Carvers to hold a meeting.

11 Sunday

12 Put strips around the windows in my shanty, etc.

13 Began to make a (storm) door to my shanty.

14 Finished the door and put in windows.

15 We moved into my shanty. Did a bit of everything.

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16 Worked at odd jobs in my shanty.

17 Worked around the shanty, hung the door to the cow shed, etc., nailed shut the windows and fixed the roof on Nilsson's shanty.

18 Sunday

19 In the morning I fenced in Nilsson's haystack. In the afternoon put hinges on Johannes' door.

20 Nilsson, Johannes and I went to St. Paul to buy oxen. Nilsson paid me $15.00 for my claim. Ericson paid me what he owed. In St. Paul I spent $15.00 We were there until the 27th.

28 Returned home.

29 Put up the stove pipes at Johannes. Today I began to board with Mrs. Nilsson but there has been no decision as to price.

30 In the morning I dug for the well on my claim. After dinner we had a meeting at Alexanders. Jonas Petter has made over a coat for me. I am to work for him one day to pay for that.

December

1 Daubed mud in the chinks on the cow shed.

2 Sunday

3 First I went and sold a haystack, then I chopped out boards to use for a cover over the well.

4 Finished digging the well and covered it. "Maja Stina" and Mrs. Nilsson have sewed a comforter for me. I owe Mrs. Nilsson for that.

5 This morning I made the well curb and a roof over the well. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Johannes.

6 Worked for Nilsson. Started making a snow shovel. Went for material to the woods. Chopped out the bowl part.

7 For Nilsson. Finished the snow shovel.

8 For Nilsson. Began to make a table.

9 Sunday

10 For Nilsson. Three fourths of the day, worked on the table. In the evening we moved the potatoes to Alexander's house, then I made a handle for the chisel, etc.

11 For Nilsson. Finished the table in the morning. In the afternoon I nailed strips around cow shed door, fixed a crib for the calf, etc.

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12 Started to make a panel for my shanty. In the afternoon we had a meeting and choir practice at Johannes.

13 Worked at splitting boards for the wainscot.

14 Worked at making boards. Put up a shelf in the back in the afternoon. Outside there was a snowstorm.

15 Chopped boards all day.

16 Sunday

17 Split boards for paneling. In the afternoon I had Alexander to help me haul logs for the boards.

18 Forenoon for Nilsson - loaded and hauled wood. After dinner chopped stove wood for Alexander for his help the previous day.

19 Morning split boards and hauled them off. Nilsson went along. Cut stove wood for Nilsson this afternoon.

20 Did various things for myself this morning. This afternoon made a cupboard for Nilsson.

21 This morning went into the woods to pick out runners for a drag. Hauled them home this afternoon and chopped them out.

22 For Nilsson - when I put the runners on the drag or sled.

23 Sunday

24 Went to Jonas Petter and chopped stove wood all day.

25 Christmas Day

26 We had choir practise and a meeting.

27 28 Mended all my clothes.

29 Sharpened and repaired the saw, etc.

30 Sunday

31 Made the facing around the door in my shanty.

<u>January</u> 1856

1 We had dinner with Bergquist.

2 Was over to Johannes and hauled hay.

3 The same.

4 Made a puncheon board, etc. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.

5 Chopped out boards and planks, etc.

6 Sunday We had communion.

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7 Chopped out a plank. Made a mallet, carved out chair legs, etc.

8 Began to cut our rails.

9 Chopped rail logs. Went over to the Johannes and sawed out mouldings. Put moulding around my shanty door.

10 Made a cupboard for Nilsson. Started a sled.

11 Chopped out railroad ties for myself.

12 Made cover for Nilsson's sled, etc. Afternoon cut rails.

13 Sunday

14 Set up warp for Nilssons, etc. Afternoon cut rails.

15 Cut rails.

16 Cut rails.

17 Cut rails, but took Nilsson across the lakes during the forenoon as he was going to St. Paul.

18 Chopped rails.

19 Chopped rails.

20 Sunday

21 Forenoon made a mallet and cut rails. In the afternoon I began to cut rails on the other side of the maple.

22 Chopped rails on the other wide of the maple.

23 Chopped rails on the other side of the maple. Mr. Nilsson returned from St. Paul.

24 Cut rails on the other side of the maple.

25 Cut rails beyond the maple. In the afternoon had a meeting at Magnusons.

26 Cut rails on the other side of the maple.

27 Sunday

28 29 Finished cutting rails beyond the maple. Have cut 400 rails.

30 Cut rails beyond the maple.

31 Cut rails beyond the maple.

February

1 Cut rails beyond the maple.

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2 The same.

3 Sunday

4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Cut rails.

10 Sunday

11 and 12 Cut rails.

13 Forenoon cut rails. Afternoon meeting. The surveyor was here today with the government receipt. I paid him $5.00 when he measured out the land and today I gave him $1.50

14 and 15 Cut rails.

16 This morning Johannes and I took my cow over to the bull at Stega. Afternoon cut rails.

17 Sunday Magnus and Christine were baptized.

18 and 19 Cut rails.

20 Cut rails from the woods on the hill.

21 Cut rails. Nilsson went after potatoes last Monday, 10 bushel. Last Tuesday he went to May after seed corn for me, one bushel. For this I paid cash one dollar. The Norwegian, Jorgenson, from Carver has been here today to get his deed signed. Alexander was here this evening and made out his accounts with Mr. Nilsson and with myself.

22 Went to Swanberg this morning for the price of the hay. It was $5.00. This afternoon we had a language meeting.

23 Cut rails.

24 Sunday Had communion.

25 and 26 Cut rails.

27 Morning cut rails. Afternoon had a meeting. I am not well so can not cut many rails a day.

28 and 29 Cut rails but am not well.

March

1 Cut rails. Feeling a bit better.

2 Sunday

3 and 4 Wrote letters to Sweden, Cousin Johan and the ~~friends~~ brethren in Burlington.

5 Forenoon cut rails. In the afternoon there was a meeting.

6 Cut rails all day.

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7 Forenoon, cut rails. In the afternoon I went to Swan Erickson and talked to the German about the claim. Nilsson left today and took my letters along.

8 Cut rails all day with the help of Per Daniel.

9 Sunday

10 Cut rails all day.

11 Cut rails all day. Have now 2000 rails.

12 Cut down the timber where the fence is to be.

13 Carried 400 rails over to the fence line.

14 Alexander helped me haul rails.

15 Alexander helped me haul rails.

16 Sunday

17 Jonas Petter helped me haul rails.

18 Worked for Nilsson. Made some wooden troughs in which to gather maple sap. Nilsson came back from St. Paul today and he had Nygren along. He has bought for me:

6 yards material for trousers	$1.20
6 yards white drill for under pants	.75
6 yards shirt material	.60
1 black hat	1.00
1 comb	.75

Nilsson forgot to pay on the letter. I wrote to Sweden when he left it at the postoffice.

19 Worked during the forenoon for Nilsson making spouts and put them into the maples. In the afternoon cut logs into fence sticks.

20 Made fence rails from the logs.

21 Good Friday We had a meeting.

22 Split logs. In the afternoon worked on the chairs.

23 Easter Sunday

24 Had a meeting in the morning. After dinner I worked on the chairs.

25 First wove cane seats for the chairs. After dinner split logs.

26, 27, 28 and 29 Split logs. Have now over 400 sticks.

30 Sunday

31 Split logs and quit when I had 330 sticks.

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April

1 Cut down some trees on the hill. Worked the greater part of the evening for Nilsson when I made 6 troughs for the maple sap, then I put the cane seats on the chairs. It is raining and snowing heavily. Yesterday and today Nilsson has been hauling my fence rails.

2 Forenoon - I finished the chairs. Afternoon - I mended my boots.

3 Worked during forenoon for Nilsson. I bored into the maples for the second time. I mended the sled, etc. In the afternoon I went over to Rahn to find out about laying fence. I had along $.25 from Nilsson for Rahn for the wagon. Afterwards I marked the lines for Nilsson's fence.

4 and 5 We, church members, worked at Nilsson when we put up a fence around his hill.

6 Sunday

7 Went to Alexanders and hewed timber for his house.

8 and 9 Hewed timber for Alexander.

10 Built on P. Daniel's shanty.

11 Forenoon - Built on P. Daniel's shanty. Afternoon - Hewed timber for Alexander.

12 Mended my boots.

13 Sunday

14 Hewed timber for Alexander. Early evening it began to rain and the weather being uncertain, I went home about half past four.

15 Half past eight went over to Alexander, hewed timber and laid out the first row. Went home at 5 as it was raining.

16 Hewed logs on my hill all day.

17 Was over at Alexander all day. Joined the first row and hewed timber.

18 At Alexander hewed timber.

19 At Alexander hewed timber and put in bolts.

20 Sunday Bergquist and his wife and Petter Swanson and his wife were baptized.

21 Built on Alexander's house.

22 Built on Alexander's house. Nilsson and Per Daniels left today for St. Paul. They took along the calf to sell.

23 Built on Alexander's house and finished the side walls.

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24 Cut logs on my hill and cut out blocks for the fence.

25 As it rained in the morning, I stayed in and made a new axe handle. After dinner Alexander and I hauled logs for me. Nilsson returned from St. Paul and brought Alfred with him.

26 Went and got acquainted with Alfred over at May's house. That evening chopped stakes for my fence.

27 Sunday

28 Forenoon - Alexander was here and hauled logs. In the afternoon we had a meeting.

29 During the forenoon Alexander and I hauled logs. After dinner we started laying my fence.

30 Alexander and I laid fence all day.

May

1 Alexander and I laid fence all day. Nilsson has gone to Chaska and St. Paul.

2 Alexander and I laid fence on the other side of the line and finished up the fence.

3 Made a style over by the field, etc.

4 Sunday

5 Hewed out pieces for style. In the afternoon went over to Alexander and picked our potatoes out of the water in his cellar. Made a nail halter for the calf.

6 Made handles for the rake, hoe and axe. Went after the potatoes. Johnas Petter hauled them over here. After that I chopped down brush.

7 Cut down brush on my field. In the afternoon we had a meeting over at Johannes Nilsson came back today from St. Paul.

8 Worked for Nilsson when he and I hoed his field.

9 At Alexander, put up the roof beams.

10 All forenoon at Alexander finishing and raising the roof rafters. In the afternoon Alexander went with me and we burnt the brush on my field and then the larger part of the evening we burnt off Nilsson's field for which he is to pay me.

11 Sunday Nillson is sick. Alfred has gone to Chaska to get his wife.

12 I worked for Nilsson. Peter Swanson, Johannes and I cleared a potato field of brush and then grubbed it.

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13 Swanberg, his boy and I chopped down trees in Nilsson's field in the forenoon. In the afternoon we grubbed on the potato field.

14 Swanberg and his boy grubbed on Nilsson's potato field, however, Swanberg got sick and left in the middle of the afternoon. Jonas Peter and I hauled logs from Nilsson's field from 9 to 6 o'clock.

15 I raked brush on my field. Swan Erickson and Brother Magnus have grubbed and cleared out brush from Nilsson's potato field. The boy, Andrew, has also helped there.

16 I raked brush and burnt it on my field. Andrew, the boy, Christine and Mrs. Nilsson have dug a field for cabbage and planted it. The boy went home at 5 o'clock. Alexander went to Chaska and brought home Nilsson's things.

17 I grubbed a potato field.

18 Sunday Bergquists and Per Swanson's girls were baptized.

19 Forenoon - Dug up for a cold frame and planted it..In the afternoon I planted potatoes until 4 when I went with the others and put out a seine. Matson from Knoxville was here today.

20 Last night we fished. Got the boat full. Got home at noon, then I planted potatoes and grubbed the place for my corn field.

21 Forenoon - planted corn. After dinner we had a meeting. Nilsson is sick.

22 I planted corn all day. Magnus, the servant, has raked and burnt brush all day on Nilsson's field.

23 We, church folks, planted corn for Nilsson.

24 I planted corn with Alexander's help.

25 The servant, Magnus Bengtson, his wife and their son, Swan, were baptized today.

26 Raked brush and planted corn. A German, Toby, was here and asked how to get to Crow River.

27 Planted corn and cleared out more brush.

28 Raked brush and burnt it. I replanted corn in the old hills because some of the seed is no good. The Matson Co. arrived here today to take out claims.

29 I planted corn. Andrew Swanberg worked three fourths of the day for me. The German, Rahn, has brought me seed corn from Mays for $.25.

30 Forenoon - Sowed wheat on my field. Afternoon - planted corn. Andrew Swanberg has grubbed land for turnips at Nilssons. Nilsson went to St. Paul today.

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31 I planted corn. Andrew Swanberg grubbed turnip land for Nilsson, but left in the middle of the afternoon.

June

1 Sunday We had a meeting at Peter Swanson.

2 Forenoon - I raked and burnt brush on my land. Andrew Swanberg came back to Nilsson at 9 o'clock. He hoed the corn.

3 I planted corn. Andrew Swanberg hoed corn. Nilsson came back from St. Paul.

4 Grubbed the potato field. In the afternoon went to bed. I was sick. A. Swanberg hoed corn for Nilsson.

5 Grubbed the potato field but am for from well. A. Swanberg hoed corn.

6 Not well. Grubbed a little and started planting potatoes. A. Swanberg hoed weeds in Nilsson's cornfield.

7. Forenoon - planted corn in the hills where none showed up. Afternoon - Had a language meeting at Bengtson. J. Erickson came up from St. Paul today to pay us a visit. A. Swanberg has grubbed in the turnip field at Nilssons. In the afternoon he went to the meeting and then home.

8 Sunday We all had communion at Bergquist.

9 I planted potatoes. Went with Erickson and helped step off his claim. Not well.

10 First I went after the mare in the German's meadow as she had foaled. Afterwards I planted potatoes. In the afternoon we had a meeting over at Bengston. Erickson returned to St. Paul today.

11 The only thing I did today was to make up accounts with Nilsson.

12 Raining. Chopped out some eaves troughs. In the afternoon I cleared the small field on the other side of the maple.

13 Planted corn on the other side of the line. In the afternoon we went out on the lake and seined for fish.

14 In the morning I planted corn on the other side of the maple and broke up land for turnips. Half the afternoon I spent emptying the well and then I hoed.

15 Sunday

16 I hoed corn between the rain showers. A. Swanberg came here today.

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17 Hoed corn and then went to the German, Witzer, to fetch my cow and calf. Nilsson returned today from the swedish settlement at Carver.

18 Forenoon - Hoed corn. Afternoon - Meeting.

19 We, church members, hoed corn for Nilsson. Nilsson went today to Cannon River and Root River (Houston)

20 and 21 Hoed corn for myself.

22 Sunday

23 and 24 Hoed corn for myself.

25 Forenoon - Hoed potatoes. Afternoon - meeting.

26, 27 and 28 Hoed corn for myself.

29 Sunday

30 Hoed corn

July

1 In the morning I took Nilsson's mare over to Kesslers, but she would not take the horse. In the afternoon until 3 I cut weeds in Nilsson's cornfield. After that I hoed for myself.

2 Hoed corn and potatoes, grubbed turnips field.

3 Hoed corn. In the afternoon I mended Nilsson's carriage.

4 The servant, Magnus, and I put up the frame work to a porch on Nilsson's shanty.

5 We made shingles for the porch.

6 Sunday

7 In the forenoon I was over to Kessler with Nilsson's mare, but she would not take the horse. Afternoon - shingled the porch.

8 In the forenoon I split out shingles and shingled the porch. Afternoon - I stripped bark off the timber for the sides.

9 I went with the mare for the third time to Kessler, but she would not take the horse. Stripped logs.

10 Hoed potatoes between showers.

11 This morning the "shall" German was over and made a terrible to do about Nilsson's mare because she had been in his field and destroyed his wheat. I went over and measured his fence. It was only 5 rails high which made it 3 ft. and one inch high. Afterwards I hoed my potatoes all day.

12 Forenoon - I finished the porch. In the afternoon I wrote letters to my sister and brothers and brother-in-law in Burlington.

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13 Sunday

14 Finished my letters to Burlington. About noon I started for Carver to look for work. I got work at Noyes and worked for 10 days at a dollar a day.

26 Saturday I went home. Had dinner and supper at Nilsson.

27 Sunday Had breakfast and supper at Nilsson, dinner at Johannes.

28 Ate breakfast and dinner at Nilsson. This evening I am returning to Noyes for four days work.
I worked the four days making a well for Noyes.

August

2 Went to Carver and started working for the Count and worked for him through the 16th.

17 Sunday I went home. Ate two meals at Nilsson.

18 Ate three meals at Nilsson. Went to the store and paid my bill, $2.45.

19 Went to St. Paul and bought a stove and provisions. Boarded at Erickson until noon on Saturday. Went on the steamboat "Wave" to Carver, arriving at eleven P.M.

24 Sunday morning I went home. Ate dinner at Nilsson. That evening we butchered Erickson's cow. Ate supper at Johannes.

25 Went to Watson and asked for the use of the wagon to go to Carver. Ate breakfast at Johannes. Cleaned out my well. Ate dinner and supper at Nilsson.

26 Alfred and I went to Carver after the stoves. I came as far as Fishers in the morning and evening, and we left the load there. Alfred and I ate supper at Nilsson.

27 First, Alfred and I went to Fishers after the load, then we had breakfast at Nilssons. Afterwards I put up the stove. This afternoon Toby and some other Germans were here. They ate dinner at Nilssons. They ruined my plans for the afternoon even if it did rain. I ate dinner and supper at Nilssons.

28 In the morning I went with the Germans to find a shortcut to Chaska. In the afternoon I spent doing odds and ends. Ate three meals at Nilssons. Nilsson returned home today from Chisago Lake and St. Paul. He has bought a stove. Shillenstrom from New Sweden has come here.

29 I cleared on the other side of the line. Today I began to board myself.

30 This forenoon I picked cranberries. This afternoon cleared on the other side of the line. Shillenstrom returned home today.

31 Sunday

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September

1 Went to Carver after a chain to Matson's wagon that I had lost.

2 Cut my corn and the weeds in the field. I am not well.

3 Forenoon - Shocked my corn. Afternoon - Had a language meeting at Johannes.

4 Not so well. Fixed the stove and pipes over at Nilssons. Am boardingmyself. I count it a 3/4 day.

5 Worked at Nilsson. Put up a door in his shanty, some pot shelves and helped him move. I am boarding myself.

6 Went over to Jonas Peter and hewed out timber.

7 Sunday Dalicarlian Anderson and his wife, Mattson and his wife and Frans Bergquist were baptized.

8 Stayed home and cleaned my shanty.

9 Was at Jonas Peter and hewed out puncheons, etc.

10 Until 2 I hewed out rafters for Jonas Peter. Afterwards I mended Nilsson's carriage.

11 First I did some things for Nilsson for which I did not charge anything. Afterwards I went to Jonas Peter and finished making rafters. In the afternoon I hewed out boards for Alfred's door.

12 Built on Jonas Peter's house.

13 Built on Jonas Peter's house.

14 Sunday

15 and 16 Husked my corn and hung it up.

17 Made boards for a corn crib.

18 First went to Johannes, then Jonas Peter and I hauled home the boards for the corn crib. Afternoon - husked corn.

19 Chopped poles and put up for the corn crib.

20 Built on the corn crib, etc.

21 Sunday

22 In the forenoon I worked on Alfred's door. In the afternoon we and the Germans had a political meeting. Afterwards I put in four hours on Alfred's door.

23 Worked on Alfred's door all day. He husked corn for me.

24 Worked until 4 on Alfred's door, then I husked corn for myself.

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25 During the forenoon I was at Alfred and hung the door in the entry, then I went to Johannes and laid a bolster (prop) in his house.

26 Finished the bolster (prop) at Johannes and then husked my corn.

27 Finished husking my corn.

28 Sunday

29 Worked on my corn crib.

30 Worked some more on the corn crib. Not feeling well.

<u>October</u>

1 Hauled some hay for the corn crib. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.

2 In the morning I covered my corn crib. In the afternoon I picked corn husks for a mattress.

3 Went over to Nilsson and worked onthe cow shed.

4 Did odds and ends.

5 Sunday

6 Chinked my corn crib.

7 In the morning I made a door for the corn crib. In the afternoon I built a box in Jonas Peter's cellar.

8 I mended the seine at Alfred in the morning. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Johannes. That night I helped fight fire by Nilssons, Lonnsten's and Jonas' woods.

9 Fought fire in the north woods all day.

10 Went fishing with the seine but caught nothing.

11 Was home anddid a little of everything. Received our order from the County Commissioner that I had been appointed road supervisor.

12 Sunday

13 In the morning Johannes and I went to Jonas and bought a pig which we carried home to Johannes. In the afternoon I dug potatoes.

14 Had lessons at Skillings.

15 Dug potatoes.

16 Dug potatoes.

17 First I made a potato box in Jonas Peter's cellar and then I dug potatoes.

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18 Finished digging my potatoes. Took over four bushels to Johannes to be made into starch. I got about 30 bushels of potatoes from the 4 bushels, that I planted. Lundsten gave me half a pound of butter for my old songbook.

19 Sunday

20 Went over to Johannes and put in the windows.

21 Forenoon - Finished putting in the windows at Johannes. In the afternoon I started grubbing on theother side of the line.

22 Grubbed on the other side of the line all day.

23 Grubbed likewise all day.

24 Forenoon - Did nothing. Afternoon - mended shoes. Rained hard all day.

25 Nilsson and I went to Chaska and Carver. I had the ploughshare on Jonas' plow mended. It cost $1.00
Bought 3/4 of a gallon molasses in Carver $.60
One pound starch, candles .30
Gave Brown from Alfred and Per Nilsson $8.00
for a millstone.

26 Sunday

27 Grubbed on the other wide of the maple.

28 Grubbed all day.

29 Grubbed all day on the other side of the maple.

30 Grubbed again.

31 Grubbed on the other side of the maple until 2 o'clock when Jonas Peter and I staked out Erickson's claim.

November

1 Forenoon - Grubbed. Afternoon - Had a language meeting at Mattson's house.

2 Sunday

3 Alexander and I cut rails on Erickson's claim.

4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Grubbed and cleaned on the other side of the maple.

9 Sunday

10 Fixed the roof on my shanty (loghouse)

11 Not well. Grubbed and pulled away the fence on the other side of the maple. Jonas Peter and Alfred have started to break sod there today.

12 Jonas Petter and Alfred finished breaking the ground at noon. I am not well so I did nothing.

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13, 14 and 15 Daubed and fixed my loghouse.

16 Sunday

17 and 18 Worked for Nilsson. Made facings for the windows and doors andmade an axe handle. I gave the boards for the facings. The axe handle and boards I count as one day' work, which is plenty cheap. I did get one board from Nilsson, but he had already gotten one from me just like it for a food shelf.

19 Burnt brush on my field, etc.

20, 21 and until noon of the 22 I made the door for Peter Nilsson's loghouse. He owes me three days of work for that.

22 Afternoon - Fixed a cellar door for Jonas Peter. Today I got a pound of pork from Broberg. My cow calved yesterday. It was a heifer.

23 Sunday

24 and 25 Cut log for the fence on the other side of the maple, however, I spent part of each day in hunting.

26 Forenoon - cut logs. Afternoon - we had a meeting at Johannes' house.

27 Cut logs for the fence on the other side of the maple.

28 Borrowed Jonas Broberg's oxen to haul logs for the fence on the other side of the maple. Alfred was also here with his oxen andhauled logs. He owed me 2½ days work, one day I counted off for the oxen and the half day I counted off for the sinkers he made for the seine and the mending of the net. In the evening Nilsson and I made up our account for the last period of boarding and the 6½ days of work, I had done during that time, also for the five days of work I had done and the boards I had given what should count off when I built his cow shed because of the board I had had when I built mine.

29 Was at Jonas Peter and hewed out bed boards for the mending of my clothes.

30 Sunday

December

1 In the forenoon I made a road to my field. In the afternoon we had lessons at Mattsons.

2 Did a bit of everything.

3 Mended my boots.

4 Again did odds andends.

5 Nilsson and I intend to go down to St. Paul.

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6 I proved up my claim in Minneapolis. That evening we arrived in St. Paul where I stayed until the 19th, then Erickson and his family and I moved.

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18 Nilsson and I went to Minneapolis and Nilsson paid for his claim.

20 Moved home.

21 Cleaned and fixed up my loghouse.

22 Sunday

23 Forenoon - I had Nilssons over as our guests. After dinner I did various things. Erickson and Johannes went to Excelsior after the last of our things.

24 Made troughs for the maple sap, etc.

25 Made maple sap troughs. In the afternoon had a meeting. Chaunlier looked around for a claim.

26 Made troughs for the maplesap.

27 Made spouts for the maples.

28 Tried to mend the molasses' kettle but could not. Hauled the troughs to the maple for Nilsson and myself, etc.

29 Sunday

30 A.M. Bored into the maples for Nilsson. P.M. Bored in some more maples.

31 A.M. Made 20 troughs for the sap. P.M. Erikson and I made plans for his house. Later he and I bored more maples. In all there are 66 maples bored for syrup.

April

1 In the morning I hung up my corn to dry, etc. P.M. Mended pants, etc. In the evening I went over to Johannes and we made up our accounts both old and new. We are now square except that Johannes still owes me $3.00 for corn.

2 A.M. Did a bit of everything. PM Split out pieces for rat traps.

3 Hewed out the pieces for the rat traps.

4 In the morning Nilsson and I went over to Fisher to be reconciled to him. This is the way we decided. Nilsson paid him $10.00 but if the sheep should die he was to pay $6.00 more, and, if the cow should calve within the next 9 days and the calf should die, then he was to pay for that besides $2.00 Nilsson gave Fisher so that he should call off the case against me. I am to pay Nilsson these $2.00 . In the afternoon we had a language meeting at Johannes. We had a real good time. Nilsson and I beat Johannes at words.

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5 Sunday

6 Did some odds and ends.

7 Hewed out some planks and put in to the roof, then I chopped the ice out of the maple sap troughs.

8 Made triggers for the rat traps, etc., also cared for the cooking syrup.

9 Went to Johannes and hewed timbers for the church but in the afternoon it rained so went back home.

10 A.M. Chopped wood for the syrup kettle. As it was Good Friday, we had a meeting in the evening at Bengtson's house. Johannes and I have had accounts about my calf. I paid him $4.00 for the first year he fed him and $6.00 for the second year. Johannes and I are square now.

11 Cooked syrup etc., finished some waterpails. Also tended to Mr. Nilsson's hand.

12 Easter Sunday

13 Forenoon - Had a meeting at Bjorkquist's house. P.M. Had a raising bee at the church building. Later I went to Magnus Persons after 1/4 bushel seed corn for which I paid three bits, and at Bengtson I borrowed feed mill on which to grind my corn.

14 Shelled corn all day, 3½ bushel.

15 Ground corn the whole day. Ground 2 bushels of potatoes for Jonas Peter.

16 First I was with Mr. Nilsson to Fishers when he paid him $7.00 for the calf which was dead. Mr. Fisher promised he would ask no more damages for injuries that the dog had done. Afterwards I ground corn.

17 Ground corn all day and returned the mill to Bengtson in the evening.

18 My brother-in-law, Johannes and I laid fence for Nilsson all day.

19 Sunday

20 Chopped down logs for rails on the other side of the maple. Gave Johnson, the storekeeper, $5.00 with which to pay my taxes at Chaska.

21 Split logs into rails on the other side of the maple.

22 Chopped logs on the other side of the maple for stakes. Also tarried at the syrup kettle.

23 Forenoon Split logs into rails. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Bergquist.

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24 Laid worm fence at Mr. Nilssons.

25 Forenoon - Also laid rails for the fence at Nilssons. In the afternoon I wrote a letter about the money to Johanson, my brother-in-law in Burlington.

26 Sunday

27 Split rails and stakes on the other side of the maple.

28 Went over to Alfreds and laid his fence.

29 Had Alfred's oxen and hauled logs and rails from the other side of the maple. In the evening I took 3 bushels of potatoes with me to Alfred to pay for the breaking of the sod and knitting of stockings.

30 Forenoon - Went to Jonas Peter to see if the creek was open. In the afternoon I measured out potatoes, 3 bushels for Jonas Peter, 5 pails for Lundsten, 2 bushel for Erickson and 4 bushels for Mr. Nilsson.

May

1 A.M. Worked for Nilsson making a front bolster for his carriage. P.M. Went fishing in the creek by Jonas Peter using the net.

2 Got home from fishing and I slept until noon. In the afternoon I went to the language meeting at Johannes.

3 Sunday

4 Split rails, etc.

5 Had Alfred and Peter Nilsson to help me lay fence. Alfred borrowed some flour.

6 Peter Nilsson and I finished the fence around the whole field on the other side of the maple. Peter Nilsson got a half bushel of corn to take home. I received the money from the storekeeper. The tax was $1.60

7 A.M. Fixed all holes in the rail fence.

8 Wemt to Carver to hear if I could get some raffia for grafting. Went to Noyes after 1/4 bushel corn. It cost $.50

9 A.M. Stayed in and worked around the house. P.M. Raked the potato field, etc. Grubbed for a larger field.

10 Sunday

11 Jonas Peter harrowed my wheat field on the other side of the maple. Erickson sowed the wheat for me and I dragged it. I went to Nilsson and bought a quarter bushel of wheat, so I have seeded the little field with one and a fourth bushel of wheat, thence I grubbed some more in the potato field and chopped corn stalks.

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12 Went to Jonas Peter and grubbed to pay for his harrowing my wheat field. Mr. Nilsson went to Carver but he could not find my grafting box.

13 A.M. Picked stones from the little field and raked the corn stalks with in the large field. P.M. Had meeting at Alfred's house.

14 Grubbed in the potato field and chopped cornstalks. It rained all day.

15 Alfred came over and we plowed the potato field , then I raked corn stalks.

16 Chopped and raked cornstalks all day. I measured out two bushels of potatoes for Erickson and two bushels for Jonas Peter.

17 Sunday

18 Went over to Alfreds and grubbed to pay for his plowing the potato field for me.

19 Went to Carver after grafting box and one sack of flour for Erickson. Gave Holms $.50 to pay for the freight from St. Paul, but if the boat does not ask for it, I am to have back my money. I paid Holm $.25 for the box and $1.50 Nilsson charged me for the ride, but I received $.30 from Erickson for bringing the flour.

20 Forenoon - I healed in the grafts. After dinner we went fishing with the seine, and we got a splendid lot.

21 Forenoon - Johannes and I cleaned fish at his house. At 3 O'clock until dark Erickson and I planted apple grafts.

22 Planted grafts all day.

23 I planted grafts all day.

24 Sunday

25 A.M. Went to Nilsson and planted corn, to count on the pastor's work. PM Carried home potatoes from Jonas Peter and put out sticks by the grafts, etc.

26 First I moved the dirt away from the graft tips and then I planted potatoes.

27 A.M. Planted potatoes. P.M. Had language meeting at Alfred.

28 Planted corn. Anders Erickson dropped the corn.

29 Was not well but planted a little corn in between the times I had to lie down.

30 I was sick but anyaway I wrote a letter to brother Carl that I had received the grafts, also wrote brother-in-law, Johanson what kind of grafts he should buy. It rained all day.

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31 Sunday I was too sick to go along to communion.

June

1 A.M. Made a hoe handle and went to Scandia and voted on representative and consuls. P.M. Planted some corn but did not feel well.

2 Not well but planted corn all day. Erickson helped me.

3 Still not well. Off and on planted some corn. At 4 o'clock we went to Lundsten to a meeting. Erickson and Anders helped me plant corn.

4 Erickson andI planted corn on my hill all day and so finished the corn planting.

5 Dug some cabbage beds and planted them. Mr. Nilsson went today to St. Paul and he is to bring us a load of flour.

6 Over half of the day I was on preacher's day work and planted corn at Nilssons, also potatoes, then I was too sick to work.

7 Sunday

8 Went to Erickson and helped him lay the foundation to his house.

9 Finished planting potatoes. Altogether I have planted 7½ bushels potatoes.

10 Went to Erickson and we raised the bolsters.

11 At Erickson first we laid a raw around the cellar, etc. Began to dig the cellar.

12 At Erickson. Dug the cellar.

13 At Erickson. Finished digging the cellar.

14 Sunday

15 A.M. Picked over my corn and fixed the corncrib. Last Wednesday Mr. Nilsson returned from St. Paul. He brought along my small barrel of flour. It cost $3.75. $5.25 I had sent with him so he did not get more than $.50 for hauling it home for me.

16 Hoed around the grafts. Hoed corn and replanted some. Made a pole for Erickson and one for me, etc.

17 Began to build on Erickson's house.

18, 19 and 20 Built on Erickson's house and today Anders and Mathilda have hoed my corn.

21 Sunday

22 Worked at Nilsson on preacher's day work. Hewed planks for puncheons for the kitchen.

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23 At Nilsson. Hewed puncheons for the kitchen. P.M. Did nothing, but was lazy and read the papers.

24 A.M. Wrote letters to Claude in Sweden. P.M. Had a business meeting for the church.

25 Worked at Erickson. Chopped the timber for the house.

26 Built at Erickson. Finished the sidewalls. Alfred today took my cow to the bull at Fishers. I am owing Alfred for this.

27 Worked at the church.

28 Sunday

29 Worked at the church.

30 Worked at the church.

July

1 A.M. Did a bit of everything. Carried out all my clothes to sun them, etc. P.M. Began to make a kitchen for the stove.

2 Forenoon - I finished the kitchen. P.M. At Nilsson - Hewed out boards for a porch.

3 At Nilsson - Hewed out boards for the porch.

4 Had meetings all day.

5 Sunday

6 At Nilsson. Hewed boards for the kitchen.

7 Split ceiling boards at Erickson.

8 Split ceiling boards at Erickson. Took my heifer to Nilsson's bull in the evening.

9 Until dinner worked for myself. P.M. chopped panels for Erickson.

10 Worked for Erickson all day.

11 Forenoon - I planted beets and turnips. PM Hoed corn.

12 Sunday

13 In the forenoon I hoed corn. It rained in the afternoon so I wrote a letter to Sweden.

14 Hoed corn all day.

15 Hoed corn all day. Had Mathilda's help both days.

16 Hewed out ceiling boards for Erickson.

17 Again all day at Erickson.

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18 Had a language meeting and then a love feast all day.

19 Sunday

20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 Worked at Erickson on his house.

26 Sunday

27 Went to Broberg and made a hay rake for which I am to have the use formy hay.

28 Was three hours over at Brobergs andfinished making the hayrake, then until 2 P.M. I was at Nilsson and laid a foot for his haystack, etc. in pay for his writing letters to Sweden forme. Later I also wrote letters to Sweden. Johannes took my heifer to Fisher's bull today for which he paid $.50.

29 Wrote letters to Sweden all day.

30 Until 3 in the afternoon I wrote letters to Burlington and to Cousin Johan from Haljesfall, then I chopped out a road to the little field.

31 Cut and tended hay on P. Daniel's claim.

August

1 Cut and tended to the hay on Per Daniel's claim.

2 Sunday

3 First in the morning I fixed the letter to Sweden and the letter to Cousin Johan into envelopes and sent them the same day to Burlington. Then I chopped out a way to haul hay. In the evening I made a hayrake, etc.

4 Cut and tended to the hay on P. Daniel's claim.

5 Cut hay on Per Daniel's claim.

6 Chopped down timber for a cellar.

7 Hewed uprights and chopped down timber for the cellar.

8 Hauled and stacked hay from Per Daniel's claim. Johannes helped.

9 Sunday

10 Stacked hay on P. Daniel's claim.

11 I moved at home all day.

12 Forenoon - Mowed down my wheat. After dinner I moved some and did little odd jobs.

13 Mowed some, hewed logs for the cellar, fixed Johannes' scythe, etc.

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14 Johannes and I hauled over the last hay from P. Daniel's claim.

15 Stacked hay all day.

16 Sunday

17 Johannes and I hauled logs all day for my cellar. I count it as being two day's work to pay up the work Johannes owed me.

18 In the forenoon I cut and in the afternoon I stacked hay.

19 Cut some and stacked hay, etc.

20 Raked together the wheat, bound and shocked it. The letter I wrote day before yesterday to Johannes' leaves today with the mail to Chaska.

21 A.M. Split logs for the framework to the roof of the cellar, etc. P.M. rained so did nothing.

22 Hewed out a tongue for Broberg's wagon. Began to build my cellar, also cleaned out my well.

23 Sunday

24 Broberg hauled hay for me all day and I helped.

25 Spread out the wheat, stacked hay on the bog by the well, shocked the wheat and topped the haystack.

26 Built on the cellar. Broberg and I hauled two loads of hay from the bog by the well to use for the roof on the cowshed. I went over to Erickson in the evening to inquire if he had all the hay he would need this winter.

27 Built on the cellar, etc.

28 Built on the cellar.

29 Hewed out the trusses for the cellar.

30 Sunday Per Daniels is well again.

31 Made the tongue for Broberg's wagon.

September

1 In the forenoon I was at Mr. Nilssons and sawed off logs for shingles for the new house. P.M. Fitted the wagon tongue and finished it.

2 Forenoon - I made a new tie for Broberg's wagon, so I have done 2 1/4 day's work or nearly 2½ day's work, counting the time it took me to hew out the pieces on Broberg's wagon. P.M. Language meeting.

3 Was at Mr. Nilsson and hewed timbers, for his house.

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4 It rained. Mended shoes, etc.

5 Was at Mr. Nilsson and joined the foundation to his house. I am not well.

6 Sunday

7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Was at Mr. Nilsson and built on his house. Last Wednesday he went to Chicago.

12 Went to Scandia and made a casket for Andrew Mattson's wife.

13 Mattson's wife's funeral.

14 Went to Jonas Peter and Broberg after flour as they had returned from the mill, also went to Johannes and did a few odds and ends.

15 Made a cylinder for the cellar and worked on my house.

16 Mended shoes, etc.

17 Broberg was here and plowed in the field until 5 o'clock when it started to rain.

18 Broberg was again here and plowed the small field. We also made up our accounts. He was owing me one and a half dollar for corn meal. I had raked three days on what I owed him. He insisted that he did not want anything not even for taking my bag of corn which was about two bushels to the mill, but neither did I take anything for one fourth day's work which I spent hewing out the pieces for his wagon, also we had quit early both days we plowed, therefore no favor has been done for me although he tried to count it so.

19 Dug holes for the big timber with which I was to raise my house, etc.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Raised my house and started to dig my cellar with my help of Erickson and P. Nilsson.

23 Dug my cellar. Fisher's boy came and told me my heifer had taken the bull today.

24, 25 and 26 Erickson and I dug the cellar. P. Nilsson dug one day and finished it this week. P. Nilsson has now worked off his debt to me so we are quit.

27 Sunday Johannes, Mattson and I were over at Granlund.

28 and 29 Laid the trusses in the house and moved in.

30 A.M. Shoveled away the dirt from the cabin. P.M. Had a meeting. I went to Bengston after a bushel of rye.

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October

1 Cut down cornstalks, etc.

2 Cut down cornstalks. Erickson cut down 8 shocks for himself.

3 A.M. Went to Johannes to get his oxen but did not find them at home. After dinner I finished shoveling the dirt away around the house. Erickson has cut cornstalks for me today, etc.

4 Sunday

5 Johannes was here today and harrowed in my rye with his oxen. I sowed rye, etc. Carried together swine's cress and took it over to Johannes.

6, 7 and 8 Was over at Mr. Nilsson and built on his house.

9 and 10 I worked at the church. We put in the windows.

11 Sunday

12 I worked at the church for Johannes. We put in the doors.

13 In the forenoon I was alone at the church. Finished hanging the door and put up the facing. In the afternoon we had a lecture at Waconia.

14, 15, 16 and 17 Worked for Nilsson on the house.

18 Sunday Abrahamson was baptized.

19 Worked for Nilsson on the house. Erickson and his children have dug potatoes for me today.

20 and 21 Worked on Nilsson's house, but Andreas Swaason has dug potatoes for me both of these days so I have nothing coming for him at Nilssons. The 20th, Erickson and his children were also here and dug potatoes. The 21st, Erickson's children were here and gathered potatoes until they finished. The whole potato crop was 99 bushel from 7½ bushel planted.

22, 23 and forenoon of the 24 Worked on Nilsson's house and finished it so it is now ready. In the afternoon I did odd jobs for myself.

25 Sunday

26 In the forenoon I went to Alfreds. Johans and Erickson did some grinding. In the afternoon did some odd jobs at home.

27 Daubed my cabin.

28, 29, 30 and 31 Hewed out ceiling boards to my cabin.

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November

1 Sunday

2 A.M. Hewed panels. P.M. We had a meeting for Missions.

3 Hewed out panels, etc. Erickson hauled boards for me today.

4 A.M. Hauled boards. PM Began to lay the ceiling.

5 Finished laying the ceiling.

6 Did odds and ends at the house and hewed panels.

7, 8 and 9 Went with Mr. Nilsson to the Carver settlement. Two women were baptized there.

10 Hauled rails with Johannes' oxen. Hauled turnips and hides over to Johannes' house.

11 Went over to Johannes and put up a pigsty.

12 Sewed myself some mule gloves, etc.

13 Went to Broberg and joined the foundation to his cabin.

14 Was sick in bed all day with a cold.

15 Sunday

16 Erickson and I grubbed in my field.

17 Again in the forenoon did Erickson and I grub in my field. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Nilsson.

18 Went to Broberg and built on his house.

19 A.M. Went to Scandia and spoke to A. Mattson about the wood chopping, likewise at Johannes. P.M. Worked at Nilsson beginning to frame in the porch.

20 Forenoon - For Nilsson at butchering. P.M. Worked on the porch.

21 Worked for Mr. Nilsson on the porch until 2 in the afternoon. After that did various things for myself.

22 Sunday

23, 24 and 25 Worked at Erickson and made a door for his house.

26 Was at home and made the under ceiling for the cellar and fixed the corn crib.

27 Husked corn and had Erickson's children to help me.

28 Worked at Broberg on his house. Erickson and his children husked corn for me today.

29 Sunday

30 Husked corn with the help of Erickson and his children.

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December

1, 2 and 3 Husked corn, Erickson and his children helping, and have finished the husking. Erickson's children have done 10 day's work and I paid them with 5 bushels of corn.

4 Forenoon - Made a box for potatoes in the cellar, etc. Afternoon, odds and ends.

5 Did little things in the morning. In the afternoon went to language meeting.

6 Sunday

7 In the forenoon I hunted out runners for Broberg's drag. In the afternoon we had a mission meeting.

8 Had Johannes' oxen and hualed a load of corn over to Johannes, then I mended Mattson's wagon box which Johannes was to use
9 on his trip to the mill. Made a jumper for Johannes' sled.

10 Finished Johannes' sled, etc.

11 I spent 3/4 of a day on Broberg's account when I chopped down and split material for his sled, but perhaps, I won't get paid for more than a half day and that will be wrong because it was his fault for not coming to haul it home at the time he promised and that caused the delay.

12 In the forenoon Broberg and I hauled home the material for his sled. After dinner I hewed out the runners.

13 Sunday

14 Worked on Broberg's sled, having to hew out boards for the jumper and finishing one of the runners.

15 Did some odds and ends. Went to Fisher's bull with Erickson's heifer. Finished the other runner for Broberg's sled. Per Monson and Johan from Moline came here and got 10 bushels of potatoes, also 2 bushels and a pailful of corn. Brother-in-law, Johannes, took 5 bushels of corn down to Carver for me. He got $.60 a bushel but had to take planks instead of cash. Per Monson will pay me for the potatoes next spring at the rate of $.30 a bushel and for the corn according to the then current price.

16 Worked on Broberg's sled. Erickson's Andrew has today finished picking in my potatoes for me. It should now be 65 bushels of potatoes in the box in the cellar, besides the ones sold to Per Monson.

17, 18 and 19 Worked on Broberg's sled. Andrew Erickson has been here after 2 bushels of potatoes which is his pay for picking in the potatoes and putting them in the cellar. Now there is only 60 bushels left.

20 Sunday

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21 and 22 Worked on Broberg's sled and finished it. I have worked on it 9 days except for a few odd minutes. He only wants to pay at the rate of $.75 a day but I am determined to have $7.00 for the work as was first agreed.

23 and 24 Cut down elm logs for enlargingmy house.

25 Christmas Day. We had meetings and a love feast.

26 Had two meetings.

27 Sunday Had two meetings. Have stayed at Johannes these three days.

28 and 29 Cut a road over my claim to Johannes.

30 and 31 Johannes has been here and hauled logs for my house and kitchen, but he started late in the mornings and quit early at night.

January 1858

1 We had a meeting all day long.

2 Finished cutting the road over my claim towards Per Daniel's house.

3 Sunday

4 Began to make a door for Broberg. In the evening I went to Johannes to settle up our accounts. Among other things I paid him feeding my cows $48.00 and $18.50 for their feeding my pigs.

5 Worked on Broberg's door.

6 and 7 Worked on Broberg's door.

8 Went to Broberg and hung his door and for that he is to give me a day's work. I am to have $3.55 for the door and $.05 for a hoe handle.

9 Forenoon, did various things besides putting up the boards along the ceiling. In the afternoon I worked for Mr. Nilsson when I cut down and hauled home logs for runners to his sled.

10 Sunday

11 Worked for Mr. Nilsson when I hewed out the runners.

12, 13, 14 and 15 Was over at my brother-in-law, Johannes, and put in panels and fixed his doors.

16 Was home and put hoops on a barrel in which I am going to salt down pork.

17 Sunday

18 Filed the saws and fixed a framework for the wood saw, etc.

19 Hewed out boards and split material for Mr. Nilsson's sled. Cut down canes for hoops to Mr. Nilsson's pork barrel. So I worked for Mr. Nilsson all day.

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20 For the morning I borrowed Mr. Nilsson's mare and hauled some corn over to Johannes. In the afternoon I hewed out material for Mr. Nilsson's sled.

21 In the morning I again had Nilsson's mare and hauled hay for John. In the afternoon I first went to Erickson and sharpened tools, then I cleaned the well.

22 Worked for Mr. Nilsson when I put hoops on his barrel which took 3/4 of the day, then I worked on his sled.

23 Worked on Mr. Nilsson's sled.

24 Sunday

25 Was at Johannes when we butchered the sow. She weighed 180 lb.s

26 Worked all day on Mr. Nilsson's sled.

27 Worked until noon on the sled. In the afternoon we had a meeting.

28, 29 and 30 Worked for Nilsson on his sled.

31 Sunday

February

1 In the forenoon I went to Johnson, the road supervisor, and talked with him about road tax. In the afternoon I worked on Nilsson's sled.

2, 3, 4 and 5 Worked on Nilsson's sled.

6 In the forenoon I worked for Nilsson when I hooped a washtub.

7 Sunday

8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Worked on Mr. Nilsson's sled and finished it at 11 o'clock Saturday evening.

14 Sunday

15 Shelled and aired corn so that Johannes can take it along to the mill.

16 Went to Johannes and borrowed his oxen, then went to Scandia and borrowed a wagonbox and returned home to haul corn for my pigs at Johannes.

17 Stayed at Johannes in the morning. After dinner we had a meeting.

18 Forenoon made a couple of lasts for boots. In the afternoon did various things.

19 and 20 Mended my boots.

21 Sunday

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22 Mended shoes and boots.

23 Did various things, among others a snow shovel for Johannes.

24 We butchered the second sow. She had 180 pounds of pork on her.

25 Made steps down into the cellar and then went into the woods to look for an oak which I could make into shingles.

26 Went to Swanberg in Waconia and borrowed his saw. Went over to Magnus, the hired man, and to John and sold pork. Sold John Muller 29 lbs. at 12½ cents a pound, to Peter Brown 24 lbs. at 12½ cents a pound, also to Peter Braun a pig for $3.00.

27 I had the hired man, Magnus, to help me when we sawed shingles. In the evening I wrote a letter to Burlington and sent an addressed card for the graft's box.

28 Sunday

March

1 and 2 Sawed for shingles andhad my brother-in-law, Johannes, to help.

3 In the forenoon I was at Johannes and helped him to saw. Around noon I returned the saw to Waconia. In the afternoon we had a meeting when we called in before the church, Broberg, for jumping Braun's claim.

4 Made myself a saw buck and filed the saw, thence we cut off lengths for shingles.

5 Sawed off for shingles, etc.

6 Borrowed Nilsson's mare and hauled home shingles, etc. In the evening I wrote to Burlington again.

7 Sunday

8 Did a bit of everything among other things I mended a fro for Erickson and he made a clamp for me. In the evening we had a mission meeting.

9 Finished making the clamps for the boards and went over to Alfred and sharpened the shingle knife.

10 Among other things I spread out corn to dry.

11 First I made an eaves trough then odds and ends.

12 Forenoon, first I hewed some beams and timbers for my house then in the afternoon I went to Alfreds and Johannes.

13 Chopped out a road around the field, cut logs for rails, etc. Mr. Nilsson today returned from St. Paul. He had along for me one and a half bushel of Canada Club wheat for me. It cost $1.50 a bushel.

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14 Sunday

15 Made a sled on which to haul logs and made a handle for a fro for John.

16 and 17 Borrowed Johannes' oxen and hauled home logs for my house.

18 and 19 Made some shingles, etc. Am not feeling well. This week as well as last week, the weather has been threatening, rain with a lot of thunder. The frost is practically out of the ground. Yesterday I measured out two bushels of corn for Mr. Nilsson for the use of his mare, and another three bushels of corn to pay for the use of the more when I am to go to Carver after the graft(s) box. This evening as I am writing this we have a very hard thunderstorm with pouring rain and strong wind. Very unusual weather at this time here in Minnesota.

20 Cut shingles with the help of Magnus, the hired man. We made 350.

21 Sunday

22 In the forenoon I gathered together the corn straw, etc. In the afternoon I built on Magnus', the hired man's, house.

23 Again built on Magnus' house.

24 Morning built on Magnus' house. In the afternoon we had a meeting. In the evening I took very sick.

25 Not well but did a few little things.

26 and 27 Made shingles. Finished 220 a day.

28 Sunday

29 Made shingles, etc.

30 Grubbed the old field.

30 After dinner Johannes and I went to Louisville.

<u>April</u>

1 Grubbed my field all day.

2 Good Friday Forenoon - grubbed. Afternoon - We had a meeting.

3 Grubbed all day. In the evening I wrote to Per Daniel that he should address the box of grafts to Holms in Carver, also to Brother Carl in Burlington, how he should address the box.

4 Sunday

5 Borrowed Erickson's wheelbarrow and wheeled away the grubbed out stumps.

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6 Grubbed all day and finished grubbing all of the cultivated ground.

7 We made a road towards Chaska for the school childfen.

8 In the morning I was over at Johannes. In the afternoon I made shingles.

9 Forenoon - made shingles. Afternoon - Was so sick I had to go to bed.

10 Split rails and stakes out of the logs by the field.

11 Sunday. It is snowing considerably.

12 Made shingles. It is raining and snowing.

13 Made shingles.

14 Began to make a ditch from the cellar.

15 Forenoon - Dug the cellar ditch. Afternoon - I went to Larson and voted against the railroad bill.

16 Finished digging the cellar ditch.

17 In the morning I mended Cornelius' boots. In the afternoon I made shingles.

18 Sunday

19 Made shingles all day.

20 Grubbed all day on the unbroken land and had Erickson to help.

21 Grubbed all day.

22 Made shingles all day. Abrahamson was here today with a message that the grafts had arrived in Carver.

23 Grubbed all day but am not well.

24 Was in bed all morning. Later did a few things.

25 Sunday

26 Made shingles.

27 Had Nilsson's mare and went to Carver after the grafts. Jonas Peter went along. We used the new road to Chaska. I had to pay a dollar for freight on the box from St. Paul to Carver. They said there was no bill of lading. Holm also charged $.40 for receiving and keeping the box. The hungry dogs! I took home a sack of flour for myself and Abrahamson. It cost only $5.00 for the barrel.

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28 Grubbed and Erickson helped.

29 First I took the grafts out of the box. They were fresh and real good, then I burnt up the grubbed out stuff and finished the grubbing on the cowshed field.

30 Brother-in-law, Johannes, was here today and plowed a place for the grafts. I started planting them this evening.

May

1 Planted grafts all day.

2 Sunday The German took communion with us today.

3 Planted grafts all day.

4 Planted grafts. Broberg has plowed my potato field and started to plant potatoes.

5 Planted grafts and finished it.

6 First I cut sticks and markers for the grafts, then I carried the grubbed stuff off the field, etc.

7 First I made labels for the grafts then I split shingles.

8 Made shingles. Erickson was here after 5 1/4 bushels of corn. Johannes was here yesterday and today and plowed my wheat field.

9 Sunday

10 In the morning I sowed the wheat and Johannes harrowed it in. After dinner I hauled logs with which to span the cellar ditch.

11 We want to Smith Town for a lecture.

12, 13 and 14 Was at Johannes and helped him clear a field to pay for plowing and harrowing my wheat field.

15 Split and hewed out planks for spanning my cellar ditch.

16 Sunday

17 Hewed out planks for the cellar ditch and beganto span the ditch.

18 Put more planks over the ditch. Mr. Nilsson was here tonight and we made out our accounts. He gave me back my note and now he owes me $3.12.

19 Split shingles all day. Today we have had something unusual. There has fallen three inches of snow although all leaves are half grown.

20 Made shingles all day.

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21 In the morning we had a meeting at Fisher's house to organize a public school and decide where to build the school house. Afterwards I worked on the ditch. Kallarditch

22 Filled in over the ditch.

23 Sunday

24 Forenoon - Mended shoes. Afternoon - Wrote to Brother Charley in Burlington.

25 Made shingles all day. Sent the letter to Burlington.

26 Made shingles all day.

27 Forenoon - I ground up 52 pails of potatoes that are to go to Johannes, also 9 bushels that I ground for Mr. Nilsson, for which he is paying at the rate of $.25 a bushel, altogether that makes $2.25. Broberg hauled the potatoes to Johannes. Today I also finished making shingles.

28 First I was over and helped Mr. Nilsson put up a pillar for his house, etc. Afterwards until noon I piled shingles; there are 2,740 pieces in the one pile and 4,750 in the other. In the evening I began to make laths for the ceiling.

29 Made laths for the ceiling.

30 Sunday

31 Went to the Watertown settlement and tried to borrow some money, but did not succeed except the little I got from Mueller. He has given up and will now as I requested follow the trading customs for the work of seeding my cornfield. I am therefore owing him 2½ days of work for his planting of my corn.

June

1 Began to clear a field besides my back kitchen on which to plant corn and potatoes.

2 Brushed and cleared on the field. Mrs. Nilsson came over to me after a bushel of potatoes.

3 Forenoon - Picked off leaf worm and other vermin from the grafts. In the afternoon I cut potatoes and went over to Johannes after milk and seed corn.

4 Planted corn on the newly cleared field on the West side of the house.

5 In the morning I cleaned the worms off the grafts again. Afternoon - Raked and burnt brush, planted some corn and later some melon seeds.

6 Sunday

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7 Planted corn and potatoes all day.

8 In the forenoon I made cabbage beds, planted beets, carrots, melons and beans. In the afternoon the assessor was here and made out the tax. I got delayed as I went with him over to Mr. Nilsson's and enumerated his goods also. Nilsson's taxable property is $191.00 and mine is valued at $86.00, then in the evening I picked worms off the grafts and planted potatoes.

9, 10 and 11 Went over to Broberg and grubbed to pay for the 2½ days I owed him for planting corn for me.

12 Until 3 o'clock we were at Witzacher for a raising bee. Among other things we made fence rails. The fence is to have a four inch space between the splices to the height of 2 ft., thence there is to be a six inch space between the splices to the height of 5 ft. also stakes and riders. In the evening I planted potatoes.

13 Sunday

14 Was on road work just opposite Andrew Mattson's house.

15 In the forenoon I planted potatoes. In the afternoon we seined.

16 Did odds and ends.

17 and 18 Went to Brobergs and grubbed.

19 In the morning I picked worms off the grafts and began to hoe the corn on the newly broken field. In the afternoon I hoed corn and ground 8 bushels of potatoes for Broberg. Broberg and I are now square with each other.

20 Sunday

21 Worked at the church putting up strips for the windows.

22 23 and 24 Hoed corn and even dug the field.

25 Did roadwork opposite Fisher's house, then hoed corn.

26 Forenoon - Hoed corn on the unbroken field. Afternoon - road work opposite Nilsson's house.

27 Sunday My cow took the bull today.

28 Worked on the road by Nilsson's house.

29 Did only odds and ends because I am not feeling well. Lundsten was here after 3 bushels of potatoes.

30 Hoed potatoes, etc.

<u>July</u>

1 Hoed corn all day.

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2 Half the day I hoed corn then I went with the cowkeeper over to Johannes and we paid our tax. Mine was $3.37.

3 Hoed all day.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Hoed corn, etc.

7 Forenoon - Hoed corn. Afternoon - It rained so did odds and ends.

8 Went to Johannes and helped him clear land for turnips.

9 In the morning I did nothing. We had a tremendous rainstorm. In the afternoon I mended shoes, etc.

10 Finished hoeing the corn on the unbroken field. Mr. Nilsson has returned home today from Chicago. Forssten and Hamberg and the girls came along.

11 Sunday

12 I went with Forssten and Hamberg and helped them stake out claims on the school section.

13 Hoed potatoes all day.

14 A.M. Odds and ends. P.M. Meeting.

15 and 16 Hoed corn for Broberg.

17 Hoed corn on the unbroken field. Erikson has hoed Broberg's corn for me today.

18 Sunday

19 A.M. Was over at Erickson and ground corn. P.M. Chopped down brush on the road going to Johannes.

20 First I went over to Johannes and then I chopped on the road. In the afternoon I cut rye with Erickson's help.

21 Forenoon - Erickson and I cut rye. In the afternoon we went to a meeting.

22 Erickson and I finished cutting the rye.

23 Chopped brush on the road to Johannes, and in the evening Cornelius helped me.

24 In the morning I chopped on the road and in the afternoon I hoed, etc.

25 Sunday

26 About noon I returned home as I had stayed with Peter Swenson who was sick. In the afternoon I mended a copper kettle for Johannes, mended my pants, etc.

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27 In the morning I borrowed Nilsson's mare and took corn over to Johannes. In the afternoon I mended the scythe for Broberg while he ground corn for me.

28 First I went over to Johannes then I sifted cornmeal. Finished hoeing the corn, then I hewed out beams for my ceiling.

29 In the morning I chopped beams for my house. In the afternoon I shocked rye for Broberg.

30 In the morning I went with a Swede to the plasterers to look at his land and hear what he wanted for it. Back home I mended shoes, etc.

31 This morning I cut down the large hollow maple. I barked it and will use the bark to cover the kitchen.

August

1 Sunday

2 This forenoon I split the large maple into boards. In the afternoon we had a meeting for missions.

3 First in the morning I did some pick up jobs, then I hewed planks for the log ceiling.

4 Went to Mitchels and shocked wheat.

5 First I mended a scythe for Johannes and went over with it, then I hewed planks.

6 and 7 Hewed boards, etc.

8 Sunday

9 Forenoon - Did nothing as Gronlund from the other settlement was here and hindered me and the same with Cornelius. In the afternoon I cut a maple on the other side of the maple and split into boards.

10 A.M. I was with Hammerberg and made a plan for his house. P.M. Hewed boards on the other side of the maple.

11 In the morning I dug around the grafts and picked them clean of worms. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

12 Broberg was here and helped me haul rye, etc. John and Cornelius cut wheat.

13 Cornelius and I cut wheat.

14 Cornelius and I cut wheat. John came later and helped us finish it.

15 Sunday

16 Harvested at Mr. Nilsson, church day-work.

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17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Cut and tended to the hay for myself.

22 Sunday

23 Went to Scandia and made a casket for Peter Swenson and we buried him in the evening.

24 Cut and tended hay.

25 and 26 Went with Elsa down to the swedish settlement at Carver.

27 Tended to my hay.

28 Broberg came and helped me haul hay all day.

29 Sunday

30 Cut hay all day.

31 In the morning I did odd jobs and in the afternoon Broberg helped me haul hay. Today my heifer took the bull.

<u>September</u>

1 Turned my hay.

2 In the morning I was over at Johannes and in the afternoon I stacked hay.

3 In the morning I went to Broberg and Mattson to hire a carriage for a trip to Chaska, then stacked hay and went to Johannes.

4 Elsa and I, together with "Maja Stina" (sister Maria) went to Chaska in Mattson's wagon.

5 Sunday

6 A.M. Had a meeting at Mrs. Nilsson in regards to the school. In the afternoon I went and ground corn for Erickson.

7 Cut hay all day, also went over to Johannes.

8 In themorning I did a bit of everything, also did an errand at Lundsten. In the afternoon I cut more hay.

9 First I put up my heater, then I started to put in panels in my house.

10 In the morning I was over at Johannes. In the afternoon I stacked the hay on the meadow of the south claim. John and Erickson helped.

11 Turned the hay on the bog that is on mine and Nilsson's claims.

12 Sunday

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13 Stacked hay and then edged boards for the panel.

14 Put up panels in the house.

15 In the morning I was over at Johannes and chopped corn-stalks. At noon John went with me home and started plowing for the wheat. In the evening at 5 o'clock Elsa and my expectations bedame a reality, a marriage.

16 John was here and plowed and I cut corn also went to Bengtson after seed wheat.

17 Sowed and harrowed the wheat.

18 Forenoon - Cut down the corn. Elsa and Anna helped me. In the afternoon we went to a prayer meeting in preparation for the Conference.

19 Sunday

20 The Conference started. Was there all day.

21 Went to the Conference which ended that day.

22 In the morning I stacked hay on the north bog. Erickson and Hammerberg helped. In the afternoon I started to put bows on Nilsson's wagon. Elsa and Anna have chopped up corn today and this evening they have gone over to Cornelius' house.

23 Practically the whole day I was at Nilsson's house fixing the bows on the wagon, etc.

24 Were at a meeting all day. We had a baptismal service when August Johnson and his wife, Magnus Johnson's wife and Cornelius' wife were baptized.

25 Finished cutting corn.

26 Sunday

27 Made pig-pens and went after my pigs at Johannes.

28 In the morning I cut rails and stakes for fences around the haystacks. In the afternoon I hauled hay for Johannes, etc.

29 Had Johannes' oxen and hauled the rails and stakes to the fences.

30 Fenced in a cow yard, etc.

<u>October</u>

1 Did various things.

2 Finished fencing the cow yard, etc.

3 Sunday

4 In the morning we went to Johannes after the cows. After dinner I sowed rye on the little field. Broberg has plowed and harrowed it.

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5 In the morning I went with old man Hammarberg and stepped off his claim. In the afternoon I fixed a box for the cellar.

6 Borrowed Johannes' oxen and harrowed over the rye in the little field again, also ground corn at Johannes for the calves.

7 A.M. Finished fixing the potato box in the cellar. P.M. Was at Erickson and ground corn.

8 We dug potatoes all day.

9 Put up the fence around the haystack.

10 Sunday

11 I went down to the Oscar settlement to borrow money. I got $10.00 from my mother-in-law. I have also borrowed $20.00 of Andrew Swanson today.

12 Returned home from Oscar settlement and I had 16 plum trees back home with me.

13 Helped Broberg dig up his potatoes all day.

14 Again I helped Broberg dig potatoes. Now I am owing Broberg only three day's work.

15 Johannes and I went down to St. Paul taking along his big ox, which we traded for a yoke of oxen. I stayed in St. Paul until the 21st of October.

22 I returned from St. Paul.

23 In the forenoon I husked corn. In the afternoon Torsten and I went to Johannes after the calves.

24 Sunday

25 Johannes and I hauled our wheat and rye over to Nilssons for thrashing.

26 Thrashing - That which was thrashed by the thrashing machine for me was 25 bushels rye and 7½ bushels wheat. We that worked with the machine were Jonas Peter, Lundsten, Torsten, Otto Broberg, three of Hammerberg's sons, John and I. I had to pay $5.00 to the owner of the machine and I owe Broberg one day as he provided the oats for the horses.

27 First I went to Scandia and in the afternoon I hauled logs for Hammerberg's house.

28 In the morning I did numerous little things. In the afternoon I finished hauling the logs for Hammarberg's house.

29 First I returned the oxen to Johannes and after that did odds and ends.

30 Fenced in a pen for the small pigs and then some more odds and ends.

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31 Sunday

November

1 I and Elizabeth husked corn all day. Brother-in-law Sven, Anna and Elizabeth came here a week ago Sunday.

2 In the morning I husked corn. In the afternoon I made a couple of husking pegs.

3 In the morning I made stanchions for the cattle. In the afternoon I hewed out a shovel.

4 In the morning odds and ends. In the afternoon I husked corn. Today I paid $1.00 to Fisher's John Adam for the service of the bull.

5 Husked corn, etc.

6 Hewed ceiling planks for Lundsten.

7 Sunday

8 A.M. We butchered Torsten's boar. In the afternoon I planted the plum trees and finished husking corn.

9 Built on Hammarberg's house.

10 A.M. Worked at a bit of everything. In the afternoon I threw up dirt around the apple trees.

11 Went to Lundsten and worked on his house.

12 In the morning I was at Erickson and ground corn. P.M. Cleaned the table.

13 Fixed the stable, etc.

14 Sunday

15 Began to make thills for Broberg's wagon, etc.

16 Worked on the thills. Wrote a letter to Burlington. In the evening I went to the spelling school, also sent the letter to Burlington. Bought post stamps and paid for Charle's papers to Bergquist.

17 Today I finished the thills for Broberg's wagon, etc. Anna and Elizabeth have taken the wooden shoes to Carver and then been after Anna's cloth.

18 Jonas Peter bought from me a bushel of seed wheat for $1.25. I have been at Johannes all day grinding wheat.

19 Made a box in which to keep hens, etc.

20 Went to Chaska and sold butter.

21 Sunday

22 I butchered the white boar. He weighed 212 lbs. and there was 14 lbs. of leaf lard.

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23 Went to Erickson and hauled logs for pigsty and hen house, then returned Johannes' oxen.

24 Unitl 2 O'clock I was over to Mr. Nilsson and butchered. After that I finished the box for the chickens.

25 First I salted down the pork then did odds and ends.

26 Hooped barrels and washtubs for Mr. Wilson all day.

27 First I went to Alexanders and paid for 3½ bushels of rye, then I made straps for the hay, shutes in the cow shed. Paid back pork to Erickson 11 lbs., Mattson 5 lbs. and Torsten 4 lbs.

28 Sunday

29 Did various little things. Today I began to feed the oxen.

30 First I hauled home a log to use for watering trough, then I hauled home wood, etc.

<u>December</u>

1 Made the watering trough, etc.

2 Did odd jobs.

3 Daubed the cow shed, etc.

4 First I fixed Erickson's trowel, then I fixed the saw, etc.

5 Sunday

6 I went to Johannes and butchered the ox.

7 Sawed off the corner of my house and hauled wood.

8 Daubed the outside of the house, etc.

9 Put strips around the doors, etc. and did the chores. Elsa is sick.

10 Went to Lundsten and ground corn, also put a lock on his door and mended the door.

11 Daubed my house on the inside, etc.

12 Sunday

13 Fixed everything ready to go to the mill. Put a bell on the cow, tied on the rye and corn, etc.

14 Johnand I went to the mill in Carver. We went by the way of Chaska on the way home, so I paid my debt to Warner.

15 In the morning I did nothing. In the afternoon I hauled cornstalks.

16 Hauled corn stalks, rye straw, wood, etc.

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17 Did many little jobs.

18 In the morning I went to Lundsten with corn. Brother-in-law, Olaf, and Elizabeth came here.

19 Sunday

20 Started making a bed.

21 Worked on the bed.

22 Johannes and I went to the mill in Carver to fetch the flour and the meal.

23 Worked out my road tax. We worked on the road between Jonas Peter and my house. The oxen also worked.

24 Did different pick up jobs.

25 Christmas Day. We were to a meeting all day.

26 Sunday

27 In the morning I was over at Peter Nilsson and chopped runners for the sled. In the afternoon I cut a couple of runners on Shilling's land.

28 In the morning I worked on the road to my well for Mr.Nilsson. Also is one day counted off for Mr, Nilsson because of the work the oxen did on the road. Brother-in-law, Olaf went home today.

29 and 30 Hauled hay for Anderson.

31 I went home in the morning from Andersons. I brought home 4 bushels of corn from Magnus Johnson and paid Bengtson 23 corn on cobs for seed corn.

January 1859

1 We had a meeting all day.

2 Sunday

3 Cornelius' family and we were invited over to Mr. Nilssons for a dinner when we talked about spiritual matters.

4 In the morning Cornelius went home. We had a meeting in the forenoon at Nilsson regarding the school house and then I did a few odd jobs.

5 Until 4 P.M. I hauled home wood and material for a sled, then I chopped wood.

6 Went out to Cornelius and stayed on Carlson's meeting.

7 In the morning I returned from Cornelius. Elizabeth went along home. In the evening I made a sled for Nilsson's boy.

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8 In the forenoon I finished the sled, then I cut wood.

9 Sunday

10 In the morning I did a few odd jobs and in the afternoon we had a special meeting in regards to the legitimate complaints Nilsson had against some of the church members.

11 I hauled logs for Sven Shilling. He is to grub for me two days next Spring to pay for that.

12 Butchered the boar and Johannes helped me.

13 Went to Chaska and Carver to get sales for the pork. I also hauled home boards for Per Daniel.

14 Hauled wood, etc.

15 Chopped wood for the church until noon then chopped wood at home.

16 Sunday

17 Went to Chaska and sold the boar. He weighed 236 lbs. but I got only 5 cents a lb. for him.

18 In the morning I butchered for Nilsson and in the afternoon I went hunting for my pigs.

19 Hunted for the pigs and in the evening I found them at Winkel, the Frenchman; I used Nilsson's mare to bring them home again.

20, 21 and 22 Was not well. Did some shoe repairing.

23 Sunday

24 Mended shoes. Olaf Hokanson is here while Elsa is gone to Cornelius' house.

25 Worked at a few things. Elsa is home again and had B(?) with her. She is to help Elsa make a quilt.

26 Wrote a letter to Burlington, etc.

27 Did odd jobs.

28 and 29 I did odd jobs. Elsa, B (?) and others have been quilting.

30 Sunday

31 In the morning I was at Johannes' house and hewed out a couple sled runners.

<u>February</u>

1 Went to Chaska and bought some unusable sugar. Made arrangements for the stove.

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2 Aired out the corn and rye, etc.

3 With Johannes' help, I hauled hay.

4 Chopped wood and hauled home, etc.

5 Hauled wood and chopped more, then hauled home cornstalks.

6 Sunday

7 Not well; did nothing.

8 Aired out the rye, etc. Brother-in-law, Olaf, and my mother-in-law came over today.

9 Hauled hay with which to cover the grafts. Brother-in-law Olaf has sewed a pair of pants today.

10 Did various odd jobs. Brother-in-law Olaf and Nilsson went to Forest City today.

11 In the forenoon we chopped and hauled logs for the schoolhouse, then I covered up the grafts.

12 Not well; did nothing.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Finished the bed, etc.

16 Made ready to go to the mill. Anna has come with Mr. Nilsson from Forest City.

17 and 18 Went to the mill in Watertown with 12 bushels rye and 6 bushels corn.

19 Packed away the flour, then I hauled odds and ends.

20 Sunday The sow took the boar today.

21 Hauled wood and rail logs today.

22 Chopped down logs for troughs for the maple sap.

23 Began to clear the field.

24 Cleared on the field.

25 and 26 Hauled the logs from the field all day.

27 Sunday

28 Chopped down more of the woods on the field.

<u>March</u>

1 Chopped and hauled logs on the field.

2 Stayed in and did odd jobs.

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3 Did some carpentry work in the house and made a fireplace etc. Yesterday and today it has snowed a lot.

4 and 5 Stayed in and did carpentry work.

6 Sunday

7 First I went to Andrew Nilsson and sharpened the grub-hoe and the axe. Afterwards I made maple sap troughs.

8 Made troughs.

9 First I made more troughs then I went over to Jonas Peters and stepped out a line. It was to pay for his help at threshing time.

10 and 11 Stayed indoors as it has snowed heavily.

12 Made 19 troughs for the maple sap.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Repaired shoes, etc.

16 Bored into some maple, made more troughs and put a shelter around the molasses kettle.

17 Made spouts for the maples and hewed out the inside of the troughs with the chisels. The sow has taken the boar for second time.

18 Made 22 troughs and carried thmm over to the maples.

19 Did odd jobs.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Made a lantern and wrote a letter to Burlington.

23 Bored into the maples, etc.

24 In the morning I mended Johannes' kettle, then I bored into the maple and carried sap.

25 and 26 Chopped off logs for rails and worked with the cooking sap, etc.

27 Sunday

28 Hewed out a storage trough for the sap, then cut logs for a few rails.

29 First we had a deputation meeting, at Mitchel's house. Later I cut logs and carried sap.

30 In the morning I cut just a few rails as I tarried by the cooking syrup, then I made a tongue for Rahn's wagon that Per Daniel had broken and that evening I put the iron on it.

31 We went to Chaska after Per Daniel's things.

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April

1 First I went to Johannes after the hayrack then to Rahn with the wagon for Per Daniel, then I fired the grass on the meadows and cooked sugar out of 3½ gallons of syrup, but it spoiled, got burnt

2 Today it has snowed heavily. It is almost 2 ft. deep. Today it mended clothes.

3 Sunday

4 First I hauled hay from the north bog. Hakanson helped me, then I hauled wood, etc.

5 In the forenoon we had a lecture at Witsik' s house. In the afternoon I mended Mattson's wash kettle and coffee pot.

6 Went and helped Erickson haul logs for his fence.

7 Cooked syrup and chopped wood.

8 In the morning I was over to Erickson and hauled logs, then I piled wood and cooked syrup, etc.

9 Cooked syrup, etc. The sow has been to Nilsson's boar today.

10 Sunday

11, 12 and 13 Cooked syrup, split and hauled rails. Today, the 13th, Cornelius went home.

14 Hauled rails. "Kulla" has calved today.

15 and 16 Cooked molasses and made a cover for the vinegar tub, etc.

17 Sunday

18 Per Daniel and I went first over to Broberg's house with some rye for Johannes, then I chopped wood, cooked syrup, finished making a smokehouse tub and began to smoke the pork.

19 Peter Nilsson was here and cut the boar, then I cut rails, cooked syrup, chopped wood.

20, 21, 22 and 23 Cooked syrup, split and hauled rails, chopped and hauled wood, etc. Still have cold nights.

24 Easter Day. We had a German meeting when two Germans were baptized. In the evening I conveyed the German's house and stayed overnight with West.

25 I returned from Mr. West about noon. Did a few odds and ends.

26 I planted apple seeds, etc.

27 Worked on the school house all day.

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28 Plowed the wheatfield and had Johannes to drive the oxen.

29 Cut down brush and burnt it on the field also planted horse radish and rhubarb.

30 I was out to Cornelius' house and borrowed $4.00 from him. I also went to Brown and got 22 lbs. of sugar to apply on what he owes me. It is counted $2.00 at $.09 a pound, but if I can get $.10 in Chaska I am to credit him with that.

May

1 Sunday I returned from Cornelius' house this morning.

2 Sowed wheat and harrowed it in.

3 A.M. Did little things. P.M. Had a meeting.

4 First I raked in some wheat among the fall wheat, then I fixed and cut off the dead wood on the apple trees wherever the winter had damaged them.

5 Per Daniel helped me plow all day. I received word from Chaska that the box of grafts has arrived.

6 and 7 Was over to Peter Nilsson and built a boat.

8 Sunday

9 Went to Chaska after the box of grafts. I paid $3.00 for freight and Warner took nothing. Jonas Peter, Johannes and Peter Nilsson were along.

10 Planted grafts and had Erickson to help me.

11 Erickson and I planted grafts.

12 Began to grub. Anderson and Peter Nilsson helped me.

13 Anderson and I grubbed.

14 Anderson and I grubbed. Today I went after a month old pig at Broberg. I let the oxen out today.

15 Sunday

16 Erickson and I grubbed.

17 Shilling and I grubbed. Erickson also helped for half a day.

18 and 19 Shilling and I grubbed, also threw up cabbage beds. Elsa has planted 2 bushels potatoes. The 19th Alexander also helped to grub.

20 Shilling and I grubbed. Elsa planted garden today.

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21 Broberg and I were at Mr. Nilssons and broke ground.

22 Sunday

23 Burnt roots and brush on the field.

24 Planted corn, etc.

25 Was at Brobergs and broke ground with our oxen.

26 It has rained hard. Did odd jobs.

27 Was at Broberg and broke ground.

28 Burnt and grubbed on the field. Shilling helped.

29 Sunday

30 Grubbed and Shilling helped. The heifer calved this night.

31 Broberg and I broke ground on my field.

June

1 Broberg and I broke ground on my field.

2 This morning I put up milk shelves in the cellar, etc. In the afternoon I grubbed.

3 Grubbed and burnt brush.

4 Broberg and I finished the grubbing.

5 Sunday

6 and 7 Planted corn on the new broken field.

8 Was at Broberg and broke ground.

9 Planted corn, etc.

10 and 11 Planted potatoes, etc.

12 Sunday

13 Planted potatoes on the new broken land.

14 Planted potatoes and finished the planting. P.M. Dug gingseng roots.

15 Was over at Johannes and broke ground.

16 Went to Chaska and sold roots and butter.

17 Worked on the road.

18 Per Daniel and I made a small yard for the oxen and then I dug some roots, also went to "bee" Lina and decided who had found the bee swarm. I got a hatchet and $.40 in money.

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19 Sunday Today "Kulla" took the bull.

20 In the morning Elsa and I dug roots. In the afternoon I made a bee-hive, etc. In the evening the assessor was here and assessed me.

21 Went to Broberg and broke ground instead of Per Daniel. I also went to Waconia after plants.

22 In the morning I dug roots and then didodds and ends.

23 My oxen and I did road work on the road opposite my well.

24 and 25 Did nothing as I was not well.

26 Sunday

27 In the morning I stripped bast fiber from the basswood, etc. Still not well.

28 Have done all kinds of little things, among others I painted the labels for the trees, but I am not well.

29 In the morning I went to Waconia and sold roots, then I hived a bee swarm.

30 Hoed some corn, etc. The bee swarm went away today. I am not well.

July

1 and 2 Hoed corn, etc.

3 Sunday

4 In the morning I wrote a letter to Brother, Charles, in Burlington. In the afternoon I hoed around the grafts.

5 Hoed Nilsson's corn.

6 Went to August and joined the foundation to his log house.

7 Hoed around the trees and the grafts.

8 August and I hoed the corn in the new broken field.

9 In the morning I hunted for the pigs. In the afternoon hoed corn.

10 Cornelius and his boy, John, were here today. Sunday

11 Went with Cornelius and bought a pair of pigs from him at $.75 apiece. He got one and a half gallon of syrup at $.60 a gallon towards the price of the pigs.

12 Johannes, Shilling and I hoed my corn.

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13 Hoed deeply around the apple trees and seeded oats around them. Brother-in-law, Olaf came here today, also Olaf Hakanson.

14 and 15 Hoed deeply around the apple trees, etc.

16 Hoed some corn, but am not well neither have been at any time these last days, although the weather is warm and sunny.

17 Sunday

18 and 19 Hoed corn and potatoes with Shilling's help. Brother-in-law, Olaf, is here again.

20 Hoed potatoes and had August to help. We finished hoeing the potatoes today. Brother-in-law, Olaf, has left today and took the ox along down to Carver.

21 Hunted for the jugs for the second time.

22 Went over to August and put up rafters in his house. Yesterday Cornelius sold his house and claim, and today he went to Carver to find brother-in-law, Olaf, and go with him to Forest City.

23 It has rained all day. I did a bit of everything. Led Per Daniel's cow to the bull.

24 Sunday

25 Cut the rye on the small field. Shilling and August helped. August picked out the thistles.

26 Cut rye with August's help, also part of the fall wheat.

27 Cut the fall wheat, Oscar Hammarberg helped me.

28 Began to cut hay. Oscar Hammarberg hoed my corn.

29 I cut hay. Oscar Hammarberg hoed corn, picked thistles off the small field and raked it.

30 Did some odd jobs and then cut hay. Oscar Hammarberg hoed potatoes for Per Daniel in my place.

31 Sunday

<u>August</u>

1 Put up hay on the middle hayfield. Per Daniel helped.

2 First did some odds and ends, then went and put up hay and we had a hard rain shower so did some more little things.

3 First I killed the white cabbage, then I repaired the hayrack for Broberg's wagon. Later I put up more hay.

4 Cut and put up hay. In the evening Elsa got sick. I went first to Erickson and then to Hammarberg and came back home at eleven o'clock.

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5 Stayed in all day. 12:30 a girl, Ida Gustava was born and all is well.

6 Cut my wheat with the help of Johannes and Hammarberg.

7 Sunday

8 Cut the last the wheat, etc. Per Daniels helped the first part of the afternoon.

9 Hauled the rye and fall wheat with Per Daniel's help.

10 Per Daniel and I hauled hay.

11 Went to Per Daniels and helped him haul and stack wheat.

12 Stacked my wheat with Per Daniel's help.

13 First I did some little jobs and then I helped Per Daniel stack hay.

14 Sunday Cornelius and Bengta said goodby before moving to Forest City.

15 Cornelius' folks left today. Today I trimmed the grafts, etc.

16 Cut hay all day on the south quarter.

17 Wrote a letter to my brother Carl in Burlington. Bengtson's boy will meet Cornelius in Waconia with our oxen. Anna Brita came today.

18 Per Daniel and I cut hay on the south quarter. In the afternoon we stacked hay.

19 Turned and stacked hay.

20 First, Per Daniel and I cut hay on the north quarter, then we stacked the hay on the south quarter, and then came a hard rain.

21 Sunday

22 I cut the hay on Per Daniel's claim and he helped me.

23 Went to August Taylor and hewed timbers.

24 First I wrote a letter to brother Carl, then I stacked hay on the south quarter.

25 Per Daniel and I stacked hay on the south quarter and on his claim.

26 Put up hay on the north quarter and on Per Daniel's claim. He helped in the afternoon.

27 Tended hay on Per Daniel's claim all day. He helped me.

28 Sunday

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29 Worked for Per Daniel mending his fence.

30 and 31 Plowed the small field. Gottfrid Hammarberg drove the oxen. Nilsson and I have come to a decision about the claims. He is to give $25.00 on the exchange of claims.

September

1 Stacked my hay on Per Daniel's claim. Per Daniel and Oscar Hammarberg helped. In the afternoon we went over to Johannes and carried hay and put up his stack.

2 Plowed for rye on the large field and had Per Daniel to drive the oxen.

3 In the morning I stacked hay on the north quarter. In the afternoon I cut rails for Per Daniels. In the evening we went fishing on the lake.

4 Sunday

5 Had a school meeting at Nilsson and then I wrote to Burlington, etc.

6 Put up hay for Mr. Nilsson on Per Daniel's land, then I went to Bengtson's bull with my heifer.

7 First I hunted for the cattle, then I made a harrow and cultivated the small field.

8 In the morning I hunted for "Kulla", then I helped Johannes to plow. Later I went after "Kulla" who was at Magnus Person, and Johannes and I went to Andrew Mattson after 4 bushel rye.

9 In the forenoon I made pins and put them into the harrow. In the afternoon I sowed the small field.

10 Sowed rye on the large field and harrowed it in, also harrowed the small field.

11 Sunday

12 In the forenoon I hauled logs for a cowshed for Sven Shilling. In the afternoon I wrote to Burlington, etc.

13 In the morning I harrowed in Johannes' rye. In the afternoon I cut corn at Per Daniel.

14 First I finished the letter to Burlington then I went to a Mission Meeting.

15 Made a beam for Jonas Peter's plow.

16 Worked for Per Daniels. We began to dig a well. In the evening Mr. Nilsson and others were here and prayed for Ida.

17 Built on the school house.

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18 Sunday

19 and 20 Made a yard for the oxen.

21 Fenced around the haystack on the south quarter. Made a pig pen, etc.

22 Went to Chaska and sold 82 lbs. of butter.

23 In the morning I sowed rye for Per Daniel. In the afternoon I went and got news about my pigs.

24 In the morning Jonas Peter and I went to Bremer, the German, after the pigs. We paid the German $1.50, then we cut corn but had to quit on account of rain.

25 Sunday

26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 Cut corn on the old and the new broken fields.

October

1 In the morning I finished cutting my corn. In the afternoon we had a testimony meeting.

2 Sunday Mr. Gail from Minneapolis and a preacher from Shakopee were here and we have today chosen Alfred and Erickson as teachers to preach God's word.

3 Worked on the road to Chaska.

4 Did a number of odd jobs.

5 Went to Per Monson in Watertown to claim money.

6 Put labels on the apple trees.

7 Made a manger for the oxen.

8 Fixed the cowshed and cleaned out the manure.

9 Sunday

10 Dragged together the pruned off twigs, etc.

11 First I was at a lecture in Witsaker's house, then we chopped down the bee maple and hauled home the bees. In the morning I wrote a letter to brother Carl in Burlington.

12 Began to dig up potatoes.

13 and 14 We dug potatoes.

15 We dug potatoes. Elizabeth has come here today.

16 Sunday Cronsjo from Carver has been here.

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17 and 18 Finished digging the potatoes. We got a little over 80 bushels. Later we dug turnips. In the evening I went over to Mr. Nilsson and we made up our accounts. I was to have $25.00 in addition on the exchange. Of this I have received one calf for $10.00 and $2.00 in cash. There remains $13.00 to be paid.

19 Worked on the school house. Elizabeth and Olaf Engelbrectson went back home today.

20 Also worked on the school house.

21 In the morning did various odd jobs and in the afternoon I plowed around the apple trees.

22 First I threw up dirt around the trees, then odds and ends.

23 Sunday Mr. Nilsson spoke to us for the last time before leaving for Rock Island.

24 Did odd jobs. Hammarberg got a bushel of rye.

25 Helped Jonas Peter Haull his wheat over here.

26 Helped Jonas Peter to haul his rye over here.

27 and 28 Made a place under the beds in which to store the wheat and rye. In the evening the threshmachine arrived.

29 Threshed until 2 o'clock when the machine broke down.

30 Sunday

31 Did various little things. In the evening the threshing crew returned.

November

1 We threshed and finished at 1 o'clock. It was 25 bushels rye, 24½ bushels wheat and the fall wheat 8½ bushels, altogether 58 bushels. I am to pay at the rate of $.08 a bushels so that made for the 58 bushels, $4.65.

2 In the forenoon I went with Per Daniel and hauled hay. After dinner did odd jobs.

3 Went to Chaska after 3 barrels of salt and various little thiggs.

4 Was at August Taylor and laid ceiling boards.

5 Worked for Per Daniel sawing out shingles.

6 Sunday

7 I was at Per Daniel and put panels in Nilsson's house.

8 In the morning I was at Per Daniels and then did a bit of everything.

9 Made some benches and did some other fixing for the bees.

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10 I fixed the roof on our house also the door. Today I received a letter from brother Carl in Burlington also a draft on $150.00

11 Made cribs in the cow shed for the young cattle.

12 Worked for Johannes making a pigsty.

13 Sunday

14 Went to August Taylor and put in a window.

15 A.M. Per Daniel and I cut rails for the cow barn, then Abrahamson came after the salt, and then Per Daniels and I cut and hauled the rails. Am not feeling well.

16 Went to Chaska with my and Per Daniel's drafts. Broberg and I went by Carver on the way home.

17 First I melted snow for the ash barrel to make lye for soap. In the afternoon I went to Peter Nilsson after a pig for which I am to pay 8 bushels of corn.

18 Did a bit of everything.

19 Per Daniel and I made a shelter for the oxen also cooked soap.

20 Sunday

21 Per Daniel and I covered the stable for the oxen and arranged the inside of it.

22 I mended the sled.

23 In the morning we hauled hay for Per Daniel and in the afternoon for me.

24 Butchered the pigs with Per Daniel's help.

25 and 26 Salted pork and did other fixing after the butchering.

27 Sunday

28 Did odds and ends.

29 Went to August Taylor and made a salt trough.

30 Per Daniel and I went to Per Monson in Watertown and bought a boar.

December

1 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon, per Daniels and I hauled hay from the south quarter.

2 Until 2 o'clock Per Daniel and I hauled hay from the south forty and finished it, then did various things.

3 In the morning I did various little things and in the afternoon I went to a testimony meeting.

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4 Sunday

5 Did various little things.

6 Did all kinds of little things.

7 In the forenoon I helped Per Daniel haul hay. Later I chopped and carried wood. Per Daniel has received a bushel of rye and one bushel wheat.

8 Went to Chaska after money but I could only get $75.00.

9 Husked the white corn, etc.

10 Forenoon hauled cornstalks and wood, then I repaired shoes, etc.

11 Sunday

12 Was over to P. Nilsson with 8 bushels of corn for the sow and I took the boar along home.

13 Peter Nilsson and I husked corn.

14 Fixed the pigsty, etc. The sow farrowed today. She had only one pig.

15 Went to Per Daniel and built a corn crib.

16 First I took the white sow to Alexander's boar, then I daubed the outside of the house.

17 In the morning I daubed the cow barn, in the afternoon I went to Per Daniel's house and covered his corn crib.

18 Sunday

19 After doing some little jobs, I went to the mill.

20 Went to Chaska after money.

21, 22 and 23 Did various jobs.

24 Per Daniel and I made a cow barn door.

25 Christmas Day Elsa went to a meeting.

26 I went to an all day meeting.

27 First I winnowed the rye that Per Daniel took to the mill. It was 6 bushels of mine and one bushel from Erickson which Andrew Mattson should have, then I tied up the dog, etc.

28 Did a number of little jobs.

29 I helped Per Daniel to haul home his large haystack.

30 Hung a door in the oxen's stable, etc. In the evening Tyler was here. I paid him $4.65 for the threshing machine for myself, and $3.45 for Jonas Peter.

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31 Did a number of things and just now, when Swen Mortenson came, the old year ended.

January 1860

1 Sunday Elsa was to the all day meeting.

2 First I shelled corn, then went to the mill. I took along butter from Johannes and me that Per Daniel is to bring to St. Paul.

3 Husked corn, etc. Today Per Daniel went to St. Paul to pay for the land warrants.

4 This morning Johannes and I went after a load of hay and one of the cornstalks for Per Daniel and then I hauled cornstalks and wood.

5, 6 and 7 Did various things, among others, a letter to Sweden. Today, the seventh, Per Daniel came back from St. Paul with the land warrants. One cost $120.00 and the other $122.00

8 Sunday Berglund is here holding the meeting.

9, 10, 11 and 12 Did all kinds of little things. The twelfth I paid the tax.

13 and 14 Per Daniel and I hauled home my hay from Alexander's field.

15 Sunday

16 Husked corn and hauled home the last of the hay from Alexander's field.

17 Took the hair off the dead pigs, etc.

18 Finished the letter to Sweden and in the afternoon I posted it in the Scandia postoffice.

19 Went to the mill, etc.

20 Husked corn all day.

21 Husked corn. Today I paid my debt of $15.00 to Andrew Swanson.

22 Sunday

23 First Peter Nilsson and I ground corn that he wants for his pigs, etc., then I took the feed mill over to his house. Berglund has been here today.

24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 Husked corn and hauled cornstalks, etc.

29 Sunday

30 Husked corn and chopped wood, etc.

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31 Went to the woods and chopped down trees for wood.

February

1 In the morning I chopped wood. In the afternoon I husked corn. Mrs. Hammarberg is here today sewing a coat for Elsa, etc.

2 Husked corn. Today I sent a letter with the note to brother, Carl.

3 and 4 Husked corn and finished hauling cornstalks.

5 Sunday

6 Cleaned the rye and wheat, etc.

7 Went to the mill, etc.

8 Chopped down logs, etc.

9 First I went to Johannes' house to fetch "Maja Stina" to help quilt, then I went to Hammarberg and Torstens after some melder, then I sowed wood and later drove "Maja Stina" home again.

10 Hewed out planks, etc.

11 First I ground up 5 bushels of rye for Torsten, then I went to the mill. Today I sent $1.00 with Ludwik, the German's boy, to Brother Rask. I did not get more than 196 lbs. of flour out of 6 bushels wheat.

12 Sunday

13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Chopped and hauled logs for sawing. I have paid my debt, $1.62½ to Bengtson.

19 Sunday

20 and 21 Hauled logs for sawing.

22 Repaired shoes. It rained all day.

23 Went over to Andrew Swanson and cut logs for sawing.

24 In the morning I repaired shoes and in the afternoon I cut down logs.

25 Hewed out timber for a corn crib.

26 Sunday

27 Chopped logs for the corn crib.

28 Hauled logs for the corn crib.

29 Hewed logs for the corn crib.

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March

1 Hauled logs for the corn crib but early in the morning I first went with Broberg after a load of hay. Today Erickson and Peterson came from Forest City.

2 Worked on our meeting house when we laid in panels.

3 Began to chop down logs on the field, etc.

4 Sunday

5 Hauled logs for the corn crib.

6 Fixed a smokehouse and hung up the pork, etc.

7 Hauled wood for the syrup boiling, etc.

8 Chopped down and hauled logs for a crib in which to feed the cattle.

9 Was at the meeting house and helped Hammarberg make the pulpit.

10 Was at Per Daniel and hewed logs.

11 Sunday

12 First I did odd jobs, then I built the crib for the feeding of the cattle.

13 Bored maples and fixed up for the cooking of the sap.

14 First I bored maples, then I made spouts, etc.

15 First I planted fir seeds and then I chopped down logs on the field.

16 Hauled logs from the field.

17 Was at Per Daniel and hewed logs.

18 Sunday

19 In the forenoon I laid in ceiling planks in the cow barn, in the afternoon I chopped off the logs in the field.

20 First I aired out the wheat, then I hauled logs from the field and also carried maple sap.

21 Was at Shilling and hauled logs.

22 Hooped a wash tub, sawed and carried maple sap.

23 Worked with the syrup cooking, etc.

24 During the forenoon I cooked syrup, chopped wood, etc. In the afternoon I went to Shilling and hauled rails and stakes.

25 Sunday

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26 Worked with the cooking syrup, burnt over the field and hauled wood. Wies was here after 3 bushels of wheat.

27 Worked with the cooking syrup, aired wheat, etc. "Kulla" got her calf today.

28 In the morning I went to Broberg after the wagon and in the afternoon did little jobs.

29 Went to Chaska and sold 120 lbs. of pork. I got $.08½ a lb. I also went to Carver and bought a grindstone for $2.20.

30 In the morning I worked with the cooking syrup. Later Swanberg was here and bought 3½ bushels wheat at $.80 a bushel. In the evening the log pile caught fire.

31 In the morning I went to the denominational meeting at Witsaker's house. Later I hauled hay, etc.

April

1 Sunday

2 Per Daniel and I went ot the mill, and to Swanberg with 3½ bushels seed wheat, also over to Andrew Swanson after rye for Per Daniel. This we took to the mill.

3 In the morning I went to a lecture at Witsaker's house, in the afternoon did small jobs.

4 Began to plow for the wheat. Andrew Erickson helped me in the forenoon.

5, 6 and 7 Plowed for the wheat, etc.

8 Sunday

9 Plowed for the wheat.

10 It snowed last night so this morning I hauled hay. In the afternoon I plowed for the wheat.

11 In the morning I finished plowing for the wheat. In the afternoon Jonas Nilsson was here and helped me plow around the trees, then I went to Rahn and got 6 rhubarb plants which I planted.

12 Went and dug up roots which I intend to graft on, etc.

13 I grafted plums, cherries and apples on the (Dwarf) Hawthorn roots.

14 In the forenoon I went to the smith in Wakonia and had steel put on a mattock. I also paid him my debt. In the afternoon I planted the grafts.

15 Sunday

16 Did various small jobs. Per Daniel took Caroline and Hammarberg's wife to Chaska.

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17 Sowed the wheat. The old field is 220 square rods and on that I sowed 1 1/4 bushel, The new broken field is 304 square rods and there I sowed 1 3/4 bushel so I have sowed 3 bushels on 3 1/4 acres. Per Daniel harrowed it in the forenoon.

18 In the morning I sowed Per Daniel's wheat. In the afternoon I began to make the frame for the grindstone.

19, 20 and 21 Worked at various small jobs. Among others, I finished the frame to the grindstone. The 19th was P. Nilsson here and cut the half and the 20th Johannes sold his land warrant.

22 Sunday

23 Made an oxgoad, hoe handle, etc.

24 Was at Per Daniel and sawed off logs for shingles.

25, 26 and 27 Grubbed and burnt on the field.

28 In the forenoon Per Daniel and I made a small yard for the oxen and let them out. After that I grubbed.

29 Sunday

30 Grubbed, etc.

<u>May</u>

1 Grubbed. Sister "Maja Stina" went to Chaska with Jonas Peter today.

2 Grubbed and burnt on the field.

3 and 4 Shilling and I grubbed on the field. Today, the fourth, came Mr. Nilsson from Rock Island. Today also I planted fir seed.

5 Burnt on the field and planted melon seeds, etc.

6 Sunday

7 Shilling and I grubbed. Today I noticed that some of the rye is beginning to head.

8 Shilling, Per Daniel and I grubbed.

9 First I wrote a letter to brother Carl in Burlington and then Per Daniel and I grubbed until noon. In the afternoon we went to a meeting. I went from there to Johannes Peterson to buy a calf. They made me a gift of 18 pounds of fish.

10 Grubbed in the afternoon. P. Daniel helped.

11 Shilling and I grubbed all day.

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12 Shilling and I grubbed on the field. This evening I went to Bengtson's bull with "Kulla" for the first time.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Shilling and I grubbed and burnt in the field.

16 Was at P. Nilsson and broke sod.

17 I burnt the roots on the field.

18 Went to the auction at Mr. Nilsson.

19 Was at Jonas Peter and broke sod.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Finished grubbing and burning the roots.

23 Was at Jonas Peter and broke sod.

24 and 25 Broke sod on the large field. Jonas Peter helped.

26 Jonas Peter and I broke sod all day and finished it.

27 Sunday Peterson was today chosen as our pastor in the church. Norelius and Nilsson's brother are here today, also Granlund, Svedlund and Mortenson.

28 We had a love feast and an all day meeting. It is really today that Peterson was called.

29 Was at Jonas Peter and broke sod all day.

30 Did a bit of everything.

31 Began to plant corn.

June

1 and 2 Planted corn.

3 Sunday Which is the very last Sunday Mr. Nilsson is here with us.

4 Planted corn all day.

5 Forenoon we went and said goodbye to Mr. Nilsson. Today he started on his return trip to Sweden. This afternoon I planted corn until I finished it. Per Daniel helped me.

6 Plowed for potatoes.

7 Did roadwork. Our oxen also worked.

8 Did roadwork.

9 In the morning I did roadwork. In the afternoon I planted potatoes and had Per Daniel to help me.

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10 Sunday

11 A.M. Wrote a letter to Forest City.. Afterwards I cleaned out the hog manure and then went to P. Daniel after the pigs. Sawed wood. "Nabba" has calved today.

12 A.M. Planted potatoes. In the afternoon I fixed the fence around the field. P. Daniel helped.

13 Fixed the garden and planted it.

14 Mattson and I went to Chaska and also to Jonas Nilsson. The sow took the boar today.

15 and 16 Today Ida is weaned. I went to Per Daniel and joined the foundation to his house.

17 Sunday

18 A.M. I hauled wood. P.M. Fixed a place for the kettle in which to cook soap. Sawed wood, fixed the cow yard, etc.

19 Jonas Peter and I went to the saw mill and hauled logs.

20 A.M. Sawed wood and cut weeds. P.M. Stripped bark for the back shed.

21 Went to Per Daniel and hewed rafters for his house.

22 Went to the saw mill and hauled up the boards and piled them. There was 970 ft.

23 Built a back shed, etc.

24 Sunday

25 Did various little things.

26 Went to Per Daniel and hewed timbers.

27 Hewed logs for the corn crib and had Per Daniel and Andrew Hakanson to help.

28 and 29 Went to Per Daniel and built on his house. We were assessed today. My valuation is $87.00.

30 Did various little jobs.

<u>July</u>

1 Sunday

2 In the morning I sowed turnip seed and then I repaired shoes.

4 Went to P. Daniel and built on his house.

4 We had a meeting and celebration with the school children.

5 Made screen for the doors and windows. In the evening Hakanson and I went to Andrew Nilsson's bull with my heifer.

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6 Went to Per Daniel and built on his house.

7 Hauled logs for the corn crib and had the help of P. Daniel and Hakanson.

8 Sunday

9 Did odds and ends.

10 Hoed potatoes. Hakanson helped me all day and P. Daniel helped in the afternoon.

11 P. Daniel and I hoed corn all day.

12 Mitchel was here and cradled the rye. It was 42 dozen handles on the small field and 35 dozen on the larger. Altogether 77 dozen. I paid $1.50 for the cradling. Per Daniel and I tied the bundles.

13 In the forenoon I shocked the rye, then did a few odd jobs. Planted tobacco.

14 Oscar Hammarberg and I hoed corn.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Per Daniel and cradled his rye.

17 Began to cut hay and had Hakanson help.

18 Changed the logging sled, etc.

19 First I took the bell cow to the bull then I cocked hay, etc.

20 Stacked the rye with Per Daniel's help.

21 Cocked hay. Hakanson helped me a couple of hours in the afternoon.

22 Sunday Erik Swedlund and his wife will stay with us tonight.

23 Cocked hay and began to haul hay.

24 Lundsten and I stacked hay on the south forty. In the afternoon we cut hay.

25 Cut hay on the marsh by the well and on the small bog that lies north of the manse.

26 Went to Per Daniel and hauled and stacked his rye.

27 Cocked the hay on the south forty and on the marsh.

28 First I sowed turnip seed for the third time between the potatoes, then I stripped fibers from the basswood logs, then cut hay.

29 Sunday

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30 Cocked hay on the bog back of Mr. Nilsson's house.

31 In the forenoon I helped Per Daniel to stack hay. In the afternoon He helped me to stack the hay on Mr.Nilsson's bog.

August

1 In the morning Per Daniel helped me finish stackkng the hay on the south forty, then I fenced in the haystack.

2 In the morning Per Daniel and I cut hay on his land for me. In the afternoon we began to cut wheat.

3 I cradled the wheat and Hakanson tied the bundles. In the afternoon P. Daniel and Shilling helped to tie bundles.

4 In the forenoon I cradled the wheat and P. Daniel and Hakanson tied. In the afternoon I cradled Per Daniel's wheat.

5 Sunday

6 In the morning Hakanson and I shocked the wheat and cleaned out the well. In the afternoon we cocked hay on P. Daniel's land.

7 In the morning I cradled my wheat and Per Daniel tied. In the afternoon we finished cradling and tying Per Daniel's wheat. We had also a mass meeting when we elected Peterson and Alexanders as delegates to go to Chaska.

8 In the morning P. Daniel and I cut hay on his land and after dinner we stacked P. Daniel's hay and shocked his and my wheat.

9 Helped P. Daniel stack hay.

10 In the morning I, with the help of Per Daniel and Johannes, stacked hay in the meadow by the manse. In the afternoon we went to Johannes and stacked hay.

11 In the morning I cocked hay on P. Daniel's land and had Lundsten to help me. In the afternoon I was along on P. Daniel's land cutting and cocking hay. I have 200 dozen bundles of wheat this year.

12 Sunday

13 In the forenoon Per Daniel and I hauled and stacked his wheat and in the afternoon we hauled and stacked my wheat until late in the evening.

14 In the morning I was at P. Nilson and carried together the wheat. In the afternoon I cocked hay on P. Daniel's land.

15 With the help of Taylor I hauled and stacked wheat.

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16 In the morning P. Daniel stacked hay on his land. In the afternoon P. Daniel and I went to Peter Nilsson after a sow.

17 Stacked hay on P. Daniel's land. P. Daniel helped me.

18 In the morning I did a few odd jobs. In the afternoon P. Daniel and I went fishing.

19 Sunday

20 For half a day I was over at Per Daniel and stacked hay. The rest of the day I did odd jobs.

21 Went over to P. Daniel and built on his house. We laid the last row on the side walls and began to set up the rafters.

22 In the morning I repaired shoes and cut brush and weeds on the small field. In the afternoon I went and helped put up rafters on P. Daniel's house.

23 I hewed logs for my corn crib and had the help of August Taylor.

24 In the morning I plowed the small field and then did odds and ends.

25 Plowed on the small field all day and finished it.

26 Sunday

27 Plowed on the large field for rye. This evening my brother-in-law Olaf Johanson's boy came here from Forest City.

28 I did various odd jobs.

29 Hewed out rafters and logs for the corn crib. Andrew Hakanson helped.

30 In the morning I went after boards to Waconia and then did little things.

31 In the morning I went to Waconia after the last board. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

<u>September</u>

1 Laid the foundation to the corn crib. Erickson helped. Swen Mortenson and his wife came here tonight.

2 Sunday

3 In the forenoon I plowed. At noon Swen Mortenson went home. In the afternoon we had a call meeting.

4 Did a bit of everything. Elsa is sick.

5 Worked on the corn crib. Hakanson helped.

6 Built on the corn crib and had the help of Hakanson, Lundsten and Taylor.

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7 In the morning Hakanson, Lundsten and Taylor helped me build on the corn crib. In the afternoon It rained a lot.

8 Cut down logs and hauled to the corn crib.

9 Sunday

10 Hewed logs and built on the corn crib. Hokanson helped.

11 Built on the corn crib. Hokanson, Jonas Peter and Peter Nilsson helped.

12 Mended the stove and put it up, etc.

13 Sowed rye on the large field and harrowed it in, also sowed the small field but did not harrow that.

14 Split panels and fixed them, etc.

15 Harrowed in the rye on the small field, etc.

16 Sunday

17 In the morning I built a scaffold by the corn crib and in the afternoon Hakanson, Lundsten and Shilling helped me build on the corn crib.

18 In the morning I made a ladder, etc. After dinner I went to Andrew Nilsson after the wagon and took home butter and rye for Torsten.

19 Went to Chaska, P. Nelson, Hakanson, Taylor and Lundsten went along. I paid my mother-in-law's tax.

20 In the morning I did various things in the afternoon. Broberg, Alexander and I went to Gustafson and were certified as school trustess.

21 Began to cut corn in the afternoon. Hakanson helped.

22 Cut corn even Elsa cut corn so we finished it today.

23 Sunday

24 Hewed out rafters for the corn crib. Hakanson and Nilsson were here and changed the salt. Johannes and P. Daniel went to Chaska.

25 Hewed rafters for the corn crib. Per Daniel has gone to Burlington and Johannes is gone, to Forest City.

26 Went with Broberg to Chaska.

27 Worked on the corn crib all day.

28 Had Alexander's wagon and hauled corn and potatoes for P. Daniel. In the afternoon I dug potatoes.

29 Did a few little things.

30 Sunday

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October

1 First Hakanson, Taylor and I put up rafters on the corn crib, then Taylor, Elsa and I dug potatoes.

2 Elsa and I dug potatoes. J.A. Peterson was here yesterday and made a tax list for the school district.

3 Dug potatoes, etc. Henry Schran, Alexander, Broberg and I. Peterson have been here. We have contracted with Peterson that he is to be our school teacher this winter and have $15.00 a month.

4 In the evening I went to Peter Nilsson after the boar and later did various little things.

5 Erickson, Peterson and I went to Forest City.

6 We came to the swedish settlement (Stockholm?).

7 Sunday

8 We arrived in Forest City.

9 We had a meeting among the swedes.

10 We left for home.

11 We came home about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I proved up my land for the second tiie and paid $2.00 for that.

12 Finished digging the potatoes also dug turnips and roots.

13 Began to plow.

14 Sunday

15 Went to Chaska and took out my naturalization paper. It cost $1.00.

16 and 17 I plowed. Sent a letter to Pike's Peak.

18, 19 and 20 Plowed, etc.

21 Sunday

22 Went over to Per Daniel andlaid down ceiling planks in his house.

23 Split strips from logs for the corn crib roof.

24 and 25 Nailed the strips on theroof. Per Daniel split strips one day.

26 Nailed shingles on the corn crib with August Taylor's help. Per Monson from Newark has come up here today.

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27 Rained all day. I cleaned the manure out of the cow barn, etc. Brother-in-law Johannes has had the oxen for plowing four days this week.

28 Sunday

29 Per Daniel, Taylor and I covered the corn crib.

30 Went to Per Daniel and put mouldings by the windows.

31 Per Daniel, Hakanson and I finished shingling the corn crib. I put scaffolds at the ends and put in a window. Shilling has had the oxen and plowed today.

November

1 Put weather boards on the south end of the corn crib. Andrew Nilsson had our oxen for the trip to the mill today.

2 Made a door to Per Daniel's house. This morning Andrew Nilsson had our oxen and hauled hay.

3 Johannes and I hauled hay from the south forty.

4 Sunday

5 In the morning I worked on the corn crib. In the afternoon I was over at Per Daniel and hung doors in the house. Per Monson returned to Newark today.

6 In the morning I went to a lecture at Hammarberg. In the afternoon I finish the north side of the corn crib.

7 Started making a storage box for wheat and rye. Last night we rented beds to two travelers from St. Paul. One was English by the name of Leed.

8 Worked on the box in the corn crib.

9 Finished the box. Later mended Mrs. Monson's stove, etc.

10 In the morning I hauled hay from the south quarter and so finished that stack. Per Daniel helped. In the afternoon I hauled wood from the manse to Mrs. Monson using Andrew Nilsson's wagon. In the evening I went to Fisher after 4 bushels of oats.

11 Sunday

12 and 13 Made a stair in the corn crib and laid ceiling planks, also fixed the storage box and cut down the brush by the grain stacks.

14 Was at Broberg and threshed.

15 Threshed in Scandia.

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16 Plowed around the apple trees and had Andrew Nilsson and his horse to help me.

17 Did many little jobs. Leed and his companion, together with their wives, are with us over night.

18 Sunday

19 Made a crib in which to stack the straw.

20 Did various small jobs.

21 In the morning I hauled cornstalks, etc. In the afternoon until 9 o'clock we threshed at Andrew Nilsson's place.

22 We threshed at Jonas Peter two times during the day for it was so rainy we had to stop twice.

23 Threshed over at Jonas Peter and finished there and we threshed at my place on wheat stack. I got 30 bushels.

24 We threshed until 1 o'clock, altogether the wheat was 83 bushels and the rye 57. Together it was 140 bushels at the rate of $.06 a bushel. I paid him in wheat at $.54 a bushel so the whole payment was ~~-~~.15¼ bushels wheat.

25 Sunday

26 and 27 Did various little jobs.

28 At 10 o'clock in the morning I went and gathered my carpentry tools and started making a casket for Oscar Hammarberg and worked on it until one o'clock at night. Andrew Peter from the direction of Vasa was here today and stayed overnight.

29 In the morning I finished the casket and in the afternoon we buried Oscar Hammarberg.

30 Went to Per Daniel and built on a cow barn.

<u>December</u>

1 In the morning I hauled cornstalks and in the afternoon did various small jobs.

2 Sunday Today Olaf Bengtson was buried.

3 Went over to Hammarberg and helped butcher the pigs. Swen Mortenson came here today.

4 Today I did many small jobs. Swen Mortenson went back home today. J.A. Peterson and Andrew Nilsson went to St. Paul.

5 and 6 Did a number of little things.

7 Went with Hakanson and stepped out a claim on the north side.

8 Went to the mill, etc.

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9 Sunday

10 In the morning I husked corn and hauled corn and cornstalks, then I went with the oxen over to Per Daniel, etc.

11 First I made a dog chain, then I cut wood, etc.

12 First I did some odds and ends and then I made a casket for Johannes' boy, Ludwik.

13 Worked on the casket and finished it.

14 Did various small jobs.

15 Repaired and enlarged the ox stable.

16 Sunday

17 Did a bit of everything.

18 Daubed the house on the inside.

19 Finished enlarging the ox stable.

20 Husked corn, etc.

21 In the forenoon I hauled straw and covered the roof of the ox stable. In the afternoon I went to the mill in Waconia.

22 Hauled hay, cornstalks, corn and wood.

23 Sunday

24 Did a number of little things. I have paid Peterson for the paper "The Minnesotan" and the post money for sending the paper, also for coffee.

25 Christmas Day We had an all day meeting.

26 A.M. Husked corn. P.M. Broberg, Schram, Alexander and Peterson were here and we had a school district meeting.

27 Went to Per Daniel and put in panels in his house.

28 Repaired shoes all day.

29 Did a number of small jobs.

30 Sunday

31 I hauled hay from the manse, also hauled cornstalks, corn, etc.

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1 Winnowed rye, etc.

2 Daubed the cow barn, etc.

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3 In the morning I did odd jobs and went to a meeting in Scandia in the afternoon. I paid Mitchel 31 lbs. of wheat flour.

4 In the forenoon I fixed up the saw and in the afternoon we had a raising bee in Scandia.

5 Went to the mill, etc.

6 Sunday

7 Did various little things.

8 In the morning with Per Daniel's help, I butchered the largest boar. In the afternoon I hauled hay.

9 Hauled hay and cornstalks and went to Peter Nilsson after two pigs and went to Andrew Nilsson with them and one of my boars.

10 Went to the mill and had along a log for boards for Hakanson. Brother-in-law Olar Johnson, Hakanson and Rosenkrans came here this evening.

11 Husked corn and chopped wood, etc.

12 Husked corn. Rosenkrans helped me.

13 Sunday

14 Brother-in-law Olaf Johnson left for home today. Today I hauled hay, cornstalks and corn.

15 Did several odd jobs.

16 Today I butchered three pigs. Hakanson and Per Daniel helped me and we got through at 12 o'clock, then we did odds and ends.

17 Did several little things. Sent the sow weighing 212 lbs. to Chaska but I only received $.03½ a pound for her.

18 Did various small jobs. Swen Mortonson came here after Peterson today.

19 Chopped wood for the school house, etc.

20 Sunday

21 Hauled a log to the saw mill for Hakanson and brought back melder or shorts for Per Daniel and me. Also hauled half a cord of wood over to the school house, etc.

22 Chopped down wood suitable for a sled and hauled it home. Today I paid Fisher's boy for ¼ bushels of oats $.72, and to Fredrick Fisher for half a day's threshing $.25 and to Loyd for half a day's threshing $.20.

23 Did only little things as it has snowed heavily and there has been a very strong wind.

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24 First did some odd jobs then Per Daniel and I began to make the sled. We worked on it all of 3/4 of a day. Swen Mortenson came today to fetch Elgin's clothes.

25 First I went and paid the tax which was $2.90 and then did little things.

26 Per Daniel and I worked on the sled but not quite a whole day.

27 Sunday

28 Did odds and ends.

29 Hauled home hay from Alexander's field.

30 Did various little jobs.

31 Three fourths of the day Per Daniel and I worked on the sled.

February

1 and 2 Per Daniel and I worked on the sled.

3 Sunday

4 Per Daniel and I worked on the sled.

5 Hauled home hay from Per Daniel meadow.

6 Went to Peter Nilsson and worked on Peterson's sled. Today I sent a letter to brother, Charles.

7 Chopped stove wood, etc.

8 Made an ox yoke, etc.

9 In the morning Hakanson and I stepped out the line between our lands.

10 Sunday

11 Finished the ox yoke, etc.

12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Did several small jobs.

17 Sunday

18 Went to Mrs. Monson, chopped and piled wood.

19 Hauled hay from Alexander's field. This morning between 5 and 6 o'clock the boy, George Andrew Sture, was born. At 12:30 "Kulla" calved.

20 Hauled home the last hay from Alexander's field.

21 Chopped wood, etc.

22 Husked corn, etc.

23 Stayed in and mended the hearth, etc.

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24 Sunday

25 Finished the corn husking.

26 Hauled corn and cornstalks, etc.

27 Went to the saw mill with a log. Jonas Peter has received from me 13 bushels and 12 lbs. of wheat for that which I owed him so now we are square.

28 Did various little things. Mrs. Hammarberg went home today.

March

1 Did various little things.

2 Took off corn husks for the mattresses, also chopped down a log for boards.

3 Sunday

4 and 5 Hauled the log to Waconia, etc.

6 and 7 Did various things. Made a tongue for the sled. Today the 7th Erickson has the oxen.

8 Finished the yoke, etc. In the afternoon I started to break the bullocks with Taylor's help.

9 Hauled saw timbers, etc.

10 Sunday

11 In the morning Hakanson and I again stepped out the line between us. In the afternoon I cut logs.

12 Hauled 1½ loads of hay from Hammarberg's field.

13 In the morning I hauled a log to the saw mill, and I hauled one in the afternoon for Bergquist instead of Per Daniel.

14 In the morning I piled wood and in the afternoon I hauled a saw log to Scandia.

15 Hauled a log to the saw mill and hauled one for Andrew Swenson. I have now 9 logs at the mill.

16 In the morning I did various jobs and in the afternoon Taylor and I worked at breaking in the young bullocks.

17 Sunday

18, 19, 20 and 21 Did avariety of small jobs.

22 Taylor and I split rails.

23 In the morning I split wood and then I made a couple bows for the rasps, etc.

24 Sunday

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25 Made troughs for maple sap, etc.

26 In the morning I cut the brush in the fence line, in the afternoon Taylor and I cut rails.

27 Cut rails, etc.

28 Cut rails. Taylor helped in the afternoon.

29 Hauled rails, etc.

30 Bored most of the maples.

31 Sunday

April

1 Cooked syrup, etc.

2 In the morning I went to a lecture, then I cooked syrup until 12 o'clock, midnight.

3 Cooked syrup all day.

4 Finished up the syrup cooking, etc.

5 Repaired shoes, etc. This night the heifer, Betty, calved.

6 Went and scrubbed the meeting house, etc.

7 Sunday

8, 9 and 10 Did various small jobs between splitting rails. On the 10th at 10 o'clock at night we had a prayer meeting at Mrs. Monson when we had special prayer for our newborn babes.

11 Cooked maple syrup for making vinegar.

12 Did some small jobs besides going to Scandia, and putting up notice about apple trees for sale.

13 Split rails, etc. Gustafson was here and bought apple trees.

14 Sunday

15 and 16 Cooked syrup, etc.

17 Plowed around the apple trees. I used Andrew Wilson's house and Jens helped.

18 First I went and dug up plum trees on the hops field and then I did some small jobs. In the evening I went to Andrew Wilson's bull with "Kulla".

19 and 20 Sowed the wheat and harrowed it in. The 20th, Heit from Waconia was here and bought apple trees.

21 Sunday

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22 and 23 Plowed for Hammarberg. The 23rd, Nebba calved.

24 and 25 Did various little things; planted rhubarb and tobacco seed, grafted etc.

26 I planted apple trees, moving them from the lower piece.

27 In the morning we had a district meeting in the schoolhouse and we, that were trustees, were elected directors. In the afternoon I planted apple trees.

28 Sunday

29 I planted apple trees all day.

30 Went to Taylor and until 3:30 I sowed and harrowed in his wheat.

May

1 Sowed oats and plowed the cabbage beds and the piece below the apple trees.

2 Mended the ox yoke and then took the oxen over to Per Daniel, then I worked in the garden and also sowed flax.

3 Did various little things and planted beans.

4 In the morning I did not work as Gustafson was here and I was certified as school director. After that I planted melons, etc.

5 Sunday

6 Rained the whole day. I trimmed the apple trees.

7 Today I planted the garden, also early potatoes, etc. Mitchel was here with $16.00 for the school master.

8 First I went after Mitchel's wagon over at his brother's place then I went to the mill with 12 bushels of rye and 8 bushels of wheat.

9 Hauled logs from Hammarberg's field.

10 First I returned the wagon to Mitchel and then hauled rails for Hakanson as well as cutting down logs for his fence. Planted red onions, carrots and tomatoes.

11 Went to Per Daniel and laid fence all day.

12 Sunday

13 Went to Waconia after shorts, etc.

14, 15 and 16 Plowed for corn on the new broken field.

17 and 18 Rained both days so did odds and ends.

19 Sunday

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20 Cleared away the manure by the cow barn where the fence was to go.

21, 22 and 23 Elsa and I planted corn.

24 First we planted corn down by the cow barn then I went to Erickson and borrowed a cow bell. Hung it on one of the calves and let them out and then did some odds and ends.

25 First I went to A. Nilsson's bull with the heifer "Gerty" then I went to Waconia and exchanged butter for ink. In the afternoon I cleared down by the cow barn.

26 Sunday Rained hard all day.

27 First I went with "Nebba" to Andrew Nilsson's bull, then I went over to Johannes'house and later cut brush near the cow barn.

28 and 29 Dug up ginseng roots. The 28th, I took the heifer "Lady" to Andrew Nilsson's bull.

30 Taylor and I hauled hay to put on the cow barn roof.

31 Worked at clearing the field down near the cow barn.

<u>June</u>

1 In the morning I dug gingeng roots and did various odd jobs.

2 Sunday

3 Planted potatoes all day. In the evening Mr. Kraf and his whole family arrived.

4 Did nothing as it rained all day.

5 In the morning worked on the clearing down by the cow-barn and in the afternoon I planted potatoes. Today Mr. Kraf went back home.

6 Went over to Peter Nilsson and sowed out shingles.

7 Planted potatoes and finished it. Today Cornelius also brother-in-law O. Johanson and sister-in-law Margareta arrived here.

8 In the morning did some odds and ends and in the afternoon I dug ginseng roots.

9 Sunday Hanson from Vasa settlement is here today.

10 Burnt brush and straw down by the cowbarn, etc.

11 Have done various small jobs. Elsa is sick.

12 Hoed and planted corn also burnt straw.

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13 Cornelius and I rolled the wheat.

14 Cleared down by the cow barn. Today the Forest City folks returned home.

15 In the morning I went over to Waconia and in the evening I grubbed.

16 Sunday

17 Hauled straw and chaff by the cow barn. Today the sow farrowed.

18 and 19 Worked on the road but not for the road tax.

20 In the morning I did some hauling and in the afternoon P. Daniel and I laid the fence by the cow barn.

21 Per Daniel and I laid fence.

22 Grubbed all day down by the cow barn.

23 Sunday Granlund was here today.

24 and 25 Finished the grubbing by the cow barn.

26 In the morning I weeded the melon patch. In the afternoon Broberg and I broke the ground for turnips and rutabagas.

27 Harrowed the field, sowed the turnip seed, went to Waconia and sold ginseng roots.

28 Plowed the corn using Andrew Nilsson's horses.

29 Hoed the corn with Taylor's help.

30 Sunday

<u>July</u>

1 Hoed corn, etc.

2 Taylor and I went to Carver and Chaska. I bought a cradle in Walter's store for $3.50. At Warners I bought a scythe for $1.25, a jar for 3 bits and tobacco for $.10.

3 Weeded the garden, dug for and planted tobacco.

4 We had a celebration and meeting in Scandia. Today I wrote to brother Carl.

5 Hoed the corn down by the cow barn and hoed among the apple trees.

6 Went to Per Daniel and sawed out wheels for the wagons.

7 Sunday Magnus Person stayed with us over night.

8 Taylor and I hoed corn.

9 J.Peter, Lundsten, Hakanson and I went to Waconia and hauled logs.

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10 Went to Broberg's place and we dug out his peat.

11 First I hoed by the apple trees then I went to Waconia and hauled away the boards.

12 Hakanson and I hoed potatoes. Norelius came here this evening.

13 In the morning I went after the dog over at P. Nilsson and in the afternoon I mended my shoes.

14 Sunday Gale was here today.

15 Went to P. Daniel when we finished the wheels for the wagons.

16 Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and rafted our boards across the lake.

17 Went to Hakanson and cradled his rye.

18 Until 4 o'clock I cradled Erickson's rye and then I cradled my rye. Erickson and his boy and Hakanson tied and shocked it.

19 Finished cradling my rye. Hakanson and Andrew Erickson tied. Erickson shocked until 12 o'clock. Some swedish people came today.

20 Cradled P. Daniel's rye.

21 Sunday

22 Hakanson, Taylor and I cut hay.

23 Cut hay over at Taylor. Hallin's father-in-law has been here to get "Nebba" that I sold to him yesterday for $23.50. P. Nilsson was here today and cut the pigs.

24 In the morning I turned the hay on the south quarter, in the afternoon I and Taylor cocked it.

25 First I did various things and then Hakanson and I cocked hay.

26 P. Daniel and I stacked the large haystack on the south quarter.

27 From 10 o'clock until 4 I was with Hakanson and cut hay then he helped fix the large hay stack.

28 Sunday

29 First stacked the small haystack on the island. Hakanson helped me then we cut hay until noon when Hakanson went home. I cut more hay in the afternoon. Taylor cut hay for me all day.

30 Cut hay on Hammarberg's place and had the help of Per Swanson's boy. Hammarberg and Gottfrid also helped me for 2 hours.

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31 Elsa helped me cock hay here at home. It is exceedingly warm.

August

1 Elsa and I cocked hay here at home.

2 Cradled for Hammarberg until 2 o'clock then Hammarberg and Gottfrid helped me cock my hay.

3 I cradled my club wheat. In the forenoon Per Daniel helped me and in the afternoon Hakanson helped.

4 Sunday

5 Had Mitchel's wagon and hauled home hay and Hakanson helped.

6 Cradled Hammarberg's wheat.

7 Cradled P. Daniel's wheat.

8 First did a few small jobs and in the afternoon I cradled Johannes' wheat.

9 Stacked the hay on Hammarberg's land. Hammarberg and Gottfrid helped me.

10 First I went to Torsten's auction and then I cradled P. Nilsson's wheat.

11 Sunday

12 In the morning I cradled wheat for P. Daniel and in the afternoon I cradled the scottish fife wheat at home. Johannes and Gottfrid Hammarberg tied the wheat for me.

13 Cradled wheat. Gottfrid and Andrew Erickson tied.

14 Hakanson and I cut hay on Per Daniel's land.

15 Per Daniel and I stacked the rye.

16 Was over at Per Daniels and hauled his rye.

17 Cut the hay on the bog on the north quarter.

18 Sunday

19 Cocked the hay on P. Daniel's land in the afternoon I had Andrew, Jonas Peter's hired man, to help me.

20 Cocked hay on the north quarter, etd.

21 Per Daniel and I stacked my hay on his land.

22 Cut and cocked hay over at P. Daniels.

23 Stacked wheat over at Johannes.

24 Hauled wheat and stacked it with John's help.

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25 Sunday

26 Stacked the hay on the bog in the north quarter. Daniel helped me. In the afternoon I cut hay at Johannes in the place of P. Daniel.

27 Went to Per Daniels and to P. Nilsson and stacked hay.

28 In the morning I set and sharpened the scythe and in the afternoon I cut the hay on the bog by the well, also cut weeds, etc.

29 Went to Waconia and had the plow mended. It cost $.30. I paid Johnson $1.00 on his wages for cutting boards.

30 Cut weed and fenced in the haystack on the north quarter.

31 Was over at Hakanson and hewed timbers all day.

September

1 Sunday

2 P. Daniel and I hoed corn. In the evening I cocked the hay on the bog by the well.

3 Cut the weeds on therye stubble, etc..

4 Hewed out logs for Hakanson.

5 Did various little things.

6 Went to Chaska with 18 bushels of wheat. I got $.45 a bushel in the exchange. Paid $3.00 on the debt. P. Daniels, Nicholas and P. Nilsson were along.

7 First did various odd jobs then at 11:30 I went to A. Nilson and helped thresh until late at night.

8 Sunday

9 and 10 Cut weeds on the stubble. Went to Waconia and bought myself a pair of shoes for $1.60. Hoed weeds among the apple trees, etc.

11 Hauled logs for A. Nilson's cow barn.

12 and 13 Plowed the small field, etc.

14 Cut corn and had Nicholas to help me.

15 Sunday

16 and 17 Finished cutting the corn.

18, 19 and 20 Plowed the new field by the cow barn.

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21 Hewed logs for Hakanson.

22 Sunday

23 Hauled sand and boards from Scandia.

24 Hauled boards from Scandia, in the afternoon I helped Nicholas to break his bullocks.

25 Went to Hakanson and joined the foundation to his house.

26 According to the government proclamation we had a day of fasting and prayer.

27 Did nothing as I am not well.

28 Sowed rye and harrowed it in. In the evening we had a school meeting.

29 Sunday

30 Cut the tobacco and hung it up to dry.

<u>October</u>

1 Began to make a wagon.

2 Worked on thewagon, etc.

3 Made some window frames at Jonas Peter.

4 In the morning I went and hunted up the calves and then I did some odd jobs.

5 Built a pig pen, etc.

6 Sunday

7 Worked on the wagon all day.

8 Did various things and went to a lecture. In the afternoon I worked on the wagon, etc.

9 First I went and fenced in the haystack on Hammarberg's land and then I worked on the wagon, etc.

10 Built on Hakanson's house.

11 and 12 Built on the wagon, etc.

13 Sunday

14 Nicholas boy and I dug potatoes.

15 Dug potatoes. Nicholas and his boys helped.

16 and 17 Worked for Boyd in Waconia. Nicholas dug the last potatoes and worked on thewagon for me.

18 Hauled pumpkins, etc.

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19 Fixed up the cow barn, etc.

20 Sunday

21 First I went to Anderson after the boy Swen Erickson and then I worked on the wagon body.

22 Went to Waconia and sold roosters and eggs.

23 and 24 Dug up turnips and rutabagas, etc.

25 and 26 Went to P. Daniels and laid in puncheons, in the afternoon of the 27th, I did some odds and ends.

27 Sunday

28 and 29 Did various jobs.

30 Did odd jobs until 4 o'clock when the threshing machine arrived. Threshed the rest of the day.

31 Threshed until 3 in the afternoon when we finished. The Scottish Fife was 48½ bushels and the Club 22 bushels wheat. The rye was 44 bushels and the oats 8 bushels.

November

1 We threshed at J. Peter and began the thresh at Lundsten in the afternoon.

2 Until 10 o'clock I was at Lundsten and threshed and then I went home and burnt the straw, etc.

3 Sunday

4 Did various small jobs.

5 Threshed over at P. Daniel.

6 Sawed timbers for the cow barn, etc.

7 Fenced in the ox yard. Elsa went to Hammarberg.

8 Threshed over at Johannes.

9 Hauled cornstalks and logs for the cow barn.

10 Sunday

11 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon P. Daniel and I worked on the cow barn.

12 Built on the cow barn with Taylor's help.

13 Fenced a cow yard, etc.

14 First I did various things then I went to the mill.

15 Did various things.

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16 Built on the cow barn with Taylor's help.

17 Sunday

18 We, Broberg, Andrew Swan, Nicholas and I, went to Shakopee and bought sheep at $3.00 a piece.

19 It rained all day so did odd jobs.

20 First I went to Anderson and asked after the boy, Swen, and then did various things.

21 Worked on the cow barn with Nicholas' help.

22 First Nicholas and I hauled rails and put on the cow barn. At 10 o'clock Nicholas went home as it was snowing hard and then I did some pick up jobs.

23 Hauled hay from the north quarter, etc. Norelius from Red Wing came here tonight.

24 Sunday

25 Hauled hay on the cow barn roof. P. Daniel helped.

26 Hauled cornstalks and wood.

27 Did various little things. Norelius went home today.

28, 29 and 30 Ceiled the cow barn and fixed the other barns, also husked corn, etc.

December

1 Sunday

2 Went to a mission prayer meeting and to a funeral for from Broberg.

3 We butchered the pigs at Per Daniels.

4 Chinked the cow barn, etc.

5 P. Daniel and I daubed the cow barn. Sent a letter to brother Carl.

6 and 7 Daubed the house on the outside, etc.

8 Sunday

9 In the morning I went to Waconia and talked to Johnson and Boyd. Boyd said I was owing $7.54. In the afternoon I husked corn.

10 I went over to Nicholas, the two Schrans and Boyd and measured land.

11 Hauled cornstalks and wood, also hauled 12 boards over to Hakanson.

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12 and 13 P. Daniel and I put ceiling boards in his house. My brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Elizabeth, came for a visit.

14 We husked corn. My brother-in-laws from St. Paul came today.

15 The brother-in-laws went home today.

16 Finished husking the corn also bored into 18 maples. We have bought 3 lbs. of sugar.

17 and 18 Elsa and I hauled corn and cornstalks.

19 Per Daniel helped me butcher the sow.

20 Went over to P. Daniel and made doors and hung them.

21 Did various little things.

22 Sunday

23 Did a few odd jobs. I am not well.

24 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the evening I made a cow barn door.

25 Christmas Day. Made a second cow barn door and chopped some poles.

26 Hung the doors in the cow barn, etc.

27 and 28 Repaired shoes, etc.

29 Sunday

30 and 31 Fixed inside of the new cow barn.

January 1862

1 First I went to P. Daniels after the oxen then I went to Waconia. In the evening we had a testimony meeting.

2 Hauled home the haystack on the south meadow.

3 Butchered 4 pigs. P. Daniel and Nicholas helped.

4 Went to Waconia with the two largest pigs. One weighed 226 lbs. and the other 263 lbs.

5 Sunday

6 Went to Waconia and got my money for the pork. I got $.02 a lb. so altogether I got $9.78. In the afternoon we had our yearly business meeting in the meeting house in Scandia.

7 Did various little things.

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8 Peterson, Johannes, P. Daniel, P. Nilsson and I went to Chaska. I took along 24 bushels wheat and 75 lb. of butter. I got $.45 a bushel for the wheat that was $10.84. For the butter I got $.07 a pound so that was $5.25. According to my account I owed Warner $6.70 but they said I owed $7.21.

9 Hauled a load of hay from Hammarberg.

10 Hauled two loads of hay from Hammarbergs, etc.

11 Hauled a load of hay from Hammarbergs and chopped wood.

12 Sunday

13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Did various little jobs. The 16th brother-in-law Olaf came here and he left the 18th.

19 Sunday

20 Ground wheat, etc.

21 Lundsten, J. Peter, Alexander, Johannes and I went to the mill in Watermills.

22 We were at the mill.

23 We returned in the afternoon. I had along 15 bushels of wheat and got 38 1/4 lbs. of flour to thebushel. Of rye I had 2½ bushels along and got 25 lbs. to the bushel and all were perfectly even measures.

24 Emptied out the flour bin, etc.

25 Put hoops on a pork barrel, etc.

26 Sunday

27 Did various little things. Among others we saw to it that we got rid of the school master. The 25th, P. Daniel and Peterson returned from St. Paul.

28 Went to the collector and paid the tax which was $8.00.
29 Went to Waconia with Hakanson's wheat using the young bullocks. "Kulla" calved today.

30 Hauled three loads of hay from the south forty.

31 Went to a meeting when we elected new church officers.

February

1 Went to Waconia after Hakansons shorts. Used the new-trained bullocks.

2 Sunday

3 Hauled home the last hay from the south forty.

4 Cut up stove wood and in the afternoon hewed out for an ox yoke.

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5 First cleaned up by the cow barn and then piled the wood in the woods.

6 Chopped and piled wood in the woods all day.

7 Hauled wood all day.

8 In the morning I fixed a saw and a fro for Shilling and did small jobs in the afternoon.

9 Sunday

10 and 11 Did many small jobs.

12 I salted pork. Per Daniel went to Waterville.

13 and 14 Chopped down logs for boards. Today, the 14th, Per Daniel returned from the mill.

15 Did little things.

16 Sunday Swen and Margareta from Billpon are over at Per Daniel.

17 Nicholas helped me saw logs for boards.

18 Hauled two loads of hay from Peter Nilsson's land.

19 Went to Waconia with a saw log.

20 Hauled logs for maple sap troughs. I used the bullocks and Nicholas helped.

21 Hauled a log for aawing to Waconia, etc.

22 Hauled a log for sawing to Waconia. "Kulla" took the bull today.

23 Sunday

24 Did various little things.

25 Went to Chaska with wheat. P. Daniel and Hakanson went along.

26 Did little things.

27 Hauled hay from Alexander's field. Peterson left for Cambridge today. I wrote to brother Carl.

28 Andrew Erickson and I hauled hay from Alexander's field.

March

1 Did various small jobs. "Lady" calved today.

2 Sunday "Betty" calved today.

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3 Yesterday and last night we got a lot of snow. This morning I shoveled snow and then we had a meeting for missions.

4, 5, 6 and 7 Did various small jobs.

8 Went to Waconia with shorts.

9 Sunday

10, 11, 12 and 13 Did various little things.

14 Wrote a letter to Sweden.

15 Made sap troughs, etc.

16 Sunday

17 Made sap troughs, etc. Today the sheep lambed.

18 In the morning I made troughs and in the afternoon I went to Per Daniel and sold him the oxen for $70.00.

19 First I went to P. Daniels after the sled and then I did odd jobs.

20 Went to Waconia with shorts for Jonas Peter.

21 First I went to Hopp after Hay but did not get any. I used J. Peter's oxen.

22 Made troughs and hewed out an evener for Broberg's wagon.

23 Sunday In the afternoon I went to Johannes' house.

24 Started makkng a molasses kettle.

25 First I went to Johnson in Waconia and asked for my money and then I finished the kettle.

26 Hauled hay from Jonas Peter's meadow. The sow took the boar today.

27 In the morning I went to a meeting of the denomination at Witsik's house. After dinner I started boring the maples. In the evening Witsik and his son were here and changed bullocks with me. I got $9.00 in the exchange but that is to be in gold, the govenment's money.

28 Did various little jobs.

29 First I hauled two loads of hay from Hakanson's land and then I hauled rails the rest of the day.

30 Sunday

31 Bored in the maples, etc.

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April

1 Today there was a lecture but I did not have time to go because of the cooking syrup, etc.

2 Peterson was here and wrote letters for Sweden for me. I am working at the syrup making.

3, 4 and 5 Worked with the syrup and hauled rails. The 3rd, Elizabeth came to stay with us.

6 Sunday

7 Went to a meeting for missions. Elizabeth went to Chaska today. In the afternoon I piled wood by the syrup kettle.

8 In the morning I hauled wood for the syrup cooking. Andrew and Hakanson are clearing for an apple orchard for me today. In the afternoon Taylor helped. I also helped.

9 Worked with the syrup cooking all day.

10, 11 and 12 Worked with the syrup all day. This year, so far, I have around 28 gallons syrup.

13 Sunday

14 Did various things.

15 Hakanson, Taylor and I cleared for the orchard.

16 Taylor, Hakanson, P. Daniel and I worked on clearing the orchard.

17 Fenced around the orchard. Nicholas helped all day. Hakanson in the morning and P. Daniel in the afternoon.

18 Had a meeting when Abrahamson left the church.

19 Fenced around and cleared in the orchard. Taylor, Hakanson and Nicholas helped all day and P. Daniel in the morning.

20 Sunday

21 Nicholas and I cooked syrup together and it was about 7 gallons. I have now done all the syrup making I intend to do this year. Altogether I have 30 gallons. In the evening I hauled away the chaff from the field.

22 Dug apple trees. Per Daniel and Nicholas helped. In the afternoon we finished the fence around the orchard.

23, 24 and 25 Peterson and I were out and sold apple trees. I sold $24.00 worth. The 25th, P. Nilson's boy was buried.

26 First I wentto Waconia and asked Barrow to recommend and take orders for apple trees for me and I gave him three trees for that.

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27 Sunday

28 Began to plow for wheat. Andrew Erickson led the bullocks.

29 and 30 I plowed. One day Hans led the bullocks.

May

1 Broberg plowed one acre for me for $1.00. Today I sowed 2 bushels of Club wheat. Sent the letter to Sweden.

2 First I sowed 1½ bushels Scottish Fife wheat, then I hung up the pork in the smokehouse and then plowed some.

3 Plowed forwheat on the field to the left.
4 Sunday
5 Plowed the foremost field for wheat and finished it.

6 Sowed wheat on the foremost field and harrowed in the wheat on the smallest field. In the evening we had a school meeting. In the evening "Centy" took the bull.

7 Finished harrowing in the wheat and then hauled wood from the orchard.

8 Sowed peas and plowed them over and hauled wood.

9 Did various jobs. Mr. Grim has bought 12 apple trees. I charged him $2.00.

10 P. Daniel and I raked and burnt in the orchard.

11 Sunday

12 Fixed around the apple trees, etc.

13 Dug and fixed the cabbage beds. The heifer "Nebba" has taken the bull.

14 Made an evener for J.A. Peterson's buggy.

15 Plowed for oats, seeded it and harrowed it in.

16 Hauled out manure on the small field. Elsa went with J.A. Peterson to Chaska today.

17 Plowed for corn on the small field.

18 Sunday

19 Plowed on the small field and on the field near the well, for corn.

20 Marked out for corn on the small field and went to Nicholas and hindered myself tending to his sick bullock.

21 Planted corn on the small field. In the evening we had a school meeting.

22 Plowed for a garden down by the cow barn and after dinner we planted the garden.

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23 Trimmed apple trees all day.

24 First I went to Hakanson and hauled rails and then did odds and ends.

25 Sunday

26 Planted potatoes down by the cow barn.

27 Hauled rails and harrowed for P. Daniel.

28 Finished planting the potatoes by the cow barn. I have planted 11½ bushels.

29 Planted beans, squash and melons, then carried all the potatoes out of the cellar and cleaned it.

30 Grubbed for P. Daniel.

31 First I took "Nebba" to the bull for the second time. In the afternoon I replanted the corn on the small field. The first time I used Atkins corn but it did not germinate.

June

1 Sunday

2 Hauled away the pigsty, shelled corn, etc.

3 Went to Waconia with corn for Hakanson, Nicholas and myself, and then I hauled pig manure.

4 Cut a road around the field, etc.

5 Went to Waconia to fetch the wall clock. I got it for the $4.00 Johnson owed me. Today "Lady" took the bull.

6 Nicholas helped me saw logs. In the evening we had a meeting.

7 Made a case for the clock and hung it up.

8 Sunday

9 and 10 Grubbed in the orchard. Taylor helped.

11 In the forenoon we grubbed around the meeting house. In the afternoon we had a prayer meeting.

12 Fixed the tobacco field, also planted the large field. Moved out the stove, etc.

13 Started the work on the roads. I built the bridge at Scandia and plowed down the hill.

14 Worked on the road opposite Nicholas cow barn. Brother-in-law Olof Johnson stayed overnight with us and went back home today.

15 Sunday Today "Betty" took the bull the second time.

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16 Worked on the road. Built the bridge just past Jonas Peter's place.

17 Worked on the road opposite the school house.

18 Trimmed the apple trees for the second time. Elsa and the children are over at Johannes.

19 Grubbed and burnt brush in the orchard.

20 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and talked to Boyd. In the afternoon I grubbed and burnt brush in the orchard.

21 In the evening I went to the auction of the school section's hayland. I bought hay for $2.00 on Hammarberg's claim. In the afternoon I grubbed and burnt brush in the orchard.

22 Sunday

23 Grubbed and burnt brush in the orchard all day.

24 First I grubbed and burnt brush in the orchard and then I made an evener to Broberg's wagon.

25 Broberg and I broke sod in the orchard.

26 First it rained and then from 11 o'clock until 1 we plowed and finished breaking sod in the orchard, then I harrowed the orchard. In the evening I seeded some turnips.

27 I was at Broberg and helped to break sod. Lundsten plowed for corn and potatoes for me.

28 Did various things, among others finished seeding the rutabagas.

29 Sunday

30 Worked for Boyd in Waconia and had Shilling to help me.

<u>July</u>

1 and 2 Shilling and I worked for Boyd in Waconia. The second, the heifer, "Miss" took the bull.

3 Nicholas and I hoed the corn on the small field.

4 Had a celebration in Scandia all day. Elizabeth is visiting us today.

5 Hoed the tobacco and beans, etc.

6 Sunday

7 First I hoed and hilled the tobacco then I went fishing.

8 Hoed by the apple trees, etc.

9 In the morning I wrote a letter to brother Carl and went to the postoffice with it, then I hoed around the apple trees.

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10 In the morning I hoed corn down by the cow barn. In the afternoon I hewed out a frame for the grindstone, etc.

11 Took Peterson and "Maja Stina" to Chaska I went also to Carver and over to Tureson.

12 Plowed corn in the small field. I had the use of Broberg's mare to pay me for making the evener to his wagon.

13 Sunday

14 First I went over to Taylor and to Johannes then a few odd jobs. In the afternoon I stripped raffia from the basswood at Per Daniel's place.

15 Began to cut hay on the south forty lot. Hakanson and Nicholas Swenson helped.

16 Hakanson, P. Daniel and I cut the rye. Today the assessor was here. I have 30 acres of nonusable swamp land, 9 acres broken land at $7.00 an acre = $63.00, 121 acres unbroken land $2.00 an acre = $144.00 but he valued it at $330.00. Personal property:

One pair of bullocks at	$25.00
One bullock at	12.00
And one bullock at	8.00
Three cows with calves at	37.00
One heifer	8.00
Three calves	12.00
Two ewes with lambs	4.00
Five pigs at	4.00
Household goods at	10.00
Altogether	$120.00

The log cabin $10.00 so my taxable property is valued at $330.00 real property and $120.00 personal property.

17 In the morning I was sick in bed. In the afternoon I cocked hay on the south forty. From half past two on Nicholas and Hans helped me.

18 Made a horse rake which is to rake grain with. It has rained all day.

19 In the forenoon I raked the rye until 2 o'clock, then I made a hayrake.

20 Sunday

21 Cocked hay on the south forty. In the evening I fixed and sharpened Hammarberg's cradle.

22 First I cut hay then I and Elsa cocked hay.

23 Went to P. Daniel and cradled his rye.

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24 Stacked the hay on the south forty. Taylor, P. Daniel helped all day and Hakanson helped until noon. We also cocked and cut hay. My sister-in-law, Margareta, is here today. She came yesterday.

25 Helped P. Daniel to stack hay.

26 Shilling and I cut hay on the swamp by the well, until 9:30 when Shilling went home, then I cocked hay and cut hay in the big meadow past the willow. Margareta went home today.

27 Sunday

28 Shilling and I cut hay on the swamp on the north forty also cut some more on the home meadow and finished it. We cocked hay on the swamp by the well, etc.

29 Hauled home hay from the home meadow. Alexander's boy, Albert, helped me.

30 Alexander's Albert helped me cock hay in the home meadow, then we hauled hay. In the evening we put up the fence around the small haystack on the south forty acre lot.

31 Taylor, Alfred, Alexander's boy and I cut hay on the school section.

August

1 In the morning I mended the cradle; in the afternoon I hauled rye and stacked it. Andrew Erickson has worked for me all day.

2 Cut and cocked hay on the school section. From 2 o'clock on Alexander's Alfred helped cock hay.

3 Sunday

4 First I intended to cut my Club wheat but it started to rain so I went with P. Daniel and cut hay until 3:30 when he came back home with me and we cut wheat.

5 Cradled the Club wheat until noon. Hakanson and P. Daniel tied. In the afternoon Hakanson and I cocked hay on the school section.

6 First I cocked some of the rows of hay on the school section, and then it began and rained all day so I repaired Ida's shoes, etc.

7 Stacked hay and cradled some wheat for Per Daniel. Elsa and the chilren are over at Johannes today.

8 Rained all day. Cleaned the clock, etc. Paid Alexander.

9 Went to the school section, turned and cocked hay.

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10 Sunday Mortonson and Per were here today.

11 Elsa and I stacked a haystack in Han's field, etc.

12 Cradled wheat; Johannes and P. Daniel helped.

13 It rained. In the morning I did nothing. In the afternoon did a few odd jobs. In the evening went to a war meeting at Witsik.

14 First I shocked the wheat then I cradled at Johannes' place.

15 Until 10 I cradled for P. Daniel then cradled wheat at home and finished that P. Daniel and Hakanson tied.

16 Until 11 o'clock I mended the cradle then I went to P. Daniel and cradled his wheat. Shilling was home here this afternoon and cut my peas.

17 Sunday

18 Cradled the oats first and Shilling cut the peas, then Shilling, Elsa and I spread out the unshocked wheat then tied and shocked it. One ought never to let grain lie without being shocked.

19 Shilling and I stacked hay on Hammarberg's land.

20 We had an Indian scare so we fled out on the island in Clearwater Lake. We stayed until evening of the 21st then went home.

22 Fenced in the haystack on Hammarberg's land

23 Nicholas' boy and I stacked hay on the north swamp and then stacked the wheat.

24 Sunday Just as we started the meeting Andrew Swenson came and told us we must leave at once to fight the Indians. The meeting broke up and we all hurried home to get ready but then we decided to wait for more definite orders.

25 Went to Nobles for a meeting and to be examined by the doctor to find if I was fit for war duty.

26 In the morning I fenced around the hay stack on the north forty. In the afternoon I turned, carried and stacked the peas. Nicholas helped.

27 Nicholas, his boy and Alexander's Albert and I hauled and stacked the wheat and oats. Used Nicholas bullocks also.

28 Cut hay on the school section all day.

29 Cut hay on P. Daniel's fields all day.

30 Cut hay on Johannes' land for J.A. Peterson all day.

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31 Sunday

September

1 In the evening I went to Waconia and hauled out logs. In the afternoon Hakanson and I cocked hay on the school section.

2 Elsa and I went to Chaska. Peterson drove us over.

3 Cocked hay on P. Daniel's fields all day.

4 Stacked hay near Winkel's place on the school section and Alexander's boy, Albert, helped.

5 and 6 Did nothing as we had another Indian scare. We carried our stuff out in the brush and intended to flee to St. Paul .

7 Sunday We are more peaceful about the Indians today.

8 P. Daniel and I stacked his hay.

9 Did various little things. Hakanson's Hanna cut the tobacco for me today. I paid her $.30.

10 and 11 Put panels in the corn crib, made a movable storage box, built a pigsty, etc.

12 Made an ox yoke for P. Daniel. He cut corn for me a few hours.

13 Plowed all day, etc.

14 Sunday

15 P. Daniel and I cut corn all day in the small field.

16 and 17 Johannes stopped here on his way as he is moving to Red Wing. They left at noon on the 17th. Swen Bengtson drove them as far as Chaska.

18 First I made a flail and then I cut weeds all day.

19 Did many little things among other I shoveled together the manure by the cow barn.

20 Went to Waconia and rolled logs to the saw. In the afternoon I did odds and ends. At noon on the 17th the Dalicarlian woman came here and worked until the evening of the 20th. She has hoed around all the apple trees and pulled weeds in many places and also rippled and brake the flax.

21 Sunday

22 Went to Waconia and worked for Boyd. Took along P. Swenson's Andrew from Scandia to work for me at Boyds. I sent a letter to brother Carl today.

23 Plowed. The Dalicarlian's daughter, Anna, led the bullocks. P.Swenson's Andrew from Scandia worked at Boyds for me today.

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24 Plowed Anna led the bullocks.

25 Plowed and Anna led the bullocks.

26 Sowed a good 2¼ bushels of rye and harrowed it in. Anna did various small jobs. Shilling has worked for me in Waconia.

27 Went to Johannes' house and built a movable storage box.

28 Sunday

29 I plowed and Anna led the bullocks.

30 Went to Waconia and hauled my boards out of the way. In the evening I went to Johannes' house and waited for the threshing machine but it did not come.

October

1 Threshed at Johannes and covered his corn crib.

2 Made a gate in the cow barn fence, etc.

3 and 4 I plowed and Anna led the bullocks.

5 Sunday

6 It rained. I tied the tobacco into bundles, mended the wagon and many little things.

7 First I put up the stove, then I cut the grassand raked the path in the back.

8. In the morning I cut and raked the rye stubble. In the evening we had a mission prayer meeting when we elected Bergquist as deacon.

9 Went to Johannes after 3 bushels wheat and 2 1/4 bushels rye and took it to Waconia. Hauled out of the way more of my boards and piled them all. I have now 24 butternut boards and 11 oak boards by the mill. The boards after 3 butternut logs made 774 ft. and cost for milling $4.64. The boards from the oak log Johannes gave me made 266 ft. and cost $1.86.

10 First I hauled pumpkins and rutabagas then I went to Hammarbergs and threshed.

11 We dug potatoes and the Dalicarlian's boy helped.

12 Sunday

13 Elsa and I finished digging the potatoes.

14 Dug the rutabagas. The Dalicarlian's boy and girl, Anna, also Nicholas' Hans and Kana all helped.

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15 Dug the rutabagas. The Dalicarlians boy and girl helped.

16 Went to Waconia after the shorts. The 3 bushels of wheat from Johannes weighed 192 lbs. and yet I only got 65 lbs. of flour from it. The 2 1/4 bushels of rye weighed 119 lbs. and of it I got 55 lbs. of flour. Johannes owed us 45½ lbs. rye flour so I have 10 lbs. too much of that, but Johannes owed us two bushels of wheat and 30½ lbs. of wheat flour. I took 3 bushels of the wheat so the one bushel should have been for the 30½ lbs. of flour but I got only 21½ lbs. flour for the bushel, so the 10 lbs. of rye flour will have to be added. Now Johannes and I are square. In the evening I fixed my wagon and did other little jobs.

17 I hauled manure. In the morning Nicholas' Hans helped and in the afternoon Hakanson.

18 In the morning I butchered two pigs and in the afternoon I hauled manure. The boy from Dalicarlia worked for me all day.

19 Sunday

20 Threshed over at Nicholas all day.

21 Until 11:30 we threshed at Nicholas and then they came here. In the afternoon we threshed here.

22 Threshed until 10 o'clock in the morning. The Scottish Fife wheat was 65 bushels, Club wheat 26 bushels, rye 37 bushels, oats 24 bushels, altogether 152 bushels of grain.. All the grain was cut too close to theground so the straw was too long, also the grain stacks had leaked. Another year I must be more careful in the stackkng and put all the heads to the inside also make a steeper slant. Believe too that the wheat should be sown earlier. In the evening we threshed at Jonas Peters place. Sent a letter to Elizabeth.

23 In the morning we threshed at Jonas Peter and in the afternoon at Lundsten.

24 In the morning we threshed at Lundsten and in the afternoon at Erickson.

25 Until 10 o'clock we threshed at Erickson. In the afternoon I made a pig pen, etc.

26 Sunday

27 Did various little things.

28 A.M. Threshed at Peter Nilson. In the afternoon I hauled pumpkkns and put straw on the pigsty roof.

29 Hauled manure. The Dalicarlian boy helped me. Brita and Anna have husked corn, 130 ears apiece.

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30 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon cleaned the well. Brita and Anna husked; however, Brita helped me with the well.

31 I plowed and Anna led the bullocks.

November

1 In the morning I plowed and then hauled pumpkins, beans, etc. Later I plowed around the apple trees using Peterson's mare. Peterson also helped.

2 Sunday

3 Plowed all day.

4 First I went to a lecture at Witsik then I plowed.

5 Began building a shelter by the apple trees and Nicholas Swenson helped me.

6 Did little things. Elsa has had company today to help her quilt a comforter.

7 Hauled straw for the shelter by the apple trees.

8 Hauled more straw for the shelter, etc.

9 Sunday

10 Hauled corn. Shilling worked for me at the meeting house.

11 Fixed around the apple trees and hauled corn. Shilling threshed my peas for me today.

12 Winnowed and aired the peas. They made 6 bushels.

13 Shilling and I piled wood all day.

14 I first repaired J.A. Peterson's boots and then I hauled hay from the swamp by the field.

15 Today I fixed the cow barn and shut up the cattle because last night we got our first snow and it was a real heavy snow.

16 Sunday We both stayed home.

17 Shilling and I cut down logs for rails on the south forty.

18 Hauled swamp hay and chopped down logs for mangers.

19 Fenced in a piece for the manger in the cow yard. Shilling did a bit of everything this morning and also piled the manure. This afternoon he worked on the road.

20 Fenced in a yard for the geese between the cow yards, etc.

21 Worked on the road in the woods below the cow barn. Shilling worked for Johannes on the road. Julius Witsik was here and bought the colored bullocks for $35.00.

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21 He is to pay me $15.00 the 1st of January, 1863, and $20.00 the 1st of April next summer.

22 In the morning I worked on the road. Altogether this year I have worked on the 5½ days. In the afternoon I hauled corn stalks from the small field. Shilling has chopped down logs for rails today.

23 Sunday

24 In the morning I hauled hom e a load of hay from the school section over near Winkels. In the afternoon I did little things.

25 Daubed up on the loft, etc. Shilling has begun to split rails.

26 Daubed the cabin on the inside. This afternoon Shilling split rails.

27 Daubed the cow barns, etc.

28 First I went to Mitchel after the ram for the sheep and then I chopped wood and built a shelter for the cherry trees.

29 Hauled hay from the school section near to Winkels.

30 Sunday

<u>December</u>

1 First I did various little things and thn I went after Mrs. Hammarberg.

2 Went to Paplits, Carver and Chaska.

3 Did various little things. Took Mrs. Hammarberg home.

4 In the forenoon I did various small jobs, then I went to Waconia with grains for shorts, 8 bushels rye. Elizabeth arrived from St. Paul today.

5 Did various little things.

6 Did various little things.

7 Sunday

8 First I went to the school section after a load of hay, then I made everything ready for the butchering of the pigs.

9 Butchered the pigs with P. Daniels and Nicholas' help.

10 Hauled hay and did various little things.

11 Went over to Johannes and butchered his pigs.

12 Did various odd jobs.

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13 First I took Mitchel's ram home and then I went to a mission meeting. Peterson resigned as pastor.

14 Sunday

15 Chopped out the road in the line between Jonas Peters and my land.

16 The boy, Johannes Axel, was born at 12:30 in the morning. Today I did various little things.

17 In the morning I salted down the pork and in the afternoon I did odd jobs.

18 Hauled hay from the large stack on the south forty.

19 First I butchered a calf and then Mitchel and I stepped out the line between our properties.

20 In the forenoon I did several odd jobs and in the afternoon I went over to Johannes' house with the hide that the folks from Dalicarlia were to tan.

21 Sunday

22 First I made a brine for the pork and then I husked corn, etc.

23 Butchered Peter Nilson's pigs.

24 Chopped wood all day.

25 Christmas Day I went over to Johannes after some books for Peterson and took them to him in Scandia. Peterson is very sick.

26 Did various littl e things. Granlund and Swedlund went home today.

27 Did little things and in the afternoon I husked corn.

28 Sunday

29 Husked corn all day. I received $15.00 from Julius Witsik today as payment on the bullocks, 1 $5.00 bill Commercial Bank of Whitehall of New York, Littra A., A two dollar bill on Metropolitan Bank of New York, Littra D., one five dollar bill on Charter Oak Bank of Hartford, Connecticut, Littra B., a two dollar bill on The Bank of Minnesota, Littra A nr. 153., a one dollar bill on The People's Bank of Minnesota, Littra A. (The 3rd of Jan. 1863, I gave the two above described five dollar bills to Shilling)

30 Finished husking the corn.

31 Hauled corn and cornstalks, etc.

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January 1863

1 We had an all day meeting.

2 and 3 I hauled home hay from the south forty, etc.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Chopped out the line between Mitchel's and my land. The 5th, Witsik's boy was here for the first day of splitting rails.

7 and 8 Did various things. Shilling has chopped rails the 5th and 6th and until noon on the 7th.

9 Split logs for eveners and hauled home.

10 Did various small jobs. Today Witsik's boys were here and cut down logs for rails.

11 Sunday

12, 13 and 14 Hewed out the wood for eveners, etc.

15 Went to Chaska with the pork and peas, etc. Jonas Nilson drove for me.

16 and 17 Hauled hay from the school section from Haupt's field.

18 Sunday

19, 20 and 21 Finished hauling the hay from the school section.

22 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Hammarberg after an iron harrow that I have bought from him for $2.50. I also bought a pair of clevis rings for $.50. Elsa, Elizabeth and the children were along.

23 Did various little things. It has snowed heavily all day.

24 Chopped wood and got ready to go to Waterville mill.

25 Sunday Today the smaller sheep lambed.

26 Jonas Peter, Lundsten, Shilling and I went to Waterville's mill.

27 Were at the mill.

28 We arrived home at 4 o'clock. Out of the 12 bushels Club wheat I got 437 lbs. of flour, that makes 38 lbs. flour to the bushel. From the rye I had 197 lbs. of flour, that makes 28 lbs. to the bushel.

29 and 30 Did various little things. Today I paid Newcomb the last of my debt $7.82.

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31 Jonas Peter, Felt and I went to Chaska with wheat. I had 20 bushels and received of H. Gung, $.90 a bushel. I also returned the $9.00 to Gung that I had received over and above when I sold the pork to him.

February

1 Sunday

2 First I chopped wood then I went to a mission meeting.

3 Repaired shoes.

4 In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon I went to Andrew Nilson.

5 Went to Waconia with a log for boards for Peter Nilson and I hauled home a load of boards for me. I paid Bojd the last of my debt, $2.00.

6 Mended my moccasins, etc.

7 Finished mending my moccasins and then I went to Waconia after the last of the boards. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg were here today.

8 Sunday

9 and 10 Made a cradle for rocking the baby, etc.

11 Did various things.

12 Went to Carver with wheat. I sold it to Walter after $.90 a bushel. It was 18 1/4 bushels. It was $16.25. I bought a plow for $17.00 so I owe $.25 on the plow.

13 Went to a money meeting at Mitchel and then I did various odd jobs.

14 A.M. Did little things. P.M. Shilling and I chopped down, logs for rails down by the new road.

15 Sunday

16 In the morning I helped the Dalicarlians to chop down logs for rails and in the afternoon I chopped out a road to the haystack on P. Daniel's land.

17 Hauled home hay from P. Daniel's land. I bought a ton of hay from P. Daniel for $4.00.

18 Hauled hay from P. Daniel's land. Today my brother-in-law Olof Johnson and his wife arrived.

19 Did various little things.

20 Today my brother-in-law Olof Johnson and his wife and Elizabeth returned home to St. Paul.

21 Today Andrew from Scandia came here. In the morning we staked out the line on the south forty.

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21 In the afternoon Andrew hauled rails and I made axe handles, etc.

22 Sunday

23, 24, 25 Hauled rails out by the south forty.

26 Hauled rails at home here.

27 Hauled rails here at home. Today "Nebba" calved.

28 Went to a testimony meeting. In the evening I went to Andrew Skran and sought help for "Nebba" that did not come clean.

March

1 Sunday

2 Mended boots for Andrew and he hauled rails. Olof Hakanson from Red Wing was here today.

3 Hauled rails, etc.

4 Hauled logs from the small field by the swamp. Today I sent a letter to Brother Carl. I received a photograph of him today.

5 Hauled logs for the fence by the small field. Hallen has cut logs for rails on the south forty today.

6 Hauled rails. In the morning Shilling cut logs for the fence by the swamp. In the afternoon he cut logs for the fence by the south forty to be used for stakes.

7 Laid the fence by the swamp. Nicholas helped.

8 Sunday "Kulla" took the bull today. Last night "Lady" calved.

9 Hauled rails all day.

10 Hauled rails all day. Shilling has chopped rails and today finished the month of service.

11 In the morning I went to Bergquist with my duplicate certificate on the land, also sent letters to brother Carl and my sister-in-law Elizabeth. Andrew hauled rails. In the afternoon I, too, hauled rails.

12 and 13 Hauled rails. Shilling has chopped logs for rails on day work for the two days.

14 Hauled rails and stakes for the south forty. Nicholas has chopped logs for me today.

15 Sunday

16 Began to lay the fence on the south forty and P. Daniel helped. Andrew went to Chaska and bought clothes for himself. He bought on my security from Warner. He put $2.70 on my account.

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17 Andrew and I laid fence on the south forty.

18 Nicholas and I worked on the fence. Andrew hauled rails down below the cow barn, also straw.

19 Nicholas, Per Daniel, Andrew and I finished the fence on the south forty. In the afternoon we started the fence between Mitchel and me starting down by his field.

20 Last night there came a lot of snow. Andrew went to Scandia today and I have done a lot of little things. Today one of the lambs lambed. She had twins but one was dead and the other is dying.

21 First I went and helped Nicholas to haul out a log for boards, then I cut down a butternut to make into sap troughs. Andrew chopped stove wood. In the afternoon Andrew hauled rails from the small field with which to make a fence around the syrup cooking place. Also he hauled rails for a cow yard. I did various small jobs. Today the second lamb lambed. It was a ram.

22 Sunday

23 Andrew hauled rails from the small field, etc. I did various things also went over to Andrew Swan.

24 Andrew Swan was here and doctored one of the sheep. Andrew hauled rails from the small field. I did various things. Peter Nilson was here and cut two of the calves. In the morning Andrew and I hauled stones off the large field.

25 In the morning Andrew and I hauled the leftover rails from the south forty over to the haystacks. Andrew made a fireplace or oven over which to place the syrup kettle. I made a frame on which to hang the kettle. "Betty" calved this evening.

26 In the morning Andrew hauled rails to the haystack and hauled wood for the syrup cooking. I did various things. In the afternoon I made another fireplace for a kettle. Today the heifer, "Lotta" took the bull.

27 Worked at the syrup camp. In the afternoon we started boring in the maples but the sap was not yet flowing.

28 In the morning I did various small jobs, then we had a school meeting. Andrew has hauled straw and rails.

29 Sunday

30 A.M. Did various things. P.M. Made syrup troughs. Andrew first went after hay from P. Daniel's land then he made spouts for the maples. Today Andrew began to work by the month for me.

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31 In the morning Andrew and I hauled 1 1/4 loads of hay from Mitchel's place. In the afternoon I made syrup troughs and Andrew tended to the cooking syrup.

April

1 First I did odd jobs then I went to the auction at Hammarberg's house. Henry, Skran went with me home and bought the cow "Betty". I got $21.00 for her. In the evening I bored in the maples. Andrew has done various things..

2 Andrew hauled wood all day. I did various things.

3 In the morning Andrew and I burnt off the swamps. In the afternoon Andrew chopped down timber to lay on the bottom of the fence and I did various things.

4 Nicholas and I laid fence below the field. Andrew did various small jobs.

5 Sunday The heifer "Amelia" took the bull.

6 In the morning I made sap troughs and hauled them out and then I bored in the maples.

7 We had a lecture and then I gathered the sap, etc.

8 Today I had to kill the heifer "Miss" and that has spoiled the whole day for me. She calved yesterday. Today I made a little over a gallon of syrup. This evening we had a meeting in our house. Sund from Marine Mills spoke.

9 Shilling and I laid fence today. "Nebba" took the bull today.

10 In the morning I burnt off the meadows and then I harrowed. Shilling split rails.

11 It snowed this morning I mended Ida's shoes.

12 Sunday

13 Shilling helped me put logs in the bottom of the fence, and Andrew hauled them.

14 In the morning I sowed two bushel of wheat and Andrew harrowed it in. In the afternoon I removed the brush shelter by the apple trees and burnt it.. Andrew has plowed for wheat.

15 Halling and I laid fence. Andrew plowed. I wrote a letter to Ahlstrom.

16 In the morning I was along laying fence. In the afternoon Halling helped.

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17 In the morning I sowed 2¼ bushels wheat on the cow barn field and Andrew harrowed. In the afternoon I laid fence and Andrew plowed.

18 Andrew and I hauled rails in the morning. In the afternoon I laid fence;Andrew plowed. Went was here and bought 12 apple trees for $.40 apiece.

19 Sunday Elsa went to the meeting. I stayed home.

20 Sowed wheat on the other side of the creek. I sowed 3 bushels and 3 pecks.

21 Today I plowed for wheat out by the back shanty. Henry Skran was here and bought apple trees for a dollar. Today "Lady" took the bull.

22 Sowed wheat on the field by the back shanty..I sowed 2 bushels and 1 peck. Halling is here today. He has grubbed down trees in the orchard.

23 Halling and I laid fence by the cow barn, also sowed a pint of wheat that I received from Washington. Andrew quit his work for me today.

24 Per Daniel and I laid and finished the fence today.

25 In the morning I went to Per Daniel after hay and then Peter Nilson came and cut a calf. In the afternoon I plowed the small field.

26 Sunday

27 In the morning I plowed the small field. Sold apple trees to the goldsmith's wife and to Charles Boyd. In the afternoon I sowed the small field with 1 3/4 bushels of wheat and harrowed it in. This year I have sowed 10 bushels of wheat besides the Club wheat which was two bushels; however, I sowed that about 3 quarts too thick.

28 Plowed for barley and oats down by the cow barn, also went after hay over at Mitchel's land that he gave me. Halling cut down the wood in the orchard.

29 First I went to Johannes after a bushel of barley which I sowed and harrowed, then I went to an auction at Alexander's house.

30 According to proclamation by the President we have today a day of repentance and prayer. Elsa went to the meeting. First I sowed oats and harrowed it in, then I piled logs in the orchard and plowed for apple trees.

May

1 Planted trees in the orchard with the help of Nicholas and Per Daniel.

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2 Nicholas and P. Daniel helped me plant trees in the orchard. Peterson had cloth, 25 dozen eggs and 2½ lbs. of butter with him to Chaska for me today to put in Warner's store. Jonas Peter took some apple trees today in payment of the hay I bought of him last fall.

3 Sunday

4 First I moved the smokehouse and hung up the pork and then I did various little things.

5 In the morning I plowed in the orchard also in the garden. In the afternoon I planted potatoes in the orchard.

6 First I made the cabbage beds then I made a snath for the brush scythe.

7 First I sowed oats below the apple trees and harrowed it in and then I began to clear the brush from the new field next to Mitcheld's field.

8 Halling has worked for me grubbing in the new field. First I cleared off brush and then did various things also helped Elsa shear the sheep. One old sheep had 1 lb. wool the other 3 lbs. wool. The younger sheep gave 6 lbs. and the other 6½ lbs. wool.

9 First I went to Waconia with 14 bushels of rye. Paid Barrow on the old debt $.30 and then I carried water and watered the apple trees.

10 Sunday

11 Cleared off brush down near Mitchel's field and Halling grubbed.

12 First I went to Waconia after the breaking plow and then I did various things. In the afternoon I was to have helped Nicholas to break his field but we could not do it, then Jonas Peter and I went and burnt off the meadows on the school section.

13 I have cleared off brush by Mitchel's field and Halling grubbed.

14 Today I cleared brush all day.

15 Today I grubbed and I had Hanson, that is visiting Alfred, to help me.

16 Today I went to Waconia after the 14 bushels rye shorts and I paid $1.40 for it. In the afternoon I did various things.

17 Sunday

18 The Dalicarlians, Hanson and Anderson helped me grub.

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19 The Dalicarlians and I grubbed. This evening my mother-in-law, brother-in-law Olof and Elizabeth came for a visit.

20 I grubbed and Hanson helped. J.A. Peterson has recorded my deed today.

21 Today Elsa and I burnt brush, roots and logs near Mitchel's field. Brother-in-law Olof and Elizabeth returned home to St. Paul today.

22 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the breaking plow mended and in the afternoon I did various little things.

23 Repaired shoes and did other little things. It has rained all day.

24 Sunday

25 Worked on the new field by Mitchel's land. Halling and Hanson helped.

26, 27 and 28 Worked on the new field.

29 and 30 Broke the new field. I had Jonas Peter and his oxen also Nicholas' bullocks to help. Friday Hans held the plow and on Saturday Felt's boy.

31 Sunday

<u>June</u>

1 Broke the new field. I used J. Peter and his oxen and Nicholas' bullocks.

2 Finished breaking the new field. I used Lundsten and his oxen and Nicholas' bullocks.

3 Elsa and I planted corn on the new field. Nicholas used my bullocks for breaking land.

4 Sowed 3½ bushels oats on the new field.

5 and 6 Elsa and I finished planting corn on the new field.

7 Sunday

8 Elsa and I planted potatoes on the new field.

9 Went to Peter Nilson and joined the foundation to his house.

10 Elsa and I finished planting potatoes.

11 In the morning I moved out the stove, etc. In the afternoon I went to a Mission meeting.

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12 Worked on the road. Built a bridge on the school section. I also used my bullocks which counts for one day's work.

13 First I put up mosquito netting for the windows and doors and then I did some small job. My brother-in-law John and Carl Johnson came here from Vasa settlement.

14 Sunday

15 and 16 We had our conference here in Scandia.

17 and 18 Did various little things.

19 Brother-in-law John and Carl Johnson returned home to the Vasa settlement.

20 Yesterday and today I built on P. Nilson's house.

21 Sunday

22 and 23 Built on Peter Nilson's house.

24 Did various small jobs.

25 I grubbed beside the road to the corncrib. Peter Nilson helped then we plowed in the orchard.

26 Did various things. Peter Nilson grubbed near the road to the corn crib.

27 Peterson and I rode over to the Carver settlement.

28 Sunday

29 We returned home. I went and talked over Ahlstrom's business with Anderson.

30 Did various things.

<u>July</u>

1 Nicholas, Per Daniel, Elsa and I went to Chaska.

2 Did various things.

3 and 4 Cleared off brush along the fence from the corn crib.

5 Sunday The old man, Gronlund, was here.

6 I broke the field near the corn crib.

7 Began to cut rye but it is so hot I can do very little work.

8 I finished cutting the rye then did nothing.

9 First I hauled home a load of water from Clearwater Lake and then I cut hay on Per Daniel's land.

10 Per Daniel and I hoed corn and potatoes on the new field.

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11 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I made a rake.

12 Sunday

13 Per Daniel and I cut hay on the swamp near Hakanson's place.

14 Cut hay on the small swamp meadow on the south forty.

15 Cut hay on the swamp on the south forty;Halling and Nils Person helped. In the afternoon we cocked hay on the north forty.

16 First we stacked the hay on the north forty then we cut hay and cocked hay on the south forty. Nilson Person helped all day.

17 Cradled the Club wheat.

18 Cocked hay on the south forty.

19 Sunday We all stayed home because we are not feeling well.

20 Nils Person and I cut hay.

21 I cut hay. Elsa and Miller cocked hay.

22 Nils Person cut hay for me. I was in bed, sick.

23 Elsa and I cocked hay. I also cut a little.

24 Nils Person and Miller, Elsa and I cut and cocked hay.

25 Nils Person and I cut hay all day. Elsa Cocked hay.

26 Sunday

27 In the morning I cut the barley. In the afternoon we cocked hay. Miler and Han's boy were here all day and worked.

28 Went after water to Clearwater Lake and then I cut some wheat, then it rained.

29 Nils Person and I cut wheat and then cocked hay.

30 Elsa and I cocked hay all day.

31 Nils Person helped us stack the large haystack on the south forty.

<u>August</u>

1 Cut wheat. Miller helped.

2 Sunday

3 Elsa and I cut wheat all day.

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4 We have had no real rain all summer but today we had a hard rain. I did nothing.

5 Today we cut wheat and oats.

6 Until 3 o'clock I cradled wheat for J.A. Peterson and then I cradled the wheat on my small field.

7 In the morning I did various jobs. In the afternoon Nicholas' Hans helped us stack the rye, oats and part of the wheat in a stack.

8 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we cradled the wheat on the small field. Per Miller helped.

9 Sunday

10 Elsa and I hauled hay home from the large meadow and stacked it.

11 In the morning we spread out hay and in the afternoon we stacked wheat.

12 First we hauled a load of wheat and then it started to rain. I went to Per Daniel and worked on making a wagon.

13 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia with eggs. In the afternoon we cocked hay.

14 and 15 Finished stacking all the wheat.

16 Sunday

17 Hauled and stacked hay on the south forty. Hanson helped.

18 Peter Nilson and Per Daniel and I hauled home hay. We also cut off the trees on the place where the straw stack was to be.

19 Until 4:30 o'clock we threshed at Jonas Peter, and then the threshing machine came to us.

20 We threshed until noon and then we threshed for Nicholas. We have 138 bushels wheat, 22 bushels rye, 11 bushels barley and 17 bushdls oats, altogether 193 bushels.

21 In the morning we threshed at Nicholas Swenson. In the afternoon I cut hay on the swamp by the well.

22 Cut hay all day in the large meadow.

23 Sunday

24 Went to Johanson and made grain burs for him. The threshing machine has been there today.

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25 Elsa and I cocked hay on the large meadow all day.

26 Elsa and I hauled home hay from the large meadow and stacked it.

27 Cut hay on the large meadow around the island.

28 In the morning I cut hay on the large meadow. Nils Person helped. At noon I went to Peter Nilson to thresh but it was postponed so Elsa and I put straw on the cow barn roofs, and then I cut weeds in the small field.

29 Threshed at Per Nilson and Per Daniel. In the evening I wrote letters to Otto Johanson and Per Monson in Gothenburg. Peterson is here tonight. My mother-in-law is to go with him to Carver tomorrow.

30 Sunday

31 Cocked hay all day. Per Miller helped me two hours in the morning and then from 5 o'clock until dark Per Miller and Nils Person helped me.

September

1 Elsa and I stacked hay out on the island all day.

2 Worked on Peterson's buggy all day.

3 In the morning I worked on Peterson's buggy and in the afternoon I started plowing for the winter wheat.

4 I plowed then sowed and harrowed in 1½ bushels wheat in the field by the cow barns.

5 Plowed all day.

6 Sunday Today I had to butcher the heifer that was injured by the oxen.

7 First I went to the settlement and took orders for the beef then I went home and salted down the meat. In the evening I cut some oats.

8 Hanson and I cut oats and corn.

9 In the morning Elsa and I cleaned the well and I plowed all afternoon.

10 A.M. I plowed. P.M. Went to a mission meeting.

11 and 12 I plowed.

13 Sunday

14 In the forenoon I went and hunted up the calves. In the afternoon Elsa and I shocked the green oats.

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15 First we shocked the oats. We had Per Miller's help for two hours, then we hauled home the oats and stacked it.

16 First I hauled a load of hay for Per Miller and Nils Person, then it rained and I did odd jobs.

17 Sowed two bushels of rye and harrowed it in.

18 Did various little things.

19 Went to Chaska. P. Nilson, Hakanson, Nils Person, Halling, Lundsten, Nicholas and his wife went along. I also went to Carver and sold Ahlstrom's wagon for $7.00.

20 Sunday

21 Made a gate, etc. In the evening Representative Anderson was here.

22 and 23 Built on Peter Nilson's house.

24 Finished the gate and hung it in the fence on the south field. Bergquist went to Minneapolis today.

25 Cut the last of the oats and hauled it home also hauled home corn.

26 Hauled home corn and pumpkins. Bergquist returned today from St. Paul. He had bought a bank draft for me on $65.00.

27 Sunday

28 Hauled rails to the haystacks. In the afternoon I dug a well near the old one by the swamp.

29 In the morning we stacked the straw. Per Nilson helped. In the afternoon Per Nilson and I made fences around the haystacks. Phillip Otto Johnson has been here today and paid me $145.75 for Ahlstrom's land.

30 Took the plow to Waconia but I could not get it mended. Today I sent a letter to brother-in-law Johnson in Burlington with the draft on $65.00 and two dollars in cash. Elsa and grandma have been at Per Daniel and quilted a comforter.

<u>October</u>

1 Worked on the road. Today Mother left us to go with Magnus Person to St. Paul.

2 In the morning I worked on the road between P. Daniel's house and Alexander. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.

3 I plowed, etc. This evening Magnus Person returned from St. Paul.

4 Sunday

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5 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I first plowed for wheat, then I had to hinder myself with the sheep as one was killed by the dogs.

6 We dug potatoes. We had the help of Nicholas' boys, Hans and Nils, also Felt's boy.

7 In the morning Elsa and I finished digging the potatoes. We only got about 15 bushels. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.

8 Went to Waconia to have the plow mended and sold a hen and chickens to Fritz May.

9 Did various things.

10 Plowed all day.

11 Sunday

12 In the morning I went to Broberg and bought a sheep for $4.00. In the afternoon I began to cover the sty.

13 Finished covering the sty.

14 Plowed all day. Many of the churchmembers went to Red Wing.

15 Plowed all day.

16 Went to Peter Nilson and put in studdings.

17 Plowed all day.

18 Sunday-Sven is here.

19 and 20 Did various little things.

21 Did various things. Today I sent $15.90 in a registered letter to Hammarberg for the cows.

22, 23 and 24 Did various little things.

25 Sunday

26 Did various little things.

27 Began to move out the apple trees into the orchard. Nicholas and Per Daniel helped.

28 Nicholas helped me move out apple trees into the orchard.

29 I moved out the gooseberry bushes while Nicholas and Per Daniel dug and moved out the rest of the apple trees until we had moved one half. Nicholas also moved one half of the seedlings.

30 Moved out the currant bushes.

31 Plowed the small field, etc.

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November

1 Sunday

2 Plowed the small field and also in the other field.

3 First I went to a lecture at Witsik's house and in the afternoon I plowed on the large field by the well.

4 In the morning P. Daniel and Nicholas helped me butcher the pigs. Today Bergquist sent the draft to a lawyer in Village Creek.

5 Cut up the pork, then plowed.

6 Salted down the pork and plowed on the large field near the well.

7 Plowed on the large field and finished it. In the afternoon I plowed on the small field.

8 Sunday

9 and 10 Cleared away logs and brush in the swamp by the well.

11 With the help of Nicholas and Hakanson I plowed ditches in the swamp lands.

12 Until past 3 o'clock in the afternoon I helped Nicholas to plow ditches in the meadows and then I plowed on the small field. My brother-in-law, Johannes arrived here tonight in order to collect the money for his land.

13 Plowed on the little field all day but it is a slow job because it does not clear the plow.

14 Grubbed at Hakanson's place.

15 Sunday

16 Plowed on the small field and finished by noon, then I plowed on the new field. This morning brother-in-law, Johannes returned home.

17 Plowed on the new field.

18 In the morning I helped P. Daniel with butchering and in the afternoon I plowed on the new field.

19 Helped P. Daniel to plow ditches in the meadows.

20 Plowed on the new field, etc.

21 Plowed on the new field. In the evening I went to the wedding at Andrew Nilson's house.

22 Sunday

23 and 24 Did various little things.

25 Did odd jobs.

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26 Mourning and Thanksgiving Day. Went to the meetings.

27 Piled wood, etc.

28 Went to Waconia and waited for the grist all day but did not get it.

29 Sunday Andrew Nilson's and Nils Mortenson's boys were baptized.

30 Went after grist at Waconia, etc.

December

1 Did various little things.

2 In the morning I was to Waconia with grist and in the afternoon I took the heifer,"Betty", to Gatson's bull. I sent a letter to Ahlstrom.

3 Made the well wider and deeper, etc.

4 and 5 Daubed the cabin and the cow barns on the ouside, etc.

6 Sunday

7 Laid a fence around the straw stack, etc.

8 and 9 Did various little things. I am not well.

10 Went over to Andersons and took a bath and then went to a missionary meeting.

11 and 12 Did nothing. I am not well.

13 Sunday

14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Did various little things; among others daubed the inside of the cabin and fixed the doors.

20 Sunday

21 Hauled home hay from the north swamp land. Per Daniel took the grist home from Waconia. "Kulla" calved today.

22 Hauled home the last of the hay from the south stack.

23 Went to Waconia to try to find Nicholas' sack that was lost. Norelius arrived at Ericksons tonight.

24 Fixed the stalls in the heifer cow barn, etc. At nine this morning the heifer "Lotta" calved.

25 Christmas Day I was to the meeting.

26 Cleaned the well and Halling helped me.

27 Sunday

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28 Plowed and shoveled snow, etc.

29 I chopped stove wood. Elsa went to the meeting. Norelius is preaching.

30 Went to Waconia and received pay for the sack that I lost. They took $3.00 off the bill for the sack, then I went to the meeting in Scandia.

31 Butchered a calf, etc. Norelius left today. It is very cold.

January 1864

1 Went to a meeting in Scandia. It is extra-ordinary cold.

2 Did nothing except tend to the cattle. It is still very cold, if anything, worse than ever.

3 Sunday

4 Hauled a load of hay, etc.

5 Hauled home the haystack on the west end of the island. Felt's boy helped me.

6, 7 and 8 Made a yoke for Hanson between tending to the cattle.

9 Did various little things.

10 Sunday

11 Butchered a calf, etc. Fed the cattle.

12, 13 and 14 Hauled home and piled wood. The 13th, I sent a letter to John's Carl.

15 Went to Chaska with 20 bushels of wheat which I sold to Warner for $.85 a bushel.

16 Went again to Chaska with 20 bu. of wheat that I sold to Gunz for $.85 a bu. Today I paid Warner and Gunz the last of what I owed them so now I am square with both of them. I have also paid Pappids the $.40 debt.

17 Sunday

18 Went to Witsik and paid my tax and then I did various little things.

19 Got everything ready for a trip to the mill.

20, 21 and 22 Jonas Peter and I went to the mill in Minneapolis.

23 Emptied the flour sacks, etc. Today "Nebba" calved and one of the ewes lambed.

24 Sunday

25 Did various things.

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26 Dug a well by the larger swamp. Tonight one ewe lambed. She had twins.

27, 28, 29 and 30 Did various small jobs.

31 Sunday Today the old ewe lambed. It was two rams.

February

1 Did various things.

2 Went to Chaska and Carver. I sold 9 bu. of barley for $.85 a bu., one hide on 19½ lbs. for $.15 a pound, one calf on 43 lbs. to Gunz for 3½ cents a pound, 11 doz. eggs at $.20 a doz. and 15 lbs. of butter at $.15 a pound to Newcomb. Today I paid Newcomb and Walter what I owed.

3 Did various little things. Nils Mortenson is here sewing clothes.

4 Went to Waconia with grist, 8½ bu. rye, 1½ bu. wheat for levy. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia.

5 and 6 Did various little things.

7 Sunday

8 Made a gate for the fence around the straw stack.

9 Did various things. Today "Lady" calved.

10, 11 and 12 Per Mortenson and I hauled home the hay.

13 Nicholas and I went to Pappids with eggs and butter.

14 Sunday

15 Did various things. Today I sold the cow "Nebba" to Swanberg for $17.00. I have received $1.00 and the rest I am to have in fifteen days, also I sold "Lotta" to the renter at Swanberg for $15.50.

16 We chopped down the wood on the cemetery.

17 and 18 Repaired shoes. It is unbearably cold.

19 Did various things.

20 Nicholas and I went to Andrew Swenson and to Anderson to saw off some wagon wheels, but they had no log that would do.

21 Sunday

22 Nicholas and I went to Anderson's place and sawed off for wagon wheels. Today Swan came here from St. Paul. He had along a shawl for me that cost $7.00.

23 Did various little things and chopped wood. Swan returned home today.

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24 and 25 Made window shelves and casings for Per Daniel began to make a water cistern. Sent to Ahlstrom a letter.

26 Did various little things. Today Nicholas went to Chaska and let his boy, Hans, enlist.

27 First I went to the smithy in Waconia and then I did various odd jobs. Per Nelson cut a calf.

28 Sunday

29 First I went to Bergquist and made an affidavit that Hammar is a citizen in our town. Swanberg was here and paid me for the cows.

March

1 and 2 Nortenson and I cut rails on the north forty.

3 Sent a letter to brother Carl and then did odd jobs.

4 Sawed off timbers for the well. P. Daniel helped.

5 Split timbers for the well.

6 Sunday

7 P. Daniel and I went to Pappids with eggs.

8 Went first to the smithy and then to the missionary meeting.

9 Last night and today there has come a lot of snow. I hauled tiibers for the well all day.

10 Hauled rails for Per Nilson.

11 I hauled a butternut log to Waconia and then I drove over to Olaf Anderson to get yellow dye for the jean cloth.

12 Hauled a load of rails to the cemetery and then did various little things.

13 Sunday

14 Did several little things.

15 Went to Magnus Johnson's place and cut down four saw logs and hauled them down to the lake. Mons helped me so I gave him $.50.

16 Took a sow to Mitchel's boar and then did a bit of everything.

17 Went to Anderson and took a steam bath.

18 Cut wood, etc.

19 Mended my boots on the ankles and cut stove wood.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Did shoe repairing.

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23, 24 and 25 Did various small jobs.

26 In the morning I went to Witsik's house to a denominational meeting and then did various things.

27 Sunday Granlund, Swedlund and Sven Martenson are here today.

28 Went with Martenson to the smith in Waconia.

29 Wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.

30 Went to an auction at Halling's house.

31 Chopped out a trough in which to dip the sheep.

April

1 I did various things. J.A. Peterson has today been in Chaska. He got $5.50 for me for the sheep the dog killed.

2 Did various things and then we had a school meeting.

3 Sunday

4 Bored in the maples, etc.

5 Bored into the maples and cooked syrup.

6 Worked on a v-shaped harrow, etc.

7 Did various little things.

8 Went to the smith in Waconia.

9 Worked on the v-shaped harrow and cooked syrup.

10 Sunday

11 Worked with the cooking syrup.

12 Went to Chaska to take out a draft to send to Ahlstrom.

13 Worked on the harrow and with the syrup.

14 Finished the v-shaped harrow and cooked syrup.

15 and 16 Sowed wheat on the west field nearest home. I sowed 3 1/4 bushels.

17 Sunday

18 Sowed 1 3/4 bu. wheat down below the rye field.

19 Sowed half of the small field. Today I paid my poll tax to the tax collector, Birloien. Chell, the German, was here and bought twelve apple trees for $1.00.

20 Rolled the wheat, etc.

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21 Went to Chaska after the draft for Ahlstrom.

22 and 23 Plowed the new field near Mitchel's fields.

24 Sunday

25 Plowed on the new field; in the evening we had a meeting to discuss what we could do for the ones that had been drafted.

26 P. Nilson and I planted grape vines.

27 Plowed on the new field and harrowed. Today I sent the draft on $60.00 to Ahlstrom at Pikes Peak.

28 In the morning Elsa and I pitched together the hazel brush roots on the new field. In the afternoon I went for a while over to Andrew Shran to the house raising.

29 First I pitched together then I burnt hazel brush roots on the new field, then I sowed 2½ bu. of wheat on the new field.

30 In the morning I rolled the wheat on the new field then I plowed part of the new field, for barley. Today P. Nilson was here and planted out lilac bushes.

May

1 Sunday

2 Plowed on the new field, etc.

3 Sowed and harrowed in barley, plowed for potatoes.

4 Plowed on the new field for oats. Mrs. Bengtson has bought grape vines from me today.

5 Sowed oats on the new field and harrowed it in.

6 Plowed where the apple trees had been and sowed oats there.

7 Elsa and I pitched together hazel brush roots on the new field where the oats had been. This afternoon Andrew Peter from Hogli (?) and Andrew from Kellog arrived here.

8 Sunday Gail preached.

9 First I made a gate for the cow barn, etc. Gail was here today.

10 Today Andrew Peter from Hogli left today..I burnt the swampland.

11 Planted the garden, etc.

12 This morning we planted potatoes in the orchard and this afternoon I plowed for corn.

13 Plowed for corn. At noon we let out the lambs.

14 Plowed for corn and burnt hazel brush roots on the harrowed part of the new field.

15 Sunday

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16 Harrowed and rolled the corn field.

17 Marked out for the corn and in the afternoon Emanuel and we planted corn.

18 Emanuel and we planted corn and finished at three in the afternoon, then we went to the swamp in the school section and burnt it.

19 Sheared half of the sheep and then I went to a meeting.

20 Sheared the rest of the sheep and then cleared the hayland in the meadows.

21 Cleared off the hayland, etc.

22 Sunday

23 First I went after a load of water from Clearwater Lake and then I raked the roots off the potato field. In the afternoon I grubbed down by the well in the swamp land.

24 Grubbed near the well.

25 In the morning I did various things and then we planted potatoes in the field near Mitchel's land.

26 Grubbed and burnt roots near the well.

27 Broke the field near the well and had Nils and Nicholas and his oxen to help me.

28 Sowed oats on the new broken field and harrowed it in. Nicholas has used my oxen for 2½ days to break ground.

29 Sunday

30 First I rolled the new broken field then I trimmed the apple trees, also weeded the orchard. Gotson took my age the 26th of this week.

31 In the morning we planted potatoes in the orchard. I weeded in the orchard in the afternoon.

<u>June</u>

1 First I put up rails in the north forty then I did various things.

2 First I painted the cultivator then I went to the prayer meeting.

3 I began to curb up the well.

4 Worked on the curbing.

5 Sunday

6 First I took 'Lady' to Mike's bull, then I picked ginseng and worked on the well.

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7 Broke ground for P. Daniel.

8 Helped with the breaking at P. Daniel until 4 o'clock.

9 Took 'Lady' the second time to Mike's bull. Afterwards I workedon the well curbing.

10 Did various little things.

11 Went to Chaska. Jonas Peter and Alfred's wife, Mary, were along.

12 Sunday

13 Worked on the road opposite to my well. We laid out a new road across the swamp. My oxen also worked. Elsa has taken 'Kulla' to Mike's bull today.

14 Worked on the road, in front of my well.

15 Did various little things.

16 First I went to Waconia and to roll logs over to the saw, but there was no chance to work. Bought a pair of shoes for Ida for $1.00 and then I did various little things.

17 Went over to Swen Monson in Carver settlement to get all of Ahlstrom's things. Per Swanson from Scandia drove me over. We also went to Chaska where I bought a well jack of Warner for a dollar, and a pair of shoes for myself for $1.00.

18 Worked on a well house.

19 Sunday

20 First I sowed rutabagas then I moved out the stove, then I fixed things for the making of soap and last of all I went to Waconia.

21 Cultivated the corn and had Swenson's horse.

22 Plowed for turnips and then I chopped down a sugar maple out of which to make sled runners. Wrote a letter to Ahlstrom, etc.

23 Nicholas and I went to Waconia with the log for sled runners. We hauled boards out of the way and piled them, then I sowed turnip seed.

24 First O took 'Molly' to Mike's bull then I weeded the corn. In the evening Peterson came and helped me write to Sweden.

25 We went over to Peter Nilson's house and washed the wool. It weighed 44 lbs. unwashed and 22 lbs. washed so half the weight was lost in washing it.

26 Sunday

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27 First I went to Bengt Mattson and borrowed $100.00 and then I worked on the wagon wheels.

28 Went to Chaska and asked Warner to get me a draft, also went to Erickson, then I went to Pappids and bought cloth for dresses for Ida and Sture.

29 Wrote a letter to brother Carl and then did various little things.

30 Went over to Lundsten and helped put up rafters in his house.

July

1 Went to Chaska with wheat.

2 Finished the wagon wheels. Miss Salter was here and bought 3 lbs. of wool at $.80 a pound.

3 Sunday

4 We had a meeting and took up subscription for the three that had been drafted for the war. I promised $40.00 .

5 Today I began to cradle the rye. P. Daniel cradled a piece while I mended his cradle.

6 In the morning I cradled rye but then came a hard rain so then I did nothing. I sent a letter to Sweden.

7 Elsa and I cultivated the corn. I used Peterson's mare. Today I insured my property for $200.00 against fire. It will cost me $4.75.

8 In the morning Elsa and I cultivated the potatoes and used Peterson's mare. In the afternoon we cradled the last of the rye.

9 In the morning I went and hunted up the calves. In the afternoon Mons Johnson and I plowed the rye stubble field and sowed grass for John A. Peterson.

10 Sunday John A. Peterson went with the drafted men to St. Paul.

11 Plowed the rye stubble field and sowed turnips for J.A. Peterson and myself and then rolled the whole piece.

12 Did various small jobs.

13 First I went to Rickenberger in order to take 'Molly' for the second time to the bull, then I began to make the axles for the wagon. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl with the news that I cannot pay the money until next year.

14 Worked on the wagon. The assessor was here today.

15 Worked on the wagon until 4 o'clock when I went fishing on the lake. Peter Nilson and Per Daniel were here after the salt.

16 First I finished the wagon then I worked on a rake.

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17 Sunday

18 First I cradled some of the fall rye but it is so very hot I had to quit, then I went over to Broberg and to the widow Swenson's house to ask J.A. Peterson if he intended to go to Minneapolis.

19 In the morning we cradled fall wheat and in the afternoon I worked on the rake.

20 In the morning I did various little things and then I ground wheat.

21 Elsa and I went to Pappids with eggs and then I did various jobs. Anders Nilson went to Minneapolis with 30 bushels of wheat for me today.

22 P. Daniel and I cut hay on the south forty.

23 First I hauled and stacked the wheat and rye and then I cleaned the well. Today Halling came here.

24 Sunday

25 Elsa and I cocked hay on the south forty.

26 In the morning I did a bit of everything and in the afternoon Nicholas and I cradled the wheat on the small field.

27 Until 10 o'clock in the morning Halling&I cut hay on the south forty and then I cradled the barley.

28 First we cut hay then bound the wheat on the small field. Halling worked for me today.

29 First we cut hay then stacked the hay on the south forty, then bound the barley. Halling worked for me today.

30 Until 10:30 Halling, Elsa and I bound barley, then Halling went to a meeting at Alfred's house. In the evening I went to the meeting at Witsik's school house when we raised a bounty of $250.00.

31 Sunday

<u>August</u>

1 Cut the barley that was lying down, etc.

2 AM Cradled wheat. P.M. Elsa and I cocked hay.

3 In the morning Elsa and I hauled hay and in the afternoon we bound the barley.

4 A day of fasting and prayer. First I cradled the wheat then I went to the meeting. From 4 until dark Halling Elsa and I bound wheat.

5 Halling cut hay all day. I cradled, snagged and brake the cradle then mended it. Cut hay and shocked the barley.

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6 I cradled and Halling cut hay, then we hauled home the barley and stacked it.

7 Sunday Today Halling went home.

8 Elsa and I cocked hay all day.

9 Elsa and I bound wheat all day.

10 Cradled wheat and oats.

11 Cradled the oats on the new broken field.

12 It rained. Did nothing.

13 In the morning I hoed in the orchard and in the afternoon Elsa and I cradled the wheat on the new field.

14 We went to a meeting at Peter Nilson's house.

15 We cradled the wheat on the new field near Mitchel's land. In the morning Lundsten helped.

16 Cradled the wheat on the new field.

17 In the morning I mended the cradle and then finished cradling the wheat on the new field.

18 Finished cradling the wheat on the old field. Elsa is at the funeral at Jonas Peter's house.

19 We hauled and stacked oats.

20 Stacked the unbound wheat. Nicholas with his oxen and his children helped us 2½ hours with hauling the wheat.

21 Sunday

22 Until 2 o'clock Elsa and I hauled hay then I went to a business meeting when we collected money for Nicholas who had been drafted.

23 Began to cut hay for the large haystack on the meadow.

24 In the morning we cut hay. In the afternoon went to a meeting in Witsik's school house for the gathering of money for soldiers.

25 Hauled the rest of the wheat from the new field and stacked it. Emanuel helped.

26 Cut hay, etc.

27 Put up hay on the large haystack and cut more hay. This evening the Swedes went down to enlist.

28 Sunday

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29 Elsa and I cut corn all day.

30 In the morning we cut corn and in the afternoon we cocked hay near the large haystack.

31 Andrew Nilson's boy and I cut hay.

September

1 Andrew Nilson's boy and I cut hay.

2 Elsa and I stacked the large stack on the meadow.

3 Cradled the oats on the new field. Today 'Betty' calved.

4 Sunday

5 We cocked hay. David Andrew Nilson helped.

6 In the morning we cocked hay. In the afternoon it rained.

7 David Andrew Nilson helped us as we cut hay by the island.

8 Hakanson and I cut hay in the morning and in the afternoon we cocked hay down by the road.

9 Elsa and I stacked hay on the large stack.

10 Cocked hay west of the island.

11 Sunday

12 Today we started cooking hay by the island and Hakanson and Margareta helped, but it started to rain so I went with Hakanson and cut hay for him all day.

13 In the morning I went to Waconia and then I did various things.

14 First I went over to Peterson then we cut the last of the hay and butchered a calf.

15 We turned the oats on the new field, shocked it and cocked some hay.

16 Hauled the oats and stacked it.

17 We hauled and stacked hay. Margareta and Peterson's Mildred cocked hay.

18 Sunday

19 Elsa and I hauled and stacked hay by the island.

20 Hauled and stacked hay here at home.

21 Put up the fences around the haystacks. Elsa has gone to Waconia.

22 Made a pig pen, etc.

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23 Did various little things.

24 Went to Carver and bought a plow for $25.00. Sold hams and eggs in Chaska. Peter Nilson, Erickson and Clara went along.

25 Sunday

26 Took the heifer 'Betty' to Mike's bull, then did various things.

27 First I went Lundsten after the boar and then I did various things.

28 and 29 Built grain bins in the corn crib.

30 Did various little things.

<u>October</u>

1 From 10 o'clock until dark I worked for Carolina making grain bins.

2 Sunday

3, 4 and 5 Helped Nicholas thrash. In the afternoon of the 5th we threshed for A. Hakanson.

6 Until 10 in the morning we threshed at Hakanson, then I went and butchered a pig for Carolina and in the afternoon I hauled manure on the field for rye.

7 Threshed for Peter Nilson.

8 Threshed for Carolina.

9 Sunday

10 Threshed for the old woman, Hanson, from Dalicarlia in the place of Carolina.

11 Threshed at Erickson.

12 Threshed at Lundsten.

13 Threshed at Jonas Peter.

14 In the morning I hauled manure. The old woman from Calicarlia helped. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.

15 In the morning the threshing machine arrived. Today we threshed the barley and wheat.

16 Sunday

17 In the morning we threshed the rye, fall wheat and oats, then I did various things. The grain is 244 1/4 bu., spring wheat 116 bu., barley 39 bu., fall wheat 6 bu. loose grain 5 bu. and oats 60 bu.

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18 and 19 Plowed and sowed rye.

20 and 21 We dug potatoes. Louisa Taylor, the Dalicarlian old woman and P. Daniel's hired maid to help us.

22 Fixed the stalls in P. Daniel's cow barn, made him a pigsty, etc.

23 Sunday

24 and 25 Olof Hakanson and I hauled hay for P. Daniel.

26 Went to Waconia and sold oats.

27 Rained all day. I did nothing.

28 Went with Erickson to get a pig from Andrew Swanson.

29 Went to Fritz in Waconia with 43 bushels of oats. The 26th I sent letters to brother Carl, Johannes and Elizabeth.

30 Sunday

31 Made a fence gate, etc.

November

1 Made another gate and hauled home the turnips.

2 Hung a gate by the straw yard. Wrote to Ahlstrom.

3 and 4 Plowed the new field.

5 Fenced in the straw yard.

6 Sunday

7 I and the oxen worked on the road in the swamp.

8 Painted window frames for Lundsten.

9 and 10 Made a fence and a crib in the ox yard.

11 Sowed off the partition in the sheep barn and built stalls for the calves in the cow barn.

12 Made a box in which to feed the sheep oats and salt.

13 Sunday

14 Did various little things.

15 Elsa and I daubed the sheep cote.

16 Per Nelson and I daubed the cow barn and part of the cabin.

17 Finished daubing the cabin, etc.

18 Butchered the heifer, Nicholas helped for half a day.

19 Went to Waconia with grist and took along 1/4 of the heifer but was not able to sell it.

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20 Sunday

21 and 22 Did various things. It is rather cold.

23 Butchered a sow for Carolina and fixed her door also put mouldings on the floor by the walls.

24 A day of prayer according to the President's request. We elected Bergquist and Jonas Peter as deacons.

25 Hakanson and I covered the cow barn roof with straw.

26 Butchered the boar belonging to the Dalicarlian woman and bought the skin from her. I tawed the skin with alum.

27 Sunday

28 Did various things. Today one of the ewes lambed.

29 and 30 Moved the fence of the cow yard and put in a gate.

December

1 Chopped trees on the grave yard, to use for heating the church and then had a meeting.

2 Laid fence down by the cow barn, etc.

3 Did various little things.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Made a casket for Peter Nilson's wife, Johannes.

7, 8, 9 and 10 Did various little things among other I made a wheelbarrow.

11 Sunday

12 Went to Waconia with grist for Caroline and carried home mine.

13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Finished the wheelbarrow and did various small jobs.

18 Sunday

19 and 20 Chinked and daubed the cabin.

21 and 22 Cut and split wood and hauled it.

23 and 24 Did various things.

25 Sunday

26 Peter Nilson and Emanuel, Nicholas' Kennard and Nils and I husked corn.

27 and 28 Per Daniels, Carolina, and the children are here. I hauled cornstalks.

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29 Hauled hay from the south forty. Erickson's Mathilda is here sewing.

30 Hauled hay, etc. Elsa went to help scrub the meeting house.

31 In the morning I helped Nicholas bore in the sled parts. In the afternoon I fenced in the haystack inside the cow yard.

January 1865

1 Sunday

2 Had an all day meeting and nominations for a new pastor.

3 Lundsten, Peter Nilson and I husked corn.

4 John A. Peterson drove me over to Chaska with butter and eggs. I sold 99 3/4 lbs. of butter for $.25 a pound and 23 doz. eggs after $.25 a doz. Today I paid up my account at Warners, $11.47 and at Poppis $7.05.

5 Chopped stove wood, etc.

6 Olaf Hakanson with Per Daniels oxen, and I hauled home the haystack from the island.

7 Hauled cornstalks and rails, etc.

8 Sunday

9 Laid a fence by the corn crib, etc.

10 Nicholas helped me as we two butchered the boar.

11 Cut and salted down the pork and did other jobs.

12 First I hung the beef into the smoke house and then did various little jobs.

13 and 14 Did various little things.

15 Sunday

16 The Dalicarlian woman and I husked corn.

17 Changed the corn husks in the mattresses and then did various jobs.

18 Hakanson and I hauled hay for Carolina.

19 J.A. Peterson and I went to Carver and Chaska. The sargent wrote out an affidavit that I was too old to go to war.

20 In the morning I went with the surveyor and laid out the road between Bengtson's and Per Daniel's land. In the afternoon I chopped wood.

21 Hauled wood, etc. The sow has taken the boar..

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22 Sunday

23 Did various little things.

24 Nicholas and I hauled a sow log from Mons Johnson.

25 Chopped wood, etc.

26 Mended my moccasins, etc.

27 Went to Carver and was excused from the draft.

28 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing for Nicholas Swenson.

29 Sunday

30 and 31 Hauled logs for sawing to Waconia.

February

1 Cut down a log and took to the mill in Waconia.

2 and 3 Did various things.

4 First I fixed the inside of the cow barn. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with 20 bu. of barley that I sold to Fritz May for a dollar a bushel.

5 Sunday

6 Went and paid the tax almost $57.00.

7 Did various little things, like chopping wood, etc.

8 and 9 Worked on a bed.

10 Hewed out ox yokes for P. Nilson then went to P. Daniel and skinned the dog, etc.

11 A. Hakanson and I cut down a maple in the orchard that he is to have for boards, then the Dalicarlian Erik Sund and I dug the well deeper.

12 Sunday

13, 14, 15 and 16 Worked on a bed and did various other jobs.

17 Did various things. Andrew from Scandia today went to Minneapolis with 21½ bu. of wheat for me which is to be ground into flour. He is to have $.25 a bushel.

18 Did various little things. 12 o'clock at night Andrew from Scandia returned from the mill. I have had two men from Watertown to chop rails for me this week.

19 Sunday

20 Did odd jobs. We had a hard rain today.

21 Went to Chaska with a load of barley.

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22 Did various things. Fisher's son, Fredrick, was here and bought 10 bu. of corn at $.85 a bushel.

23 Went to P. Nilson with 5 bu. and 16 lbs. of corn at $.85 a bushel. Did various things.

24 Nicholas and I sawed down a maple for boards.

25 Finished the bed, etc.

26 Sunday

27 Hauled a log to the mill in Waconia.

28 Did various little things. Today the men finished making rails. They have cut 1595 rails and I paid them $20.00 at $1.25 a hundred.

March

1 and 2 Made a trundle bed. We have gotten a lot of snow, cold, stormy and disagreeable weather.

3 Chopped wood, etc. Nicholas took sick with cholera so I was there with him last night.

4 Hauled and piled wood.

5 Sunday

6 Hakanson with Per Daniel's oxen and I hauled home hay from the large haystack.

7 Did various little things.

8 Went to Chaska and sold wheat.

9 Did various little things. Martenson has bought $4.00 worth of hay from me which he has hauled home today.

10 Did various things. Elsa is to a feast at Lundsten's house.

11 Did various little things. Nicholas took along a bushel of my beans and sold them in Chaska for $3.00.

12 Sunday

13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Did various little things.

19 Sunday

20 Began to haul the rails to the fence line between Nicholas' and my property.

21 Olof Hakanson with P. Daniel's oxen and I hauled rails.

22 Did various jobs among others a manure fork. My oxen have been over to P. Daniel and hauled hay.

23 Hakanson with P. Daniel's oxen and I hauled rails.

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24 I hauled rails, then I went Mitchels and bought 4 bu. of oats at $.65 a bu. Tonight Nicholas and Lundsten returned from St. Paul. The sow took the boar for the second time.

25 Hauled rails and went to A. Nilson with grist.

26 Sunday

27, 28, 29 and 30 Did various things but am not feeling well.

April

1 A.M. Chopped logs for stakes. P.M. We had a schoolmeeting.

2 Sunday

3 Did various little things.

4 Went to a lecture, etc.

5, 6 and 7 Did various little things. The 6th we had a hard snowstorm.

8 The boy, Carl Jacob, was born. Martenson's Rar Miller is here on the function.

9 Sunday

10 Hauled wood for the syrup making. Andrew Shran has been here and cut the lambs.

11 Did various things. It is snowing hard.

12 In the morning I hauled hay. Nicholas with his own oxen helped me haul one load. In the afternoon I bored in the maples.

13 First I bored in more maples, then I began to cook syrup.

14 From now on Jonas Peter and I are going to make the syrup together. In the morning we bored in the maples. In the afternoon we moved the kettle and started the boiling.

15 Worked on the syrup.

16 Sunday

17 We cooked syrup. Today we made 10½ gallons.

18 and 19 We cooked 20 gallons syrup.

20, 21 and 22 I cooked syrup alone.

23 Sunday

24 I cooked syrup and finished it today.

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25, 26 and 27 Plowed on the newest field at home here.

28 It rained.

29 Plowed the corn field by the hay.

30 Sunday

May

1 Did various things. I took 'Kulla' to Bengtson's bull.

2 Began to sow the wheat on the newest field.

3 Sowed wheat.

4 Rolled the wheat. In the afternoon I plowed on the corn-field by the cow barn.

5 Finished plowing the corn field.

6 Sowed it with wheat, harrowed and rolled it.

7 Sunday In the afternoon we had the meeting here when we had special prayer for the child, Charley.

8 Plowed for and fixed cabbage beds. Today a German from Little Falls Prairie was here and bought $7.50 worth of apple trees.

9 and 10 Plowed the small field.

11 Sowed wheat in the small field.

12 and 13 Plowed and sowed barley on the field on the other side of the creek.

14 Sunday

15 Finished sowing the barley.

16 Cleared away the straw and manure down by the cowbarn.

17 It rained. Did various little things.

18 Plowed for oats. Christine is here today and cleaned out the sheep manure.

19 Sowed, harrowed and rolled oats. Christine is raking the orchard and planting potatoes.

20 Washed the sheep with the help of Christine and Margareta. Christine went home at noon. This afternoon I plowed for corn. This evening we are having a hard rain.

21 Sunday

22 Plowed for corn and sowed flax seed.

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23 First I took 'Kulla' for the secont time to Bengtson's bull, then I plowed but then it rained.

24 and 25 Plowed for corn.

26 Harrowed and rolled the field for corn.

27 I planted corn, pumpkins, squash, beans and brown corn.

28 Sunday

29 Today we sheared the sheep. Christine Moody helped. In the afternoon I started to make a casket for Andrew Mattson and worked on it all night.

30 We buried Andrew Mattson and then I went to bed and slept.

31 In the morning I planted potatoes and then did various things.

June

1 Did various little things.

2 Went to Chaska with wheat.

3 Picked caterpillar off the apple trees. Moved out the stove, etc.

4 Sunday

5 First I went to Waconia with grist and then I did various little things.

6 Worked in the orchard.

7 Went to the mill and hauled logs to the saw.

8 Went over to Caroline's place and hunted up my sheep. In the afternoon I madaa cornplow.

9 Hoed and thinned the apple trees.

10 Went to Waconia and moved the boards away from the saw and then took the grist home.

11 Sunday

12 and 13 Worked on the road. The oxen worked one and a half day while I worked 2½ days. As we worked on contract I still owe ½ day.

14 First I went to the saw mill and then to a meeting.

15 Did various little things.

16 Nicholas, A. Hakanson and I were in Chaska when the terrible, big rainstorm was here.

17 Did various little things.

18 Sunday

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19 Did various things.

20 Made the gate down by the road. Swen Swenson has grubbed by the apple grafts.

21 In the morning did little things and in the afternoon went to a meeting in Scandia.

22 Hung the gate by the road. Mortenson is here and makes caps for us. Today our soldiers from four regiments came home again.

23 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon we planted potatoes in the orchard.

24 First I went to Ottinger with the cow 'Molly' and then I went to Nicholas'place and joined the foundation to his corn crib.

25 Sunday

26 First I planted tobacco, then I grubbed down by the grape vines. Nils Mortenson has sowed for four days. He went home this evening.

27 Cultivated in the orchard.

28 Hauled away the grubbed roots by the grape vines. The assessor has been here and valued my property to $136.00.

29 Sowed rutabagas and then did various things.

30 Began with Olof Anderson's help to put in ceiling boards in the corn crib.

July

1 O. Anderson and I laid in ceiling in the corn crib.

2 Sunday

3 Hoed the grapes. O. Anderson made a door for the corn crib. The Dalicarlian woman hoed corn.

4 Elsa and the children went to Scandia. I stayed at home and repaired shoes.

5 Plowed and broke ground down by the grapes.

6 Went first to Waconia then did various things.

7 Per Daniel and I sawed off the ash stump.

8 Cultivated the corn using the bullocks and Nicholas' Nils led them.

9 Sunday

10 Elsa and I cultivated the corn, beans and potatoes.

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11 Worked for Olof Hakanson and started haying on Peter Nilson's swamp land.

12 Hoed corn and potatoes and pumpkins. O. Anderson has put a window in the corn crib.

13 and 14 Did various little things.

15 Cut hay on the south forty and partly on the large meadow. Mortenson, P. Daniel, and Olof Anderson' farmer, all, helped me.

17 Sunday Today I took 'Berty' to Ottiger's bull.

18 Cut hay on the large meadow by the road, and cocked hay. Henry helped me.

19 Cut hay on the large meadow near the large haystack.

20 In the morning I did some odd jobs and then went fishing in the afternoon.

21 We cocked hay. In the afternoon the Dalicarlian woman and Anna helped.

22 Olof Hakanson and I stacked hay on the south and then we cut some more.

23 Sunday

24 Chopped down logs to use for the pole bottoms of the haystacks by the cabin. It rained all day. Elsa and Elizabeth have been over to Per Daniel's house.

25 First I hauled the logs over to the place for the haystacks near the cabin and then Martenson and I turned hay and cut more.

26 First I laid the logs in the haystack bottom then Elsa and I stacked hay on the large haystack.

27 First I took 'Berty' to Ottiger's bull for the second time and then Elsa, Per Miller and I cocked hay.

28 Martenson and I hauled home hay and stacked it. Torssten has been here visiting.

29 I cradled the rye. Per Miller tied it, and then we cocked hay. Friday the 25th, Elizabeth returned to St, Paul. SHe rode with Fisher's son, Joseph, as far as Minneapolis.

30 Sunday

31 In the forenoon Martenson and I hauled hay. In the afternoon I went to Waconia witnessing for Peter Nilson about Ludwick stealing his hay. Martenson cut hay.

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August

1. Cut hay by the island;Martenson and Andrew Swenson helped.

2 It rained quite a bit. I made an ox restrainer or breeching for Broberg, etc.

3 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon Martenson and I hauled hay.

4 Hauled and staked all hay all day. Martenson helped.

5 Did various little things. It has rained hard all day.

6 Sunday

7 Cradled the barley and then cocked hay out by the island. Per Miller helped.

8 Cocked hay by the island. Christine Moody helped.

9 Last night is rained and stormed terribly. All the hay cocks we put up are blown all over. In the morning Christine carded wool. In the afternoon we cradled barley.

10 First Christine and I spread out the hay piles, then we cradled barley, and then cocked hay.

11 Christine and I finished cradling the barley and then we cocked some hay.

12 I cut and cocked hay. Christine raked the barley stubble and then cocked hay. Olof Moody helped from 11 o'clock until dark.

13 Sunday

14 Martenson and I stacked the hay by the island.

15 In the morning I cut hay and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and witnessed for Peter Nilson in regards to the hay that Ludwick stole from him.

16 I cut and cocked hay. The Dalicarlian woman helped.

17 Andrew Swenson and I cradled wheat.

18 Finished cutting hay and then cocked hay.

19 I rained hard. In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went out on the lake and fished.

20 Sunday

21 It rained. Broberg was here and I gave him the breechings for his oxen.

22 Per Daniel and I cradled the wheat by the cabin.

23 Andrew Swenson and I cradled wheat.

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24 Per Daniel and I cradled wheat.

25 Christine Moody and I cradled wheat.

26 Christine Moody and I stacked the rye and barley.

27 Sunday We had a meeting for the Germans when they a baptismal service.

28 Cradled the wheat on the small field. Broberg helped me to pay me for making the breeching for his oxen.

29 Christine Moody and P. Daniel helped me as I cradled wheat.

30 Christine Moody and I cradled wheat. In the afternoon Per Daniel also helped.

31 Christine Moody and I cradled oats.

September

1 Finished the cradling of the oats and wheat. Per Daniel and Christine helped and later Per Daniel cocked hay.

2 Christine and I hauled and stacked wheat.

3 Sunday Today Christine Moody went home. I paid her $6.00 for the 12 days she helped me.

4 Per Daniel and his oxen, Martenson and the Dalicarlian woman and I hauled and stacked wheat from the new field near Mitchel's line.

5 Elsa and I stacked oats.

6 Emanuel and I stacked and hauled hay.

7 Emanuel and I hauled hay until 3 o'clock and then we threshed beans.

8 We threshed beans.

9 Did various things.

10 Sunday

11 Per Daniel and I laid the fence between Nicholas' and my property.

12 Andrew Swenson helped me lay fence.

13 A.M. Hauled rails. P.M. Went to a meeting.

14 Per Daniel and I finished laying the fence.

15 Fenced in the haystacks, etc.

16 Did various jobs.

17 Sunday

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18 Did various things.

19 Went to Chaska with wheat.

20, 21 and 22 Olaf Hakanson and I went to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

23 Lundsten and I cut corn. Olaf Moody has grubbed for me all week.

24 Sunday Old man, Granlund, and his granddaughter have been here today.

25 Olaf Moody and I grubbed all day.

26 Olaf Moody and the Dalicarlian woman and I cut corn.

27 I worked for Lundsten putting in a support in his cabin.

28 In the morning I worked on the road. In the afternoon we had a regular cloudburst. I have never before seen such a rain.

29 and 30 I was sick so did nothing. Olaf Modig has grubbed all week.

<u>October</u>

1 Sunday

2 Made an ash barrel so we could make soap.

3 The Dalicarlian woman and I hauled manure.

4 Magnus' Per drove Ida and me to Doctor Wickfield in Shakopee.

5 Elsa and I hauled manure.

6 Plowed for rye, etc.

7 Plowed for rye all day.

8 Sunday

9 Sowed rye and harrowed it in.

10 Went to Per Daniel's house and worked on the cistern.

11 Dug the potatoes near the small field. Nicholson's Kana and Nils, Carl Erickson and Sara Lundsten were our helpers.

12 Was alone in digging and picking up potatoes.

13 In the morning I moved in the stove and put it up. In the afternoon Elsa, Carl Erickson and I dug up potatoes.

14 Threshed at Mitchel's place. In the evening I dug potatoes.

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15 Sunday

16 In the morning we finished Mitchel's threshing. In the afternoon I dug potatoes.

17 and 18 I was in Chaska as a witness for P. Nilson before the grand jury.

19 Dug potatoes and husked corn.

20 We finished digging the potatoes.

21 We first butchered a sheep then did various little things.

22 Sunday

23 In the morning I did little things and in the afternoon we threshed for Bergquist. P. Daniel has my oxen to Shakopee.

24 We threshed at Broberg and Bergquist.

25 and 26 Did various little things.

27 Did a bit of everything. Carl Swanson from Gotheemburg bought 13 lambs for $4.00 a piece.

28 Hauled and chopped stove wood etc. Erickson is here making a casket for Andrew Mattson's boy.

29 Sunday

30 and 31 Did various jobs.

<u>November</u>

1 First I went to Waconia and then did small jobs. Christine Modig was here and bought the cook stove.

2 Butchered a ram and did various things.

3 Went to Carver and bought a cook stove.

4 Did various things. Per Modig came after the stove that Christine had bought.

5 Sunday

6, 7 and 8 Did various small jobs.

9 In the morning I chopped wood and in the afternoon I waited around for the threshing machine over at P. Daniel's place.

10 We threshed for P. Daniel until 1 o(clock and then we threshed for Peter Nilson.

11 Husked corn and chopped wood.

12 Sunday

13 We threshed at Hakanson.

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14 and 15 We threshed for Nicholas.

16 In the morning our threshing machine arrived here, that is, Jens' and Bengtson's machine. In the middle of the afternoon it started to rain so we had to quit for that day.

17 We finished the threshing here at 9:30 o'clock and then we went and threshed for Jonas Peter. Our harvest was: 187 bu., 7 quarts of wheat, 20 bu., 7 quarts rye, 62 bu., 6 quarts of barley, 62 bu., 6 quarts oats, altogether 321 bu.

18 We threshed for the Dalicarlian woman.

19 Sunday

20 We threshed for Erickson

21 We threshed for Lundsten.

22 Went to Chaska with 24 bu. of wheat.

23 Did a bit of everything in the morning and then I went to a missionary and study meeting.

24 First I did various things then with the help of Per Daniel and Lundsten I rethatched the roof of the cow barn.

25 First I did various things and then I went and worked for Per Daniel.

26 Sunday

27 and 28 We made a board fence around the meeting house.

29 Went to Waconia with grist and over to J. A. Peterson after two ewes and two lambs that I am to take care of for ½ share. This evening Johannes and Wilson from Vasa are visiting Eriksons.

30 Did various little things.

December

1 and 2 Did various little things.

3 Sunday

4 Did various little things.

5 Today I went to Waconia after the Dalicarlian woman's and my grist, etc. Today my brother-in-law returned to Vasa.

6 Did little various things.

7 Thanksgiving Day I went to the meeting. We also had election of pastor when we chose J. Erikson.

8 Did various things.

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9 Daubed the outside of the cabin.

10 Sunday

11 Went over to A. Hakanson, Per Daniel and to Taylor. Today it has snowed a lot.

12 and 13 Repaired shoes. It is very cold.

14, 15 and 16 Stacked wood, etc.

17 Sunday

18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 Did various small jobs between tending to the cattle.

24 Sunday

25 Christmas Day Elsa is at the meeting.

26 Chopped stove wood and husked corn.

27 Went to Chaska and stopped for a visit with Nicholas.

28 Per Daniel and I hauled home the large haystack by the island.

29 In the morning I hauled what was left of the hay by the island and in the afternoon I did other small jobs.

30 Hewed out some ceiling boards.

January 1866

1 Went to the meeting in Scandia.

2 and 3 Did various things.

4, 5 and 6 Again did various things.

7 Sunday

8 Butchered the pigs at Andrew Hakanson.

9 Nicholas, Andrew Hakanson, Per Daniel and I butchered our three pigs. Two we sent to Minneapolis with Jonas Nilson, one boar that weighed 379 lbs. and another 355 lbs. We received $.09 1/4 a pound so the two netted us $67.89. The sow, which we kept for ourselves, weighed 344 lbs.

10 Cut up and salted down the pork and then I worked on Olof Hakanson's sled.

11 Worked on Olof Hakanson's sled.

12 Went to a subscription meeting in the church.

13 Plowed and shoveled snow, etc. We have much snow these days.

14 Sunday

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15 Went to Per Daniel and hauled hay. Again it is snowing hard.

16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Did various things between feeding the animals and chopping wood.

21 Sunday

22, 23, 24 and 25 Hauled and chopped wood, plowed and shoveled, snow and tended the cattle.

26 Went to the tax meeting at Mitchel's house and paid my tax $30.00. Today I have done nothing except to visit as John Lefler, or Smith, Mary's and Alfred's brother came here. I had not seen him for 15 years.

27 Chopped wood, etc.

28 Sunday

29, 30 and 31 Did various things.

February

1 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat for which I got $.78 a bushel. Paid my account at Warner's store so we are quits.

2 Did various things.

3 Per Daniel and I hauled hay from the south forty.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Did various things.

7 Went to Hans Gunz in Chaska with a load of Barley. I got $.40 a bushel. Paid Faber my account. We are square.

8 and 9 Did various jobs.

10 Went to Faber in Chaska with a load of wheat. Received $.78 a bushel.

11 Sunday

12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Did various small jobs.

17 Began a letter to Sweden.

18 Sunday

19 Wrote on the letter to Sweden.

20 Went over with Lundsten and J. Smith to Chaska. We got $.76 a bushel for the wheat of Warner. I gave Warner $176.00 for which he is to get me a draft, that I want to send to my brother Carl at Pike's Peak.

21 Finished the letter to Sweden and posted it.

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22 and 23 Did various things. Today, the 23rd, my family is over at Per Daniel's house.

24 Did various jobs.

25 Sunday

26 and 27 Did various jobs.

28 Jonas Peter and I went to the mill in Gordon but we could not get anything ground, so we drove over to Chaska and put down the load. J. A. Peterson has received the draft from Warner for me. It is $163.00.

March

1 We returned from the mill.

2 and 3 Did various things. In the evening on Saturday I sold a pair of bullocks to Carl Swenson in Gothenburg for $55.00.

4 Sunday

5 Chopped down logs for sawing, etc.

6 Went to Carl Swenson and called off the bullock deal. Today I sent a letter and the draft on $163.00 to brother Carl at Pike's Peak.

7 Went to a missionary meeting. Last night 'Kulla' calved.

8 Hauled logs for sawing to Waconia.

9 Hauled logs for sawing to Waconia for Per Daniel.

10 Did various things. Today Carl Swenson in Gothenburg came here to get the bullocks.

11 Sunday

12 Hauled two logs to Waconia. Per Daniel helped. I sold these logs to Hasselstolp for $18.00 a 1000. They made 700 ft. so I received $12.50.

13 Hauled a log to the saw mill. Was in company with A. Hakanson.

14 and 15 Hauled logs to the mill. Sold one to Hasselstolp for $5.40.

16 Did various things. It is very cold with a strong wind from the West.

17 Went to the mill with logs. In the evening Erikson, Lundsten, Jonas Peter and I went to the Dalicarlian's house. Jonas Peter rented the land from Hans for a year. He is to give $12.00 in rent to be paid January 1st, 1867, and he,himself, is to fix the fence for the pasture.

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18 Sunday

19 Did various little things.

20 Andrew Erikson and I cut hoop sticks. Today the Dalicarlian woman, Christine Hanson, moved away.

21 Did various little things.

22 Went to Chaska with the hoop sticks. I could sell them at the rate of $10.00 a thousand.. Today I received a letter from the home folks in Sweden also pictures of them.

23 Did various things. Andrew Erikson chopped down sticks for hooks for me and I tied them together that evening.

24 Went to Chaska with the hoop sticks.

25 Sunday

26 Went to Waconia and grist, etc. Andrew Erikson chopped down 300 sticks for hoops.

27 Worked for Per Daniel hauling hay.

28 I chopped down hoop sticks and tied them up.

29 Went to Chaska with the hoop sticks, $10.00 a thousand.

30 In the morning I was to a meeting, then I did various jobs.

31 First I went to Waconia after the grist then we had a school-meeting in the afternoon. After the meeting Andrew Shran went with me home and cut the lambs.

April

1 Sunday

2 Did various little things.

3 Did various things and went to a lecture.

4 Hauled cornstalks. Taylor is here sewing.

5 Husked corn, etc.

6 Cut down.

7 Did various little things. In the afternoon we had a meeting in the school house regarding the starting of a private school.

8 Sunday

9 First I mended shoes then I went to P. Daniel-to get the wagon for the trip to Chaska's mill.

10 Made syrup troughs, etc.

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11 Jonas Peter and I went to the mill in Chaska after grist, also took the hoop stakes to Chaska.

12 Emptied out the flour and in the afternoon I started boring into the maples.

13 Worked on the syrup.

14 We worked at cooking syrup. Today I plastered in the syrup kettle.

15 Sunday

16, 17 and 18 Worked with the syrup. Taylor chopped wood one day and husked corn one day.

19 Hal Major was here and pruned the grapes.

20 and 21 Worked on the syrup.

22 Sunday

23 I fixed the apple trees as the bark had loosened in the freezing.

24 Husked corn and hauled cornstalks.

25 Began to plow the field near the well.

26 I plowed then returned the wagon to P. Daniel. A. Shran cut the old ramand a calf.

27 I plowed. Today we finished making syrup. We have 13 gallons.

28 Sowed wheat on the field by the well, plowed, and took 'Kulla' to Rhan's bull.

29 Sunday

30 Plowed for wheat all day.

<u>May</u>

1 Today I worked on the roller. Last night we got two inches of snow but it all melted as soon as the sun came up.

2 Plowed for wheat. Today Bergquist moved to Minneapolis.

3 Sowed wheat between the cabin and the bend in the road.

4 Harrowed in the wheat and rolled it.

5 In the morning I rolled wheat, then I plowed on the field near Mitchel's line. John Lefler was here today. He begins his journey Monday.

6 Sunday

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7, 8 and 9 Plowed the field near Mitchel's line.

10 Sowed wheat on the field near Mitchel's line.

11 Harrowed in and rolled the wheat.

12 Finished the rolling and then plowed for the cabbage beds, then stepped out the line between Nicholas' and my land, then fixed the cabbage beds. Old man Granlund arrived here this evening.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Plowed, sowed and harrowed in oats on the field on the other side of the creek.

16 Plowed for barley down by the cow barn.

17 In the morning I sowed and harrowed in barley and oats down by the cow barn. In the evening I went to the business meeting in Scandia. Per Daniel and I were elected deacons.

18 Went to Chaska with 24½ bushels of which I sold for $1.30 a bushel.

19 Andrew Shran and Mrs. Erikson helped us shear the sheep. In the afternoon Erikson, Per Daniel, Lundsten and I talked over and decided about certain things.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Plowed the small field for corn.

23 First I took 'Molly' to Rhan's bull and then I finished the plowing for corn, and then I marked it.

24 and 25 We planted corn and burnt brush on the newest field.

26 Went to Waconia with grist and then gathered together the brush on the new broken field.

27 Sunday

28 Burnt brush along side of the small field.

29 Did various little things.

30 Broke the ground along side the small field. Jonas Peter helped me. Took 'Kulla ' for the second time to Rhan's bull.

31 In the morning I harrowed and rolled the new broken piece. In the afternoon I went to the testimony meeting.

June

1 Planted corn on the new broken piece.

2 First we carried up the potatoes from the cellar, then in the afternoon I cut down stumps and grubbed in the orchard.

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3 Sunday

4 Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and hauled logs over to the saw, etc.

5 I hoed in the orchard.

6 Hoed in the orchard and planted pumpkins. This evening John Wennerstrom came here.

7 In the morning it rained so did nothing. In the afternoon I went to the missionary meeting. This afternoon the hired man, John, hoed the orchard.

8 We planted potatoes in the orchard.

9 Went to Waconia and hauled away the boards from the saw. John, the hired man, has hoed by the grape vines and chopped stove wood.

10 Sunday

11 I did various little jobs. Wennerstrom cut down trees in the cow yard.

12 First I took 'Betty' to Rhan's bull and then I worked on the back shed.

13 I did various things. Wennerstrom cut down trees in the cow yard then he went to Per Daniel.

14 Plowed by the grapes. In the afternoon I went to the meeting in Scandia.

15 In the morning I did various things and in the evening went to the examination exercises in the school house.

16 Did various little things.

17 Sunday

18 Went to Chaska and sold wheat for $1.40a bushel and also took 6 bushels to the mill.

19 Did various things. Pete Nilson returned home.

20 Chinked the corn crib, etc.

21 Worked on the road. I used Wennerstrom and also my oxen, but I broke my plow.

22 Worked on the road cutting a new road across Mitchel's land. In the afternoon I again used the oxen.

23 Chinked the corn crib. John Wennerstrom is working instead of me on the road, so I worked two days on the road. Wennerstrom two days and the oxen 1½ days, altogether 5½ days. The 21st I took 'Kulla' for the third time to Rhan's bull.

24 Sunday

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25 Cultivated the corn with the small harrow. Wennerstrom led the oxen.

26 and 27 Wennerstrom and I hoed corn.

28 Elsa and I hoed corn.

29 I hoed the pumpkins and then I did some painting.

30 Put in the door in the corn crib. Elsa has scrubbed the church today.

July

1 Sunday

2 Did various things.

3 I hauled three loads of chips from Scandia.

4 We had a celebration.

5 Chinked on the corn crib.

6 P. Daniel and I daubed the corn crib.

7 Daubed today also. This evening Anna and my brother-in-law, Nils, also his mother came to visit with us.

8 Sunday

9 John and I plowed the corn. Today the Forest City folks returned home.

10 I did various things. John has hoed corn and pumpkins.

11 Elsa and I went to Chaska taking some of our potatoes.

12 In the morning I went and did various things, and then I went to Swanberg and ordered the reaper to come and cut grain for me

13 Did various little things.

14 Began to cut hay. Had the help of two newly arrived Swedish immigrants. I was delayed in my work by having to bury the bullock that had died.

15 Sunday

16 Cut and cocked hay and cradled some rye. I had the two Swedes from Wermland, Peter and John, helping me.

17 In the morning I went hunting one of the oxen, then Elsa and I cut some rye.

18 Cradled rye and cocked hay on the south forty. We had the help of John Wennerstrom.

19 Peter and his brother, Matts, (Mathias) and I cut hay.

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20 John Wennerstrom and we stacked hay on the south forty.

21 Hauled away the chaff pile. John Wennerstrom helped.
My brother-in-law, Johannes, from Vasa arrived here today.

22 Sunday

23 Pete, John and I cut hay. In the evening Elsa and I cocked hay.

24 Elsa and I cut hay. Johannes went home today.

25 Peter and I cut hay and cocked some.

26 John Wennerstrom and I hoed in the orchard and then cocked some hay.

27 J. Wennerstrom and I hauled and stacked hay.

28 Wennerstrom, Elsa and I cocked hay.

29 Sunday

30 Peter Falk and I cut hay by the island.

31 Wennerstrom and I hauled and stacked hay.

<u>August</u>

1 Wennerstrom and I hauled home hay and stacked it.

2 Elsa and I hauled home hay and stacked it.

3 Cradled some wheat. I fixed per Daniels and my cradles.

4 Wennerstrom, Elsa and I cocked hay near the island.

5 Sunday

6 It rained all day; did various things.

7 It rained steadily. John Wennerstrom continued his journey today. Mathias' wife arrived..

8, 9 and 10 Cradled some wheat each day between the rain showers. Erik and Peter grubbed.

11 Did various things. Went to Waconia after tobacco.

12 Sunday

13 Idid nothing as I was sick. In the morning May weeded the orchard and in the afternoon May and Elsa cocked hay.

14 Elsa, Pete and I stacked by the island, but I did not do much of it as I am still sick.

15 Elsa and I stacked rye, barley and wheat.

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16 I cradled and May tied the oats. Worked slowly as I am still sick.

17 In the morning I cradled around the field of wheat near Mitchel's line. May tied the wheat. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Witsik arrived with the reaper and he cut the wheat until 7 o'clock. May, Elsa and I, together with Per Daniel's Caroline and Peter Falk bound the wheat for four hours. The cutting cost $3.00.

18 Plowed the rye stubble. In the afternoon Elsa and May cocked hay and tied some wheat.

19 Sunday

20 Elsa and I stacked wheat.

21 Plowed on the rye stubble.

22 Elsa and I hauled and stacked hay although it was raining.

23 Cut the last of the oats.

24 Elsa and I hauled and stacked the wheat from the marsh field.

25 Today also hauled and stacked the wheat from the marsh field. Peter Falk has grubbed all week.

26 Sunday

27 Elsa and I stacked the oats.

28 Did various little things. Mathias and Peter Falk left for Mors Prairie today.

29 First I went to Mitchels and built two layers on his cow barn and then did various things. In the evening went to the meeting when Abrahamson and Olof Anderson were received into church fellowship.

30 In the morning I threshed at Mitchel's place and then it rained hard.

31 Went to Jonas Peter's place and made a grain bin.

<u>September</u>

1 We threshed at Mitchel's place. Nils Pearson's wife from ---- Prairie came here and bought one ewe two lambs for $15.25.

2 Sunday

3 and 4 Elsa and I hauled manure for the rye.

5 We hauled manure during the forenoon and then I threshed at Lundsten's place.

6 Plowed for rye.

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7 In the morning I hauled manure. The widow, Modig, helped.

8 Plowed for rye and then did various jobs.

9 Sunday

10 Jens Nilson with his threshing machine arrived. Our grain harvest this year is wheat 170 bu., rye 31 bu., barley 14½ bu., oats 64 bu., altogether 279 bu. I paid $.07 a bushel for wheat and rye and $.06 for the barley and $.05 for the oats so the whole cost of the threshing was $18.14.

11 Threshed at Jonas Peter's place.

12 Plowed for and sowed rye.

13 Threshed for Per Daniel and Peter Nilson.

14 Harrowed in and rolled the rye. Elsa went to Lundsten to help quilt.

15 Went to Chaska with 22 3/4 bu. of wheat which I sold for $1.20 a bushel.

16 Sunday

17 and 18 I plowed the south field.

19 Went with John Smith down to Minneapolis and sold my wool. I received $.50 a pound. The wool weighed 60 lbs. but 1/3 is deducted to cover loss in washing so I was paid for 40 lbs. but in trade.

20 Went over to Becker to get Elizabeth.

21 We went home.

22 Plowed the south field.

23 Sunday

24 Did various things.

25 and 26 Cut and hauled corn. Soder and his wife helped.

27 and 28 Cut corn. Hauled home cornstalks and pumpkins.

29 Went to Chaska with 25 bu. of wheat which I sold for $1.31 a bushel. Peter Falk went along and bought clothes.

30 Sunday

<u>October</u>

1 Plowed the south field. I paid Erik $22.25 for grubbing one and a half acre and $4.00 for helping with the threshing. Peter Falk, I paid $13.00 for the last grubbing and $11.00 for the first grubbing.

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2 Plowed the south field. John Smith has been here and I gave him a bond on $100.00 It was written on the 23rd of August, 1866.

3 Plowed the side of the small field where the corn had been.

4 First I plowed then went to a covenent= meeting.

5 and 6 Plowed the corn field.

7 Sunday

8 Finished plowing the cornfield and then did several little things.

9 Made a wagon box. Today Elizabeth left with Jonas Peter for Chaska. From there she is to take the railroad to St. Paul.

10 Hauled logs for William Mitchel.

11, 12 and 13 Elsa has been sick. I have not been able to do any work. Nil's wife is here helping. We have picked up potatoes for a few minutes at a time; that has been all. Nils has picked up potatoes for two days.

14 Sunday Elsa is sick.

15 Nil's wife and I have picked some potatoes. Anna Erikson came over today and is baking break for us today.

16 and 17 Nil's wife and I picked up potatoes.

18 Did various little things.

19 Was alone at pickkng up potatoes and now that is finished.

20 Did various little things.

21 Sunday I went to the meeting for Anna Erikson is home here helping.

22 Went to Waconia, etc.

23 Went to Chaska and took orders on pork.

24 Did various little things.

25 Per Daniel and I butchered two pigs. Andrew Hakanson also helped.

26 Lundsten and I went to Chaska with the pork. We sold it to Meyer Singer for $.10 a pound. One carcass weighed 287 lbs. and the other 267 lbs.

27 Did various small jobs. This evening Anna Erikson went home. She has been home here 10 days for which we gave her $3.00.

28 Sunday

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29 Started a pair of ox yokes.

30 Went to the woods and put up rails.

31 Soder and I started to work on the well.

November

1 We, church members, put up fence by the meeting house. Soder and Nils are digging in the well. Mrs. Abrahamson was received into the church.

2 Soder and I worked on the well.

3 Soder daubed the cow barn. I worked on the well until noon when we both daubed the cow barn. Today I let the rams in with the ewes.

4 Sunday

5 Daubed on the cabin, etc.

6 Lundsten and I started for Eden Prairie Mill but we turned around when we came by Crear's place because it started to rain, then I went to a lecture. In the evening I daubed on the cabin.

7 Butchered at P. Daniels and then I cut stove wood.

8 and 9 Andrew Hakanson and I went to the Eden Prairie Mill. Soder is grubbing and cutting brush.

10 I did various things. Soder made gates and worked on the cow yard fence. At 3 he went home.

11 Sunday

12 I worked on the fence and put up the gates in the cow yard fence. Nils' wife is husking corn.

13 In the morning I helped Hakanson with butchering and then did small jobs. Nils' wife husked corn ½ day.

14 Did various little things.

15 In the morning Peter Falk and I gathered stones for house. William Mitchel grubbed. In the afternoon it snowed so we did nothing.

16 Piled wood. In the afternoon I made a handle for the broad axe. Mathias Falk arrived here this evening.

17 Mathias and I started our work. We gathered stone and piled them.

18 Sunday

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19 Mathias and I cut rails and piled them. Olof, who lives with Swanberg, grubbed.

20 In the morning Mathias and I piled rocks on the lake shore. In the afternoon we cut rails. Olof cleared off brush and grubbed.

21 Mathias and I chopped down rails and piled wood. Olof grubbed.

22, 23 and 24 Mathias and Olof chopped down and barked logs for the house. They averaged four logs a day. I did various things.

25 Sunday

26 Mathias and Olof cut and barked logs. I made a gate to the orchard.

27 Rained all day. Mathias put hoops on a barrel. Towards evening they hewed some on the logs. I worked on the ox yokes.

28 Mathias and Olof chopped down and hewed timbers. I did various things. Peter Falk hunted ane cut saplings to be used for hoops.

29 Mathias and Olof cut down and hewed logs. Peter Falk made hoop sticks. I went to the meeting.

30 Mathias and Olof cut down and hewed logs. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks. I went to P. Daniel and helped them to butcher.

December

1 Mathias and Olof cut logs. Peter Falk cut sticks for hoops and I worked on the yoke for the oen.

2 Sunday

3 I did various odd jobs. Mathias cut logs. Peter Falk cut sticks for hoops. Olof is not here today.

4 Per Daniel and I butchered the boar. Mathias and Olof cut and hewed logs. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks.

5, 6, 7 and 8 I did various things. Mathias and Olof cut logs and Peter Falk cut hoop sticks.

9 Sunday

10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 I did various little things. Mathias and Olof cut logs. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks.

16 Sunday

17 I did various jobs. Peter Falk finished cutting hoop sticks. He has cut six thousand. Mathias and Olof cut logs.

18, 19, 20 and 21 I hauled rocks to the house. Mathias and Olof cut logs.

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22 I chopped stove wood, etc. Mathias and Olof cut logs. They have chopped down and hewed 99 logs.

23 Sunday

24 First I butchered a ram for P. Daniel and then I chopped stove wood, etc.

25 Christmas Day and all day meeting.

26 Elsa went to the meeting. I wrote letters, etc.

27, 28 and 29 Wrote letters to Sweden.

30 Sunday

31 Went to Waconia and posted the letter to Sweden.

January 1867

We had an all day meeting.

2, 3 and 4 Elsa and I hauled home the haystack by the island.

5 Hauled logs to the house.

6 Bergquist is here this Sunday.

7 Hauled some logs over to the house. I also went to the Town Board, that was in session at Henry Shran's house, and received a town order on $5.00 for repairs on my breaking plow which I broke while working on the road.

8 and 9 Hauled logs to the house.

10 Went to Chaska with the hoop sticks.

11 Did various things. In the evening I went to the prayer meeting at Broberg's house.

12 Went to Chaska with the hoop sticks, 800 each time.

13 Sunday

14 Hauled grist to the mill in Chaska.

15 and 16 Hauled and chopped stove wood.

17 Went to Chaska with 800 hoop sticks.

18 Hauled stove wood, etc. Thres the manure out of the cow barns.

19 Went to Chaska with 800 hoop sticks.

20 Sunday

21 Did various things and hauled one load of hay.

22 Elsa and I hauled home hay from the large haystack on the south forty. Nils is here andis tying over the hoop sticks bundles again.

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23 I did various things. Nils is tying hoop sticks into bundles.

24 Went to Chaska with hoop sticks.

25 Went to Witsik's house and paid the tax. It was $23.50.

26 Went to Chaska with hoop sticks. Olof has cut cord wood for two days.

27 Sunday

28 Went to Chaska with 400 hoop sticks and 7 bu. barley and 2 bu. of wheat. I sold the barley for $1.00 and the wheat for $1.50 a bushel. I have hauled over to Chaska 5,200 hoop sticks and sold them for $ 8.00 a thousand.

29 Went and ordered rafters for the house.

30 Hauled two logs for sawing to Waconia.

31 Hauled one log for sawing to Waconia. Olof is chopping down logs, for sawing for me.

February

1 Hauled two logs to Waconia to the saw mill.

2 Hauled two logs to Waconia. Olof has chopped down cordwood 3½ days this week, and logs for the mill one day.

3 Sunday

4 Went to Waconia in the morning with a log. In the afternoon Olof and I chopped down logs.

5, 6, and 7 I hauled logs and Olof cut down logs.

8 Went and chopped down tamaracks, to be used for rafters in the house, in Schran's swampland. Olof chopped down cord wood.

9 Went after a load of rafters into Schran's swamp. In the afternoon Olof cut stove wood.

10 Sunday

11 Hauled rafters from Henry Schran's swamp and sent a letter to brother Carl.

12 Went to Waconia with one log and took the last rafters from Schran's swamp.

13, 14, 15 and 16 Did various things. Olof has chopped wood two days this week.

17 Sunday

18 and 19 Hauled rock from Clearwater Lake for the foundation of the house.

20 Hauled stone and took the heifer 'Fanny' to Andrew Nilson's bull.

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21 and 22 Hauled rock from Clearwater Lake.

23 In the morning I hauled one load of rock and in the afternoon I cut stove wood, etc.

24 Sunday

25 Chopped down timbers for joists on William Mitchel's land.

26 Hauled the joists from William Mitchel's land.

27 Wrote to sister Anna in Sweden, etc.

28 Hauled a log for Lundsten to Waconia and mailed the letter for Anna. Today 'Molly' calved,it was twins.

March
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1 Hauled joistx from William Mitchel's land.

2 Cut stove wood, etc.

3 Sunday

4 Mended shoes. Taylor sewed a vest for me.

5 Hauled joists from the school section.

6 Taylor left for his home in Minneapolis. I butchered a calf.

7 Went to Waconia after mail, etc. Andrew from Scandia today arrived from Minneapolis with 5,000 shingles for me. They cost $22.50.

8 and 9 Did various little things.

10 Sunday

11 and 12 Did various things. We are having lots of snow and very cold weather.

13 Did various little things.

14 Did various things. Bill from Waconia has been here and begged money for the railroad. I subscribed $3.00. The sow farrowed today. She had two pigs.

15 and 16 Did various little jobs.

17 Sunday

18 Hauled stove wood, etc.

19 Hauled joists and wood. Nils is chopping stove wood.

20 Went over to Peter Nilson and chopped down and hewed a white oak to use for plates in my house.

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21 Hauled home the white oak and one log for joists.

22 and 23 Hauled rails to the south forty to use in making a sheep yard.

24 Sunday

25 Went to Chaska with 24¼ bu. of wheat but it was 26 bushels of wheat level measure. I sold it for $2.05 a bushel.

26 Did various things. It has snowed all day and it is very cold. We have two feet of snow.

27 Did some hauling, etc.

28 In the morning I hauled rails and in the afternoon we were at Nicholas' house and raised the framework to his barn.

29 Hualed rails, etc.

30 In the morning I hauled rails and in the afternoon we had a school meeting.

31 Sunday

<u>April</u>

1 Hauled rails, etc.

2 First went to a lecture and then did various jobs.

3 Hauled rails all day.

4 Hauled rails. In the evening Nicholas came over and we settled our disputes.

5 Hauled rails and mada a new cross tie for the sled.

6 Hauled rails. Nils has been here and cut rails five and three fourths days this week.

7 Sunday

8 Did various things. In the evening I started boring in the maples.

9 Did various things. Today 'Kulla' calved.

10 Hauled timbers for the house. Nils is cutting wood for the syrup making.

11 Hauled timbers for the house.

12 I hauled timbers. Nil's May was here half a day and carried sap to the kettle. Lars came today. He worked for half a day.

13 I hauled timbers Lundsten helped me half a day. Nils and Lars have cut rails and blocks.

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14 Sunday Winberg preached.

15 In the morning I hauled blocks for the fence. In the afternoon I bored some maples. Nils has cut rails on the south forty. Lars cut down trees where the new field is to be.

16 Plastered in the syrup kettle and then I hauled rails and blocks. Nils has chopped down rails on the south forty. Lars has done various things. Gottson has been here and asked me to come to the town board meeting next Saturday.

17 I hauled timber and rails. Nils cut rails. Lars burnt brush and cut grass and brush.

18 It rained. I mended shoes. Lars worked half a day.

19 Hauled logs and cooked syrup. Lars piled brush.

20 Went to the town board session at Gottson's house. Lars piled brush and Nils cut rails.

21 Sunday

22 Snow and rain. First I went to Erikson's house and visited with Winberg after which I did various things. Lars worked for half a day.

23, 24 and 25 I worked on making a harrow. Lars Nilson has grubbed and piled brush.

26 and 27 Plowed for wheat here by the back shed. Lars has grubbed and piled brush.

28 Sunday Today I took 'Molly' to A. Schran's bull.

29 Went to Waconia after the mailand paid for April, May and June for the papers. In the afternoon I plowed. Lars piled brush and burnt it and also carried maple sap to the kettle.

30 I plowed. Lars piled and burnt brush.

<u>May</u>

1 I plowed. Lars burnt brush, etc.

2 I sowed 3½ bu. of oats on the field near Mitchel's land. Lars burnt brush, etc. We finished the syrup, 24 gal.

3 and 4 Sowed 6½ bu. of wheat on the home field. Lars harrowed it and burnt brush. Magnus Person was here last night. There were 9 families with 12 horses here from Moline. They are going to take out homesteads.

5 Sunday

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6 Trimmed back the grape vines. Planted red onion seeds, etc. Lars burnt brush. Nils is using the oxen in harrowing.

7 Sowed more oats on the field near Mitchel's land and sowed wheat on the small field. Lars harrowed it in. I took 'Molly' for the second time to A. Schran's bull.

8 Sowed wheat on the field near Mitchel's land. Lars harrowed it in and burnt brush.

9 I rolled the grain all day. In the morning Lars was sick and in the afternoon he grubbed.

10 Plowed for barley. Lars and Nil's May raked and burnt brush.

11 In the morning I plowed and in the afternoon I sowed barley and wheat on the piece by Nicholas' land.

12 Sunday

13 It rained. I went to Per Daniel, Jenney and Ludwik with the road lists. In the afternoon Lars, Elsa and I cleared off brush on the ground to be broken.

14 Began to break ground. Per Daniel and Lars helped but we did not get far.

15 Went to Waconia to get my small plow fixed so I could use it for breaking land. In the afternoon I brake a little. Lars has burnt brush. Elsa has cooked soap.

16 In the morning I broke some ground with the oxen. In the afternoon I plowed in the orchard. Nils and Lars have burnt brush on the small piece.

17 First I plowed in the orchard and in the afternoon I used only my oxen in breaking the new piece. Lars and Elsa have piled and burnt brush.

18 Rolled the barley on the other side of the creek and then sowed barley in the orchard. In the afternoon I brake a little land. Lars has worked half a day. Today I paid Lars what I owed him. Per Nilson was here today.

19 Sunday

20 I was with the second town board on road inspection. It rained all day.

21 Plowed for corn down by the cow barn.

22 I broke ground using only my own oxen. Today we planted part of the garden.

23 Harrowed and rolled the field for the corn.

24 I broke ground using only my own oxen. Elsa, Nils' wife and Lars' wife have planted corn on the new broken field.

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25 Elsa and Lar's wife planted corn on the new broken field. I marked for corn down by the cow barn; in the afternoon I planted it in corn and then threw the manure out of the cow-barn. I also took 'Molly' for the third time to a bull, this time to Andrew Nilson's bull. Lars has been breaking over at P. Daniel using my oxen.

26 Sunday

27 Broke ground with only my oxen. Lars' wife, May, planted potatoes. 'Little Lars' worked in the afternoon, grubbed.

28 In the morning I broke ground and Lars planted potatoes. In the afternoon we did nothing as it rained.

29 Finished breaking the large piece. Lars and Elsa planted potatoes.

30 I broke land in the morning. Lars' wife, May, Elsa and "Little" Lars finished the corn planting. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Lars grubbed, etc.

31 In the morning I plowed the ground down by the grapes in order to plant beans there. In the afternoon I did various things. "Little" Lars went home today.

<u>June</u>

1 Today I did nothing as there has come down much rain and, in fact, it is still raining.

2 Sunday

3 Daubed the cabin and lined it. Lars' May planted potatoes, squash, melons, etc.

4 Elsa and I went to Chaska with 14 bu. of wheat which I sold for $1.75 a bushel. Lars' May worked half a day. The widow, Modig, came here to visit the children.

5 I did various small jobs. Elsa is washing clothes and the widow, Modig, is helping her.

6 Did various little things. In the evening about 10 o'clock my brother-in-law, Johannes, my sister 'Maja Stina' with their two oldest boys arrives here from Vasa.

7 The conference started. I went while Elsa stayed home.

8 Conference still on. Elsa went today. Today Mathias Falk began to work on the house. He and I marked out for the foundation and he started digging for the foundation.

9 Sunday

10 Mathias dug for the foundation. I did various things and then in the afternoon and evening we had meetings.

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11 Mathias and Soder started to build the foundation for the house. Olof Anderson hewed joists. I did various things. Lars' and Nils' wives are helping Elsa shear the sheep for which I am paying them at the rate of $.05 a piece. Andrew Schran was here and cut a ram.

12 Anderson hewed joists. Mathias and Soder laid foundation and I helped at times. This afternoon the Vasa folks returned home, i.e. Wilson, Johannes, 'Maja Stina' and the two boys.

13 Mathias and Soder laid the foundation, Anderson hewed joists; and I did various things.

14 Mathias and Soder built on the foundation and I helped them at times. In the afternoon we put up the foot plates on the foundation. Anderson hewed timbers and Nils laid fence on the south forty.

15 Anderson hewed timbers. Mathias and Soder started to dig the cellar. Nils and I fixed the old fence around the field and orchard.

16 Sunday

17 Mathias and Soder dug on the cellar. Anderson hewed timbers. Nils and I hewed scantlings and scaffold logs in the morning and in the afternoon Nils helped to dig the cellar and I went to the meeting where we had the Peter Nilson's matter up for discussion. Sent a letter to Chicago with $4.50 for three papers.

18 Mathias and Soder dug for the cellar and Nils helped in the morning. I hauled poles for uprights for the scaffold. In the afternoon Nils and I hauled corn, etc. Anderson hewed timbers.

19 Mathias, Soder, Anderson and I put in girders in the house so now it is ready for carpentry work.

20 Mathias, Soder, Anderson and I built on the house.

21 and 22 We four again built on the house. Nils has laid fence both days. The 21st, I took 'Betty' to Nilson's bull.

23 Sunday

24 Rained all day. Anderson and Mathias made a couple of blocks and tackles and chopped down two logs for the house. I cradled wheat, etc.

25 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I built on the house. Elsa and Lars' May washed the wool.

26 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I built on the house. Nils' May weeded the red onions.

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27 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I built on the house. Lars, the vestryman, cut weeds and hoed potatoes. Lars' May hoed potatoes and Nils' May weeded the red onions.

28 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I built on the house. Jonas Peter and 'Vestry' Lars broke ground for rutabagas while Lars' May held the plow. Nils' May weeded the red onions.

29 Mathias, Soder, Anderson and I built on the house. Jonas Peter and Lars finished the breaking by noon. In the afternoon Lars rolled and harrowed it. Lars' May hoed corn and in the afternoon Nils' May helped her hoe. Yesterday the assessor, Bierlayer, was here and he assessed me to the value of $231 but $100 is allowed.

30 Sunday

July

1 Mathias, Soder, Anderson and I built on the house. From 9 o'clock in the morning until dark Lars' and Nils' Mays worked at hoeing the corn. Louis Kiel came and bought wheat at the rate of $1.35 a bushel.

2 We four men worked on the house.

3 We four men built on the house. Louis Kiel came after the wheat today. It was 24 bushel.

4 We did not attend the celebration but built on the house instead.

5 We worked on the house until noon when we were through for the present.

6 In the morning I went around and invited the men to come and work out their road tax and then I did odd jobs. Mathias made ceiling joists. 'Big' Lars' May and Nils' May hoed corn.

7 Sunday

8 Worked on the road. Lars and his wife hoed corn. Mathias moved the small corn crib.

9 I worked on the road. Lars and his wife hoed corn on the newly broken field.

10 First I went to Waconia and then did various things! Lars and his wife hoed corn.

11 Elsa and I together with Lars' wife hoed corn down by the cow barn in the morning. In the afternoon I made things ready for a trip to the mill.

12 Went to the mill in Chaska returning home after dark. Elsa and Lars' May hoed corn and beans. In the evening Elsa took 'Betty' to Andrew Nilson's bull for the second time.

13 I slept in the morning and in the afternoon did various things.

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14 Sunday

15 I did various little things. Lars' May hoed the beans.

16 Cultivated the beans and the corn and Lars' May led the oxen.

17 Mathias, W. Mitchel and I started the hay cutting.

18 In the morning Mathias and I made roads on the south forty and then it rained so we did nothing.

19 During the forenoon Mathias and I dug out two mushrooms on the south forty. In the afternoon we cut hay.

20 Jonas Peter, Per Daniel and I went to the saw and hauled logs up to it. Mathias cut and cocked hay on the south forty.

21 Sunday

22 Went to Waconia and took the boards away from the saw. They made 2500 ft. and cost $18.66. Mathias cut hay. In the evening I sent a letter to Sweden.

23 Mathias, Lars' May and I cocked hay on the south forty. Louis Kiel came and bought a pair of three year old bullocks.from me for $77.50.

24 It rained quite a bit. Mathias and I moved gates.

25 I put up a milkshelf down in the cellar. Mathias turned hay and in the afternoon we cocked hay.

26 Mathias and I cut and cocked hay.

27 In the morning Mathias and I cut hay and then it rained. I did a few little things. Mathias finished sewing his pants.

28 Sunday

29 Lars' May and I cradled rye. Sent a letter asking for two numbers of the "Amerikanaren"; The American.

30 W. Mitchel and I stacked two haystacks on the south forty.

31 Martenson and I stacked the outer haystack on the south forty.

<u>August</u>

1 In the morning I hunted up the pigs. In the afternoon Carl and I cocked hay. Took 'Betty' for the third time to Andrew Nilson's bull.

2 Per Martenson and I cut hay all day.

3 Did various little things.

4 Sunday

5 In the morning I went to Soder's home in Waconia and in the afternoon Elsa and I cocked hay, etc.

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6 Lars' May and 'Little' Olof and I cocked the hay on the east side of the island. I cradled some barley.

7 Lars' May and I cradled the barley. Lars and 'Little' Olof cut hay. The Dalicarlian woman from Anderson's home cut barley in the orchard. At noon Mathias came back so he helped to cut.

8 Mathias and Lars cut hay. I and Mathias' May hauled home hay.

9 Mathias and I stacked the large haystack east of the island. Mathias 'May cut barley, cocked and turned hay.

10 Mathias and May and I cut hay on the swamp by the well, cradled the barley in the orchard and then we cocked hay.

11 Sunday

12 I hunted the sheep. It took me the largest part of the day before I found them, then I cut hay. Mathias cut hay all day. Mathias' Mayand Gerty weeded the red onions.

13 Mathias and I hauled and stacked hay. Mathias' May weeded the rutabagas.

14 Mathias, Martenson and I cut hay by the island and finished by noon. Mathias' May turned hay and weeded the rutabagas. In the afternoon we all cocked hay.

15 Mathias and I hauled and stacked the rye and barley. Mathias' May turned and cocked hay.

16 Mathias, May and I cocked hay.

17 Mathias, May and I cradled the oats.

18 Sunday

19 Mathias and his wife, Carl Erikson and I cradled wheat until noon; in the afternoon we cocked hay.

20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 Mathias, his wife and I cradled wheat.

25 Sunday

26 Mathias and I stacked hay bythe island.

27 In the morning Mathias hewed ceiling joists and I did various things. In the afternoon we fenced in the haystacks. May did various things.

28 Mathias and I stacked wheat. May weeded the rutabagas.

29 A. M. Mathias and I stacked wheat. P. M. I went to a meeting. Mathias did various things. His wife went home today.

30 Mathias and I stacked wheat and oats.

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31 Mathias dug ditches in the swamp by the well. I helped him dig in between other jobs.

September

1 Sunday J. Erikson is preaching his farewell sermon today.

2 Mathias and I stacked the last of the wheat.

3 Mathias and I hauled and stacked hay. Eriksons moved away today.

4 Mathias and I took up the floor boards and the filling in in the cabin.

5 In the morning we worked on the ceiling. In the afternoon Mathias went to Lundsten and threshed.

6 Mathias and I laid the ceiling.

7 Mathias threshed over at Nicholas. I finished the ceiling in the house.

8 Sunday

9 In the morning Mathias and I did various things. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the threshing machine arrived and we threshed one stack of wheat.

10 We threshed until noon and finished it.. The wheat was 142 bu., barley 32 bu., rye 30 bu., and the oats 61 bu., altogether 265 bu. of grain.

11 In the morning I went over to Scandia and helped to thresh. In the afternoon I did various things. Mathias went home today.

12 Hauled manure, etc.

13 Went to Andrew Nilson and helped thresh.

14 I hauled manure. Soder was here and bought a ewe for $4.00.

15 Sunday

16 Hauled and spread manure on the rye field.

17 It rained. I repaired shoes, etc.

18 Hauled manure all day.

19 It rained. I mended the cabin roof.

20 Hauled manure all day.

21 Lars' May and I cut corn.

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22 Sunday

23 Lars, his wife and I cut corn. Went after Soder's boy to herd the cattle.

24 Threshed at Peter Nilson's place. Towards evening I did some plowing.

25 Threshed at Per Daniel's place until past noon, then I did some plowing for the rye.

26 Plowed for rye all day.

27 First plowed, then sowed 2 bu. of rye and began to harrow it in, then at 3 o'clock I went to Pafahl and helped to thresh. Elsa finished the harrowing.

28 Threshed at Pafahl until 9:30 and then we went to Jonas Peter and threshed the rest of the day. Erikson's grain was 86 bu. of wheat, 20½ bu. of rye, 32 bu. of oats. Erikson is to have half of the grain which was 43 bu. of wheat, 10 1/4 bu. of rye and 13½ bu. of oats, as the threshers took 5 bu. of oats.

29 Sunday

30 In the morning I hunted up the pig farrows. In the afternoon I rolled the rye. 'Vestry' Lars cut corn. Tonight my brother-in-law, Olof Johnson, and his wife came here.

October

1 Per Daniel and I went to Chaska with J. Erikson's wheat. It was 45½ bu. and 5 lbs. and I sold it at the rate of $1.55 a bu. My brother-in-law Olof Johnson left for St. Paul today.

2 In the morning I went to Soder's house and to Waconia. In the afternoon I hauled rails to the haystacks, etc.

3 Soder and I hauled home corn.

4 Drove my sister-in-law, Hanna, over to Watertown.

5 Hauled corn, 'Vestry' Lars helped.

6 Sunday

7 In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon we had a business meeting when Jonas Peterwas elected pastor.

8 and 9 Hauled home rutabagas. The 9th Olof Anderson's girls helped me.

10 In the morning we took up rutabagas. In the afternoon I made a vegetable bin for the cellar. Andersons' girls dug and picked up potatoes.

11 and 12 I worked on the road. Andersons' girls took up potatoes.

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13 Sunday

14 In the morning I took the road lists over to Gortsen. In the afternoon we fenced in the haystacks. Andersons' girls took up potatoes.

15 In the morning I worked on the fences round the haystacks. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought shoes for Sture. Andersons' girls took up vegetables.

16, 17 and 18 Plowed on the field near Mitchel's lands.

19 Plowed on the field near Mitchel's land, etc.

20 Sunday Today Gail, two other preachers, and Jonas Peter were ordained as pastors.

21 I was over at Andrew Hakanson's house all day to take care of his wife, who has lost her mind.

22 Did various little things.

23 This morning I did nothing but visit with Peterson. In the afternoon I plowed.

24 I plowed, etc.

25 and 26 Plowed the small and the newest fields.

27 Sunday Took care of Hakanson's wife.

28 Plowed on the newest field.

29 Last night the boy, Frans Joseph, was born. It has snowed all day. I did various jobs.

30 Did various jobs.

31 Plowed, etc.

November

1 Went to Andrew Nilson's house and valued theoxen for the horse they took up.

2 Plowed on the newest field, etc.

3 Sunday

4 In the evening I went to Waconia and to Soder's house. Today I paid the Post Office for the postage on the last half year of the "Amerikanaren".

5 I was to a lecture all day.

6, 7, 8 and 9 Did various little things.

10 Sunday

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11 Per Daniel and I were to the Chaska mill. I sent a letter to Sweden.

12 Covered the grapevines with dirt, etc.

13 Took my boy, John Axel, to Dr. Wickfield, in Shakopee, and and had a growth cut off. It cost $15.00.

14 Began to daub the cabin.

15 Daubed the cabin, etc.

16 First I butchered a ewe, then I daubed the cowbarn and the sheep barn.

17 Sunday

18 Recovered the cow barn roof. Sent letters to Carl and Johannes.

19 Plowed on theneweet field, etc.

20 Went over to Gortson's house for a meeting. We elected Schaap chairman.

21 Butchered a ram then plowed on the new field.

22 Butchered a ram and then plowed.

23 Per Daniel and I went to the Chaska mill after the grist. I had along 30 bu. of barley which I sold for $1.25 a bushel. Lars, the tanner, has grubbed for me all this week.

24 Sunday

25 Plowed the new broken field, etc.

26 We went to Sarah Lundsten's funeral.

27 Plowed on the new broken field, etc.

28, 29 and 30 Did various things. I have had four men grubbing for me this week.

<u>December</u>

1 Sunday

2 P. J. Broberg, Per Daniel, and Jonas from Morse Prairie helped me to butcher the pigs.

3 I took Erikson's pigs to Chaska and sold them. I paid Warner my account of $9.00. I paid Faber in Chaska the money to settle Erikson's bill in Carver.

4 Nicholas and I butchered 'Kulla' today. Dressed she weighed 440 lbs.

5 Salted down pork and beef, etc. Nicholas went to Minneapolis to sell pork and beef for me.

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6 Did various little things.

7 Went to Chaska and exchanged a pair of boots, that I had bought before for a pair of moccasin boots. Last night Nicholas returned from Minneapolis. He had sold the two pigs for $.08 a pound. One weighed 332 and the other 228 lbs. so for them I received $44.20. Three-fourths of the cow weighed 325 lbs. She sold at the rate of $.06 for the front and $.08 for the back pieces. Jonas from Morse Prairie has cut and brushed a way for a fence, grubbed out an oak for sled runners, besides chopping stove wood, this week.

8 Sunday

9 Went to Waconia to get the grist and in the afternoon I butchered a calf.

10 We, the Town Board, inspected the roads.

11 John Peter Broberg and I piled wood.

12, 13 and 14 Did various little things.

15 Sunday

16, 17, 18 and 19 I did various little things. Mortenson has been sewing these four days.

20 and 21 I did various little things. Per Broberg chopped wood the 21st.

22 Sunday

23 Went to Waconia, etc.

24 Did various little things.

25 Christmas Day. Elsa is to the meetings.

26 Did various little things.

27 and 28 Repaired shoes, etc.

29 Sunday

30 and 31 Did various little things.

January 1868

1 Had an all day meeting in the church.

2 Did various little things.

3 Went to Waconia with grist.

4 Did various little things.

5 Sunday

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6, 7 and 8 Did nothing except to tend to the cattle.

9 Went and paid my tax. Also paid the taz for the Dalicarlian woman and for Erikson.

10 and 11 Did various jobs. Andrew Swenson and J. A. Peterson arrived here today.

12 Sunday

13 The Town Board had a meeting. I went and proposed that we build a bridge. Per Broberg is cutting wood.

14 Made a snow plow and plowed the road.

15 Per Broberg and I hauled hay.

16 Per Broberg and I hauled hay until noon, then we husked corn and chopped wood.

17 I did various things. Soder was here and he put soles on my moccasins.

18 Did various little things.

19 Sunday

20 Today J. A. Peterson and Andrew Swenson returned home. I helped Jonas Peter to make an ox yoke.

21 and 22 Did various things.

23 I did various things. Elsa has quilted a comforter and had several women to help her.

24 and 25 Made a new vehicle for the oxen.

26 Sunday

27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 Did only tend to the cattle besides working on the sled.

<u>February</u>

1 Hauled and chopped wood, etc.

2 Sunday Magnus and Christine Person are here.

3 Did various little things.

4 Made a tongue for the sled. Lars Johnson is chopping wood.

5 First I did a few odd jobs and then I hauled a load of cord wood over to the meeting house.

6 First I went to Mortenson after leather and then I hauled home a load of hay from the south forty.

7 Hauled hay home from the south forty.

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8 We, the Town Board, held a session in Waconia in order to receive bids for the bridge that was to be built.

9 Sunday

10 Went to the doctor in Waconia to get medicine for Axel who was sick.

11 Did various things.

12 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

13 Did various little things.

14 Hauled a load of wood to Chaska. 'Vestry' Lars began to cut cord wood for me today.

15 Made an axe handle, etc.

16 Sunday

17 Hauled a load of wood to Chaska.

18 Did various little things.

19 Took 26 3/4 bu. of wheat to Chaska that I stored in Faber's buildings.

20 Went to Waconia with grist and hauled home a load of boards.

21 and 22 Hauled logs for sawing to Waconia and hauled home boards.

23 Sunday

24, 25, 26 and 27 Did various things.

28 Hauled logs to Waconia and took home the grist.

29 I did various things. Today 'Molly' calved. It was twins again this year.

March

1 Sunday Today we buried Broberg's girl.

2 Cut down logs for sawing.

3 Hauled the logs to Waconia. Today I received a letter from Sweden.

4 First I did various things and then we had meetings. Olof Hakanson is here.

5 Hauled logs to Waconia.

6 Hauled an oak log to Waconia. Per Daniel helped me to get it hauled out to the road from the south forty.

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7 First I helped P. Daniel saw off logs for sawing and then I did various things.

8 Sunday

9 Went with Per Daniel's logs to Waconia and took home the grist. Sent letters to Sweden, Marine and Vasa.

10 Went to Per Daniel's woods after an oak log out of which I want to make a water trough.

11 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, 26 bu. and 7 lbs.

12 Went to Per Daniel after an oak log that I took to Waconia. I have now 7 logs in Waconia, 2 oak, 1 butternut, 1 maple in the lower row, and 2 elms and 1 butternut in the upperrow.

13 Hauled home the haystack on the flat meadow. P. Daniel helped.

14 We hauled the last load of hay home and then I did various things.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Per Daniel after a log for shingles. John Nilson worked half a day hewing out the water trough.

17 I did various things. John hewed the water trough and cut down logs for rails.

18 I did various things. In the evening I went and borrowed $40.00 from Luther. John worked half a day. Mathias came down today.

19 Mathias and I sawed off logs for shingles; also built a feeding rack in the straw yard.

20 Mathias made syrup troughs and I did various things.

21 I hauled manure and Mathias cut rails.

22 Sunday

23 I hauled rails. John and Mathias chopped down rails.

24 I went to Shakopee and bought a draft for $125.00 that I sent to Chicago to buy two tickets to send to Sweden. I returned home during the night. It rained quite a bit.

25 I hauled fence blocks. John and Mathias chopped down rail logs.

26 I did various things. John and Mathias cut rails.

27 Began to bore in maples. Mathias made troughs and spouts.

28 Plastered around the syrup kettle, etc. Mathias sawed wood and bored into the maples.

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29 Sunday

30 Hauled wood for the syrup cooking. Mathias did various things.

31 We, the Town Board, had a meeting in the home of John Excel.

April

1 Mathias and I worked on the small corn crib.

2 Mathias and I worked on the crib (corn). Olof Johnson cut rails.

3 and 4 Mathias and I covered the roof of the corn crib. Olof Johnson chopped down rails and split shingles for the small corn crib.

5 Sunday

6 Hauled rails and carried sap to the kettle.

7 Went to a lecture. Olof Johnson cut rails.

8 and 9 Hauled rails. Olof Johnson laid fence. Mathias has worked on a harrow for 1½ days.

10 Good Friday In the morning I was to the meeting and in the afternoon I hauled rails. Olof Johnson laid fence and carried sap.

11 I finished hauling the rails. Olof Johnson carried sap and cut wood. We have cooked down over 100 lbs. of sap today which made 7½ gallons of syrup.

12 Sunday Olof Johnson went home today.

13 I hauled wood for the syrup making. In the afternoon I plowed on the new field. Lars from Daltappa carried sap and choppedwood.

14 I finished the harrow. J. Per Broberg is plowing.

15 First I did a number of little things, then I sowed oats and Elsa harrowed it in.

16 I worked on the small corn crib. J. P. Broberg plowed.

17 I plowed, etc.

18 I plowed then I finished sowing oats. Brobergs and Christine is here carrying sap, etc.

19 Sunday

20 I plowed over by the creek.

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21 Sowed wheat on the new field. Per John Broberg cleaned the hazelbrush roots off the new broken land. Broberg's Christine was carrying sap to the kettle yesterday and today she is husking corn.

22 Snowed. I piled boards.

23 Sowed wheat on the new field and Elsa harrowed it in.

24 Sowed some wheat, then sowed barley and Elsa harrowed it in, then I rolled the barleyand the oats.

25 Rolled the wheat on the new field. Elsa and Christine picked up hazelbrush roots. Magnus Person and Christine came here this evening. Took 'Fanny' to Andrew Schran's bull.

26 Sunday

27 Plowed the piece alongside of the rye. Per Broberg laid the fence. Christine husked corn.

28 Sowed wheat on the field by the creek. Per Broberg laid fence; his wife, Christine, husked corn. Jonas Peter sold the wheat I had stored in Chaska, 52½ bu. at the rate of $1.65 a bushel.

29 In the morning it rained. I did various things. In the afterncon we hauled manure to the field by the well.

30 Plowed the field by the well.

<u>May</u>

1 Plowed the field by the well. Andrew from Scandia has bought a pair of two year old bullocks from me for $51.50. He came and took them home this evening. Per Falk worked this afterroon.

2 Sowed wheat on the field by the well. Per Falk is piling brush.

3 Sunday

4 Plowed and sowed wheat on the field above the cow barn. Broberg's Christine is separating the rye kernels from the wheat.

5 Rolled the wheat then hauled manure to the apple trees. Yesterday Gortson's boy camehere with apple trees and I gave him two grapevines in exchange.

6 Planted the apple trees, etc.

7 Planted apple trees.

8 Elsa and I went to Chaska when I sold 22 bushels of wheat for $1.80 a bushel. We bought clothes from Faber for $35.00. Peter Falk has piled and burnt brush all week.

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9 I grubbed the stumps out of the orchard. In the afternoon Elsa and I burnt grub and brush on the new broken field. Peter Falk grubbed.

10 Sunday

11 Went to Waconia and had 11 bu. of wheat and 4 bu. of corn ground, also hauled a log over to the saw.

12 and 13 Elsa and I hauled manure on the corn land.

14 First I plowed the corn field then in the afternoon I went to Scandia on a subscription meeting. Peter Falk returned to his home today.

15 I plowed and rolled the corn land. Broberg's Christine planted in the garden.

16 Marked for corn and in the afternoon Elsa and I planted corn on the field by the creek.

17 Sunday

18 Burnt brush and P. J. Broberg helped. Elsa and Christine Broberg planted corn, squash and then raked brush. In the evening I took 'Fanny' to the bull for the second time.

19 In the morning I grubbed out the large trees and finished clearing the new field.

20 Per Daniel and I began to break the new field. A. Schran is helping Elsa to shear the sheep.

21 I broke the new field and Nils Person led the oxen.

22 Nils Person and I worked on the breaking until noon, then I went to Waconia and had my plow sharpened, also took home studdings from the mill. Nils Person cleaned out the ditch in the swamp by the well.

23 Elsa, Broberg's Christine and I planted corn on thenew-broken field and so finished the planting. N. Person and my oxen are breaking landfor P. Daniel today.

24 Sunday

25 First I moved out the stove and Nils Person dug a ditch in the swamp. In the afternoon it rained and then I repaired shoes, etc.

26 Nils and I grubbed out stumps and also some apple trees out of the orchard. I also trimmed the trees.

27 Cultivated in the orchard. Nils Person finished digging the ditch in the swamp by the well.

28 Rained all day. I did nothing. Nils Person returned to his home today.

29 Did various little things.

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30 Went to Chaska and sold 23½ bu. of wheat at the rate of $1.60 a bushel. Elsa planted beans.

31 Sunday

June

1 In the morning I fixed the cabbage beds. In the afternoon I went to a meeting. A. Hakanson is here.

2 In the morning we planted potatoes and in the afternoon I went to the meeting.

3 Did various little things.

4 I went to Waconia and got a letter from brother Carl containing a draft for $140.00, then I did odd jobs. Nils Mortenson has been here and sowed for the boys.

5 In the morning I did various things. John and Mathias arrived here about noon. In the afternoon Mathias and I chopped down poles for my grapes.

6 Mathias and John and I put up trellises for the grapevines. Christine Broberg picked weeds out of the wheat.

7 Sunday

8 First I tied up grapes, then I filed the saw. Went to Luther and paid him $40.00 and $.90 of interest. Soder and Mathias worked on the rafters.

9 Went to Shakopee for the second time to the doctor who again cut Axel's growth. I also bought a new wagon for $85.00. I also took oats and potatoes to Chaska to sell. Nicholas' Hans drove us. Soder and Mathias hewed wood for the partitions in the house.

10 and 11 Soder, Mathias and I put rafters on the house. Today I took Molly to A. Schran's bull for the first time.

12 and 13 Soder, Mathias and I worked on the house.

14 Sunday I took Fanny to A. Schran's bull for the third time.

15, 16 and 17 Soder, Mathias and I worked on thehouse.

18 Worked on the house. Broberg cultivated my corn.

19 and 20 Soder, Mathias and I worked on the house.

21 Sunday

22 Soder and Mathias put sheating boards on the north side of the roof. I did various things.

23, 24 and 25 Nailed shingles on the north side of the roof.

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26 Went to Chaska after two bundles of shingles and four pieces of siding to use as roof moldings.

27 Per Daniel and I went to Vasa.

July

3 We returned from Vasa. Soder and Mathias has done various jobs for me while I was to Vasa. Today they cut hay on the small meadows on the south forty.

4 We celebrated.

5 Sunday

6 Cocked hay on the south forty. Sent the letter to Sweden to tell them sister Anna was dead.

7 Elsa and I stacked hay on the south forty.

8 I and two Dalicarlians cut hay. Christine Broberg hoed beans.

9 Dalicarlian Erik and I cut hay. Christine Broberg hoed corn and Jonas Broberg cultivated the corn.

10 Barlow Nilson came here with the pigs and bought corn. Per Johan, Dalicarlian Erik, and I cut hay, cradled rye and cocked hay. Christine hoed corn, etc.

11 Cradled the rye and cocked hay. Christine and Dalicarlian Erik helped.

12 Sunday

13 Nils Mortenson and I stacked hay. Per Mortenson, Christine Broberg and Elsa cradled barley and cocked hay.

14 P. J. Broberg and I stacked hay.

15 Nils Mortenson and I finished the haystack by 10 o'clock and then we cut hay by the place of the large haystack over by the island.

16 Elsa and I spent all morning hunting for the heifer 'Knuta' before we found her. In the afternoon we did various jobs.

17 First I went to Waconia after a sack of corn meal and then I cut hay. For several weeks the weather has been dry and exceedingly hot but this afternoon we are having a wonderful, heavy rain so we are doing nothings

18 Cut the hay in the meadow below the south field. John Friberg helped. Christine Broberg hoed the turnip field for half a day.

19 Sunday

20 Cradled part of the price oats, then cut hay in the swamp by the well. Dalicarlian Erik chopped wood.

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21 Dalicarlian Erik, Elsa and I turned and cocked hay all day.

22 Christine Broberg, Dalicarlian Erik, and I cocked hay all day. Today I took 'Fanny' to Schran's bull for the fourth time.

23 In the morning Elsa and I cradled the oats and in the afternoon we went to the meeting in Nicholas' house.

24 Elsa and I cradled oats all day. I took 'Betty' to Schran's bull.

25 Elsa, Per Falk and I cradled oats and in the afternoon wheat on the old south field.

26 Sunday

27 Elsa, Per Falk and I cradled wheat in the home field by the creek.

28 We cradled the wheat on the new broken land by the small field. Dalicarlian Erik also helped.

29 We and Erik cradled the wheat on the new broken land by the south field. In the afternoon it rained hard so we did nothing.

30 In the morning I worked on the wagon (hook). Erik hoed in the garden. In the afternoon we cradled some wheat on the new-broken field.

31 In the morning we did various things. Erik hoed. In the afternoon we cradled wheat. From 5 o'clock until dark Erik and I were at Nicholas'place and tied bundles.

<u>August</u>

1 Nicholas' Hans was here from 8:30 to 4:30 and reaped the wheat. Nicholas' Nils and Caroline were here and tied bundles. In the afternoon Andrew Hakanson and his boy, Dalicarlian Erik, Jonas Peter's Charlotte also tied bundles.

2 Sunday

3 Elsa, Erik and I cradled the last of the wheat on the new broken land. The 30th, I took 'Froken' and the 1st I took 'Betty' to Skran's bull.

4 Erik and I stacked the rye and the barley. The heifer 'Knuta' has been with Schran's bull today.

5 Erik and I stacked the larger part of the wheat on the home field.

6 Rained all day. I finished the wagon (hook).

7 Erik and I did various little things but in the afternoon Erik did nothing as it rained.

8 I plowed the rye stubble and planted turnip seeds. Erik sawed wood.

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9 Sunday

10 I plowed the piece by the creek. Erik made a ladder and then grubbed down by the road.

11, 12 and 13 Elsa, Erik and I stacked the wheat on the south field. The 13th stacked wheat in the home field.

14 Stacked the oats.

15 Erik and I stacked hay by the south field.

16 Sunday

17 I plowed for rye. Erik grubbed by the road.

18 Elsa and I hauled manure for the rye. Erik is over to Andrew Nilson to help thresh. I was delayed inmy work by a land agent from Ohio.

19 Erik is threshing for Andrew Nilson. Elsa and I hauled home hay and stacked it. Today I took 'Betty' for the third time to A. Schran's bull.

20 Erik grubbed. Elsa and I finished hauling the hay and stacking it.

21 First I sowed 2½ bushels of rye. Erik harrowed and rolled it while I took the grain bins out of the granary so I could daub it. I bought apple trees for $4.00.

22 Per Daniel and I daubed the granary. Erik plowed the cow barn field.

23 Sunday

24 Was over at Per Daniel and put a loft in his granary. Erik threshed for half a day at Nicholas' Place. Took 'Knuta' to Schran's bull again.

25, 26 and 27 Made grain bins for the corn crib. Erik is threshing for Nicholas.

28 Made grain bins. Erik is threshing for Nicholas for half a day.

29 Went to Carver and sold the heifer 'Fanny' for $25.00.

30 Sunday

31 Fixed the grain bins in the granary. Erik threshed at A. Hakanson in the morning and then he plowed the home field.

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September 1868

1 Erik plowed in the morning then he threshed at Hakanson. I plowed in the afternoon.

2 Erik threshed at Hakanson until noon and then he threshed in Scandia. I plowed all day.

3 Erik is in Scandia threshing. I plowed the south half of the south field.

4 Erik was threshing half a day. I plowed the south field.

5 In the morning I plowed. Erik threshed in Scandia until noon, then he plowed and I did various things.

6 Sunday

7 Elsa, Erik and I cut corn on the new broken field.

8& I plowed along the fence by the haystack. Erik grubbed in the
9 swamp by the well. I plowed. Erik threshed over at Broberg.

10 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

11 Last night strange dogs got into our pasture and killed 8 sheep besides injuring 8 others. I hve had to care for the sheep all day. Erik grubbed.

12 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

13 Sunday

14 It rained all day. I did various little things. Took 'Knuta' to Schran's bull for the third time.

15 Elsa and I cut the corn by the creek.

16 Christine Broberg and Elsa cut corn. I went to Waconia and had the plow tempered.

17 Plowed the south field.

18 In the morning I did various things and then I went to Per Daniel and helped with the threshing.

19 In the morning I did odd jobs and plowed in the afternoon. Erik is helping with the threshing at Per Daniel.

20 Sunday

21, 22 and 23 John Wayne is here with his threshing machine.I hired Erik and Friberg to help. We finished the threshing at 9 o'clock in the morning of the 23rd. The grain was 257 bu. of wheat, 36 bu. of rye, 28½ bu. of barley and 123 bu. of oats, altogether 444 bu. It cost me $.07 a bushel for wheat and rye, and $.05 for barley and oats, altogether $28.08½, then I did various things while Erik went in my place over to Jonas Peter and helped with the threshing.

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24 Per Falk and I hauled corn from the south field. This afternoon Elizabeth and her husband together with Johanne's son, John came up here. Erik is at Per Daniel threshing.

25 Per Falk and I hauled corn. Erik is threshing over at Lundsten's place.

26 Today our brother-in-law, Christopher Person and Elizabeth returned home. They bought 'Betty' from us for $49.00, also they assured what I owed my mother-in-law also forgave my debt to Elizabeth which was $10.00 besides $10.00 interest and the $4.00 for the gold. Erik was threshing in my place over at Lundsten for half a day.

27 Sunday

28 In the morning Christine Broberg and I took up the rutabagas and in the afternoon I plowed while Christine dug carrots. Erik grubbed.

29 Was over at Per Daniel and put in ceiling boards in his cabin. Christine and Elsa dug up carrots. Erik grubbed.

30 I plowed. Christine and Elsa threshed beans. Erik grubbed.

<u>October</u>

1 Per Daniel and I plowed. Christine and Elsa threshed beans. Erik grubbed.

2 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

3 Went to Chaska with 23 bu. of barley that I sold for $1.45 a bushel, also 2½ bu. of wheat that I sold for $.95 a bushel. Erik added to my account in Faber's store $12.00 for merchandise he bought.

4 Sunday

5 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

6 and 7 I did various things. Wrote a letter to my sister Gustafva. Erik did nothing. We have 3 inches of snow.

8 Did various little things. Erik grubbed.

9 Made to corn crib secure from rats. Erik grubbed.

10 Hauled wood and squash. Fixed the pig pen. Erik grubbed.

11 Sunday

12 I worked on the road and Erik grubbed.

13 In the morning I worked on the road and in the afternoon on odd jobs. Erik grubbed.

14 We dug up potatoes. Christine Broberg and Sarah Friberg helped.

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15 We husked corn on the other side of the creek. Christine and Sarah helped.

16 Elsa and Christine husked corn while I painted roof borders on the house.

17 First I butchered a ewe and then I finished the painting. Erik has grubbed all week.

18 Sunday Sent a letter to Rydell about money.

19 Elsa and I hauled corn from the other side of the creek.

20 I plowed the new field. Erik grubbed half a day.

21 and 22 Plowed on the new field.

23 In the morning I finished plowing the new field and then I hauled rails to the fence by Nicholas line.

24 Hauled rails.

25 Sunday

26 Went to Waconia with grist.

27 Friberg, Per Daniel and I plowed ditches in the meadows.

28 Did various things. Elsa is on a quilting bee at Nicholas' house.

29 Helped Per Daniel plow ditches in his meadows.

30 It has rained hard all day. I did various things.

31 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I started to lay the fence in the line between Nicholas and my fields.

November

1 Sunday

2 Went to Waconia with grist.

3 Went to a lecture. We voted for Grant for president and for Colfax for Vice President. In the afternoon I laid fence.

4 I laid fence.

5 Finished the fence between Nicholas and my fields.

6 Friberg and I went and piled rock on Clearwater Lake shore. We made 5 piles by Broberg's place and 7 piles near Simon's place.

7 Cleaned out the plow ditches in the south field. Friberg has grubbed three days this week.

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8 Sunday

9 Cleaned out the plow ditches. Friberg grubbed all day.

10 I did various things. Friberg grubbed for half a day, then it snowed. It is a foot deep.

11 Friberg and I dug trenches for and covered the grapevines. In the afternoon we piled some wood.

12 Hauled home hay all day.

13 and 14 Repaired shoes, etc.

15 Sunday

16 Yesterday and last night it rained hard. Today it has snowed until it is a foot deep. I did various little jobs.

17 and 18 Did various little things. It is still snowing.

19 Did various little things.

20 First I went over to Louis Fisher's house after the apple trees that he had gotten for me, and then I heeled them in, then I hilled around the apple trees in the orchard.

21 I did various little things.

22 Sunday

23, 24, 25 and 26 Did various little things.

27 and 28 I butchered the rams, etc.

29 Sunday

30 Per Daniel and Per Broberg and I butchered the pigs, etc.

December

1 Today Nicholas went to Minneapolis. I cut and salted the pork.

2 Helped Per Daniel butcher his pigs.

3 Friberg and I piled wood. Today Nicholas returned home from Minneapolis. The one pig on 341 pounds he sold for $.08 1/4 a pound. It was $28.13. The other weighed 356 lb. which he sold for $.08 a pound which makes $28.50; however, this pig soured on the road so very likely I will get only $.07 a pound for it. The butter he sold for $.28 and $.30 a pound. The two rams for $.07 and $.07½ a pound. The road freight was at the rate of $.50 a hundred pounds.

4 I did various things.

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5 Did various little things. Erik and I made up our accounts for the grubbing. He has grubbed 1 3/4 acre and 15 square rods at the rate of $12.00 an acre. Altogether it came to $22.12. I paid him the last of that today so now I do not owe him anything.

6 Sunday Today the sow took the boar. It was Fisher's boar.

7 and 8 Erik, Friberg and I husked corn.

9 Went with Nicholas to Carver as a witness in his horse deal. I witnessed that I heard Johnson say that the mare was not a restive horse.

10 Helped Per Daniel to butcher his pigs. It is dreadfully cold today.

11 and 12 Did various little things.

13 Sunday

14 Elsa and I husked corn all day and finished the husking. Today I sent letters to Per Miller and Peterson.

15 Chopped stove wood.

16 Chopped down hoop saplings.

17, 18 and 19 Hauled wood to the syrup camp and to the cabin.

20 Sunday

21 and 22 Hauled manure to the old south field, and tended to the cattle.

23 Hauled and split stove wood.

24 I went to Waconia and sent the letter to the Editor of "Svenska Amerikanaren". I enclosed $1.50 for two subscriptions for three months each, also $3.00 that I owed for Barras and Brobergs' Papers. I also paid $.55 postage for 1868 and $.10 postage for the two papers for the first three months of 1869.

25 Christmas Day Elsa is to the meeting.

26 I hauled manure all day.

27 Sunday

28 I hauled manure and Friberg chopped down rails all day.

29 First I took the sow to P. Swenson's boar in Scandia and then I hauled manure. Friberg chopped down rails.

31 Finished the hauling of the manure. Friberg chopped down rails.

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January 1869

1 We had an all day meeting in Scandia. Jacobson from Carver settlement were with us last night.

2 Did various little things. Jacobson went home today.

3 Sunday

4 Did various little things.

5 Hauled two loads of hay from the old haystack by the island, etc.

6 and 7 Per Daniel and I hauled home the old haystack from the island. Friberg chopped down rails yesterday and today.

8 Did various things. Friberg cut rails.

9 Went to Per Daniel and helped him haul hay. Friberg cut rails.

10 Sunday

11 Went to the Waconia mill with 20 bu. of wheat.

12 and 13 Hauled home the small haystack by the island.

14 Went along to Olof Anderson's house when there was the property division.

15 Hauled home the haystack from the south forty.

16 Went to Waconia with a maple log that I sold to the wainwright for $2.00, then I took home the grist. Friberg has cut rails all week.

17 Sunday

18 Hauled rocks from Clearwater Lake for the cellar. P. Daniel helped.

19 Lundsten and I hauled stone.

20 Again hauled rocks, two loads.

21 and 22 Hauled a load of rocks a day from Anderson's land. Left 40 lbs. of middlings for the pigs.

23 Hauled a load of rocks from Anderson's land. Taylor is here, sewing, altering pants, etc. Friberg chopped down rails the first four days of this week.

24 Sunday

25, 26 and 27 Hauled home rocks from Broberg's land.

28 Went to the Waconia mill with a load of rye and then I hauled home a load of rocks from Broberg's land.

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29 Andrew from Scandia and I went after a load of rocks on Olof Anderson's land.

30 Hauled a load of rocks from Broberg's land also hauled to Scandia the rock I had piled by the lake.

31 Sunday

February

1 The weather has been fine all of last month but today it is coming down by the shovelful. I have done various little things.

2.and 3 Repaired shoes, etc.

4 Plowed and shoveled snow.

5 Went to Waconia after the grist.

6 Chopped down logs for sawing. Friberg helped.

7 Sunday

8 Did various little things.

9 Went to Waconia saw mill with a log.

10 Again I went to Waconia mill with a log.

11 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing. I wrote a second letter to Sweden in regards to the money for the tickets.

12 Went to Chaska with poles for the hops.

13 Mended shoes and chopped wood.

14 Sunday

15 Did various little things.

16 Went to Chaska and stored with Faber 26 bushels of wheat and 33 lbs. of wheat.

17 Chopped wood, etc.

18 Went to Chaska and stored 26 bu. and 29 lbs. of wheat.

19 Did various little jobs.

20 Went to Chaska and stored with Warner 25 bu. and 56 lbs. of wheat and sold to Warner 4 bu. and 20 lbs. of beans for $2.75 a bushel.

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21 Sunday

22 Threw the manure out of the sheep barn.

23, 24, 25 Chopped down and hauled stove wood, etc.

26 Went to Waconia with 16 bushels of oats to be ground. Elsa came down sick yesterday so Mrs. Friberg is here today and did the washing.

27 Did various things. Elsa is sick. Today Friberg began to chop cord wood.

28 Sunday

March

L Went to Waconia with a log for sawing and took home the grist from the mill.

2 and 3 Hauled home the haystack thatwas in the middle of the meadow.

4, 5 and 6 It was intensely cold so I only tended to the cattle and chopped wood.

7 Sunday

8 Hauled hay for Per Daniel.

9 Butchered the pigs for Per Daniel and took home a log for sawing from his place.

10 Did various little things.

11 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing.

12 Chopped stove wood, etc.

13 Chopped down and hauled various logs. Holmquist has been here two days. It has been very cold all week.

14 Sunday

15 Took the breaking plow to Waconia and took home grist, also the large pork barrel from the cooper.

16 Went with Nicholas to the court in Chaska.

17 Chopped down and hauled home logs to be made into syrup throughs.

18 Went with Nicholas to the court again.

19 Chopped wood and did various things.

20 Went to Waconia with Friberg's hay and took home a load of stones from Scandia. Today I got a letter from Rydell with the information that he would send the money to Kaliff. 'Molly'calved last night.

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21 Sunday

22 Today I am sick. Elsa is not well either.

23 We are all sick.

24 We are all more or less sick. The weather is beautiful.

25 Today we are somewhat better. Friberg is here and is cutting stove wood, etc.

26 Today we are worse again.

27 Today I feel better but Elsa and the children are no better. This afternoon I went to the school meeting and I was elected treasurer. It is raining this afternoon.

28 Sunday

29 I made a yoke to use in carrying the milk. It rained all day.

30 I hauled hay. Friberg helped me in the morning. In the afternoon he chopped wood.

31 I hauled rails to the fence line by the road to Siman's house. Friberg chopped down wood for the syrup camp.

April

v1 Today we got two ft. of snow. I mended shoes.

2 I hauled rails. Friberg hewed syrup throughs.

3 I hauled rails.

4 Sunday

5 Went to Chaska after the school district's money.

6..First I went to Waconia and paid Nierhouse $30.00 for the school district, then I went to a lecture at Witsik's house. In the afternoon I began to bore into the maples.

7 and 8 Bored into the maples besides various jobs in connection with the syrup making.

9 Plastered the stove for the syrup kettle.

10 Finished the stove. Today we cooked down our first sap. It was two gallons. Barrow and Bernfelt from Waconia were here today and each one bought six bushels of oats.

11 Sunday

12, 13, 14 and 15 We worked with the maple syrup.

16 and 17 Did various little things.

18 Sunday

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19 and 20 Did various little things.

21 Began the plow on the corn field that is by Nicholas' field. Christine Broberg has been here a while this afternoon and helped Elsa by carrying 75 pails of sap to the kettle.

22 I finished plowing the corn field. Elsa has cooked 4½ gal. of syrup.

23 Plowed for barley by the cow barn.

24 Began to sow wheat. Today I sowed 5 bushels on the south field.

25 Sunday

26, 27 and 28 Sowed, harrowed and rolled the wheat on the south field. I sowed 13 bushels on it. The 26th Friberg chopped off stumps.

29 and 30 I sowed 41/4 bushels of barley and almost one bushel of wheat on the field by the cow barn. The 29th P. Broberg's Christine picked up hazelbrush roots on the new broken field until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

May

1 Sowed a little over 4½ bu. of oats on the field by Peterman's land. Barrow from Waconia was here and bought 18 bushels of oats of the poorer grade and 2 bushels of the better grade of oats, also he bought 4 bu. of oats for Bernfelt.

2 Sunday

3 Sowed what on the homefield on the otherside of the creek.

4 Rolled the oats. The sow is sick. Per Swenson from Scandia cut out the thorn in the flesh of the sow.

5 Trimmed back the grapes, etc.

6 Planted apple trees, etc.

7 Built bridges on the road, I've made in the south field and did other little things.

8 Sowed a bushel of wheat on the south field where I had intended to sow timothy, but it is too late in the season now, so I sowed wheat there instead. Last night 'Froken' calved.

9 Sunday

10 Rolled for corn the field by Peterman's land. Broberg's Christine spread manure on the south field and cleaned out the sheep manure. Elsa planted the garden.

11 In the morning we, with the help of Christine Broberg, washed the sheep, then I marked the farther south field for corn.

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12 Plowed the upper south field for cornwhile Elsa planted the farther wouth field in corn.

13 Plowed for corn. Elsa planted corn. The prayer meeting was at our place today.

14 I harrowed and rolled for corn. Elsa isshearing the sheep. Friberg is burning brush.

15 In the morning I marked out for corn. In the afternoon I went to the meeting in Per Daniel's home when A. Hakanson preached. Friberg is burning brush. Elsa and Christine Broberg planted corn on the old, small south field.

16 Sunday

17 and 18 Friberg, Christine Broberg, Elsa and I raked brush, piled and burnt it.

19 I plowed inthe garden. Christine Broberg and Elsaraked brush.

20 I plowed the rye field by the cabin where I intend to plant corn and beans.

21 First I harrowed the rye field and then I went to Waconia after rape seed.

22 Christine Broberg, Elsa and I planted corn, beans and squash on the rye field by the cabin.

23 Sunday Today I have been to Schran's bull with 'Molly'.

24 In the morning I went to Waconia and sharpened the small plow; then part of the afternoon Per Daniel and I broke some new land.

25 Per Daniel and I broke the new field.

26 We broke the new field also using Per Daniel's oxen. Elsa and Hakanson's John led the oxen.

27 It rained in the morning. In the afternoon I broke the new field. Per Daniel's hired man, Lars, led the oxen.

28 Broke land. Again used Per Daniel's oxen. Elsa and Sture led the oxen.

29 Elsa and I finished the new field today.

30 Sunday

31 Harrowed and rolled the new broken field.

JUNE

1 First I did various things and then I sowed rape seed. Per Daniel is using my oxen to break on his land.

2 Sowed rape seed and rolled it in. Elsa is planting potatoes.

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3 Wrote a letter to Sweden and took it to Waconia. Read a swedish letter from Kaliff.

4 Fixed the cabbage beds, etc.

5 Made hills for the sweet potatoes, etc. Per Daniel is using the oxen this week for breaking sod.

6 Sunday

7 Did various things. Sent a letter again to Sweden.

8 Elsa and I went to Chaska. I took along a load of wheat. Two loads I had also stored over in Chaska. I sold 103 bu. and 8 lbs. of wheat for $.86 a bushel, then I paid my bill of $76.60 to Faber and one on $2.65 to Warner, and then I took on new credit for $40.00.

9, 10, 11 and 12 Did various odd jobs; among others made some shoe lasts and plowed down by the grapes.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Chopped out door and window openings in the new house. Olof Anderson helped me. Sent a draft to Palmquist for $118.00.

16 Worked on the road using O. Anderson's and my oxen. I worked on the piece of the road opposite my well and the field there for the $.84 that is my road tax.

17 It rained rather hard so I did little pick up jobs only.

18 Did various little things.

19 It rained a while in the morning. In the afternoon Nicholas' Nils plowed the old south field.

20 Sunday

21 Friberg and I cleaned up the place where I am going to put my fence between the road to Simon's house and my land, but this afternoon we could do nothing on account of rain.

22 Friberg laid fence. In the afternoon Nicholas Nils helped me to cultivate the corn.

23 Nils and I cultivated the corn. Friberg laid fence and I helped him late in the afternoon.

24 and 25 Elsa and I hoed the corn on the older south field.

26 Friberg Elsa and I hoed corn.

27 Sunday

28 Friberg, Christine Broberg and we hoed corn. Today I sent a letter to Palmquist.

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29 In the morning it rained. In the afternoon Christine Broberg, Elsa and the children hoed the beans. I did various things.

30 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat which I sold for $1.00 a bushel. Christine Broberg, Elsa and the children hoed the beans. Today I paid my tax in Chaska which was $33.90.

July

1 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, but I could only get $.97 a bushel. Today I received from Adam Fisher, the deed to a half acre of land on which to built a schoolhouse. The deed cost $2.00. I also paid Adam Fisher $5.00 for the above named 5 acres. Today I paid Andrew Johnson from Scandia $12.50.

2 Did various little things.

3 We had a celebration for the Sabbath school pupils. Elsa, Ida and Sture went while I stayed with the babies.

4 Sunday

5 Friberg and I covered the wagon shed, and repaired the fence by the well.

6 Went to the Chaska water mill with 8 sacks of wheat for grinding. About 10 sacks I had along to sell. I got $1.00 a bushel..

7 First I made rake and fork handles and then did various other things.

8 Began to cut hay. Per Broberg and Friberg helped. We cut on the south forty.

9 Made a rake. Dug out a basin where the oxen could get at to drink water, then I turned some hay and cultivated the beans. Elsa is over at Jonas Peter's house quilting.

10 In the morning Friberg and I cut hay. In the afternoon Friberg, Elsa and I cocked hay.

11 Sunday I took 'Knuta' to Schan's bull for the first time.

12 First I did various things then the Dalicarlian old man, Andrew Sigfridson, and I cut and cocked hay.

13 In the morning I fixed the rakes. In the afternoon Andrew from Scandia cultivated.the corn. Friberg is in Scandia cutting hay in his place.

14 In the morning Andrew from Scandia and I cultivated the corn. In the afternoon we and Friberg cocked hay.

15 First Friberg and I cut hay then we stacked the hay on the south forty. The Dalicarlian Andrew Sigfridson cut hay in the afternoon. Elsa is at Broberg's house quilting.

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16 Friberg, Andrew Sigfrid and I cut hay out by the island. In the afternoon Friberg and I stacked the outside haystack on the large meadow. Andrew Sigfrid and Elsa cocked hay.

17 In the morning Friberg and I cut hay on the large meadow by the highway. In the afternoon we cocked hay and cut some.

18 Sunday

19 and 20 We cocked hay on the large meadow by the highway.

21 We cocked hay. Hammarberg is here.

22 Stacked the haystack by the island.

23 Friberg and I cut hay for the large haystack in the south meadow and so finished the hay cutting.

24 We cradled rye.

25 Sunday Hammarberg had the meeting.

26 Finished cradling the rye, then we cocked hay on the south meadow.

27 In the morning Elsa, Friberg and I finished cocking the hay on the south meadow. I was not very well.

28 Friberg and I hauled hay and stacked it in the stack above the turnip cellar, then we cradled some barley.

29 Friberg and I stacked the large haystack by the island and finished cradling the barley.

30 Friberg and I hauled home the last of the hay and stacked it by the sheep barn. Today I took the heifer 'Lady' to Schran's bull.

31 First I cleaned out the well, then I dug on the south forty to get water for the cattle and then I went to Waconia after various small things.

<u>August</u>

1 Sunday Today I took 'Knuta' to Schran's bull for the second time.

2 Did various things. Friberg dug ditches in the meadows.

3. Elsa and I went to Chaska. I took along 26 bushels of wheat that I sold for $1.10 a bu. We took the grist from the Chaska mill home with us. Christine Broberg hoed corn. Friberg dug ditches in the meadows.

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4 Elsa, Christine Broberg and I hoed corn. Friberg dug ditches.

5 Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and hauled logs up to the saw. Elsa and Christine hoed corn. Friberg dug ditches in the meadows.

6 Friberg and I hauled and stacked the barley and the rye.

7 In the morning I went out on the lake and fished. Friberg dug ditches. In the afternoon we did various things. At 5 o'clock the eclipse of the sun began and lasted about an hour. Almost the whole sun was darkened.

8 Sunday

9 Friberg, Elsa and I cradled oats all day.

10 In the morning I plowed on the field by the cow barn. In the evening Elsa and I were out on the lake, fishing.

11 Plowed all day.

12 In the forenoon I plowed. Friberg leveled off the dirt along side of the ditches.in the meadows all day. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the cradle mended.

13 Elsa and I cradled wheat and Friberg was over at Nicholas and tied wheat bundles from 11 until 5 o'clock. In the afternoon Elsa and I cradled the wheat by the carriage shed.

14 In the morning I did various things. Friberg leveled the dirt by the ditches. In the afternoon Nicholas' Hans came here withthe reaper and cut the wheat. Nicholas, Caroline, Nils, Hakanson and his boy, Friberg, and Elsa tied the bundles. I shocked them.

15 Sunday Three days ago Jonas Peter returned home from Kansas.

16 In the morning I did various things and Friberg leveled the dirt walls by the ditches. From noon until almost 4 o'clock we reaped the wheat on the south field, then Friberg went along to Jonas Peter's place and tied bundles. I also was over for a couple of hours and shocked the wheat bundles.

17 First Friberg grubbed and we cradled the late wheat. In the afternoon Friberg was at Nicholas place and tied wheat bundles. I also went there at 4 o'clock and shocked wheat.

18 Friberg was at Nicholas' place all day and tied wheat and I went over at 10 o'clock and tied wheat. Today I took 'Froken'to Schran's bull.

19 In the morning Friberg, Elsa and I cradled wheat. In the afternoon Nicholas reaped the wheat on the west side of the creek in the home field.

20 Elsa and I cut the wheat that was lying down on the new-broken field. Friberg is at Jonas Peter.

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21 Elsa and I cradled the last of the oats in the morning. In the afternoon we cradled the late sowed wheat on the lower south field. Friberg is working over at Jonas Peter's place.

22 Sunday

23 Made caskets for the Lundsten children, etc. Today I took 'Knuta' to Schran's bull for the third time.

24 I went to A. Hakanson's place and cut his hay. This evening my sister Gustafva arrived here.

25 Did nothing but visit with my sister Gustafva.

26 This morning my sister Gustafva left for home. Today Friberg and I stacked wheat.

27 Per Daniel and I went to the Waconia saw mill and pulled away the boards from the saw. Friberg grubbed.

28 I plowed on the rye field and Friberg grubbed.

29 Sunday

30 Friberg and I stacked the wheat.

31 Friberg and I finished the stackkng of the wheat.

<u>September</u>

1 In the forenoon Friberg and I stacked oats and in the afternoon we went to Jonas Peter and helped him stack his wheat.

2 Finished up the plowing for the rye.

3 Did various little things.

4 I fixed the roof on the cabin. Friberg grubbed in the meadow.

5 Sunday

6 Friberg and I dug and hmuled away dirt from the cellar. A man from Horse Prairie came and bought the cow 'Knuta' from me today for $34.00.

7 I sowed 2 bu. of rye and harrowed in in. Friberg grubbed then cut the flax.

8. I did various things. Friberg cut the rape. In the afternoon Christine Broberg helped cut the rape.

9 In the morning I did various things. After dinner I helped Jonas Peter to thresh. Christine Broberg cut the rape and threshed beans.

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10 Threshed over at Jonas Peter's place. In the afternoon Christine Broberg and I shocked the flax. We also butchered a ram. Christine worked here all day.

11 Andrew from Scandia came here with his threshing machine. We threshed the wehat and oats today. Christine is here.

12 Sunday It rained a lot.

13 It rains. The heaviest rain I have yet seen fall in Minn. I did various things.

14 One o'clock we began tothresh again and finished at 3:30, then we went and threshed for Lundsten. My grain harvest this year is 235 bu. of wheat, 48 bu. of rye, 50 bu. of barley, and 58 bu. of oats, altogether 391 bushels.

15 We threshed for Lundsten.

16 Friberg and I threshed for Pafahl till past noon, then we threshed for Hakanson.

17 We threshed at Hakanson until noon. In the afternoon Friberg and I went home and hauled home the flax straw and stacked it.

18 Friberg and I cut the corn on the lower south field. At 3 o'clock Friberg went and threshed for Per Daniel. Christine Broberg has cut the rape and threshed beans.

19 Sunday

20 Christine Broberg, Christine and I cut rape and thresh beans. Friberg is threshing for P. Daniel.

21 Friberg, Christine Broberg, Christine and I cut rape all day.

22 Christine Broberg and Christine cut rape, and threshed beans. Friberg dug cellar ditch. I dug on the ditch until noon after that I did various things.

23 Friberg dug on the cellar ditch. Christine Broberg threshed beans. Ida and I went to Chaska with wheat that I sold for $.65 a bushel. I bought 300 bricks. In the evening as we drove home it rained and thundered the hardest I have yet seen.

24 Friberg and I finished the digging of the cellar ditch.

25 Friberg, Christine, Broberg and I cut the corn on the old, small, south field.

26 Sunday

27 Friberg and I cut the corn on the homefield and some other things.

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28 Friberg and I fixed the wagon and made vats in which to carry the rapes. Erick, the tanner, came and bought 4 sheep from me for $12.00 and a bell for $.40.

29 and 30 Hauled and threshed the rapes. Froberg, Lundberg and Christine Broberg helped.

October

1 Today it is raining. Elsa and I threshed and screened the rape.

2 I butchered a ewe and did some small jobs in the morning. In the afternoon Elsa and I hauled the rape and screened it.

3 Sunday

4 Hauled and threshed rape. Friberg and Malmberg helped in the morning, Christine all day. Friberg threshed for me over at Nicholas in the afternoon.

5 Christina and Christine Broberg and I hauled and threshed rape. Friberg threshed at Nicholas in my place..

6 Hauled and threshed rape. Christine Broberg helped all day and Lundberg in the afternoon. In the morning Nicholas threshed at

7 Elsa and I screened the last of the rape. In the afternoon Friberg threshed at Broberg's place instead of me.

8 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon Elsa and I screened the swamp wheat, etc. Friberg threshed for Broberg in the morning.

9 I hauled two loads of rape to Waconia. They weighed 2,621 pounds.

10 Sunday

11 Went to Chaska and sold 18 bu. of barley for $1.00 a bushel, also sold 9½ cords of wood for $4.00 a cord, then I bought 8 barrels of lime at the lime kiln.

12 and 13 Friberg and I hauled corn from the south field.

14 Worked on the road opposite Johnson's house.

15 In the morning I went to Waconia. Friberg worked on the fences around the haystacks. In the afternoon Friberg and I hauled the last of the corn.

16 First I butchered a ram and then I went to Waconia and bought a dozen soldier's caps for $1.00, also two harness for $3.00. In the afternoon Elsa and I hauled the rape straw and squash.

17 Sunday

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18 and 19 I vaulted the cellar ditch with stone. Friberg plowed the last new broken field.

20 Went to the auction at J. P. Johnson.

21 Hauled J. P. Johnson's things to Chaska. I took along 21½ bu. of my barley that I sold for $1.05 a bushel.

22 Friberg and I vaulted the cellar ditch. I sent a letter to Sweden.

23 In the morning Friberg and I finished vaulting the cellar ditch. In the afternoon I went to a meeting and Friberg took the time off.

24 Sunday

25 and 26 Did various little things. The ground is frozen to the depth of two inches now.

27 Pushed off all the old straw on the cow barn roof, etc.

28 and 29 Friberg and I thatched the cowbarn roof. The Dalicarlian woman, Karin, husked corn.

30 I hauled corn and butchered a ram. Elsa and the Dalicarlian woman husked corn.

31 Sunday

November

1 First I went to Waconia and then we dug potatoes, etc.

2 In the morning I was to a lecture and then plowed in the afternoon. Sent a letter to Carl.

3 I plowed. Elsa husked corn.

4 Did various little things.

5 First I fixed the schoolhouse door and then I plowed.

6 First I did various things, then I plowed.

7 Sunday

8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Did various things. Among others laid down and covered the grapes.

13 Went to Chaska and took an order on a boar for $.09 a lb. I also took out $100.00 for the school district and bought some books for the school district.

14 Sunday

15 I fixed up the pig sty, etc.

16 Friberg, Per Daniel and I butchered one of the boars. At 11 o'clock I left for Chaska with it. He weighed 304 lbs. and I sold him to Warner for $.09 a pound.

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17 Did various things.

18 Began to daub the cow barn.

19 First I went to Waconia and asked for the money for the rape. In the afternoon I daubed on the cow barn.

20 I butchered a ewe and then I daubed the cow barn.

21 Sunday

22 and 23 Did various little things.

24 and 25 Friberg and I slaked the lime.

26 and 27 Friberg and I piled wood for the syrup camp and for the cabin.

28 Sunday

29 Hauled rails, etc.

30 Went to the mill in Chaska after the grist and gave a note for 5 months to Faber for my debt. The interest on the note is 12% for a year.

December

1 First I emptied out the flour the then I took a load of rye to Waconia.

2 Hauled rails, etc.

3 Hauled logs, etc.

4 Hauled and chopped stove wood.

5 Sunday

6 First I went to Waconia after the grist and in the afternoon I emptied the sacks.

7 Went to Waconia after the money for the rape, but I only got $10.00. In the afternoon I husked corn. Today I sent a letter to J. P. Johnson which contained two drafts each for $50.00, the two making $100.00.

8 I went to Per Daniel and helped him with his butchering. In the afternoon I took the sow to Louis Fisher's boar.

9 and 10 Elsa and I husked corn and I also chopped wood for half a day and butchered a ram.

11 Daubed the outside of the cabin.

12 Sunday

13 Friberg, Per Daniel and I butchered a sow. Elsa and I took
&14 the 290 lb. sow to Waconia and sold her for $.10 a pound.

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15 Did various little things.

16 Elsa and I daubed the inside of the cabin.

17 I daubed part of the cabin on the outside.

18 Hauled and chopped stove wood.

19 Sunday

20 First I went to Waconia and I received $30.00 from Barrow on the rape. In the afternoon I did various things.

21 I hauled home the small haystack from the south forty.

22 Did various little things.

23 Per Daniel and I hauled home thd haystack by the island.

24 Chopped wood, etc.

25 Christmas Day. We have meetings. John Erikson from Blue Earth is with us during the holidays and is doing the preaching.

26 Sunday

27, 28, 29 and 30 Did various jobs. Tomorrow Erikson leaves for home. The 29th I sent a letter to Sweden.

31 Hauled logs for a pigsty.

January 1870

1 Did various little things.

2 Sunday

3, 4, 5 and 6 Hauled logs for the pig sty, chopped wood, etc. The 4th I sent a letter to my brother Carl.

7 Did various little things. I paid the doctor in Waconia $2.00 for Johnson.

8 I mended shoes. Today John Went was here and tried to buy my farm.

9 Sunday

10 Went to Faber in Chaska with $700.00 of Johnson's money in order to get a draft.

11 I hauled wood, etc. Barrow Nilson today began to haul cord wood for me to the Merriam Station.

12 Did various little things.

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13 Went to Chaska and received the draft for Johnson's money and mailed it to him. I had along 30 bu. and 45 lbs. of Johnson's wheat, and stored it until the 1st of May, then I went and had the deed to the schoolhouse lot recorded. It cost $1.00.

14 Went to Barrow in Waconia and received $25.00 on the rape from Barrow. In the afternoon I did various things.

15 Did various little things.

16 Sunday It has snowed hard all day.

17 Did various things. Today we are having a blizzard.

18, 19 and 20 Did various things. It is very cold.

21 Per Daniel, Friberg and I butchered the last of the old pigs as well as one of the young ones, which weighed 172 lbs.

22 I plowed out roads on the meadows. In the evening I was to a meeting when Olof Hakanson preached.

23 Sunday

24 Did various little things.

25, 26 and 27 Went with N. Swenson to Minneapolis when I sold one of the boars who weighed 324 lbs. for $.09½ a pound almost $30 in all. I bought boards, three doors, window cassings, glass and putty.

28 Did various little things.

29 Made thills for A. Hakanson's sled.

30 Sunday

31 In the morning I hauled a load of cord wood to the other side of the Schran's place. In the afternoon I went to the subscription meeting.

<u>February</u>

1 Went to a mass meeting in Benton when it was decided to move the Chaska court house.

2 Did various little things.

3 Hauled hay for P. Daniel.

4 Hauled wood to the syrup camp, etc.

5 Put in ceiling boards in the cow barn.

6 Sunday

7 Did various things. Sent a letter to "Svenska Amerikanaren" containing $1.50.

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8 and 9 Charley Backman and I hauled home the large haystack by the island.

10 and 11 Hauled wood, etc.

12 Did various things. Elsa and the children are visiting P. D. Andersons.

13 Sunday

14 Put other runners on the sled, etc.

15 Went to Waconia after the mail. Barrow then gave me the last of the money for the rape. Went to Swanberg to arrange to get a hired man. Sent a draft on $98.25 of auction money to Johnson.

16 Finished the sled, etc.

17 Per Daniel and I butchered the last of the pigs. The larger weighed 232 lbs.

18 Did various little things. Mrs. Reitz is here. Charley Backman and I took the heifer, 'Nancy' to A. Schran's bull.

19 Today I only tended to the cattle as it is very cold and has been cold several days.

20 Sunday Today 'Molly' calved. It is so cold we had to take the calf into the cabin.

21 First I went to Pafahl and had some trousers cut and paid him my bill, then I did various things.

22 Hauled wood to the syrup camp.

23 Chopped down logs for the saw mill, etc.

24 Went to Waconia with a saw log and hauled home a load of boards.

25 Was at the examination of the school children all day.

26 Went to Waconia after a load of boards.

27 Sunday

28 Mended shoes, chopped wood, etc.

<u>March</u>

1 I and A. Hakanson each hauled a load of wheat to Chaska for J. P. Johnson.

2 Went to Waconia with a load of grist and hauled home a load of boards.

3 Went to Waconia after a load of boards and then I did various things.

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4 Stayed in and mended shoes for the children.

5 Went to Waconia after the grist and then did various jobs.

6 Sunday

7 Did various things.

8 First A. Schranand I stepped out the fence lines between our properties. In the afternoon I moved my part of the fence. Jonas Magnus Broberg has chopped wood for the syrup camp, yester day and today.

9 and 10 Hauled rails away from the above named fence.

11 and 12 Mended shoes. Chopped wood. These days we are having snow storms.

13 Sunday

14 Cut down logs for blocks to the fence.

15 Did various little things.

16 Plowed and shoveled snow all day. We have had very much snow.

17 Went to Waconia after the boards from the new butter nut log. I paid the mill $1.15 to have it sawed. Took home the plow that cost $2.00 to have it mended.

18 and 19 Worked on the syrup kettle, etc.

20 Sunday

21 Finished the syrup kettle, etc. Friberg is here chopping wood, etc.

22 Did various little things.

23 Helped Reitz to make a syrup kettle.

24 Charley Backman and I hauled home the last haystack.

25 Chopped down logs for blocks to the fence and hauled them and some rails.

26 First we had a school meeting and then I piled boards. Today Friberg and I took the heifer, 'Benty' to Schran's bull.

27 Sunday Today I took the heifer 'Fanny' to A. Schran's bull.

28 Did various little things.

29 Again did various little things. Today Lars Nilsson began to work for me. He husked corn.

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30 I made a through for the sap. Lars husked corn.

31 I fixed the kettle ready for making syrup. Lars finished the corn husking. The sow farrowed yesterday. She had 6 piglets.

April

1 Hauled rails. Lars made syrup throughs.

2 First we did various things and after dinner we bored into the maples. We bored 80 maples.

3 Sunday

4 and 5 Bored into maples, etc.

6, 7, 8 and 9 Lars and I worked with the syrup making, made syrup throughs, etc.

10 Sunday

11 I did nothing. Today the girl, Emma Rebecka, was born.

12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Did various little things. Lars went to Chaska one day after medicine for the sick ok. The 14th I went to H. Schran's place after this ox and since I have lost a lot of time from work tending to the crippled ox. The first part of the week is and was very warm but then it became cold and disagreeable.

17 Sunday

18, 19 and 20 I sowed wheat and harrowed it in using H. Schran's bullock and my off side ox. Lars is working with the syrup.

21 Lars and I plowed also Broberg and his son plowed for me today.

22 I sowed wheat. Lars grubbed, etc.

23 I sowed wheat. Lars went after medicine for the ox to Chaska for the second time. Pafahl plowed for me today.

24 Sunday

25 First Lars and I plowed, then we sowed 4 bu. of barley on the south field and harrowed it in.

26 Lars rolled the barley and I laid fence in the woods by the highway and then we plowed.

27 Plowed the whole piece by Peterman's fields for oats. Lundsten was here and helped plow.

28 Sowed and harrowed in 6 1/4 bu. of oats on that field/

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29 Today the ox' foot is all well so Lars is plowing with the oxen for wheat on the west piece in the home field. I laid fence. We also sowed ½ bu. of barley by the cow barn.

30 First Lars plowed and then he harrowed in 2 bu. of wheat on the west piece of the home fidd. I sowed the wheat and then laid fence. I also returned, Henry Schran's bullock. I have worked with him for ten days.

May

1 Sunday

2 Lars rolled the last of the wheat and oats. I laid fence in the woods by the highway.

3 Hauled manure, etc.

4 Hauled manure and planted potatoes down by the cow barn.

5 We hauled some manure but it has rained much today.

6 We hauled some manure then Lars plowed for corn and, I did various things. Today 'Lady' calved.

7 Lars plowed for corn. I did various jobs.

8 Sunday

9 Lars plowed the newest field for corn. I first made feed bags for the oxen and then marked out the field for corn.

10 Lars plowed. Elsa and I planted corn on the field near the cow barn.

11 Lars harrowed. I picked hazel brush roots on the new field, etc.

12 Lars plowed. First I took Molly for the first time to A. Schran's bull and then I picked up hazel brush roots, etc.

13 Lars plowed. I marked out for corn on the new field and in the afternoon Elsa and I planted corn on it.

14 Lars harrowed on the new field using Per Daniel's oxen. I plowed and rolled a field for beans.

15 Sunday

16 Lars and I raked and picked up roots on the new field, and then planted potatoes.

17 First I marked out for corn and then we planted corn on the new field.

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18 Lars and I plowed in the orchard and by the grapes using Nicholas' bullocks.

19 I planted beans. Lars went to Chaska after medicine for the ox, for the third time.

20 Laid fence along Pafahl's line uutil 3 o'clock when it began to rain.

21 Rained all day. At first I did a few odd jobs and then I did nothing. Lars has a holiday. He is home mending shoes. John Osterman came to stay today about noon. He is to do the masonry work in the cellar. This afternoon he is mending the sheet iron pots.

22 Sunday 15 and 16 I hauled rails and began the fence between [illegible] and my property.

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24 Osterman and I started the work in the cellar. Lars weeded the wheat field, etc.

25 and 26 We worked inthe cellar. Lars finished the fence in the meadow.

27 and 28 We worked in the cellar and Lars worked on theroad.

29 Sunday

30 Lars, Elsa and I washed the sheep, then worked in the cellar.

31 Osterman and Lars worked in the cellar. In the morning I went to the lecture and we voted that the state debt should be paid with the land grants. In the afternoon I worked in the cellar.

June

1 We all worked in the cellar.

2 Also worked in the cellar. Elsa sheared the sheep today. They were eleven.

3 and 4 Worked in the cellar.

5 Sunday 'Froken' calved today.

6 Made the cellar entry and so we finished the cellar today.

July

7 and 8 Lars and I cultivated the corn using the oxen.

9 In the morning we cultivated the corn. Lars hoed corn. I daubed the first layer on the foundation of the new house. Elsa planted wittkin.

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10 I daubed the granary. Lars and Christine Broberg hoed corn.

11 Went to Chaska and sold 19 bu. of wheat for $.87 a bushel, also sold all of Johnson's wheat for $.85 a bushel and then paid his tax, then I bought gutters of Warner for $.05 a foot, 68 ft. makes $3.40. William Mitchel hauled a load of wheat for me to Chaska. I paid Faber my bill today. Lars and Christine Broberg have hoed corn.

12 Sunday

13 Elsa and I were to Waconia and sold 22 bu. of oats for $.40 a bushel in trade for goods in the store.

14, 15 and 16 I hauled rails and began the fence between Ritz' and my property.

17 We went and worked on the graveyard in Scandia.

18 Went to the doctor with Ida; Erickson was the doctor at Gordon and we also went to Peter Swenson in Scandia. Lars and my boys have hoed corn all week. Lars and Sture took the heifer, 'Lady' to A. Schran's bull today.

19 Sunday

20 I did various things. Lars hoed corn.

21 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Lars hoed corn.

22 Made a gate down by the cart road.

23 and 24 Lars and I cultivated corn.

25 Went to the Carver market with my oxen. Andrew from Scandia hauled 30 bu. of wheat to Chaska for me. Lars and the children picked potato bugs. Olof Hakanson came here today.

26 Sunday

27, 28 and 29 Lars and I cultivated the corn in the mornings and in the afternoons we had meetings.

30 Went over to Lundsten and help him break sod all day. Today Olaf Hakanson went from here to Minneapolis. I sent $105.00 with him. He is to get a draft for that in Minneapolis and then send the draft to Johnson in Kansas.

July

1 I did various little things. Lars sewed some suspenders, etc.

2 Today Lars and I began to cut hay.

3 Sunday We took 'Froken' to A. Schran's bull.

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4 We cradled the rye. Friberg helped us, Ida, Sture and Lars went to the celebration in Scandia.

5 Today we cut hay on the large meadow, also cocked some hay. Friberg and Malmberg helped. Sent a letter to Johnson in Kansas.

6 In the morning we dug for water for the cattle. In the afternoon we cut hay.

7 Cut and cocked hay.

8 and 9 Cocked hay. Had a hard storm.

10 Sunday

11 Lars and I stacked hay by the island.

12 We cradled the barley.

13 In the morning we finished cradling the barley and in the afternoon we cut hay on the swamp by the well.

14 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay. Friberg and Malmberg cut hay but quit at 4 o'clock because of the heavy rain. The rain felt good after the long, dry summer we have had.

15 Lars and I cut hay and so finished up the hay cutting.

16 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay all day.

17 Sunday

18 We cocked hay and Friberg helped us. Lars went home to his mother and is cutting hay.

19 Lars and I hauled and stacked a hay stack. In the evening we buried Nicholas Swanson's mother-in-law.

20 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay. We have now finished the haying.

21 We stacked the rye and the barley.

22 Lars, Elsa and I cradled the oats and some wheat.

23 Lars and I helped. A. Hakanson to tie wheat.

24 Sunday

25 Early in the morning it rained. At 11 o'clock we began to cradle the wheat and did that for the rest of the day.

26 In the morning we cradled wheat;in the afternoon Lars and I helped Nicholas tie wheat.

27 In the morning we cradled wheat and in the afternoon Lars and I went over to Nicholas' place and helped him tie wheat bundles.

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28 Nicholas came here and reaped the wheat until 3:30 o'clock.

29 We cradled wheat in the home field besides Nicholas' land.

30 Cradled the last of the oats.

31 Sunday

August

1 I went to Waconia and sold the oxen, 'Brown' and 'Berg' to Dr. Gotholp for $125.00, and I bought a pair from Broberg for $130.00. Lars went to Chaska to get medicine for Friberg, etc.

2 It rained. I made a gate and fenced the ox yard. Lars sowed pants in the morning and in the afternoon he hauled dirt away from the new house.

3 We hauled and stacked wheat.

4, 5 and 6 We finished stacking the wheat and the oats.

7 Sunday

8 Today J. Nilson beganthe finishing work in the house. I have thrown the dirt out of the cellar and Lars hauled it away.

9 Today I took the oxen to the doctor in Waconia and went to Broberg after mine. J. Nilson worked in the house and Lars hauled away the dirt.

10 Nilson is working in the house. Lars is hauling dirt. I finished throwing out the dirt and then measured out a load of wheat.

11 Went to Chaska with 31 bu. of wheat. Per Daniel hauled four of my sacks. We only got $.85 a bushel. I bought two loads of small bricks. Nilson worked in the house. Lars cleared off the place for the strawstacks.

12 Nilson is working in the house. I did various things and began to paint the window frames. Lars is clearing off for the straw stacks.

13 Nilson went to Gothenberg. Lars is plowing for timothy, and I am painting window frames.

14 Sunday

15 I painted the eaves troughs. Lars plowed.

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16 and 17 J. Nilson and I are working on the house. Lars has been threshing at Brobergs and Per Swenson.

18 I built scaffolds by the new house. Lars is threshing for Per Swenson. Elsa is making a sick call on Nilson's wife in Scandia.

19 Osterman and I are sawing out window holes in the new house. Lars returned from Scandia at 10 o'clock and then he threshed the beans.

20 Osterman, J. Nilson and I are working on the new house. Lars is threshing the beans.

21 Sunday

22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 John Osterman and I made window holes, split laths and lathed the walls of the house. J. Nilson made all the window frames and cut out the material for the door frames. The first part of week Lars did various things. Friday and Saturday he threshed for Nicholas and Hakanson.

28 Sunday

29 Andrew from Scandia came with his threshing machine and we threshed the wheat, oats and barley.

30 We threshed the rye and were through by 8 o'clock. I had 186 bu. of wheat, 75 bu. of oats, 40 bu. of rye, 59 bu. of barley, altogether 360 bu, then Jung and I worked on the house while Lars went to Lundsten to thresh also over to Per Daniels.

<u>September</u>

1 John is sick. I worked on the house. Lars threshed at Per Daniel's place.

2 and 3 John, Nilson and I worked on the house. Lars threshed at Reitz' place and in the evening he harrowed for timothy.

4 Sunday

5, 6, 7 and 8 Lars cut off corn, etc. Nilson, John Osterman and I worked on the house.

9 I went to Chaska with 16 bu. of wheat which I sold for $.70 a bushel. Osterman plastered and Lars mixed plaster. Nelson hammered while I went after 5 barrels of lime to the lime kiln on the other side of the Marriem Station. I paid $.75 a barrel.

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10 I hauled sand and painted the upstairs windows. Osterman plastered. Lars mixed plaster. Nilson made a door.

11 Sunday

12 Osterman plastered. Nilson made a door. Lars cut corn and made plaster. I cut corn and worked in the house.

13 Osterman is laying the brick chimney. Lars and I mixed and carried plaster. Nilson is over at A. Hakanson.

14 Osterman, Lars and I worked on the brick chimney. Nilson is working on the boards for the partition wall.

15 Osterman and Nilson are over at Brobergs. I went with Per from Scandia to John Wenth, then I painted the downstairs windows. Lars plowed.

16 Nilson worked on the partitions. Lars did various things. I went to Chaska with 30 bu. of barley which I sold for $.65 a bushel and I bought boards for the staircase and partitions for $6.00.

17 John Osterman and I put up the eaves troughs. Nilson worked on the partitions. Lars did various things.

18 Sunday

19 I painted the windows. Nilson hung the windows. Lars plowed. Osterman is over at A. Hakanson.

20 I painted some and then sowed 2½ bu. of rye and sowed the timothy seed and rolled it. Lars harrowed, etc. Nilson hung windows.

21 Osterman and I puttied windows, etc. Nilson hung windows. Lars did various things.

22 Osterman plastered the partition walls and Lars mixed plaster. Nilson finished hanging the windows. I did various things and fixed the roof by the chimney.

23 Nilson and I laid the attic floor. Osterman plastered the partition walls. Lars mixed plaster.

24 Nilson finished the upstair's floor. Osterman plastered the partition walls and finished it. I sawed out two pieces to fill out the walls.

25 Sunday

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26 Today John Osterman went home. He bought the heifer, 'Nancy' from me for $25.00. I plastered in the new house. Lars plowed the home field.

27 Today Elsa and I went to Chaska and sold 24 bu. of barley for $.65 a bushel and 57½ bu. of wheat to Warner for $.73 a bushel. This was the wheat I had stored with him. Lars is working on the road. I paid my tax, $31.40. Elsa's sister's son, Andrew Mattson and Olof Hakanson came here tonight.

28 In the morning I plastered in the new house. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Lars worked on the road.

29 and 30 Lars and I hauled corn from the new field.

October

1 Lars and I finished up the hauling of the corn in the morning, and in the afternoon we worked on the new house.

2 Sunday

3 and 4 Nilson and I worked on the new house, and Lars husked corn.

5 Nilson and I went to the auction at Henry Schran's house. Lars husked corn.

6 and 7 Nilson hung doors in the new house. I laid floors. Lars plowed. This evening we had to butcher the cow 'Betsy' because she had over eaten on the rapes.

8 Nilson hung doors. Lars husked corn. I cut up and salted the beef and went to Waconia and sold the hide. It weighed 58 lbs. and at $.07 a pound, it came to $4.06.

9 Sunday

10 and 11 I laid floors in the small rooms and made facings for the doors. Lars husked corn and hauled pumpkins and squash.

12 and 13 I painted the doors, etc. Lars is plowing and taking up potatoes.

14 I went to Chaska to the watermill with 22 bu. of wheat. Lars husked corn.

15 Made the outside cellar door, and painted some windows. Lars sewed and plowed some.

16 Sunday

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17 Went to Chaska with 23 bu. of wheat and sold it for $.75 a bushel. I took home the grist from the watermill. Lars husked corn.

18 In the morning I did various things, and in the afternoon I painted doors. Lars hauled pumpkins from Reitz' place.

19 and 20 I painted doors and windows. Lars plowed on the south field.

21 I painted during the forenoon and in the afternoon I did various things. Lars plowed.

22 Worked on the new house all day. Lars plowed.

23 Sunday

24 Worked in the new house. Lars plowed.

25 I worked in the new house. Elsa and Lars husked corn.

26 I worked on the new house. Lars plowed.

27 I daubed around the doors and windows of the new house. Lars plowed. Today I sold 'Betty', the heifer, to Peterson for $30.00.

28 Lars plowed. Elsa is quilting, at Nicholas house. I did various things in the cabin.

29 Lars, Elsa and Sture husked corn. I did various things in the new house.

30 Sunday Olof Hakanson came here.

31 Today I did various things. Lars plowed. In the evening we had a meeting.

<u>November</u>

1 and 2 Made a stair to the cellar. Lars plowed.

3 In the forenoon I put locks in the door. In the afternoon we had a communion service at A. Hakanson's house. Lars plowed.

4 In the morning Lars and I hauled cornstalks. In the afternoon I screwed on the last locks on the doors. Lars hauled manure. A. Hakanson went home today. Sent a draft to Johnson from Peterson and gave a note to Peterson.

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5 Lars hauled manure. I went first to Waconia then I did various things in the new house.

6 Sunday

7 It rained all day. Lars is sewing a pair of pants for Axel. I did various things.

8 First I went to the lecture, then I did various things. Lars is sewing for Genie.

9 and 10 I made a larder (food shelves) for the new house. Lars is sewing clothes for Genie.

11 Lars and I laid down the grape vines and covered them.

12 I have done various things in the new house. Lars hauled manure.

13 Sunday

14 In the morning we moved into our new house. In the afternoon we went to a wedding at Nicholas Swanson's house. Caroline was the bride.

15, 16 and 17 I did various things. Lars hauled manure.

18 and 19 I did various things. Fenced some by the cow yard. Lars sewed, etc. The 19th in the evenings Lars moved away from us.. My brother-in-law, John Anderson came here from Vasa.

20 Sunday

21, 22 and 23 I did various things among others; fenced around the ox yard. In the evenings we had meetings.

24 A national prayer and Thanksgiving day so we had meetings.

25 My brother-in-law, John Anderson went home today.I did various things.

26 Fixed the mangers for the ox barn. Elsa and the children husked corn. This week it has been warm and fair weather, no snow as yet.

27 Sunday

28 I fixed things in the barns. Elsa husked corn.

29 Did various little things.

<u>December</u>

1 Daubed the barns. Jonas Nilson is here and putting corner boards on the granary.

2 I daubed on the barns.

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3 Went to the Waconia mill with 18 bu. of rye and hauled home the sled runners.

4 Sunday

5 Made a wood shed along side of the granary.

6 Did various little things.

7 Went over and helped Per Daniel with his butchering.

8 Went to the Waconia mill after the grist.

9 and 10 Jonas Nilson worked on the school sleds and I helped. Friberg piled wood and grubbed.

11 Sunday

12 Elsa and I went to the funeral at Andrew Schran's house when his son, Henry, was buried. Nilson worked on the sleds.

13 Nilson worked on the sleds and I helped him at times. Nilson quit his work here today.

14 I worked on the sleds in between times.

15 Did various things. Today I went to Simon's boar with the spotted black belted sow. Friberg and Lawrence are grubbing out the large trees on a new field.

16 Chopped stove wood, etc. Today I went to Simon's boar with one of the sows I had intended to butcher.

17 We butchered one of the large boards and a sow. Friberg and Per Daniel helped in the morning.

18 Sunday

19 and 20 Did various little things and chopped wood and fed the cattle.

21 Worked on the sleds, fed the cattle, chopped wood, etc.

22 Did various little things.

23 Took the sleds to Waconia to the smithy to have the runner's shod.

24 Chopped wood all day.

25 Sunday also Christmas Day. Last night 'Fanny' calved.

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26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 Did various little things.

31 Today I cleaned out the well. Friberg and Malmberg helped me. Lars has sewed for us five days this week.

January 1877

1 Sunday

2 Went to the smith in Waconia after the sleds.

3 and 4 Lars from Scandia and I hauled home the western haystack by the island.

5, 6 and 7 Did various things. The fifth I took the sow to the boar for the second time.

8 Sunday

9 Helped Per Daniel butcher his pigs.

10 Friberg, Per Daniel and I butchered one boar and two sows.

11 Did various little things.

12 Again did various little things. Today Nicholas went to Minneapolis and took my boar and one sow along. The boar weighed 396 lbs. and he sold him for $.07 a pound.

13 and 14 Hauled and chopped stove wood, etc.

15 Sunday

16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 I did various little things between tending to the cattle. The 20th I sent Spurgeon's books to my sister Gustafa.

21 Did various things. Today J. A. Peterson came here from Watertown and two days ago A. Hakanson came here.

22 Sunday

23 and 24 I did nothing as I was lame. In the evenings we have meetings when Peterson is preaching.

25 Did various little things.

26 I hauled home stone from the island in Clearwater Lake. John A. Peterson left here for Crow River today.

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27 Hauled stone from Clearwater Lake Island.

28 Fenced around the haystacks.

29 Sunday

30 &First I went to Simon's boar with the small sow
31 and then I hauled straw. Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

February

1 First I hauled home hickory wood, then I did various things. This afternoon Friberg chopped wood.

2 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

3 Did various little things.

4 First I hauled a load of cord wood out on the road toward Cirlien, then I went after a load of rock to the island in Clearwater Lake.

5 Sunday

6 and 7 Did various things. Lars Nilson is here making a cap for me.

8 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing.

9 I hauled a load of cord wood to Chaska.

10 Fixed the cattle barns making them all wind-proff as it is very cold. Today 'Molly' calved. She had a bull and a heifer calf.

11 Went to Chaska with cord wood.

12 Sunday

13 Chopped stove wood, etc.

14 Went to Chaska with cord wood. Today John A. Peterson started for home.

15 Chopped down logs for sawing, etc.

16 Hauled a log to Waconia for sawing. Yesterday and today Jonas Nilson is here making a table.

17 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing.

18 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

19 Sunday

20 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Today I sent a letter to my brother Carl.

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21 First I butchered a calf and then I did various things.

22 Chopped down a log for sawing.

23 and 24 Hauled logs to Waconia for sawing.

25 First I finished the table that Jonas Nilson made, then we went over to Reitz on a visit.

26 Sunday

27 Hauled hay from the south stack on the meadow.

28 Lars and I hauled hay. It is storming so hard we could not finish stacking the haystack.

March

1 First I finished the haystack and then I took the heifer, 'Lotta' to A. Schran's bull.

2 and 3 Chopped down and hauled to Waconia a log for sawing.

4 Hauled together green cord wood from the south field.

5 Sunday

6 Did various little things.

7 Went to Chaska with 28 bu. of wheat that I sold for $1.00 a bushel, also got an order from Young for the beans.

8, 9 and 10 Repaired shoes and tended to the cattle. We have had a heavy snow fall.

11 Hauled and chopped stove wood, etc.

12 Sunday

13 Chopped down a saw log and hauled it to Waconia.

14 First I went to a lecture, and then I did various things.

15 Elsa and I went to Peterman on a funeral.

16 Took a load of rye to the mill in Waconia and then did some various things.

17 Did various little things.

18 Went to Waconia with a log for the saw mill and took home the grist.

19 Sunday

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20 Went to Chaska with 11 bu. of beans that I sold to Young for $1.25 a bushel in trade.

21 and 22 Did various jobs.

23 and 24 Did various jobs.

25 It was examination day for the children so I was at the school all day. The 20th Paul Cirlien was here and insured my house for $600.00, and the household goods for $200.00.

26 Sunday

27 First I went to H. Schran and asked advice for my sick calf then I did various things. Mrs. Wiverson is here making us a visit.

28 I did various things. Lars Nilson is here sewing coats for the boys. Mrs. Wiverson went to Per Daniel's house today.

29 and 30 Hauled rails and stakes and wood. Lars Nilson sewed and Lawrence was here one day and cut wood.

31 Began the syrup making by boring into 100 maples.

April

1 Worked at the syrup camp.

2 Sunday

3 Plastered around the kettle, etc.

4 Bored into 130 maples.

5 Worked at the syrup camp.

6, 7, and 8 Plowed the rye field for oats and aired out the top oats and barley. This week it has been wonderfully beautiful weather. It is as warm as in July and the trees are turning green.

9 Sunday It has turned cold.

10 Today we have a snowstorm. The snow is 6 inches deep. I did various things. Lars Nilson started to work for me today. He is sewing clothes for the boys.

11 I did various things. Today is fair and the sap started to run this afternoon. Lars is sewing clothes for the boys.

12 Today we are all workkng at the syrup camp. We have carried 200 pails of sap to the kettle.

13 Worked at the syrup camp. Today "Froken" calved.

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14 Worked at the syrup camp. Also aired the seed wheat.

15 Sowed oats on the home field and Lars harrowed it in.

16 Sunday

17 Half a day I delayed my work by working on the sick calf. In the afternoon I rolled the oats and went over to see Andrew Schran.

18 First I measured out the oats for Broberg. Today the sick calf did so I buried it. In the afternoon I began to sow the wheat, and Elsa harrowed it in.

19 Did various jobs as it rained so we can't do any sowing.

20 Did some grafting and other things.

21 and 22 Worked in the orchard.

23 Sunday

24 I sowed and Lars harrowed in the wheat.

25 I sowed and Lars harrowed in the wheat.

26 We did various things. It rained hard all day.

27 Still raining. Lars is sewing.clothes for Caroline. I made curtain rods, etc.

28 Lars plowed on the home field. I trimmed back the grape vines.

29 I sowed wheat on the south field and Lars harrowed it in. Friberg went and fixed the bridge on the school section in my stead.

30 Sunday

<u>May</u>

1 Sowed wheat on the new field down by the road.

2 and 3 It has rained steadily. I did various jobs.

4 Plowed on the home field for wheat.

5 Sowed the last of the wheat on the home field. This year I have sowed 22 bu. of wheat.

6 Sowed 4½ bu. of barley.

7 Sunday

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8 Went to the Chaska mill with 16 bu. of wheat and sold 7 bu. of wheat for $1.05 a bu. I also had 4½ bu. of corn to the mill. Lars spread out manure on the corn field and went to Broberg's bull with Molly.

9 Lars chopped down brush and then plowed for corn in the field near Peterman's farm. I did various little things.

10 Lars plowed for corn and I trimmed grape vines, etc.

11 Lars plowed for corn and I piled brush where the new field will be. In the morning we washed the sheep.

12 First Lars rolled the field where we will plant corn. In the afternoon he took the oxen and hauled manure for Per Daniel. I marked out the field for corn. Elsa sheared the sheep.

13 Elsa and I planted corn on the field by Peterman's land all day. Lars is hauling manure for Per Daniel.

14 Sunday

15& Friberg, Lars and I burnt and cleared off brush on the
16 place for the new field. Elsa also raked brush.

17 and 18 Cleared off and burnt brush. Friberg and I grubbed out the large trees.

19 Began to break the field. Lundsten helped me while Friberg is working in my stead over at Lundsten's place.

20 Lundsten and I continued breaking the new field. Friberg is grubbing in my orchard.

21 Sunday

22 Lars and I finished the breaking of the new field.in the morning. In the afternoon Lars rolled the new field while I went to Waconia.

23 I went to Lundsten's place and helped him break land while Lars planted potatoes and corn.

24 I worked at Lundsten's place until 4 o'clock. Lars planted corn.

25 I fixed the plaster in the house while Elsa white-washed the cabin. Lars and the boys finished the planting of corn on the new field.

26 In the forenoon I made frames for mosquito bar netting for the windows and doors. In the afternoon we worked on the meeting house in Scandia. Lars hoed the orchard.

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27 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat which I sold for $1.10 a bushel. I also went to Carver and paid my bill for the nails to Sundin. I met F. O. Nilson in Carver and took him along home.

28 Sunday

29, 30 and 31 Did various little things.

June

1, 2 and 3 We had a conference here in Scandia. We had 73 visitors. Took 'Fanny' to A. Schran's bull.

4 Sunday We had preaching and baptismal service and communion.

5 Part of the conference visitors left for home today, then Lars and I cultivated the corn with the oxen.

6 The last of the conference visitors left for home today, then Lars and I cultivated the corn with the oxen.

7 First we cultivated and then hoed corn.

8 Elsa, the children and I hoed corn all day.

9 Elsa, our children and I hoed corn. Lars worked on the road.

10 Lars, the children and I hoed corn. John Ostermann came here and he also hoed during half a day. Today we took 'Froken' to Andrew Schran's bull.

11 Sunday

12 Trimmed the grape vines, etc.

13 Did various little things.

14 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat which I sold for $1.05 a bushel and hauled home a load of broken bricks that I owed Nicholas Swanson.

15 Went to the woods and cut down logs for the wood shed.

16 Hauled logs, etc.

17 Made an axe handle, etc.

18 Sunday

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19 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat that I sold for $1.05 a bushel. I paid my bills at Faber, Warner and also to Hench for the locks for the doors. I took out goods for $27.00 on a new account at Faber's store.

20 and 21 I did various little things. Lars and Sture are keeping steadily at the corn hoeing.

22 First Lars and I broke land for turnips and then we cultivated the corn with the cultivator.

23 It rained. We did various little jobs.

24 First Lars and I went to Waconia and hauled the logs up to the saw. In the afternoon we cultivated the corn. Today Elsa went to Litchfield to visit her brothers and sisters, etc.

25 Sunday

26 First I repaired shoes, and in the afternoon Sture and I cultivated the corn. Today I sent $1.20 to Johnson in Kansas, and that is the last of the money that I owed him. So now I do not owe him anything anymore.

27 Trimmed the trees in the orchard. Today A. Hakanson's wife, Hanna, died.

28 First I fixed up the cellar for the turnips, then I did various things. John Nilson is here making the casket for Hanna Hakanson.

29 The funeral exercises for Hanna Hakanson were held this morning. In the afternoon I went to Waconia, cleared away and piled the boards from the saw. This evening Elsa and grandmother returned home from Litchfield.

30 Went to Chaska with 31 bu. of wheat which I sold for $1.00 a bushel. I also sold two hams for Bett Pendet. They weighed 66 pounds, then I paid my tax which was $20.80 and bought and hauled home 250 bricks.

<u>July</u>

1 Friberg and I began to cut hay.

2 Sunday

3 Friberg, Lars and I cut hay in the morning, and then it rained so we did nothing.

4 and 5 Lars and I cut and cocked hay and cultivated the corn. It is raining much so it is bad haying weather.

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6 Cut and cocked hay and cultivated the corn. Today I went and paid the $90.00 to H. Gortsen that I owed him.

7 First we cocked hay and then it settled down to a steady rain. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and paid John Mitchel and $100.00 I owed him.

8 In the forenoon Lars and I cradled rye, and in the afternoon Friberg and Lars finished cradling the rye. Elsa and I cocked hay.

9 Sunday

10 Elsa and I cocked hay on the large meadow.

11 Friberg and I stacked the haystack above the turnip cellar.

12 Friberg and I stacked the haystack on the south meadow, but a cyclone blew it over just as we finished it.

13 Restacked the haystack that blew over and shocked the rye that the storm blew all over.

14 Friberg and I cut hay.

15 Went with Friberg to Chaska and bought a wagon. I sold my cord wood to Faber for $3.50 a cord; however, somebody had stolen two cords from the pile.

16 Sunday

17 Lars, Elsa and I cocked hay. John Monson cut hay. I first fixed an ox yoke for Friberg.

18 John Monson, Lars and I cut the hay on the west meadow. Today Friberg and his family moved away.

19 Lars and I hauled home and stacked the poorest of the hay.

20 Lars and I stacked the rye.

21 and 22 Lars, Elsa and I cocked the hay on the west meadow.

23 Sunday

24 It is raining. In the forenoon I fixed the cradle and in the afternoon I went out on the lake and fished.

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25 We cradled the barley. In the afternoon John Hakanson helped.

26 First we cradled the barley and then the oats. I had John Hakanson to help us.

27 Stacked the hay on the west meadow. Andrew from Scandia helped us.

28 We hauled home and stacked hay in the morning. Andrew from Scandia helped, then it rained so I did some odds and ends.

29 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia after a load of boards and the plow.

30 Sunday

31 Lars and I did various little things as it rained all day.

August

1 In the morning Lars and I hauled home the last of the hay and stacked it, and then we tied oats bundles for Nicholas until 5 o'clock.

2 We tied grain bundles for Nicholas until 5 P.M. My mother-in-law left today.

3 In the morning we did various things and in the afternoon we tied wheat bundles for Nicholas.

4 We tied wheat bundles for Nicholas all day.

5 Began to reap the wheat here. Nils drove the reaper and Nicholas, Elsa and Miller tied the bundles.

6 Sunday

7 First we reaped for Nicholas from 10 A.M. to dinner time and also in the afternoon we reaped some and shocked the wheat. At five we came here and reaped until dark.

8 First we reaped at home here for a couple of hours, and then we went to A. Hakanson and reaped all day.

9 and 10 We reaped off and on for Nicholas, but I don't know for how long we reaped as the reaper broke down so often.

11 We started the reaper real early at Nicholas' place and kept on until late dinner. In the afternoon we reaped here at home until late at night.

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12 We reaped a little over an hour and finished the reaping. In the afternoon I stacked the barley with the help of a boy. It has been difficult to get the wheat cut this year as the reaper broke down so often and it rained also.

13 Sunday

14 Lars and I did various things. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl.

15, 16 and 17 We stacked the wheat.

18 We stacked wheat. Today A. Hakanson hauled home a barrel of salt from Chaska for me.

19 In the morning we stacked the oats and then Lars plowed on the barley field. I stacked wheat for Nicholas a while and then I did various things.

20 Sunday

21 I plowed on the barley field, etc.

22 In the morning I plowed then I went to Waconia and had the plow share out down.

23 Raised the granary and put stone pillars under it. John Wilson helped me.

24 Plowed the south field.

25 I plowed. We sent a letter to Litchfield.

26 Plowed on the south field.

27 Sunday

28 In the morning Lars went to Adam Fishers and threshed for Henry Reitz. I built a grain bin under the stair in the granary. In the afternoon we both threshed for Reitz.

29 Lars threshed for Reitz until 4 o'clock and I threshed for a little while. At 4 we went to Lundsten and threshed.

30 Threshed for Lundsten until 4 o'clock and then went to A. Wilson and threshed.

31 Lars threshed at A. Wilson. I plowed.

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1 Lars plowed and I did various things. A. little past one Andrew Johnson from Scandia arrived with his threshing machine and we threshed until dark.

2 We threshed until 9 in the morning when the horse power arrangement broke down so we could do nothing more. Lars and I did a few various jobs.

3 Sunday

4 Lars plowed and I did various things in the morning. At one we began to thresh again and finished it by night. The grain was 235 bu. of wheat, 29 bu. of rye, 44 bu. of barley and 53 bu. of oats, altogether 361 bu. The threshing price was 6, 5 and 4 cents a bu.

5 First I sowed timothy and then I plowed.

6 First I did various things then at 10 o'clock we began to thresh for Nicholas Swanson.

7 We threshed all day for Nicholas Swanson.

8 We threshed for A. Hakanson. Elsa was there and cooked for the men.

9 Plowed in the home field all day.

10 Sunday

11 Plowed on the home field. Olof Hakanson came here today.

12 In the morning I cut corn and in the afternoon A. Hakanson's boys helped me.

13 Hakanson's and my boys and I cut corn all day. John A. Peterson came here today.

14 I, Elsanand our boys cut corn.

15 In the morning I fixed the north door. In the afternoon we finished cutting off the corn. Swedbeck helped us. Today Sundquist started to grub in the orchard.

16 In the monring I fenced in the small pigs and in the afternoon we had a Covenant meeting in our house. J. A. Peterson and O. Hakanson are here. Sundquist grubbed.

17 Sunday

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18 I did various things. Sundquist grubbed in the orchard. John A. Peterson and O. Hakanson went away from here today.

19 Hauled manure for the rye.

20 Hauled and spread manure and plowed.

21 Plowed for rye.

22 First I sowed two bushel of rye, then I harrowed it in and John Lundquist rolled the rye. In the afternoon I went to a funeral at William Mitchel's house.

23 Went to Chaska with 31 bu. of barley which I sold for 45 bu., then I went to the lime kiln and bought 3 barrels of lime for $.65 a barrel and hauled home, 125 bricks. John Sundquist has grubbed in the orchard all week.

24 Sunday

25 In the morning Lars and I dug for water for the cattle in the large swamp and then cleaned out the well by the other swamp. In the afternoon we hauled corn from the field by Peterman's land.

26 and 27 We hauled corn from the same field.

28 First we hauled corn then Lars and I went to Waconia with the bullock 'Tom' to break him in.

29 Lars is using the cultivator on the cornfield. First I butchered a ram, then I did various things.

30 Lars, Elsa and I went to the County Fair, and I received a three dollar prize for my large apples. I sold the bullock 'Tom' for $25.00.

<u>October</u>

1 Sunday

2, 3 and 4 Lars and I hauled home the corn and pumpkins from the new field.

5 Lars plowed for corn on the field by Peterman's land. I did various little things and went to Waconia. Elsa and the boys dug and picked potatoes.

6 Lars and I worked on the road.

7 First I made a wine press. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. Elsa had her feet measured for shoes. I went after the firkin for the wine. Lars plowed on the corn field all day.

8 Sunday

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9 It rained all day. Lars sewed and then cleaned out the sheep barn. I did various things.

10 Lars plowed. I made a wine press. Mr. Goulds and Dr. Meadow from Excelsior were here today and got some scions.

11 In the morning I finished the wine press and in the afternoon we pressed the grapes. Paul Wolf was here today, and I bought two Blue Pearmain appletrees and a pear tree from him.

12 In the morning I worked on the road, took away the fallen large oak that was lying on the road east of my cow barn.

13 John Osterman and I made cupboard at the foot for the chimney. Lars plowed on the new field and on the oat stubble.

14 John Osterman laid the brick chimney. Lars plowed. In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon I, together with several neighbors, went to see where we should move the road that goes by Cohen's place.

15 Sunday

16 and 17 John Osterman finished building the brick chimney. I made mortar and then John Osterman went home.

18 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I took 12 bushels to the mill and sold nearly 13 bushels for $1.10 a bushel.

19 Went to Waconia and helped Reitz to haul logs up to the saw and then I hauled home a load of boards. In the afternoon I cleaned out and fixed up the cow barn.

20 In the morning I butchered a ram. In the afternoon I fixed the gates and the fence around the cow yard.

21 Worked in the orchard.

22 Sunday

23 I worked in the orchard. Lars hauled brush away from the orchard.

24 Went to Excelsior after apple trees, etc. Lars hauled brush away from the orchard.

25 Worked in the orchard.

26 Again worked in the orchard.

27 Went to Waconia and then did various things.

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October

28 Sture and I went to Chaska with a bullock that I sold to the butcher for $19.50. In the afternoon my brothers-in-law Olof Johnson and Nils Person with their wives arrived for a visit with us.

29 Sunday

30 At 10 o'clock my brothers-in-law from Litchfield returned home. My brother-in-law, Olof Johnson, bought the cow 'Froken', from me for $40.00. Lars and I squeezed the grapes in the press today and finished that job.

31 Worked in the orchard all day.

November

1 I planted out currants all day. Today I paid Andrew from Scandia for the threshing.

2 Went to Waconia after a load of boards and also a studding for Reitz.

3 Hilled dirt around the trees in the orchard.

4 In the morning I worked in the orchard, and in the afternoon I went to the school meeting.

5 Sunday

6 Plowed and cleaned out the ditch that led the water away from the orchard. Lundsten helped me to plow.

7 In the morning I went to a lecture and in afternoon I did various things.

8 Did various little things.

9 Fixed up the pig pen, etc.

10 Butchered a pig, etc.

11 Andrew Hakanson's John and Albert and I husked corn.

12 Sunday

13 Healed in the fruit trees I have bought and cut off the scions and took up the seedlings, I want to use for grafting this winter.

14 Did various little things.

15 Piled the boards into the wagon shed.

16 Took off the old rotten straw on the cow barn roofs and Lars hauled it away.

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17 Lars and I thatched the cow barn roof.

18 Today I mulched (put rotten straw) around the apple trees with the help of Lars.

19 Sunday John A. Peterson from Blue Earth is here.

20 Did various little things.

21 Did nothing as we had meetings and communion.

22 Did various little things. Today John A.Peterson went home.

23, 24 and 25 Did various little things. We have now an intense cold spell.

26 Sunday

27 We hauled away the brush and grubbed out rootsfrom the orchard.

28 Went to H. Reitz and helped him butcher pigs.

29 Lars and I did various jobs.

30 I did various little things. Lars today began to sew clothes for us.

December

1 and 2 Did various jobs. Lars is sewing for the boys.

3 Sunday

4 Today I have only done what had to be done to the cattle as it is so intensely cold. Lars is making new and repairing old clothes.

5 Lars is tailoring. I am helping Per Broberg fix the old cabin, etc.

6 Lars sewed. I went to Waconia mill with nine sacks of rye to be ground.

7, 8 and 9 Did various little things.

10 Sunday

11 Chopped wood, etc.

12 Went to Per Daniel's house and helped him butcher his pigs.

13 Reitz, Lundsten, Per Daniel and I butchered the three large boars and a sow.

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December 1871

14 I sent one of the large boards with Per Daniel as he went to Minneapolis. I cut up the pork. Last night 'Lotta' calved for the first time.

15 and 16 I chopped wood, cut up pork, salted pork, made brine for the pork, etc.

17 Sunday

18, 19, 20 and 21 Piled wood, hauled and chopped wood and tended to the cattle, etc.

22 We plastered the cabin and put on the finishing coat.

23 Chopped wood and did various things.

24 Sunday

25 Christmas Day We went to the meeting.

26 Per Daniel and I hauled home the haystack from the island.

27 Hauled home the last of the hay from the island.

28 Went to Per Daniel's house and helped him to butcher a pig.

29 Went to Waconia and sold a calf to the doctor.

30 Went to Chaska with a load of wood. I bought a heating stove for $11.00. Today Olof's boys came here from Litchfield. They had along with them 20 bu. of wheat for seed wheat.

31 Sunday

January 1872

1 Did nothing.

2 I fanned the wheat that my brother-in-law, Olof Johnson, in Litchfield wants from me.

3 Today my nephews left for home, and took 'Froken' with them. Olof bought her last fall. I did various things.

4 I hauled hay for Per Daniel.

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January 1872

5 I chopped wood and did other small jobs.

6 Went to Gothenburg and talked over Palmquist's, from Kansas, money matter with Peter Hall.

7 Sunday

8 Did various things.

9 Made boxes to place underneath the stoves. Today John Osterman and Olof Halsten left for home.

10 Put up the cookstove in the kitchen and the woodstove in the other room.

11 Piled wood in the woods and cut down a log for sawing.

12 Went to Waconia with the butternut log which I sold to Kohler. There were 162 ft. in the log so it came to $2.43 and $15.00 for 1000 ft.

13 I chopped wood. Lars Nilson borrowed the oxen today and is using them for hauling wood.

14 Sunday

15 Did various things.

16 Made a straight spade, etc.

17 Went over to Reitz' place and ground up 6½ sacks of corn.

18 Went around in the neighborhood to get signers for the petition to change the Chaska road.

19 and 20 Did various little things.

21 Sunday

22 Hauled wood to Chaska.

23 Chopped wood, etc.

24 Went to Chaska with a load of wood. Today Olof Hakanson and Johnson, the Norwegian, came here.

25 Hauled wood for the stove.

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January 1872

26 Went with Olof Hakanson to Excelsior and bought apple trees from Gould for $50.00

27 Chopped wood and went to a meeting.

28 Sunday

29 We had meetings.

30 Went to Chaska with wood. Today I sent a draft to N. F. Palmquist in Kansas for $30.00. Olof Hakanson returned to Minneapolis.

31 Chopped stove wood, etc.

February

1 Went to Chaska with wood.

2 Today I did various little things.

3 Went to Chaska with wood. Today I sent the draft for Olof Hakanson with Nicholas to Chaska.

4 Sunday

5 Chopped cord wood all day.

6 Went to Per Daniel's place and helped him haul hay. We received a letter from Litchfield that Isabelle had died.

7 Did various little things.

8 Per Daniel and I hauled home hay from the large haystack by the island.

9 In the morning Per Daniel and I finished hauling home the haystack, and in the afternoon I did various things.

10 Did various little things.

11 Sunday

12 Did various little things. Olof Hakanson came here again.

13 Today we are having a hard blizzardy snowstorm with very cold wealther. I chopped wood.

14, 15 and 16 Piled, hauled and chopped wood.

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February 1872

17 Went to Chaska with the last of the cord wood. I sold it all to Linnefelt for $3.50 a cord. In all, there were 15½ cords there.

18 Sunday

19 and 20 Did various things.

21, 22 and 23 I grafted the seedlings and the scions that I had in the cellar.

24 Rode with Per Daniel to the market at Carver and bought bottles for the wine.

25 Sunday I took the heifer 'Star' to Peterman's bull.

26, 27, 28 and 29 Did various things besides tending to the cattle and chopping wood. Tuesday and Wednesday Lars Nilson was here and sewed. Monday Elsa and I went to an auction in Waconia.

March

1 Did various things. Today I took 'Lotta' to Peterman's bull.

2 Chopped wood.

3 Sunday

4 and 5 Put a fence around the strawstack and chopped wood.

6 Hauled hay for Per Daniel. Lars was here and chopped wood.

7 I did various things. It has snowed all day. Elsa is working over at Nicholas' house.

8 Did nothing. It has snowed heavily all day.

9 Shoveled and worked with the snow all day.

10 Sunday

11 Went to Waconia, etc.

12 and 13 Did nothing as I am not feeling well.

14 and 15 Did various things. Yesterday morning 'Molly' calved.

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March 1872

16 Went to the mill in Waconia and then to the auction, but that ended at once, and then went to Simon and had my bob sled runners changed.

17 Sunday

18, 19, 20 and 21 I made a syrup kettle for Reitz and tended to the cattle, etc.

22 and 23 Did various little things. The 23rd, the school teacher had examination for the children.

24 Sunday

25 Went to Waconia after the grist and had a number of small jobs done by the smith.

26 Fixed the smoke house and hung up the pork.

27 Hauled the rails, etc.

28 Hauled rails and fixed the fence around the straw-stack. Today Andrew and John from Morse Prairie began to cut cord wood for me. They are to have $.70 a cord.

29 In the forenoon I hauled corn wood from the orchard. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Rosenquist from Minneapolis is here and preached for us.

30 Hauled sticks for fence between Nidholas and my lands. The two Varmlanders chopped cord wood.

31 Sunday

April

1 Went to the court in Chaska as I have been drafted to serve as a juror. In the afternoon I asked to be excused for a certain reason, and I was excused.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Did various things every afternoon. In the mornings we had meetings as John A. Peterson and Rosenquist are here. Friday, Andrew Schran cut a calf and the lambs. the Varmlanders have cut cord wood all week.

7 Sunday

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April 1872

8 Did various things. Today Peterson and Rosenquist returned to their homes.

9 and 10 Fixed things at the syrup camp and plastered around the kettle.. Today, the tenth, Andrew and John left. They have chopped 20 1/4 cords of wood for $.70 a cord.

11 Began to bore into the maples.

12 Repaired shoes, etc. Yesterday and today it is storming so hard we cannot cook the sap.

13 I cooked syrup and bored into the maples. John Monson has chopped wood this week. He has cut 8 cords. I have now in all 33 cords of wood.

14 Sunday

15 Last night we had a lot of snow so this morning I shoveled snow. In the afternoon I worked at the syrup camp.

16 and 17 We worked at the syrup camp.

18 Lars Nilson is here. We husked corn and chopped wood for the syrup. Elsa is tending to the kettle, and the children are gathering the sap.

19 Lars Nilson, Charley Backman and I are husking corn. Elsa and the children are cooking syrup.

20 Today I sowed 5½ bu. of oats. Lars harrowed it in and rolled it. Charley Backman finished up the husking of the corn. We have these days husked 5 wagon boxes full of corn. Elsa and the children are cooking syrup. This week we have cooked 20 gallons of syrup.

21 Sunday Today Elsa fell down the stairs and hurt herself badly.

22 and 23 Sowed wheat in the home field. Lars harrowed and rolled. The children carried sap and Elsa tended the syrup.

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April 1672

24 and 25 Sowed wheat in the south field. Elsa is cooking down the last of the sap. We have cooked 35 gallons of syrup this year.

26 and 27 Sowed wheat on the south field. Lars has worked for me all week. Between sowings I have set out the trees in the orchard.

28 Sunday

29 In the morning I sowed wheat on the new field. In the afternoon I went to Jacob Jenning's place and grafted for him. Lars Nilson harrowed the new field.

30 I planted trees and worked in the orchard. Lars plowed for barley, etc.

May

1 First I sowed the last of the wheat on the new field, then I worked in the orchard. Lars harrowed and plowed for potatoes, etc.

2 First I sowed barley and then worked in the orchard. Lars harrowed, etc.

3 I planted out the grafts. Lars hauled manure to the south field where I will plant corn.

4 Finished planting out the grafts. Lars is home today.

5 Sunday

6 Lundsten's wife and Elsa sheared the sheep. I did various things and helped them with the sheep.

7 and 8 I trimmed back the grape vine, etc.

9 Lars and I hauled manure.

10 In the forenoon Lars and I hauled manure. Malmberg grubbed in the orchard. In the afternoon it rained so we had to stop working. Lars and Malmberg went home.

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May 1872

11 Did various little things. We have had much rain this week.

12 Sunday It rained hard.

13 In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon I began to plow for corn.

14 I plowed during the forenoon. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the girl, Anna Isabelle, was born.

15 In the morning I went after Christine Broberg. In the afternoon I plowed for corn.

16 I plowed in between the rain showers.

17 Plowed and rolled the field.

18 In the morning I made a marker with which to mark out for corn and then in the afternoon, I hitched the oxen to the rake and marked out the field for corn.

19 Sunday Erik, the Dalicarlian, is here. Today the Germans had a meeting in Scandia when five Germans were baptized.

20 In the morning two of Hakanson's children and two of Lundsten's children, and I planted corn. In the afternoon I plowed and fixed the garden.

21 First we planted the garden. In the afternoon I planted potatoes, and my boys are helping Lundsten plant corn.

22 We planted potatoes and measured out wheat.

23 First I hauled away grub from the orchard, then it rained hard.

24 I cleared on the other side of the fence by the grapevines.

25 Went to the Carver market. I took along the cow 'Lotta', but sold hereto the butcher in Chaska for $.03½ a pound. She weighed 925 lbs., so I received $32.37 for her.

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May 1872

26 Sunday Today I took 'Fanny' to Hal Mayer's bull for the first time.

27 Went to Chaska with wheat that I sold for $1.20 a bushel.

28 Did various things. Today we took 'Molly' to Hal Meyer's bull for the first time.

29 Broke and plowed by the grapes.

30 Planted squash and put manure under the hills.

31 Was sick a bed and had hard pains in my thumb.

June 1872

1 Did nothing. Was sick.

2 Sunday

3 Went with the County Commissioners when they looked over the road.

4 Went to Chaska with 30 bu. of wheat that I sold for $1.20 a bushel. Rosenquist is here.

5 It rained. I did various things.

6 Went to Chaska with wheat which I sold for $1.20 a bushel.

7 and 8 Cultivated the corn.

9 Sunday

10 and 11 Plowed in the orchard and planted some.

12 Went to Chaska with wheat and my brother-in-law. John Anderson came and went with me home.

13 Hauled nails for the fence on the south forty.

14 Went to Chaska with wheat.

15 In the forenoon I hauled rails and in the afternoon I went to a meeting. In the evening I took 'Molly' to Hal Meyer's bull for the second time.

16 Sunday

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June 1872

17 Staked and put riders on the fence on the south forty. My sons helped me.

18 Went to Chaska with two loads of wheat. Per Daniel drove the second load. That was the last wheat I had for sale and for all my wheat I received $1.20 a bushel.

19 Cultivated corn, etc.

20 Took a load of corn to Reitz. The boys hoed the corn.

21 and 22 Hauled logs and hewed timbers for the wood shed. John Nilson is helping me. The boys hoed corn. Today, the 22nd, we took 'Fanny' to Hal Meyer's bull for the second time.

23 Sunday

24 John Nilson and I worked on the wood shed.

25 We worked on the shed in the morning, and in the afternoon John Nilson went to Nicholas. I dug down the stones for the foundation pillars for the shed.

26 In the morning we raised the frame of wood shed, and in the afternoon I did various things while John Nilson went to Nicholas place.

27 In the morning I fixed the wheel barrow, and then I hauled logs from the orchard. The boys finished the corn hoeing.

28 Elsa and I went to Chaska to trade. Soder's boy, Nils, was along and bought clothes.

29 The boys and I cleaned up brush in the orchard, so we could brake the roots. Soder is sewing clothes for Nils.

30 Sunday

July

1 Cleared off brush in the orchard and burnt it, etc.

2 I broke out roots in the orchard. Nils hoed the grapevines.

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July 1872

3 First I sowed rutabagas, then I cultivated the grapes. Nils hoed potatoes. In the afternoon Nils and Sture cultivated the corn, and I did various things.

4 The older children went to Gottson for the celebration. I trimmed back the grapes between the rain showers.

5 I trimmed back the grapevines all day. The boys cultivated the corn.

6 The boys cultivated the corn, and I made a frame for the grindstone, etc.

7 Sunday

8 I did various things. The boys hoed potatoes.

9 I cut clover. The boys hoed in the garden.

10 We began to cut hay in the well-meadow and on the south meadow.

11 Lundsten helped us cut and cock hay.

12 We cut and cocked hay.

13 We cut and cocked hay.

14 Sunday

15 It is raining. We cultivated the orchard.

16 Andrew Lundsten and we cut the rye.

17 We hauled hay and stacked it over the root cellar.

18 Cut hay for the large haystack on the south meadow.

19 Hauled home hay and stacked it. Peterman has cut some hay for me today on the south meadow with the reaper.

20 We finished the hay cutting on the south meadow. In the afternoon we cocked the hay Petermann reaped.

21 Sunday Elsa went to the meeting in Carver, and then she will go to see Dr. Erikson in Gordon. She is riding with Peter Broberg.

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July 1872

22 First we cocked hay, then we went out on the lake and fished.

23 First we cut hay, then we cut barley.

24 In the morning we cut hay and barley, then Elsa and I went to Per Swenson and bought a couple of pigs, then we cocked hay.

25 First we cut and then we cocked hay.

26 Cut hay by the island, then we cocked some hay.

27 We stacked the large haystack on the south meadow.

28 Sunday

29 Cocked hay all day.

30 First I mended Lundsten's cradle. Nils cleaned out the manure out of the sheep barn. In the afternoon we turned and cocked hay.

31 Hauled home hay and stacked a haystack.

August

1 Nils and I stacked the haystack by the island, and Elsa cocked hay. Now we are through with the haying.

2 We cut wheat on the homefield. Charley Backman reaped wheat with Reitz' reaper.

3 In the morning we cut oats and in the afternoon I stacked wheat for Reitz. Nils did various things.

4 Sunday

5 Elsa, Nils, Sture and I tied oats for Reitz all day.

6 In the morning we reaped wheat here, but in the afternoon it was too wet. A. Lundsten worked for me all day.

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August 1872

7 Still wet in the morning, but in the afternoon we reaped my wheat.

8 In the morning we reaped wheat here, and then we went and reaped for Reitz, but then it rained so hard we had to stop.

9 In the morning it rained but then from 5 o'clock until 9 at night, we reaped for Reitz.

10 Nils Sture and I were at Reitz' other farm all day.

11 Sunday

12 Nils and I were at Reitz and tied wheat bundles. Peterman reaped.two acres of wheat on the new field for me, and Elsa tied the bundles.

13 Until 11 o'clock we tied bundles on the new field, then Nils and I went to Nicholas and for hour before dinner and almost an hour after dinner, we tied and shocked wheat for him, then for the rest of the afternoon Nils and I cradled and tied wheat for A. Hakanson.

14 Nicholas and Nils reaped wheat for me until half past four. Nicholas and Miller tied also Hakanson and his boys, then it rained but before dark, we shocked some wheat.

15 Nils and I worked for Nicholas couple of hours in the morning, then we tied my wheat and shocked it. We also shocked the oats.

16 Nils and I cut the wheat that had fallen also the oats that was lying down, then we took away the straw where we would put the wheat stack.

17 We stacked the rye and barley and 7 rows of wheat.

18 Sunday

19 Nils plowed the rye stubble, and I did various things.

20, 21, 22 and 23 We stacked the wheat.

24 In the morning it rained so we did various things, then I fixed a wheat stack, then we went to a meeting. A. Hakanson is preaching here.

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August 1872

25 Sunday

26 It is raining today. In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon I took a sack of corn to Waconia mill. Hauled a log over to the saw, and then went to Swanberg and Lindfelts. Nils has sewed me a pair of pants today.

27 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went fishing. Nils plowed.

28 Today I washed apple trees in the orchard. Nils plowed all day.

29 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we stacked wheat hauling it with two wagons.

30 Stack wheat.

31 In the morning we finished stacking the wheat. In the afternoon we stacked oats.

September

1 Sunday

2 I did various things. Nils plowed all day.

3 Elsa, Per Daniel's wife and I went to Chaska. I sold pork and hams for $09 a pound, shoulders $.08. They made $15.70. I also sold Transcendent apple trees, some for $1.25 and some for $1.50 a piece. Then we went to Dr. Lars and I made a bargain with him. If he could remove the growth that Anna has, I will pay him $25.00, but if he was not successful, he is to have nothing, not one cent.

4 Went to Sundin and borrowed 6 bu. of wheat that I hauled to the mill in Waconia. I sold 8½ bu. of barley to the brewer.

5 In the forenoon I cut clover. Nils plowed. In the afternoon we cocked the clover.

6 Cocked hay and hauled it, etc.

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7 In the morning I went after the grist from Waconia. Nils pitched out the old straw. In the afternoon we hauled together the old clover and plowed the oat stubble.

8 Sunday

9 Went with Andrew Nilson to Carver. I bought a plow. Nils plowed between showers.

10 Raining. Nils sewed. I did various things.

11 I did various things. Nils plowed.

12 I plowed. Nils is threshing for Andrew Nilson.

13 We cut corn all day. Nils is threshing for A. Nilson.

14 All of us cut corn all day.

15 Sunday

16 We hauled manure for the winter wheat. Elsa went over to Gorgeson's house.

17 First I went to Witsik after winter wheat for seed, then I sowed it, and Nils harrowed it in. I sowed 1½ bushel.

18 I daubed the granary. Nils plowed on the field by Peterman's land.

19 In the morning I washed the apple trees. In the afternoon I threshed for Per Daniel. Nils plowed.

20 I threshed for Per Daniel, and Nils threshed for Reitz.

21 I went to the fair in Carver. Nils threshed for Reitz.

22 Sunday

23 In the forenoon I butchered a ram, and Nils threshed for Reitz. In the afternoon Nils threshed for Lundsten; I plowed.

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September 1872

24 I threshed for Lundsten. Nils threshed there for half a day and then plowed home here for half a day.

25 Nils threshed for Lundsten a while in the morning and then the threshing machine came here. We tried to thresh, but it was storming so hard we could not. In the afternoon Nils and I did various things.

26 We threshed all day.

27 We threshed and finished at half past 12. The grain was 369 bu. of wheat, 34 bu. of rye, 20 bu. of barley, 53 bu. of oats. Nils plowed in the afternoon. I did various things.

28 Nils, Sture and I went to the Carver market. I sold the bullock 'Berk' but did not get more than $22.50 for him. I sold some grapes, also 21 bu. of wheat for $.93 a bushel. We came here at midnight.

29 Sunday

30 In the morning I plowed. Nils threshed for Peterman. In the afternoon Nils and I threshed for Nicholas.

October

1 Went to Chaska to sit in the jury, but I was mistaken on the time. Nils threshed for Nicholas.

2 In the morning I plowed and Nils threshed for Nicholas. In the afternoon we hauled corn.

3 and 4 Hauled corn.

5 In the morning we hauled corn and in the afternoon I went to a school meeting. Elsa, Nils and Sture finished hauling the corn.

6 Sunday

7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 I was on jury duty in Chaska. Nils plowed all week. Elsa and the children took up potatoes.

13 Sunday

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October 1872

14 Went to Chaska on jury duty and came home at 10 o'clock in the evening. Nils plowed.

15, 16, 17 and 18 I did various little things. Nils plowed.

19 First I did various things and then went to Waconia after grist. Also went to Linfelt after apple scions. The boys husked corn.

20 Sunday

21 Nils and the children husked corn. I worked in the orchard.

22 Went to Gould in Excelsior after apple seedlings and grape scions for grafting onto my grapevines. Nils and the children husked corn.

23, 24 and 25 I worked in the orchard and trimmed back the grapevines. Nils plowed, hilled in the grape vines, then he and the children husked corn. Malmberg has grubbed in and around the orchard for five days.

26 Went to Chaska with 25½ bu. of wheat which I sold but I only got $.80 a bushel. I also went to the market at Carver when I bought 4 1/4 yards of goods for a cost for $1.00 a yard, then I went to Paul Wolf after scions. Nils and the boys piled the brush around the orchard.

27 Sunday

28 Nils and I worked on the road opposite the well. Malmbord dug a ditch in Peterman's field.

29 and 30 It rained. Nils and I repaired shoes for the children and myself, etc.

31 Nils and Malmbord piled brush on the new field. I worked in the orchard, etc.

November

1 and 2 Nils and Malmbord piled brush on the new field. I worked in the orchard.

3 Sunday

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November 1872

4 In the morning I covered out the straw on the cow barn while Nils plowed, then we hauled straw for the thatch on the cow barn. Malmborg is grubbing out the large trees on the piece he has grubbed.

5 In the morning I went to the election. We, Swedes, voted for Grant for president. Nils chopped wood. In the afternoon we hauled straw for the cow barn roof.

6 Nils and I finished thatching the cow barn roof. Malmborg grubbed large trees.

7 In the morning I fixed gates in the cow yard fence. Nils plowed some on the rye stubble. At noon Nils left us and went home to his folks. In the afternoon I planted apple, seeds, etc. Malmborg planted large trees.

8 and 9 Malmborg and I picked rocks out of the south field.

10 Sunday

11 and 12 Sture and I picked rocks out of the field and also mulched the apple trees. Malmborg grubbed large trees out of the south field.

13 In the morning I fixed around the apple trees and Malmborg grubbed large trees. In the afternoon I did various things and Malmborg chopped wood. Last night and today it has snowed until the snow is knee-deep.

14 Did various things. It is snowing and is very cold.

15 In the morning I butchered a pig and in the afternoon I hauled a cord of wood to the school house.

16 In the morning I hauled one cord of wood to the school house, and then did various things.

17 Sunday

18 Did various little things.

19 In the morning I helped Per Daniel to butcher and then did various things.

20 Chopped wood, etc.

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November 1872

21 Went to Chaska water mill with 7 sacks of wheat. Also had 17 bu. of barley that I sold to Faber for $.45 a bushel.

22 Today we went to a meeting two times as Ring from Minneapolis is here.

23 Today I make some mortar with which I daubed the cowbarns, etc.

24 Sunday

25 Daubed and fixed up the cowbarn. Andrew Lundsten is here sewing clothes.

26 Went and butchered for Lundsten.

27, 28 and 29 Hauled wood from the new field. Andrew Lundsten is sewing clothes.

30 Chopped wood, etc. Andrew Lundsten has sewed five days this week and four days last week. I paid him $.60 a day and that is good wages.

December

1 Sunday

2 Did various things.

3 Lundsten, Per Daniel and I butchered the three large pigs.

4 Went to Chaska with two of the swine and sold them. to Henry Gunz for $.04 a pound. The larger weighed 390 lbs. and the other 334 lbs. I received $30.00 for the two, then I went to Carver and paid $25.00 on the plow and took out a draft on $19.10 to send to Claus Okenson to pay for the books.

5 Put up double stove pipes on the heater, and did various other things.

6 Went and butchered for Per Daniel.

7 Went to Waconia with 4 sacks of rye for the mill. Ida went along so she could be measured for shoes. In the afternoon I chopped wood.

8 Sunday

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December 1872

9 Did various things. Today I sent the draft to Claus Okanson for the books. It was on $19.10.

10 and 11 We plastered and white washed the cabin. Chopped wood, etc.

12 Went to Waconia after the grist. Per Daniel also went to get his wagon box fitted with mountings. I also went to Gorgerson and had my glasses mended. Today I took the brown heifer 'Betty' to Peterman's bull.

13 Went to the woods and piled wood all day.

14 Hauled home wood all day.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Chaska with my first load ofwood and had my oxen shod.

17 Hauled out a load of wood on the road to Smigs.

18 and 19 Hauled wood to Chaska.

20 Today we went to the meeting because Ring from Minneapolis is here. He is coming again the 21th, and I am to meet him in Watertown.

21 In the morning I did various things. Malmborg is here chopping wood. In the afternoon I went to the school meeting. It has been very cold all week, but today, the 21st, it is colder that I can remember here in Minnesota.

22 Sunday

23 I repaired my moccasin boots, etc.

24 Hauled a load of wood over to Sinig's house.

25 Christmas Day In the morning we had a meeting, and in the afternoon I tended to the cattle, etc.

26 and 27 Did various little things.

28 Went to Chaska with a load of wood and went to the mill to get the grist.

29 Sunday

30 Hauled a load of wood halfway over to Chaska, etc.

31 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

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January 1873

1 Did various things. Per Daniel with his family have been here visiting. Per Daniel and I worked on the school house in the afternoon.

2 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

3 In the forenoon I chopped wood and in the afternoon we, the school board, had a meeting at Louis Fisher's house.

4 Helped Per Daniel haul hay.

5 Sunday

6 In the morning I cleared the ice from one of the haystacks, and in the afternoon I went to Waconia to get the mail. Today I sent the first volume of Spurgeon's Sermon to brother Carl and also sent him a letter.

7 Per Daniel and I hauled home the haystack by the west end of the islands.

8 Today we are having the worst blizzard. I have seen since coming to Minnesota. I did various necessary things.

9 I have done various things. The blizzard has eased up some, but it is cold.

10 I shoveled snow and tended to the cattle, etc.

11 Hauled home wood and chopped wood.

12 Sundayy

13 Went to Chaska with a load of wood..

14 Did various little things.

15 Hauled cord wood out on the Chaska road.

16 Went to Chaska with cord wood.

17 Chopped wood, etc.

18 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

19 Sunday

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January 1873

20 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

21 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

22 Did various little things.

23 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

24 Hauled home and chopped wood.

25 Went to Smig with a load of wood, etc.

26 Sunday

27 Went to Chaska with a load of wood. Per Broberg hauled the last load for me.. I sold wood for $4.75 a cord.

28 Did various things. In the afternoon we had a meeting as Ring of Minneapolis is here.

29 Today we had meetings.

30 Did various jobs.

31 Went to Chaska with wood, but did not get a sale for it.

February

1 Did various things.

2 Sunday

3 Did various things. Took the sow to Louis Fisher's boar for the first time.

4 Did various little things.

5 Lundsten and I shoveled snow on the Chaska road out by Kapold.

6 Hauled out wood from the woods.

7 Went to Chaska with cord wood. I sold it and the previous load to Henry Gunz. It was 2 1/8 cords at the rate of $4.40 a cord.

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February 1873

8 Did various little things.

9 Sunday

10 Went to Chaska with wood.

11 Went to Chaska with wod and hauled home a load of boards for the school house.

12 Did various jobs.

13 Went to Chaska with wood and hauled home a load of boards for myself.

14 Did various things.

15 Went to Chaska with wood and hauled home boards for myself.

16 Sunday

17 Went to Chaska with wood and that finished the wood hauling for this year. I have hauled 19 loads to Chaska this year.

18 Piled the boards on the second floor in the house, etc.

19 and 20 Did some grafting of apple trees both days.

21 Threw the manure from the cow barn and chopped wood.

22 Did some grafting and tended to the cattle.

23 Sunday

24 We went and piled the boards by the school house, and then hauled home wood.

25 Hauled hay for Per Daniel.

26 and 27 We had meetings. Brother Lindberg from St. Paul is here preaching. The folks from Carver are here.

28 Cleared the snow from the large haystack on the south meadow and hauled home a load of hay.

March

1 Hauled rock for Peterman.

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March 1873

2 Sunday

3, 4 and 5 Hauled home the large haystack from the south meadow and had the help of Per Daniel one day.

6, 7 and 8 Grafted appletrees. This winter I have grafted 404 appletrees, 13 pear trees, 30 plum trees and 12 cherry trees.

9 Sunday Took 'Star' to Peterman's bull.

10 Sawed down oaks on the new field for logs for boards. Per Daniel helped.

11, 12 and 13 Hauled logs for boards to the saw mill in Waconia. They were one white and one red oak, and one red elm, but I forgot to mark the red elm.

14 and 15 Hauled the rocks from the field, etc.

16 Sunday 'Molly' calved today.

17, 18 and 19 Finished hauling the rocks from the field.

20 Went to the new watermill in Chaska with 7 sacks of rye and 3 sacks of wheat also 3 empty sacks.

21 and 22 John Nilson was here and we put the rafters on the wood shed and sheathed the walls.

23 Sunday

24 Hewed timbers for Per Daniel.

25 Hauled logs from the field, etc.

26 and 27 Hauled wood to the syrup camp. 'Fanny' calved the 26th.

28 Made an axe handle today. It is snowing heavily.

29 Went to the Waconia mill with oats.

30 Sunday

31 Hauled rails and fenced in the strawstack.

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April 1873

1 Did various little things. John Monson was has yesterday, and today and chopped wood for the syrup camp.

2 We began to bore into the maples.

3 Plastered around the kettle, etc.

4 Worked around the syrup camp.

5 Made syrup troughsand bored into some of the maples. Carl Swenson's girl from Gothenburg came after the apple trees I had grafted. Malmborg is cutting cord wood for me this and last week.

6 Sunday

7 Bored into the maples.

8 Went to the mill in Waconia after the grist.

9 It is snowing. I made syrup troughs. Andrew Lundsten and the boys husked corn in the afternoon.

10, 11 and 12 I did various things. Malmborg is still cutting cord wood.

13 Sunday

14 Went to Kohl and paid him.$40.00 and $4.00 interest. In the afternoon I borrowed Nicholas' fanning mill and fanned the outside wheat.

15 Did various jobs. Yesterday and today it has been raining hard.

16 Nicholas, Broberg and I went with John Nilson to Waconia and we three together with Lafsen of Waconia signed a note with Nilson for $650.00.

17 I grafted the Catawba grapes.

18 Went to the Chaska new water mill after the grist. Lundsten helped me by hauling four sacks as the roads are bad.

19 Sowed oats along side of the cabin and planted apple seeds.

20 Sunday

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April 1873

21 Sowed wheat where I had had the corn last year on the south field.

22 Last night we got two inches of snow. In the morning I fixed the roller, and then sowed some more wheat. Elsa is cooking syrup.

23 Finished sowing the wheat on the old cornfield and rolled the oats.

24 and 25 Sowed wheat on the south field.

26 We sowed wheat and rolled it. Today we lost year old heifer, so I buried her in the afternoon. Today we finished the syrup cooking. This spring we have cooked 40 gallons of syrup.

27 Sunday

28 We sowed wheat on the south field and rolled it.

29 and 30 Sowed wheat on the homefield. I sowed 4 bu. of Odessa wheat on the homefield.

May

1 Sowed wheat on the field by Peterman's land and finished the wheat seeding today. I have sowed 20 bu. of wheat this year.

2 In the morning I sowed about 2 bu. of barley. In the afternoon I went to Loner and fixed his apple trees.

3 In the morning I grafted an apple tree. In the afternoon we had a school board meeting. A Waconia contractor was awarded the contract for the new school house. Malmborg split rails for me today.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Planted trees in the orchard.

7 and 8 Planted out the apple grafts.

9 Planted out the last of the grafted trees. In the afternoon I did various things.

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May 1873

10 Hauled home hickory wood from the new field. Malmborg has been here 5½ days this week. He has grubbed, piled brush, hauled cord wood and cleared brush from a new field.

11 Sunday

12 Hauled wood from the grubbed field. Malmborg has grubbed out trees and chopped off hickory for rails.

13 In the morning I hauled rails and stakes, then I burnt all the brush. Malmborg and the children are raking brush. Malmberg also chopped down rails. Tonight it is raining and snowing.

14 In the afternoon I laid up cabbage beds and in the forenoon I tied up the grape vines.

15 Hauled logs and stumps from the grubbed field. Malmborg grubbed stumps and split rails. Elsa and the children raked brush and grub.

16 In the morning I did various things. Malmborg split rails. In the afternoon I hauled stumps and roots. Plowed the new part of the orchard. Burnt the last grub, and brush on the grubbed field. Elsa and the children finished raking the brush today.. Malmborg started grubbing in the meadow. Today Hank from Chaska and an reaper agent from St. Paul were here. I bought a Wood's reaper with the latest improvements from them for $235.00 with the freight which is $25.00. The freight I am to pay at once, then $100.00 in June, 1874, and the rest, $110.00 in June, 1875, also I am to pay 10% interest.

17 Went to Waconia and had the breaking plow fixed, then I am cultivated by the grape vines. Malmborg grubbed in the meadow and cut hickory in the woods by the highway. I sent down to Minneapolis with Nicholas 81 lbs of wool, which he sold, without reduction in the weight, for $.28 a pound.

18 Sunday

19 It is raining.

20 Again did odds and ends.

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May 1873

21 In the forenoon it rained. In the afternoon I broke along side Peterman's fence and Lundsten helped me. Malmborg has worked half a day.

22 Lundsten and I broke land all day.

23 Franz, Lundsten and I broke land and finished a little before dark.

24 John Lundsten and Hakanson's children, and we planted corn on the newly broken land. Malmborg is grubbing willows.

25 Sunday

26 It is raining hard. I mended shoes.

27 It is raining. Water is standing in pools all over. In the afternoon I hauled shingles to the school house.

28 Helped Lundsten break a field. Took 'Fanny' to Hal Mayer's bull for the first time. Today the sow farrowed.

29 and 30 Repaired fences and did other odd jobs.

31 Cultivated in the orchard, etc. Mathilda Hammarberg has been with us this week.

June

1 Sunday

2 First I marked out for planting the potatoes, and then I did more repairing on the fences.

3 It rained. I did odds and ends.

4 piled grub and brush in the meadow and on the highway and repaired fences.

5 Went to Chaska with 20 bu. of wheat. I received $.95 a bushel, and then I hauled home 225 ft. of lumber for the schoolhouse. I also went to Carver and inquired about my graft scions, but they had not come. Klsa and the children planted potatoes in the orchard.

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June 1873

6 In the morning we had a meeting of the school board. In the afternoon Malmborg and I laid rails and put riders on the fence between Peterman's and my fields.

7 Went to Waconia with grist and hauled a log up to the saw. Jenny helped me. Malmborg grubbed and piled brush in the orchard.

8 Sunday

9 Did various things. Last night we had a heavy rain.

10 and 11 Hauled rails and repaired the old fences.

12 Hauled shingles and stones, etc.

13 In the morning I trimmed the trees in the orchard. In the afternoon I chopped down foundation logs for the porch. Malmborg has now for four days been clearing the place where the barn is to be built.

14 Today Freed is here laying the stone foundation to the porch. Malmborg and I are helping him.

15 Sunday

16 Freed came so we finished the stone foundation. Johannes and 'Maja Stina' came here from Vasa for a visit tonight.

17 Landscaped the surroundings about the house.

18 and 19 Did various little things.

20 First I did a variety of little things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and pulled away boards from the saw and hauled them home. I paid $4.75 for the sawing of two logs and $.95 for the sawing of a last year's log. I also bought 3 studdings for $.90;

21 Went to Chaska with 26 bu. of wheat to sell, but I only got $.85 a bushel. Johanes and 'Maja Stina' went back home yesterday. Erikson and Anna Margareta are still here.

22 Sunday Today Erikson baptized a man from Delano.

23 and 24 Did various things.

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June 1873

25 Went to Chaska with 27 bushels of wheat, but could only get $.85 a bushel for it. Per Daniel and I then took home my reaper, but the mower had not yet arrived.

26 Did various things. Today I took 'Molly' to Hal Meyer's bull for the first time.

27 and 28 John Nilson was here, and we boarded up the corners of the house.

29 Sunday

30 J. Nilson and I began to build on the porch. We hewed the foundation logs and hauled them into place.

July

1 and 2 We built on the porch.

3 Went to Chaska with 26½ bu. of wheat and got as usual $.85 a bushel for it. I took home the mower which had come up. Lundsten took home for me three bundles of shingles. J. Nilson is working on the porch.

4 and 5 Nilson and I worked on the porch and finished it.

6 Sunday

7 First Peterman came over and helped me to assemble the mower and in the afternoon I cut hay with the mower out by the large haystack.

8 Mowed hay all day.

9 Rainy weather. We hoed around the grafts, hoed the potatoes, cultivated the squash and mowed some clover.

10 Cooked hay all day and mowed clover.

11 We mower and cocked hay. John Chell, today, bought 'Star' for $27.00. I received $2.00 down. He also bought 20 bu. of corn for $.45 a bushel.

12 Mowed the swamp by the well. In the afternoon we cocked hay and dug for water for the cattle.

13 Sunday

14 Freed and I stacked the large haystack in the meadow.

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15 First I repaired Bradhauser's cradle, than cultivated the potatoes and squash, and mowed some hay in the swamp by the well.

16 Mowed and cocked hay.

17 I mowed. Hank came here and assembled the reaper, then we reaped the winter wheat.

18 Rained. Sacked 20 bu. of corn, and then we reaped the barley.

19 In the morning we mowed hay and in the afternoon we hauled the clover and timothy and stacked it.

20 Sunday

21 First I went to Chells with 22 bu. of rye and 20 bu. of corn, then we cocked hay on the south meadow.

22 Freed, Lundsten and I cut hay in the west meadow.

23 Elsa and I finished the haystack over the root cellar.

24 In the morning, Freed, Sture and I cut hay by the island. In the afternoon Sture and I mowed hay with the mower. Freed and Elsa cocked hay on the west meadow along side of the highway.

25 Freed and I cut hay by the island and that finished the haycutting, and then we cocked hay the rest of the day.

26 Freed and I hauled hay home and stacked it all day. Elsa and Sture cocked hay by the island all day.

27 Sunday

28 Raining. Did various things. Went fishing for a while. Andrew Lundsten is here sewing.

29 We stacked the hay by the island and finished one of the haystacks here at home. Andrew Lundsten helped and that finished the haying.

30 Rained all day. I fished and did a few other things.

31 Painted the wheelbarrows and then I did various other little jobs.

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August 1873

1 In the morning it rained. I did various things. Andrew Lundsten tailored. In the afternoon we began to reap the wheat. A. Lundsten helped.

2 We reaped wheat all day, but had no outside help.

3 Sunday

4 Reaped wheat and oats.

5 Reaped the wheat on the west side of the south field.

6 Reaped the rest of the wheat on that field and on the field by the well swamp. A. Lundsten helped.

7 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I cradled the wheat on the field near Peterman's land.

8 Cut the wheat on the field by Peterman's land.

9 Stacked the barley and the winter wheat.

10 Sunday

11 and 12 We stacked the wheat. John Chell came after the cow he bought. He also bought a bullock for $25.00.

13 Cut the Odessa wheat.

14 It rained. Threshed some winter wheat in the cabin.

15 Plowed and cut the last of the Odessa wheat.

16 Plowed the winter wheat stubble and went to Waconia after the grist.

17 Sunday

18 We stacked the wheat. John Chell paid me for the corn and the bullock today.

19 and 20 Stacked wheat.

21 Plowed all day.

22 In the morning I delivered corn and oats to John Chell's house and in the afternoon I plowed.

23 We stacked the last of the wheat.

24 Sunday

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August 1873

25 First I put the reaper in the shed, then we went out on the lake and fished. The boys are plowing.

26 I did various things. The boys plowed.

27, 28 and 29 Built a grain bin in the granary, painted one day and did other jobs. We can do no plowing as the oxen broke their yoke.

30 Did various things until 10:30 when I went and threshed for Per Daniel.

31 Sunday

September

1 In the jorning threshed for Per Daniel and in the afternoon I helped Lundsten raise his granary.

2 Went to Chaska with 27½ bu. of wheat that I sold for $.90 a bushel. Mrs. Reitz rode with me to Chaska.

3 First we helped Nicholas thresh, but the machine broke down, and then I did various things. The boys plowed.

4 Sture and I helped Nicholas thresh.

5 First we helped Nicholas thresh for a couple of hours, then I did various things. The boys plowed.

6 I fixed and daubed the granary. The boys plowed.

7 Sunday

8 Today Peterman and his company are here threshing today and we also finished the threshing here today. This is the grain I have this year.. Scottish Fife wheat 292 bu., Odessa wheat 68 bu., winter wheat 28 bu,. All the wheat was 388 bu., barley 22 bu., oats 57 bu.

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September 1873

9 Did nothing as I had a boil on my knee and did not feel well. The boys plowed.

10 & 11 Mowed the second crop of hay with the mower. Sture is helping Lundsten thresh. Elsa and Ida are cutting off corn.

12 We cocked and hauled hay, etc.

13 First Nicholas was here and sowed the winter wheat, as I am too crippled to do it. Sture harrowed it in and rolled it. They sowed two bushel of the new wheat and half a bushel of the white. I mowed clover and timothy down by the creek, and then we raked together and hauled hay.

14 Sunday

15 Went to Chaska with 32 bu. and 46 lbs. of Odesa wheat which I sold for $.90 a bushel. Elsa and the children are cutting off corn.

16 In the morning I painted window frames, etc. In the afternoon we hauled and stacked wheat.

17 Went to Chaska with 33 bu. 26 lbs. of Odessa which I sold for only $.85 a bushel. Elsa and the children finished cutting the corn.

18 In the morning I fenced in the south haystack. In the afternoon we went to a public mass meeting at Obelik's house. The boys plowed.

19 I fanned the lighter weight wheat, etc. The boys plowed.

20 Elsa and I went to Chaska to shop. I took along 22 bu. of wheat, but more than half of that was the lower grade wheat. I received an average of $.85 a bushel for all the wheat. Today I settled up my account in Faber's store. My whole bill was $89.09. I gave Gaber two loads of wheat and settled the rest, $6.45, in cash.

21 Sunday

22 Butchered a ewe, etc., and then did various things.

23 Plastered on the granary, etc.

24, 25 and 26 Plastered, fixed and laid a brick floor in the cellar way, etc.

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27 Went to the county fair in Carver.

28 Sunday

29 and 30 Relaid some and repaired the old fences.

October

1 Repaired gates and old fences. The boys have dug potatoes these days.

2 Did various little things. The boys are plowing the home field.

3 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Reitz' house for a visit. It is raining.

4 In the morning we pressed grapes for wine. In the afternoon I went to the school board meeting. The boys plowed on the home field.

5 Sunday

6 In the forenoon I did various little things, and the boys finished the plowing of the home field. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Had the plow sharpened. Put glass in the window sash and took home chickens from Georgesons.

7 In the morning I made lime mortar. The boys cultivated by the grapes. In the afternoon we set out strawberry plants.

8 and 9 Malmborg and I worked on the new road by Crear's. I did an extra day of work on that road. Elsa and the children husked corn.

10 In the morning Malmborg and I cut down timbers and cleared off the place where I am going to build my new pig pen. In the afternoon we laid the foundation logs for it. Elsa and the children are husking corn.

11 Malmborg and I are building on the new pig pen. Elsa and the children are husking corn. Today the boys took the heifer 'Betty' to Broberg's bull.

12 Sunday

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13 Today Freed and Malmborg have begun to nail shingles on the wood shed roof. I helped them in the morning, and in the afternoon I hauled and cut down logs for the pig pen. Elsa and the children husked corn.

14 Freed and Malmborg are shingling the shed. In the morning I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I worked on the inside of the shed. The boys are cultivating the orchard.

15 Freed and Malmborg finished shingling the wood shed, and I hauled home corn stalks.

16 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Wakonia. Malmborg is cutting rails. Elsa and the children are husking corn.

17 In the morning Malmborg and I built on the pig pen. Elsa and the children husked corn. In the afternoon we had a hard rain so did nothing.

18 Malmborg and I built on the pig pen. Elsa and the children finished the corn husking today.

19 Sunday

20 The boys and I hauled home the last of the corn-stalks.

21 Elsa and I went to Chaska and sold 18 bu. of wheat for $1.20 a bushel to Faber, then we went to Wolf's house and to Carver.

22 In the morning Malmborg and I built the pig pen and finished it. In the afternoon it snowed heavily. Malmborg went to A. Lundsten's house.

23 I did various things. Malmborg cut rails.

24 First I butchered a ram. Malmborg and the boys hauled straw for the new pig pen roof. I helped them.

25 Went to Carver market to buy soldier's clothes at the auction. Snowed heavily.

26 Sunday Still snowing.

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October 1873

27 Did various things. It is snowing.

28 Did various little things. John Nilson started to work for me today. He is putting in the porch ceiling.

29, 30 and 31 Did various small jobs. John Nilson ceiled the porch and made a cellar door and window frames these days. We have much snow and cold.

November

1 In the morning J. Nilson and I built a scaffold on the east end of the house, and in the afternoon we began to nail siding on the house.

2 Sunday

3 In the morning I pruned back some grape vines and killed them in. J. Nilson came at noon, and in afternoon we nailed siding. The school started today.

4 In the morning we worked on the house, and in the afternoon I went to the election.

5 Butchered a pig and helped Nilson to work on the house.

6, 7 and 8 At times I helped Nilson build on the house, and between times I pruned back grapes and laid them and covered them.

9 Sunday Erikson and his son, Carl, from Blue Earth are here today.

10 Went to Excelsior after apple trees.

11 Healed inapple trees and grape vines.

12 In the morning I laid down grape vines and did various things. In the afternoon we had a meeting here when Erikson preached.

13 I laid fence around the pig pen, etc.

14 In the forenoon I did various things, and in the afternoon we had a consecration meeting in Scandia.

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November 1873

15 In the morning I separated the slaughter pigs from the rest and put them in different yards. About noon Lithlog and C. Moeller came here to get apple scions for grafting, then I went to the Waconia mill with 18 bu. of wheat. When I returned that evening, I was sick. Malmborg is here today and is grubbing out some large trees on a new field.

16 Sunday I am sick in bed.

17 Still sick in bed. The boys finished plowing the new field. It is snowing.

18 I am up and feel some better but can do no work. Erikson went home today. We are having cold weather with a strong north wind.

19 Went to Waconia after the grist.

20 Did some odd jobs.

21 and 22 Did nothing as I am not well. Up at times and then have to go back to bed.

23 Sunday

24 I am not well. Today we killed and picked 10 turkeys.

25 Today I butchered a ewe, but I am not at all well.

26 I am poorly and can do nothing. Just before noon J. Nilson came and he is siding the house. Today Broberg and Lundsten went to Minneapolis. They had our turkeys with them.

27, 28 and 29 J. Nilson is working on the house. I have done nothing as I am not well. Lundsten sold the 7 turkeys, he had with him for $.12½ a pound. They came to $7.65.

30 Sunday

December

1 Today J. Lundsten, Freed, A. Lundsten and I butchered the two old pigs and one young pig. J. Nilson is working on the house.

2 and 3 J. Nilson and I am working on the house. Today the 3rd, we finished up the north side and now the house is sided.

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December 1873

4 Today I did various things. J. Nilson left here today. We are having a snow storm with very cold weather.

5 Did various things.

6 Went to Waconia and paid Larson $10.70 and took our clock to Georgeson. Andrew Lundsten was here yesterday and today sewing clothes. This evening Nicholas and I made out our account for the pork he sold for me in Minneapolis.

7 Sunday

8 Did various things. Went to Waconia and to Georgeson's house after the clock.

9 Did various jobs.

10 Nicholas, Per Daniel and I butchered the heifer and two pigs. The heifer weighed 500 lbs. dressed.

11 Cut up beef and pork, etc.

12 Went out into Schran's tamarack swamp and cut logs for rafters to the new barn. I hauled home 19 rafters.

13 Did various little jobs.

14 Sunday

15 Went into Schran's tamarack swamp after 25 rafters, so I have bought 44 rafters. Today I sent a letter to sister Gustafa.

16 We plastered and white washed the cabin.

17 Sooted and fixed up the stove pipes.

18 Butchered two sheep, etc.

19 I took the sow to B. Nilson's boar for the first time, then I butchered a ram and then packed the butchered sheep in snow.

20 Did various little things.

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December 1873

21 Sunday

22 Hauled out a cord of wood from the woods.

23 Went to Waconia.

24 Hauled home wood, etc.

25 Christmas Day Did nothing.

26 First I went to Andrew and Henry Schran and then to Per Daniel. After that I did various things.

27 Went with Per Daniel to the market at Carver.

28 Sunday

29 One o'clock in the morning Reitz and I started for Minneapolis and bought boards and shingles. We reached home at three that night.

30 Did various little things.

31 Took off the iron bands from the school sled runners and took the sleds to Waconia.

January 1874

1 Fixed the ox stalls, etc.

2 Went to Reitz and helped him butcher his pigs.

3 Went to Chaska and had the oxen shod, also hauled a 35 foot basswood to the mill and sold it for $2.25 a cord.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Did various little things.

7 Per Daniel and I went to Chaska and unloaded the boards from the car. We also hauled down a load of basswood. Today the sow was with the boar for the second time.

8 Did various things.

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January 1874

9 Per Daniel, Reitz and I went to Chaska to haul home the boards and shingles from the railroad. I hauled down a 36 ft. basswood and sold to the mill. We also measured the boards that had been sent up.

10 Did various things and also went to Waconia after the apple seedlings that Moeller had sent to me.

11 J. Erickson from Lake Crystal is here and will be here all week to hold meetings. Sunday.

12 Went to Chaska with 18 bu. Winter wheat and 11 bu. Spring wheat. I sold the Winter wheat for $1.00 and the Spring wheat for $.95 a bushel. I hauled home 3,000 shingles.

13 In the morning I attended the meeting at Broberg's house. In the afternoon I did various jobs. This evening the Dalicarlian, Erik, came here.

14 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat that I sold for $1.00 a bushel. I also hauled home a load of lath-sticks.

15 Did various things.

16 In the morning we had a meeting in the church. In the afternoon I did various things. J. Erikson is staying with us.

17 I rode with Per Daniel to Chaska. I paid the first note that I had given for the Wood's reaper. The note was on $105.00 and the interest for six months was $5.25. I also paid my personal tax.

18 Sunday

19 Helped Per Daniel to butcher.

20 Hauled wood to Chaska and took home boards.

21 Did various things.

22 Hauled wood to Chaska and hauled home lumber.

23 Laid up lumber to dry from which I will make a bureau and did various other things.

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January 1874

24 Went to Chaska with wood and took home lumber.

25 Sunday Olof Hakanson is here and preached.

26 Did various things. Today I took the sow to Broberg's boar which is over at Nicholas' place.

27 Went to Chaska with wood and brought home the last of the lumber from the railroad.

28 Did various little things.

29 Took the last of the wood to Chaska to the railroad. I have bass wood 4 ft. long and 6 ft. high which makes 3/4 cord. Oak wood 12 ft. long and 6 ft. high which makes 2 1/4 cords. Maple wood 8 ft. wide and 6 ft. high which makes 1½ cord.

30 and 31 Repaired shoes both days.

February

1 Sunday

2 Finished hauling home the haystack.

3 Hauled wood from the island. This evening our Grange was organized.

4 Elsa and I went to Waconia, also to Georgeson's and John Nilson's homes.

5 Did various little things.

6 Went to Lithlof after medicine for Emma. Nicholas Swanson drove me over to Lithlof.

7 In the forenoon I piled cord wood in the woods. In the afternoon I hauled a load of wood to Freed's house, and then I went to Waconia after the grist.

8 Sunday

9 Chopped down logs for sawing, etc.

10 Went to Lithlof after medicine for Emma.

11 Chopped and hauled logs for sawing, etc.

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February 1874

12 Hauled logs for sawing, etc. Olof Johanson's John came here today.

13 Did various little things. Olof'Johanson's John from Litchfiled went home today.

14 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I stored the 25 bu. 15 lbs. with Gunz. I also got my pay for the wood from the railroad.

17 Chopped down logs for the saw, etc.

18 Hauled the log for sawing. Today I paid Larson in Waconia the $50.00 I had borrowed from him.

19 Hauled logs to Waconia, etc.

20 Per Daniel and I butchered the three last pigs.

21 Cut up the pork and salted it. Today Cornelius and Bengta came here. Carl Swenson drove them.

22 Sunday

23 Did various little things.

24 Today John Nilson started making the bureau. In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon I grafted.

25 Today Cornelius and Bengta went home. I am grafting apple trees. Nilson is working on the bureau.

26, 27 and 28 I grafted. Nilson worked on the bureau.

March

1 Sunday

2 Today Nilson and I hewed the foundation logs for the barn.

3 Chopped down logs for sawing. Nilson and A. Lundsten are hewing logs.

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March 1874

4 Went to Waconia with a log for the saw.

5 In the morning I did various things. Nilson and Lundsten hewed logs. In the afternoon Nilson worked on the bureau and I grafted.

6 Went to Waconia with a log for sawing. Nilson hewed and dovetailed logs.

7 Today I finished up the grafting of the apple trees. Nilson is woking on the bureau until noon and then he went home. Night before last and last night a log of snow came down. Erikson from Blue Earth County is here.

8 Sunday

9 In the morning I shoveled snow, and in the afternoon we had a meeting at Per Swensons house in Scandia.

10 Went to the election, was there almost the whole day.

11 and 12 Repaired shoes, etc.

13 Hauled logs to Waconia, etc.

14 First I hauled home a load of hay, then we had a meeting in Scandia. Chell, Swedberg, Carlson and Ahlstrom are here to the meeting.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat that I stored in Faber's store.

17 Went to the mill in Waconia with grist.

18 Repaired shoes, etc.

19 and 20 We hauled home the rest of the large haystack over by the island.

21 Went to Chaska with 30 bu. of wheat that I sold to Faber, together with the 33 bu., I had stored there for a dollar a bushel. I also sold the 25 bu. of wheat that I had stored with Gunz for a dollar a bushel, then I settled with Hank all that I owed him.

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March 1874

22 Sunday

23 Chopped saw logs, etc.

24 Went to Waconia with a log and took home the grist. Nilson and A. Lundsten are chopping and dovetailing timbers for the barn.

25 Went to Waconia with a log. I have now 14 logs in Waconia, 6 basswood in the first place, 6 elm and one basswood at the other place and one basswood log is down in the old mill.

26, 27 and 28 Did various little things.

29 Sunday

30 Did various little things.

31 Threw out the sheep manure and hauled the manure out on the south meadow.

April

1 Hauled logs over to the barn, etc.

2 I hauled logs. Today 'Molly' calved. Elsa went to the auction at Swanberg's house.

3 and 4 Hauled logs to the barn and wood to the syrup camp.

5 Sunday

6, 7, 8 and 9 Went to Chaska on the Grand Jury duty.

10 and 11 Hauled logs to the barn and hauled wood.

12 Sunday We took 'Fanny' to Broberg's bull.

13 Began to bore into the maples.

14 Plastered around the syrup pan.

15 I bored into the maples etc. We have 247 maples bored. The 13th, Henry Schran was here and cut the lambs and one calf.

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April 1874

16 Did various things.

17 Went to Chaska and had the shoes removed from the oxen. I took along 5 sacks of wheat that I stored in Faber's store. Also paid my real estate tax.

18 Borrowed Nicholas' fanning mill and fanned the seed wheat, barley and oats.

19 Sunday

20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 We have sowed wheat on the large field on the east side of the highway, on the south field and cooked syrup all week.

25 Sowed wheat on the small field besides the highway on the south side.

26 Sunday

27 Sowed oats in the home field by the cabin.

28, 29 and 30 We sowed wheat in the south field.

May

1 Went to the Waconia mill with grist. In the afternoon we rolled the oats, etc.

2 Sowed a little over 5 bu. of barley in the field by Peterman's land. I have sowed 27 bu. of wheat and 5½ bu. of oats.

3 Sunday

4 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went after the grist.

5 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

6 Plowed and hoed by the apple grafts, sowed barley by the straw yard, etc.

7 We planted potatoes, etc.

8 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Eriksen from Blue Earth County rode with me home. Elsa sheared the sheep today.

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May 1874

9 I am planting apple trees in my orchard today. The boys and Freed are hauling manure to the corn today.

10 Sunday Erikson preached.

11 I planted apple trees in the orchard. Malmborg and the boys hauled manure.

12 We hauled manure.

13 Spread the manure. In the afternoon we started plowing for corn.

14 In the morning we went to a meeting. It rained in the afternoon so we did odd jobs.

15 and 16 Planted out the apple grafts. The boys plowed and rolled the field for corn.

17 Sunday

18 First I marked the field for corn, then I planted out apple grafts.

19 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. We traded in Faber's store for almost $42.00.

20 Plowed by the grape vines, harrowed and rolled it, and then planted squash, etc., planted out apple trees, etc.

21 Planted apple trees all day. Berlien was here and assessed me. He stayed over night. The sow farrowed today.

22 Planted the grape cuttings, etc.

23 Put up trellis for the grapevines.

24 White Sunday Today 13 Germans were baptized in Scandia Church today.

25 In the morning we cleaned out the well. In the afternoon I did various things.

26 Cleared off the place where the barn was to stand and hauled logs.

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May 1874

27 Went to Waconia and hauled logs to the saw.

28 and 29 Hauled logs over to the place of the barn, etc.

30 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and some potatoes, then I went to the auction at Snails in Carver. Elsa and K. at Per Daniel also went to Carver.

31 Sunday

June

1 Did various things. Olof Anderson hauled a load of wheat for me to Chaska. Nilson is working on the barn.

2 Nilson, Freed and I began to lay the foundation stones for the barn, but a rainstorm delayed us for 1/4 day.

3 Went to Waconia and took away the boards from the saw.

4 Nilson, Freed and I laid the foundation stones for the barn and finished it. Freed quit at 4 o'clock, and then I hauled logs.

5 We cultivated the corn. Nilson worked steadily at the barn.

6 First we cultivated the corn and then did various things.

7 Sunday

8 I hauled stone and did some other things. It is raining.

9 I hauled sand.

10 Today when I was ready to start to Chaska I was stopped by the rain, and it rained much.

11, 12 and 13 Rained most all the time. I did odds and ends. Nilson works whenever it lets up to rain.

14 Sunday

15 It is raining. I wrote a letter to Oregon, and then went fishing.

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June 1874

16 Elsa and I went to Chaska with 82 lbs. of wool that we sold for $.25 a pound to Faber. I bought and hauled home two barrels of lime.

17 and 18 Did various little things.

19 Went to Chaska with 33 bu. of wheat, and that was the last wheat from this harvest.

20 I did various things. Nilson worked on the barn.

21 Sunday

22, 23 and 24 I did various things. Nilson works on the barn.

25 We raised the barn. We were 18 men.

26 Hauled lumber from Waconia.

27 We raised the ceiling beams that are under the rafters. Freed and Per Daniel helped us half a day.

28 Sunday We took 'Molly' to Reitz' bull for the first time.

29 and 30 Cultivated the corn, etc.

July

1 Hauled two loads of lumber from Waconia.

2 and 3 Freed built on the stone foundation and I helped him.

4 All we Swedes had a celebration in Scandia on the old Bergquist place. J. Erikson from Blue Earth County is here this week.

5 Sunday

6 and 7 Freed and I worked on the stone foundation. Nelson is sheathing the barn.

8 and 9 Hauled dirt and filled in around the barn.

10 In the morning I mowed clover. In the afternoon we cultivated the corn.

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July 1874

11 Went to the Chaska mill with grist, 10 bu. of wheat. I also sold 8 bu. for $1.03 a bushel. Elsa was along and she sold three pork hams for $.11 a pound. There was an auction at the upper hardware store. I bought knives, etc. Nilson and his boy has sheathed the barn all week.

12 Sunday We took the heifer 'Star' to Reitz' bull.

13 Began to mow the south meadow.

14 Reaped the barley field near Peterman's land. Lundsten helped.

15 Reaped the winter wheat and cocked.hay.

16 Mowed, hauled and put the hay in the barn loft.

17 &18 Mowed and cocked hay. J. Nilson finished covering the barn and is gone home today.

19 Sunday

20, 21 and 22 Mowed the south meadow, cocked and hauled home hay, etc.

23 Cocked hay and hauled it. A. Lundsten and Malmborg cut hay on the west meadow.

24 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay. A. Lundsten and Malmborg cut hay on the west meadow.

25 Cocked hay, etc.

26 Sunday

27 Began to reap the wheat on the south field. Malmborg and A. Lundsten helped to tie.

28 and 29 We reaped wheat without help.

30 We reaped the wheat.

31 We reaped the wheat, and in the afternoon I reaped a little wheat.

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August 1874

1 Today I finished reaping the wheat, and in the afternoon I reaped some for Reitz.

2 Sunday

3 Reaped wheat for Reitz all day.

4 The boys and I cut hay in the swamp west of the island. I could not use the mower as the oxen sank too deeply into the swamp.

5 We finished the cutting of the hay, then we hauled hay.

6 We hauled hay all day.

7 Did various things in the morning as it rained. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and was measured for shoes, etc. I also paid my saw bill, that was $16.00.

8 Cocked hay by the island and various other things. These days I have budded apple and plum trees.

9 Sunday

10 Elsa, the children and I stacked hay by the island and hauled home hay.

11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 We stacked wheat and oats. The 14th I bought a pair of shoes from the shoemaker in Waconia for $4.00.

16 Sunday

17 and 18 We finished stacking the wheat.

19, 20 and 21 I plowed the old barley piece.

22 Cleared a space around the wheat stacks. The boys plowed the new field.

23 Sunday

24 and 25 Did various things. The boys plowed.

26 Mowed clover for Reitz. Elsa and the children cut corn.

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August 1874

27 and 28 Changed the bins in the granary, threw out the old straw, etc. First Elsa and the boys cut corn, then the boys plowed.

29 Helped Jennings to thresh. The boys cut corn, etc. The 24th the heifer 'Betty' was with Broberg's bull.

30 Sunday

31 First I went to Waconia and had the plow hardened and sharpened. In the afternoon I mowed the clover and timothy field. Elsa and the children cut off corn.

September

1 Helped Per Daniel to thresh.

2 Did various things. The boys plowed.

3 Did various things. The latter part of the afternoon I helped Freed to thresh.

4 Helped Freed to thresh until nearly dark. In the evening Peterman's threshing machine came here to us.

5 We threshed four stacks at home here and one stack in the south field. There are still three stacks.

6 Sunday

7 We finished threshing at 11:30. This is the grain we have, 356 bu. of wheat (30 bu. of Winter wheat of which 24 bu. is of the new kind), 55 bu. of barley and 70 bu. of oats. Altogether it is 481 bu. The threshing cost for the wheat at $.06 a bushel, $21.36, the barley at $.05 $2.75, and the oats at $.04 for 58 bu., which is all I am to pay, $2.32. The whole sum is $26.43. In the afternoon I helped Lundsten to thresh.

8 Helped Lundsten thresh. The boys plowed.

9 Helped Lundsten thresh half of the forenoon, then I took the plow to the wainwright to have a new beam put on as the old one broke.

10 In the morning I did various things, and in the afternoon I went to Waconia after the plow.

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September 1874

11 Fixed the straw yard fence.

12 Went to Chaska after J. Erikson from Blue Earth County. I hauled home small bricks from Chaska.

13 Sunday

14 Mowed the second crop on the meadow.

15 I did various things. The boys plowed.

16 Cocked and hauled in the hay.

17 Did various things. The boys plowed.

18 Helped Reitz to thresh. The boys plowed. Elsa helped Reitz to cook.

19 Did various things. The boys plowed. Elsa helped Reitz for half a day.

20 Sunday

21 In the morning I did various things. At 4 o'clock I went to Peterman's place and helped to thresh. The boys plowed.

22 I helped Peterman to thresh. Sture and Ida are helping Broberg to thresh.

23 I threshed for Peterman until 4 o'clock when I went and helped Nicholas to thresh.

24 Sture and I helped Nicholas to thresh.

25 Forenoon and part of the afternoon Ida and I threshed for Nicholas. The boys plowed.

26 Elsa, Sture and I went to the fair in Carver. It rained so we did not get there until one o'clock. I got 2nd prize on the Winter apple Fameuse, 1st prize on the Fall apple Seedling No. 4, 2nd prize on the Summer apple Duchess, 2nd prize on the Hyslop Crab, and the 1st prize for the Isabella grape.

27 Sunday

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September 1874

28 First I butchered a ram, then I spent the rest of the day hunting for the pigs. The boys plowed.

29 and 30 We husked corn and between times I did various small jobs.

October

1 and 2 We husked corn. I did various things. The 1st I sent a letter to Winstedt asking for scions for grafting.

3 Hauled and stacked cornstalks. In the afternoon I went to a meeting of the school board.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Husked corn, hauled home cornstalks and hauled stone.

7 First I went to J. Nilson with a pig, and then I hauled stones. The children are digging potatoes.

8 and 9 Hauled stones, etc.

10 Elsa and I went to Carver after the prize money. I received 2nd prize for the Winter apple Fameuse, 1st for Fall apple Seedling #4, 1st for crab apple Hyslop, 1st for grapes Isabella, 1st for barley and 2nd for Winter wheat, altogether $8.60, then we went to Chaska and shopped. I had also along 17 bu. and 16 lbs. of barley for Faber, but did not get more than $1.00 a bushel for it. We also stopped at Paul Wolf's place and ordered apple trees.

11 Sunday

12 and 13 Freed and I built on the foundation to the barn. I hauled stone, etc.

14 Sture, I and the oxen worked on the road.

15 and 16 Freed worked on the foundation. I hauled rocks, etd. The boys are plowing the barley field for the second time.

17 Went to Waconia after grist. Mr. Linfelt went with me home to teach me home to teach me how to prune back the grape vines, then I went with Linfelt to Jenning's place.

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October 1874

18 Sunday

19, 20 and 21 Malmborg and we filled in around the barn.

22 Went and helped J. Nilson build on his house.

23 Hewed and hauled logs and hauled away the dirt piles around the house, etc.

24 Went to J. Nilson and helped him for the 2nd time to build on his house. Elsa and I went to a meeting in Gothenburg today.

25 Sunday

26 Pruned back the grape vines.

27 The boys and I laid down the grape vines and covered them and then fanned the lightweight wheat.

28 I went to Lundsten, Per Daniel and Freed and pruned back their grapes.

29 Dug up apple trees all day.

30 Healed in the apple trees.

31 In the morning I butchered a pig, and in the afternoon I hauled hay, etc.

November

1 Sunday

2 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, then stopped and got my apple trees from Paul Wolf a second Walbridge tree and a Kasota tree.

3 First I went to Waconia and sent $2.50 to Winstedt for the apple trees, and in the afternoon I went to the election.

4 Hammar and Martenson from Blue Earth County are here. In the afternoon I did various things.

5 Hewed timbers for lintels in the cowbarn.

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6 In the morning I helped Per Daniel to butcher and in the afternoon I worked in the cowbarn.

7 Put in foundation logs between the sheep cote and the stalls.

8 Sunday

9 Did various things.

10 I worked in the barn. J. Nilson today began to make the doors for the new barn.

11 First I did various things. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. I had four bushels of barley to the brewery.

12, 13 and 14 Worked on the cow barn and did various other things. Nilson has been here five days this week, and he made the doors for the barn, but he was not to hang the small doors.

15 Sunday Erikson from Blue Earth County is here preaching today.

16, 17, 18 and 19 Worked on the barn and other things.

20 and 21 Daniel Rosenquist and I worked on the barn.

22 Sunday

23 Daniel Rosenquist and I worked on the barn. John Erikson went home today.

24 and 25 Worked in the barn.

26, 27 and 28 Worked in the barn.

29 Sunday

30 Worked in the barn.

December

1 Worked in the barn, then hauled grist to the Waconia mill.

2 and 3 Worked in the barn.

4 Went to Waconia after the grist.

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December 1874

5 Worked in the barn. Andrew Lundsten has been here all week and made clothes for the boys. Dalicarlian, Erik, was here last night. He bought a shawl for us in St. Paul for $6.50.

6 Sunday

7, 8 and 9 Worked in the barn.

10 Per Daniel, Rosenquist and I butchered the boar, a sow, and a young pig.

11 and 12 Rosenquist and I worked in the barn.

13 Sunday

14 Worked in the barn.

15 Laid in stanchions in the stalls of the barn. J. Nilson and Rosenquist are nailing strips on the sheathing of the barn. Today Nicholas Swenson returned from Minneapolis. He had along two of my pigs. The boar weighed 431 lbs. and the sow 290 lbs., together 731 lbs. He sold the pork for $.07½ which $54.07.

16 Today I went around in the neighborhood to get signers for the petition to get a canal connecting Mississippi and Lake Michigan.

17, 18 and 19 Worked in the barn and did some odd jobs, then we moved the cattle into the new barn.

20 Sunday

21 Made cribs in the sheep cote.

22 Did various things. Today we moved the sheep into the new barn.

23 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in the stores, then I did various things.

24 Daubed in the old cow barn.

25 Christmas Day. We had a meeting.

26 Did various little things.

27 Sunday

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December 1874

28 Nicholas Swenson and I butchered a bullock.

29, 30 and 31 Did various little things. Among others made several axehandles.

January 1875

1 and 2 Wrote letters to Sweden. Dalicarlian, Erik, is here.

3 Sunday

4 Helped Reitz to butcher.

5 Went to Waconia and mailed the letter to Sweden and then did various things.

6 and 7 Repaired shoes, etc.

8 and 9 Repaired shoes, gloves and mittens. Yesterday and today it is snowing and is very cold.

10 Sunday Very cold.

11 Went to Waconia and mailed a letter to my brother Carl, and then did various things. It is very cold.

12 Helped Per Daniel butcher pigs.

13 Went to Chaska and had the oxen shod.

14 Did various little things.

15 Today we lost a heifer. She was killed by the other cattle in the barn last night. First we skinned her and then I did various things.

16 Made a meat chopper, etc. 'Fanny' calved.

17 Sunday

18 Did various little things.

19 Per Daniel and I butchered three pigs.

20 Butchered two sheep, etc.

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January 1875

21 Went to Chaska with 29 bu. of barley. I paid my personal property tax.

22 Did nothing as I am not well.

23 I am not well, in fact, we are all more or less sick. Bergquist's girls were here last night. Soder and his wife, 'Vestry' Lars and others are here this afternoon.

24 Sunday

25 Did various little things. Soders were here last night.

26 Went to Waconia with grist, then I did various things.

27 First I finished the sink, then did various things.

28 First I went to Waconia with a cord of basswood to pay for the furniture basswood that they gave me last summer. Took home the grist from the mill and then cleaned the manure out of the barn.

29 Repaired shoes, etc.

30 Went to the market in Carver and sold 'Fanny' and the calf for $37.00.

31 Sunday

February

1 Went to Chaska to sell my cord wood but could get no buyer for it.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Did various little things between tending to the cattle.

7 Sunday

8, 9 and 10 Did various little things between tending to the cattle.

11, 12 and 13 Grafted apple trees between tending to the cattle.

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February 1875

14 Sunday

15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Grafted apple trees between tending the cattle.

21 Sunday

22 Chopped down logs for sawing, but in the afternoon I became so sick I had to quit.

23 Grafted apple trees. I have made 1,109 grafts.

24, 25, 26 and 27 I hauled cord wood from the woods. Chopped down logs for sawing and various other jobs.

28 Sunday

March

1 Grafted apple trees for Jenning over at his house.

2 Went to an auction at Bonafazle's house.

3 Chopped down saw logs and tended to the cattle.

4 We went to Waconia and had our pictures taken.

5 Freed and I sawed down trees.

6 Hauled logs out of the woods.

7 Sunday

8 Hauled logs to Waconia.

9 Went to the election and in the afternoon to the meeting in Scandia. Peter Carlson from Carver preached and organized a Lutheran Church.

10 Nicholas and I went to an auction out by Bentons, and then we shoveled snow on Fisher's road.

11, 12 and 13 Hauled logs to Wadonia.

14 Sunday

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March 1875

15 and 16 Had a big snowstorm. I did various things.

17 Shoveled snow, opening up the roads.

18, 19 and 20 Hauled logs to Waconia.

21 Sunday Erikson is here today.

22 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

23 Went to Waconia with a log for the mill. I have 8 elm logs and 7 basswood logs in Waconia.

24 Took 25 bu. wheat to George Chell for seed wheat.

25 Went to the mill in Waconia with oats and wheat, and then did various things.

26 In the morning we had a meeting in the church in Scandia, and then I did various jobs.

27 Went to Waconia mill after the grist. In the afternoon I hauled rails away from the fence near by Bradhouse. The fence is between Reitz and my fields.

28 Sunday

29 Drove John Erikson to Chaska.

30 First I hauled straw for bedding in the barn, and then I hauled rails. Today I bought a sow from Reitz for seven dollars.

31 Last night we had a heavy rain with thunder. First I went to Reitz after the sow that I had bought, and then I hauled rails. Nils Martenson is chopping rails.

April

1 Last night we had a big snow. In the morning I repaired shoes and in the afternoon I hauled rails. N. Martenson worked half a day.

2 Hauled rails. N. Martenson chopped down rails and wood.

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April 1875

3 Last night 'Molly' calved. She had twins! First I did various things and Nils chopped wood, then in the afternoon we began to lay the fence for the new cattle yard (barn yard).

4 Sunday

5 Nils Martenson chopped wood and rails. I did various things, then we finished the fence.

6 We are having a big thunderstorm with much rain. Martenson is not here. I made syrup spouts.

7 and 8 I made syrup troughs and other things. Nils cut rails.

9 Did various things, then began to bore into the maples. Nils cut rails.

10 Plastered the syrup pan into place. Nils cut rails.

11 Sunday Delicarlian, Erik, is here.

12 Today I bored into 190 maples. I have 240 maples bored into. Nils is cutting rails and wood.

13 and 14 Nils and I hauled rails and laid fence on the north side of the orchard.

15 Today I had to tear out the evaporation pan and put a new wooden frame on it as it was leaking. Nils laid the east side of the orchard fence.

16 Plastered in the pan again, etc. Nils chopped cord wood.

17 Chopped down and hauled out onto the meadow material for boards. Nils is not going to work for me any longer. He has worked 14½ days.

18 Sunday

19 Went to Chaska and had the oxen's shoes removed. I also took down a load of wheat that I stored.

20 We fanned the seed wheat, etc.

21, 22, 23 and 24 We sowed wheat on the east part of the south field and also on the home field. Elsa and the children are cooking syrup.

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April 1875

25 Sunday Johnson, the priest, from Chicago is here.

26 We sowed wheat on the field by Peterman's land.

27 Sowed barley on the south field and some more wheat. Johnson, the priest, from Chicago went back home. today.

28 Sowed wheat on the west part of the south field. I have sowed 28 bu. of wheat this year.

29 Sowed 5 1/4 bushels of oats in the two fields.

30 Cut brush and cleared in part of the meadow.

May

1 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat and sold that, together with the three loads of wheat I had stored, for $.94 a bushel.

2 Sunday

3 Hauled out manure on the field next to Nicholas' land where I will plant corn.

4 Sowed barley in the orchard and beside the apple grafts, and still did other little jobs.

5 In the morning I plowed for the grafts and for cabbage beds. In the afternoon I went to Waconia after the breaking plow and hauled home grist for Lundsten.

6 Hauled manure on the field here at home where I will plant corn.

7 Had a hard rain and hail storm. I did various things.

8 Made grafts in the nursery all day.

9 Sunday

10 In the morning we broke a field by the barn for potatoes. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys spread manure, and Elsa sheared the sheep.

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May 1875

11 and 12 Planted apple trees in the field where I will have my nursery. Rosenquist dug the holes for the trees. The boys are plowing the corn field and are helping Mama and Ida to plant potatoes.

13 First I tied up the grapes, and then I planted apple trees until I finished that. The boys are spreading manure on the west field.

14 In the morning I prepared the cabbage beds and in the afternoon we marked the field, for corn between the well and the house.

15 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I also bought six chairs for the Grange hall. Elsa and the children planted corn.

17 First I took some grape vine plants over to H. Schran, and then I did various things. In the afternoon I marked the field by Nicholas' land for corn.

18 In the morning I repaired fences. In the afternoon I started to plant apple grafts. The children planted corn.

19 and 20 I planted apple grafts. The boys cut brush in the orchard where we are going to break sod.

21 Finished planting out the grafts in the morning, and in the morning and in the afternoon I planted grape vines, etc.

22 Broke the meadow by the highway.

23 Sunday

24 Finished the breaking of the meadow and sowed it in barley, then burnt willow brush.

25 Break in the orchard all day.

26 We finished breaking in the orchard by noon, then we grubbed stumps, picked up the loose roots, harrowed and rolled the newly broken part of the orchard.

27 Elsa and I went to Waconia and traded on credit for $16.00 in Adolph's store. The boys planted corn in the orchard field. In the afternoon we planted out squash, etc.

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May 1875

28 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

29 First I plowed between the apple trees and then planted beans. In the afternoon I grubbed out willow bushes in the meadow. Joseph Person from Blue Earth County is here.

30 Sunday J. Erikson from Blue Earth is here.

31 Did various things. In the afternoon we had a meeting.

June

1 I did various things and after dinner Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wool. It weighed 944 lbs.; 43 lbs. we had traded out in goods and on that we were allowed $.28 a pound. The rest we sold for cash and got $.26 a pound. Birlion was here and assessed.

2 Went to Chaska and paid the last on my Wood's reaper. Took along some wheat and sold it.

3 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I gave a note for my bill in Faber's store. My bill was $88.03 and I borrowed $11.97 and gave a note for $100.00 on 6 months with 12% interest. Today I paid my real estate tax which was $43.15. J. Erikson went to the Conference in Cokato day before yesterday which was the first. Took the white heifer to Reitz' bull.

4 Did various things. Paul Birlion was here and I insured my barn for $500.00.

5 Made a pig pen, etc. The boys arey cutting down hickory and butternut trees by the highway for rails.

6 Sunday

7 and 8 Cultivated the corn.

9 Worked on the road. The children hoed corn. Today J. Erikson and John Anderson from Vasa came here. They came from the conference in Cokato.

10 Worked on the road. The children hoed corn.

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June 1875

11 I hoed the quackroots out of the corn. The children hoed corn.

12 Hoed quack grass roots out of the corn. Trimmed some apple trees, etc.

13 Sunday

14 Went to a meeting in Scandia all day. In the evening I went to a Grange meeting.

15 Repaired fences, etc. Today John Erikson and John Anderson from Vasa went home. Rosenquist has cut rails for me yesterday and today.

16 Fixed gates and hoed around the apple trees.

17 Hoed around the apple trees. Rosenquist chopped rails.

18 The boys and I cleared a place in the other end of the barn yard where the straw stack is to be.

19 Finished clearing in the barn yard. Rosenquist chopped rails.

20 Sunday

21 I stripped off elm bark with which to recover the cabin roof. Rosenquist cut rails. We took the white heifer to Reitz' bull for the second time.

22 I fenced off for the strawstack in the barn yard. Rosenquist cut rails.

23 I went to Waconia and hauled logs to a saw.

24 Covered the roof of the cabin. Rosenquist has cut rails three and one fourth days.

25 Finished covering the cabin roof.

26 In the forenoon I went to Waconia after grist. In the afternoon I hewed out material for gates, etc.

27 Sunday

28 We went and fixed the fence by the church and broke sod in the grave yard.

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June 1875

29 Rosenquist and I covered the wagon shed and laid some fence, etc.

30 Went to Jenning and helped raise a stable.

July

1 Cultivated in the corn, etc.

2 Built a pig pen for the young pigs.

3 As the fourth is on Sunday, we celebrated in Scandia today.

4 Sunday

5 Cultivated the corn all day.

6 First we cultivated the corn, and then John Nilson came and he helped me shore up the logs in the cow-barn and to do some other repair work, then we cultivated in the corn again.

7 Made a agate in the barn yard fence by the road.

8 Made a gate in the fence by the east end of the barn.

9 First I went to Waconia and bought scythes for Rosenquist and myself, then I sharpened them and towards evening we began to cut hay with the mower. Today 'Betty' was with Khan's bull.

10 We mowed and cocked hay.

11 Sunday

12, 13 and 14 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay and did some other little things.

15 Went to Waconia and took away boards from the saw. I took along the mower and had it fixed by the smith. We took 'Molly' to Reitz' bull.

16 and 17 We mowed, hauled hay, etc.

18 Sunday

19 Finished mowing the south meadow, then we cocked hay.

20 Hauled hay all day.

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July 1875

21 Reaped the barley in the south field and in the orchard and cocked hay on the south meadow. Rosenquist helped.

22 Hauled hay from the south meadow all day.

23 Went to Chaska and sold my cord wood to Gregg for $2.75 a cord, but I was only allowed 27 cords for my 30 cords.

24 Rosenquist and I mowed the west meadow way out to the haystack place by the island.

25 Sunday

26 and 27 Cut hay by the island, cocked hay. Reaped barley. Rosenquist helped.

28 Hauled hay from the west meadow and cocked hay by the island.

29 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

30 Stacked the hay by the island.

31 Stacked the barley.

August

1 Sunday

2 Finished stacking the barley and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys plowed.

3 Reaped the oats, etc.

4 Made a new tongue and evener for the reaper. The boys plowed the barley field.

5 In the forenoon I finished the tongue for the reaper. In the afternoon we started to reap the wheat west of the cabin.

6 Reaped the wheat by the cabin.

7 Reaped the barley on the field in the meadow and hauled it home, and then we cradled the wheat on the edge of the south field.

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August 1875

8 Sunday

9 It rained. We did various things.

10 Reaped wheat on the south field. Rosenquist helped.

11 We and Rosenquist reaped the wheat on the south field.

12 Rosenquist and we reaped the wheat on the new broken field.

13 Rosenquist and we reaped the wheat on the field by Peterman's land. Today the girl, Josephine Ruth, was born.

14 Rosenquist and we reaped the wheat on the western part of the south field which finished the cutting of the wheat.

15 Sunday

16 We began to stack the wheat. Rosenquist helped me. We hauled with both wagons.

17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 We stacked wheat and oats.

22 Sunday

23 We stacked the last of the wheat.

24 I did various things. The boys plowed.

25, 26, 27 and 28 It has rained practically the whole time. The boys have plowed a little. I did various things.

29 Sunday

30 We put some props in the granary and nailed boards on the corners. John Nilson helped me. This evening we had a regular cloudburst. In two hours time our meadows were lakes.

31 I did various little things.

September

1, 2, 3 and 4 I did various things. The boys plowed between the rain showers.

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September 1875

5 Sunday

6 Went to Scandia and threshed. The threshing machine was operated with steam. The boys plowed.

7 About noon Sture and I went down to Jennings' place and helped to thresh.

8 We were at Jenning's place and threshed until 3 o'clock inthe afternoon, then I went to Brobergs to help thresh.

9 Elsa and I went to Waconia, then I did various things. The boys plowed. Otto cut corn.

10 and 11 I did various things. The boys plowed.

12 Sunday Erikson from Blue Earth County is here.

13 I did various things. At noon Sture went and helped with the threshing at Broberg's place. The other boys cut corn.

14 Ida and I helped Per Daniel to thresh and Sture helped Broberg.

15 Ida and I helped Per Daniel to thresh until 10 o'clock. In the afternoon I helped Henry Schran to thresh and Sture was helping. Broberg to thresh until 10:30.. He has helped with the threshing at Broberg's place one and one-half days.

16 I did various things. The boys plowed.

17 I threshed for Henry Schran all day and Sture threshed for Lundsten in the afternoon.

18 I threshed for H. Schran until 10 o'clock. In the afternoon Axel and I threshed for Malmborg. Sture threshed for Lundsten all day.

19 Sunday

20 We threshed for Freed until 4 o'clock P.M., then we moved the machine to our place. Malmborg and I hauled the engine with our oxen. In the evening we threshed one stack. It is Hjalm and Peter Peterson that owns the steam engine.

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September 1875

21 We threshed until 5 P.M.. The wheat was 475 bu., the barley 101 bu. and the oats 83 bu.

22 I did various things. The boys cut corn.

23 I did various things. Two of the boys plowed. Ida and the other boys are cutting off corn.

24 I did various things. The boys cut corn. The Sunday School missionary, Gunnartson, came here today. He will remain here for Sunday.

25 Idd and I went to the County Fair in Carver. I received prizes for the following articles, 1st prize for Wealthy apple $3.00, 1st prize for No. 15 grape $1.50, 1st prize for varieties of grapes, $1.00, 2nd prize Winter wheat $1.50, and 1st prize for barley $1.00. The boys are helping Reitz to thresh.

26 Sunday The Sunday School missionary, Gunnarson, is here.

27 Went to Carver with a load of barley. The boys are threshing for Reitz.

28 Mowed clover. The boys cut corn and dug potatoes.

29 We did various things. The apple tree agents from Minneapolis are here today.

30 Sheathed the wagon shed, etc.

October

1 Covered the pig pen, etc. Malmborg was here after the pigs today.

2 In the morning I worked on the fences, and in the afternoon I attended the school board meeting. The boys are plowing the field in the meadow.

3 Sunday

4 Went to Chaska as I had been ordered to sit in the Grand Jury, but the judge had died, so no jury was called. Took along a load of wheat and wheat to Carver after my prize money.

5 Did various things.

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October 1875

6 We hauled manure all day.

7, 8 and 9 Per Daniel and I went to Minneapolis and bought material for clothes for our families. The children are husking corn. Emma, Peter Nilson and Emma Bergquist came with us home.

10 Sunday

11 Went to Carver with a load of wheat. The boys husked corn.

12 and 13 Sture and I threshed for Nicholas and my oxen were used for hauling wheat.

14 Did various things and also pressed out 6 gallons of wine from the tame grapes. The boys are husking the corn in the orchard and hauled in squash.

15 Put in partitions in the barn. The boys hauled in pumpkins, etc.

16 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I stopped on my way home at Birlion's home and paid the insurance on the barn.

17 Sunday

18 Went to Chaska with a load of barley. I bought lime and bricks and hauled them home. The children husked corn.

19 Went to the Waconia mill, etc. The children husked corn.

20 Sture, I and the oxen worked on the road.

21 Went after the grist to Waconia and stopped at Lindfelt's house. The children husked corn.

22 We hauled 9 ewes to T. Ottinger to be serviced by his new ram and then we fanned the wheat.

23 Went to Carver with a load of wheat. I brought back apple trees for Lundsten, Lindfelt and myself. I also had some stove pipes made for the kitchen stove so the pipe from the kitchen can go through the bedroom.

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October 1875

24 Sunday

25 Hauled and stacked cornstalks.

26 It is snowing today.. We are doing various little things.

27 Today I dug up apple trees. The boys chopped wood and tended to the cattle.

28 We did various jobs.

29 Healed in the apple trees, etc.

30 Pruned back my grape vines. The boys covered the vines with dirt.

31 Sunday

November

1 In the morning I pruned back grape vines for Per Daniel and Freed, and then we hauled cornstalks.

2 I was at the election the greater part of the day as I was solicitng votes for Peter Wigo for county treasurer, then I burnt brush piles near the highway. The boys are plowing the corn field.

3, 4, 5 and 6 We hauled manure to the west part of the south field where the old small field had been.

7 Sunday

8, 9, 10 and 11 We hauled more manure to the same field.

12 We went first to Ottinger after the ewes. I am to pay him $.50 for each ewe that is with lamb. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought shoes for Carl, etc. Clausen from Water Town was here today and bought grape vines. The manure was 150 loads that we hauled.

13 I butchered a ram. In the afternoon Freed and I daubed the church. Sture is plowing the field where we will plant corn.

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November 1875

14 Sunday

15 First I hauled 24 ft. of wood to the schoolhouse, then Sture plowed and later I hauled a load of sand from Clearwater Lake.

16 I slacked lime and started to tear down the wall between the kitchen and the parlor. Sture is sawing wood for the schoolhouse.

17 Finished tearing out the wall. The four boys are in school.

18 Per Daniel and Rosenquist and I butchered the two old pigs and one young pig.

19 Began to build on the brick wall between the parlor and the kitchen. The boys are in school. Nicholas took the two old pigs to Minneapolis to sell.

20 Built on the wall.

21 Sunday My brother-in-law John (Johannes) Anderson is here and preached.

22, 23 and 24 Built on the wall, etc.

25 According to the president's proclamation, this is Thanksgiving Day. We had a meeting in the church and my brother-in-law, John Anderson from Red Wing preached for us.

26 In the morning I helped Per Daniel to butcher, and in the afternoon I built on the wall.

27 Built on the wall all day. Rosenquist and the boys piled wood in the woods all day.

28 Sunday

29 I fixed things in the barn. Made a platform under the chicken roosts, etc. John Anderson from Red Wing went home today.

30 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped, then I did various things.

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December 1875

1 Made lime mortar and plastered some. Last night McKenzie from Hutchinson was here with his family.

2 Plastered the parlor wall.

3 Plastered the kitchen wall.

4 Made a box for the stove in the Grange hall and did some plastering on the chimney.

5 Sunday

6 Sooted the kitchen chimney, etc.

7 Hauled wood to the school and to the Grange hall.

8 Went to the Waconia mill with Winter wheat and corn.

9 Did various things.

10 Per Daniel, Nicholas and I butchered the small sow and the bullock, 'Bock'.

11 First I cut up the pork and salted it, then I went to Waconia after the grist.

12 Sunday

13 First I packed down thebeef in snow and then I sooted the east chimney and fixed the stovepipes.

14 Did various little things as shoveling the snow away from the apple trees pulling up the stove pipes in the parlor, etc.

15 hauled wood, etc.

16 Repaired shoes, etc.

17 First I repaired shoes, and then I went to Waconia. Per Miller from Blue Earth County is here.

18 Began to haul logs for the road by the island.

19 Sunday

20 First I cut willow brushes on the meadow, then I hauled rails and logs for the road on the meadow.

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December 1875

21 Went to Chaska and had the oxen shod.

22 Went and helped Per Daniel to butcher.

23 Hauled logs from the woods to the road in the meadow.

24 First I did various things, and in the afternoon I hauled logs. We have had misty weather which today has changed to rain.

25 Christmas Day In the afternoon we visited with Per Daniel's family.

26 Sunday

27 Hauled home the old elm logs to use for wood at the syrup camp, etc.

28 First we sawed up old elm logs in the wood, then I went to Waconia. Later I went to the Lutheran service in Scandia. Today I received $20.00 from Peter Hopp that I am to send to Palmquist in Oregon.

29 Went to Carver to the agricultural meeting, then I went with Lundsten down to Chaska and then went with Hobeck, from Waconia, home in the evening. Today I bought a draft for $20.00 in Chaska Bank that I will send to Palmquist in Oregon.

30 In the morning I went to the meeting in Scandia. Gunnarson, the Dane, preached. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and sent a registered letter to Palmquist in Oregon containing the draft for $20.00, then I took the heifer, 'Little Molly' to Hopp's bull.

31 Chopped down basswood logs, hauled them to the road in the meadow. Gordsen was here today and took the name and birthday of the girl, Josephine.

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January 1876

1 First we had a meeting and then a business meeting.

2 Sunday

3 Rosenquist and I cut logs for the bridge on the road in the meadow.

4, 5 and 6 Hauled logs for the bridge to the meadow.

7 Went to Chaska mill with eight sacks of wheat which is to be ground by two weeks from today. I also went to Henry Wolf and had the oxen shod. Andrew Lundsten has begun to sew for us.

8 The boys and I cut hoop poles. Andrew Lundsten sewed clothes.

9 Sunday

10 Repaired shoes. I am not feeling well.

11 The boys and I cut poles for hoops.

12 Hauled the hoop poles to the man that has his barrel factory on Petermanis land.

13 Hauled down the rest of the hoop poles, but today I am so sick I had to stay in bed for half a day.

14 In the morning I hauled wood to the school house, and in the afternoon I went to Per Daniel and put up his eaves troughs.

15 Hauled wood to the schoolhouse. Andrew Lundsten has sewed clothes for us five days this week.

16 Sunday

17 We hauled stone to the meeting house.

18 Repaired shoes, etc.

19 Hauled down the haystack home and from the island.

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January 1876

20 Per Daniel and we butchered the two old pigs, then I went to Birrel Nelson with the pigs as he is to sell those in Minneapolis.

21 Repaired shoes all day.

22 Went to Waconia and had 6 bu. oats ground and handed home a load of lumber. The boys are attending school without missing a day.

23 Sunday John Anderson from Red Wing is here today.

24 Hauled the lumber from Waconia.

25 Repaired shoes all day.

26 Did various little things.

27 Hauled logs to the road in the meadow.

28 Did various little things. In the evening we went to the meeting in Scandia, but we are having such a hard snowstorm that the meeting did not materialize.

29 Went to Waconia with a white elm log for the saw and hauled home a load of lumber. Birrel Nilson took home a box of apple trees from P. Wolf for me today.

30 Sunday

31 Today when my brother-in-law, John Anderson, from Red Wing started home. I went along so I could consult the Norwegian lady doctor for my heart. Freed drove us to Chaska.

February

1, 2 and 3 I traveled, was in my brother-in-law's home, and in Red Wing.

4 Left Hastings and arrived home at three in the afternoon. A. Lundsten was here yesterday and today and sewed vests for the boys. Today the sow is with Lundgren's boar.

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February 1876

5 First I went to Lundgren after the sow, and then I repaired shoes.

6 Sunday

7 Hauled logs for the bridge on the meadow.

8 Went to Waconia after lumber.

9 Hauled logs from the woods to the bridge on the meadow. Rosenquist was here and chopped down logs for the bridge.

10 and 11 Did nothing as I do not feel well. Am taking medicine.

12 Butchered the sow as her leg was broken when she was with the boar so she would never have been able to walk again.

13 Sunday

14 In the morning I began to make grafts and in the afternoon I attended the Lutheran service in Scandia.

15 Made grafts all day.

16 Went to Mauritz Witsig's auction, and then I made some grafts.

17, 18 and 19 Made grafts the whole time.

20 Sunday

21 I made grafts.

22 Likewise made grafts.

23 Went after a load of lumber from Waconia.

24 Went to Augerhopher's auction. I bought a sow for $8.25.

25 Went to Waconia after the last lumber. I took with me 6 bu. barley, even measure, for the brewer, and I received a bushel, scant measure, of malt, but I am to have three more bushels this spring. School ended today.

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February 1876

26 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold 'Star' for $20.00, and then I bought another cow for $23.00.

27 Sunday

28 Hauled a load of cord wood to Smig's house.

29 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

March

1 Finished makinggrafts today. I have made 1,256 grafts this Winter.

2 Went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Nicholas and Lundsten also hauled a load of cord wood each to Chaska for me today.

3 First I did various things, then Sture and I hauled rails for a fence on the line between Freed and my lands.

4 We hauled rails.

5 Sunday

6 We went to Chaska and unloaded lumber from a railroad car. They are for the church.

7 and 8 The boys and I sawed off oak logs for fence posts, etc.

9 We sawed fence posts in the morning and hauled rails after dinner.

10 Hauled logs for the bridge on the meadow.

11 Did various little things.

12 Sunday

13 First we sawed logs, then we chopped down some basswood for stove wood. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought some wooden shoes for the boys. Malmborg and Rosenquist are here cutting cord wood.

14 Went to the election, then Per Daniel and I went to Peterman and borrowed $150.00 for our brother-in-law, John Anderson from Vasa.

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March 1876

15 Did various little things. Yesterday and today have had snow with storm.

16 Did various little things.

17 Again did various little things. The snowstorm is still continuing. The snow is a foot deep.

18 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat and hauled home a load of the church oumber. Yesterday and today the ewes have lambed.

19 Sunday

20 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat and Per Daniel also hauled a load of wheat for me. This evening 'Nancy' calved.

21 Did various little things.

22 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, and I hauled home the last of the church lumber.

23 Went to Meyer's place after a load of hay that I bought from Freed and Per Daniel. Today my brother-in-law, John Anderson came here from Vasa.

24 Hauled out cord wood to the road.

25 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold the cow we bought at the last market.

26 Sunday

27 Drove my brother-in-law, John Anderson from Vasa to Chaska. Per Daniel and I have guaranteed the $250.00 he had with him home.

28 Sture and I hauled rails, etc.

29 Hauled cord wood from the woods out to the road.

30 Made some wooden mallets, etc.

31 Split ash rails outside the pig pen. The boys are chopping cord wood from basswood tops. The ox 'Jack' is crippled so we can't use him.

April

1 Made sap troughs out of ash, etc. Sture went to Chaska after medicine for the ox.

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April 1876

2 Snowed all day. Sunday

3 Repaired shoes, etc. Chickler is here to cure the sick ox 'Jack'.

4 As one of my oxen is lame, I borrowed Per Daniel's horses, and Elsa and I went to Waconia mill with oats and wheat.

5 Repaired shoes, etc. Jenning came today to examine the lame ox. Last night we had more snow.

6 In the morning I had Freed's horses and went to Waconia after the grist. In the afternoon I hauled logs to the bridge on the meadow.

7 Went to lunch after the fanning mill, and we fanned all the seed wheat and 30 bu. more, then we did various things.

8 In the morning we did various things, and in the afternoon we used Freed's houses to haul aspen rails for fence by the bridge.

9 Sunday

10 Plastered in the syrup pan, etc.

11 I did various things. The boys fanned the oats and barley.

12 Repaired shoes, etc.

13 Began to make a frame for a roller. The boys are cutting hazel bushes down on the edge of the meadow.

14 Bored into the maples. Today I bored 225. The sap is not running much as the deep frost is not out of the ground.

15 First I bored into the rest of the maples. I have now 246 bored into, then we did various things.

16 Sunday Last night 'Betty' calved.

17 I worked on the roller. Today we are cooking syrup. The boys are doing various things.

18 In the morning I went to Waconia with a log for sled runners and hauled home the boards from the white elm log. In the afternoon we hauled manure.

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April 1876

19 Went over to Herman Miller's place and got some walnut trees. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys hauled manure to the field where we will seed oats. Sent a gallon of vine to Olof Hakanson together with a letter.

20, 21 and 22 Sewed wheat on the south field way down to the ditch by Peterman's field. I have sowed 15 bu. on that east part of the south field Saturday afternoon I sowed some oats.

23 Sunday

24 First we sowed oats, then we sowed wheat on field west of the cabin. Two agents with vises to sell were here today. Ida went to Waconia to have her picture taken.

25 Sowed wheat on the homefield where we had corn last year. Sowed some oats down by the wagon shed. I have sowed 30½ bu. wheat and 9 bu. oats this Spring.

26 We sowed wheat on the south field where we had the barley last year as well as on the field by Peterman's land. This counted in with the above mentioned 30½ bu. Last night 'Molly' calved. Yesterday H. Schran and his wife bought a gallon of wine. Last night the vise agents stayed with us.

27 I am making grafts today. Sture is rolling the wheat.

28 Sture rolled the wheat. I did various things among other. I tied up the grape vines.

29 Sture finished rolling the wheat in the morning. In the afternoon Sture and Elsa went to Waconia. I did various things, tied up the grape vines and planted out other grape vines.

30 Sunday

May

1 I helped Rosenquist the larger part of the day. We moved Lundsten's old cabin out onto B. Nilson's land where Rosenquist is to live. The boys grubbed by the meadow.

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May 1876

2 and 3 I planted apple trees and broke the fenced piece by the meadow. The boys dug the holes for the trees and did various things.

4 First I sowed barley inthe new field by the meadow, and then I planted apple trees. The boys did various things.

5 I planted apple trees, walnut trees and cedar brushes. The boys piled hazel bush roots, plowed the orchard, etc.

6 First I sowed clover seed in the orchard and rolled it in, then I went with Peter Broberg to help him get reconciled to his relatives. The boys are grubbing on the hill in the meadow.

7 Sunday

8 In the morning I plastered in the granary to get is so tight the rats could not get in. In the afternoon I planted trees.

9 Began to set out the grafts, also sowed out clover on the nearest piece in the orchard. Sture went to Waconia after 2 lbs. clover seed, then we grubbed. Elsa and Andrew Nilson's wife sheared the sheep.

10 Planted grafts all days. Today I set out 500. The boys dug the holes and burnt brush in the meadow.

11 I planted and the boys dug holes for grafts.

12 In the forenoon I planted grafts. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in Odall Iselius' store.

13 I planted t e last grafts, then planted grape cuttings, made cabbage beds and planted them. Sture harrowed and rolled for corn.

14 Sunday This afternoon and tonight we have a lot of rain.

15 Today it is so wet we cannot work outside. I am repairing shoes. The sow farrowed. She had 7 living and 2 dead piglets.

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May 1876

16 We broke in the fenced field down in the meadow. We also used Malmborg's bullocks.

17 In the morning picked up roots and sowed barley on the new broken field. In the afternoon marked out for corn.

18 Marked out for corn and then planted corn on the south field. It was on the west part.

19 Did various things. Planted corn in the orchard, hauled manure for the potatoes, built a bridge over the ditch in the meadow. Last night John Nilson and Anna from Blue Earth County were here.

20 Did various things. Plowed for potatoes and squash. Planted potatoes between the trees in the field and repaired the fence on the south forty.

21 Sunday

22 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I set out four apple trees that Larson in Wadonia had ordered for me from Wienstad and then did various jobs. Planted out strawberry plants.

23 Repaired old fences and planted squash.

24 Repaired fences all day.

25 Let the cattle out on the south forty and repaired fences. In the afternoon we began to split fence posts. The 23rd we took 'Betty' to Reitz' bull.

26 We split fence posts all day.

27 Went to Carver to the agricultural meeting. We voted on whether the fair should be held in Carver or Waconia. Carver won so the fair will be held there next fall. Sture and I had with us a load of wheat to Chaska.

28 Sunday

29 In the morning we cultivated the corn using Freed's horse. In the afternoon we split fence posts.

30 Sharpened fence posts and hauled them.

31 First we hauled more posts and then we set up fence posts between the west meadow and the south field.

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June 1876

1 Dug holes and set up fence posts. I went over to Nicholas for a while and helped him to butcher a boar.

2 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I also went to Carver and bought two barrels of oil.

3 Began to build a fence between Freed's and my land.

4 Sunday

5 and 6 Built on the fence between Freed's and my properties. The boys hauled rails and manure and cultivated the grapes.

7 I built fence. Sture worked on the road.

8 I hauled rails and built fence. Sture worked on the road.

9 I laid fence outside of the pig pen between my field and Nicholas' land.

10 First I made a gate between the highway and the meadow, etc. The boys cultivated and hoed corn. Rosenquist grubbed in the south field.

11 Sunday Today the priest, Palmer, from Minneapolis was here and preached for us.

12 Began to nail up the fence between the south field and the meadow. Rosenquist helped me half a day and then he grubbed as I got sick. The boys hoed corn.

13 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed corn.

14 I worked on the fence. The boys cultivated the corn in the orchard, etc. Rosenquist grubbed.

15 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed garden.

16 I did various little things between rain showers. The boys hoed in the garden. John Erikson from Blue Earth County is here. He came from Chicago.

17 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, then I bought 200 ft. of lumber for the meeting house and spoke to Shirbien about the meeting house lot.

18 Sunday

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June 1876

19 and 20 Nailed on the fence. The boys did various little things.

21, 22, 23 and 24 Worked on the meeting house. We have torn it down and are building it over. The boys cultivated and hoed corn and also have done some grubbing. The 23rd we took 'Nancy' to Rhan's bull.

25 Sunday

26 Built on themeeting house. The boys grubbed.

27 First we moved the field and by the cabin and then I went to Waconia. The boys piled brush.

28 Built fence between the field and the meadow.

29 First I went to Waconia after grist, and then I built fence.

30 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The boys piled brush in the clearing. Andrew Lundsten has grubbed four days and Rosenquist three days this week.

July

1 Today we had a light rain. Wedid various things. My brother-in-law, John Anderson from Vasa came here today.

2 Sunday

3 I made a loft in the barn above the horse stable, etc. The boys cultivated the corn in the orchard and hoed squash.

4 The Lutherans and we celebrated together in Scandia. John Anderson from Vasa made the opening speech.

5 First I worked in the barn and the boys hoed the apple trees then in the afternoon we began to mow but not much as I took sick.

6 I helped to sheath the meeting house. The boys cultivated corn on the south field.

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July 1876

7 Finished the loft above the house stable. The boys did various things and in the afternoon we hauled hay. The 6th we took 'Molly' to Reitz' bull.

8 We hauled one load of hay then we mowed all day.

9 Sunday

10 and 11 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay.

12 Last night we had a small shower otherwise we have a continued drought. The crop, especially the wheat, looks bad. In the morning I went to Waconia with grist, and the boys went fishing. In the afternoon we mowed and cocked hay.

13 and 14 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay.

15 First I went to Waconia after the grist and brought with me three sacks of wheat for the mill. This was for a Andrew Lundsten. He had bought it from me. The boys mowed on the meadow, ad then we cocked hay for the rest of day.

16 Sunday

17 In the morning we dug for water for the cattle. Jennings and his wife were here after currants. In the afternoon we reaped the barley by the meadow.

18, 19, 20 and 21 We mowed, cocked and hauled hay, etc.

22 First we mowed by the creek in the field, then we cocked hay in the meadow by the island.

23 Sunday

24 Stacked the haystack by the island on the west meadow.

25 A. Lundsten and we built on the bridge on the meadow.

26 In the morning we hauled home the last of the day, and then it rained. The boys went fishing I made a thill for the wagon.

27 First we set up the reaper. In the afternoon we reaped the barley in the meadow.

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July 1876

28 Reaped oats, but in the afternoon it started to rain.

29 First we did various things, and then we reaped the oats, then the wheat on the west side of the south field.

30 Sunday

31 Reaped the wheat on the home field.

August

1 and 2 Reaped wheat on the south field.

3 Finished reaping wheat.

4 Stacked the barley. In the afternoon it rained so we did various little things.

5 First I moved the fence where I will stack the grain and then finished the fence in the meadow, then we fenced in a haystack and then let the cattle into the meadows. Late in the afternoon it rained. The priest, Palmer was here for dinner today.

6 Sunday

7 Sture tied wheat bundles for Malmborg. We re-shocked the oats so it could dry and untied and spread out some that was too wet, etc.

8& We stacked the wheat. I borrowed Fisher's wagon.
9

10 It is misting. Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped. We had grist with us for the mill from Rosenquist and us. We also sold some pork to Odell.

11 We stacked wheat using Freed's wagon too.

12 Finished stacking the wheat.

13 Sunday

14 and 15 Did various little things. Sture plowed some between showers.

16 In the morning it rained. In the afternoon I went to Waconia after the grist. The boys went fishing. It is a very rainy fall and much of the wheat is not yet stacked.

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August 1876

17 Hauled manure on the field by the bark shanty where I will sow winter wheat and rye.

18 First I went over to Scandia and then did various things. Sture plowed. Ida and Carl helped Freed to tie wheat bundles in the afternoon. I pruned back grape vines.

19 I sowed a bushel of rye and 4 bu. winter wheat on the field by the bark shanty. Sture harrowed and rolled it. Ida and Carl tied wheat bundles for Freed in the morning.

20 Sunday

21 In the morning I threshed for Hjalm in Scandia. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Sture is helping Peterman to thresh. Axel and Carl are plowing.

22 Sture is threshing for Freed. I did various things. In the afternoon I plowed.

23 In the morning I plowed and Sture threshed for Lomer. In the afternoon I went to Lomer to find out what time the machine would come to our place, then I went home and butchered a ram. In the evening Broberg's steam thresh machine arrived at our place.

24 We threshed and were through at 4:30. We were 18 persons besides the men that tended to the machine, then the machine went to Lundsten's place.

25 Sture and I threshed for Lundsten. Ida also helped after dinner. Axel and Carl plowed.

26 Elsa and I took 'Betty' to the Carver market, but no one offered more than $25.00 for her so we took her home again. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten a while in the morning. In the afternoon Sture threshed for Per Daniel.
The 19th the grasshoppers began to come and since then more have come each day. By the 31st the air was so full of them that when you looked at the sun it looked as if it was snowing.

27 Sunday

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August 1876

28 In the morning I plowed and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. Sture is threshing for Adam Fisher.

29 In the forenoon I plowed and Sture threshed for Fisher. In the afternoon Sture plowed and I threshed for Birrel Nilson.

30 Threshed for Birrel all day. Sture plowed.

31 First I went to Scandia with a load of lumber for the meeting house. In the afternoon I did various things and Sture plowed.

September

1 In the morning I did various things, and Sture plowed. In the afternoon we mowed the second crop of hay.

2 In the morning we mowed and in the afternoon I went to Jennings with 10 bu. of apples that he is to press into cider. John Erikson and his wife, also Chells from Delano came here tonight.

3 Sunday

4 We had a business meeting in the morning in the meeting house in Waconia, then we hauled hay from the second crop.

5, 6 and 7 I did various little things. It rained two days. Sture has plowed at times.

8 Sture and I threshed for Broberg.

9 Today it rained all day. I puttied windows, etc,

10 Sunday

11 Sture plowed. I did various things and grubbed a large white oak. The children cut corn.

12 In the morning I went over to Nicholas' house as trouble has developed there. In the afternoon I hewed out material for making stalls in the horse barn. Sture plowed and the children cut corn.

13 Today it is raining so we did nothing.

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September 1876

14 I hewed the material for the stall. The children cut corn.

15 First I did various things. In the afternoon we were to Birrel Nilson for a meeting, and we all had our dinner there. The children finished cutting off the corn.

16 In the morning I took wheat to the Waconia mill. I bought 7 studdings and 5 sills and took them home. In the afternoon I hewed out the material for the stalls. The boys grubbed today.

17 Sunday Today Elsa and I went to the funeral at the West Carver church of Swanberg's wife. It rained the whole way down.

18 Went to Waconia after the grist, and then I did various things. The boys grubbed.

19 It is raining. We did various things.

20 I worked in the barn. The boys grubbed.

21 I worked on the stalls. Sture plowed and after dinner he helped Reitz to thresh.

22 I worked on the stalls. Sture threshed for Reitz. Rosenquist grubbed.

23 I worked on the stalls. Rosenquist grubbed. Sture threshed for Reitz two or three hours, and then he plowed.

24 Sunday

25 First I did various things, then I worked on the stalls. Sture plowed the barley field by the meadow.

26 I put blocks under the cribs in the stalls. Sture plowed.

27 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I hauled home lime and bricks for the meeting-house. The boys grubbed out trees on the road.

28 I worked on the meeting house. Sture hauled over the lime and bricks, and then he grubbed on the road and harrowed the winter wheat. Rosenquist was here and grubbed.

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September 1876

29 Winnowed barley and got ready to go to the fair. Sture plowed under the grasshopper eggs where I had sowed the winter wheat.

30 Ida, Sture, Axel and I went to the fair at Carver. I took along a load of barley to Chaska.

October

1 Sunday

2 First I did various things, and then I went to Waconia and bought nails. Carl Peterson today began to lay the floor in the loft. The children dug potatoes.

3 Did various things. Carl is working in the barn. The children dug potatoes. Sture plowed.

4 Did various things. The boys hauled home the squash, etc. Carl Peterson worked during the morning. In the afternoon he was over to Lundgren's house.

5 Did various things and went to Waconia in the afternoon. Sture plowed.

6 Drove Elsa over to Watertown as she is going to Litchfield to see her mother who is dying. Erikson came with me home.

7 In the morning I went to Ritticker after apple scions for grafting. In the afternoon the school board met. The boys hauled together the pumpkins. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.

8 Sunday

9 In the morning Sture and I together with the oxen worked on the road. In the afternoon I put posts under the corn crib. The boys husked corn. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.

10 Peterson and I arranged and fixed things in the stalls. The boys husked corn.

11 Carl Peterson and I worked in the stalls. The boys husked corn.

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October 1876

12 I worked at the meeting house. Carl Peterson worked in the barn. The boys husked corn.

13 Carl Peterson and I worked in the barn. The boys husked corn.

14 Carl Peterson and I worked on the stalls. The boys husked corn.

15 Sunday

16 Did various things. Sture plowed. In the afternoon we hauled corn stalks.

17 We hauled corn stalks all day. In the evening mama and Josephine returned from Litchfield.

18 Today I worked in the orchard. The boys husked the corn and hauled home the last of the cornstalks from the field. A. Lundsten grubbed.

19 Today I worked in the orchard, planting currants.

20 Sture, Axel and I together with the oxen helped Nicholas to thresh, but it rained, so we could only thresh in between times. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.

21 Sture, Axel, I and the oxen threshed for Nicholas until noon, then I worked in the orchard, and Sture plowed. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.

22 Sunday Today we buried Swithsenberg.

23 In the morning I went to Waconia with grist. In the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Hagbeck of Waconia came here and bought them. Carl Peterson worked in the barn. The boys hoed grasshopper eggs in the orchard. Sture plowed.

24 Dug up apple trees, etc. Sture plowed the cornfield. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.

25 Dug up apple trees etc, Jenning came today to get appel trees. Carl worked on the barn this morning. He worked on the meeting house in the afternoon. The boys hauled cornstalks from the orchard and plowed on the cornfield.

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26 Carl worked on the meeting house. Sture went to Waconia after the grist. I dug up apple trees. In the afternoon I sowed two bushels of rye on the west part of the house field.

27 In the morning Hagbeck and his wife from Waconia and Mrs. Lindfelt were here. In the afternoon I heeled in the grape vines. Carl Peterson made a hole in the roof of the house and made a cover for it. He has finished his work here and left this evening. The boys hauled mulching to the apple trees, etc.

28 Elsa and I went to Chaska with wheat. We traded for materials in Faber's store. We also went to Carver when I received my prizes for the fruit.

29 Sunday

30 Dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The boys hauled mulching to the apple trees.

31 Elsa and I went to Waconia, then I hauled the pulpit and book case to the meeting house, and then I dug up grape vines. The boys are piling brush and grub in the new field. Rosenquist is grubbing.

November

1 First I butchered a ewe, and then I dug up apple trees. B. Nilson and Lundsten were here after apple trees. The boys hauled manure to the field by Peterman's land. Rosenquist grubbed.

2 First I mulched around the apple trees, and then Adam Fisher was here after apple trees. In the afternoon I pruned back the grapevines. The boys hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed.

3 Pruned back the grape vines and heeled them in. The boys hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed.

4 Today I did various little things. Freed was here after apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed and the boys hauled manure.

5 Sunday

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6 It is snowing. In the morning I pruned back the grapevines for Per Daniel and Freed. In the afternoon I packed in the seedlings and scions into the cellar. The boys tended to the cattle.

7 Went to the election and in the afternoon we had a business meeting in Scandia.

8 Went to Per Daniel's place and helped him butcher a barrow. The boys spread manure.

9 In the morning I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture is plowing the field where we will plant corn. The boys spread manure.

10 I planted currant bushes, etc. Sture plowed. The boys piled brush on the new broken field.

11 Today I planted some apple trees. Sture plowed and the other boys did various things.

12 Sunday

13 Took a load of wheat to the Chaska mill. A. Lundsten was here and grubbed out large trees. The boys grubbed and piled grub.

14 Dug down fence posts in the cow yard. The boys hauled away the old cow barn thatch. A. Lundsten and Rosenquist grubbed large trees.

15 I set fence posts by the well. Put up gate posts. The boys hauled away cow barn roof thatch.

16 I began to build a privy, etc. The boys finished hauling away the thatch.

17 Per Daniel helped us butcher the large barrow. In the afternoon we did various things.

18 I cut up and salted the pork also made brine. Sture hauled wood.

19 Sunday

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November 1876

20 We butchered the white steer of which Per Broberg has bought one half. Nicholas helped us.

21 Cut up the beef and then did various things.

22 Packed the beef in snow and then did small jobs.

23 Made a gate near the wagon shed.

24 Made a fence down by the straw stack. The boys have attended school all week.

25 The boys and I did various things.

26 Sunday

27 Went to Chaska after the grist.

28 Went to Per Daniel's house and helped him to butcher.

29 I made feed cribs in the sheepp barn. The boys are in school.

30 Did various things. The boys hauled and chopped wood. Today is Thanksgiving. We had a meeting in the meeting house in the evening.

December

1 Hauled three sacks of wheat for Rosenquist to Waconia mill, then I did various things. The boys chopped wood.

2 Sooted the east chimney and put up a stove, etc. The boys hauled and chopped wood.

3 Sunday

4 Per Daniel helped us to butcher the sow.

5 I went to the Swithsenberg's auction.

6 Again went to the auction.

7 Went to Waconia with the butchered sow and sold her to Odell. I, Selien, Elsa and Sture were along.

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December 1876

8 Today it is intensely cold with a strong north wind. I stayed in and patched old clothes all day. The older boys went to school.

9 I did various things. The younger boys went to school also today. It is very cold but not quite so bad.

10 Sunday

11 Today we whitewashed the cabin. The boys are in school.

12 In the morning I did various things and in the afternoon my brother Carl from Colorado and my brother-in-law, John and my sister, Maja Stina, came here. I have not seen my brother Carl for twenty one and a half years.

13, 14, 15 and 16 We had meetings at the chapel each day. John Erikson from Delano is also here.

17 Sunday We have meetings again.

18 Today my brother Carl, my brother-in-law, John and my sister, Maja Stina returned to Vasa and I went with them as far as Chaska.

19 I did various things.

20, 21, 22 and 23 I did various things. The boys are at school. The 21st we went to Reitz' bull with 'Little Molly'.

24 Sunday

25 Christmas Day In the forenoon we had a meeting. In the afternoon we did various things.

26 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. I exchanged the caps in Lars' store. In the afternoon we had a grange meeting. Today my brother-in-law, Cornelius and his boys came here.

27 and 28 I made a fence by the highway opposite the well. The boys sawed stove wood.

29 Laid fence along the highway. Birrel Nilson's relatives were here today. They brought a spinning wheel with them to us from Morse Prairie.

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December 1876

30 Finished the fence down by the well and then I did various things. The boys chopped and sawed wood.

31 Sunday Tonight we are having a wake night service to watch the new year come in.

January 1877

1 We had a business meeting concerning the affairs of the church.

2 and 3 I did various little things. The children are in school. The 1st my brother-in-law, Cornelius, went home. Sture drove hii with the oxen to Carl Swenson's place.

4 Helped Per Daniel to butcher pigs.

5 I went to Watertown to get Erikson. I found him at Ahlstrom's house in Watertown. The children are in school.

6 Repaired shoes all day.

7 Sunday

8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 I did various little things. The boys are in school.

13 Did various things. Sent a letter for the second time to Sven Bengtson in Blue Earth County regarding his horses.

14 Sunday

15 Did various things.

16, 17, 18 and 19 Did various little things. The boys are in school.

20 I did various little things. Today I sent a letter to Sven Bengtson that he should bring his horses here. Andrew Lundsten has sewed clothes for us four and one half days this week and four days last week.

21 Sunday

22 Fixed up the wagon box, etc.

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January 1877

23 Per Daniel and I butchered four gilts. One we kept for family use. She weighed 175 lbs.

24 I went to Waconia and then did various things.

25 Per Broberg began to haul down cord wood to Chaska for me. I went along down to Chaska and sold my wood to Lingenfellser for $3.00 a cord which is to apply on my account in the store. Nicholas Swenson went to Minneapolis today and took along the three pigs to sell them for me.

26 Mended the wagon box, etc. The boys are in school.

27 Hung a gate down by the barn, etc.

28 Sunday

29 In the morning Sture and I sawed off butternut trees for logs for sawing. In the afternoon I went to the grange meeting.

30 We hauled logs out from the field.

31 I chopped butternuts logs into lengths.for sap trough.

February

1 Hauled home the butternut logs.

2 Did various things.

3 We hauled home the haystack from the island.

4 Sunday

5, 6 and 7 Did various things. We are having daily meetings when Gustaf Peterson from Hastings is preaching for us.

8, 9 and 10 I did various things. The children are attending school.

11 Sunday

12 Made a feeding rack in the barn yard. Today Erikson from Delano and Gustaf Peterson from Hastings left for home. Ahlstrom from Watertown was here last night.

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February 1877

13 Finished the feeding rack in the barn yard.

14 Did various things. Today we brought home Brodhauser's boar.

15 Started to make the second feed rack.

16 Went with Nicholas to Chaska and Carver, and we also stopped to Paul Wolf on the way home.

17 Finished the second feed rack, etc.

18 Sunday

19 Went to the mill in Waconia with grist.

20 Nicholas and I went down to the auction in Dahlgren Town.

21 First I went to Per Daniel and got medicine for a sick calf, and then I went to Waconia after the grist.

22 Made sap troughs, etc. In the afternoon Swen Bengtson from Blue Earth County arrived with the pair of horses I have bought from him.

23 Swan Bengtson and I went to Waconia when I bought dubble trees and neck yokes from the smith. I also exchanged harness at the harness maker.

24 Went to Chaska and bought horse blankets and surcingles from Hammar. I also went to the Carver market, then Swen Bengtson and I went and visited Nicholas Swenson. Last night Betty calved.

25 Sunday

26 I did various little things. Today Rosenquist and Malmberg began to cut cord wood for me. Sture chopped down basswood in the clearing.

27 and 28 Made syrup troughs. Sture cut basswood in the clearing. The other boys are in school.

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March 1877

1 Sture and I went to Waconia after the new harness attthe harness maker. In the afternoon I made syrup troughs.

2 Made an axe handle, etc. Sture chopped wood.

3 I repaired shoes. The boys did various things.

4 Sunday

5, 6, 7 and 8 I made some grafts and did other things. Sture cut wood, tended to cattle and horses. The boys are in school.

9 Fanned the wheat, etc.

10 I made grafts all day. The boys chopped down and hauled away the large oak in the meadow.

11 Sunday J. Erikson from Delano has been here all this week.

12 Today Sture and I have been to the market at Watertown with 'Betty', and we sold her. Nicholas' Swen drove us and the calf. Erikson from Delano and his daughter Mathilda have stayed with Nicholas.

13 In the morning I went to the election. In the afternoon I went to the examination of the children in the school house. We also had a meeting of the school board. In the evening the teacher and the school children gave a concert. The singing was accompanied with organ music. John Nilson is making a harrow, etc.

14 I made apple grafts all days.

15 First I took the harrow to the smithy in Waconia. Malmborg borrowed $100.00 from Metzold in Waconia, and I secured the loan for him. In the afternoon I made axe handles and syrup troughs.

16 and 17 Went to H. Reitz on the house raising on the east farm. The boys are chopping wood and logs in the clearing.

18 Sunday

19 Sture and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

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March 1877

20 The boys and I hauled logs to Waconia, one with the oxen and one with the horses.

21 Per Daniel and I went to Bonafetler's place to buy hay. The boys hauled wood and rails, etc.

22 and 23 Hauled together the logs in the clearing.

24 Sture and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

25 Sunday

26 In the morning we hauled the logs together in the clearing. In the afternoon I went to the Grange meeting.

27, 28 and 29 Made syrup troughs, etc. The boys chopped cord wood from the basswood branches. The 27th I sent a letter to Sweden to Olaud Harberge, Sjöarpen.

30 Did various little things.

31 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold the oxen, Jack and Tim.

April

1 Sunday

2 First I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with grist. The boys cut wood.

3 I made sap spouts, etc. The boys cut cord wood.

4 In the morning we hauled stone to make the fireplace for the new syrup pan. In the afternoon I went after the grist to Waconia. The boys chopped wood.

5 We fanned the wheat and oats.

6 I plastered in the old syrup pan. The boys chopped cord wood from the basswood.

7 We began to bore into the maples. We bored into 170 trees.

8 Sunday

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April 1877

9 Made mortar for the new syrup pan fireplace, etc. The boys cut cord wood.

10 Built the fireplace for the new pan. Went to Waconia and had the shoes taken off the horses. The boys burnt logs and brush in the south field.

11 We began to sow. First 10 bu. oats on the south field, then 7 bu. wheat on the home field. We borrowed Nicholas' seeder, then we harrowed the home field.

12 In the morning we harrowed and in the afternoon we sowed 11 bu. wheat on the south field on the east part. I did various things.

13 Sture harrowed all day.

14 Sture rolled the fields all day. I did various things.

15 Sunday

16 Sture borrowed in wheat and oats all day for Per Daniel. Today I bored into 143 maples. This spring we have bored 313 maples, but the sap is very slow.

17 Rained all day. I repaired the children's shoes.

18 It rained in the morning. I pruned the apple trees in the nursery. The boys cut cord wood from basswood.

19 I made grafts, etc. The boys cut rails and wood.

20 We sowed wheat on the west part of the south field. I have made top grafts all day.

21 We sowed wheat on the northwestern part of the south field. We have sowed 27 bu. wheat this year. I made some grafts, planted apple seeds, sowed red onion seeds, etc.

22 Sunday

23 Used the scraper and leveled the field down in the meadow, and then sowed barley there.

24 In the morning we plowed the orchard and sowed barley below the apple trees. In the afternoon we went to Waconia and had the horses shod, etc.

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April 1877

25 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Carl went along.

26 In the morning we went according to the governor's proclamation to the prayer meeting for the Lord's deliverance from the threatening destruction by the grasshoppers. In the afternoon we did various things.

27 Today it snowed and blew all day. However the snow melted as fast as it came. The boys fanned wheat and I did various jobs.

28 First I planted some apple trees for Freed, and then we began to plant apple trees at home here in the nursery.

29 Sunday

30 Planted apple trees for all day. Have planted 56 this year.

May

1 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

2 Again went to Chaska with wheat.

3 Went to Chaska with wheat. The boys grubbed and burnt grub in the clearing. John Nilson is here and grubbed stumps.

4 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The boys grubbed. Elsa and old lady Nilson sheared the sheep.

5 Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought various things in Lawson's store. I paid the harness maker for the harness, etc. I also settled with A. I. Selian and paid him. I also paid Meyer. In the afternoon we planted grape vines, etc.

6 Sunday Erikson had the meeting.

7 First Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wool to Lawson. I took grist to the mill. In the afternoon I cultivated the orchard. Broke the old cowyard and planted it to potatoes.

8 In the morning we had a meeting and in the afternoon I began to set out apple grafts.

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May 1877

9 Set out apple grafts all day. Sture harrowed and rolled the field near Peterman's land where we will plant corn. When we took the wool to Waconia, settled my account with Lawson, everything I owed him.

10 Today is Christ's Ascension Day, and we had a meeting in the morning. In the afternoon Sture and I marked for corn.

11 We planted corn and in the afternoon I went after the grist.

12 We hauled logs and stumps from the clearing.

13 Sunday

14 Worked in the clearing, raking and burning, then we grubbed stumps until 2 o'clock when it began to rain.

15 In the morning I went to Waconia and bought paint for the meeting house. In the afternoon Sture and I plowed in the orchard for sorghum. The boys raked in the clearing today and half a day yesterday.

16 We planted in the orchard and on the field by the granary sorghum, squash, peas and carrots.

17 In the morning I planted grape vine cuttings, and in the afternoon we hauled stumps from the clearing.

18 In the morning we raked and burnt brush in the clearing. In the afternoon the boys took the heifer, 'Froken', to Ottinger's bull. We are having a lot of rain these days.

19 Raked and burnt grub in the clearing and grubbed out old stumps. Today the clearing is ready for breaking. We took 'Nancy' to Reitz' bull.

20 Sunday (Whitsunday)

21 In the morning I went to Waconia after Nicholas'breaking plow. In the afternoon we began to break in the northeast corner of the clearing by the south field. We used Nicholas'horses and plow, and Nicholas held the plow.

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May 1877

22 Broek all day. Used Nicholas' horses and Nicholas held the breaking plow.

23 Broke until 4 o'clock in the afternoon when we finished. Nicholas and his horses were here. Sture grubbed and cleared off brush for Nicholas yesterday and today.

24 We planted the new broken field in corn.

25 Finished planting corn. I wrote a letter to the conference. The boys planted garden. Today I received a letter from Olaus Harberge in Sjoarp, Sweden.

26 In the morning we drove the cattle out of the meadow and put a fence around a pasture in the meadow. In the afternoon we cultivated around the apple trees. The grasshoppers' eggs are hatching, and the grasshoppers are stripping the leaves off the apple trees.

27 Sunday

28 Elsa, Sture and I took a load of wheat to Chaska. We traded in Faber's store. I paid Faber my old store bill. We also went to Carver and bought pewpans from A. Petermans and paid him my bill.

29 We cleared away all the stuff and trash from the old cow yard. Yesterday I received a letter from brother Rydell in Sweden.

30 We broke the old cow yard, etc.

31 The boys harrowed, rolled and planted squash in the old cow yard. I did various little things.

June

1 Went to Watertown to meet J. Erikson, but we had misunderstood the time so he was not there. The boys caught grasshoppers all day.

2 We caught grasshoppers and did some other things. J. Erikson from Delano arrived here tonight.

3 Sunday

4 The boys cultivated the corn. I split rails, etc.

5 Cultivated in the orchard, split rails and caught grasshoppers.

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June 1877

6 Elsa and I took Emma to Mrs. Kohler in Waconia, and Mrs. Kohler gave us medicine for Emma. In the afternoon we were to a meeting in Scandia. The boys spent most of their time in catching grasshoppers. The sow farrowed. She had 13 pigs.

7 In the morning it rained, and in the afternoon I fixed fences. The boys peeled the bark off the aspen rails.

8 First we did various things, then we began to chop down fence post logs.

9 We chopped down logs for fence posts all day.

10 Sunday

11 Sture and I worked on the road between Malmborg's and Adam Fisher's houses.

12 In the morning I went to the election. I voted 'no' on the railroad bond issue, The boys hoed the sorghum. In the afternoon we split aspen rails out on the island.

13 Sture and I worked on the road.

14 The boys and I chopped down hickory and aspen saplings on the north forty to use for the fence between Sieman's and our land.

15 In the forenoon it rained and after dinner we hauled posts to the fence line between Sieman and me.

16 Hauled rails and posts to the fence line.

17 Sunday

18 Went to Chaska to buy nails to use to nail the rails to the fence. I also bought a barrel of herozene for the grasshoppers. Elsa went with me and the boys hoed corn.

19 In the morning I made a covered frame for the supper for grasshoppers. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys mowed clover and hoed corn.

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June 1877

20 First I repaired shoes, and then Monson from Kandiyohi came here. In the afternoon I finished the letter to Sweden. The boys hoed corn in the field by Peterman's land.

21 Began to nail up the fence by Siemans. The boys hoed corn and potatoes. They also caught grasshoppers.

22 I nailed on the fence. The boys cultivated and hoed the sorghum. Today I sent the letter to brother Rydell in Sweden.

23 I worked on the privy. The boys cultivated corn. In the afternoon we had a heavy rain.

24 Sunday

25 I worked on the fence. The boys cultivated corn, and Rosenquist grubbed on the island.

26, 27 and 28 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed. The corn on the newbroken field. Rosenquist grubbed on the island.

29 I worked on the fence between rain showers, and the boys hoed around the apple trees, etc.

30 I was over to John Nilson's barn raising. The boys mowed the clover in the orchard and stqipped bark off the aspen rails.

July

1 Sunday

2 Chopped down hickory saplings for rails. I finished the fence on Seiman's line. The boys cut down and stripped bark from aspen saplings.

3 We cut down and stripped bark from aspen poles on the island.

4 We went to the celebration in Scandia.

5 Elsa and I went to Waconia with grist for the mill, and then we went and visited with Rosenquist and with Lindfelts and then I did nothing as it was too hot. The boys stripped bark from aspen rails on the island.

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6 I worked on a hayrack. The boys stripped bark from aspen rails over on the island.

7 I worked on the hayrack, cultivated by the apple trees and went to Waconia after the grist. The boys carried in the clover from the orchard and hoed some potatoes,,but it is altogether too hot to do much work.

8& Sunday A swarm of grasshoppers arrived. Began to mow
9 hay on the south meadow.

10 Today the boys cultivated the corn. I worked on the hayrack. Today a swarm if grasshoppers left.

11, 12, 13 and 14 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay. Erikson from Delano has been here all week.

15 Sunday

16 We reaped the barley down in the west meadow.

17 In the morning we went after a load of hay from the graveyard. In the afternoon we mowed on the west meadow.

18 Hauled home hay from the south meadow.

19 Reaped the rye on the home field in the morning, and then we cocked hay on the west meadow.

20 Mowed on the west meadow. Elsa and Ida cocked hay on the west meadow. The grasshopper swarm that came here the 15th left today.

21 Hauled hay from the west meadow all day.

22 Sunday

23 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The folks at home cocked hay on the west meadow by the island.

24 Hauled home hay from the island in the west meadow.

25 First we hauled home the lost of the hay and then we cut the double row of barley down in the meadow and stacked the barley.

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July 1877

26 I reaped the oats and the rest hoed the sorghum.

27 We all hoed the sorghum, and then at noon it started to rain. The boys went fishing.

28 In the morning we cut the wheat on that field by the well, and in the afternoon we tied the oat bundles on the south field.

29 Sunday

30 In the morning we tied oat bundles and shocked the oats, and in the afternoon we reaped the wheat west of the cabin.

31 Reaped the wheat on the east part of the south field.

August

1 Reaped wheat on the east portion of the south field.

2 In the morning we reaped the two acre field in the northwest corner of the south field, and in the afternoon we reaped on the west portion.

3 Continued reaping on the same piece and so finished the reaping. We have had a lengthy and hard drought so the wheat ripened too fast yet the harvest looks good. I sent the letter from Sweden to my brother, Carl.

4 Axel, Carl and I went to Per Daniel and shocked wheat and cut wheat. Sture and Ida are helping Birrel Nilson to tie wheat bundles.

5 Sunday

6 Went to Waconia and bought fly nets for the horses. In the afternoon I stacked rye on the barley stack and moved the fence where I want the wheat stacks. Ida and Sture tied wheat bundles for Birrel Nilson.

7 and 8 We stacked the wheat.

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August 1877

9 In the forenoon we stacked wheat and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys went fishing.

10 and 11 We stacked wheat.

12 Sunday

13 and 14 We stacked wheat.

15 First we finished stacking the wheat, and then did various things. In the afternoon Elsa and I went fishing.

16, 17 and 18 Hoed weeds in the grapevines and around the apple trees. The boys plowed the willow field by the house and the south field by Peterman's woods. I pruned back the grape vines while we stacked the wheat.

19 Sunday

20 Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold pork to Iselien and bought various things. The boys weeded the squash and plowed in the afternoon. I did various things.

21 Sture plowed. I am hewing out material for a cattle shelter by the strawstack.

22 Hewed lumber for the shelter. In the evening Carl Peterson and I went to Waconi and bought paint for the house.

23 and 24 Carl Peterson painted on the house, and I did various things and set up posts for the shelter. The boys hauled manure for the home field on the west portion.

25 Carl Peterson painted on the house. The boys hauled manure. I went to Waconia and got medicine from Mrs. Kohler for our girl, Josephine. I also let the tailor measure me for a coat. I am to pay $11.50 for the coat.

26 Sunday

27 Went to Waconia after linseed oilk etc. In the afternoon I sowed timothy and blue grass on the school house lot. Sture threshed for Freed a while in the afternoon. Carl Peterson painted on the house.

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August 1877

28 In the morning I did various things, and in the afternoon I plowed. Sture threshed for Freed. Carl Peterson painted on the house.

29 Axel and I threshed for W. Mitchel. Sture plowed. Carl Peterson painted.

30 In the morning I was not well enough to do anything. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten. Our Carl and Carl Peterson threshed for W. Mitchel until half past ten. After that Carl Peterson painted.

31 Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten. I did various things. Carl Peterson painted.the porch, and so the house is painted.

September

1 First I took 'Fanny' to Reitz' bull and then 'Froken' to Ottinger's bull for the second time. In the afternoon Sture and I threshed for Nicholas. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten in the morning until 10 o'clock.

2 Sunday

3 Drove J. Erikson to Watertown. On the way home I went to Waconia and took home the grist from the mill. Ida, Sture and Axel threshed for Nicholas.

4 Sture and Axel threshed for Nicholas. I plowed the large west portion along the west fence in the south field.

5 Ida, Axel and I threshed for Per Daniel, and Sture threshed for Reitz.

6 Ida, Axel and I threshed for Per Daniel until noon. I plowed in the afternoon, and the children cut corn. Sture threshed for Reitz.

7 I made a grain bin for oats in the granary. Sture threshed for Reitz until 10:30 P.M. The rest of the children cut corn.

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8 In the morning I did various things, and after dinner I threshed for Peterman. Sture and Axel threshed for Reitz until 4:30 in the afternoon. The children finished cutting the corn on the new field.

9 Sunday

10 Sture threshed for Peterman. I went to Waconia and then did various things. The boys cut corn.

11 Sture threshed for Peterman. I did various little things. In the evening Peterman's threshing machine arrived here.

12 We threshed all day.

13 We threshed until one o'clock when we finished. It has been exceedingly warm these days while we have been threshing.

14 In the morning Elsa and I took Josephine with us to Waconia and got medicine for her from Mrs. Kohler. The boys cut corn on the field by Peterman's land. After the long drawnout heat waye we had a very refreshing rain this afternoon.

15 The boys finished cutting the corn. I did various things.

16 Sunday

17 We dug potatoes, and Sture plowed.

18 We dug potatoes, and Sture plowed on the south field.

19 I threshed for Malmborg. Sture plowed and the other children cut the sorghum.

20 We cut sorghum canes. Sture plowed.

21 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened, and the children cut sorghum. In the afternoon we cut sorghum, and Sture plowed.

22 We cut sorghum while Sture plowed the home field.

23 Sunday

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24 It rained; in the evening I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys spread manure.

25 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The boys apread manure and cut sugar corn. Today 'Little Molly' calved.

26 Sture plowed on the home field for rye. I did various little things.

27 We fanned the barley, etc. In the afternoon we sowed rye on the west portion of the home field.

28 Sture and I went to Jennings and bought 20 bu. corn. In the afternoon I went to the tailor in Waconia after my coat.

29 Elsa, Sture, Carl and I went to the fair in Carver.

30 Sunday

October

1 The children husked corn. I did various things.

2 It is raining. We did various things.

3 It rained until noon. We pressed the grapes for wine. In the afternoon the children husked corn. I did various things. Cut the last of the sorghum and shocked it.

4 In the forenoon the children husked corn. I plastered in the molasses pan. In the afternoon we hauled in the squash. Two peddlers came and will stay over night. We bought picture frames from them.

5 The children husked corn, and I butchered a calf and did some other things.

6 The children husked corn. I went to Chaska with a load of wheat, and I also went to Carver. Nicholas and I had each others company home.

7 Sunday

8 We hauled cornstalks all day. The children husked corn.

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9 The boys husked corn on the new field. Ida is working for Reitz. I did various things.

10 In the morning I cut the weeds on the old cow yard field. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Henry Reitz' house to the funeral. The boys husked corn.

11 In the morning I did various things, and in the afternoon I harrowed the field by the well. The children husked corn.

12 First I went to J. Jennings after oats, then in the afternoon I went to the mill with four sacks of rye. The children husked corn between the rain showers.

13 In the forenoon we husked corn. Sture plowed the corn field besides Peterman's land. In the afternoon it rained.

14 Sunday

15 Sture and I hauled cornstalks and the other children finished husking corn.

16 In the morning I butchered a ram. Sture plowed the cornfield. In the afternoon we went to Waconia and hauled a couple of logs up to the saw and brought home the grist.

17 Worked on the road. I made a bridge opposite the well. Sture plowed the cornfield. Yesterday and the day before Rosenquist grubbed.

18 Elsa and I went with a load of wheat to Chaska and did some trading in Faber's store. The boys piled the grub and brush where Rosenquist had grubbed.

19 and 20 Finished building the furnaces for the molasses pans. Sture plowed the new field. The other boys piled brush.

21 Sunday

22 Nicholas and I went over to Mack's place on the other side of Waconia and borrowed his cane mill. In the afternoon we put it up. The boys/brush on the grubbed piece by the cow yard. cleared off

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23 In the morning we started to press the sorghum cane, but soon had to quit as the press was defective. In the afternoon I went to Gothenburg to try to borrow a cane press but did not succeed.

24 Today we hauled the sorghum canes over to Broberg's place. Rosenquist grubbed. Malmborg dug ditches in the meadow.

25 Elsa, Sture, Axel and I were over at Broberg's place and cooked molasses. Rosenquist grubbed.

26 In the morning we cooked molasses over at Broberg's place. We cooked 63 gal. at Broberg's place and 7 gal. molasses at home. Rosenquist grubbed. Today my brother-in-law, Nils Larson and his wife, Anna together with Bengta Cornelius, from Litchfield came here to visit.

27 My brother-in-law, Nils Larson, and I went to the market in Carver. Rosenquist grubbed. The boys piled the grub.

28 Sunday

29 My brother-in-law, Nils Larson and I went to Waconia with the canes press I had borrowed from Mack. I also brought a ram to Rosenquist's place that he had bought from me. In the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed and the boys piled the grub.

30 Elsa and I drov the Litchfield folks to Delano. The boys piled brush. Rosenquist grubbed in the afternoon.

31 Dug up apple trees, but in the afternoon I went to bed sick. Haupt was here after apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed. The boys hauled mulching and put around the apple trees. The 30th we took the heifer 'Fanny' to Peterman's bull.

November

1 I dug up apple trees. Sture dug ditches for Freed in his swamp. Rosenquist grubbed.

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2 Dug up apple trees. Sture dug ditches for Freed during the morning. In the afternoon the boys hauled rotted straw and put around the apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed.

3 Pruned back the grape vines and dug up apple trees. The boys heeled in the grape vines and did various things.

4 Sunday Last night it was biting cold.

5 Today I heeled in apple trees, etc. The boys did various things. Rosenquist grubbed.

6 In the forenoon I helped Per Daniel to butcher, and then I went to the election. After that I pruned back grapes for Freed and Per Daniel. The boys piled brush. Rosenquist grubbed.

7 and 8 We did various little things.

9 In the morning I made some sheep folds and separated the sheep I intend to butcher from the others. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought moccasin boots for the boys. Ida went along and bought a hat for herself. The boys piled brush on the grubbed field.

10 First I did various things. In the afternoon I butchered a ram. The boys hauled manure.

11 Sunday

12 and 13 We hauled manure to the field where we will plant corn.

14 In the morning we had a meeting. A.Methodist minister from Carver preached. In the afternoon we hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed stumps on last year's new-broken field.

15 We hauled manure all day. Rosenquist grubbed stumps on last year's new broken field.

16 First we finished hauling out the manure, and Sture then plowed the field getting it ready for the spring planting. Rosenquist and I grubbed out stumps.

17 First Rosenquist and I grubbed out stumps and the Rosenquist grubbed down below the barn yard, and I set up poles to make the wagon shed larger. Sture finished plowing for corn.

18 Sunday

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November 1877

19 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the horses shod, and in the afternoon I went to a grange meeting. The boys are piling brush below the barn.

20 In the morning I helped Per Daniel to butcher, and then I did various things. The boys worked in the clearing.

21 I built the addition to the wagon shed. The boys did various things.

22 The boys and I covered the wagon shed. Rosenquist grubbed down below the barn.

23 Finished covering the wagon shed and fenced around the strawstack. Rosenquist grubbed.

24 I did various things. The boys hauled the chaff into the barn, then they hauled manure out on the timothy on the meadow. Rosenquist grubbed north of the barn. Rosenquist has grubbed 24 days during the summer and fall. We made up our accounts, and we paid him.

25 Sunday

26 The boys hauled manure for the timothy on the meadows I did various things. Rosenquist grubbed north of the barn. We took 'Froken' to Peterman's bull.

27 I butchered a pig, then we did various things. Rosenquist grubbed down past the barn. J. Jenning was here after scions that he will take with him into Washington territory.

28 We burnt brush down past the barn yard all day.

29 It is Thanksgiving Day. We had a prayer meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon we did various things.

30 Today I did a variety of small things. The boys ground corn on Reitz' mill.

December

1 I built on a privy, etc. The boys burnt brush down below the barn.

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December 1877

12 Sunday We had a funeral. John Nilson from Carver was buried here in Scandia today.

13 I worked on the privy, etc. The boys burnt brush below the barn.

14 We butchered the large hog and the sow. Per Daniel helped.

15 Did various things.

16 Sture and I drove to Minneapolis. We had the two pigs, 6 sacks wheat and one sack of beans as a load. Nicholas and Birrel Nilson also went to Minneapolis.

17 At 12:30 at night we returned from Minneapolis.

18 I worked on the privy and the boys did various things.

19 Sunday

20 Finished the privy. The boys started school.

21 Went to Reitz to help butcher pigs, but took so sick I could only be there until noon. The boys are in school.

22 Went to Waconia with grist and then did various things. The boys are in school.

23 and 24 Worked on a wood rack, etc. The boys are in school.

25 Elsa and I took Frank to Boran, the German, to get a tooth pulled but the German was not at home. The boys did various things.

26 Sunday

27, 28 and 29 Did various little things. The boys are in school.

30 Finished the wood rack. Sture is not well, but the other boys are in school. Gustav Peterson from Stubbarp, now Morris Prairie, was here last night.

31 Went to Per Daniel's place and grubbed out an oak that I want for sled runners.

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December 1877

22 Made a door for the privy, etc. This whole week it has been warm and rainy so the roads are very muddy.

23 Sunday

24 Did various little things.

25 Christmas Day We had a meeting in the chapel.

26 Wrote a short historical paper from our church books to send to Professor Edgren as he is to write a Swedish Baptist Church History in America.

27 The boys and I grubbed large trees and stumps, etc. It is still warm and rainy with the mud deep under foot.

28 Today in Scandia we are starting a religious district meeting. Rev. Lindberg together with several brethren from Cokato, and also John Anderson from Vasa, were here.

29 We had meetings all day in the Scandia church.

30 Sunday We had meetings all day.

31 Today the folks from Cokato returned. In the evening we had a meeting.

January 1878

1, 2, and 3 We had meetings.

4 Today John Anderson returned to Vasa. I drove him to Chaska.

5 I repaired shoes, etc.

6 Sunday

7 Wrote a letter to brother Rydell in Sweden and also wrote and sent in the letter a receipt to him, because he had paid me his debt for the immigration tickets.

8 Today I mailed the letter to Sweden.

9 and 10 These days I wrote to Olaus Härberge in Sjoarp, Sweden, also to my brother, Carl, in Colorado and to my sister, Gustafva in Illinois.

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11 I did various things. I mailed the three letters. The boys are in school.

12 We butchered a pig, etc.

13 Sunday

14 Went to Per Daniel's place and split out pieces for the sled runners from the large oak which I had grubbed.

15 First I hauled home the lumber for the sled runners, and then I returned for a white oak log.

16 Helped Per Daniel to butcher hogs.

17 Hauled home wood, etc. from the south forty.

18 Hauled maple branches, etc. from the clearing below the barn. In the evening I received a letter from my brother-in-law, Johannes, from Eggleston that brother, Carl, is dead. 'Little Molly' was with Peterman's bull.

19 Went down to Minneapolis to meet my brother-in-law, Johannes. We talked over the advisability of going to Illinois for brother Carl's funeral, but decided not to go as we could in no way find out when the body would be sent to Illinois from Colorado.

20 Sunday

21 Returned on the train from Minneapolis to Chaska where I arrived at sunset. Walked home from there and found it very tiring.

22 and 23 Did various little things.

24 Went to Chaska and Carver to see if a letter regarding brother Carl's death had come, but there was not a letter. I rode with Freed.

25 Did various little things. In the evening I received a letter from my sister, Gustafva, that my brother, Carl, was buried. I also received a letter from my brother's hired man in Colorado.

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January 1878

26 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold old 'Molly'. In the evening my brother-in-law, Johannes, and my sister, Gustafva's son-in-law, Norman, from Illinois, came here.

27 Sunday

28 Drove Norman to Chaska. He is to go to Colorado and settle up my brother Carl's accounts.

29 Did various little things.

30 Peter Broberg and I went to Chaska with cord wood, but could get no farther to Kindler's son's place as the snow was melted off the road. We unloaded and left the wood.

31 Went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

February

1 In the morning I hauled stone from Scandia. In the afternoon I butchered a ram. In the evening I received a letter from John Pearson from Elizabeth Town, New Mexico.

2 In the morning we went to the German, Boran, and had a tooth pulled for Frank. Today I sent a letter to John Pearson in Elizabeth Town, New Mexico, and one to Norman in Cuckara, Colorado. In the evening we hauled out cord wood from the clearing. The children are regularly in school.

3 Sunday

4 We hauled out cord wood from the clearing.

5 Repaired shoes all day.

6 In the morning I went to Waconia, and in the afternoon I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, N. Larson, in Litchfield.

7 In the morning I went to Rosenquist's place to Waconia where I bought shoes for Frank from Iselien. In the evening I wrote a letter to my sister, Gustafva.

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8 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia after grist. I also returned the shoes to Iselien as they were faulty, then I bought a pair of shoes from Larson for Frank. Rosenquist and the boys chopped cord wood on the clearing. I received a letter from Norman.

9 In the morning I ground corn on Reitz' mill and then did various things. Today I sent letters to Norman in Denver and to my sister, Gustafva. My brother-in-law, John Anderson came here today. The boys and Rosenquist cut cord wood.

10 Sunday

11 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to the grange meeting. Today I received a second letter from Norman in Denver.

12 My brother-in-law, Johannes, and I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver and to John Pearson in Elizabeth Town in New Mexico.

13 In the morning we went to a meeting in Scandia, and then I did various things. Today I sent the letters for Colorado and New Mexico to Chaska.

14 Did nothing.

15 Wrote a letter to Sweden to tell them that our brother, Carl, was dead.

16 Repaired shoes all day.

17 Sunday

18 Did various little things.

19 Per Daniel helped me to butcher five sheep in the forenoon. The boys are in school. John Anderson from Eggleston returned home yesterday.

20 Sture and I drove to Minneapolis with a load consisting of wheat, mutton, sheep skin and tallow.

21 We returned from Minneapolis in the evening.

22 Did various things. The boys were in school.

23 Sooted the chimney, etc. The boys are in school. 'Nancy' calved last night.

24 Sunday

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February 1878

25 Wrote a letter to G. W. Norman and to John Pearson in New Mexico, to Johannes in Eggleston. I copied the settlement of the estate and sent it to Johannes, then I repaired shoes.

26 In the morning I sooted the kitchen chimney and after dinner I repaired shoes.

27 Mended shoes all day.

28 Began to make grafts.

March

1 and 2 Madeapple grafts.

3 Sunday

4 I made grafts and then went to Waconia after grist, etc. The first we took 'Fanny', 'Froken' and 'Little Molly' to Peterman's bull.

5 Went to Carver and bought a seeder from Andrew Peterson. Today I borrowed $150.00 from Faber and Linnefelts in Chaska and in the evening I paid to H. Peterman $150.00.

6 Today I made a sled out of planks on which to haul stone and stumps.

7 Began to bore into the maples. I bored into 100 trees. Today the school ended its winter term.

8 Today I plastered in the syrup pan and we started to make syrup. The boys are hauling together the stumps in the field. Night before last a couple of Irishmen stopped over night with us.

9 I made grafts all day and finished them all. The boys fanned wheat and oats.

10 Sunday

11 Bored into 190 maples. The boys chopped wood in the clearing.

12 Went to the election and then did various things. The boys chopped wood.

13 Sawed off branches in the apple trees. Today Paul Birlien was here, and I paid him the $9.00 for the insurance.

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March 1878

14 and 15 I wrote letters to Norman, Pearson and Johannes. Also did various little things and made some plum grafts, etc. The boys chopped wood in the clearing.

16 Went to Chaska with two sacks of wheat for Utel's mill, and I had it ground at once and received the grist from the elevator, then I went to Carver Lundsten was along.

17 Sunday We went over to J. Broberg's house and celebrated their silver wedding day.

18 Per Daniel helped us butcher two pigs. In the afternoon we had our last grange meeting, and then sold our grange hall to Malmborg.

19 Today we started the spring seedingl. We sowed wheat in the home field. I cut up the pork and salted it.

20 First we harrowed the wheat, then sowed oats. I pruned the apple trees.

21 Harrowed in the oats, then sowed wheat in the orchard and rolled that. I made grafts in the appletrees.

22 The boys rolled the oats then sowed wheat on the new field. I made grafts.

23 First they harrowed in and rolled the wheat on the new field then sowed wheat on the field by Peterman's pasture. I made grafts.

24 Sunday

25 First I went to Waconia and had the shoes taken off the horses, and then I ground three sacks of corn over at Reitz' place. In the afternoon we sowed the square piece near the highway in wheat. I pruned apple trees.

26 Sowed wheat on the west piece of the south field. I washed the apple trees. Today we lost one of last year's calfs, so in the afternoon I buried it.

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March 1878

27 Sture harrowed. I washed apple trees, etc.

28 Sowed wheat on the piece by Peterman's field, and I did various things.

29 After rolling the wheat I took the horses to Waconia and had them reshod.

30 Elsa and I went to the Carver market. Sture, Axel and Carl also went but walked and led the oxen 'Dick' and the heifer 'Fanny'. I sold them for $63.50.

31 Sunday

April

1 Went to the Watertown mill with a load of rye. I had my picture taken and ordered a dozen, also ordered ½ dozen copies made of my brother Carl's picture.

2 The boys worked on the clearing. I pruned apple trees, etc. First thing in the morning Nicholas was here and cut the boar and a bull calf. Today the sow farrowed. She had a litter of four pigs, but two were dead.

3, 4, 5 and 6 The boys and I hauled together the logs in the clearing and then burnt off the clearing.

7 Sunday

8 I planted apple trees in the nursery. The boys worked in the clearing.

9 and 10 It rained. I wrote a long letter to Rydell in Sweden and to Norman in Kirkwood, Ill.

11 Sture and I went to Waconia to look at the stallions from Watertown. Today I sent the long letter to Sweden together with a railroad map over Colorado. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico requesting that he be administrator over the silver mine.

12 I planted out apple trees and the boys hauled manure.

13 Hauled together logs on the clearing all day. Today we set out red onions.

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April 1878

14 Sunday

15 John Nilson and Sture split rails. I wrote on a letter, etc.

16 John and Sture split rails . I started to make a small wagon for the children.

17 John and Sture split rails between rain showers. I finished the wagon.

18 In the morning Sture and I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia. In the afternoon we hauled rails from the clearing.

19 First we plowed for barley down below the wagon shed, and then we hauled rails and stakes from the clearing.

20 Today we sowed barley. I tied up the grape vines, etc, then we hauled rails.

21 Sunday

22 First we planted potatoes between the apple trees, and then I set out grape vines. The boys hauled rails and wood from the clearing.

23 The boys burnt brush on the clearing. I did various little jobs.

24 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. We did some shopping, and I hauled home 400 bricks for the well.

25 In the morning we went to the stallion with the mare. Elsa went along and had her picture taken. In the afternoon we hauled together logs in the clearing.

26 I did various little things. The boys hauled together stumps during the morning. In the afternoon Ida and Sture went to Waconia and had their picture taken.

27 Went to Chaska with a load of wood, and then I went on to Carver to get a plow that I had bought from Andrew Peterson. I also hauled home 400 bricks for the well from Chaska. The boys grubbed in the clearing.

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April 1878

28 Sunday

29 Elsa and I went to an auction at Mack's place. We bought 6 bu. potatoes. The boys grubbed.

30 First we plowed where I will plant apple grafts. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys worked in the clearing. In the afternoon Rosenquist began to lay a fence around the clearing.

May

1 I began to plant out the grafts. Rosenquist laid fence. The boys grubbed old stumps in the clearing.

2 In the morning Sture and I again took the mare to the stallion in Waconia. In the afternoon I planted out grafts. Sture plowed for corn and the other boys grubbed stumps.

3 I planted out grafts. Sture plowed and rolled the field for corn. In the afternoon the boys raked and burnt brush in the clearing.

4 In the morning I made a wooden pin rake. The boys raked in the clearing. In the afternoon Sture and I marked out for corn. I paid my account in Lawson's store in Waconia.

5 Sunday

6 The children planted corn on the south field. I did various things. In the afterncon I was sick.

7 The boys raked in the clearing. I went with a load of wheat to the Watertown mill and had it ground.

8 We began to break the clearing east of the barn yard.

9 In the morning Sture and I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia then we hauled home water from the lake. In the afternoon we broke ground in the clearing.

10 We broke ground in the clearing all day. The boys grubbed and raked brush.

11 We broke ground all day. The boys grubbed and raked brush.

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May 1878

12 Sunday

13 We did various things. John Anderson from Eggleston is here.

14 In the morning I did various things, and in the afternoon I was to the meeting in Scandia. Sture hauled sand for Peterman.

15 We broke ground and then planted potatoes on the field north of the barn. Today we finished breaking the field.

16 In the morning we went to the stallion in Waconia with the mare. It is today three weeks since the mare took the stallion, and if she is with foal, it is to be counted from the 25th of April. In the afternoon we planted corn on the new broken field. Sture and Ida went to the meeting. I made over a gate.

17 We planted corn in the rest of the new broken field, and then plowed for sorghum on the old cow yard field.

18 In the forenoon my brother-in-law, Johannes, and I wrote letters to Headburg in Denver and to Pearson at Willow Gulch. In the afternoon we went to Waconia, and I had the mare shod but not the gelding. Today it rained. The boys did nothing.

19 Sunday

20 I drove my brother-in-law down to Chaska. The boys seeded carrots and sorghum on the new field.

21 Cultivated between the apple trees and then plowed for beans and squash. John Hogstedt from Minneapolis was here this afternoon, and I bought a butter churn from him for $7.00.

22 and 23 Sture and I went to Minneapolis and sold our wool also sold a load of wheat to the Globe Milling Co. We brought a load of lumber for panels with us home. Nicholas also hauled home a load of lumber for me.

24 We did various little things.

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May 1878

25 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat, and we also went to Carver. I paid Per Miller Mortenson the $50.00 I borrowed from him in Chaska last Monday.

26 Sunday

27 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Each time I have gone to Chaska I have taken 400 bricks for the well with me home. Took 'Nancy' to Ottinger's bull.

28 Did various little things.

29 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

30 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat and brought home the last of bricks.

31 Did various things.

June 1878

1 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat, then I went on to Carver where I paid Andrew Peterson for the seeder and the plow. The boys have grubbed out by the island in the meadow this week.

2 Sunday

3 Did various things. The boyd grubbed out on the island. Per Hakanson from Minneapolis was here today.

4, 5 and 6 Did various little things. The boys grubbed on the island, but it is raining most of the time, so we can't do much.

7 Did various little things.

8 In the morning I rode down to Chaska beginning my trip to my sister, Gustafva and my brother-in-law, Johanson, in Illinois. At 7:30 the train left Chaska and arrived in Albert Lea in the afternoon.

9 Sunday At 7:30 in the evening my sister 'Maja Stina', my brother-in-law, Johannes, and I went on the train in Albert Lea.

10 At 10:30 A. M. we arrived in Burlington and 1:30 at Kirkwood.

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June 1878

11 We rode out to our sister, Gustafva, and our brother-in-law, Johanson's place.

12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 We visited at Johanson's house.

17. We rode to Burlington, and I went out and visited Nealeys, and I visited until it was time to leave for the train.

18 In the evening at 7:30 the train left Burlington.

19 11:30 the train arrived at Chaska.

20 I did nothing. The boys hoed the corn.

21 and 22 Cut clover in the orchard, cultivated the potatoes and the apple trees. The boys hoed corn, etc.

23 Sunday

24 Did various things. The boys hoed corn, winnoed wheat, etc.

25 and 26 Elsa and I went to Minneapolis with a load of wheat. I hauled home a load of lumber. The boys hoed corn, etc.

27 I did various things. The boys hoed the corn, etc.

28 and 29 Again went to Minneapolis with a load of corn. I took doors and studdings with me home. The boys hoed and did various things.

30 Sunday

July

1 I went to Waconia and did various things. The boys cocked clover, hoed and then carried in clover.

2 Went to Chaska with wheat. The boys hoed the corn on the new field.

3 In the forenoon I wrote letters to Sweden and sent power of attorney in it. I also wrote a letter to Johannes in Eggleston. The boys cultivated the corn.

4 We went to Scandia where we had a small celebration.

5 Wrote a letter to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood that he should put the boy at Johnson in the hands of a trustee. I sent that letter today and also the letter with power of attorney to Johannes in Eggleston. The boys hoed and cocked hay. In the afternoon I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver and to I. Pearson in Willow Gulch.

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6 Today I sent the letters to Denver and Willow Gulch. We harrowed and sowed rutabagas seeds, hoed around the apple trees, cocked and hauled hay.

7 Sunday John A. Peterson from Minneapolis is here.

8, 9, 10 and 11 We harvested some hay between the rain-showers and hoed corn, sorghum, squash and around the apple trees.

12 In the morning we put the reaper in order and then we reaped rye.

13 In the morning I pruned grape vines. The boys hoed. In the afternoon we cocked hay but it really was too warm to work.

14 Sunday In the afternoon we had hard rain.

15 In the morning I pruned grapes. The boys hoed sorghum. John A. Erikson from Minneapolis went home today.

16 In the morning we did various things, and in the afternoon we mowed the school lot and also in the west meadow.

17 This morning we had a pouring rain, and this afternoon we hoed the sorghum.

18 In the morning my brother-in-law, John Anderson and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon we cocked hay and reaped barley.

19 In the forenoon we reaped the barley in the meadow. In the afternoon we hauled home the timothy from the school lot. Sture is sick in bed. I am not feeling extra well either.

20 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel and Carl reaped the barley in the meadow. In the afternoon I mowed out by the island then hauled hay and reaped the last of the barley.

21 Sunday

22 First I drove my brother-in-law, Johannes from Eggleston down to Chaska. The boys hoed the sorghum, and then in the afternoon we hauled home hay from the island.

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1878

July

23 First I went to Waconia and mailed my power of attorney and affidavit to P. Headburg addressing the letter to Silverton, Colorado. My brother-in-law, Johannes, sent his power of attorney yesterday. In the afternoon we began to reap the wheat on the home field opposite the house.

24 We reaped the wheat on the west side of the home field by the cabin.

25 In the morning it rained we mowed the meadow by the well.

26 Finished reaping the oats.

27 Reaped the wheat on the field by Peterman's woods and cocked hay on the meadow.

28 Sunday

29 Elsa and I went to Waconia and in the afternoon we reaped the rest of the wheat by Peterman's woods and the wheat on the square piece by the highway.

30 This morning we finished reaping the wheat on the square field and made two turns with the reaper on the west piece of the south field when about two o'clock, it started to rain, and then it hailed! I have never seen anything like it. Hail stones as large as goose eggs. Thirty-five window panes were shattered in our house by the hail stones. The wheat was pounded down and so about 250 bu. of wheat destroyed and 6 acres of corn. The sorghum also was destroyed, but the worst of all was that the bark was scaled off the apple trees. In other words, everything in the path of the storm was destroyed.

31 I went to Waconia and sold pork to Odell and did some other errands. The boys shocked the wheat that the storm had blown down. In the afternoon we dismantled the reaper and assembled the mowed, and then we mowed some of the wheat that was beaten down by the hail.

August

1 In the morning I fixed the mowed. In the afternoon we cut the wheat on the field by Peterman's field with scythes.

2 We mowed the wheat that was left on that field. In the afternoon we mowed the wheat on the west piece of the south field. Ida went over to Per Daniel and helped to tie wheat bundles.

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3 We stacked the wheat on the home field. In the evening Bergquist from Minneapolis came here.

4 Sunday

5 I put glass in the windows. The boys mowed hay on the meadow by the island. Bergquist stayed overnight with us and then went home today.

6 We stacked the oats. Hoglunds and Bergquist's girls stayed here last night and continued the journey home today..

7 In the morning I went fishing while the boys cleared away the manure where we will stack the wheat. In the afternoon we cocked hay and hauled hay home from the island. We also cocked part of the rotten barley and hauled it home.

8 We stacked the barley and the rye.

9 We stacked wheat.

10 We stacked wheat.

11 Sunday

12 I went to Waconia in the morning. The boys mowed grass on the south meadow. During the afternoon shocked the wheat alongside of Peterman's field.

13 In the morning the boys cut the wheat on the new broken field. I did various things, then Sture plowed the rye stubble while we cocked wheat.

14 We stacked the loose wheat by Peterman's field.

15 We stacked a stack of loose wheat that we will feed to the sheep.

16 Made another stack of loose wheat down by the wagon shed.

17 We stacked loose wheat in the pig pen to have for feed for the pigs.

18 Sunday

19 In the morning Sture plowed on the rye stubble and after dinner he mowed and raked wheat. I cut weeds with the scythe north of the barn all day.

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20 In the morning Sture plowed while the other boys and I cleaned out the well, then we all stacked loose wheat by Peterman's field.

21 Before dinner we stacked loose wheat and then we finished the stack of wheat inside the pig pen, then we cleared brush north of the barn.

22 In the morning it rained, then Sture plowed and we grubbed stumps to the north of the barn.

23 We broke ground for timothy north of the barn.

24 We went over to Petermans and threshed the loose wheat.

25 Sunday

26 Sture plowed; the other boys and I gathered roots and leveled out the dirt on the new broken ground north of the barn, and then I sowed timothy there.

27 Peterman brought his machine and threshed the wheat that was damaged by the hail storm.

28 We helped Nicholas Swenson to thresh.

29 Sture, Axel and Carl helped Sieman to thresh.

30 The boys again threshed for Sieman, and I did various things.

31 The boys and I helped Freed to thresh.

September

1 Sunday

2 The boys and Ida threshed for Freed. I threshed for Per Daniel.

3 First the threshing was finished at Freed's place, and then the threshers went to Broadhouse place. My brother-in-law, Johannes, and I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver in the morning, and then I mowed in the orchard. John Nilson came here about noon and started to tongue and groove the board for floor on the third floor.

4 First the threshing was finished at Bradhouse place, and then only Sture went along to Lunsten's place and helped to thresh. I moved the second crop in the meadows, then I went to Waconia and bought nails. John Nilson tongued and grooved boards. My brother-in-law, Johannes, went with Per Daniel to the state fair.

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5 Sture threshed for Lundsten. Axel and Carl plowed on the home field. John Nilson and I began to lay the floor on the third floor.

6 Sture plowed in the morning and then he seeded winter wheat on the homefield.by the cabin. Nilson and I finished laying the floor.

7 I did various things, and John Nilson worked on the door frames. In the afternoon we were at the meeting in Scandia. Sture harrowed in the wheat and plowed.

8 Sunday

9 Today I drove my brother-in-law, Johannes, down to Chaska. The boys husked corn. In the afternoon Sture plowed; John Nilson built, and I did various things.

10 Sture plowed. I mowed in the orchard, and then we hauled home the second crop hay. Axel threshed for Lundsten and John Nilson built on the second floor.

11 Sture plowed. The boys husked corn. Nilson built, and I did various things.

12, 13 and 14 Nilson and I put in panels downstairs and also in all the upstairs rooms. Sture plowed. The boys finished husking the corn. There was not more than two wagon boxes full from more than six acres, and it is very poor at that.

15 Sunday

16 Went to Chaska and bought lath for the upstairs. I also went to Carver and talked with the contractor, Pinz. Nilson is building. The boys grubbed on the island.

17 In the morning I butchered a ram. Sture plowed. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys grubbed. Nilson worked on the house.

18 Today I took a load of grist to Udell's mill in Chaska. The boys grubbed. John Nilson built on the house.

19 Rainy weather. The boys winnowed the worst of the wheat. Nilson built on the house. I did various things.

20 and 21 The boys hauled manure. Nilson built on the house. I did various things.

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September 1878

22 Sunday Today Norberg from Minneapolis was here and preached. John Erikson from Delano was also here.

23 I wrote letters to Sweden. The boys hauled manure. My sister-in-law, Bengta Cornelius, came for a visit for us yesterday.

24 Finished writing the letter to Sweden, and then I did various little things. J. Nilson hammered. Sture drove Bertha Cornelius home to Delano.

25 In the morning I butchered a wether. The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon I daubed the granary, and the boys threshed for Peterman. Nilson hammered. Today I mailed the letter to Sweden and enclosed brother Carl's, Elsa's and my pictures.

26 This morning John Nilson returned home. He has finished the upstairs carpentry work, working 14½ days on it. The boys are threshing for Peterman. I worked on the granary.

27 Today we threshed for ourselves with Peterman's machine.

28 Finished the threshing at 9:30 and then we fenced in the straw stacks, etc.

29 Sunday

30 Sture and I nailed laths. The other boys did various things.

October

1 Sture and I nailed laths. The other boys did various things.

2 Went to Carver and contracted with Mr. Pinz that he should do the plastering for me. I hauled home five barrels lime from Chaska and a trunk and box for Mary Bergquist. The boys spread manure. We took 'Nancy' to Peterman's bull for the second time.

3 Hauled sand, etc. Young Osterman was here today. Axel and Carl plowed today.

4 I made a box for the slaking of the lime. Sture nailed lath. Axel and Carl plowed.

5 Sture and I slaked the lime. The boys hauled corn stalks.

6 Sunday

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October 1878

7 and 8 Sture, Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas. I did various things, and the 7th I had a severe attack of lumbago so I could hardly move.

9 I went to Chaska and Carver with a load of barley, but when I called for the plasterer he would not come. The boys did various little things.

10 Elsa and I went to Waconia, and then I did various things. The boys dug potatoes.

11 In the morning I hammered in the cabin and the boys dug potatoes. About noon the plastered Pinz arrived. He started plastering after dinner and finished the first coat. We made the mortar and carried it to him.

12 Today Pinz put on the second coat in all the rooms. The boys made and carried all the mortar. In the evening I drove the plasterer to Chaska.

13 Sunday

14 I plastered on the foundation of the porch. The boys and Ida dug potatoes.

15 I finished plastering the porch foundation by noon. The boys took up potatoes, and then they fanned the wheat.

16 In the morning I went to Waconia and the boys dug the potatoes in the home field. After dinner they hauled cornstalks, and I glazed windows.

17 I glazed windows; the boys hauled pumpkins and plowed on the cornfield.

18 I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. The three older boys are threshing for John Peterson.

19 Elsa and I white-washed the upstairs rooms. The boys threshed for John Peterson and Hjalm.

20 Sunday

21 In the morning I wrote a letter to Norman in Kirkwood, Ill. and after dinner I went to Waconia. Sture, Axel, and the horses worked on the road.

22 The boys raked and burnt the wheat that the hailstorm beat into the ground. I did various things.

23 Sture plowed on the field where we burnt the wheat. The other boys dug rutabagas, and I did various things.

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24 In the morning I helped Nicholas to butcher pigs and after dinner I dug up apple trees. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl grubbed.

25 I pruned back grape vines and Axel and Carl heeled them in. Sture plowed.

26 Went to the Carver market and sold 'Froken'. Sture and Axel also went. My brother-in-law, Johanson's boy, Edward, met us there and came home with us in the evening. I also took home five sacks of feed from the elevator to use for mash, and also had along a fanning mill from Carver.

27 Sunday

28 and 29 I did various things. The boys hauled mulch to the apple trees.

30 I drove my sister's and brother-in-law's, Johanson's son, Edward, down to Chaska where he took the train back to Illinois. The boys grubbed large maples down near the barn.

31 I did various things. The boys dug rutabagas and hauled straw for the strawberries, etc.

November

1 Dug out apple trees. The boys hauled out manure on next years cornfields.

2 Puttied windows and heeled in apple trees. The boys hauled manure.

3 Sunday

4 Sture and I broke the dykes down in the meadow. Axel spread manure.

5 The boys broke ground in the meadow. I went to the election and put locks on two doors.

6 Went and helped Per Daniel to build on his house. We are building it higher. Sture plowed for corn. Axel and Carl grubbed near the barn.

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November 1878

7 and 8 Went and worked on Per Daniel's house. The boys grubbed out large trees down past the barn.

9& Sture and I went to the auction on Abrahamson's place.
10 Sunday
11 First I went to Waconia and had the gelding shod, then I went to Heimberger's place after 20 bu. corn that I bought from him. The boys grubbed large trees down below the barn.

12 Sture and Malmborg dug ditches in the south meadow on the line by Nicholas Swenson's field. The other boy and I fanned wheat.

13 Sture and Malmborg dug ditches. In the afternoon Nicholas and I butchered the large barrow, and then I went home with Nicholas and helped him to butcher.

14 N. Swenson, P. Freed and I drove to Minneapolis with pork and wheat. Sture and Malmborg finished the ditches at noon. The boys grubbed down below the barn.

15 We returned from Minneapolis in the evening. The boys grubbed out large trees down below the barn.

16 I butchered a ram. The boys grubbed large trees. My brother-in-law, John Anderson came here today.

17 Sunday John Anderson preached.

18 Went to the Chaska mill after grist. I went by the way of Excelsior in order to buy some seedlings, but I could not have any. The boys grubbed large trees.

19 Went to Chaska with a load of wood. The boys grubbed out large trees below the barn.

20 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys grubbed. I put up screw hooks in the closets on which to hand the clothes.

21 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys and I split basswood rails and stakes out on the island and also burnt brush.

22 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. We split rails and burnt brush out on the island.

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November 1878

23 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys and I split rails out on the island during the forenoon, then I went to the meeting.

24 Sunday John Anderson preached.

25 Drove John Anderson from Eggleston down to Chaska, and then I went to Carver after boards and studdings with which we will build a privy by the Scandia meeting house. The boys grubbed large trees down past the barn. I also went to the judge of the probate court and a power of attorney made out and sealed together with an affidavit which I will send to Headburg in Denver.

26 Set and filed the saws and packed down the scions in the cellar. The boys grubbed and sawed wood.

27 In the morning I went to Waconia and mailed the power of attorney and the affidavit to Headburg. I hauled from home a half cord of sawed stove wood for Ingrid Bergquist. The boys cleared off brush below the barn.

28 In the morning the boys and I butchered the large sow, and this afternoon I cut up the pork. The boys hauled manure.

29 We did various little things.

30 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. The other boys grubbed during the morning and then we chopped down wood and sawed off butternut logs for fence posts.

December

1 Sunday

2 In the forenoon Sture went to Waconia and had the mare's hind hoofs shod, and after dinner he hauled a load of cord wood down to Smig's place. Axel and I sawed butternut fence posts.

3 Today we did nothing. Oscar Benjamin was born today.

4 Today I did various little things. The boys burnt and cleared off brush down below the barn. They also are firing by the big rock in the south field to make it split.

5 Axel and I split fence posts. Sture hauled sand from Clearwater Lake and filled in by the doors of the barn. Ordgren from Minneapolis is holding a meeting tonight.

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December 1878

6 We did various things.

7 In the morning I went to the meeting in Scandia. Odgren preached. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys hauled home fence posts.

8 Sunday Ordgren preached; Mrs. Ahlstrom was baptized.

9 In the morning I attended the meeting in Scandia, and the rest of the day I spent in writing a letter to Sweden. The boys did various things.

10 We went to the missionary meeting in Scandia and then we did various things. Tomorrow Ordgren leaves us and returns home.

11 I went to Carver and brought a pump and then stopped in Chaska and bought a barrel of apples. The boys are enlarging the clearing north of the barn.

12 I did various things and also went to Waconia. The boys are clearing out on the island.

13 Today Jons Nelson began to dig the well in the barn yard while I did various things. The boys cleared by the barn.

14 J. Nelson and the boys are digging on the well. He is down 17 ft. in these two days. I am hewing timber for the well curb. The 11th I posted the letter to Sweden.

15 Sunday

16, 17, 18 and 19 Jons Nelson and we worked on the well. It is now dug and brick-walled. The well is 26½ ft. deep from the surface down to the bottom.

20 I finished the well curbing. Today we killed the geese and Sture is helping to pick them. Axel is sawing wood.

21 In the morning I went to Waconia, and then I did various things. Sture, John Lundsten and Andrew Broberg went to Scandia grave yard and are digging a grave for Ingrid Bergquist who will be buried tomorrow.

22 Sunday Today we buried Imgrid Bergquist or more correctly Mrs. Ivar Moeller.

23 I made a short piece of fence by the new well while the boys did various things.

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December 1878

24 We did various things. Yesterday and today it has been very cold.

25 Christmas Day In the morning we had a meeting. We have done no work today.

26 We did no work today either.

27 In the morning I did various things and then went to Waconia. The boys cleared and burnt brush out on the island.

28 Went to Udell's mill in Chaska with a load of wheat and then went to the Carver market. The boys cleared off brush on the island.

29 Sunday

30 Stayed indoors to write letters. I wrote and mailed a letter to John Pearson in Willow Gulch, New Mexico. The boys cut down the corn stalks on the new field below the barn yard.

31 The boys fanned rye and then cut off hazel bushes on the island. I stayed indoors to write, etc.

January 1879

1 First we had a meeting in the chapel and in the afternoon we held our yearly business meeting.

2 We could do no outdoor work because of the intense cold.

3 We butchered a pig, etc.

4 I did various things. The boys chopped and sawed wood. Bergquist son, Nathaniel returned to his home today.

5 Sunday

6 I took 8 sacks of rye and one sack of wheat to Udell's mill in Chaska. I sent a box with scions to Burlington also mailed a letter to Prof. Edgren in Chicago inclosing a money order for $7.50. For this, we are to have 9 copies of his magazine. I also sent a money order for $2.60 for 'Hemlandet', then I mailed Freed's letter to Ordgren, and I also mailed a letter to Strand in Burlington.

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January 1879

7 and 8 I repaired shoes. The boys are in school. In the evening a courier arrived with a telegram from Headburg in Denver.

9 Went to Chaska and mailed a letter to Headburg in answer to the telegram. The boys are in school.

10 I repaired shoes and mended gloves. The boys are in school.

11 Went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys cut hazelnut brush on the island.

12 Sunday

13 Wrote letters, etc.

14 Went to Chaska with a load of wood which I sold to Strajeskatt in exchange for store goods.

15 Hauled a load of wood to Faber in Chaska in part payment on my store bill. I also gave him a note on $25.00 in part payment. The rest I am to pay with wood.

16 Wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.

17 Mended shoes, etc.

18 Hauled a load of wood Schuler. The boys are in school.

19 Sunday

20 I hauled a load of wood to Faber in Chaska which pays for the rest of my bill. Today I received the letter from Headberg with the offer of $5,000.00 for the Saxon mine.

21 Hauled a load of wood to Strajeskatt in Chaska and so settled up my store bill with him. I sent a telegram to Headburg that we accepted the offer for the mine. I also mailed him a letter.

22 Went to the brick yard in Chaska with a load of wood.

23 Went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

24 Peter Broberg and I hauled a load of wood a piece to the brick yard in Chaska. Mailed a letter to Norman in Kirkwood, Ill. in which I had copied Headbrug's letter and a similar letter to my brother-in-law, Johannes in Minneapolis. I also mailed a card to Strand in Burlington. Today we took 'Molly' to Peterman's bull.

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January 1879

25 Today I was at the meeting in Waconia at which we put up the petition to the State Legislature. Sture hauled a load of wood to Chandlers.

26 Sunday

27, 28 and 29 Hauled wood to Chaska. Per Broberg also hauled two loads for me. The boys are in school.

30 First I went to Waconia.after the registered letter for me from Burlington, then I repaired shoes.

31 Hauled a load of wood to Chaska.

February

1 Hauled a load of wood to Chaska and then went to the judge of probate court to get an affidavit that the $100.00 I had owed my brother, Carl, was repaid before he died. The boys are in school.

2 Sunday

3 Went to Chaska with a load of wood and mailed the affidavit to Headburg.

4 Hauled a load of cord wood to Chaska to Udell's mill.

5 Went to Chaska with a load of wood. Today I could use the sled for the first time this winter. I hauled home the rye grist from the mill.

6 and 7 Hauled logs to the Waconia mill.

8 In the morning Sture and I chopped down logs for the saw mill but in the afternoon we were both sick in bed. In fact the whole family have been more or less sick with colds all week.

9 Sunday

10 Was not well enough or rather I was too sick to work.

11 I repaired shoes, etc.

12 Went to Chaska with a load of wood.

13 I hauled one log to the mill in Waconia and then I made axe handles.

14 Went with logs, three trips to Waconia. The boys are in school.

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February 1879

15 Today I butchered two sheep. The boys fanned wheat.

16 Sunday

17 Went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

18 Sture and I took a load of wheat to the Globe Milling Co. in Minneapolis. Today the boys went after the sow that has been with Birrel Nilson's boar for two weeks.

19 We returned home from Minneapolis. We stayed with my brother-in-law, Johannes, last night.

20 Repaired shoes all day.

21 Went to Chaska with a load of wood and that finishes up all the cord wood I had on hand.

22 In the morning I hauled stones from the Scandia chapel, and in the afternoon I did various writing. Sture hauled stones in the afternoon. In the forenoon the boys cleaned out the sheep fold.

23 Sunday

24 I hauled home the last of the stone from Scandia.

25 I did various things and after dinner got everything ready for making grafts.

26, 27, 28 I made apple grafts, and the boys went to school.

March

1 I finished up the apple grafts. The boys fanned wheat and sawed wood.

2 Sunday

3 and 4 Repaired shoes, etc.

5 In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon did various things.

6 Made an axe handle, etc.

7 and 8 We had our district meeting with several meetings in Scandia.

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March 1879

9 Sunday Had an all day meeting in Scandia.

10 The last to leave after the meetings were Mrs. Soder and her boys. In the afternoon I wrote letters to Headburg and to John Anderson in Minneapolis. The boys chopped cord wood.

11 Went to the election and then did various things. Andrew Okansons and Malmquists families from Swede Grove were here last night.

12 and 13 Was at the Waconia mill.

14 and 15 Hauled out the green cord wood from the clearing north east of the barn. The boys have chopped cord wood all week. It has been cold and dry weather.

16 Sunday

17 I did various things. We have a sick cow that is taking a lot of my time. The boys cut cord wood.

18 First I went after H. Schran so he could doctor up the sick cow 'Molly'. He stayed until after dinner, and then I did various things. The boys cut cord wood.

19 Early this morning I received a telegram that my sister, Gustafva, had died suddenly in the afternoon of the 17th. It was a terrible shock to me. I wrote at once to Kirkwood, Ill. that I did not dare attempt the trip to the funeral as I am not well enough. I also went to Johannes and 'Majastina' in Minneapolis, and in the afternoon I sent Sture down to Chaska to mail the letters.

20 In the morning I went with Malmborg to Waconia and went security for his note on $100.00 at Moiser, the smith. In the afternoon I and several others went with the land surveyor and surveyed a road from Hopp's place out to Crawford's place. They also surveyed on Mitchell's land down past Vinkel's hill. The boys cut cord wood. Sture raked together the cornstalks on the new field by the barn.

21 Raked and burnt the cornstalks on the new field by the barn all day.

22 The boys and Malmborg chopped cord wood. Carl and I hauled stone and wood.

23 Sunday

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March 1879

24 Did various little things. The boys chopped cord wood.

25 Made sap troughs. The boys cut and hauled cord wood.

26 I finished hewing out the inside of the sap troughs, and in the afternoon I began to bore into the maples. The boys cut cord wood. The butcher from Excelsior stayed with us last night.

27 Bored into the maples and plastered in the syrup pan. Sture sowed oats, and the other boys cut wood.

28 In the morning I went over and bought a cow from Per Broberg. After dinner I bored into the maples. Sture sowed oats; the others chopped wood.

29 In the morning Sture and I went after the cow and calf at Broberg's place and then to Waconia and had the shoes removed from the horses, then I wrote to Sweden. Sture sowed wheat on the west side of the south field

30 Sunday

31 Went over to Poppida, and we had a hail storm insurance meeting. Sture sowed wheat, and the others chopped wood.

April

1 I finished up some more syrup troughs, etc. The boys cut cord wood. It is very cold, and it snowed all last night.

2 Still rather cold. I wrote a letter to Kirkwood. The boys cut cord wood. Last night the mare foaled.

3 I laid fence down along the highway. The boys cut cord wood.

4 The boys cut cord wood in the clearing, and I did various things.

5 In the morning we burnt off the meadows. In the afternoon I bored into more of the sugar maples. Sture barrowed in the wheat.

6 Sunday

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7 I went to Chaska to sit in the Grand Jury, but the Judge excused me as I am past sixty years of age so in the afternoon I walked home. Sture sowed wheat on the field near Peterman's field. The others carried maple sap. The sap is running freely after the cold snap.

8 Sture harrowed, and I did various things. Last night I had a bad misfortune in that I burnt a big batch of syrup, and the worst of all was that I also spoiled the pan.

9 Today it is raining so we did various pick-up jobs and also made syrup.

10 Today it is too wet to sow wheat so the boys grubbed in the clearing, and I did carpenter work on the inside of the cabin.

11 Sture sowed wheat on the new-broken field and in the orchard. The other boys grubbed and carried sap. I repaired shoes.

12 Sture harrowed in the wheat; the others carried, etc. I sawed off apple branches in the orchard and helped to make syrup. Today we made 8 gal., and last Wednesday we made 8 gallons.

13 Sunday

14 Sture sowed wheat on the new-broken field down below the barn. The others grubbed large trees in the clearing besides carrying sap. Now we have sowed all our seed wheat. We sowed 25 bu. wheat on 21 acres and 10 bu. oats on 4½ acres.

15 Sture harrowed in and rolled the wheat. The others grubbed and carried sap.

16 Sture rolled; the others grubbed and carried sap.

17 Sture rolled wheat; the others grubbed.

18 Today all the boys cut cord wood in the clearing.

19 We planted potatoes, red onions, etc. This week I have made top grafts on the apple trees. Today we finished making syrup. We have made 33 gallons altogether.

20 Sunday

21 In the morning Sture sowed barley on the field in the meadow. I made grafts. The other boys uncovered the strawberries and the grapevines. In the afternoon Sture and I went after a load of hay from Andrew Schran's place. Today I received a draft from Headbrug in Denver, Colorado for $100.00.

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April 1879

22 I planted out apple trees all day. The boys did various things.

23 Sture and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. and we had along a load of grist for the mill. I paid my bill at Moiser, the smith, $14.25 and my bill at Larsons on $6.90. I also endorsed my draft to Iselien and received $99.75. The boys grubbed.

24 Today I did various things. I wrote a letter to Anna Norman in Kirkwood. The boys grubbed down below the barn. Elsa, Ida and Anders Nilson's wife sheared the sheep, 27 in all.

25 The boys hauled manure, and I set out raspberry bushes.

26 The boys split rails in the clearing, and I did various little things.

27 Sunday

28 and 29 The boys worked in the clearing down below the barn. I put up a trellis and tied up the grape vines.

30 Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wood to Iselien and traded in his store, then we hauled home the grist. The boys grubbed stumps on the clearing.

May

1 Today I started to plant out thegrafts. The boys hauled out cord wood and rails from the clearing. A small Norwegian peddler stayed with us last night. He had various receipts to sell.

2 I planted out apple grafts. The boys hauled logs and large stumps out from the clearing. In the afternoon Axel and several others dug a grave in the Scandia graveyard for Birrel Nilson's mother-in-law.

3 I planted out apple grafts, etc. In the afternoon the boys hauled fence posts out to the island in the south meadow. Today we have had several rain showers so we could not do so very much work.

4 Sunday Today Birrel Nilson's mother-in-law was buried.

5 In the morning I did various things. The folks from Moris Prairie arrived here this morning. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and settled with Iselien for the wool he bought from me, and then I paid him my store bill. The boys cleared off brush on the island in the meadow.

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6 In the forenoon I made cabbage beds. The boys cleared off and burnt the brush on the island. In the afternoon we set up fence posts out on the island.

7 The boys and I set up fence posts all day.

8 We carried out and then hauled the basswood rails out to the island from the clearing. In the afternoon I nailed the rails to the fence posts out on the island. The boys raked and burnt brush on the clearing back of the barn. In the evening we had a meeting in the chapel at Scandia. The Methodist pastor from Carver and a Covenant preacher by the name of Franzen, preached.

9 Axel, Ida and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I also went down to Carver and paid for the fanning mill and the pump and the rest of the bill at Andrew Peterson's store and at Jabissen, also paid the druggist Nilson for box of window glass, then I went to Faber and Linnefelts and redeemed my note for $25.00. I also paid my bill in Hank's store.

10 In the morning I was to a meeting in Scandia. Sture harrowed the new field for corn. The other boys grubbed. In the afternoon I nailed up fence, and the boys grubbed on the island.

11 Sunday

12 Sture is plowing the field where we are to plant sorghum. It is where the old cow yard used to be. The other boys grubbed. I did various things. It has rained several times today. Today I mailed a letter to Norman in Kirkwood.

13 In the morning I nailed on the fence. The others are marking out the fields for corn and in the afternoon we planted corn.

14 We planted corn until noon when Johannes and 'Maja Stina' from Minneapolis came. I visited with them and the boys worked on the clearing down below the barn.

15 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon we broke in the clearing and planted potatoes.

16 I nailed on the fence on the island. The boys planted sorghum on the old cow yard, and then we had a meeting in Scandia.

17 I nailed on the fence. The boys worked in the clearing on the island and then in the afternoon we went to the meeting in Scandia.

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May 1879

18 Sunday

19 Today Johannes and 'Maja Stina' went back home to Minneapolis. Broberg drove them down to Chaska. As it was raining, we did nothing during the morning. In the afternoon I nailed fence and the boys worked in the clearing.

20 I nailed on the fence and the boys plowed for the garden and for squash, and then worked in the clearing on the island.

21 I nailed on the fence. The boys raked and burnt on the clearing back of the barn.

22 Rainy weather. I worked on the fence when it was not raining; the boys worked in the clearing on the island, also planted squash, beans, etc.

23 We broke back of the barn.

24 The boys planted corn and sorghum on the new-broken field back of the barn. I pruned ppple trees, etc. Today my nephew (sister Gustafva's boy) from Kirkwood came here.

25 Sunday

26 We did various little things as it rained most of the day.

27 We broke on the island in the meadow. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened while the boys raked and burnt brush.

28 Per Broberg helped us break ground out on the island. I pruned apple trees.

29 Finished the breaking on the island.

30 I pruned apple trees. The boys pulled weeds on the new-broken wheat field.

31 Elsa and I went to Carver and Chaska and my nephew went along. I paid my tax in Chaska. The boys planted corn out on the island and then re-seeded the sorghum field.

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June 1879

1 Sunday

2 I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Per Daniel was along. The boys planted corn on the island.

3 Sture cultivated the corn. I wrote all day. Axel is sick with the measles.

4 Sture cultivated the corn. I went to Per Danill's place and pruned his apple trees, then I hoed around my apple trees.

5 The boys fanned wheat, and I did various things.

6 I went to Minnetonka with a load of wheat. Ida, Per Daniel and Charlotte drove down also to Minnetonka together with my nephew Charley Johnson. They went on to the conference in Minneapolis while my nephew drove Per Daniel's team home again. The boys hoed the sorghum.

7 First I went to Waconia and had the mare shod, and then I did various things. The boys hoed sorghum.

8 Sunday

9 Sture went to Chaska with Per Daniel's team to meet Per Daniel, Charlotte and Ida coming back from the conference in Minneapolis. I went to Waconia and then to Broberg's place where I pruned apple trees, then I did various things.

10 The boys hoed corn. I made mosquito bar frames, etc.

11 Cultivated and hoed in the orchard also hoed corn.

12 Charley Johnson and I went to Chaska with the last of the wheat that we sold to Seeger. I also went down to Carver. The boys grubbed on the south forty. Today I sent letters to Headburg and Norman besides a postal card to Johannes.

13 In the morning I did various things, then I went to Waconia and later to Broberg's place where I pruned more apple trees. Sture and Axel worked on the road.

14 Today I finished a wheelbarrow. Sture worked on the road, and the other boys hoed sorghum.

15 Sunday

16 In the morning I fetched five pigs from Peter Hjalm's place, and in the afternoon I did various things. Sture worked on the road.

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June 1879

17 In the morning Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled logs over to the saw. In the afternoon I started a frame for the grindstone, and the boys grubbed. Today we took the heifer'Betty' to Birrel Nilson's bull.

18 worked on the frame for the grindstone. Sture cultivated the corn; the other boys cleared and burnt brush on the old cow yard.

19 I hauled two loads of lumber from Waconia, and the boys hoed corn.

20 Today it rained. I worked on the frame, etc. The boys repaired the fence down below the barn and also went out on the lake fishing.

21 Hauled two loads of lumber from Waconia. I have all my boards home now. The boys hoed corn.

22 Sunday

23 Today we mowed the timothy on the north side of the barn, in the orchard and on the old cow yard.

24 Raining. The boys fished and hoed around the apple trees, and I did various things.

25 The boys spread out the clover and timothy, cultivated and hoed the sorghum. I finished the grindstone frame. Today our nephew, Henry, Johannes' son, and his wife came here.

26 I drove Henry Anderson from Eggleston and his wife to Chaska. I took along 5 sacks of screenings and exchanged for corn at Seeger's Store in Chaska.

27 Sture and I broke the old cow yard. The other boys hoed corn.

28 Finished breaking the old cow yard. Cocked hay on the south meadow and hauled it home. Cocked clover and hauled it in.

29 Sunday

30 First I went to Waconia after grist. The boys mowed on the south meadow and then they cultivated the corn. Later they cocked hay on the south meadow and hauled it home.

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July 1879

1 First we hauled hay, then we mowed, then hoed potatoes, cultivated the corn and then it rained so we did nothing.

2 Raining. We did various little things and also were out on the lake and fished.

3 It poured all last night. The water is standing on the meadows, and the hay is floating around. In the morning we broke the clover patch in the orchard. After dinner the boys cultivated the potatoes while I trained grape-vines.

4. We went to Scandia and celebrated.

5 In the morning we went into the woods and ringed basswood and white elms so that they should die. In the afternoon we fished the hay out of the water on the meadows.

6 Sunday John Erikson from Delano preached for us today.

7 I drove John Erikson and his wife home to Delano. The boys mowed on the meadows. Charley Johnson from Kirkwood left us to visit the relatives in Eggleston.

8 We mowed, cocked hay and hauled it.

9 First we did various things as it rained. In the afternoon we cocked hay. I was too Waconia and to Jons Nelson's place.

10 Some of the boys mowed the west meadow while the others went fishing. I worked on a hayrack for the new wagon.

11 First the boys turned the turf in the orchard, and I worked on the hayrack, and then we cocked and hauled home hay.

12 In the morning the boys mowed on the west meadow, and I went to Waconia after the new wagon that I had bought from Moiser. In the afternoon we cocked hay and hauled it home.

13 Sunday

14 Mowed, hauled hay, and then we began to reap the winter wheat.

15 I went with Nicholas to Chaska and Carver. The boys reaped the last of the winter wheat, hauled and cocked hay.

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July 1879

16 I went to Carver and bought a reaper from Andrew Peterson and Hjaberson. The boys mowed and cocked hay. A. Peterson came here this evening and assembled the reaper.

17 We reaped the barley and hauled hay.

18 We mowed on the south meadow and then cocked and hauled hay.

19 In the forenoon we mowed out by the island in the south meadow. In the afternoon we shocked the barley and then cocked hay on the south meadow.

20 Sunday

21 We stacked the barley and the winter wheat. Today I sent letters to Sweden and to Denver, and I also sent Headburgs letter to Johannes in Egglestone.

22 Finished stacking the wheat and then we cocked hay out by the island.

23 Reaped the oats on the homefield, etc.

24 Cocked hay and stacked hay out by the island and also hauled home hay.

25 Began to reap the wheat on the west side of the south field.

26 Reaped the wheat on the south field and also in the orchard. The 21st of July we took the white cow, 'Nancy' to B. Nilson's bull.

27 Sunday

28 In the morning we reaped the oats on the square piece of the south field and in the afternoon we reaped wheat.

29 In the morning we reaped wheat on the south field and in the afternoon the wheat on the field by Peterman's land.

30 Finished reaping the wheat by Peterman's land and then reaped the oats and rye mixture on the homefield.

31 Began to reap the wheat on the field by Peterman's woods, but it is very hot, and we are not well so we are not accomplishing much.

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August 1879

1 We tried to reap the rest of the wheat, but it is slow work as it has fallen down. We are not well either.

2 It is a hard job to do any reaping because it is all lying down, and we are not well. Yesterday I received a check from Headburg for $1,000.00.

3 Sunday

4 In the morning we went to Waconia and had the horses shod and then we reaped some more wheat. Sture has the measles.

5 We reaped more wheat. Frank Lundsten and Per Daniel were here and helped us to tie wheat bundles. Louise also helped.

6 We reaped wheat below the barn. John Lundsten, Per Daniel and Louise helped us tie bundles.

7 We reaped the last of the wheat on the new land in the south field. Miller Swenson helped us. The wheat has been very hard to cut this year.

8 In the morning I went to Chaska with the check for one thousand dollars, but I could not get it changed. So the banker sent it east to Newark to have it changed. Per Daniel rode along with me in to Chaska. In the afternoon I finished the hay rack to the new wagon.

9 We stacked 17 loads of oats, which made a very large stack. Today we took the white cow 'Nancy' to B. Nilson's bull for the second time.

10 Sunday

11, 12 and 13 We stacked wheat.

14 We stacked wheat until noon when it began to rain, so we did nothing.

15 In the morning I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys cradled the wheat around the stumps on the new field. In the afternoon I trained up the grape vines. Sture plowed on the field in the south meadow.

16 We stacked wheat.

17 Sunday

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August 1879

18 Today we got a wheatstack half done when it began to rain. Sture plowed down on the meadow. Carl and Josephine are sick with the measles. In the evening I went to Carver after Dr. Lewis for Carl. He has croup as well as the measles.

19 Freed and I went to Chaska when I let Freed borrow $700.00 of that which I inherited from my brother, Carl. I took out a mortgage on Freed's land for the loan. Today I paid Andrew Peterson in Carver $160.00 for the reaper that I bought from him a month ago. I also bought a draft for $158.00 and mailed to Norman in Kirkwood, Ill. I also redeemed a note at Faber's store for $150.00 that I owed to him.

20 I wrote letters to my brother-in-law, Johannes, in Minneapolis and to Norman in Kirkwood, Ill. The boys cut clover in the orchard. In the afternoon I went to Waconia.

21 I did various things. Sture plowed on the west meadow, and Axel hoed around the apple trees.

22 I cut weeds among the apple trees and Axel hoed. Sture plowed on the home field where we had had the winter wheat.

23 Mowed the second crop of hay and plowed. Cocked clover in the orchard, etc.

24 Sunday

25 Today we stacked the last of the wheat from the south field.

26 Hauled home the second crop of hay and cut the mired wheat on the south field. We hauled home the mired wheat and stacked it to use as feed for the sheep, etc.

27 and 28 We plowed and then hauled the scraper over that part of the south field where we will sow timothy.

29 Sture plowed; Axel stacked oats for Reitz, and I scoted the chimney, then Sture and Axel threshed Birrel Nilson while I went to Waconia.

30 Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson while I was sick in bed all day. Today we took 'Nancy' to Birrel's bull the third time.

31 Sunday Lindberg from Cokato preached today.

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September 1879

1 Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman. I carried together and stacked the hay that I had cut among the apple trees. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

2 Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman while I drove Lindberg from Cokato to Watertown.

3 Elsa, Ida, Frank and I cut corn. Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman.

4 Sture and Axel threshed for Moelner. Elsa, Ida, Carl and I cut corn and finished cutting the corn on the large piece of the south field.

5 Axel and Sture threshed for Moelner and we cut corn on the new field below the barn, etc.

6 Sture and Axel threshed for Moelner. Ida and I threshed for Lundsten until 4'clock.

7 Sunday

8 Sture, Axel and Carl threshed for Seiman. I used Per Daniel's horses and harrowed down on the south meadow. In the afternoon I sowed the piece where we had had barley into clover and timothy.

9 I moved the fence in the barn yard and cleared around the grain stacks. The boys are threshing for Seiman and Bradhouse.

10 The threshing machine arrived here today at 9:30 and then we threshed until dark.

11 Today it rained so we could not thresh. I put supports by the apple trees. The boys did various things.

12 We threshed all day.

13 We threshed and finished at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

14 Sunday

15 In the morning I butchered a sheep, and then I went to Waconia. The boys and Ida cut corn on the island.

16, 17 and 18 The three boys and I threshed for Nicholas.

19 The boys and I threshed in the morning, and in the afternoon we cut sorghum.

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September 1879

20 We cut sorghum while Sture plowed.

21 Sunday

22 We cut sorghum. Sture did plowing in the morning.

23 In the morning we cut sorghum and in the afternoon started the corn husking out on the island. Sture plowed. William Hopp began to dig ditches in the meadow down along the highway.

24 Did various things. Butchered a sheep, fanned wheat, etc. Sture plowed and the other boys husked corn. William Hopp dug ditches by the highway.

25 Went to Carver with a load of wheat. I took along the molasses pan to have it mended. Nicholas went along. We bought a cane press from A. Peterson and brought it home. The boys husked corn out on the island. William Hopp finished the ditch by the highway. We took 'Nancy' to Peterman's bull.

26 I did various little things. Sture plowed and the other boys husked corn. William dug ditches.

27 Sture, Axel, Frank, Ida, William Hopp and I went to the fair in Carver. I showed our spring wheat, rye, Wealthy apples, Duchess, Haas, Canada, Hyslop, King Winter apple and of our grapes, Isabella, Concord, Delaware, Iona and Rodgers #15.

28 Sunday

29 I sowed rye in the home field, opposite the house and down towards the old well. In the afternoon I winnowed wheat. The boys hauled cornstalks from the island. William Hopp dug ditches. In the evening and during the night there came a large amount of rain.

30 I made a bar to the cane mill. Elsa and I went to Waconia and then went and visited at Nicholas' house. Sture plowed and the others husked corn. William Hopp is sick so he is not working.

October

1 I went to the Watertown mill with grist. William and Sture dug ditches in the meadow, and the other boys husked corn.

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October 1879

2 Nicholas and I are working on the frame to the cane mill. Sture plowed; the other boys husked corn and William finished the ditch in the meadow.

3 I worked on the frame to the cane press. Sture plowed, and the others husked corn. After dinner they dug up potatoes. William grubbed on the south forty.

4 We finished the frame to the cane press by noon, and then I did various things. Sture plowed, and the rest dug potatoes. William grubbed.

5 Sunday

6 We dug potatoes, and Sture plowed.

7 Sture plowed and the other boys dug potatoes while I started to build a corn crib.

8 I built on the corn crib. Sture plowed in the orchard until noon. In the afternoon the boys hauled corn fodder.

9 Today it is raining so we did nothing. Axel threshed for Reitz during the forenoon.

10 The boys hauled corn fodder with ears on, and I worked on the corncrib.

11 I worked on the corn crib. Axel threshed for Reitz, and the others husked corn. In the evening Claus Okerson from Houston and J. Erikson from Delano came here.

12 Sunday C. Okerson preached twice.

13 Today C. Okerson and J. Erikson left for Delano. I butchered a sheep and finished the corn crib. Ida and the boys husked corn. Axel threshed for Reitz until noon. William Hopp grubbed.

14 Today I made some lime mortar and plastered up both fire places for the molasses pans. The children husked corn. William grubbed.

15 We hauled corn fodder and husked corn. William grubbed.

16 The children husked corn. William grubbed. I made a foundation for the cane mill, etc.

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October 1879

17 During the morning we finished husking the corn and hauled home the last of the corn fodder. After dinner it rained so we did nothing. William is still grubbing.

18 We began to make molasses. Today we cooked 30 gallons.

19 Sunday

20 We made molasses and in between I dug up apple trees. William grubbed.

21 We made molasses, and I also dug up apple trees. William grubbed. Last night Gondt and the Lutheran minister, Hogelstrom, from Cokato came here so tonight we have a meeting in Scandia.

22 We made molasses. I also scoted the chimney. William grubbed. Charley Wendt came and bought a dozen apple trees.

23 This morning we finished making molasses. It made 128 gallons altogether. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with apple trees. The boys and William grubbed.

24 Sture plowed on the cornfield. William and Axel grubbed. Per Daniels is here making his molasses. I fenced around the straw yard, etc.

25 Sture plowed on the south field. Axel and William grubbed. I did various things.

26 Sunday

27 I fixed the fence down by the highway. Sture plowed on the field below the barn. Axel and William grubbed.

28 and 29 I dug up apple trees, etc. Sture plowed on the field down by the barn. William grubbed and Axel worked on the road. Today we took 'Nancy' for the fourth time to B. Nilson's bull.

30 Sture plowed down by the barn and in the afternoon on the island. I heeled in apple trees, etc. William and Axel grubbed.

31 Last night it froze so hard we can do no plowing today. I did nothing as I had a spell of heart palpitation.

November

1 Today it is snowing. I butchered a sheep, etc. The boys did various little things. William Hopp returned to his home today.

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2 Sunday

3 I pruned back the grapes, etc. The boys hauled mulch to the apple trees. Andrew Okerson from Swede Grove came here tonight. He bought 25¢ bu. wheat for Swede Grove. We fanned the wheat in the evening.

4 First I went to Waconia and then I went to the election. Later I finished pruning back the grapes. The boys hauled and put mulching around the apple trees.

5 In the morning A. Okerson and I dug up apple trees and tied them into bundles. Okerson has bought four doz. apple trees. He left here today. The boys grubbed stumps.

6 First I went to Waconia and then I dug up apple trees, etc. The boys grubbed up stumps. Sture harrowed in the afternoon.

7 I dug up and heeled in large apple trees. Sture harrowed. The other boys grubbed.

8 I heeled in large apple trees. The boys grubbed stumps. Sture harrowed the field by the barn.

9 Sunday

10 In the morning I butchered a wether, and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Sture plowed during the morning out on the island.

11 In the morning I pruned back Freed's grapes, and in the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Sture plowed out on the island, and on the meadow. The others grubbed.

12 During that forenoon it rained. Lepke and Beauregard came after apple trees. The boys did various things.

13 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Sture plowed the north end of the home field and also the old sorghum field. The other boys grubbed.

14 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Sture drove to Watertown.after the Lutheran minister, Fogelstrom. The other boys grubbed stumps.

15 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The boys grubbed and Sture finished the plowing of the sorghum field.

16 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

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November 1879

17 First I butchered a calf, and then I dug up apple trees. Peterman's brother-in-law who lives near Bengton was here after apple trees. The boys grubbed stumps.

18 In the morning I did various things, and after dinner we went to the meeting in Scandia. The boys grubbed.

19 I dug up lilac bushes and apple trees and heeled them in for Nils Mortenson from Carver. The boys grubbed out stumps.

20 We did various things and hauled manure for the apple grafts.

21 In the morning we did various things, and in the afternoon we grubbed stumps.

22 Freed, Birrel Nilson, Per Daniel and I went to the Minnetonka mill with wheat. The boys grubbed out stumps.

23 Sunday

24 In the morning I butchered a sheep, and then I did various things. The boys grubbed.

25 I went to Chaska to try to trace the post money order that I had sent to Chicago in January to pay for subscriptions to 'Evangeli Tidskrift but which had been lost. The boys grubbed.

26 In the morning I repaired shoes. Henry Schran came to look at the foal who was limping. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys grubbed stumps, etc.

27 I repaired shoes, etc. The boys cleared off and burnt brush on the south forty.

28 Last night the Swedish nursery man, Drottzen, from Minneapolis came here.

29 I went to Chaska after 400 bricks that I have been owing Peterman and Nicholas Swenson ever since I had the new well dug, then I went to the Carver market and also collected my prize money for the apples and grapes. I paid the store bill at A. Petersons. The boys cleared brush on the south forty and burnt it.

30 Sunday

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December 1879

1 I made a feeding trough for the pigs, etc. The boys cleared off the south forty.

2 I fenced in the pig pen. The boys cleared off brush on the south forty.

3 The boys cleared off brush, and I did various things.

4 The boys worked on the south forty, and I made a fence in the pasture.

5 Today it is sleeting. We did nothing. Sture is sick in bed.

6 I worked inside the cabin and made axe handles, knife handles, sawed off boards for a gate, etc. The boys fanned wheat. Sture is sick. It is snowing.

7 Sunday

8 Per Daniel and I butchered two pigs besides butchering the old crippled sow.

9 In the morning I went to Waconia, and in the afternoon I cut up the pork. The boys did various things. It is snowing.

10 Today it is very cold and a blizzard outside. I repaired shoes, and the boys chopped sausage meat.

11 First I did various things and then in the afternoon I hauled the old sow to Waconia and sold her to Iselien. Today I received a letter from Headburg in Denver containing a draft for $500.00.

12 Went to Chaska and cashed the draft and then went down to Carver.

13 First I went to Waconia and paid Moiser for the wagon, etc. Also paid the wainwright for the plow beam and my bill at the smith, Charmen.

14 Sunday

15, 16 and 17 Sture, Ida and I went to Minneapolis and bought clothes for the family.

18 We did nothing.

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December 1879

19 I went to Waconia and paid my bill at Eselien's store. The boys did various things.

20 The boys chopped down cordwood along the road that goes to Sieman's place. I went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. I started a wood pile in Gregg's brick yard. Today I signed a bond for $2,000.00 for the treasurer, Wiego. I also paid my store bills at Strajeskatt, Hank, Faber and Linnefelser.

21 Sunday Today we have a blixzard.

22 Today I wrote a letter to Sweden.. Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood.

23 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood that I sold to the man in the brick yard. I mailed the letter to Sweden together with the medicine and the Swedish almanac. In the letter I asked permission to use $112.23, $78.00 for Norman's trip to Denver, and $33.33 for the monument on the grave. We are having snow with a strong wind.

24 Today we did nothing. It is rather cold with a north west wind.

25 Christmas Day. In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia and then we did nothing. Today it is intensely cold.

26 We went visiting to Per Daniel's house. Per Daniel and I also went to Waconia.

27 In the forenoon the boys ground corn on Reitz's mill, and I did various things, then Elsa and I went to the Waconia mill with a load of grist and then did some trading in Isilien's store. Today the cold has eased up.

28 Sunday

29 I wrote in the church record book, etc. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. The other boys did various things. In the evening Nicholas, Lundsten, Freed and Per Daniel came over and we made up our account in regards to the cane mill.

30 Today we did various little things. Freed and his wife and I went over to Reitz' house and had the mortgage acknowledged. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood.

31 I went to the agricultural meeting at Carver. Lundsten went along and bought a seeder from A.Peterson. In the evening we went to Scandia where we had put up a New Year's tree around which we all rejoiced.

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January 1880

1 In the morning a few of us went over to Nicholas's house and tried to get him reconciled to his wife because we he heard that he had hit her. In the afternoon we had our annual business meeting.

2 I stayed in and wrote all day. Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

3 I repaired shoes. Sture hauled a load of cord wood to Chaska.

4 Sunday

5 I made a gate between the barn yards. Halricker came here today, and we ordered a sewing machine from him. All the boys are in school.

6 In the morning I went to the Waconia mill after the grist, and in the afternoon I finished the gate between the barn yards. The boys are in school.

7 In the morning I did various things, and then I went to Waconia and had the mare shod on one foot as she had bent the horse shoe. The boys are in school.

8 In the morning Elsa and I went visiting to Andrew Nilson's house, and in the afternoon I did various things. The boys are in school.

9 In the morning I did various things. After dinner I started to make grafts. The boys are in school.

10 I made apple grafts all day. The boys did various things, but some of them are sick.

11 Sunday

12 I made apple grafts, etc.

13 I made apple grafts until noon then we had a business meeting in Scandia regarding Nicholas Swenson and his wife.

14 I made apple grafts, etc.

15 Only made a few grafts as Halricker brought the sewing machine. I was delayed in my work while he was here. I paid him $41.00 for the machine.

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January 1880

16 I made apple grafts. Emma and the boys are in school. However, some of them have been home sick at times.

17 In the morning we were to the meeting in Scandia when Fogelstrom preached. In the afternoon I made apple grafts. Yesterday we took white 'Nancy' to Nilson's bull. The sows are with the boar today. The small sow took the boar. Sture and Axel did various things.

18 Sunday

19 Freed, Fogelstrom, Lundsten, Andrew Nilson and I went to Carver. Freed and Lundsten each borrowed $150.00 from Anna Nilson while I guaranteed them. Fogelstrom borrowed $200.00 from Anna Nilson for the church in Cokato. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

20 and 21 I am not feeling well so am doing no work. We had a meeting each evening in Scandia.

22 Today I finished making the apple grafts by working all day. The boys are in school.

23 I repaired shoes all day. The boys and Emma are in school.

24 We were in the woods chopping down logs for the mill.

25 Sunday

26 Elsa and I went visiting over to Per Daniel's house in the morning. I borrowed some bran from him for the cattle. In the afternoon I did various things. At noon Frank Kjallberg arrived. He is to sew clothes for us.

27 Today I stayed in and repaired gloves. Khallberg is making a coat for me.

28 I did various little things. Kjallberg sewed clothes. Today I received the plat book of Carver County that I ordered last summer. I paid $12.00 for it today.

29 I did various things. Kjallberg sewed.

30 I hauled two loads of logs to Waconia. The boys and Emma have been in school all week. Kjallberg has sewed clothes and repaired old clothes. He has finished tonight!

31 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and hauled them home a load of lumber for H.Reitz. The other boys fanned wheat and sawed stove wood. I did various little jobs.

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February 1880

1 Sunday

2 I went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and hauled home a lead of lumber from Chaska for Reitz.

3 I went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and hauled home 500 bricks. The boys are in school.

4 As I have been appointed on the town board, we, the town board, examined the roads to Kaufhold's,,Hopp's and Witsik's land. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. The other boys are in school.

5 Went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and brought them home a load of brick. The boys are in school.

6 Today I butchered three of the sheep that we had fattened and a lamb. Sture ground corn on Reitz' mill and the others are in school.

7 I did various little things. The boys sawed stove wood, etc. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood.

8 Sunday

9 and 10 I hauled cord wood to Chaska and the boys went to school.

11 Went twice to Waconia with logs for the saw mill. The boys went to school. Today it is warm, and it is raining. The snow is gone.

12 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. It is very slippery on the roads. The boys are in school.

13 I was sick in bed all day with palpitation of the heart. The boys went to school. In the evening they took 'Molly' to Peterman's bull.

14 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia. After dinner we hauled home the boar we had borrowed from Lundsten. The boys fanned wheat.

15 Sunday The Lutheran ministers, Fogelstrom, preached in the morning, and Person, in the evening.

16 In the morning I did nothing. The Lutheran minister, Person, was at our house for dinner, and then we went to the meeting in Scandia. The boys are in school.

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February 1879

17 I took down the fence between the field and the well pasture. The boys are in school.

18 In the forenoon the butcher from Waconia came and bought the three butchered sheep and four sheepskins for $10.00 and also the large wether for $4.50. In the evening Dr. Davis from Minneapolis came here. The boys went to school.

19 Today I stayed in and talked with the doctor. In the afternoon he left us and went to Broberg and then I went to Waconia. The boys went to school.

20 I did nothing. The boys are in school. Per miller from Carver came here this evening.

21 In the forenoon I went to Lundsten's house where we had talked things over with Per Miller from Carver. In the afternoon Reitz, and I had a conference with Shoemaker regarding a road. The boys cleared brush on the south forty.

22 Sunday

23 The first thing I did was to butcher a sheep and then I did various little things. The boys cleared off brush on the south forty.

24 I made axe handles all day. The boys worked on the south forty.

25 In the morning I did various things, and then I repaired shoes. The boys worked on the south forty.

26 I repaired shoes while the boys hauled fence posts out on the south forty. Ottinger's boy came and got some apple scions today.

27 I repaired shoes. In the morning the boys hauled stumps from the field below the barn, and then we had a snowstorm. We took 'Nancy' to Rhan's bull.

28 Elsa, Sture and I went to the Carver market with the cow, that I had bought from Broberg and sold her in Chaska. I also had the wood measured that we had hauled and piled in Gregg's and Grisvold's brickyard. We are having a snowstorm.

29 Sunday

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March 1880

1 Cut down two basswood and hauled to Waconia. In the afternoon the boys cut cord wood.

2 Today we, the town board, had a meeting at Paul Birlien's house. Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat.

3 I wrote letters to Sweden and to John Erickson in Delano. Sture went to Reitz' house and ground corn while the other boys cut cord wood. Ottinger came here today after 20. bu. wheat for seed. We have decided to exchange our wheat for seed so I am to get 20 bu. wheat from him.

4 I went to Ottingers and got my 20 bu. wheat. The boys are cutting down cord wood on the north forty along the road. that goes to Sieman's house.

5 The boys hauled home the haystack from the island except Carl who helped me to cut down timber for the granary.

6 The boys hauled home one load of hay and then hauled fence poles out to the south forty meadow. Carl and I cut down logs for the granary.

7 Sunday

8 I cut down logs and the boys hauled the logs down to the granary and did various other things.

9 As I am town supervisor I stayed at the election place all day until late in the evening. The boys hauled the sheep manure to the strawstack.

10 The boys cut cordwood while I cut down butternut trees to use for fence posts, etc.

11 Ida and I went to Waconia. She traded in Eselien's store, and I took the grist to the mill. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Sweden, and the boys cut cordwood.

12 The boys cut cord wood, and I cut butternut logs into right lengths so we could use them for supports to the bridges on the meadows.

13 The boys cut cord wood and hauled fence poles out on the south meadow. In the morning I was sick, and then dinner I hauled the material for the bridges to the meadows.

14 Sunday

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March 1880

15 I went over to Poppid's place where we held our hail insurance meeting. The boys cut cord wood.

16 In the morning I went to Waconia with a load of grist, and then I repaired shoes. The boys cut cord wood.

17 I continued to repair shoes while the boys hauled away stumps from the field below the barn.

18 I repaired shoes. The boys hauled the rails from the fence by the old well partly out on the south meadow and part over to the pig pen.

19 Axel and I split fence posts while Sture and Carl hauled fence rails.

20 Sture and I went to Martin Domen's auction on the Swanberg farm. The other boys hauled rails.

21 Sunday

22 First we butchered a pig and then did various things until evening.when we went to the meeting in Scandia. Fogelstrom preached.

23 The boys cut cord wood while I did little things. 'Betty' calved. It was a bull calf.

24 Elsa and I went over to Paul Wolf's place after scions and then on to Carver where we did some trading in the stores. The boys cut cord wood.

25 Last night we got three inches of snow. I repaired shoes, etc. The boys fanned wheat.

26 I did various little things at home and after dinner. I went and put up rain troughs on Per Daniel's house. The boys cut cord wood.

27 Today it is raining. I did a few odd jobs and the boys did nothing.

28 Sunday Rileys were here on a visit.

29 The boys cut cord wood during the morning, and I did various things. After dinner we all went over to Nicholas' place and helped to raise his granary.

30 The boys cut cord wood, and I did various things.

31 The boys cut brush and burnt it on the south forty. I did various things.

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April 1880

1 and 2 We dovetailed the timber that I am going to use for the new granary that is to be builr along side of the old. Carl Peterson was here and helped us hew the timbers.

3 Hewed the dovetailing into the timbers.

4 Sunday

5 Carl Peterson and I finished dovetailing the timber. The boys cut brush and cleared on the south forty. After dinner I started to bore into the maples. There is a steady cold northeast wind.

6 During the forenoon Carl Peterson and I hewed out sled runners. After dinner Carl Peterson left us. He has worked 4½ days. I continued working on the sled runners. The boys worked on the clearing on the south forty.

7 In the morning I made some sleds for the children out of oak and after dinner I bored into the maples. The boys enlarged the clearing on the south forty.

8 Last night it froze real hard so today the sap flowers freely. I did various things besides helping at the syrup making. The boys cleared on the south forty.

9 I started making the fence around the field by the pig pen besides helping with the syrup. Yesterday and today we made seven gallons syrup each day. The boys enlarged the clearing.

10 I made syrup and laid fence. Sture sowed wheat on the home field and the other boys gathered sap.

11 Sunday

12 and 13 Sture sowed wheat on the large field on the south forty. I laid fence and made syrup. The boys grubbed large trees out of the field by the old well, and they also gathered sap.

14 Sture sowed wheat on the new part of the south field as well as on the square field. I made fence to the north of the pig pen and the boys grubbed down by the well.

15 Sture sowed wheat on the south field by Peterman's land and also in the nursery. The other boys grubbed and gathered sap.

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April 1880

16 Sture sowed oats on part of the south field and then some more wheat. The other boys grubbed and carried sap while I tended to the making of the syrup and built some fence. Today we finished with the syrup making. We have made 35 gal. syrup this spring.

17 Sture harrowed in the wheat and oats and then rolled the home field. The other boys raked together roots and burnt them out by the island. I fixed the fence.

18 Sunday

19 This morning it is snowing so we did only a few small jobs. This afternoon Sture sowed wheat on the new field down by the barn. I greased the harness. The boys grubbed and raked together hazel bush roots on the island.

20 Elsa, Sture and I went to Waconia. Among the mail was a letter from Sweden telling me that my brother, Samuel, was dead. After dinner Sture harrowed in the wheat on the new field. I took up the heeled in apple trees. Axel, Carl and Kjallberg have grubbed all day.

21 I wrote a letter to Sweden and another to my brother-in-law, Johannes, Sture sowed wheat out on the island. The other boys and Kjallberg grubbed.

22 I made grafts on the apple trees and took up more of the heeled in trees. Sture rolled the south field, and the boys grubbed on the south forty.

23 Sture and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I went over to Swanberg's place and got some "oxel" twigs (mountain ash), then I went with apple trees over to Broberg's house. While there I bought a calf which I brought home. Kjallberg and the boys grubbed.

24 Sture, Carl and I went to Chaska and Carver markets. We sold the ox, 'Back' at the Chaska market. Kjallberg and the boys grubbed until noon and then it rained. I cashed the bank note I had received on the 20th from Sweden at the Chaska bank.

25 Sunday

26 Early this morning it rained and snowed. The boys dug along the north fence in the orchard where I wanted to plant the Lombardy poplars. After dinner Sture and I planted the poplars. Axel, Carl and Kjallberg grubbed.

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April 1880

27 Sture sowed oats down by the strawstack and rolled the new field by the barn. The boys raked, piled and burnt hazel bush roots out on the island while I did various things. Later we planted potatoes near the wagon shed. Kjallberg grubbed all day. Elsa, Ida and Andrew Nilson's wife sheared the sheep.

28 Axel and Carl dug the holes, and I planted lilacs and apple trees, while Sture and Kjallberg grubbed. After dinner it rained so I did a few pick up job and Kjallberg sewed a working jacket for me. The boys fanned the barley.

29 It rained during the morning. After dinner I planted apple trees while the boys grubbed by the pig pen.

30 I tied up the grapes, etc. Sture and Carl cleared down by the old well and did some harrowing. Kjallberg and Sture grubbed. The boys also plowed where I will plant the apple grafts.

May

1 Axel and I planted apple grafts, etc. Kjallberg, Sture and Carl grubbed.

2 Sunday

3 Axel and I planted grafts. Kjallberg and Carl grubbed. Sture first fixed the barn yard fence and then he too grubbed.

4 Axel and I planted grafts, and Sture harrowed and rolled part of the home field for corn and then we planted potatoes in the orchard. Kjallberg and Carl grubbed.

5 Axel and I planted apple grafts, grape and Lombardy poplar cuttings, etc. Sture plowed, harrowed and rolled the field down by the old well for sorghum. After dinner the boys marked out on the home field for corn and started to plant corn. I did various things.

6 Axel and I went to Minneapolis with a load of wool and wheat. The boys planted corn on the home field.

7 Axel and I visited with my brother-in-law, Johannes and my sister, 'Maja Stina', and I also did some trading in the stores. Sture and Carl worked on the clearing.

8 Axel and I returned home from Minneapolis. Sture and Carl worked on the clearing.

9 Sunday Last night both sows farrowed. One had five and the other three pigs.

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May 1880

10 Went to Chaska with a load of barley, and then I went to Carver and bought from A. Peterson a breaking plow, a bed, four chairs and two mirrors that I bought from Swenson, then I had a post money order issued for $5.00 and mailed to Edgren in Chicago. This money was for the school.

11 The boys worked on the clearing. I wrote a letter to A. Nilson in Litchfield, etc. and after dinner I, too, worked on the clearing.

12 It rained so we could not work on the clearing until after dinner.

13 In the morning it rained. After dinner the boys worked on the clearing. Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought some things in Eselien's store, and I paid up my account to Eselien.

14 In the morning the boys worked on the clearing while I burnt some grubs by the old well, then after dinner Sture and I broke the ground by the old well. The others cleaned up by the pig pen.

15 First the boys marked the fields for corn and sorghum canes, and then they planted the sorghum. I burnt brush and grubs by the pig pen. After dinner Sture and I broke the sod by the pig pen while the others planted corn by the old well.

16 Sunday

17 Sture and I broke on the new field on the south forty. Axel and Carl burnt brush and planted corn by the pig pen.

18, 19 and 20 Sture, Axel and Carl broke the field on the south forty, and I made the fence around the field.

21 Sture and I made the fence, and Axel, Carl and Frank planted corn on the new broken field.

22 In the morning I worked on the fence while Axel, Carl and Frank finished planting the corn. After dinner I went to Scandia and repaired the fence around the chapel. Axel and Carl burnt brush, and Sture took a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. This afternoon my sister-in-law, Anna Larson, her daughter, Emma, and a boy by the name of Israel came here for a visit from Litchfield.

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May 1880

23 Sunday

24 In the morning I made poles for the tent that we are going to put up by the church. The boys did various things. After dinner I went to Waconia, and the boys worked on the fence around the new field. My brother-in-law and my sister from Minneapolis came here.

25 The folks from Litchfield, Elsa and I went to Carver and Chaska. The boys made fence and then worked on the clearing.

26 The boys cultivated the corn and then worked on the clearing. Today I did nothing.

27 In the morning we went to Scandia and put up the tent by the chapel. After dinner I went to Waconia. Sture drove Anna Larson and her boy, Israel, to Delano and brought Erikson and his wife, together with Ekinan from Swede Grove back home with him. The other boys worked on the clearing.

28 Our district meeting began today in Scandia with an all day meeting.

29 We had an all day meeting.

30 Sunday with meetings all day.

31 Today our guests returned home. My brother-in-law, Johannes, my sister, 'Maja Stina' and their boy, John, but their girls are staying with us for a while. Today I started to prune the apple trees. Sture is working on the road with the horses and the other boys hoed corn.

June

1 I pruned apple trees. Sture and the horses worked on the road and the other boys hoed the sorghum.

2 I pruned apple trees. Sture is sick in bed, and the other boys worked on the clearing.

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June 1880

3 I fixed the fence towards Nicholas' land and Axel and Carl cut fence poles. And then it rained so we had to quit. Sture is still sick. Birlien was here and assessed me. He stayed over night on account of the rain.

4 Elsa and I went to Waconia. We can do no work because of the rain.

5 Rained hard all day. Could do no work.

6 Sunday

7 I worked on the fence on the south forty while Kjallberg and the boys worked on the clearing. After dinner I went to Scandia, and we took down the tent.

8 I worked on the fences between the rain showers. Kjallberg and the boys worked on the clearing. The man who is taking the census stayed overnight with us.

9 I worked on the fences and Kjallberg and the boys worked on the clearing in between showers.

10 Last night we had a tornado that blew down trees and fences and this morning it still rained so we could do no work. This afternoon I did various things while the boys and Kjallberg worked on the clearing.

11 and 12 I repaired the fences and Kjallberg and the boys worked on the clearing. It has rained so much this week that we are way behind in our work.

13 Sunday

14 This afternoon my brother-in-law, Johanson, from Kirkwood, Illinois, came here, together with his adopted son, Oscar Norman.

15 Today I took my brother-in-law's Johannes' girls down to Chaska, then my brother-in-law, Johanson, and I went to Carver and had dinner with Per Miller and Mortenson.

16 In the morning we cultivated and hoed around the apple trees and after dinner the boys worked in the clearing. My brother-in-law, Johanson, and I went fishing.

17 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the horses shod, and then we worked on the clearing.

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June 1880

18 The boys cultivated and hoed the corn while I did various things. In the afternoon we cocked the weedy hay on the new timothy field and hauled it home.

19 Johanson and I went to Waconia and hauled logs up to the sow, then I pruned Broberg's apple trees. The boys hoed corn and potatoes.

20 Sunday

21 We hauled the wheat from the granary into the barn, etc.

22 Today J. Nelson and I started the work on the new granary. The boys went to Waconia and took away the boards from the saw. After dinner we jacked up the old granary.

23 J. Nilson and I worked on the granary. The boys hauled home lumber from Waconia and hoed various things. At times it also rained.

24 Went to Chaska with wheat and hauled home lumber from Carver. My brother-in-law, Johanson, went along to Carver where he stayed to visit with Johansons. Sture helped Nilson work on the granary and the other boys hoed corn.

25 Nilson and I worked on the granary while the boys hauled home lumber from Waconia and hoed corn.

26 Elsa and I went to Chaska with wheat and then went to Carver and brought our brother-in-law, Johanson with us home. J. Nilson worked on the granary, and the boys hoed corn. The 21st we took the red cow 'Betty' to Soller's bull and the same day the heifer 'Rosie' to Peterman's bull.

27 Sunday

28 Today we raised the granary. The boys mowed on the south meadow.

29 I took a load of wheat to Chaska and then went to Carver after a load of lumber. J. Nilson worked on the granary, and the boys hoed corn.

30 The boys cultivated corn, cocked and hauled home hay. Nilson and I worked on the granary.

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July 1880

1 J. Nilson and I built on the granary. The boys cultivated and hoed corn, cooked and hauled hay.

2 Nilson and Sture, my brother-in-law, Johanson, Johanson and I nailed shingles on the granary roof. Carl and Axel mowed on the west meadow.

3 As the fourth comes on Sunday this year, we had our celebration today in Scandia. I did not feel very well so went home around noon.

4 Sunday

5 Per Danile, Freed and I went with Swen Anderson from Scandia to the Chaska bank and borrowed $250.00 so Anderson could pay Swnaberg for the horses, then we went to Gortson and took out a mortgage on the horses and 2/3 of Swen Anderson's crops. The boys mowed and cocked hay.

6 The boys and my brother-in-law, Johanson, mowed, cocked and hauled in the hay. I was sick in bed.

7 The boys and Johanson mowed, cocked and hauled home hay. I was sick in bed with hemorrhoids. Today I sent a letter to Headburg.

8 Last night it rained so we did not work with the hay until afternoon.

9 We mowed the timothy and then hoed the sorghum on the west meadow.

10 First we mowed the hay out by the island and also did some hoeing, then we cocked the timothy on the west meadow and hauled it in.

11 Sunday Last night and all day it has poured.

12 After dinner the boys tried to do a little mowing on the south meadow by the island, but the air is so oppressive we can hardly breathe. This evening we are having a hard thunder storm. The rain is flattening out the wheat.

13 Today I drove my brother-in-law, Johanson, and Oscar Norman down to Chaska where they took the train for Eggleston. The boys mowed the graveyard, the meadow by the well and the meadow to the north of the barn. This evening we cocked the hay.

14 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys mowed, then we cocked and hauled home hay. We also hauled home the hay from the Scandia graveyard.

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15 First we reaped the rye and then hauled in the hay from the meadow by the well. These days are cool and clear..

16 The boys mowed on the west meadow by the island and along the creek in the home field while I trained grape vines.

17 Sture and Carl broke on the west meadow near the highway. The others hoed around the apple trees. After dinner Sture and Ida went to the wedding of Emily Lundsten. The other children and I cocked hay on the west meadow by the island.

18 Sunday Fogelstrom preached. He brought his wife along this time.

19 Sture and Axel broke on the blue grass dike while we others did various things. After dinner we all cocked hay on the west meadow by the island.

20 We stacked the hay by the island and then Elsa and I went first to Waconia and from there to the meeting in Scandia.

21 Axel and I set up fence posts in the west meadow. Sture and Carl first broke on the south meadow and then mowed in the orchard.

22 Sture and I set up fence posts on the south meadow. Axel drove Fogelstrom down to Watertown. After dinner Axel and I set up fence posts while Sture cultivated in the orchard.

23 Carl and I nailed fence. Axel hoed in the orchard and Sture went with grist to the Minnetonka mill.

24 We all worked on the fence on the south west meadow.

25 Sunday

26 I made a gate and hung it in the fence on the west meadow. The boys repaired the fences and put up the fence around the haystack.

27 We started to reap the wheat beginning with the homefield in front of the cabin.

28 Reaped the wheat in the nursery and after dinner we reaped the oats on the south field.

29 Reaped oats all day.

30 It rained hard last night. I set up gate posts and hung a gate in the fence on the south meadow. Sture went to Waconia and bought malt, etc., then we reaped the wheat on the square field and the oats on the field by the straw stack.

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31 We reaped wheat on the south field.

August

1 Sunday

2 We reaped the wheat on the south field and on the narrow strip besides the oats.

3 Reaped wheat on the south field.

4 Reaped wheat on the south field.

5 We reaped wheat on the field by the barn. Per Daniel's Charlotte helped us.

6 We and Per Daniel's Charlotte reaped wheat on the field by the barn and on the island.

7 Today we reaped the fallen wheat on the south field. I could only drive the reaper in one direction to reap this. Per Daniel's Charlotte helped us during the morning.

8 Sunday

9 In the morning we went to the funeral of Adam Fisher's wife. After dinner we shocked the wheat that had fallen over.

10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 We stacked wheat.

15 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

16 It is raining. Among other things we broke the clover sod in the orchard and also broke on the old road from the cabin to the highway.

17 In the morning we put out the wheat bundles from the partly finished stack to dry and then we went to the meeting in Scandia.

18, 19 and 20 We finished up the stacking of the wheat.

21 Sture and Axel threshed for Broberg, Carl and Frank. I cut weeds and then went to Waconia with grist.

22 Sunday

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August 1880

23 Went to Carver to buy strips for the granary but was unable to get any. The boys did various things.

24 First we had a rain shower and then Sture and I plowed out on the island. After dinner Sture went to Waconia to get the grist and to borrow oats from Broberg while I went to bed sick. The other boys hoed around the apple trees.

25 and 26 Steady rain. We did no work. I wrote a letter to Headburg in Colorado on the 26th.

27 and 28 I worked on the granary. Sture plowed on the west side of the cabin and in the nursery. The other boys cut corn.

29 Sunday

30 The boys harrowed and gathered roots on the new field on the island, mowed the second crop of hay and also fanned wheat. I worked on the granary.

31 Today I sowed timothy out on the island. The boys repaired the fence down by the barn. After dinner Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson.

September

1 Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson and Carl for Seimans in the afternoon. Jons Nilson and I worked on the granary. In the evening I sowed some timothy.

2 In the morning Jons Nilson and I worked on the granary, and in the afternoon we cocked and hauled in hay. Sture and Axel threshed for B. Nilson until noon and then went to Lundsten and threshed. Carl threshed for Seimans until the middle of the afternoon.

3 J. Nilson worked on the granary while I went to Chaska and bought the strips for the granary. Axel and Sture threshed for Lundsten.

4 J. Nilson and I worked on the granary. In the evening I went to the meeting of the school board. Sture threshed for Lundsten until noon, and then he took our horses and moved the machine towards Chaska. Axel plowed and then he and Carl cut corn on the field by the old well.

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5 Sunday

6 Sture and Axel plowed and then used the scraper and evened out the bank along side of the ditch in the meadow by the well. Carl and Frank cut off corn on the south forty. I first wrote letters to Headburg in Leadville, Colorado, and to my brother-in-law, Johanson, in Eggleston, and then I waked on the granary.

7 In the morning Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel and Carl leveled out the banks on the meadow by the well. In the afternoon Sture plowed, and Axel and Carl cut corn.

8, 9 and 10 Sture and I went to the fair in Minneapolis. We took along a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. The other boys cut corn and stripped the leaves off the sorghum.

11 I worked in the granary, and the boys hauled manure out on the meadows.

12 Sunday

13 First I went to Ottingers and bought home the spring ram that I had bought from him, and then I worked in the granary. The boys hauled manure.

14 I made grain bins, and the boys hauled manure.

15 I worked in the granary. Jons Nilson nailed the strips on the outside of the granary while the boys hauled manure.

16 We buried Per Johan Broberg.

17 I worked in the granary, and the boys hauled manure.

18 I worked on the granary. The boys hauled manure and then went to Waconia and to Broberg's place after some oats.

19 Sunday

20 In the morning I butchered a wether and then I worked in the granary. Sture plowed and the other boys cut the tops off the sorghum.

21 Sture plowed and Elsa and Ida cut sorghum and then Sture hauled the sorghum canes. Axel and Carl threshed for Peterman. I went to Broberg's place for the inventory.

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September 1880

22 I worked in the granary and then hauled sorghum canes. Axel and Carl threshed for Peterman. Sture is sick.

23 I worked in the granary. Sture nailed up laths in the granary until noon, and Axel plowed, then Sture plowed while Axel and Carl threshed for Peterman.

24 I worked in the granary and did various things. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl threshed for Peterman until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

25 Elsa and I took Sture, Axel, Carl and Emma to the Agricultural Fair in Carver.

26 Sunday

27 and 28 I plastered in the granary. Sture plowed and Axel and Carl dug potatoes.

29 I plastered the granary. Axel and Carl grubbed willow bushes on the west meadow, and Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with the last of the wheat.

30 I plastered. Axel and Carl grubbed willows, and Sture plowed.

October

1 I worked in the granary. Sture hauled squash and pumpkins and did some plowing. Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas.

2 Sture plowed. Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas.

3 Sunday

4 I worked in the granary. Sture plowed, and Axel and Carl grubbed out willows.

5 Elsa and I went to Chaska to meet out brother-in-law, Johanson, who came from Eggleston, then we went to Carver. Sture grubbed out willows, and Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas.

6 Today I sooted the chimneys and put up the heater. The three boys threshed for Nicholas until noon then Sture went to Waconia and had the horse shod while the other boys grubbed out willows.

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October 1880

7 Sture plowed. The boys grubbed out willows, and I did various things.

8 Sture plowed. The others sawed wood for the threshing machine, and I did various things. This evening the Broberg boys with their threshing machine came here.

9 We threshed all day of the stacks we had in the barn yard but a small stack we had to leave for Monday.

10 Sunday

11 First we threshed the small stack that we had left, and then we moved the machine down to the south field. We finished just as the sun went down. The straw we hauled out on the meadows.

12 Axel and Carl threshed for Reitz. Sture and I did various things.

13 Today Elsa and I took our brother-in-law, Johanson, from Kirkwood, Illinois, down to Minneapolis. Sture threshed for Reitz, and the other boys grubbed willows.

14 Today we traded in the stores. Johanson went on the train at 4 o'clock to go to Burlington. In the afternoon the three boys threshed for Freed.

15 We returned home from Minneapolis and brought Mary Bergquist and her girl with us home. It was rainy and cold. The three boys threshed for Freed in the morning and for Per Daniel after dinner.

16 Last night it snowed and rained. Today it snowed all day so we have snow a foot deep. My brother-in-law, Cornelius, from Litchfield is here on a visit.

17 Sunday

18 In the morning I butchered a wether and then did various things. The boys hauled cord wood and fanned wheat. Andrew Okerson from Grove City was here last night and today. After dinner he went to Lundsten's house. Okerson's girl, Johanna, was here also.

19 In the morning we did various things. After dinner Ida, Frank and I went to Waconia with grist while the boys cut stove wood. A. Okerson and Cornelius returned to their homes today.

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October 1880

20 In the morning I repaired shoes and then I made some lime mortar and plastered in the molasses kettle. Sture plowed and then went to Waconia after the grist. The other boys husked corn.

21 I went with Lundsten to Chaska and went bond for him as administrator for Christine Broberg. The boys threshed for Per Daniel. Today I again wrote a letter to Headburg in Leadville.

22 Today we began to press the sorghum canes and make molasses from the sap. Sture is threshing over in Scandia.

23 We made molasses. Sture threshed over in Scandia for Malmborg.

24 Sunday

25 We made molasses until noon, then the boys husked corn. Sture threshed for Malmborg and for Jons Nilson.

26 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys husked corn. Sture threshed for Jons Nilson. Per Daniel is making his molasses here today.

27 I took up apple trees and the boys husked corn while Sture and Axel threshed for Broberg. Per Daniel finished making his molasses today, and Lundsten started to make his. Today August Crouse and his boy brought me 200 apple seedlings.

28 I took up apple trees and did various things around in the nursery. Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Axel threshed for Broberg and Carl helped Lundsten make molasses.

29 Today I pruned back the grape vines and heeled them in, etc. Sture and Axel worked on the road opposite Adam Fisher's land. Carl and Frank husked corn. Lundsten finished making his molasses.

30 I finished pruning back the grape vines, and the boys heeled in the grape vines and husked corn. Sture went with a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill for Sven Anderson in Scandia.

31 Sunday

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November 1880

1 First I butchered a wether and then I heeled in apple trees. Sture plowed on the field by the barn and the other boys husked corn.

2 During the forenoon I was at the election place, and then I did various jobs. Sture plowed and the others husked corn.

3 Today Elsa and I started for Litchfield. Sture took us to the railroad station in Delano. We visited in Litchfield and Grove City until the 12th.

12 We went by the railroad from Litchfield to Delano. We stayed with Erikson's folks over night.

13 Sture came to meet us in Delano and we started for home at 2 o'clock and arrived home at 8 o'clock. While we have been visiting, the boys have plowed, husked corn and hauled cor n fooder. It has been cold and snowy weather the whole time and still is.

14 Sunday

15 I went over and pruned back Freed's grape vines and then went over to Per Daniel's place and mended the pump to his well. The boys hauled corn fodder.

16 I unpacked the new storm windows and began to fit them in. The boys hauled manure.

17 I fitted and hung storm windows. The boys made a fence around the straw stack. Carl, Frank and Emma are in school. 'Molly' calved.

18 I first went to Waconia, and then I did various things. The boys fanned wheat and did other small jobs.

19 We butchered the two old sows and a young pig. Per Daniel helped.

20 I took the pork to Waconia. The boys grubbed out large trees out on the south field on the newly broken part.

21 Sunday

22 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia. Fogelstrom preached, then we did various things.

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November 1880

23 In the morning I was with Per Daniel. The boys are enlarging the clearing on the south forty. In the evening we all went to the meeting in Scandia.

24 In the morning I butchered a ewe. The boys worked on the clearing. In the evening we went to the meeting.

25 Thanksgiving Day We had a meeting. After dinner Fogelstrom went home.

26 Sture and I went to the Peter Broberg's auction.

27 Sture and I went to the Chaska market where we sold the white cow 'Nancy'. I paid my bill at Hanks and at Hiebosen for the breaking plow, then I paid Andrew Peterson for Elsa's shoes and Griswold for the strips to the granary.

28 Sunday

29 I wrote a letter to Sweden and the boys hauled out cord-wood from the woods.

30 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys fanned the undergrade wheat.

December

1 I hauled home bricks from H. Reitz' place that I had bought from him. The boys cleared brush on the south forty. The 30th of last month I paid Larson for the boy's boots and paid the smith, Charmer.

2 Ida and I went to Chaska. Ida did some trading into the stores.

3 The boys worked on the clearing on the south forty. Sture and I went to Charley Simmer and ordered a stove, then we went to Waconia and bought caps.

4 Sture, Axel and I hauled home stones across the lake from Charley Simmer.

5 Sunday

6 Today it is too cold to work. The boys did go out for a short while and cut cord wood.

7 I went with Swen Anderson from Scandia over to Gortson and had the mortgage, I hold on his horses and harvest, cancelled. The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake.

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December 1880

8 and 9 I stayed in and repaired mocassins and gloves. The boys hauled stone.

10 In the morning I did various things and then Lundsten and I went to Christine Broberg. Sture went to Chaska and met Fogelstrom. Axel cut wood.

11 The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake. Today I again went with Lundsten over to Christine Broberg to see if we could settle the real estate question between her and Andrew Broberg.

12 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

13 I went to Chaska after medicine for Ida. I went with Lundsten. The boys hauled stone.

14 I did various small jobs, and the boys hauled home stone from Clearwater Lake. Also in the afternoon Sture took a load of cord wood down to Schmig's place.

15 and 16 I wrote letters to Pearson in New Mexico and to Kirkwood, etc. Sture hauled cord wood to Eitel's house.

17 I did various things, and Sture hauled cord wood to Eitel's place.

18 Ida and I went to Chaska and consulted Dr. Louis. I sent a money order for a year's subscription for the paper 'Hemlandet' to Chicago, and also mailed the letters to New Mexico and Kirkwood. The boys worked on the clearing on the south forty. The 15th we went after N. Swanson's boar and put him with the sows. We think they both took him, but, of course, we can't be certain.

19 Sunday

20 In the morning I went after a load of bricks to H. Reitz's place and brought them home. After dinner we went to Waconia with grist and hauled home the old reaper from Broberg's place. The boys cut cord wood.

21 We hauled stones from Simmer's place.

22 I took apart the old reaper, and the boys hauled stone.

23 Axel took Sture over to Delano so Sture could get on the train for Litchfield where he is to visit for a while. I did a few things but am not feeling extra well. Elsa is sick in bed.

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December 1880

24 Ida and I went to see Dr. Louis in Chaska, but he was not home.

25 Christmas Day We all went to the meeting in Scandia.

26 Sunday It has snowed enough now, so we can use the sleds.

27 Last night and today it is very cold. Ida took the smaller children for a visit to Per Daniel's house. Elsa and I are not well so we stayed home and did nothing while Axel stayed home to tend to the cattle. Erikson from Minneapolis has been here and left today.

28 and 29 The bitter cold is continuing. I did a few little things. Axel tended to the cattle. Carl and Frank are in school.

30 I did various little things, and Axel and Carl cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn. Frank went to school.

31 Axel and Carl hauled the sheep manure out on the pasture while I did various things.

January 1881

1 Jons Nilsons' and Per Daniels' families visited with us today.

2 Sunday

3 Axel and I went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and brought home a load of brick. Per Daniel and Frank Lundsten also hauled home bricks for me.

4 Axel went to Chaska with wood and brought home bricks. I did various things.

5 Axel went to Chaska with wood and brought home bricks. We had our annual business meeting in Scandia.

6 Today I went to Chaska with wood and brought home bricks. Elsa and some of the children went over to Nicholas' house for a feast.

7 Elsa and I were over to Jons Nilson for a dinner. Nicholas was also there. I took along my new sleds and had them shod by the smith.

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January 1881

8 Axel took cord wood to Chaska and brought home bricks. I did various things.

9 Sunday

10 Axel went to Chaska with wood and brought home bricks. I butchered a ewe ,etc.

11 I went to Chaska with wood and brought home bricks. Axel started school today. Today I sent a money order to D. D. Merril in St. Paul. This was $13.00 that the church gave to the Minnesota Baptist State Convention. I also sent a money order for Colberg for the magazine to Vingren in Chicago. I also sent a letter enclosing a dollar for the "Evangelisten" to Upsala.

12 Went to Chaska with a load of wood and brought home bricks. The boys are in school.

13 First Ida and I went to Waconia and then Carl and I hauled home cord wood from the woods. This evening Sture returned from Litchfield.

14 I butchered two wethers and a ewe. Sture did various things, and the others are in school.

15 I butchered two ewes. Axel went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and the other boys fanned wheat and sawed wood. Olof Anderson's boy from Cokato came for a visit here today.

16 Sunday

17 We butchered a pig, etc.

18 Axel and I went with a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill and then went on to Minneapolis with mutton and sheepskins which we sold. We stayed overnight at Crail's hotel.

19 We ordered lumber from Eastman and Boyd's lumber yard and loaded our sled with lumber. We arrived home at dark. Sture did the chores.

20 Sture and Frank fanned wheat, and I did various things. The others are in school. Today we took 'Molly' to Peterman's bull.

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January 1881

21 Carl and I went to Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat, and then we went to Minneapolis after another load of lumber.

22 We returned from Minneapolis and had a hard time to get through because of storm and snow.

23 Sunday

24 I hewed out some logging sled runners. Sture did the chores and cut wood. Axel, Frank and Emma are sick in bed.

25 Sture and I fanned the wheat and then we cut down logs. Sent a second letter to N. Mexico.

26 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood, and I did various things.

27 Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I did various things, and Carl went to school. The other children are sick.

28 and 29 Nicholas Swanson and I went to Minneapolis after lumber. Sture did the chores while the others are more or less sick.

30 Sunday

31 This morning I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico and after dinner I went to themeeting in Scandia that had been called in order to get things settled between Jonas and Otto Broberg. Sture and Carl fanned wheat. The others are sick.

February

1 Last night there came so much snow we have been kept busy most of the day shoveling out the roads. Sture hauled home elm wood.

2 Another snowstorm today. We only did the chores.

3 The only work we did today was that I took two sacks of grain to the Waconia mill.

4 We hauled logs for sawing out of the woods and after dinner. I hauled one log to the mill and then came another snowstorm.

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February 1881

5 Today we are having a howling snowstorm. The snow is at the least two feet deep on the level not to count the high drifts. The roads are all blocked.

6 Sunday No one could get out to church because of the snow.

7 Today it is raining and snowing. We only did the most necessary chores.

8 Nicholas and his boy, Renius, Sture and I opened the road way over to Waconia. We had two teams yet that had to do a lot of shoveling. The snow is 2½ ft. deep, and all the roads have large drifts over them.

9, 10 and 11 I hauled logs to Waconia, and the boys cut cord wood.

12 First I did various things, and after dinner I started for Waconia with a log, but the road was drifted over so I had to leave it by the school house. The boys cut cord wood.

13 Sunday

14 I went and talked to Birrel Nilson, H. Reitz and William Mitchel and then went home and shoveled snow. Sture did the chores and cut stove wood. The others are in school.

15 Sture went and helped Per Daniel to butcher, and I did various things around the house. The other boys are in school.

16 B. Nilson's and Lundsten's boys went with me to Minneapolis. I had a load of wheat with me down and got a load of lumber to take home. Sture did the chores.

17 By evening I was home again. Sture and Kjallberg started to cut cord wood today. The other boys are in school.

18 In the morning I fixed and set the large cross-cut saw, and then I did various things. Sture and Kjallberg chopped cord wood.

19 I went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and then I paid my personal property tax as well as my store bill at Faber. Kjallberg and Sture cut cord wood. The 15th we took the brindled heifer, 'Froken', to Peterman's bull for the 2nd time.

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February 1881

20 Sunday Fogelstrom was here and preached.

21 Per Daniel helped me to butcher two pigs. After dinner Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood, and I did a variety of things.

22 Nicholas and I went to Minneapolis with each a load of wheat. I also had the pork along. I took lumber, doors and windows home with me. Kjallberg and Sture cut cord wood.

23 Nicholas and I got back at 10:30 this evening. Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood, and the other boys were in school.

24 It snowed this morning so Sture and Kjallberg went to Waconia. In the afternoon they cut cord-wood again. I did nothing..

25 I went over to Gottfrid Mitchel and ordered seed wheat and then did various things. Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood.

26 I went to Chaska with cord wood and bought 700 shingles from Griswold and settled my bill with him, then I went to the Carver market. On the way home I stopped and got the shingels and brought them home. Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood.

27 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

28 Kjallberg, Sture and I went to Kholer's auction in Waconia.

March

1 I went to Philip's mill that is two miles beyond Carver on the Benton road. Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood.

2 We are having a snowstorm. After dinner Sture and Kjallberg cut wood.

3 I went to Gottfrid Mitchel after the seed wheat. Sture and Kjallberg cut cord wood.

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March 1881

4 Today we have a blizzard. I began to make grafts. Sture did the chores.

5 I went after the grist to Philip's mill and had with me 16 apple trees that I sold to Hammarlund in Carver. Sture and Axel cut cord wood.

6 Sunday

7 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia. After dinner I started with a log for Waconia, but it tipped off when I was between Scandia and Broberg's place. Sture cut cord wood.

8 I went to the election in Witsik's school house. Sture cut cord wood. Yesterday the heifer 'Froken' was with Peterman's bull for the third time.

9 I went to the auction on the other side of Waconia on Anna Linder's place. The boys cut cord wood.

10 Today we butchered two pigs.

11 I cut up and salted down the pork. Sture and Axel cut cord wood. Frank Kjallberg left us today. He has made pants for the boys.

12 I stayed in and made apple grafts. Sture and Axel cut cord wood.

13 Sunday In the afternoon we visited with G. B. Nilson's family.

14 and 15 The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake, and I made apple grafts.

16 and 17 I made a logging sled, and the boys cut cord wood.

18 The boys cut cord wood, and I did various things. As yet we have had no spring weather. The snow is practically of the same depth, and every night it freezes hard.

19 I worked on the logging sled, and the boys cut cord wood. In the afternoon Per Daniel came here after seed wheat. I exchanged seed wheat with him.

20 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

21 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia, and in the afternoon we shoveled snow on the road by Adam Fisher and Nicholas. Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod.

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March 1881

23 In the morning I went to Gortson and Birrel Nilson and bought seed potatoes, and the boys cut cord wood. In the afternoon we went and hauled the log that was lying between Scandia and Broberg's place down to Waconia.

24 The boys hauled home the haystack from the island, and I did various things.

25 In the morning the boys finished hauling home the hay. Freed came over and asked to exchange seed wheat so the small boys and I fanned it for him. In the afternoon the boys chopped stove wood, and I did various things.

26 We went out on the south forty and cut down logs and cut cord wood. Yesterday I sent the letter to A. J. Rowth in New Mexico and one to John Anderson in Eggleston.

27 Sunday

28 and 29 We cut down oak logs and hewed out the foot logs for the new kitchen.

30 We hauled home the logs, etc., but I hurt my back lifting so I could hardly get to the house.

31 Had to stay in bed on account of my back. The boys did the chores but they have such sore eyes they can hardly see.

April

1 I am still in bed with my sore back. The boys' eyes are bad, but they manage to do the chores.

2 I am up and can do a few odd jobs, and the boys are cutting cord wood again. This afternoon we had a special board meeting.

3 Sunday

4 I went to Waconia. The boys cut down a couple of logs and hewed them out for foot logs to the kitchen.

5 In the morning I repaired shoes and then I went to Waconia. The boys cut cord wood.

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6 In the morning I hauled home logs and after dinner I dovetailed a log out on the north wood lot. The boys cut cord wood.

7 In the morning the small boys, and I hauled logs. The others worked in the clearing on the south forty. After dinner I wrote letters, etc. The boys hauled poles to the fence that is to be put up along the railroad.

8 I wrote and mailed letters to Sweden and to my brother-in-law, John Anderson. The boys worked out on the south forty. Yesterday the black spotted sow farrowed.

9 I did various things. The boys hauled manure and cleaned up the sheep barn.

10 Sunday

11 The boys enlarged the clearing on the south forty. I repaired shoes.

12 The boys cut fence poles on the point by Nicholas' field. I repaired shoes.

13 Axel and I cut down fence posts and poles, and Sture and Carl cut fence poles out on the island.

14 The boys worked on the clearing on the south forty, but I was in bed with palpitation of the heart all day. The railroad company's agent was here today, but he only offered me $100.00 an acre for the land.

15 Today Fogelstrom was here and held a meeting in Scandia.

16 Today we began to bore into the maples, and we plastered in the syrup pans, etc.

17 Sunday

18 We began to sow wheat. Sture sowed on the hill of the south field, the home field, and on the west field. The other boys and I bored into the maples, etc. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

19 Sture harrowed in the wheat he sowed yesterday. The other boys and myself picked up quack grass roots on the west piece of the home field. In the afternoon they leveled the hummucks on the haylands while I made grub hoe handles.

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20 Sture went to Excelsior with the mare to the purebred stallion Lucifer. The other boys leveled hummocks on the haylands. In the afternoon Kickler came here and castrated the colt.

21 Sture sowed wheat on the large and on the square portions of the south field while the other boys worked on the clearing and gathered sap. I did various things.

22 Sture harrowed in the wheat while the others split rails and enlarged the clearing. Kickler was here and removed the clamps on the colt and then he castrated two calves, two lambs besides the large ram.

23 Sture sowed wheat on the field down by the barn, and the other boys split rails out on the island while I made over the bridge that is out by the horse pasture. Fogelstrom is staying with us this week-end.

24 Sunday

25 Sture sowed wheat, the other boys split rails, and I did various things.

26 Sture sowed wheat. I took up the heeled in apple trees and did various other things in the nursery. Carl and Axel uncovered the grapes, etc.

27 Sture rolled the wheat. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps on the timothy field north of the barn, and I worked in the nursery.

28 Sture rolled wheat and then sowed oats. The other boys grubbed out stumps, and I tied up the grape vines. The 25th we finished cooking down the maple sap. We made 20 gal. syrup this spring.

29 I tied up the grape vines. Sture harrowed and rolled the oats and the other boys grubbed out trees down by the highway.

30 Sture plowed the piece where the grain stacks had been and sowed it in oats, then we planted potatoes along sides the barn yard fence and also finished sheathing the wagon shed. After dinner it rained. Yesterday we sheared the sheep.

May

1 Sunday

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2 We rolled the wood shed out of the way and did various other things.

3 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia while the boys fanned wheat. After dinner we burnt off the swamp meadows.

4 The boys hauled in wood from the south forty and planted more potatoes. I fixed the cabbage beds.

5 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and then went down to Carver to talk to the contractor Pinz. On the way home I stopped in at Paul Wolf and ordered trees (cedar). Sargeant wrote a letter for me, that I mailed at once, to the Judge of Probate Court in Huerfano County, Colorado. The boys grubbed and cleared off brush on the south forty and then planted sorghum on the field by the cabin.

6 The boys dug holes for apple trees. I planted apple trees, then we fanned wheat. Planted the newly broken piece on the south forty with Sture.

7 Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. The other boys, and I set up fence posts where the railroad right-of-way is to be. After dinner we had a hard gain so we did nothing.

8 Sunday

9 Sture took the mare to Tellen's place, but she would not take the horse. The other boys and I planted apple grafts, cut rails down by the road, etc.

10 This morning it rained so we did a few little jobs. After dinner Sture harrowed the wheat on the newly broken field. The other boys gathered and piled hazel brush roots, and I planted grafts.

11 Sture plowed for corn. The other boys raked and piled hazel roots, and I planted grafts, strawberries and grape vines. Today Paul Wolf brought 25 white cedar bushes that I had ordered.

12 Sture harrowed the newly broken field, plowed forn corn. The other boys dug holes for the cedar trees and picked up roots while I planted the cedar trees.

13 In the morning I planted more arbor vitoe trees. Sture is plowing for corn down near the old well, and the other boys picked up and piled hazel bush roots. After dinner it rained so we did nothing.

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14 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Sture went along. After dinner the boys repaired fences, and I did various things.

15 Sunday

16 I took a load of wheat to Chaska and then went to Carver and brought home the tools for the bricklayers and also a load of lime from Chaska. John Klatt and the boys began to dig a cellar.

17 Today we finished digging the cellar and hauled part of the dirt on the road in the barn yard. Sture rolled and marked out the home field for corn. Klatt and Okerson did the cellar work.

18 Sture, John Okerson and John Klatt hauled the dirt from the cellar down on the highway. Axel and Carl planted corn. I went first to Waconia and met Brunins in Waconia, and then I did various things.

19 Pinz and Klatt began to build the cellar. Sture hauled sand and stone. Axel and Carl made mortar, etc. In the morning the committee was here to value the land that the railroad is taking from me. After dinner Axel and I raked hazel roots out on the newly broken field. In the evening Henry Anderson and Melin from Eggleston came for a visit.

20 Pinz and Klatt built on the cellar. I opened up a doorway from the old to the new cellar. Axel made mortar and carried it to the bricklayers. Sture hauled sand until noon and then he and Carl marked part of the south field for corn.

21 Pinz and Klatt built on the cellar while I went to Chaska after a load of lime. Axel made mortar. Sture and Carl planted corn.

22 Sunday

23 In the morning I made a box for mixing mortar. Carl made mortar and the other boys hauled the dirt from the cellar down onto the road. In the afternoon Axel started to dig out for a cistern. Sture hauled sand, and I leveled out the dirt on the road.

24 Axel and Carl dug on the cistern and made mortar for the bricklayers. Sture and I repaired fence, etc.

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25 The boys dug the cistern. Carl and I cultivated the nursery, and then it rained.

26 The boys waited on the bricklayers in the morning while I did various things, and then it rained again so we could not work.

27 In the morning I went to a meeting in Scandia, and in the afternoon I went and notified the farmers of their road work hours. The boys cleared off brush and raked it together on the clearing, and Axel waited on the bricklayers.

28 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I also hauled two sacks for Freed, and he brought home a barrel of lime for me while I had studdings and nails for a load back home. Axel helped the builders, and the other boys worked in the clearing.

29 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

30 In the morning we had a church business meeting in regards to Broberg. After dinner I put wooden pins into the old cultivator. The boys kept busy at odds and ends as it was raining. Klatt did a little building on the stone foundation to the porch. Tonight it is raining hard again. Fogelstrom and Ahlstrom stayed overnight with us last night.

31 The ground is so water-soaked that it is impossible to do any work outside so we only did a few pick-up jobs in the house. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia.

June

1 Today we began to brake the clearing on the south forty. In the morning Axel and I burnt brush and after dinner he tended to the burning while I made a box for the cistern. Sture and Carl did the breaking.

2 I did various things. Axel burnt brush. In the afternoon he helped me to renew the planks on the bridge on William Mitchel's land, and then we filled in around the cistern. Sture and Carl broke.

3 Today Jons Nilson and I began to build on the kitchen. Axel and Carl are breaking on the south forty, but Sture is sick in bed.

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4 Nilson and I worked on the kitchen. Axel and Carl are breaking on the south forty. After dinner they cultivated the sorghum.

5 Sunday. Today we took 'Betty' to Peterman's bull.

6 Axel, Carl and Frank planted corn on the new break on the south forty. In the morning Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled logs up to the saw. After dinner Sture went to Carver to meet Fogelstrom and to bring him here. Jons Nilson worked on the kitchen.

7 First the boys finished planting the corn then they cultivated the sorghum and among the apple trees and did some hoeing. Nilson and I worked on the kitchen.

8 Sture went to Minnetonka with a load of grist. Elsa, Ida and Frank hoed the sorghum. Axel and Carl are sick in bed. Nilson and I worked on the kitchen.

9 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and brought home a load of lumber. The boys hoed corn. Nilson worked on the kitchen.

10 The boys hoed and cultivated the corn. Sture went to Waconia after a load of lumber. Nilson and I worked on the porch. The assessor was here last night. He valued all my personal property.

11 Nilson and I worked on the porch. The boys did various things between the rain showers. In the afternoon Sture went to Waconia after a load of boards, then we had the hardest rain that has come so far this year.

12 Sunday

13 Nilson worked on the porch, and I helped off and on. Sture went to Waconia after a load of lumber. In the afternoon he went to Tellner's stud horse with the mare. The other boys cultivated and hoed in the corn on the home field.

14 Elsa and I and also Nicholas Swenson went to Chaska. Elsa and I gave the railroad company a deed on the land they bought from us. Nilson worked on the porch. Sture returned in the afternoon from Tellner's place. The other boys hoed corn. Last night two boys and two girls from Dodge County stayed over night with us. They came from Gefle in Sweden.

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15 Nilson worked on the kitchen and I helped some, but I am not well. The boys hoed corn except Sture who went to Waconia after the last lumber. Today it has also rained. Kikler was here today and took the calf from the cow that I bought from my brother-in-law, Johnson, in Litchfield.

16 Nilson, Sture and I covered the porch and part of the kitchen today. The boys hoed corn.

17 We nailed on the roof sheating on the west side of the kitchen and finished the edges of the roof. The boys hoed corn.

18 Today we sheated the west side of the kitchen. The boys hoed corn in between the rain showers.

19 Sunday

20 In the morning Nilson, Sture and I nailed shingles on the kitchen, then I went and gave out notices of road-work. Nilson sided the wall above the porch, and the boys hauled away the dirt from the cistern.

21 Today I worked on the road. Nilson sided the wall above the porch. Sture went to Waconia after planks for the road, then he cultivated the sorghum. The other boys hoed corn.

22 I worked on the road today also. Nilson made window and door frames. The boys put up fence posts. Today I sold a couple of oxen to the butcher in Waconia for $43.00.

23 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia, and I had the horses shod. The boys sowed off blocks for fence posts. In the afternoon the boys hauled poles to the fence along the railroad property. Nilson worked on the kitchen.

24 Nilson and I worked on the kitchen. The boys cultivated the corn. Sture made the fence by the railroad.

25 Nilson worked on the kitchen. Elsa, Axel and I went to the Chaska and Carver markets. I sold a load of wheat in Chaska and tried to sell 'Betty' but did not succeed. Sture nailed fence.

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26 Sunday Today we had no meeting as the Germans had a baptismal service.

27 The boys began to cut hay on the west meadow as the rain is making thegrass to fall. I did various little things.

28 The boys cultivated the corn with two plows. I pruned apple trees.

29 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat, and then I went to Carver after a load of lath. The boys first hoed sorghum and then cocked hay on the west meadow.

30 In the morning we mowed and then hauled home hay from the west meadow.

July

1 I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. The boys mowed and cocked hay along the railroad.

2 We hauled hay and fixed the road on the south field. Last night L. Z. Dickenson from Excelsior was here.

3 Sunday

4 We had a celebration in Scandia.

5 Mowed, cocked and hauled hay.

6 Mowed on the west meadow, then it rained. Later we cultivated the corn and I pruned back the grape vines.

7 We cocked hay on the south meadow while Axel and Frank cultivated the corn on the south field.

8 Cultivated and hoed corn, and I finished pruning back the grapes. We are having so much rain it is hard to do any haying.

9 The boys hoed corn. I did various things. Today we took the heifer 'Rosa' to Peterman's bull.

10 Sunday

11 Steady rain. We could do nothing. Fogelstrom stayed with us last night and went home today.

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12 Mowed the timothy on the island and the west meadow. Cocked the hay that had been lying out during these rainy days and gotten damaged.

13 Cocked and hauled timothy all day, also mowed some.

14 Hauled home the damaged hay and stacked that in the barn yard, then we hauled home the last of the timothy.

15 In the morning we hauled hay then Sture and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod and the hoofs on the colts cut. I paid my store bill at Eitells and Eiselien.

16 I went to Eitell's mill in Chaska with a load of wheat to be ground. Sargeant wrote a letter that I mailed to Colorado. Elsa had along rags that we left with the Norwegian woman to weave into rugs. The boys mowed the west meadow near the island.

17 Sunday Fogelstrom preached. He had his whole family along.

18 Nicholas came and cut the pigs. The boys mowed along the creek on the homefield. I cultivated the apple trees, then we cocked some hay.

19 Stacked hay by the island and hauled home the hay along the creek.

20 The boys hoed corn. I went to Waconia.

21 Went to Eitell's mill in Chaska after the grist. The boys hoed corn.

22 The boys hoed corn. I did various things.

23 Sture and Axel went over to Reitz' place to help them with the haying. The other boys are hoeing in the orchard while I cultivated, then I cut weeds along the roads. Fogelstrom and his family came here today.

24 Sunday

25 The boys hoed corn, and I did various things.

26 In the morning we reaped the wheat on the west side of the creek in the home field. After dinner we worked on the fences and put up the fence around the haystack by the island.

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27 Reaped the wheat on the home field next to the cabin.

28 We reaped the wheat on the square piece and on the south hill slope of the south field.

29 Reaped oats all day.

30 ,Finished reaping the oats, then we reaped the wheat on the large piece next to the south road, then we reaped the wheat in the nursery and the oats on the grainstack piece.

31 Sunday

August

1 Reaped the wheat on the large piece next to Peterman's land and started to reap down below the barn.

2 We finished reaping below the barn and started reaping the wheat on the newly broken field next to the road by the south field.

3 We finished reaping the last piece and then we reaped the wheat on the field opposite Peterman's field.

4 In the morning we reaped the poor wheat in the south end of the field below the barn and the small piece in wheat on the west meadow, but in the first part of the afternoon we had a sharp hurricane wind that tossed all our grain all over the fields so a bit later we had to start to reshock all our wheat and oats..

5 We shocked grain until noon when we had a pouring rain, then I went to Waconia and had the horses shod while the boys went out on the lake and fished.

6 In the morning we moved the manure pile away from the place where we will stack the wheat. After dinner Axel went over to Nicholas' place to help him tie wheat bundles. Sture plowed on the west meadow where I intend to sow timothy. The other boys and I did various things.

7 Sunday Fogelstrom has returned from Eggleston so he preached here today.

8 We stacked oats.

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August 1881

9, 10, 11 and 12 Stacked wheat and finished Friday night.

13 Did various things.

14 Sunday

15 Went to Carver and asked Pinz to come and finish the kitchen. Elsa went along in order to consult Dr. Louis. I bought a load of brick in Chaska and hauled them home. The boys dug on a ditch in the meadow by the well.

16 Today it is raining so until dinner the boys and I nailed lath in the kitchen. Axel then plowed on the home field. Just before dark Mrs. Bergquist and her daughter, Anna, and son, Nathaniel, came here to us for a visit.

17 In the morning it rained. After dinner Axel plowed, and Sture and I did various things. Jons Nilson came at noon and then worked on the kitchen.

18 Axel plowed. Sture nailed lath. I did various things. J. Nilson worked on the kitchen. Carl went to Birrel Nilson and helped him to thresh after dinner.

19 Sture and Axel threshed for Broberg. Carl threshed for B. Nilson. J. Nilson worked on the kitchen. I went to Shakopee after a load of lime.

20 Jons Nilson is sick so he went home today. Charley Klatt began today to sheath the outside of the kitchen with brick. Carl is mixing the mortar and Axel hauled sand. I worked in the kitchen. Sture threshed for Broberg until noon, and then he began to grub out the trees that were too close to the kitchen.

21 Sunday

22 I went to Shakopee after lime and cement. Klatt built on the kitchen, and Carl mixed the mortar for him. Sture is helping Jons Nilson to nail on the paneling in the kitchen. Axel went to Scandia to thresh.

23 Klatt laid bricks and Carl mixed the mortar. Pinz came at noon and helped to lay brick the rest of the day. Jons Nilson worked on the inside finishing of the kitchen. I first butchered a wether, and then I helped Jons Nilson on the inside work. Sture plowed. Axel first threshed in Scandia and then at Malmborg's place.

24 Pinz and Klatt laid bricks and Carl made the mortar for them. Jons Nilson nailed on the paneling. Axel plowed and Sture threshed for Lundsten. I did various things.

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25 Pinx and Klatt built on the brick walls, and I made mortar for them. Carl plowed during the morning. Axel threshed for Per Daniel. Sture threshed for Lundsten until noon, and then he plowed. Jons Nilson worked until noon and then went home.

26 Pinx and Klatt finished the walls by noon, and after dinner they started to build the chimney. Carl mixed the mortar for them. Axel threshed for Sieman, and Sture plowed. I did various things. Today we took the Litchfield cow 'Lady' to Peterman's bull.

27 Pinx and Klatt finished the chimney at 3 o'clock, and then they started to cement the cellar floor. Carl made the mortar, and I leveled the cellar floor. Axel plowed and hauled sand. Sture threshed for Sahlar.

28 Sunday

29 Jons Nilson and I worked on the kitchen paneling. Pinz and Klatt came at noon and worked this afternoon. Carl mixed mortar. Sture went to Chaska after a load of brick. In the morning Axel threshed for Sahler.

30 Pinz and Klatt worked on the cistern and plastered, and Carl mixed mortar for them. Sture hauled sand and then plowed. Axel cut corn. Nilson and I worked on door and window facings and put in base boards.

31 Sture plowed and Axel cut corn. Nilson and I finished putting in the base boards then worked on the porch. Pinz and Klatt put on the second coat of plaster in the kitchen. Carl mixed the plaster.

September

1 I drove Pinz and Klatt with their tools to Carver. Bought porch flooring in Chaska and hauled home. Fogelstrom met me in Chaska and went along home. He has been in Duluth and came from there. J. Nilson has laid the matched flooring in the kitchen. The boys cut corn.

2 and 3 Jons Nilson worked in the kitchen, and I laid bricks for porch pillars. Sture plowed and the other boys cut corn. In the evening I went to a school board meeting.

4 Sunday Fogelstrom preached.

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5 Jons Nilson and I worked on the kitchen, but, as it is raining, the boys can do no work.

6 Jons Nilson and I worked on the kitchen. The boys have done a few odds and ends. It is still raining.

7 Nilson and I put up the ceiling on the porch and at noon Nilson left. It rained this morning. Sture plowed this afternoon. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps down by the barn.

8 I finished putting up the porch ceiling. Sture plowed and the other boys grubbed out stumps down by the barn.

9 This morning I made a box for the cistern. Sture plowed, and the other boys cut corn on the new field. After dinner I went to Waconia and bought paint and had the mare shod on the hind legs.

10 In the morning I butchered a ewe and after dinner I worked on the kitchen. Sture plowed, and the others cut corn.

11 Sunday

12 A. Bergquist from Minneapolis has been here, and he went back today. I painted the window frames in the kitchen. Sture plowed, and the others picked the leaves from the sorghum.

13 I painted the kitchen. Sture threshed for Swen Anderson, and the others picked off the sorghum leaves.

14 The boys cut and hauled sorghum while I painted the kitchen.

15 It has rained nearly every day so we are getting behind in our work. Sture plowed today. Carl is threshing instead of Freed for Bradhouse. Axel is doing various things and so am I.

16 It rained again. After dinner I went to Waconia, and the boys grubbed out stumps.

17 The boys hauled away the old straw from the barnyard, and I painted the kitchen.

18 Sunday

19 The boys cut sorghum and piled it. I painted the mouldings in the kitchen. The women are picking the grapes.

20 First I butchered a ewe and then painted the base boards. The boys hauled away the manure from the barn doors.

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21 In the morning I wrote and mailed the letter to Pearson in New Mexico when I went to Waconia in the afternoon, then I bought eaves troughs and brought home. In the morning the boys could do nothing as it rained, and then they did various things.

22 Kholer's son from Waconia came to put up the eaves troughs, but it started to rain so he went back home. We did various things.

23 Again we could only do a few odd jobs as it rained. The boys took 'Fanny' to Peterman's bull.

24 Today Ida, Axel and I went to the fair in Carver while Sture and Frank went to the Chaska fair.

25 Sunday Fogelstrom preached. He has now finished the year that he had promised us.

26 I did various small finishing jobs in the cellar, kitchen and cistern. Sture went to the butcher in Waconia with 'Betty' that I had sold to the butcher. Ida and the other boys dug potatoes.

27 Today Joseph Kohler from Waconia put up the eaves troughs. Sture helped him. I did various things. Axel grubbed out stumps, and Carl threshed for Peterman.

28 The boys husked corn, and I worked in the kitchen.

29 Last night and today we had the biggest rain we have as yet had this summer. I painted in the kitchen. The boys did nothing. In the afternoon Broberg and his wife brought Bergquist from Minneapolis here.

30 I painted the kitchen floor. The boys husked corn. After dinner Elsa went with Sture as far as A. Brobergs while Sture continued on to Waconia and brought home the large stovepipes for the outdoor fireplaces for the molasses pans.

October

1 I puttied windows all day. Sture and Axel threshed for Jons Nilson. Carl husked corn and Frank herded the cattle.

2 Sunday

3 First I butchered a ewe and then I put the second coat of paint on the kitchen floor. Axel threshed for Jons Nilson and Carl for Peterman in the morning. Sture husked corn.

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4 I repaired the cabin roof. The boys husked corn.

5 I plastered in the molasses pans and the boys husked corn. Yesterday and today the railroad track was laid across my land.

6 In the morning I notified the men about the road work to be done, and then I did various things. The boys husked corn.

7 I worked on the road in front of our barn and in front of Reitz' field. The boys husked corn.

8 I finished getting the molasses pans ready, etc. The boys hauled away the manure from the pig pen.

9 Sunday

10 Repaired the fire places and got them in perfect order, then we moved the cane mill and after dinner we began to press the sorghum canes and make molasses. Jons Nilson is here today. He put in base boards in the parlor and sided the wall by the north porch.

11 Today we are having another hard rain. After dinner I sooted the chimneys and moved out the cook stove into the new kitchen. The boys finished up some molasses.

12 In the morning I moved the kitchen cupboard into the pantry and painted it, then I went to Waconia after grist. The boys and Elsa are making molasses.

13 Pressed canes and made molasses all day.

14 Finished making molasses. We have 100 gallons.

15 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia and traded in Gunz store, then the doctor pulled out a tooth for Elsa, and I had the horses shod. The boys grubbed out large trees.

16 Sunday

17 Elsa, Sture and I went to Chaska and Carver and did some trading. Axel and Carl grubbed out trees.

18 I did various things, and the boys grubbed out large trees on the south forty.

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19 I dug up apple trees in the nursery. The boys grubbed out large trees on the south forty.

20 The boys hauled manure. I pruned back the grape vines and leveled out the dirt around the kitchen door.

21 In the morning I butchered a ewe, and after dinner the boys and I leveled out the dirt on the west side of the kitchen. Sture plowed the sorghum field.

22 Frank and I went to Chaska. I bought a heater from Hank also 6 chairs. The boys grubbed out large trees on the south forty.

23 Sunday

24 Elsa and I went to the stores in Waconia, and I paid my bill to Eiselien. The boys grubbed out stumps. After dinner I put names on the sacks. The boys hauled then crushed sorghum canes down to the highway and put them in the mud holes.

25 In the morning Elsa and I picked over the potatoes in the cellar. I put a false bottom in the potato bin as the water had reached up to the potatoes. After dinner I went to Waconia. The boys hauled manure.

26 I did various things. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps. Sture plowed then hauled wood and sawed it ready for the threshing machine.

27 In the morning I butchered a wether and Carl went and notified the threshers. Sture plowed and Axel grubbed out stumps. After dinner I fixed things ready in the granary. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps. Sture went to Winkel to get the thresh machine. In the evening Brobergs' boys brought it over. 'Molly' calved today.

28 It rained all day. We could do nothing so the threshers went home.

29 Today it is cloudy. I made a door for the cellar from the kitchen. The boys grubbed out stumps in the field below the barn.

30 Sunday

31 We began to thresh. Late at night we finished the stacks near the house.

November

1 Today we threshed on the south field until the sun went down. Simpson from Excelsior was here to buy up cord wood for the railroad.

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2 I fenced in the straw stack, etc. The boys fanned wheat. Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod on one foot.

3 I went to Excelsior with wheat and then went to Gideon's place and bought raspberry bushes. The boys husked corn.

4 In the morning I butchered a ewe, and then I pruned back grapes. The boys husked corn on the south forty and heeled in the grape vines.

5 I pruned back grape vines, and the boys heeled them in. They also husked corn. Last night it snowed about four inches.

6 Sunday

7 In the morning I pruned back grapes, and the boys husked corn. At noon it began to rain, and it rained so hard we could not work.

8 First I pruned back grapes. The boys husked corn and heeled in the grape vines. After dinner I went to the election and the boys husked corn.

9 In the morning we butchered a pig. After dinner Sture and Frank went over to Ottinger's place and borrowed a spring ram. I did various things, and the other boys finished the corn husking.

10 In the morning I did a bit of everything. Sture mixed lime plaster with which to daub the pig pen which I did in the afternoon. The boys grubbed stumps on the field near the barn. The 7th Bergren began to grub on the south forty.

11 Sture, Axel and Carl are threshing for Andrew Broberg. In the morning I went over to Lundsten's place and pruned back the grape vines, and then I did various things.

12 First I went to Waconia with Carl and Frank to buy Carl working clothes and to have Frank measured for shoes. Sture and Axel cut stove wood. Bergren grubbed.

13 Sunday

14 I made a cover for the cistern, etc. Berggren grubbed and the boys grubbed out large trees. The horses are well. We keep washing their legs which are swelling.

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15 I did various things, and the boys grubbed out more large trees on the south forty. Berggren finished the piece he had agreed to do and left today.

16 I put up the storm windows, finished up the cellar opening and door in the kitchen, etc. The boys piled the brush in the north meadow where we had cut cord wood.

17 I did various things and the boys cleared off the brush on the piece where Berggren had grubbed.

18 I did various things in the cabin, and the boys cleared away the brush where Berggren had grubbed on the south forty.

19 I stayed in and repaired the boys' gloves. The boys threshed for Broberg.

20 Sunday

21 We hauled fence posts to the rail road and put them up. This evening Henry Anderson from Eggleston together with my brother-in-law, Johanson's son Edward, and Charley Norman came here to visit.

22 I could do nothing as my heart pumped so hard all day. Sture is showing the three boys around. Carl is in school, and in the afternoon Axel threshed for Reitz.

23 The boys from Eggleston continued over to Granite Falls today. I did various things. Sture and Axel threshed for Reitz and Carl went to school. Stahlen came after his wife today as tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day.

24 Sture and Axel threshed for Reitz and I worked in the cabin.

25 I took grist over to Waconia and had the horses shod, and then I did various things. Sture and Axel threshed for Reitz until noon and then Axel and Carl piled wood in the woods while Sture went down to the railroad camp.

26 First I went after the grist and then hauled old logs out of the woods and hauled them home for stove wood. Axel and Carl piled wood and Sture went to Poppid's Station to meet the three boys from Eggleston.

27 Sunday

28 Axel and I hauled home the grubbed out stumps from the field below the barn.

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29 Axel and I hauled home stumps while Sture piled the brush on the south forty. After dinner the boys cleared off brush on the south forty. Elsa and I returned Ottinger's borrowed ram.

30 Per Daniel and we butchered the old sows and young pig.

December

1 I went to Waconia and sold the old sows that we butchered yesterday. The boys cleared off brush on the south forty.

2 I went over to Reitz' place and had him write out a petition that the road on my north forty be changed. The boys hauled home corn fodder from the south forty.

3 Elsa and I went to Chaska and traded in Strajeskatt's store. I paid my bill to Hank and also posted the road petition. The boys were in the wood piling wood.

4 Sunday

5 I fixed up things in the pig pen. The boys hauled home corn fodder.

6 Took a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. The boys are sawing off the roots from the large trees they have grubbed.

7 The boys are still sawing grub stumps, and I did various things.

8 I did various little things. The boys hauled home an old elm log to be used for firewood. Jons Nilson is here and is making a couple of logging sleds.

9 The boys are hauling home old logs to use for stove wood, and after dinner they hauled home the hay stack from the island. Nilson worked on the logging sleds, and I started a carpenter's bench for the vise.

10 Nilson worked on the logging sleds, and I did various things. The boys finished hauling home the haystack.

11 Sunday

12 The boys hauled home the large stumps from the south forty. Jons Nilson finished the logging sleds, and I did various things.

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13 The boys cut cord wood out on the south forty. I took the new logging sleds to Waconia to have them shod.

14 In the morning I went over to see Kern and sold my cord wood. After dinner the boys and I hauled cord wood to the railroad.

15 The boys hauled cord wood out to the railroad. Elsa and I went to Waconia.

16 The boys hauled cord wood. In the morning I took the road petition over to Kerns and to Reitz, then I did nothing.

17 First Axel and I hauled the large sow over to Birrel Nilson's boar, then Axel and Carl hauled stove and cord wood while I wrote a letter to Sweden. Sture is sick.

18 Sunday

19 I wrote letters,,and the boys hauled cord wood to the railroad line.

20 I wrote a letter to John Pearson in New Mexico. The boys hauld cord wood and also took the small sow to Birrel Nilson's boar.

21 The boys hauled cord wood and went after the small sow. I mailed the letter to Sweden and also mailed a box containing two electric batteries. I also mailed the letter to John Pearson in New Mexico.

22 The boys cut cord wood, and I did various things. After dinner Simpson from Excelsior was here and measured the cord wood by the railroad track.

23 The boys shelled corn during the forenoon, and I did various things. In the afternoon I went after the logging sleds that the smith, Charmer, had shod. The boys grubbed willow bushes in the west meadow.

24 We grubbed willows on the west meadow.

25 Sunday and Christmas Day.

26 Per Daniel and his family are visiting us, also Hallberg from Fergus Falls.

27 We did no work. I wrote in the church book, etc.

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December 1861

28 In the morning we grubbed willows in the meadow. After dinner Elsa and I went to Waconia and Ida, Sture and Axel went visiting to Jons Nilson's house.

29 Today it is cold with some snow flurries. I repaired shoes. The boys did nothing. Hallberg from Fergus Falls is still here.

30 I repaired shoes during the forenoon then did nothing. Hallberg went to Minneapolis today. After dinner the boys grubbed willows on the west meadow.

31 Sture and I went to the Chaska and Carver markets. Fogelstrom came with us home. The boys sawed stove wood.

January 1862

1 Sunday and New Year's Day Fogelstrom preached.

2 I went to our annual business meeting in Scandia. The boys hauled home fire wood from the south forty.

3 In the morning Elsa and I went to the meeting in Scandia. The boys hauled cord wood out of the woods.

4 I wrote a letter to John Anderson in Eggleston also one to Edgren in Chicago inclosing money for the school. The boys fanned wheat and chopped fire wood.

5 I went to Carver with a load of wheat. I bought a money order for $8.00 in Chaska and sent it in the letter to Edgren.. Per Daniel went along to Carver. The boys did various things.

6 In the morning I did various things, and after dinner I went to Waconia. Today I mailed a letter to Sweden ordering the 'Evangelisterna' paper. The boys sawed off logs out on the south forty.

7 I did various things. The boys grubbed willows on the west meadow. Our small boy, Oscar, is sick in bed with pneumonia.

8 Sunday

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January 1882

9 First I did various things, and the boys grubbed out willows. After dinner I went to Waconia with grist, and the boys fanned wheat.

10 I went to Carver with a load of wheat, and the boys grubbed willows.

11 First I did various things, and the boys grubbed out willows. After dinner we hauled out logs from the new broken field on the south forty.

12 I hauled brush and log out from the new field on the south forty. The boys grubbed willows.

13 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod and hauled home the grist from the mill. Elsa went to the Ladies' meeting at Broberg's house. The boys sawed off the stumps from the grubbed out butternut trees in the field by the barn, then the chopped cord wood from the tops.

14 Yesterday and today it was very cold so today we did no outdoor work except the chores.

15 Sunday

16 Today we butchered two pigs and then did various other things.

17 We did various things.

18 Sture and I drove to Minneapolis with a load consisting of pork, wheat, wool, sheepskins and butter.

19 We returned from Minneapolis late at night. Axel has sawed fire wood.

20 I stayed in to write all day. The boys cut willows.

21 The boys hauled basswood to Bowen's house, cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn. I did various things. In the afternoon John Erikson and his wife from Delano came here.

22 Sunday

23 It is so cold today we all stayed indoors. I repaired gloves.

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January 1882

24 The boys hauled basswood to the railroad track. The Town Board met at my house today to declare that the cart road crossing my land be a public highway but the decision was laid on the table for a later meeting.

25 The boys cut willows and fanned wheat. In the morning Elsa and I went to the meeting in Scandia when John Erikson preached, then we went to Waconia when I mailed a letter to Sweden.

26 I went to Carver with a load of wheat and while there I had the kitchen added to my insurance. The boys cut cord wood in the afternoon.

27 Went two times to Waconia with logs for the saw mill. The boys cut cord wood.

28 In the morning I butchered a ewe. After dinner I repaired gloves. The boys did various things and took 'Molly' to Peterman's bull. It is very cold.

29 Sunday

30 I repaired mittens, etc. The boys grubbed willows. In the afternoon John Erikson and his wife came to our house. In the evening we celebrated Erikson's birthday when all the grown-ups in the church were here.

31 Erikson and his wife went back to Delano today. Elsa and I went along as far as Jons Nilson's house when we stopped for a visit. The boys fanned wheat in the morning and grubbed willows in the afternoon.

February

1 First we butchered a pig, then we went after Peterman's boar to put him with the two sows, then I cut up the pork. The boys grubbed willows.

2 Freed, Per Daniel and I went with wheat to the Minnetonka mill. The boys grubbed willows.

3 In the morning I went to Waconia and took out money for Malmborg's and Per Daniel's cord wood, etc. The boys grubbed willows. After dinner I went to Waconia again and had the horses shod. The boys fanned wheat.

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February 1882

4 Freed and I went to the Minnetonka mill with wheat. The boys cut cord wood.

5 Sunday

6 I did various things, and the boys cut cord wood.

7 In the morning I went over to the graveyard as the surveyor was supposed to measure it but nothing was done. After dinner Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys chopped cord wood. George Eitel stayed overnight with us. I bought a book from him.

8 In the morning I did various things, and then I took the old wagon to Waconia to have it mended, and then I bought 60 lbs. of flax seed meal from Mix. The boys cut cord wood.

9 I did various things, and the boys cut cord wood.

10 Went to Scandia when the grave yard was measured. The boys cut cord wood.

11 Today I split fence posts, etc. The boys cut cord wood.

12 Sunday

13 I went over to Andrew Broberg's house with corn, rye and oats that he is to grind for me, then I went to Waconia. The boys cut cord wood.

14 Per Daniel and I butchered 8 sheep. The boys cut cord wood.

15 and 16 Carl and I went to Minneapolis and sold sheep skins and mutton. The boys cut cord wood.

17 Today I mended the boys gloves while they cut cord wood.

18 Last night and today it has snowed steadily. After dinner Sture and I hauled to Waconia the large oak log from the large oak that was grubbed out on the new field.

19 Sunday

20 Today I went twice to Waconia with logs for the mill. The boys cut cord wood. This evening we are having a snowstorm.

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February 1882

21 The boys hauled out cord wood from the new field on the other side of the railroad track. I repaired shoes.

22 The boys hauled cord wood, and I did various things.

23 Sture drove over to Delano to meet the ministers, Ekman, Norberg and Erikson. I did various things, and Axel chopped wood.

24 and 25 We had meetings as the district convention has its meeting here in Scandia.

26 Sunday We had meetings all day.

27 This morning Ahlstrom, Norberg, John Anderson's son, John, and others left on the train for Minneapolis. We sent a bank draft to Merril in Minneapolis. John Anderson and I wrote a letter to Headburg in Denver.

28 After dinner I went to Waconia and mailed the letter to Headburg in Denver and also a letter to Edgren in Chicago containing $5.00 for the school building fund. The boys cut stove wood.

March

1 Today we had a meeting in the church when John Anderson preached. We also had a communion service. We also came to an agreement with John Anderson that he should hold services once a month for us.

2 This morning John Anderson went home. The train stopped in front of our house, then we butchered two pigs.

3 I cut up the pork and salted it, etc. Axel is working for Per Daniel; Sture did various things.

4 Today it has sleeted all day. I repaired shoes all day, and the boys did nothing.

5 Sunday It has been skating all day so we could have no meeting in Scandia.

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6 In the morning I worked on the old wagon and after dinner I went over and visited in the school. The boys sawed wood.

7 I did various little things, and the boys sawed wood.

8 Sture took grist to the Waconia mill in the morning, and after dinner the boys sawed wood. In the forenoon I painted the old wagon and at noon I received a letter from my brother Rydell in Sweden that he was dying. I wrote to him at once and also wrote to my brother-in-law, Johannes and sister, 'Maja Stina' and a letter to my brother-in-law, Johanson, in Kirkwood, Illinois.

9 Today I went to Ottinger's house after seed wheat. The boys cleared brush in the clearing on the south forty except Axel who went to Waconia and mailed the letters I wrote yesterday.

10 I went to Waconia after the grist. The boys worked in the clearing in the morning. After dinner I did various things, and the boys hauled fence poles.

11 This morning I was over at the school. Mrs. Stoughton dismissed the school for this term, then I painted on the wagon. Sture first went after the rest of the seed wheat, and then the boys hauled fence rails, etc.

12 Sunday

13 In the morning Axel and I were to Waconia, and in the afternoon we hauled logs out in the meadow where we will make a cow lane. Sture and Carl nailed on the fences for it.

14 In the morning I went to the election. The boys nailed fences out in the meadow. After dinner we had a snow-storm. I painted on the old wagon, and the boys sprouted the potatoes in the cellar.

15 In the morning I did various things, and the boys nailed fence. After dinner they cleared brush on the south forty.

16 In the morning Carl and I hauled fence poles out on the meadow. In the afternoon I went to the meetingin Scandia where we took up subscriptions for the support of John Anderson for his part time service during the coming year. The boys cut cord wood.

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17 Frank and I hauled fence poles and wood all day. The boys cut cord wood.

18 Frank and I hauled various things in the morning. After dinner I went up into the north forty and measured out the amount of land the new road will take that Pafahl will lay out. The boys cut cord wood.

19 Sunday

20 We are having another snow storm. The boys fanned seed wheat, and I repaired shoes.

21 Elsa, Ida, Sture, Axel and I went to the Waconia market. We had a two year old barrow along that we sold.

22 I did various things. The boys cut cord wood.

23 The Town Board was here and laid out the new highway across my north forty. I am to have $178.00 if the road is to remain as it is but eight gates must be removed. The boys cut cord wood. John Anderson from Eggleston came this evening.

24 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon We had a meeting in Scandia when John Anderson preached. The boys cut cord wood.

25 I worked on making a new molasses pan. The boys cut cord wood. Today Berggren began to cut wood for me. He is to have $.50 a day.

26 Sunday John Anderson preached.

27 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia. After dinner Elsa and I went to Waconia and then to Andrew Broberg with corn which he ground for us. The boys cut cord wood. Berggren cut cord wood all day.

28 I worked on the molasses evaporating pan. Berggren and the boys cut cord wood.

29 I finished the evaporating pan, and then I stayed in and visited with my brother-in-law, John Anderson. Berggren and the boys cut cord wood.

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30 This morning John Anderson left us and took the train home. After dinner Sture and I, Reitz and the surveyor were out on the north forty and measured the highway that crosses my land to Lubick's land. The others cut wood.

31 In the morning I went and put out markers where the fence along the highway is to be. After dinner the surveyor and we put out the markers on the corners between Peterman's, Andrew Sohran's farms and also mine. The boys cut cord wood.

April

1 I plastered in the pan on the fire place in the syrup camp. The boys cut cord wood.

2 Sunday

3 I bored into the maples trees. Berggren and the boys cut cord wood.

4 Finished the boring into the maples. I am tapping 313 maples this year. Berggren and the boys cut cord wood.

5 Today it rained. I repaired shoes. We made syrup. The boys and Berggren cut stove wood.

6 I repaired shoes and tended the syrup. Berggren and the boys sawed and chopped fire wood.

7 I made sap troughs. The boys sawed and chopped wood. Berggren went over to Freed's land to cut fire wood.

8 I made sap troughs and syrup. The boys cut fire wood.

9 Sunday

10, 11, and 12 I made sap troughs, and the boys cut fire wood besides making syrup. The sap is running freely up to 200 pails a day.

13 and 14 We made syrup. The boys cut fire wood and carried sap. Berggren grubbed on the south forty.

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April 1882

15 Sture sowed wheat on the field below the farm. The other boys cut fire wood and carried sap. I made syrup.

16 Sunday

17 Sture took the mare to Teler's stallion. Axel sowed wheat on the east part of the south field. Berggren, Carl and Frank dug out quack root on the home field. I made syrup. We have 50 gallons.

18 Today it rained all day. I made grafts. After dinner Elsa and Sture went to Waconia. Today we made the last of the syrup for this spring. We have made some over 50 gallons.

19 The boys picked quack roots. Berggren grubbed, and I worked on making a field roller.

20 Sture sowed wheat on the south field, and the other boys burnt brush on the newly broken land. Berggren grubbed. I first did various things and then went to Waconia and had the mare shod.

21 Today I finished the field roller. Sture sowed wheat on the home field. The others are burning brush. Berggren grubbed.

22 Today it is sleeting. I worked in the cabin, and the boys did nothing.

23 Sunday

24 Sture sowed wheat on the field east of the cabin and in the nursery as well as on the square piece of the south field. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps on the new field, and I top grafted apple trees, etc.

25 Sture sowed oats on the west piece of the south field. Axel and Carl did various things and then cleared off brush where Berggren has grubbed. I did various little things.

26 and 27 Sture took the plow to Waconia and had it sharpened and after dinner he harrowed in the grain. The others put up fence posts and filled in the holes after the stumps on the newly broken land. I planted walnut trees in the field by the barn, etc.

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April 1882

28 Sture plowed the newly broken field. Axel and Carl planted potatoes during the forenoon, and then they cleared off the brush on the piece where Berggren has grubbed. In the morning I planted red onions and after dinner Elsa and I went to Stina Broberg's auction.

29 Sture finished plowing the newly broken field and then sowed wheat on it. Axel and Carl went to Chaska to bring home the calf I had bought from Stahlen. I did various things. We took 'Froken' to Peterman's bull.

30 Sunday

May

1 Sture harrowed in wheat. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps in the south field along the highway. Berggren grubbed on the south forty. I did various things.

2 Sture rolled the oats and wheat. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps on the south field, and Berggren grubbed in the clearing. I did various things.

3 Sture finished rolling the grain. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps. Berggren grubbed in the clearing. I did various things; among others I set out the raspberry bushes. They are the Turner raspberry.

4 Ida and I went to Waconia and bought shoes, etc. The boys uncovered the grape vines and grubbed out stumps. Berggren grubbed all day.

5 Sture and Carl hauled the stumps into piles while Axel continued grubbing out some more. After dinner Sture plowed the piece for corn and then went to Brobergs after the corn that Broberg had ground for us. The boys grubbed out stumps. I put up trellis posts by the grape vines. Berggren grubbed on the south forty.

6 Sture plowed on the south field for corn, and the others grubbed out stumps. I made the trellis by the grape vines. Berggren finished his allotted grubbing.

7 Sunday

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May 1882

8 Axel and Carl grubbed some stumps between rain showers. Sture took the mare to Teller's stallion. I tied up some of the grape vines.

9 Axel and Carl did a few odd jobs between the rain showers. Sture returned from Tellers in the afternoon. I tied up a few more grape vines.

10 Sture plowed in the field by the barn for corn. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps and burnt brush on last year's new field on the south forty. I finished tying up the grape vines and started to set out apple trees.

11 In the morning Carl, Frank and I went to Waconia. I bought shoes for them and also bought a sack of flour. Sture and Axel repaired old fences. After dinner I set out apple trees, and Sture plowed for corn. Axel and Carl cleared off the brush on the piece where Berggren grubbed.

12 Sture plowed for corn, and the other boys and I set out box elders along the road by the south forty. After dinner we made ready the cabbage beds.

13 In the forenoon Sture and Carl rolled and marked out fields for corn. Axel and I cultivated in the orchard. After dinner I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Sture and Carl planted corn near the road on the south field. Axel is grubbing out some of the trees around the house.

14 Sunday

15 Sture plowed for corn, and Carl and I cultivated in the orchard. Axel made ready some melon beds, and then we did various things. Elsa and Ida sheared the sheep.

16 First I planted hop roots. Sture and Carl rolled and marked out for corn. Axel fanned wheat. After dinner I took a load of wheat to Poppids. The boys planted corn and potatoes. The assessor was here and valued my property. His name is Mones.

17 Today I set out grafts. Sture harrowed on the newly broken field and then plowed for corn on the field by the old well. The other boys raked brush.

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18 I did various things in the orchard. Axel and Carl raked grub, and Sture plowed for corn, then it rained so I repaired shoes, and the boys fanned wheat.

19 In the morning I set out strawberry plants. Axel and Carl hauled away grub from the new field. Sture went to Ottingers and paid for the seed wheat and then planted corn down by the old well. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys worked on the new field and marked it for corn. They also planted potatoes on the field by the old well.

20 In the morning I did various things. Sture and Carl finished marking out for corn and started to plant, and Axel planted out beans. After dinner Axel and Carl finished the corn planting. Sture and I drove to the Waconia depot and met the folks from Eggleston, John Anderson and his wife and John's son-in-law, Melin, and his wife.

21 Sunday

22 In the morning the boys cleared off brush and grub from the piece Berggren had grubbed. I did nothing. In the afternoon I did various little things. Sture drove the visitors over to Per Daniel's place. The other boys piled brush.

23 I went to Carver with a load of wheat and then took three sacks to Eitel's mill. I also paid my tax. I had Frank along. The boys cleared off brush on the south forty. The small sow farrowed this evening. She had five pigs.

24 In the morning I did various things. The boys worked on the south forty. In the evening we went to the meeting in Scandia.

25 Sture took a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. Axel and Carl cleaned away the blue grass down by the wood shed where I intend to sow timothy. After dinner they cleared away brush on the south forty, and I did various things.

26 In the morning I hoed around the apple trees. The boys peeled ash poles for fence. In the afternoon we went to the meeting in Scandia.

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May 1882

27 In the morning Sture and I worked on fences while the others peeled ash poles. After dinner Elsa and I went to Waconia, and I had the mare shod,, then we went to Broberg's house and brought the folks from Eggleston with us home. Sture nailed on fences along the railroad. The others peeled ash poles.

28 Sunday We had morning and evening services.

29 This morning John Anderson and his daughter, Ruth, together with Ida left for the conference in Grove City. Axel drove them over to Delano. At 7 o'clock my sister, 'Maja Stina', together with Melin and his wife left and went by train to Minneapolis. In the morning I went to the funeral of Andrew Schran's wife, who was buried in Waconia. After dinner I made a gate. Sture and Carl repaired the fence next to Peterman's land on the south forty.

30 I went to Waconia and then did various things. The boys went to the school house on Decoration Day exercises, then they fanned wheat.

31 Sture took the mare to Gould's stallion. I put a gate in the railroad fence. The others cleared off brush on the south forty.

June

1 Axel and I went to work on the church yard. We set up fence posts for the fence. Sture and Carl burnt willows in the meadows.

2 We plowed and harrowed for timothy in the north orchard. We plowed for timothy by the pig pen and along the outside row of grape vines, then we harrowed the corn and potato fields.

3 Went to Chaska with a load of wheat and hauled home a load of bricks. Axel and Carl harrowed corn fields and burnt willows in the meadow. Sture went to Minneapolis.today.

4 Sunday

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June 1882

5 In the morning Axel and Carl fanned wheat and harrowed a corn field. I went to the miller in Waconia with wheat then sowed timothy by the pig pen and in the orchard and rolled it. The boys burnt brush on the south forty.

6 I pruned apple and plum trees in the north orchard. Axel and Carl burnt willows and cleared out brush on the south forty.

7 In the forenoon I pruned apple trees. Sture dug holes for fence posts on the west meadow. Axel and Carl burnt brush on the north forty. After dinner I went to Waconia with grist, and the boys cleared off brush on the south forty.

8 Sture, Axel and I worked on the highway along side my farm. Carl cleared off brush on the south forty.

9 Sture, Axel and the horses worked on the road. Carl worked on the south forty, and I pruned apple trees.

10 In the morning the boys replanted the corn as the seed corn I had bought from Peterman did not germinate. I went to Waconia after the grist and then I pruned apple trees. The boys did some clearing off of brush.

11 Sunday

12 I pruned apple trees. Sture and Carl put up fence poles and nailed on the fence on the west meadow. Axel and Frank replanted corn, and then they cultivated the corn. In the evening Henry Anderson from Eggleston arrived in order to get the horse that they had bought in Swede Grove.

13 I pruned apple trees. Sture and Carl worked on the fence in the west meadow. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn, and then they hoed the melons and fanned wheat.

14 I pruned apple trees and the white cedars. Axel and Carl cultivated the corn on the south forty, then Axel cut hay in the orchard, and Carl went fishing. Sture hauled wheat to the Minnetonka mill and took the mare to Gould's stallion, but she would not take the stallion.

15 Sture went and nailed on the fence around the church yard. Axel went to Water town and met Ida who came from Litchfield. Carl and I did various things.

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16 We put up fence posts along the railroad track. I went in the afternoon to Waconia.

17 I took wheat to Waconia and brought home bricks. The boys put up fence posts and cut down ash saplings for fence poles out on the point by Nicholas' field.

18 Sunday

19 Sture and Mamma went to Excelsior and sold a calf. Axel and I cultivated the potatoes and in the orchard. Axel cut ash saplings for fence poles.

20 In the morning Sture and Carl broke the sod in the north orchard. Axel hoed corn. In the afternoon the boys fanned wheat. I did various things.

21 Elsa, Frank and I went to Minneapolis, and we took the wool along and sold it. The boys cultivated and hoed corn.

22 We returned in the evening from Minneapolis. The boys had cultivated and hoed corn.

23 The boys hoed corn. First I wrote letters and then did nothing.

24 We did various little things as it rained then the boys hoed corn, and I hoed around the grape vines.

25 Sunday John Anderson preached.

26 In the morning my brother-in-law, Anderson, and I wrote a letter to Peter Magnus in Colorado. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. Sture and Carl sharpened scythes. After dinner I went to Waconia and mailed the letters to Drothzen and to P. Magnus in Colorado. Sture and Carl cut hay along the creek in the homefield, and by the old well. Axel and Frank hoed corn.

27 I went to Chaska with wheat and brought home bricks. Elsa went along. The boys hoed corn, but in the afternoon they went to the meeting in Scandia.

28 Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled logs to the saw, then we fixed the road by the pasture gate and also by the other gates on the south forty. The other boys hoed corn.

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29 First we finished fixing the road by the gates, and then the boys cut hay. After dinner Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled the boards from the saw. Axel and Carl cut hay along side the bridge on the west meadow.

30 We mowed the timothy on the west meadow, cocked and hauled in the hay from the creek in the home field and by the old well and then hauled home lumber from Waconia.

July

1 Went to Chaska with the last of the wheat from last year's harvest and brought home a load of bricks. The boys cultivated the corn and cocked hay.

2 Sunday

3 Last night we had a thunder storm with so much rain that we can do nothing to the mowed hay. We cultivated a little in the corn, plowed the potatoes, hauled a load of lumber from Waconia and did other small jobs. Hans Ring Andrew came here today.

4 We celebrated today in Scandia so we did no work.

5 We cocked and hauled in hay, mowed, etc. The 1st we took 'Rosy' to Peterman's bull.

6 It rained again today; we did nothing. I sent off a letter to Sweden.

7 We worked on the bridge on the west meadow and cut some hay there by the well. After dinner Carl drove Andrew Ring to Water town as he went home. I pruned grapes.

8 Mowed, turned, cocked and hauled in hay from the south meadow.

9 Sunday Today we took 'Lady' to Peterman's bull. The heifer we bought from Broberg calved today.

10 Today we first turned hay and mowed on the south meadow, then cocked and hauled in hay from the west meadow.

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11 Mowed on the west meadow then cocked and hauled in hay from the south meadow. We also cultivated some in the corn and trained grape vines.

12 Mowed on the other side of the railroad track then cocked and hauled in hay and cultivated the corn.

13 First Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys plowed and hoed the corn and then went out to the island and cut the timothy, then in the afternoon they cocked and hauled in hay from the west meadow and then mowed on the south meadow.

14 Sture and Frank cultivated the corn on the field by the barn while Axel and Carl dug a ditch along the bridge near the island on the south meadow. I put up a door frame in the cellar. After dinner we hauled the timothy from the island and one load of hay from the other side of the railroad.

15 Sture and Frank cultivated corn. Axel and Carl finished the ditch by the bridge near the island, and then it rained

16 Sunday

17 I finished a cellar door, and the boys mowed the hay on the piece where we used to stack the hay, then it rained.

18 Axel and Carl cultivated corn, and I did various things. After dinner we cocked hay on the south meadow and hauled in part of it. Sture went and helped Per Daniel to mow.

19 The boys turned and cocked hay on the west meadow near the island and hauled in two loads of it. I made another foundation for a chimney in the old kitchen.

20 We hauled home the hay from the island and stacked it, then the boys hauled manure, and I worked on the chimney foundation. Today 'Rosa' was in heat for the second time, and we took her to Sahler's bull.

21 The boys cut ash poles for the fence by the railroad track, and I finished the chimney foundation.

22 In the morning Sture and Ida went to Excelsior and sold butter. After dinner Sture raked quack roots with the harrow by the cabin. Axel and Berggren cut hazelnut brush on the south forty. I did various things.

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July 1882

23 Sunday John Anderson preached.

24 Sture and Axel fixed fences. Carl and Frank hoed corn. After dinner Sture hauled sand, and the other boys hoed corn. I made frames for mosquito netting, etc.

25 In the morning Axel, Carl and I went out in the woods and chopped down butternut trees for fence posts, then we went to the meeting in Scandia except Sture who mowed for Broberg.

26 Sture nailed fences by the railroad. Axel and Carl sawed off butternut logs for fence posts. Jons Nilson is here and is getting the walls in order so we can nail.lath. I did various things.

27 Went to Chaska after a load lath. Elsa went along, and we also went down to Carver. Axel and Carl cleared off brush on the south forty. Sture is helping Nilson to nail on the panels in the old kitchen.

28 Nilson put in ceiling boards in the old kitchen and fixed the walls for lath. Sture lathed the walls in the large room. Axel and Carl cut butternut logs for fence posts on the north forty. I did various things.

29 Axel, Carl and I split and sharpened fence posts out in the north woods. Jons Nilson made the walls in the old kitchen ready for lathing and Sture started to nail up the laths.

30 Sunday

31 Today we were in the north wood all day and cut fence posts.

August

1 During the morning it rained so the boys nailed lath on the walls in the large room, and I did various things. After dinner we cut more fence posts. Axel and Berggren began to dig a ditch in the north swampland.

2 Sture, Carl and I nailed wire on the wire fence by the railroad. Axel and Berggren dug on the ditch on the swampland near Freed's land.

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3 In the morning I took grist to Waconia mill, and after dinner I nailed laths around the new chimney in the old kitchen. Berggren, Sture and Axel dug on the ditch in the swamp meadow near Freed's land.

4 The boys and Berggren dug on the ditch. I nailed laths on the kitchen walls and painted the eaves troughs.

5 Berggren, Sture and Axel finished the ditch in the north meadow, then Mamma and Sture went to Excelsior and sold a calf. I did various things and then went to Waconia after the grist.

6 Sunday

7 Berggren helped us as we began to reap wheat. We reaped the wheat on the field by the barn and on the hillside on the south meadow.

8 We finished reaping on the hillside then reaped between the cabin and the apple trees on the homefield, then the wheat in the north orchard and began to reap the field west of the cabin.

9 Finished reaping the two west pieces of the homefield and began to reap the oats on the south field.

10 Finished reaping the oats and then began to reap on the large piece of the south field beginning on the north end by the corn.

11 We reaped on the south field by the corn, the square piece and the piece by Peterman's land.

12 Finished reaping the piece by Peterman's land and then reaped the wheat on the new field. We have reaped all the wheat and oats in one week. That is the fastest we ever have been able to do it. The reason has been a week of perfect weather.

13 Sunday

14 We did various little things.

15 The boys hauled out manure on the oat stubble on the south field, and I did various things. We took 'Rosa' to Sahler's bull for the second time.

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16 We began to stack the wheat. We stacked the wheat on the south field from the large piece. After dinner Axel went and helped Nicholas to stack wheat.

17 We stacked the wheat from the field by the barn. Axel stacked wheat for Nicholas.

18 We stacked oats. Sture did the stacking as I am not well, but I stayed and showed Sture how. In the morning Axel helped Nicholas but at noon he came home sick.

19 The boys stacked the wheat from the home field, but I did nothing as I am sick.

20 Sunday We took the heifer 'Nancy' to Peterman's bull.

21 We stacked the wheat from the new field.

22 Finished stacking the wheat by noon, and then I went to Waconia while the boys went fishing.

23 Sture plowed on the field by the barn. Axel and Carl cut the second crop of hay around the well and along the creek in the home field. After dinner they cleaned out the ditch along the railroad. I am sick in bed.

24 Sture plowed on the field by the barn, and Axel and Carl are digging a ditch in the small swamp on the south field. I am feeling better today, so I painted the north porch floor.

25 Until 11 o'clock Axel and Carl dug on the ditch, and then they went and threshed for Jons Nilson. Sture plowed until noon and then nailed on laths. I did various things.

26 In the morning Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod while Axel and Carl threshed for Jons Nilson then they all three hauled home fence posts from the nath woods. I am not well enough to work. Uncle John Anderson arrived this afternoon.

27 Sunday

28 Sture and Carl threshed for Andrew Broberg, and Axel plowed. I am not well.

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August 1882

29 Axel and Carl broke the meadow near the old well, and the road besides the highway. Sture has rented Broberg's threshing machine for a month and had gone out with it. I am not well enough to work.

30 Elsa and I went to Chaska, and I hauled home a load of brick. Berggren, Axel and Carl dug a ditch along the highway and cleaned out the ditch in the south meadow. After dinner Axel and Ida went to a party at Mix's house in Waconia.

31 Axel mowed the second crop of hay and then he plowed. Berggren and Carl dug on the ditch in the south meadow. I am not well so did nothing.

September

1 Axel, Carl and Frank hauled manure, and I did nothing. We took 'Rosa' to Sahler's bull. Last night a Swedish man stayed over night on his trip between Minneapolis to Montevideo.

2 Axel and Carl mowed and hauled hay. They also hauled manure. I did nothing. This evening we had a school board meeting.

3 Sunday

4 Carl and Frank threshed for Peter Magnus, and Axel hauled sand. After dinner they hauled hay, and I made a gate.

5 Carl and Frank threshed for Broberg, and Axel hauled sand, then after dinner they hauled hay. I hung the gate in the fence by the railroad. Jons Nilson is stripping the walls so we can nail up laths and also put strips around the window frames and the doors.

6 Carl and Frank threshed for Broberg during the morning, and Axel took one of my boots to Waconia to have it repaired. After dinner Axel threshed for Sieman, and Carl nailed lath. J. Nilson nailed up strips, and I went to Chaska after a load of brick, and then I also went to Carver.

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September 1882

7 Axel threshed for Seiman and for Bradhouse while Carl nailed up laths. I nailed some laths but had to go and lie down between times. J. Nilson put strips around windows and doors in the parlor.

8 Axel threshed for Peterman, and Carl nailed laths. J. Nilson stripped the upper rooms for laths. I am in bed most of the time.

9 Axel threshed for Peterman. J. Nilson tore down the old chimney with the help of Carl and Frank. I am sick. Today they took the heifer 'Nancy' to Sahler's bull. At noon J. Nilson went home.

10 Sunday Ongman from St. Paul is here and preached. He also took up a collection for the St. Paul church building. I am sick.

11 Axel, Carl and Frank hauled manure. Berggren threshed for Peterman until noon in my place. I am still sick in bed.

12 Ongman and his wife stayed with us last night. Axel drove them to Waconia this morning, then the boys hauled manure. I am sick.

13 The boys hauled manure. I am sick. We have had a long stretch of hot and dry weather.

14 Axel, Carl, Frank and Ida cut corn.

15 Ida and the boys cut corn.

16 This morning the boys cut corn, then Axel and Frank went to Birrel Nilson and threshed while Ida and Carl finished cutting the corn on the field by the barn.

17 Sunday

18 Mamma and Axel went to Chaska after a load of bricks. Carl and Frank threshed for Birrel Nilson.

19 Carl threshed for Reitz and Axel hauled and sawed wood for the threshing machine. We took 'Rosa' to Sahler's bull.

20 Carl threshed for Lundsten. Axel, Frank and Sture cut corn.

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September 1882

21 We threshed here with Peter Hjalm's threshing machine. We had 20 men working besides the machine crew which was five men.

22 Axel threshed for Reitz, and Sture went to Waconia, then the boys fanned wheat besides doing other little jobs.

23 Sture went to Minnetonka with a load of wheat. Axel threshed for Reitz. Carl and Frank cleaned out the manure from the cow barn, etc. I did various things. John Anderson from Eggleston came with Sture home. Sture met him in Excelsior.

24 Sunday

25 In the morning Sture and Axel hauled away the dirt piles from the ditch in the south meadow. Carl threshed for Freed, and I did various things.

26 Elsa and I took John Anderson to Waconia where he went on the train. Axel and Carl threshed for Per Daniel. After dinner they threshed for Malmborg. Sture and Frank dug potatoes.

27 The boys took up potatoes and picked down apples. I did various things and also went to Waconia after grist. Today we took the heifer 'Nancy' to Peterman's bull.

28 Frank and I went to Shakopee after lime. We stopped at Carver on the way home. Axel and Carl dug up the last of the potatoes. Sture is digging a ditch for Reitz.

29 Prepared apples and grapes for exhibits at Carver and Chaska fairs, etc. Sture dig ditches for Reitz.

30 Ida, Axel, Emma and I went to the agricultural fair at Carver. Sture and Carl went to the Chaska fair.

October

1 Sunday

2 Went to Waconia to get a plastered and also went over to Hjamlis place. Sture plowed, and the others cut hazel nut brush.

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October 1882

3 Axel and Carl flailed matted cattle hair to prepare it for the mixing with the plaster. Sture went to Excelsior to see if he could get a plasterer. I butchered a wether, but I am not well as I have another attack of lumbago.

4 Axel plowed and Carl nailed up lath. Sture did various things. We took the heifer 'Daisy' to Peterman's bull.

5 This morning the plasterer, Anton Boss, came and slaked the lime. The boys helped him. Sture hauled water. After dinner Boss went to Scandia and the boys did various things.

6 First we had a hard rain, then Sture plowed, and the boys spread manure on the meadows.

7 Sture and Frank went to Shakopee after lime, and Axel and Carl cleared off brush and grubbed.

8 Sunday

9 Anton Boss began to plaster the small ripper rooms today, and Carl helped him by mixing the plaster, etc. Sture plowed on the south field, and Axel grubbed. Andrew Okerson from Swede Grove came this morning to get apple trees. After dinner we dug them up. He bought one and one half dozen.

10 Boss finished plastering the walls of the two small rooms in the forenoon then he started on the ceilings. Carl mixed plaster. Axel grubbed, and Sture plowed. Andrew Okerson left for home today. I butchered a wether but did nothing else.

11 Sture plowed, and Axel grubbed. Boss finished the ceiling of the small rooms, then began to build the chimney down in the cellar.

12 Sture plowed. Axel grubbed, and Boss built on the chimney.

13 Sture plowed. Axel grubbed. A. Boss built on the chimney, and I went to Waconia with Peter Magnus from Scandia and signed his note for the bank for $100.00.

14 Axel plowed, and Sture leveled off the walls in the cellar that are to be faced with brick. Boss built on the chimney above the roof.

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October 1882

15 Sunday

16 A. Boss finished the chimney and then began to plaster the large room. Axel plowed the newly broken field on the other side of the railroad. Sture carried out stone and dirt from the old cellar. Carl waited on the plasterer as he has been doing every day. Mrs. Stahlen opened the public school today.

17 A. Boss plastered. Axel plowed. Sture did various things, and I butchered a wether. We took 'Nancy' to Peterman's bull.

18 A. Boss finished the plastering and began to plaster in the west window in the cellar to which I had made the frame. Sture did various things, and Axel plowed on the south field.

19 A. Boss laid brick in the cellar. Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys husked corn. After dinner Sture plowed. Carl made mortar, and the other boys husked corn.

20 A. Boss built in the cellar, and I did various things. Sture and Axel broke down the north wall in the cellar. Late in the afternoon Sture drove Mrs. Stahlen to Chaska. He is to stay there tonight and go to Shakopee tomorrow to get lime and cement.

21 A. Boss built on the cellar walls and Carl made mortar. Axel carried out the loose dirt from the cellar. Sture returned from Shakopee at four in the afternoon.

22 Sunday

23 A. Boss built on the cellar walls and cemented the floor. Carl made mortar, and Sture hauled sand. Axel and Frank husked corn.

24 A. Boss plastered the cellar floor with cement and finished his work at noon. Sture and Carl mixed cement. Axel and Frank husked corn. After dinner all the boys husked corn, and A. Boss left us.

25 Sture, Carl and Frank husked corn, and Axel threshed for Nicholas. I butchered a wether in the morning and went to Waconia after dinner.

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26 In the forenoon Sture, Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas, and then they husked corn.

27 The boys hauled and stacked corn fodder and husked corn. I made a potato bin in the cellar.

28 Elsa, Carl and I went to Chaska, and we bought a cook stove. The other boys husked corn.

29 Sunday John Anderson preached.

30 The boys husked corn, and I put up the new cook stove.

31 Went with my brother-in-law to Peter Gideon at Excelsior to get raspberry bushes and grape vine cuttings. The boys husked corn.

November

1 In the forenoon I finished the bins down in the cellar, and the boys carried in the potatoes. When we dug them, we pitted them in the field, then the boys husked corn, and I did various things.

2 Axel and I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The others hauled and stacked corn fodder. In the afternoon my brother-in-law, Olof Johnson's children, Edward and Elizabeth, came for a visit.

3 The boys hauled manure, husked corn and did various other things. I pruned back grape vines but am not so very well so could not do as much as I wanted.

4 I pruned back grapes, and Carl and Frank hilled in the grape vines that were pruned. Axel plowed, and Sture grubbed out white elm down by the barn, and then Sture and Edward went to Waconia.

5 Sunday Today the heifer, 'Fanny', was with Peterman's bull.

6 Axel and Carl dug up 44 apple trees that I am going to send over to Litchfield. Sture plowed. I pruned back grapevines and bundled up the apple trees.

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November 1882

7 Sture and Ida drove Edward and Elizabeth to Delano. Axel and Carl grubbed out on the south forty, and I pruned back grape vines but had to go in and lie down every once in a while.

8 Axel and Carl grubbed and dug up apple trees. They also hilled in the last of the grape vines. I am not feeling well. Towards evening Sture and Ida returned from Delano.

9 I packed a box of scions, grape vine cuttings and currant cuttings to send to Drothzen in Dakota. In the forenoon Axel plowed. Carl did various things, and Sture began to paint the barn. After dinner Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod while Axel and Carl put up some fence and then dug on the ditch by the barn.

10 Elsa, Axel and Frank went with me to Waconia. We traded in the stores, and I bought four pair of boots for the boys, then Elsa and I went to Lindfelts after communion wine and some white currant bushes, then I sent off with box with the nursery stock to Drothzen. Sture and Carl painted on the barn.

11 Today it rained so we did no work. 'Molly' calved this evening.

12 Sunday It is cold and freezing.

13 It is cold today. We did various things as follows: Put up storm windows, put vegetable and nursery stock into the cellar, painted on the barn, made some storm windows, etc.

14 Axel and Carl husked corn in the field by the barn. Sture painted on the barn and went to Waconia after more linseed oil. I did various little things.

15 In the morning I butchered a wether. Sture and Carl painted on the barn. Axel fanned wheat. After dinner I put up the heater in the north bedroom. Sture painted while Axel and Carl husked corn.

16 I went to Waconia mill with grist and then went to Carl Sieman and ordered stone for the wagon shed. Sture finished the painting of the barn, and the others husked corn.

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17 The boys and I went down to the shore of Clearwater Lake on Charles Sieman's land and piled rocks and stone for a small barn that I intend to build. In the evening Ottinger was here and bought apple trees.

18 I went to the Waconia mill after the grist. The boys piled stones and then they hauled and stacked corn fodder. I did various things.

19 Sunday The Mix family were here.

20 The boys and I took down Andrew Schran's fence between his and my farms and then put up fence posts there. I am to fence where his fence has been, and he is to fence the east piece. The 18th the heifer, 'Daisy' was with Swanson's bull.

21 Axel and Carl worked on the fence, Sture, Frank and I went to the Waconia market and sold Molly and her calf, and then we did various little things. We took 'Lady' to Peterman's bull.

22 In the morning Sture and I butchered a pig while Axel and Carl grubbed on the south forty, then we got our first snow this winter so we did nothing.

23 The boys hauled manure, and I went to Scandia and helped Swanson, the surveyor, to mark out the grave yard into lots.

24 The boys hauled manure except Sture who went to Scandia and helped the surveyor on the grave yard. I did various things.

25 Sture painted on the granary while the others hauled manure. After dinner we all went to the meeting in Scandia when John Anderson from Eggleston preached to us.

26 Sunday

27 In the morning Axel and Carl hauled manure, and Sture helped me to nail strips on the granary. After dinner we went to the meeting in Scandia where John Anderson preached.

28 John Anderson left today, and Ida went with him to Minneapolis to have some picture taken. The boys hauled manure, and I did various things. In the evening I wrote letters to Drothzen in Dakota and to A. Peterson in Carver.

29 The boys hauled manure out on the large field, and I fitted the storm windows to the windows in the kitchen.

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30 In the morning Sture and I went to Waconia when Sture had his feet measured for moccasin boots. After dinner the boys hauled manure.

December

1 In the morning Sture and I made a loft in the pig pen and then Sture painted the rest of the granary while I did various things. Axel, Carl and Frank hauled manure. In the evening Ida returned from Minneapolis.

2 Axel, Carl and Frank hauled out the last of the manure while I hung the kitchen storm windows and repaired shoes. Sture is not so well but kept busy at some small jobs. Today we had Freed's boar with our sows and also had the heifer 'Nancy' with Nicholas' bull.

3 Sunday

4 In the morning I went to Waconia and had a deed written for the grave yard, then we did various things. Carl started school today.

5 Per Daniel helped us butcher the old barrow.

6 Today we have a snow storm with very cold weather. The thermometer shows 22° below zero. We did nothing except the boys did the chores.

7 The boys did a few little things, and I mended gloves. It is just as cold as yesterday, if anything, a little worse.

8 Sture and Axel hauled fence posts out on the north forty for the fence along the highway.

9 It is snowing. Sture and Axel did the chores, and I mended gloves..

10 Sunday

11 The boys did a few things, but I did nothing.

12 Sture drove to Minneapolis with a load of pork and wheat, and I went down by the train.

13 In the evening we returned from Minneapolis.

14 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought a bedstead. After dinner the boys hauled fence poles, and I did nothing.

15 The boys hauled fence posts, and I did nothing.

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17 Sunday

18 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel did various things. I wrote a letter to Sweden.

19 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel and I butchered a pig. In the evening Axel went to Waconia and mailed the letter for Sweden while I cut up the pork.

20 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel and I did various things. Stanton from Chaska came to get a load of cord wood. Today we have gotten much snow.

21 The boys hauled home bass wood for fire wood at the syrup camp. I did various things. It is still snowing.

22 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel and I did various things. Mrs. Stanton went home this afternoon.

23 Ida and I went to Waconia and did some trading. The boys husked corn. John A. Peterson from Minneapolis came here this evening.

24 Sunday John A. Peterson had the meeting.

25 Christmas Day John A. Peterson held a service for us this morning. This afternoon Per Daniel and his family visited with us.

26 Elsa and I went over to Jons Nilson's house on a visit. Axel and Carl husked corn.

27 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel and Carl husked corn. I wrote a letter to Drothzen, etc.

28 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood and brought home a load of glazed fire bricks that I want for the fire place in the syrup camp. Today we had Freed's boar for the second.time and put him with the grey sow. Axel and Carl finished the corn husking.

29 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel and Carl cut cord wood. I did nothing. Sture brought home more bricks.

30 I rode with Freed down to Chaska and turned in the deed for the grave yard that it should be recorded. I rode home with Birrel Nilson. The boys hauled home corn fodder.

31 Sunday

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January 1883

1 New Year's Day I went to Scandia to our annual church business meeting. After dinner we went visiting to Per Daniel's house.

2 Sture and I together with Ottinger and his son went to Gale's house in San Francisco Town and bought from him a pure bred shorthorn bull. The other boys cut cord wood.

3 Sture went to Waconia and had the horse shod on the hind feet and the cold on the front feet. In the evening we went visiting to Lundsten's house.

4 Today the boys began to haul home stone from Charles Sieman's land by Clearwater Lake. I did various things.

5 The boys hauld home stones from Charles Sieman's land by Clearwater Lake. In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia, and I went over to the depot to get a box of medicines. When we started home we came in the company of a Danish missionary. We invited him home to dinner. He is holding meetings in John Wendt's church.

6 The boys hauled home, and I did nothing.

7 Sunday

8 The boys hauled stone, and I did nothing. Mrs. Stanton opened up the school again.

9 and 10 We are having a blizzard so did nothing.

11 The boys hauled stone, and I did various little things.

12 The boys hauled stones from Scandia, and I did various things.

13 I repaired shoes, and the boys did various things. This week has been very cold and much snow has come.

14 Sunday

15 Sture went first after a load of stone and then he took a log to the Waconia saw mill. Axel and I chopped down timbers.

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16 Sture hauled logs to Waconia. Axel and I chopped down and sawed off logs.

17 Sture hauled logs. Axel and I chopped and sawed.

18 In the morning Sture hauled logs. Axel and I chopped and sawed. After dinner Sture did various things while Axel took the heifer that I bought from Stanton to our pure bred bull at Ottinger's place. In the evening Mix' family from Waconia were here visiting.

19 Another blizzard today. We did nothing.

20 Cut and sawed logs for the mill, and Sture hauled one log to Waconia.

21 Sunday 32° below zero. No meeting.

22 Today we butchered a pig. It is still 32° below zero.

23 Sture hauled one log to Waconia. Frank Challberg is here making me some trousers, etc.

24 Sture hauled a log to Waconia. We did various little things. We took Freed's boar home again and bred to the sow. This is the third time we have had him for this sow.

25 In the morning Sture and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat that we sold to Henning. We did several errands and then went home. Sture took in a load in the afternoon that he sold to Eiselien.

26 Sture hauled a log to Waconia and brought home a load of wheat from Broberg that we will use for seed wheat. In the afternoon we had a snowstorm.

27 Sture went to Waconia two times with logs. Elsa went along and stopped and visited with Mrs. Hamburg. The other boys fanned the seed wheat and did the chores. I did nothing.

28 Sunday John Anderson preached for us today.

29 Sture hauled a log to Waconia and the other boys fanned the wheat we intend to have ground. I did nothing. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

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30 We are having a hard snow storm with so much snow we could hardly get through to the school house to get the children. We did nothing.

31 Sture and Axel together with Peterman shoveled snow and opened the roads in this road district. My brother-in-law came to us today from having been with Lundsten's folks.

February

1 Sture and I went to Waconia and bought a coat for him, then we did nothing.

2 Today my brother-in-law, Johannes, started for home. Sture drove him to the Chaska depot but that railroad was still snowbound so Sture drove him to Shakopee where he was able to get a train. It became so late that Sture stayed in Chaska over night. I did no work.

3 Sture returned home at noon. It is so cold and there is so much snow it is impossible to do any outdoor work.

4 Sunday

5 The boys hauled home stove wood and did the chores. I repaired old clothes. It is intensely cold.

6 Sture wnet over and helped Per Daniel to butcher pigs. Axel did the chores. I did a few small jobs. The cold has eased up a little.

7 Sture took some grist to the Benton mill while Axel did the chores.

8 Today Sture returned to Benton to get the grist.

9 Elsa and I went to Waconia and did some trading in Gunz' store. The boys fanned wheat.

10 Today the boys hauled into the barn the haystack standing in the barn yard. After dinner Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

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11 Sunday

12 Sture went to Carver with a load of wheat. I did various little things and Axel did the chores.

13 The boys fanned a load of wheat, etc. I did nothing. Today 'Froken' calved. It was a heifer calf.

14 It is snowing. After dinner went to Waconia with a log. We did various things.

15 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wheat and then went on to Shakopee to buy bran but they had none. on hand. Axel took 'Lady' to the bull at Ottingers.

16 Sture took a load of corn to Broberg that he to grind for us, then he and Ida went to Waconia. I did various things. We had another snowstorm.

17 Sture went to Shakopee after the bran. The other boys cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn. I wrote to Sweden and subscribed for another year of "Evangelisten", then I repaired shoes.

18 Sunday

19 In the morning the boys shoveled a road across the ice on Clearwater Lake so we can haul home stones. After dinner I went to Waconia, and the boys chopped wood.

20 The boys hauled stones from Charles Sieman's place.

21 The boys hauled stones. Last Monday, the 19th, Jons Nilson came here. He has worked 2 3/4 days making a flour bin, another cupboard and a door frame for a screen door. I began to make grafts.

22 The boys hauled stone, and I made apple grafts.

23 The boys hauled stone. I made grafts. Last night a traveler from Isanti County stayed over night with us.

24 We are having another snowstorm today. The boys did a few small jobs. I finished making the last of the grafts.

25 Sunday

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February 1883

26 In the morning the boys shoveled out the road between Nicholas' place and Fishers'. After dinner they hauled stones. I made a screen for the cellar window under the north porch.

27 Elsa, Sture and I went to Waconia and bought a number of things in Lawson's store as he is selling out at bargain prices. After dinner the boys hauled stone, and I did various things.

28 In the morning I went to Waconia and exchanged Josephine's shoes as they were too small, and I had my feet measured for a pair of slipper, then I did various things. Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Swanberg are here visiting Elsa. The boys hauled stone.

March

1 The boys hauled stones. I did various things.

2 In the morning the boys hauled stones. In the afternoon the boys, Ida and I went to Waconia. The boys piled the boards that John Siman and his brother-inplaw, Gregg, have sawed for us.

3 The boys hauled stone, and I repaired shoes until noon when I had to go to bed because of neuralgia.

4 Sunday

5 I mended pants and other things. The boys hauled stone.

6 I did various little things out in the cabin. In the morning the boys hauled stones but after dinner Sture had to go to Waconia and by liniment with which to rub the colt.

7 The boys hauled stone. After dinner Axel took 'Lady' to the bull at Ottingers. I did various things.

8 The boys hauled stone. I made frames for screening the cellar windows.

9 The boys hauled stone. I did various things.

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10 Sture went to Carver with a load of wheat and while there he bought some more liniment for the colt. I went over to H. Reitz on an errand, then I did nothing as I am not well. Axel did various things.

11 Sunday Fogelstrom was here and preached.

12 In the forenoon we butchered two pigs. Together they weighed 510 lbs. After dinner Sture and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel did various little things.

13 Sture and I went to the election and then Sture went to the Waconia depot after a box of medicine. Axel did various things.

14 In the morning I cut up the pork and salted it, and the boys chopped wood. In the afternoon Sture and I went over to Jons Nilson's house and came to a decision about the trip to Dakota. Axel did various things.

15 Today is the last day of school so I was over there most of the day. Our teacher, Mrs. Stanton, returned to her home leaving here in the afternoon. She has boarded with us during this school semester like she did during last year's school term. The boys cut cord wood.

16 Sture and I went over to the auction at Swanberg's house. The other boys cut cord wood, etc.

15 (Note: There is a repetition of dates in two entries) The boys cut cord, and I did various things.

16 and 17 We did various things.

18 Sunday

19 August Nilson, Sture and I went to Chaska in order to make a trip to Aberdeen, Dakota, for the purpose of taking out homesteads. We arrived in Aberdeen on the night of the 20th.

20 At two o'clock. We stayed with Drothzen and Mdgaard for a few days while we looked around for a suitable homestead. However, we found that none of the surrounding landhad as yet been surveyed by the government and to go out and squat none of us were willing.

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24 Sture, Drothzen, August Nilson and others went over to the Missouri River as there the land had been surveyed, but when they arrived there, they found that the land could not be used for farming so they came back again.

31 They arrived in Aberdeen.

April

1 Sunday

2 At 4 o'clock in the morning Sture and I entered the train and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon we arrived at Norwood. From there we walked home following the railroad track getting home at 9 o'clock in the evening. We walked the 11 miles in 5 hours.

3 I wrote letters to my brother-in-law, Johannes and to Miss Hall in Watertown. Sture and Axel hauled home lumber from the saw in Scandia and the others cut cord wood.

4 Sture and Axel hauled the rest of the lumber across the lake. I wrote to Drothzen. The other boys cut cord wood.

5, 6 and 7 The boys worked in the clearing on the south forty, hauled rails, split fence poles, etc. I did various things.

8 Sunday

9 I plastered in the syrup pan. The boys bored into the maples. Axel did various things. It is a beautiful day.

10 Last night it rained, and today we had a snowstorm. We have about 6 inches of snow. I wrote letters to Norman's children. The boys did nothing.

11 We began to boil down the sap. Sture took the mare to a stallion in Waconia. The other boys gathered sap, etc.

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April 1883

12 Sture went to an auction held down in the Carver settlement. The boys gathered sap and made syrup. I did various things.

13 Sture arrived home about noon, then I went with a box of apple roots and rhubarb plants to Waconia in order to send it to Drothzen in Aberdeen. The boys made syrup, etc.

14 Sture and Carl hauled rails out on the south forty. Axel and Frank made syrup, and I did various things. Yesterday and today we have had a hard storm besides a lot of rain so we have been unable to start the seeding.

15 Sunday

16 Today we started the seeding. Axel sowed wheat on the hill on the south field. The other boys made syrup and nailed up fence on the line by Andrew Schran's land, and I did various things.

17 Axel sowed wheat. The others made syrup and nailed up fence. I am not so very well.

18 Axel sowed wheat. The others made syrup and nailed up fence. I am not so very well.

19 Axel sowed wheat. Sture and Carl nailed up fences. Frank made syrup, and I did various things.

20 Today it is raining so we did various little jobs. After dinner I went to Waconia. We also cocked down sap.

21 Today Axel sowed wheat in the orchard on the home field and on the field by the barn. Frank harrowed Sture and Carl dug out quack roots and finished the fence on Andrew Schran's line. They also made syrup.

22 Sunday Last night the sow farrowed. She had nine pigs. It is snowing and raining so hard that John Anderson was unable to have a meeting because of the slipperiness under foot.

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23 Sture and Carl began to make the fence along the public road to Seiman's farm across my north forty. Axel and Frank hauled rails and poles and also firewood for the syrup camp. John Anderson came over to our place today.

24 Sture, Carl, Frank and I went to the Waconia market with a couple of steers and sold them. Axel sowed wheat. We also had the mare to the stallion which she took for the second time.

25 Carl harrowed in the wheat. In the morning we were to the meeting and in the afternoon Axel sowed wheat, and Sture with the help of Carl nailed fence on the north forty.

26 Axel sowed wheat, and Frank harrowed it in using the horse. Sture and Carl nailed up fence.

27 Axel sowed oats on the field by Peterman's fence and on the west of the cabin. Frank harrowed it in using the horse. In the morning we others went to the meeting when John Anderson spoke. After dinner Sture went over to Jons Nilson's house. The 26th Carl took 'Froken' to the bull over at Ottinger's place.

28 Frank harrowed in the oats and Axel rolled the wheat on the south field. Sture and carl nailed up fence in the morning, and in the afternoon they set out Lombardy poplars and red onions, then they uncovered the grape vines. I did various things and bunched apple trees that my brother-in-law is to take with him, but I am feeling so sick in between times that I must lie down for a while.

29 Sunday

30 Today my brother-in-law, Johannes, left for home. Sture and Carl nailed poles and rails on the fence around the new field on the south forty. In the morning Axel and Frank hauled rails and then they went to Victoria (coroner) to be vaccinated by Dr. Louis, but he never came so they came back. I did various things.

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May 1883

1 In the morning Sture and Carl nailed up fence on the north forty, and after dinner Sture took the mare to the stallion in Waconia. She took the stallion for the third time, but all four of her legs were injured. Frank and I set out apple trees all day, and Axel rolled the grain fields.

2 Axel hauled rails during the morning, and in the afternoon he rolled a grain field. Sture and Carl worked on the fence on the north forty. I planted out raspberry bushes and various kinds of trees. Yesterday the butcher from Waconia came to get the other steer. Frank went along to lead it for him. This year we have sowed:
21½ acres at the rate of 1½ bu. of wheat to the acre-in all 32½ bu. wheat
5½ acres at the rate of two bu. of oats to the acre-in all 11 bu. oats.
5 acres in corn and 1 acre in potatoes and other kitchen vegetables.
Our cultivated acres are 33 acres.

3 Last night it rained and snowed, and it is real cold this morning. In the morning Axel and Frank hauled the rails while Sture and Carl nailed them to the fence and so finished that fence. In the afternoon they all sprouted potatoes in the cellar. The women folks are quilting and have some company to help them. I did nothing as I am not well.

4 Today we plowed in the orchard and planted potatoes there and then they sprouted potatoes. I am not well.

5 Sture and I went to Waconia and bought a trunk, etc., while the others sprouted potatoes. After dinner Axel rolled the oats and harrowed the timothy fields. The others sprouted potatoes and I tied up grape vines.

6 Sunday

7 Today the boys, Sture, John, Meyer and Andrew Jhalm, left for Millbank. I took them down to Chaska. After dinner I tied up grape vines. Axel and Frank worked on the clearing. Mamma and Ida sheared the sheep and Carl helped them.

8 I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would not take him: In the afternoon I was not well enough to do anything. The boys worked on the clearing.

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9 The boys worked on the clearing and I tied up grape vines.

10 In the morning we planted potatoes and after dinner the boys worked on the clearing, and I did various things.

11 The boys worked on the clearing and I did various things in the orchard.

12 Axel and Carl worked out on the clearing. Frank and I planted out grape vine cuttings and did various other things in the orchard. It is very cold and cloudy weather.

13 Sunday

14 The boys worked out on the clearing, and I did various things. Last night it rained hard, and it is cold.

15 In the morning Ida, Frank and I went to Waconia, and I had the smith to shoe the gelding while I took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take the stallion. The other boys worked on the clearing. After dinner Frank harrowed a field for corn.

16 The boys rolled and marked the field for corn and then began to plant corn, and they also burnt brush. I did various little things

17 It is raining. The boys planted corn until noon. I worked on a ladder for the orchard.

18 The boys planted corn wheenver it stopped raining. I did various little things.

19 In the forenoon we had a steady rain. After dinner the boys planted sorghum in the home field and then they dug out quack grass roots by the well. I painted the frames for the mosquito bar screens for the door and the windows.

20 Sunday

21 I went to Carver to get Prydz household goods. Frank went along, and he went and had two teeth pulled. Axel and Carl dug out quack grass roots near the old well.

22 First I wrote a letter to Sture at Millbank and one to Olson in Aberdeen, then I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would take him. The boys plowed for corn and squash down by the old well. In the afternoon we planted corn, squash, sugar beets and pop corn down by the old well.

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May 1883

23 Today we began to break on the south forty, but it was too heavy for only two horses so in the afternoon we used three horses.

24 In the morning Axel took the breaking plow to Waconia and had it sharpened. Carl and Frank planted melons. After dinner when we started to break with the plow we broke the beam so I went to Waconia to have it mend-dd, and the boys split rails.

25 We broke sod nearly all day.

26 We broke sod all day. In the afternoon I put a second coat of paint on the screen frames.

27 Sunday

28 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the breaking plow sharpened. The boys planted corn on the newly broken field, and after dinner they broke more of the field. This afternoon the assessor was here.

29 In the morning the boys broke sod on the south forty. I wrote a letter to Drothzen that I would not buy Olson's claim and a letter to Johannes that we better pay the lawyer in Colorado what he asked. After dinner the boys planted more corn on the field. Elsa and I went to the funeral in Waconia of the German, Bulow.

30 Carl and Frank broke ground on the south forty. Axel is sick in bed. I did various things.

31 Carl and Frank finished the breaking of the new field. I did not feel so well in the morning. After dinner Ida, Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Ida had a tooth pulled by Dr. Boran. We went and had the colt's hoofs pared.

June

1 Elsa and I went to Eitel's mill in Chaska with four sacks of grist and then we went to the stores and bought various things. Carl and Frank together with Nicholas' son, William, finished the planting of corn on the new field.

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June 1883

2 Last night and today we have had a steady rain. The boys are doing various things except Axel who is still in bed. I made handles for the hoes, etc.

3 Sunday

4 Carl and Frank fenced in a larger yard for the pigs outside of the pig pen. I did various things, and Axel is still sick.

5 Carl and Frank finished up the fence around the yard, and I did various things. Axel is sick.

6 In the morning the boys used the horse scraper and scraped together the manure in the barn yard, than we hauled the gravel and sand from the front of the new kitchen and put some on the road outside of the horse stable and some we put by the well. After dinner Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel is sick.

7 First we led the cattle out to the pasture on the south forty and then I had to go to bed. Carl did various things but Frank is not feeling so well. Axel is somewhat better. After dinner Axel and Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat while Carl cleaned out the barns, etc.

8 We began the district meeting in Scandia.

9 The district meeting continued.

10 Sunday The district meeting ended tonight.

11 I drove John Erikson over to Waconia. He and the other ministers went to the conference in St. Paul. Bergquist and his family from Minneapolis are visiting us. It is raining so we did no work.

12 Carl, Frank and the horses worked on the road. I did various little things.

13 Carl, Frank and the horses worked on the road. I pruned apple trees. Jonas Monson from Willmar is paying us a visit.

14 Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and the potatoes. I pruned apple trees.

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15 In the morning it rained. After dinner Frank and Carl cultivated the corn, and I pruned apple trees.

16 In the morning Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat and then I payed up all the small bills at Gunz, Eiselien and Kohler and mailed a letter to Sweden, then we went to Scandia and brought home the lumber that had been used during the district meeting by the church. After dinner the boys cultivated the squash and corn, plowed by the grapevines and plowed over the quack root piece by the cabin. I pruned apple trees.

17 Sunday Today Elsa and I altogether with Ida, Carl and Frank went to the German church for the meetings. It was the dedication meeting of their new church. We were at Krank's house for dinner.

18 In the morning we did various little things as we had an abundant rain shower. After dinner the boys hauled home lumber from Scandia. I went over to Charles Sieman and paid him for the stone we hauled from his place last winter.

19 Carl hauled home stone from Scandia in the morning. The others hoed the sorghum. After dinner Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and then brought home lumber from Scandia. The others hoed potatoes, and I pruned apple trees.

20 In the morning I went to the Waconia post office to get a registered letter. It was from Sweden and contained $571.42. This is our share of the inheritance after my brother, Samuel. This inheritance is to be divided among the heirs in United States. I mailed a letter containing a receipt to Sweden. The boys cultivated the corn. After dinner it rained so the boys went fishing.

21 I hung the screen door for the kitchen. Carl and Frank piled boards that Axel hauled from Scandia. After dinner Carl and Frank cultivated the corn, and I pruned apple trees.

22 In the morning the boys broke the sod in the north orchard. After dinner Mamma and Axel went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The others hoed the squash and potatoes. I pruned apple trees all day.

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23 In the morning I pruned apple trees, and the boys did various things. After dinner I went to Waconia depot and met my brother-in-law, Anderson, and also Olson's daughter from Rock Island, then I paid Larson for my store bill of $41.00 and received a receipt, then we went home. The boys hoed in the orchard.

24 Sunday My brother-in-law, Johannes had the meetings. Olsons from Rock Island came along to our house in the evening.

25 My brother-in-law, Johannes, came over, and we figured out how the money after my brother, Samuel, in Sweden should be divided, then we went to the bank in Waconia and cashed the draft for $571.42. The boys, Ida and Emma hoed corn.

26 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia. Carl and Frank took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would not take him. This is the last time we will take her. After dinner the boys hoed potatoes, and I went to Waconia and had the mare reshod on one foot as she has limped on that foot since she was shod the day before yesterday.

27 The boys cut the hay on the west meadow as the grass has started to fall over. They also cut the hay along the creek in the home field. I pruned appletrees, etc.

28 Mamma and I went to Minneapolis with the wool and sheep skins which we sold. The boys grubbed in the barn yard.

29 Today we returned from Minneapolis with a load of shingles and lumber. The boys cocked hay, etc.

30 Today we mowed the south meadow, cut the clover by the pig pen, hauled hay and cocked hay. Olsons from Rock Island went back home today.

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July 1883

1 Sunday

2 In the morning Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Axel and I plowed the potatoes. After dinner we hauled home hay from the south meadow, then I went to the depot in Waconia and met my niece, Charlotte, Johnson, from Eggleston. The boys cocked hay, etc.

3 Today we mowed the timothy on the west meadow and north of the barn in the orchard and by the pig pen. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with the boys and bought them summer coats.

4 We were in Scandia and celebrated.

5 The boys mowed the timothy out on the island, then cocked the timothy on the west meadow and hauled it in. I wrote letters to my brother-in-law, Johnson, in Missouri and to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood.

6 Today it has rained so much that the meadows are all flooded so today we could do nothing.

7 First I went to Waconia and mailed the letters to Missouri and Kirkwood. The boys hoed the garden and turned hay. After dinner they cocked and hauled in hay. Mamma and Ida took Charlotte from Eggleston over to Per Daniel's house for a visit.

8 Sunday Today we had no service as the Germans borrowed our church for their baptismal service. Seventeen were baptized in Clearwater Lake.

9 First Mamma and I took our niece, Charlotte Johnson, from Eggleston over to Victoria where she went on the train to go home, then I mowed and the boys turned hay and cut hay on the west meadow. After dinner we mowed, cocked hay, then I went to Waconia and met Ongman's family who are going to stay with Peter Magnus a few weeks.

10 First the boys hauled in two loads of hay, then they mowed and spread out hay. Frank and I hauled a variety of things over to Scandia for Ongman's folks to use while here. After dinner we plowed the potatoes, etc., then we went bathing over on the Scandia beach, also bathing the horses, then we hauled Pryd's hay home for him from the grave yard.

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11 In the morning I went over to Paul Birlien's house to get my money for the public road that crosses my farm. The boys cut and turned hay. After dinner I mowed some. The boys and the women folks cocked and hauled hay.

12 In the morning the boys hauled hay and cultivated the corn while I dug out Canada thistles. After dinner the boys cultivated the corn with two cultivators, and I went to Waconia and mailed a letter to N. F. Palmquist in Oregon containing a draft for $50.00. This is what S. Norman's children paid on their father's ticket from Sweden.

13 In the morning I mowed and the boys cut hay out by the island, then they cocked and hauled hay while I trained the grape vines.

14 The boys cut hay out by the island while I trained grape vines and sowed turnip seed.

15 Sunday Ongman preached in the morning and Fogelstrom in the afternoon.

16 Last night we had a heavy rain. In the morning we cut down thistles on the south and north forties. Carl and Frank took 'Betty' to the bull at Ottinger's place. After dinner the boys turned hay, and I trained grape vines.

17 First the boys cut some hay then we cocked hay out by the island then all afternoon we cocked hay. Berggren began to work for me at noon. I have hired him for two months and he is to have $20.00 a month.

18 In the morning Berggren and the boys cut hay on the south meadow and along the railroad track while Elsa and I went to Waconia mill with grist, and I had the horses shod. After dinner the boys cut hay along the railroad track and then carried the haycocks around the island over on the island. In the evening I went after the grist.

19 Today we hauled home the hay from the island and stacked it in the barn yard, then we cocked and cut hay.

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20 Carl and I repaired fences in the morning, then we did various things. Berggren and Axel dug a ditch on Peterman's land from my swamp land on the south forty, then they hoed the squash.

21 In the morning we did no work on account of the rain, and they Berggren and the boys hoed corn.

22 Sunday Frank Peterson from Minneapolis preached today.

23 In the morning I drove the Ongman family over to Scandia, and then I went to Waconia. The boys hoed in the orchard. After dinner we cocked some hay, then the boys hoed the corn on the newly broken field and I went to Scandia after Frank Peterson from Minneapolis.

24 In the morning Frank Peterson, Elsa and I went over to Birrel Nilson's house while the boys hoed corn. After dinner we cocked hay, hauled and stacked it beside the well.

25 In the morning I drove Ongman and his family to Waconia from Scandia. They returned by the train to their home in St. Paul. Berggren and Axel cut hay for Per Daniel. Carl and Frank cocked hay on the west meadow. After dinner Berggren and Axel hoed corn on the new field. Carl, Frank and I hauled home hay and stacked it by the barn.

26 Carl and I went to Carver to the veterinarian to get the horses cured. When we went home I bought an old Wood's reaper from Bernard Kaphold. Berggren finished hoeing the corn also Axel and Frank.

27 In the morning Berggren and Axel cut down hazelnut brush, and Carl and Frank took the heifer 'Molly' to the bull at Ottinger's farm. In the afternoon they hoed the sorghum, and I did various things. Simpson from Excelsior came here and bought an ewe from us.

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28 Berggren and Carl cut the hay on the small meadow on the south forty and then cut down hazelnut brush. Axel and Frank cultivated the sorghum and grape vines, then hauled away the brush from the pasture. I did various little things, and we also went after the old reaper that I had bought. In the evening Mrs. Mix was here for a visit.

29 Sunday Halverson, the student, preached.

30 The boys and Berggren cut down hazelnut brush, cocked hay on the small meadow and hoed in the garden. I went to Waconia and then did various things.

31 Stacked the hay from the new field, cut down hazelnut brush and returned the old reaper to Kaphold that I had bought from him and went after an old reaper that I bought from Malmborg. Axel is tarring fence posts.

Auguat

1 We began to dig the cellar for the new barn. Axel tarred fence posts, and I did various things.

2 The boys dug and scraped out the cellar for the new barn, and I set up the old reaper.

3 Berggren and the boys dug on the cellar, and I worked on the reaper.

4 Berggren and the boys dug on the cellar. I first worked on the reaper, then I had to lie down on account of my heart. Today we fetched two sows that I had bought from Malmborg. Jenny Hammarberg is here on a visit.

5 Sunday Halverson preached in the morning and the American Baptist, Rogers, preached in the afternoon.

6 Berggren and Axel cut down hazelnut brush while Carl and Frank hauled together stones in the pasture, fanned wheat, etc. I did various little things.

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7 Today Frank and I went to Minneapolis with a load of wheat. Berggren and Axel cut down hazelnut brush and cleared off brush on the south forty. Carl put up a fence in the pasture where we will stack the wheat, etc.

8 We returned from Minneapolis with a load of shingles. Berggren and the boys cleared off brush from the south forty.

9 Berggren and the boys worked in the clearing on the south forty. After dinner Mamma and I went to Waconia, and I sent an order for medicine for $6.00.

* 11 It is rainy. Berggren and the boys worked on the clearing, and I worked on the old reaper. This evening Sture came home from Minneapolis in order to tie wheat for Lundsten.

* 10 In the morning Berggren and the boys cleared on the south forty. After dinner we reaped the wheat on the hill on the south field.

12 Sunday Halverson preached in the morning and Rogers in the afternoon.

13 Today we reaped the wheat in the orchard by the cabin and by the sorghum.

14 We reaped the wheat on the field by the barn.

15 Today we reaped on the large piece of the south field. Mamma and Josephine took 'Rosy' to the bull at Ottinger's place.

16 Finished reaping the large piece.

17 In the morning Carl and I went to Waconia. I paid $1.20 for the medicine box. The other boys worked on the clearing. After dinner we reaped on the new field.

18 Finished reaping the wheat on the new field. Today we took the heifer 'Molly' to the bull for the second time.

19 Sunday

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20 I reaped the oats besides the cabin and mowed some second crop hay. The boys cut hay with the scythes and dug up the potatoes where we intend to stack wheat.

21 In the forenoon I reaped oats while the boys dug out Blue grass turf in the north orchard. After dinner they tied the oats while I did various things.

22 This morning the boys and I put a fence around the cellar to the new barn. Berggren dug out turf and after dinner they tied oat bundles while Axel hauled home sand from Clearwater Lake, and I did various things.

23 Today we stacked the large wheat stack with wheat from the south field.

24 Stacked the wheat just south of the large stack with the wheat from the field by the barn. It made 13 loads while there is 14½ loads in the large stack.

25 Stacked the oats. It was 10 large loads with one large load of wheat on top.

26 Sunday

27 Sture is at home. This morning he went to Waconia and bought linseed oil. Carl plowed. Axel and Berggren dug out turf in the orchard. After dinner we stacked the wheat from the field by barn and from the upper end of the south field. Sture painted various things.

28 Stacked wheat on the south field. Sture painted various little things. Today Oliver Gibbs from Lake City came here. I gave him seven kinds of the Russian apples that are to be sent to the large exhibition (of the American Pomological Society) to be held in Philadelphia, September 12, 1883.

29 Today we finished stacking the wheat. Sture painted.

30 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. The boys dug and grubbed out turf in the orchard. The horse has colic. After dinner Carl plowed, and the others cut up turf while I did various things.

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31 This morning the boys and I went to Charles Sieman's place after a load of small stones. Berggren grubbed turf and Frank hoed in the orchard. After dinner Carl, Frank and I hauled three loads of stone home from Nicholas' place. Axel and Berggren began to dig a ditch and to put logs across the same so the fattle could pass over.

September

1 Axel and Berggren worked on the bridge across the meadows. Carl plowed in the orchard and on the field by the barn. After dinner I went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, Johannes, and we went home by the way of Lindfelt's house where I bought some communion wine.

2 Sunday My brother-in-law, Johannes, preached.

3 Carl plowed on the field by the barn. Berggren and Axel repaired the bridges on the south forty. After dinner Berggren and Axel cut on the second crop of hay with the scythes, and Carl mowed. Frank threshed beans, and I did various little things.

4 Carl plowed. Axel and Berggren repaired bridges on the south forty while I trained grape vines.

5 Berggren and Frank threshed for Jons Nilson. Axel threshed over in Scandia. Carl did some plowing and then mowed, and I did various things.

6 First Carl finished plowing the field, then we cocked the hay and hauled in part and stacked part. Axel threshed for P. Magnus in Scandia until 3 o'clock then he went to Linneborger in Malmborg's place and threshed until dark.

7 Carl plowed on the large field. Berggren and Axel dug for the basement barn a strip two ft. wider than had been previous dug out. I painted various small things.

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September

8 Carl plowed until noon, and Axel did various things. After dinner we cocked, hauled home and stacked hay. Berggren has been over to Freed's house all day nailing shingles.

9 Sunday John Erikson and his wife are visiting here in Scandia so he preached for us today.

10 Axel, Frank and Berggren hauled manure to the fields. Carl went over to Helvitz' house to ask the stone mason, Anton Boss, to come here and build the basement to the barn. I did various things.

11 Carl, Frank and Berggren hauled manure, and Axel grubbed out willows in the west meadow. I did nothing as I am not well.

12 Carl, Frank and Berggren hauled manure. Axel grubbed ot willows in the west meadow. I did nothing as I am not well.

13 The boys hauled manure. Berggren threshed for Broberg. I am not well.

14 In the morning Carl plowed while Axel and Berggren grubbed out willows. After dinner the boys dug potatoes, and I did various things, then my brother-in-law, Olof Johnson and his wife together with his daughter, who is Andrew Nilson's wife, came here from Litchfield.

15 In the morning Carl plowed while Axel and Berggren grubbed out willows. After dinner Berggren went home, as he has worked out his two months with me, and the boys went fishing.

16 Sunday Brother Erikson from Minneapolis preached.

17 Elsa and I drove the visitors from Litchfield to the Waconia depot where they went on the train for Minneapolis, and then Elsa and I went and visited with Jons Nilson. The boys cut corn. J. Erikson and his wife went home with Elsa and me for a visit.

18 Carl and Frank went to Shakopee for a load of lime. Axel cut corn, and I did various things. Eriksons left us today and went to Broberg's house. Mr. Pearce from Lake Minnetonka came here this afternoon.

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September 1883

19 In the morning all the boys cut corn. In the afternoon Carl hauled sand from Clearwater Lake while the others cut corn, and I did various things.

20 Today it is raining so we can do no work. After dinner Mamma and Carl went to Waconia.

21 It was still raining this morning. After dinner Carl hauled home firewood for the threshing machine, etc. Axel took 'Rosy' to the bull over at Ottinger's place for the second time. I did various things.

22 Axel threshed for Linneberger. Carl plowed on the south field, and I worked on the granary.

23 Sunday

24 Axel threshed in the morning until 9 o'clock for Linneberger and then Axel and Frank threshed for Per Daniel. Carl plowed, and I did various things.

25 Axel threshed for Freed until 3:30 P.M. Carl plowed and I butchered a wether. At 4 o'clock Hjalru's threshing machine arrived, and we threshed until sundown.

26 We threshed all day and finished it.

27 Axel threshed for Lundsten. Carl plowed. Mamma and Frank dug up potatoes, and I fenced in the strawstack and then went to Waconia.

28 Axel and Frank threshed for B. Nilson. Carl plowed, and I did various things.

29 We, Elsa, Carl, Frank, Emma and I, went to the agricultural fair in Carver.

30 Sunday We took 'Nancy' to the bull at Ottinger's place.

October

1 Axel threshed for B. Nilson until 4 P.M. Frank threshed for Siemans all day. Today Anton Bass, the stone mason, began to work on the basement of the barn. Carl waited on him. At noon Jons Nilson arrived and began to make a frame and a front door to the house. I did various things. The women folks dug potatoes.

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October 1883

2 A. Bass and Carl worked on the barn basement. Jons Nilson worked on the door frame. Axel threshed for Peterman. Mamma and Frank dug potatoes, and I went to Waconia in the afternoon with a load of grist.

3 Axel plowed in the morning and after dinner he and I hauled together the squash. Frank threshed for Peterman. A. Bass and Carl worked on the basement. J. Nilson made the sash for the door in the front entry.

4 A. Bass and Carl worked on the basement. Axel plowed on the homefield and on the large field. Frank and Mamma dug potatoes. J. Nilson did carpentry work, and I did a variety of things.

5 Today it is raining so A. Bass could not work. Axel went to Waconia after the grist in the morning, and J. Nilson hung the door to the front stoop. After dinner Jons Nilson and Axel threshed for Nicholas. Carl and Frank chopped firewood, and I painted the storm door.

6 A. Bass and Carl worked on the basement. Axel threshed for Nicholas, and after dinner Frank also went over there and helped to thresh. In the morning I went to Waconia after a load of lime, and after dinner I put a second coat of paint on the front door. At 4 o'clock A. Bass went to Chaska.

7 Sunday

8 Axel plowed. Carl and Frank finished digging up the potatoes and covered them. I butchered a wether, and then I did various things. In the evening A. Boss returned from Chaska.

9 A. Boss and Carl built on the basement. Axel plowed during the morning, and then he hauled home sand. Jons Nilson is putting in new ceiling boards in the south porch, and I did various things.

10 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. Carl plowed and hauled sand. Jons Nilson finished the porch ceiling, and I worked on the fireplace at the syrup camp.

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11 In the morning I went to Waconia after a load of lime. A. Boss and Axel built on the basement until 9 o'clock when it started to rain. Frank and Carl cut corn. After dinner Carl plowed. Axel and Frank did various things. A. Boss went to Waconia, and I put a lock on the storm door and did some painting.

12 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. In the morning Mamma, Carl and Frank cut sorghum, and in the afternoon they hauled it together and piled it. I worked on the fireplace and stove for the molasses pans. Frank Kallberg was here today and made the door frames to the basement barn.

13 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. Carl plowed. Frank husked corn. Mamma and I went to Waconia in the morning, and then I worked on the evaporation pan for the making of molasses.

14 Sunday

15 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. Pryde built the oven to the fireplace at the syrup camp. Carl hauled water and then plowed. I worked in the orchard, and Frank did various things.

16 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. In the morning Carl hauled sand and then he plowed. Frank husked corn for the pigs. In the morning I did various things, and after dinner I went to Waconia and sent a box of scions and a letter to Oliver Gibbs in Lake City and also sent a letter to the agricultural department in Washington asking for cions. Pryde helped Bass in the morning.

17 A. Bass did one hour of mason work,, and I butchered a ewe and then it rained so we could do no work.

18 A. Bass and Axel worked on the basement. Carl plowed while Frank and I dug up apple trees.

19 Frank and I did various things in the orchard, and then I finished the oven by the syrup camp while Mamma and Frank husked corn for the pigs. Carl plowed all day, and Bass with Axel's help build on the basement.

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20 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement while Carl and Frank first did various things and then cut corn. In the morning I went to Waconia and had the mare shod on her hind feet, and then I did various jobs. Last night it was so cold the ground froze too hard for plowing.

21 Sunday Snowed all day. We have 6 inches of snow.

22 Axel and I heeled in apple trees. Carl plowed. Mamma and Frank cut off the turnip tops and carried them into the cellar. A. Boss went to Kerrn's house.

23 The boys husked corn. I pruned back grapes and did various other things in the orchard. A. Boss went to see Shaefer another mason.

24 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. I pruned back grapes. The other boys and Ida husked corn in the morning, and in the afternoon the boys covered the grape vines.

25 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. The other boys and Ida finished the corn husking out on the south forty, and I finished the pruning of the grape-vines.

26 A. Boss and Frank built on the basement while Axel and Carl filled in with dirt on the outside of the basement. In the morning I went to Waconia after lime and sent off a box of cions to M. Pearce by Lake Minnetonka and then did various things.

27 In the morning Carl went to Waconia to meet John Anderson from Eggleston while Axel and Frank cut firewood. In the afternoon the boys hauled corn fodder. I have done various things today.

28 Sunday John Anderson held the meetings.

29 A. Boss and Axel worked on the basement. Shaefer arrived at 10 o'clock and began to help with the mason work. The other boys hauled wood for the molasses making. In the afternoon the boys began to press the sorghum canes in the cane mill while I bundled up the apple trees and raspberry bushes that are to be sent to Litchfield.

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30 A. Boss, Shaefer and Axel built on the basement. The other boys pressed sorghum canes and made molasses, and I did various things. I sent the apple trees and raspberry bushes that are to go to Litchfield with Nicholas Swanson to Delano.

31 A. Boss and Shaefer finished the basement walls. Axel made mortar and carried to the masons as usual. Carl and Frank pressed the last of the sorghum canes in the morning. The women folks finished the making of the molasses in the afternoon, and Carl plowed. In the morning I went to Waconia after a barrel of lime and then a load of sand. In the evening we all went to a temperance meeting in Scandia. Colonel Hammilton spoke and it was good.

November

1 The masons left this morning. The boys husked corn, and I did various things in the orchard. After dinner Andrew Peterson from Carver and Col. Hammilton were here and visited with us.

2 Today the boys husked corn except that Axel first helped Per Daniel to do some butchering. I did various things in the orchard. Today the heifer 'Daisy' calved.

3 The boys husked corn, and Berggren was also here this afternoon and husked corn. I went over to August Krause and got apple seedlings from him, and then I did various things.

4 Sunday

5 Mamma, Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed. I butchered a wether and then did various things.

6 First I went and voted and then we went to Scandia and bought grave yard lots. Mamma, Axel and Frank husked corn, and Carl plowed.

7 Mamma, Frank and I finished the corn husking a little past noon, and then I packed into the cellar roots and cions for grafting. Axel and Carl hauled and stacked corn fodder.

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5 Axel plowed but Carl is sick. I painted on the porch, etc.

9 Axel plowed, and Carl is sick. Frank and I put up the fence around the new basement in the barnyard. After dinner secretary Gibbs from Lake City and Mr. Gould from Excelsior were here and I gave them cions from the Russian apples for distribution to the horticultural society. I gave them cions from the Hibernal, Lieby, Ostrakoff Glas, and Charlamoff. Mr. Gibbs also gave me some cions two of which are from Russian varieties.

10 Mamma and I went to Waconia and I had 'Frank' shod, then we went to Mitchold's place and got some rose bushes. Axel plowed, and Frank sawed wood.

11 Sunday Last night was cold and stormy and it's the same today.

12 The boys hauled cornstalks and straw on the pig pen roof and then they hauled manure to the orchard. I did various things.

13 Last night a cattle buyer from Minneapolis stayed with us. His name was Pearce. He had four cows and two calves in his wagon. Today we hauled manure into the orchard and to the raspberry bushes. We took 'Fanny' to the bull at Ottinger's place.

14 First we put up the storm windows and then we hauled out more manure. We are having a day and very cold northwest wind.

15 First we butchered a pig and then the boys hauled manure while I did various things. The school teacher, Miss Brunius, is boarding with us. There is a strong and cold northwest wind.

16 A cold, very strong south wind. The boys are grubbing out large trees on the south forty, and I did various things.

17 The boys hauled the manure from the pile by the wagon shed out on the fields. In the morning I went to Waconia, and after dinner I spread out the manure in the orchard.

18 Sunday

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19 In the morning the boys hauled manure and after dinner they fanned wheat. I did various things and also sent a letter to C. Gibbs in Lake City.

20 Mamma and Sture went to Minneapolis. Carl took them to the Victoria Station. After dinner the boys haule d manure, and I did various little things. Today my brother-in-law, John Anderson, came here from Granite Falls or Linthrop.

21 The boys hauled manure all day, and I did various things besides finishing the grindstone that I had previously begun to chop out.

22 Axel went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Carl and I piled wood.

23 In the morning Axel, Carl and I went to the meeting in Scandia when John Anderson preached. After dinner the boys hauled manure, and I made a trough to lead the water away from the well. In the evening I went to Victoria Station and met Elsa when she returned from Minneapolis.

24 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia and then the boys hauled manure while I went after the mail in Waconia.

25 Sunday Today it is warm and after dinner it rained.

26 Last night it turned cold, and it continues cold today. Axel went over to Per Daniel's place and helped him to butcher. Carl and I did various things.

27 I wrote a letter to my brother, Rydell in Sweden. Axel and Carl grubbed out willows in the west meadow. This afternoon the weather is mild.

28 Rather cold with a southeast wind. The boys grubbed out willows and piled wood in the forest. I went to Waconia and had the hindfeet of the mare shod. I sent a pail of butter by express to Huntington in Minneapolis and also mailed the letter to Sweden. Today I received the cupping machine together with the oil and the book from Cleveland, Ohio, that I had ordered.

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29 Today according to proclamation by the president we are to keep a day of thanksgiving to God for this year's good crops. In the morning we had a prayer and praise meeting.in Scandia. After dinner the boys hauled home stove wood, and I did various things.

30 Frank and I went to Carver, and I had the colt 'Rock' shod, and I also received my prize money for apples, butter and wool yarn. The boys grubbed willows in the south meadow.

December

1 The boys hauled manure all day. In the morning I went to Waconia after grist, etc., and then I did various things. Last night Sture came home sick from Minneapolis.

2 Sunday

3 The boys hauled manure, and I did various things.

4 The boys grubbed out willows on the south forty. Elsa and I went to Waconia with a load of grist. While there I went to August Kranse' place and looked over his apple trees.

5 The boys grubbed out willows on the south meadow. Mamma and I went to Dr. Brae on the other side of Young America and had teeth pulled. I had all my teeth, nine in all, pulled, then I went over and looked at Thomas' Russian apples. In the evening I sold 'Lady', the cow we had bought in Litchfield, to the cattle buyer that used to stay at Adam Fisher's house. I received $50.00 for her. For eight days now we have had perfect weather. The 2nd we put the boar with the sows. It looks as if both have taken him especially the white one.

6 Today it is raining all day so we did no work. They came and got 'Lady' that I sold yesterday.

7 First it rained, and then it snowed. The boys chopped some firewood. Henry Schran was here today to doctor up 'Fanny' as she is lame.

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8 In the morning the boys grubbed out willows and then they piled wood. Sture and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

9 Sunday

10 We and Per Daniel butchered the two old sows.

11 The boys grubbed out willows, and I did various things.

12 Sture and Carl drove down to Minneapolis with a load of pork. I went down on the railroad.

13 Carl and I returned home. Sture stayed.

14 The boys cut cord wood. I did nothing as I am not well.

15 The boys and I went into the woods and cut down timbers for the barn. Today the black and white sow took the boar.

16 Sunday

17 Today it is snowing, and it is very cold. The boys and I did various things.

18 The boys hauled out firewood from the forest, and I butchered a wether. Sture came home sick from Minneapolis.

19 In the morning Ida and I went to Waconia. The boys first chopped wood then they hauled into the barn the second crop of hay.

20 Today Jons Nilson and the boys began to dovetail the timbers for the barn. Sture and I are not well. I went over to Kaphold and collected the $35.00 that he owed me.

21 Nilson and the boys hewed the timbers. Sture and I are not well. I cupped Sture today.

22 I went to Chaska and Carver, and Hilma Brunius and Pryde went along. Miss Brunius tried out an organ for me at Halriger's store. The boys did various things. We took 'Star' to the bull at Ottinger's place.

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23 Sunday

24 Carl and I went to Chasks and bought the organ from Halriger for $85.00 and brought it home. The other boys did various things.

25 Christmas Day We had a meeting in Scandia.

26 Axel and I went to Young American and put labels on Thomas' Russian apple trees, and I also cut some cions from them.

27 In the morning Axel and I went to Waconia and found a place at the station for our cord wood. I put $50.00 in the bank, paid my bill to Eiselien and part of my bill to Gunz. In the afternoon the boys hauled out the cord wood to the side of the road.

28 In the morning Axel and Carl went to Waconia with one load of cord wood. After dinner Carl went with another load while Axel cut more cord wood.

29 Carl made two trips to Waconia with cord wood. Axel chopped fire wood and I did a variety of little things.

30 Sunday

31 Carl took two loads of cord wood to Waconia. Axel chopped stove wood, and I did various things.

January 1884

1 First we had a devotional service in Scandia and then our annual business meeting, then we were invited to Nicholas' house to a party.

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January 1884

2 Carl went to Chaska with a load of oak wood. I mended the pump in the barn yard. Axel did various things, and then he took 'Daisy' to the bull.

3 It is very cold. Carl took a load of cord wood to Waconia. Axel and I butchered a barrow.

4 It is cold, 34° below zero. The boys only did the chores as it is too cold to work outside. Ida is at Per Daniel's house to a quilting bee.

5 Axel went to Waconia with a load of cord wood. The other boys chopped wood and did the chores. I did various little things.

6 Sunday Intensely cold.

7 In the morning we did a lot of small jobs and then Nicholas' family and his son-in-law, Per Daniel and his family and Lundsten and his family all came here. In the evening Olof Okerson from Portland, Oregon, came. He is collecting money to help build their church in Portland.

8 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood, and Axel did various things. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia when brother Okerson preached.

9 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. We had a meeting in the morning in Scandia and also one in the evening when Brother O. Okerson preached.

10 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood, and we others did various things.

11 This morning the boys hauled out the hewed timbers from the wood, and then in the afternoon we had a snow storm. In the evening we went over to Nicholas Swenson's house to a feast.

12 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel chopped wood. I did nothing. In the evening we went to a dinner at Lundsten's house.

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13 Sunday

14 Today I went down on the train to Minneapolis to the state horticultural society meeting, and I brought down with me the following apples:
One peck of Wealthy apples for display
#240 Lieby
#378 Hibernal
#410 Little Seedling
#472 Ostrakoff Glas.
Sture went along to Minneapolis to get his clothes. Carl hauled wood to Chaska, and Axel did various things.

15 Today the horticultural meeting began. Sture went home today, and he expects to stay home now. Carl hauled wood to Chaska, and Axel did various things.

16 Carl hauled wood to Chaska, and Axel did various things.

17 Carl hauled wood to Chaska. The other boys and Jons Nilson hewed and dovetailed timbers.

18 Jons Nilson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timber. Today I returned home from Minneapolis. Sture met me with the carriage in Waconia.

19 Jons Nilson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I did nothing. Mr. Stoughton was here today after a load of the grubbed out stumps.

20 Sunday

21 Mamma and I went to Waconia and selected paint for the panels and woodword. The boys cut cord wood. After dinner Sture hauled home timbers for the new barn while I and the boys cut down logs to be sawed into lumber.

22 In the morning Sture hauled fence poles out on the south forty. The other boys and I dovetailed timbers, and Jons Nilson helped the boys with the timbers in the afternoon. Sture took 'Star' to the bull for the second time.

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23 Nilson, Sture and Axel hewed timbers. Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. I did nothing as I am not well.

24 Today it is very cold. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. After dinner J. Nilson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I rode to Waconia with Nicholas.

25 Sture and Nicholas' Renius each hauled a load of wood to Chaska. J. Nilson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I filed the saws, etc.

26 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. J. Nilson and the other boys worked on the timbers. W. Stoughton from Chaska came after a load of stumps. I went to Waconia after the apple seedlings that Emery in Lake City has sent me. John Anderson from Eggleston came along home, and we rode with Oscar Lundsten.

27 Sunday John Anderson preached.

28 In the forenoon we were to Scandia to a meeting, but first I went to Waconia and sent 15 lbs. butter to Huntington in Minneapolis by express. After dinner the boys hauled fire wood and timbers.

29 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The others sawed off logs into board lengths and into cord wood, while I kept the saws sharp. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

30 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. I and the other boys cut down trees for logs for the saw mill and did various other things. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia when John Anderson preached.

31 I did various things but am not feeling well. The boys sawed off the trees into log lengths, and they also hauled home some. It is very cold. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

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1 Sture hauled logs for sawing over to Reitz' creek where Richter is going to put up his saw mill. The others cut down trees that were to be sawed into lumber while I went through the woods and blazed trees that will be suitable for lumber.

2 Sture hauled, and the other boys cut logs while I did various things.

3 Sunday

4 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cord wood, and the other boys cut down the trees. I did various things. Pryde came at noon and repaired our gloves. In the afternoon Mamma rode with Nicholas to Waconia and did some trading in the stores.

5 The boys hauled two white oak and two black oak logs over to Reitz' place that are to be sawed into lumber. Axel did various things, and I wrote letters to J. Anderson in Eggleston and to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood.

6 Sture hauled cord wood to Chaska. The boys sawed cord wood, and I did various little things.

7 Sture hauled, and the boys sawed cord wood. I scraped and washed the wheels on the wagon as I want to paint it.

8 The boys sawed off cord wood. After dinner I went to Waconia. In the evening Ida ahd Sture went to a party at Reitz.

9 The boys hauled logs over to Reitz' place. I did various little things. Pryde has been here four days and has made some new clothes and mended others this week.

10 Sunday

11 Carl went to Chaska with a load of wood. Sture began to paint the wood work in the kitchen. I did various things. Axel took 'Star' for the third time to the bull at Ottinger's place. Today it has snowed much.

12 Sture went to the market in Waconia. The other boys sawed fire wood for the school teacher. I made a table on which I can make my grafts. The snow is getting very deep. In the evening I became sick with palpitation of the heart.

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13 Still snowing just as hard as yesterday. The boys did various things. Sture painted on the woodwork in the large room. My heart kept bothering me until at 11 o'clock when I used the cupping machine on myself and my heart quieted down.

14 In the morning the boys butchered a pig. After dinner Sture put a second coat of paint on the woodwork in the kitchen. The other boys did various things. I did nothing as one must be very quiet after having been cupped.

15 In the morning Sture took 16 lbs. of butter to Waconia and sent it to Huntington in Minneapolis. After dinner Sture became sick. The other boys did various things. I did nothing. In the evening the children went to a feast at Lundsten's house.

16 Sture and I did nothing. The other boys fanned the seed wheat and hauled home bass wood.

17 Sunday

18 In the morning Ida and Sture went to Waconia, and the other boys fanned seed wheat. After dinner H. Schran came over and doctored up a sick sheep. I sent a draft for $10.00 to Prof. Budd of Ames, Iowa, and ordered apple trees.

19 We had to skin the sick sheep today. Sture and Carl painted woodwork. Axel and I are sick.

20 and 21 Sture and Carl painted. Axel and I are sick. I have been cupped several times this week.

22 Sture and Carl painted. Axel and I are somewhat better today. Today F. Frank was here and bought a calf from us.

23 Today it is storming and snowing. We did several little things. Carl went to Waconia to meet uncle, John Anderson, but he went with Andrew Broberg.

24 Sunday John Anderson preached at both services.

25 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia and then did various things.

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26 In the morning I went to the Waconia mill with grist. Sture painted, and the others chopp'd wood, then Carl took a load of wheat to the Waconia depot and sold it.

27 In the morning we went to Scandia to the meeting, and then the boys fanned wheat.

28 We butchered four pigs, and Per Daniel helped us. In the afternoon we cut up the pork.

29 At 5 o'clock this morning Sture and Carl started for Minneapolis with a load of wheat and two pigs. In the morning I salted the pork and then did various things. Axel did the chores. F. Krank was here and took the calf that he had bought with him home.

March

1 I went to Waconia and met Charles Ludloff as we had made arrangements to exchange cions at that time. Axel and Frank fanned wheat. Sture and Carl returned from Minneapolis at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

2 Sunday

3 First I did various things, then I began to make grafts. Sture painted the wagon wheels, etc. Axel and Carl did various things.

4 I made grafts. Sture painted. Axel and Carl did various things. Peterman came this afternoon and got seed wheat Berggren was here today, and I paid him for the threshing so now I no longer owe him anything.

5 Axel and I went to Waconia. I met and exchanged cions with Ludloff for the second time. After dinner I made grafts. Sture painted, and the other boys did various things.

6 Sture went to Waconia with a load of wheat and collected from Stoughton for the cord wood he has sold. I made apple grafts. In the morning Axel and Carl cut cord wood, and in the afternoon Axel went after the grist in Waconia, and Carl took 'Froken' to the bull.

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7 I made apple grafts. In the morning the boys hauled into the barn the haystack from the pasture and after dinner they fanned wheat.

8 In the morning I made apple grafts, and the boys cut cord wood. After dinner they went in and had music lessons from Hilma Brunius. Elsa, Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and arranged with Kugler to buy lumber and shingles for us in Minneapolis.

9 Sunday

10 I made apple grafts. Axel and Carl cut cord wood, and Sture went to Waconia.

11 Sture and I went and voted, then I made apple grafts. Axel and Carl cut cord wood.

12 Axel and Carl cut cord wood. I made apple grafts, and Sture went to Carver and had 'Rock' shod.

13 This morning Axel and Carl shoveled snow over towards Kapholds. I made apple grafts, and Sture did various things. After dinner Axel and Carl cut cord wood. Ottinger and his boys were her and got seed, wheat, also Lundsten came and got seed wheat. Sture measured out and weighed the wheat for them. Today I finished making my apple grafts.

14 In the morning Sture and I did various things, and after dinner we and Ida went over to the school house for the examinations. Axel and Carl cut cord wood all day.

15 Axel, Carl and Frank cut cord wood. Sture took 18 lbs. of butter that we sent to Huntington in Minneapolis. I wrote letters to Sweden and to Kirkwood. Brunius came in the evening and stayed overnight.

16 Sunday

17 All four boys are cutting cord wood, and I did various things.

18 All four boys cut wood, and I did various things. Today I mailed the letter to Sweden.

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19 The boys cut cord wood, and I filedsaws.

20 Sture and I went to Waconia to see if our lumber and shingles had arrived, but they had not. We hauled home a heater from Malmborg's house. After dinner I hung a door in the barn. The boys cut cord wood.

21 I did various things, and the boys cut cord wood. After dinner Sture went to Waconia to find that our lumber had just arrived from Minneapolis so he loaded up and brought home one load of the lumber.

22 Hauled home the lumber. We hauled two loads. Nicholas Swanson, three loads, Peterman, two loads and Lundsten one load, in all 8 loads.

23 Sunday

24 Sture and I went to Waconia after the last of the lumber, and then we paid Kugler for it. The other boys cut cord wood.

25 First Sture went to Per Daniel with a load of lumber, and then he washed the harness. The other boys cut cord wood, and I did various things.

26 Sture oiled the harness, etc. The other boys cut cord wood, and I did various things. Last night the white sow farrowed. It was seven pigs, but one was dead.

27 The boys cut cord wood, and I did various things. After dinner Sture went to the Waconia mill with 7 sacks of oats that is to be ground for the horses.

28 In the morning we did various things. Peter Ottinger came and got seed wheat. After dinner Sture, Carl and Frank bored into the maples. Axel took 'Froken' to the bull at Ottingers for the second time. I am not well.

29 The boys cut cord wood out on the south field, and Sture went to Waconia. After dinner Sture and Frank hauled blocks and fence poles out on the south forty. I did various things.

30 Sunday Today it rained so we could have notmeeting as the roads are too slippery.

31 Sture and Frank bored into the maples. The others cut cord wood, and I did various things.

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April 1884

1 Sture and I went to Waconia and unloaded shingles from the railroad car, and then we cut timbers for the barn. The other boys carried maple sap and cut cord wood. Ottinger came after the last of the seed wheat. Today we sent 12 lbs. of butter to Minneapolis.

2 The boys hauled timbers and cord wood from the forest and then cut timber and cord wood, gathered maple sap and made syrup. I did various things.

3 Sture and Frank first hauled out from the forest some cord wood then Sture and Freed went to Waconia and hauled home shingles. Frank and I burnt off the swamp-lands, and the other boys cut cord wood and carried sap.

4 Sture went to Waconia after the last of the shingles and then he went after the oat grist. The others cut cord wood and carried sap. I did various things.

5 Sture sowed 10 bu. wheat on the large piece of the south field. Carl, Frank and I cut some logs and then piled the shingles, carried sap, etc. Axel is sick.

6 Sunday

7 Sture, Carl and Frank hauled cord wood out of the forest and hauled large stumps from the field on the south forty. I did various little things. Axel is sick. Carl took 'Fanny' to the bull. Last night it snowed.

8 In the morning Sture and Frank hauled out cord wood, and the other boys chopped stove wood. Sture harrowed in the wheat on the large piece on the south field. The other boys cut firewood and gathered maple sap. Resmacher came after seed wheat.

9 Sture sowed wheat and harrowed it. The large piece of the south field is now sown, 11 1/4 sowed with 15 bu. wheat. The other boys carried sap and chopped wood. This morning the mare foaled and the other sow farrowed. I hewed out a thill for the roller.

10 Sture sowed the west piece, 5 acres sowed with 6½ bu. wheat. The other boys grubbed up turf in the dd orchard, picked out quack roots and carried sap. I made a frame for the roller. Carl went to the bull at Ottingers with the heifer, 'Star' and this time they poured water into her ears.

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11 Sture sowed and harrowed on the field by the barn, 5 acres sowed with 6 bushels of wheat. The other boys dug up quack grass roots, carried sap and also washed some of the apple trees. I have done various things.

12 Sture hauled wood from the south field and sowed wheat in the north orchard. The other boys burnt brush and dug out quack grass and carried sap. I did various things.

13 Sunday

14 Today it rained so we only did a few odd jobs. After dinner Sture went and met the school teacher, Miss Brunius in Waconia. The Russian apple trees from Prof. Budd in Ames, Iowa, had also come so he took them along home. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, Olof Johnson in Litchfield.

15 First we had a shower. Sture painted the basement window frames. The other boys cut cord wood. I labeled the new apple trees and heeled them in. Today the school started;

16 This morning Sture went to Waconia. The other boys and I were in the forest and cut down trees. Sture plowed the place where the stacks had been and did some sowing on the south forty. The other boys then did various things, and I finished the frame for the roller.

17 Sture sowed and harrowed in wheat on the south forty, and then he sowed oats. The other boys dug out and gathered quack grass roots, then they washed some apple trees while I did various things. It was 5 acres of the south forty that was sowed with 6 bu. of wheat. We have now sowed 27 acres with 34 bu. of wheat and 6½ acres with 12 bu. of oats.

18 Sture sowed oats on the home field, and the others dug quack grass. After dinner Carl sowed oats, and Axel dug up plum trees while I did various things. Sture took the mare to the pure bred stallion in Chaska. She took the stallion. To breed her is to cost $20.00 of which $2.00 must be the down payment.

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19 Sture finished sowing the oats on the home field, then he harrowed it in and rolled it. The other boys grubbed out apple trees in the north orchard, then they dug holes for, and I planted Lombardy poplars and for plum-trees which I set out, then I planted red onions and planted in the south orchard, Russian apple seed. Today we finished making this year's maple syrup. We have made 70 gallons of syrup.

20 Sunday

21 In the morning Sture and Axel chose and blazed timbers in the woods for foot logs for the work shop. In the afternoon they and Jon Nilson worked on the timbers. Carl rolled the grain fields all day. Frank and I did various things.

22 Jons Nilson and the boys dovetailed timbers for the barn. Carl rolled the grain fields. It has been freezing again the last two nights so some of the maples are dripping sap again. Frank gathered it, and we made 2½ gallons syrup. I took up the heeled in apple trees and fixed up the smoke house and hung up the pork to smoke.

23 Jons Nilson and the boys finished dovetailing the timbers for the barn at 4 o'clock, and Carl also finished rolling the fields. Carl and Frank then burnt the willow brush in the south meadow. Sture and Axel chopped wood from the grubbed-out oaks on the new field. I did nothing as I have been cupped with the cupping machine and must be quiet for two days. After dinner Birrel Nilson was here and cut the large boar and then 7 of the pigs and 8 of the lambs.

24 In the morning Carl harrowed the newly broken field, and the others burnt off the meadows. After dinner they all grubbed out large trees.

25 Plowed in the orchard and planted potatoes. I am not well.

26 Today it rained. In the morning the boys fanned wheat, and then they did various things. I filed a saw but that was all I was able to do.

27 Sunday John Anderson preached.

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28 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia and then Sture went to Waconia and had the colt shod and the gelding shod on the front feet. The other boys and I set out the Russian apple apple trees that had come from Iowa.

29 Today we had a number of hard showers. In the morning I drove my brother-in-law, John Anderson, to the Victoria Station, and then I went to H. Reitz' office and had three bonds made out on $200.00 each. These I gave to Ida, Sture and Axel. The boys worked some between showers.

30 Today is a beautiful day. In the morning the boys and I planted raspberry bushes out by the barn. After dinner Sture, Frank and I dug for and planted apple trees. The others cleared away the grubbed-out trees.

May

1 Today we did various things, planted Russian apple trees and hauled cord wood from the new field.

2 Axel and Carl dug more holes for the Russian apple trees while Frank and I finished planting them. After dinner I went to Waconia. Axel and Carl grubbed up ash roots on the new field. Sture took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take him, then Sture went to Carver with some apple trees for Ludloff.

3 Sture plowed on the new field and the other boys dug out holes for apple trees and grape vines, uncovered the grape vines, leveled the dirt around the grape vines and mixed in some ashes, then they grubbed out some trees by the house. Frank and I planted out apple trees and grape vines.

4 Sunday

5 In the morning Carl harrowed on the new field and on the piece near Peterman's land. Axel and Frank raked together hazel nut brush and grub. After dinner Carl plowed. Axel raked and Frank went to Waconia. I tied up grape vines and Sture is helping Jons Nilson build on Per Daniel's barn.

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6 Carl plowed, and Axel and Frank raked grub in between rain showers. I was sick in bed all day.

7 In the morning Carl and Frank hauled manure. Axel did various things, and I tied up grape vines. After dinner I went to Waconia with a load of wheat, and Elsa went along. The boys raked together and burnt grub out on the south forty.

8 The boys plowed, harrowed and rolled and then burnt hazel roots. The women folks sheared the sheep, and I could do nothing as I am sick. Enock Broberg is here visiting.

9 Carl marked out for corn and plowed on the new field. Axel and Frank planted corn and did other things. I was cupped today as I am still sick.

10 Axel plowed on the new field. Carl went to the stallion in Chaska with the mare, but she would not take him, then Carl and Frank did various things, but I could do nothing.

11 Sunday Reitz' family were here visiting in the afternoon.

12 Today we did a variety of things, plowed on the new field, harrowed, planted potatoes, fixed a place for a garden, planted the garden, gathered hazel nut brush and roots, hauled home the haystack from the south field, etc.

13 The boys harrowed and raked roots on the new field, and then plowed, harrowed and rolled a field ready for planting corn. I first went over to Pryd's place and then I top-grafted the plum trees, then I went to Waconia, with grist and paid my bill in Gunz' store.

14 The boys harrowed, rolled and marked out for corn, gathered roots and planted some corn. I top-grafted, etc. After dinner Dr. Brae from Young America came and took an impression for the upper and lower plates he is to make for me. He also pulled a tooth for Carl and one for Anna. He will stay overnight.

15 The boys finished planting corn, plowed in the old orchard and grubbed out some trees by the corn crib. Axel dug for and I planted grafts all day.

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16 The boys plowed, harrowed and rolled in the north orchard then planted squash, pop corn and potatoes. Axel dug for and I planted grafts all day. Axel also grubbed a tree by the pig pen.

17 Axel, Carl and Frank did various things. I planted grafts. Sture went to Carver and had the mare shod on the front feet. Hilda Brunius rode along with him. Sture paid our tax and cashed a money order for Pryde and he also stopped at the stallion, but the mare would not take him.

18 Sunday

19 Sture painted the kitchen floor. The other boys did various things and planted melon seeds. Mamma and I went to Ludloff's house for a visit.

20 Today Jons Nilson began to build on my new barn, and Sture is helping him. In the morning I went to Waconia and Axel took 'Froken' for the third time to the bull at Ottinger's place. In the afternoon I sharpened the saws, etc. Carl painted the kitchen porch floors while Axel and Frank hauled home wood from the south forty.

21 Jons Nilson and Sture worked on the barn, and the other boys did various indoor things as it is raining. I did nothing as I am not well.

22 Jons Nilson and Sture built on the barn. The other boys and I broke the piece where the fence has been around the milk place, and then we did various things. Today I hybridized some apple blossoms. We have had several rain showers.

23 J. Nilson and Sture worked on the barn, and the other boys did various things. After dinner Carl drove to Benton to meet my brother-in-law when he came from Granite Falls. I did various things, but I am not well. We are having cloudy weather every day with a number of showers.

24 J. Nilson and Sture worked on the barn until noon, and the other boys chopped wood. After dinner we had a meeting in Scandia.

25 Sunday John Anderson is here, and he preached. We had a baptismal service when Axel and Carl were baptized.

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26 We went to a meeting in Scandia. After dinner Nilson and Sture worked on the barn, and we others did various things. John Anderson went over to visit with Birrel Nilson today; tomorrow he returns home.

27 Mamma and I went to Carver. I had the colt and the gelding shod on the front feet. Jons Nilson and Sture built on the barn, and the other boys cultivated the corn.

28 Nilson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys did various things. After dinner I took the breaking plow to Waconia and had it sharpened. Today we let the cattle out to the pasture on the south foryt. Last night 'Molly' calved. It is still rather cold at night.

29 J. Nilson and Sture worked on the barn. The others and I broke the grass lawn by the cabin and also broke the grass strip between Nicholas and my fields, then we worked in the orchard, planted sugar beets, etc.

30 J. Nilson and Sture worked on the barn. After dinner they hauled down and laid the foundation logs to the barn with the help of the other boys. I trimmed apple trees, etc.

31 It is raining so Jons Nilson went home, and we did no work.

June

1 Sunday

2 Axel and Carl cut down the trees and cleared off the place where our work shop is to be. In the morning Sture went to Waconia, and in the afternoon he made the foot logs for the work shop ready. The other boys grubbed bushes out on the island, and I worked in the orchard. Today 'Betty' was with the bull.

3. Mamma and I went over to Young America to Terlinden's house, and I pruned the Russian apple trees there. We intended to go and see Dr. Brae, but he was in Waconia. Sture prepared rafters for the barn and then went fishing. The other boys cultivated the corn and grubbed.

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4 J. Nilson and Sture worked on the barn. Axel and Carl worked on the road. I did various things and then worked in the orchard.

5 Axel, Carl and the horses worked on the road. J. Nilson worked on the barn and made window frames for the work shop. Sture went to Waconia, and I pruned the apple trees. This afternoon the assessor was here and valued both real and personal property.

6 Today we had a barn raising. We were 17 men working, and we finished at noon. After dinner J. Nilson, and the boys put up the rafters.

7 J. Nilson worked on the barn. The boys nailed on the sheathing on the walls. I am not well. I was cupped and so have been in bed all day.

8 Sunday

9 J. Nilson worked on the barn. Sture and Carl nailed on sheathing. Axel and Frank hoed sorghum and cultivated the corn. I did nothing.

10 J. Nilson, Axel and Carl nailed the roog bands on the barn. Sture went to Minneapolis to hear Christina Nilson sing. In the morning Frank and I went to the Waconia market and sold 'Fanny' for $26.00. In the afternoon I did nothing.

11 J. Nilson built on the barn. Axel and Carl nailed on roof boards. Frank hoed the garden, but I did nothing as I am not well. This evening J. Nilson went home as this is all the time he can give me for the present.

12 Today the boys hoed the squash, popcorn, melons and orchard, then they cultivated some corn. I hoed the apple grafts, etc. In the evening Sture returned from Minneapolis.

13 The boys all hoed corn. I went to Waconia after a keg of shingle nails, and then I went and hauled home a load of sills from the sow over on Reitz' place.

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14 In the morning the boys hauled down the sheep manure and put it on the leavings of the corn fodder stack. After dinner Axel and Carl went over and helped Per Daniel at the barn raising over there. I did various small jobs. Sture took the mare over to the stallion and she took him again this time.

15 Sunday

16 Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Sture and Axel hoed the potatoes and some of the corn. I did various little things.

17 The boys began to nail the shingles on the barn. After dinner they cultivated and hoed the corn.

18 Frank and I took a load of wheat and wool to Minneapolis, and Elsa went down by train. The boys hoed corn. In the evening a Methodist preacher by the name of Bing came and stayed overnight.

19 Today we returned from Minneapolis. The boys cultivated and hoed corn.

20 In the morning the boys cultivated and then hoed corn, potatoes, and apple trees, then it rained. The boys nailed shingles on the barn. I did various little things. Ottinger came here and paid me for the seed wheat.

21 Sture took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take him. The other boys cultivated the corn and the sorghum, and then they hoed the sorghum. After dinner Sture and Axel dusted Paris green on the potatoes to kill the potato bugs. Carl went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, Johannes, and my sister, 'Maja Stina'. Mr. and Mrs. Stoughton were here for a visit today. I have done no work today.

22 Sunday John Anderson preached in Scandia today. This evening we are having a pouring rain.

23 In the morning the boys nailed on shingles, and in the afternoon they cut the clover hay and the oats that had fallen over. I did various things.

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24 The boys hoed corn and cultivated some corn, then they cut hay along the creek and spread out the cut clover. I went to the Waconia mill with grist and then did various things. Birrel Nilson drove my brother-in-law, John Anderson, and my sister, 'Maja Stina', over to the Augusta Station where they took the train for Granite Falls. Carl took 'Betty' to the bull for the second time.

25 In the morning the boys nailed on shingles, and Frank and I went after saw dust from Hjalms saw by Birrel Nilson's place. After dinner I went to Waconia after the grist while the boys cultivated and hoed.

26 Nailed shingles and rolled logs to the saw by B. Nilson's place, etc.

27 Mamma, Axel and I went to Carver and bought clothes for Axel and others in Andrew Peterson's store, and I took out $10.00 for a money order for Pryde. The other boys hoed in the garden.

28 We have done various things, mowed a piece in the south meadow, cocked and hauled in the clover from the creek and by the pig pen and from the orchard, then we cocked the cut oats and cultivated corn.

29 Sunday

30 In the morning we hauled home a load of lumber from Hjalm's sow, turned the hay in the south meadow and then we got a pouring rain so in the afternoon we did no work.

July

1 We turned the hay on the south meadow, raked it and hauled in the most of it and cocked the rest.

2 In the morning we hauled in hay, mowed some and then Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. Carl mowed the west meadow. Mamma and Sture went with the school children on the steamboat around Clearwater Lake. The school teacher, Hilma Beunius had hired the boat. I made frames for screens.

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3 I went to Waconia after lime and rain troughs. The boys cultivated and hoed corn and hauled in the out oats and hauled home one load of lumber. Sture counted and piled the boards and went to Waconia.

4 We had our usual celebration over in Scandia. We had several visitors. Carl Peterson from Mpls., Mix's family, Carl Swenson and others from Gotcholm, Westbergs and Andersons from Pergatory Springs.

5 I went to Waconia and had the colt shod on one foot and brought home the wheels for Nicholas' hayrake. Sture took the mare to the stallion in Chaska, but she would not take the horse. After dinner we gathered and hauled in the hay from the west meadow. Carl Petersons and a man named Anderson were here this afternoon for a visit.

6 Sunday

7 Cultivated the corn, mowed on the south meadow, and towards evening we hauled in hay.

8 Sture and I worked in the barn. Axel made mortar and daubed in the basement barn. Carl and Frank hauled home lumber from Hjalm's sow on Reitz' land and also went after a load of sand from the lake shore.

9 During the forenoon Sture and I worked in the barn; the other boys cultivated the corn and sorhgum, mowed hand and also hoed. After dinner the boys mowed, raked and hauled hay, and I pruned back grape vines.

10 We cut and mowed hay, raked and hauled it in, worked some in the barn and pruned back grape vines. Mrs. Mix and a woman from Hector were here today.

11 Turned, raked and hauled in hay. Sture worked in the barn, and I daubed on the basement walls.

12 In the morning Sture went to Chaska with the mare, but she would not take the stallion. The other boys hauled and cut hay, and I mowed the west meadow. After dinner Sture and Ida went to Waconia and had some teeth filled. The other boys cut hay and did various things. I daubed on the basement walls and pruned back grapes.

13 Sunday

14 Mamma, Axel and I went to the Watertown market and sold 'Rosy' and then stopped and visited with Carl Swenson. Sture worked in the barn, and the other boys did various things, but they could not do much as it was raining.

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15 In the morning we did various things, then after dinner cut hay and also mowed on the west meadow down by the island. We took 'Molly' and Betty to the bull at Ottinger's place..

16 In the morning we mowed and then hauled home hay. I wrote letters to Sweden asking for cherry seeds, etc.

17 Axel and Carl were over at Per Daniel's place and helped him cut hay. Sture went to Dr. Brae in Young America and had some teeth pulled. I first went to Waconia, and then I made raspberry boxes. Today I mailed the letter asking for fuit seeds and I also sent a letter containing a check for $2.25 to Cleveland, Ohio and sent an order for cupping machine oil.

18 Today we hauled hay all day and so finished the haying.

19 Sture, Carl and Frank went to Waconia to watch the veteran's parade. Axel and I piled boards, etc. After dinner we set up a fence along the railroad across the west meadow south of the island.

20 Sunday

21 Axel, Carl and Frank hauled fence poles and made the fence along the track. I repaired the fence between Nicholas and me, etc. Sture laid in floor boards in the barn. Tenney Bergquist and Mrs. Bergquist were here all last night and went home today. In the evening Mrs. Peterson and her sister-in-law from Minneapolis visited with us.

22 Sture and Carl painted the roof of the new barn. Axel and Frank are over at Reitz weeding the wild oats out of the corn. I planed the boards for the eaves troughs.

23 In the morning Mamma and I went to Waconia and I got a money order from Sweden for $300.00 so that after dinner I wrote my brother, Rydell, in Sweden a letter. Sture grooved and tongued boards besides that he and Carl finished painting the barn roof. Axel and Frank grubbed and harrowed the meadows.

24 Sture put ceiling boards in the barn. The other boys grubbed out willow brush and roots in the meadows. I sowed grass seed on the meadows and mailed the letter to Sweden. The German preacher, Lanlet, and his wife were here.

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25 This morning at 3:30 Frank and I started for Minneapolis with a load of wheat, and we got back from there at 12:30 that night. Sture put ceiling boards into the new barn, and the others hoed corn.

26 This morning I did nothing. After dinner I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Sture put ceiling boards into the barn. The other boys hoed in the corn and cut the hay on the south swampland.

27 Sunday Frank Peterson from Minneapolis preached today. J. Erikson from Minneapolis was also here.

28 Mamma and I went over to Jons Nilson and brought John Erikson and his wife with us home. In the afternoon Frank Peterson and his wife, his brother-in-law, Johnson, and his wife visited with us. Sture cut hay for Per Daniel and the other boys hoed corn and stacked a small haystack on the south field.

29 Today we reaped oats on the home field down by the orchard. Sture worked in the barn and the other boys hoed corn and apple trees.

30 Lundsten and I went to Waconia, and I took out $200.00 from the bank and lent them to Lundsten. Sture nailed strips on the barn. The others hoed in the orchard. After dinner we reaped wheat, first in the north orchard and then on the south field.

31 Reaped wheat on the south field. After dinner Secretary Gibbs from Lake City and Gould from Excelsior were here.

August

1 Reaped wheat on the south field and after dinner we tied the oat bundles, and then it rained.

2 It rained. We planted out strawberry plants. After dinner we reaped the wheat on the field by the barn.

3 Sunday J. Erikson from Minneapolis preached in Scandia. Charles Erikson was here overnight.

4 We finished reaping the wheat on the field by the barn and started reaping the south field starting near the highway.

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5 Reaped the wheat on the south field on the other side of the railroad track. In the evening we reaped oats on the field by the cabin.

6 We finished reaping the oats. We took 'Nany' to the bull at Ottinger's place.

7 Today we began to stack wheat. We made the Northwest stack from the wheat.near the highway and the field where we had corn last year.

8 Made the two southwest stacks close to the buildings from the wheat on the field near the barn and from the north orchard.

9 We made a stack and a half on the hill in the south field. I went to Waconia but am not very well.

10 Sunday J. Erikson preached today. Mrs. Ongman and her family came here today. I have been sick in bed all day.

11 Today the boys stacked the oats and some wheat from the new field. Emma Nilson from Mpls. was here today.

12 The boys finished stacking the wheat. Mamma and I went to Waconia to sell a calf but we did not succeed. In the afternoon Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The others went fishing.

13 Mamma and I went visiting to Goulds in Excelsior. We had the calf along and sold it to Simpson, the butcher. Sture, Axel and Carl threshed for Andrew Broberg.

14 Per Daniel and I went to Excelsior and sold lambs and a wether. The boys fanned and hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia and also hoed some in the garden.

15 Axel and I went to Waconia with a load of two year old wheat that I sold to the mill. After dinner Axel plowed, but I was not well. Carl threshed for Broberg.

16 Axel was at J. Nilson's place and helped with the threshing and Carl threshed for Lundsten. Frank is doing various things, but he at present is bothered with boils. I did various little things. Sture is with Broberg's threshing machine.

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17 Sunday The missionary, Anna Sandberg, together with Miss Erikson were here today.

18 It is very foggy today. We hoed in the garden, and Carl plowed.

19 It is raining. The boys put in wainscoting in the chicken house. Carl plowed. I did nothing.

20 Sture worked in the barn. In the morning Carl plowed, and Axel did various things. After dinner Axel and Carl threshed for Peter Magnus in Scandia, and Frank plowed first by the cabin and then on the field by the barn.

21 Carl threshed for Lundsten and in the morning Axel threshed for Peter Magnus then for Linneborger at Malmborg's old place. Frank plowed. Sture was with A. Broberg's threshing machine. In the morning I went to Waconia, and then I wrote a letter to Sweden asking for cions.

22 Carl plowed. Axel first threshed on Malmborg's place and then he and Frank did various things. Mamma and I went and traded in the stores. We took along grist for the mill and some apples for Mitchel's and Mix's families. Today I mailed letters to Captain C. J. Lilljehook, Wallenborg and Lindhult in Sweden, requesting different kinds of cions. I also mailed a Horticultural Society Annual Report to Drothzen in Aberdeen, Dacota.

23 Today I went to Chaska and paid Halriger for the organ, then I went to Carver and took some books to the book binder for binding. Had also some apples for Millborg's and Brunius' families. Mailed a book report from the Horticultural Society to Peter Nilson in San Francisco. Emma rode along to Carver. Axel threshed for Sieman and Carl for Broberg. Frank plowed.

24 Sunday and pouring rain.

25 Last night we had much rain. Today Sture worked in the barn. Axel helped him in the morning then he and Frank did various things. Carl plowed, and I did odds and ends.

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26 Sture worked on the barn. Mamma and I went to Waconia mill after the grist. After dinner Sture went with the threshing machine, and I hauled basswood bark to Per Daniel's small lake to put it to soak so we can obtain the bast fibres from it. Carl has plowed all day, and Axel threshed for Linneberger.

27 Carl plowed by the cabin and hauled home one load of sand and then he plowed on the south field. Frank and I did various things, and Axel threshed for Linneborger. In the afternoon Per Daniel's girls and two other girls from Minneapolis were here visiting.

28 Carl plowed. Axel threshed for Linneberger until noon. Frank took 'Molly' to the bull at Ottingers, and I painted the floor of the south porch. In the afternoon Dr. Brae from Young America was here.

29 Carl plowed. Axel is not well. I did nothing. Dr. Brae worked on my set of false teeth.

30 Axel and Frank took the heifer ' Pearly' to the bull at Ottinger's place. I was to Dr. Brae's office. Carl mowed the second crop on the south meadow. After dinner Carl plowed. Axel and Frank did various little things, and I went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, John Anderson, from Eggleston. Charles Norman was with him. Sture is with the threshing machine.

31 Sunday John Anderson preached for us today.

September

1 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia. After dinner the boys hauled manure. John Anderson and I made out an account and divided the inheritance money from Sweden among the heirs.

2 In the morning John Anderson, Charles Norman and I went to the bank in Waconia and took out part in money and part in drafts for the money order that came from Sweden in July. The boys hauled manure. After dinner I wrote a letter to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood. The boys hauled hay. John Anderson went over to stay with Per Daniel. Today I sent a draft for $19.34 to Charles Johnson in Granite Falls.

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September 1884

3 I wrote to Sweden, etc. It is raining. The boys fanned the two year old wheat and carried it upstairs in the granary. After dinner they hauled manure.

4 I went to Waconia mill after the grist. I sent two sacks of flour to John Ongman by train to St. Paul. One sack is for Ongman's family and one is for Prof. Edgren. I also mailed a letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden with receipts from my brother-in-law, Johannes and from me for the inheritance we had received after my brother, Samuel. I mailed a letter to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois, for $66.89. I also had the horse shod on the front feet. Charles Norman and Elsa were along to Waconia. The boys hauled manure all day.

5 The boys hauled manure and did some plowing. I did various things. After dinner Charles Norman and Frank were out on the lake and fished.

6 In the morning it rained. I did various things and pitched out the old straw. After dinner Charles Norman and Axel went to Waconia. Sture returned home today, and he worked in the barn.

7 Sunday

8 In the forenoon Carl plowed. Axel and Frank chopped trees on the new field on the south forty. After dinner they did nothing as we had a hard rain. I did small indoor jobs.

9 Sture and I put up eaves troughs on the south side of the new barn. Carl plowed and the other boys cut corn. After dinner Sture left to go with the threshing machine. Carl plowed and the others cut corn. I went to Waconia, then we had a hard thunderstorm.

10 Carl plowed on the south field on the other side of the track. Axel and Frank cut corn, and I picked down the Russian apples and wrapped them in paper, etc.

11 Charles Norman went back home today. I drove him to the Waconia station. Carl plowed on the new field. After dinner the three boys cut the corn on the other side of the track. I did various things.

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12 Axel, Carl and Frank threshed for Per Daniel, and I did various little things.

13 Carl and Frank threshed for Birrel Nilson. Axel sawed wood for the threshing and did other preparatory things. I did a variety of things. Yesterday August Krause came and looked over my Russian apples.

14 Sunday

15 Axel and Frank threshed for Birrel Nilson. Carl and I did various things.

16 Today we threshed with Hjalm's machine. We finished the grain near the house.

17 We threshed out on the field and finished by noon. After dinner they threshed for Nicholas, and Axel and Carl helped. Frank and I fenced by the pasture. Jons Nilson started to build doors for the new barn.

18 Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas. J. Nilson worked on the doors, and I did nothing as I am not well.

19 Axel and Carl threshed for Nicholas and then for Freed. Nilson worked on the doors to the barn. Sture came home today. In the morning he went to Waconia and in the afternoon he threshed for Freed. I am not well.

20 A.M. Axel threshed for Freed; Sture mowed on the second crop of hay. Carl took 'Molly' for the third time to the bull at Ottingers. P.M. All four boys cut corn. Nilson worked on the doors. I am not well.

21 Sunday

22 Forenoon I went to Waconia and had the mare and the colt shod. Axel and Frank finished cutting the corn. After dinner we hauled in the hay from the second crop. Carl threshed for Bradhouse.

23 In the morning I went to Waconia after lime and after dinner I slaked it and then tore down the outdoor oven at the syrup camp. Axel and Frank stripped the leaves off the sorghum stalks. Carl threshed for Reitz. Today I sent the receipts that should be signed down to Kirkwood.

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24 I built the oven for the molasses pan. Axel and Frank cut and hauled sorghum stalks, and Sture helped them in the afternoon. Carl threshed for Reitz, and Ida is also there helping with the cooking. She helped yesterday, also.

25 In the morning I finished the oven for the molasses pan, and then I picked apples. Axel and Frank cut and hauled sorghum stalks. Carl threshed for Reitz.

26 Today we did various things. We picked the apples for the fair and dug some potatoes, etc.

27 We, Ida, Sture, Axel, Carl, Anna and I, went to the agricultural fair in Chaska. Last night we had a heavy rain storm.

28 Sunday Today we voted on and decided that this year also we would ask John Anderson in Eggleston to come and preach for us once a month. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gordtsen visited us.

29 In the morning I went to Waconia. Andrew Peterson and his family visited with us all day. The boys dug potatoes all day, and in the afternoon I did various things.

30 I went to Gould in Excelsior with apples that are to be sent to the World's Industrial Exposition in New Orleans. The boys dug potatoes.

October

1 All morning it misted. We cleaned up the wood scraps in the new barn, etc. After dinner the mist settled into a steady rain. The boys fanned wheat, and I did various things.

2 In the morning we had a wet fog. The boys cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and the pig pen. Sture went to Waconia after kerosene, etc. After dinner the boys husked corn. Sture rounded off the upper edges of the sills for the stalls. I made stone foundations for the divisions in the basement barn.

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3 In the morning I went to the Waconia depot with contributions from our church members to the seminary in St. Paul. They were one box containing four quilts, two sacks of flour, and one jar of butter. After dinner we picked the last of the apples and packed them. Axel, Carl and Frank husked corn.

4 Sture and Frank scraped and evened the ground around the new barn. Axel and Carl husked corn. I am not well but did a few things between the times that I had to lie down.

5 Sunday

6 Today we started to press the sorhgum in the cane mill and to make molasses, but the screws had rusted, so badly we had to go to Waconia and get new ones so we had to let the sorghum be as it was. Axel and Carl husked corn. Jons Nilson came at noon, and he hung the doors to the new barn. I did various things, but I am not well.

7 Today they ground cane and began to evaporate the cane sap. Axel and Carl husked corn. Jons Nilson finished hanging the barn doors by noon. I put latches on the doors, but I am not well.

8 In the morning they pressed and made molasses. Axel and Carl husked corn. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the squash and took up the sugar beets. Mamma finished making the molasses. It is in all about 60 gallons. I did masonry work in the basement barn.

9 The boys hauled and stacked corn fodder. I did masonry work in the barn besides other little things. We put the sugar beets into the barn. We have 70 bushels.

10 Per Daniel's wife and Mamma went with Frank and me to Victoria where they took the train for Minneapolis. Frank and I continued on to Chaska to change our boots as those I had bought were too small, then we went to the book binder in Carver. Axel and Carl husked corn, and Sture painted on the new barn.

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11 In the morning I wrote another letter to Lilljchöök in Sweden requesting cions, and I went to Waconia after dinner and mailed it. Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed, and Sture painted.

12 Sunday

13 I went to a political meeting in Waconia, namely the Farmer's Alliance. Sture painted on the barn. Carl plowed. Axel and Frank husked corn. Elsa returned in the evening from the Swedish Baptist General Conference in Minneapolis. Olson and the preacher, Hjelm, from Rock Island came along with her. Dr. Brae from Young America came and put in my false teeth.

14 In the morning I stayed in and Dr. Brae finished fitting my false teeth, and then he went home. Sture borrowed Reitz' ram. After dinner Sture and I put up the eaves troughs on the north side of the new barn. Carl plowed, and Axel and Frank husked corn on the field on the other side of the track.

15 Sture made a loft in the pig pen. Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed the square field for the second time. I did various things. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Hjelm from Moline preached.

16 Sture did various repair work inside the pig pen. Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed, and then he harrowed the field by the barn. I did various little things. The weather is warm and beautiful. The 13th Daisy calved.

17 Sture worked with the repairs. Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed. I did various things.

18 Sture finished the repairs in the pig pen. The other boys husked corn and hauled corn fodder. We got 30 wagon boxes of corn from 7 acres of land. I did various things.

19 Sunday Olson from Rock Island preached. Ludloff and Schutz from Waconia were here today and looked over my Russian apple trees. Carl Swenson from Gotaholm was here for a visit. We are having wonderful weather with a temperature over 80° above.

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20 Today it is cold and rainy. We did various things. Sture and I fixed up the inside of the new sheep barn. The others shelled corn. Carl did a little plowing.

21 Sture went and put a loft in the chicken house. Carl took home Reitz' ram, and then he plowed until noon, then he took grist to the mill and sent a jar of butter to Minneapolis by express. I set out currant bushes while Axel and Frank did many various things.

22 Sture tore down the divisions in the stable and put in new stalls. Carl plowed in the forenoon and after dinner the boys hauled corn fodder and hauled in the turnips. Axel and Frank took the potatoes into the cellar and put some in a small pit in the orchard. I planted currant and gooseberry bushes. It is cold today, and tonight it has started to freeze.

23 Frank and I went to Young America after Russian apple trees from Dalinder's place. Sture is building the stalls, and the other boys did various things. Today we pressed the juice from the Isabella grapes for wine.

24 In the morning I was not well, but after dinner I took up and packed apple trees for Moorhead and Lake City. Sture worked in the chicken house. Carl plowed, and the others did various things.

25 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought shoes, etc., then I sent the Russian apple trees to A. Holtz in Brainard and to Gibbs in Lake City. Carl plowed. Axel and Frank grubbed out stumps. After dinner Carl plowed in the orchard while Axel, Frank and I did various jobs in the orchard. Sture worked in the chicken house.

26 Sunday Today it rained so we could not get over the slippery roads to the meetings. In the afternoon Colberg and his wife from Minneapolis came here.

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27 I pruned back grape vines. Axel and Frank covered them and hilled up the dirt around the apple trees. Carl plowed in the north orchard. Sture put in the windows in the basement barn and also drove Colberg and his family over to Andrew Brobergs for a visit, and then he went to Waconia.

28 I pruned back the grape vines while Carl and Frank covered them. Axel worked on the road, and Sture worked in the chicken house.

29 I pruned back grape vines. Axel and Frank covered them, etc. Carl plowed. Sture worked in the chicken house.

30 Sture and I made foundation pillars for the work shop, etc. Carl plowed, and Axel and Frank grubbed out stumps on the fields on the other side of the track.

31 Mamma and I went to Waconia, and I also went to see August Krause. Sture is doing carpentry work for Per Daniel. The other boys hauled manure.

November

1 First we moved the chickens into the new chicken house, and then we cleaned out and fixed up the cattle barn. After dinner the boys hauled manure, and I did various things. Sture worked for Per Daniel. Last night we had our first snow, but it barely covered the ground.

2 Sunday Today a student by the name of Larson from the school in St. Paul preached for us in Scandia.

3 I did various things. Sture worked for Per Daniel, and the other boys hauled manure.

4 In the morning Sture, Axel and I went and voted. After dinner we dug up apple trees and heeled them in. These are for Hjortson. Carl plowed all day on next year's corn field.

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5 In the morning I butchered a ewe. Axel grubbed out stumps and Carl plowed. In the afternoon I did various things. Carl and Frank scraped out a ditch on the other side of the track, and Axel grubbed out stumps. It is beautiful weather and freezes lightly at night.

6 In the morning I went to Hjortson to get apple seedlings for grafting. The boys scraped on the ditch. In the afternoon and the other two grubbed out a large oak on the south field.

7 In the morning I took Ida, Emma, Axel and Carl to Waconia and bought clothes for them. While there I sent a package of cions from the Russian apple trees to K. K. Phoenix in Delavan, Wisconsin. In the afternoon Axel and Frank grubbed out stumps, and Carl plowed. I did various things.

8 I went over to Gould's house in Excelsior to get some apple trees, and I also tried to get some orders on pork but could not. The boys grubbed large trees in the south field.

9 Sunday

10 I went to Ludloff after plum trees and various garden stuff. Sture was along, and we bought three pair of felt boots and rubber shoes in Chaska. Axel and Carl piled wood, and Frank started school today.

11 The boys put up fence posts on the line between Nicholas' and my fields. We took 'Molly' to Reitz' bull. I did various things, and Sture worked for Freed.

12 Axel and Carl used the scraper on the home field and then covered the strawberries with hay, etc. I went first to Freed's place and pruned back his grape vines, and then I did various things. Sture finished his work for Freed and returned home. We are having brilliat weather.

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13 Sture built on the workshop. Axel did various things. Carl harrowed the south field. In the morning I went to Waconia and had 'Rock' shod on the front feet and the mare on the hind feet.

14 In the forenoon Peterman, Axel, Carl and I staked out the line between Peterman's and my land. Sture went to Scandia and sooted the chimney in the church. After dinner Axel grubbed on the strip next to Peterman's land. Carl harrowed. Sture worked on the workshop. I did various things, and Ida scrubbed the church.

15 Carl harrowed on the south field. Frank went to Waconia after the mail, but the mail was delayed as the train was off the track. Axel grubbed all day. Sture worked on the shop. I did various things, and in the afternoon Carl plowed.

16 Sunday The children went visiting over to Ottinger's house.

17 Carl plowed on the other side of the track for the second time. Sture built on the workshop, and Axel helped him. I planted a little over half a bushel of walnuts.

18 Today we began to lay a new roof on the large house. The weather is still fair, but it is cold at night.

19 Shingled the house and finished the south side. Today we have a cold south wind.

20 In the morning I went to Waconia to get siding to use as ridge boards on the roof. I also mailed a draft for $2.00 to Underwood in Lake City and orchard apple seedlings, then I mailed a letter to Phoenix in Wisconsin and then a card to Holtz in Moorhead. I received a letter from my brother, Rydell, in Sweden containing cherry seeds. The boys nailed shingles all day and after dinner I helped them.

21 First we butchered a pig, and then we finished shingling the house. It is cold but no snow.

22 Today it snowed all day so now we have 6 inches of snow. We did various little things. We took 'Pearly' to Reitz' bull and the heifer, 'Maggy' to Peterman's bull.

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23 Sunday It is very cold. A student by the name of F. O. Nilson from the St. Paul school preached for us in Scandia.

24 The boys fanned the wheat that had been wet, put up storm windows, etc. I did various things. The cold has eased up a bit.

25 In the morning Sture took Ida and one of Per Daniel's daughters down to Waconia to put them on the train for Minneapolis. The other boys and I did various things. In the afternoon we finished off the roof, plastered around the chimney and took down the scaffolding. Today is another perfect day.

26 Axel and Carl hauled home firewood. Sture set posts by the basement barn doors and then worked on the shop. I glazed the windows, etc.

27 Today it is a general thanksgiving day for a good harvest according to a proclamation by the president. We had a prayer meeting in Scandia.

28 Axel and Carl hauled manure to the orchard. Sture built on the workshop, and I did various small jobs.

29 In the morning I went to Waconia after a box of apple seedlings that had arrived from Lake City. Axel and Carl chopped wood in the forest. Sture built on the workshop. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys shingled the workshop. The weather is beautiful.

30 Sunday The school master, Bishop, and his wife were here visiting in the afternoon.

December

1 The boys nailed shingles on the workshop and finished it. I did nothing. In the evening Ida returned from Minneapolis.

2 Sture and Axel butchered pigs for Peter Anderson. I was sick. In the afternoon Carl and I went to Lundsten's after potatoes.

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3 Sture worked in the workshop. Axel and Carl hauled manure. I wrote to Sweden. The weather is mild and fair.

4 Sture is putting in ceiling boards in the workshop. Axel and Carl are cutting cordwood out of the tree tops that were left from the logs we cut last year. I finished the letter to Sweden. It is mild outside.

5 Sture put in ceiling boards. Axel and Carl cut cord wood. I went to Waconia and ordered boots, then I mailed the letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden and mailed a letter to Charles Downing asking for cions.

6 I did various little things. Sture hung windows in the workshop, and the other boys cut cord wood.

7 Sunday

8 Sture went to Waconia in the forenoon, and Carl fetched the church book from Jons Nilson. After dinner Sture and I did various things. The others cut cord wood.

9 Axel and Carl cut cord wood. Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I did various things.

10 Sture worked in the carpentry shop and then went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Carl went to Chaska with a load of cord wood. Axel did the chores, and I did various little things.

11 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. Sture worked on the shop. Axel did the chores and chopped wood. I did various things.

12 Sture worked on the carpentry shop. Axel and Carl cut cord and fire wood and hauled home a loaf of stone from the road. In the morning I went to Waconia and then put the stove pipe drums in the bed rooms. It is rather cold but not enough snow for sleighing.

13 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. Sture nailed on the wainscoting in the workshop. Axel and Frank cut cord wood and did the chores. I finished putting the drums in the stove pipes.

14 Sunday

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15 Per Daniel helped us butcher the barrow and the large sow. After dinner we went after Per Daniel's boar and put him with our sows as the whiter of the two wants to breed.

16 Sture took grist to the Waconia mill, and then he helped Lundsten to butcher. I repaired the old buffalo robe and the other boys only did chores as it is 18° below zero.

17 Sture and Axel took six sacks wheat and the pork to Minneapolis. Carl helped Birrel Nilson to do some butchering, and I did various little things. It is very cold.

18 Carl did the chores and went to Waconia after the grist, and he mailed the letter to Prof. Budd in Iowa for me. I put up a stove in the boy's room. In the evening at 6:30 o'clock the boys returned from Minneapolis. It is cold with a west wind.

19 It is very cold. The boys did the chores. I wrote a summary from the church book in order to be able to answer questions on the history of the Swedish Baptists here in America.

20 The boys did the chores and sawed some wood. Sture went to Waconia after grist. I answered the questions on the church history blank and then when J. Lundsten came we went over the questions and answers together.

21 Sunday

22 The boys did the chores. I am in bed with a sore back. It is very cold.

23 Today we have a snowstorm, and it is very cold. Mamma and Carl went to Waconia to do some trading, and Sture put an elbow in the stove pipe in the church. Today I was cupped and am still in bed.

24 Christmas Eve The boys did the chores. I am in bed.

25 Christmas Day Larson, the student, preached. I am still in bed though my back is better. The others are all in church.

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26 I spent most of the time in bed. The rest are all in Scandia to meetings.

27 Larson made a careful, legible copy for me of the history blank I had written about our church. Sture went to Chaska with cord wood.

28 Sunday J. Fogelstrom preached today. Hammil and he came to our house after the services.

29 Carl took Sture and Axel to Delano where they took the train for Grove City. Fogelstrom went to Nicholas' house today for dinner. In the afternoon they left for Minneapolis. Tomorrow Fogelstrom leaves for Nebraska.

30 Frank and I went to Waconia where I mailed a draft to Prof. Budd in Ames, Iowa. It has snowed all day. Carl and Frank then cleaned out the manure from the cow barn and the pig pen, and they did the chores.

31 Last night and today we have had snow and wind. Carl and Frank did the chores and shoveled snow. I only wrote a letter to J. Pearson in New Mexico. This evening the children went over to Lundstens to watch the New Year come in.

January 1885

1 We had a meeting in Scandia and Larson preached.

2 Today it is very cold, over 40° below zero. In Waconia the quicksilver froze. I wrote a letter to Drothzen in Aberdeen. The boys did the chores. Carl went to Waconia after the mail. I received a letter from Liljehook that he had sent the cions.

3 I finished the letter to Drothzen and mailed it and the letter to New Mexico. Carl and Frank did the chores. It is not so cold only 10° below zero.

4 Sunday

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5 Carl and I went to Ottinger's place and helped to butcher the bull. Frank did the chores.

6 In the morning Carl and I went to Waconia and took orders for a load of wheat and for the beef. After dinner Carl delivered the wheat. I did nothing.

7 In the morning Carl and I took the beef to Eiselien, who is sending it to his commission merchant in Minneapolis to sell. After dinner Carl hauled a cord of maple wood that Elias Anderson bought. I went to Birrel Nilson and bought a pregnant sow.

8 In the morning Carl and I returned Per Daniel's boar and took home the sow I bought from Nilson. After dinner Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. I did nothing as I am not well.

9 Carl went to Chaska with a load of wood. Today I sent a letter to Phoenix asking for pear seedlings and also a letter to Emery in Lake City.

10 Carl sold a load of maple wood to Stoughton. Stoughton was here and got a little over a cord of elm wood, but I did not charge him anything for that as Carl eats dinner with them when he hauls wood. Per Daniel came and paid me for the wheat he borrowed last year. Today the cions, from Captain Liljehöök in Falkenberg, Sweden, arrived. It was 200 apples, pears, plums and cherry cions.

11 Sunday Two students, Larson and Anderson, preached today. We also had communion. It is storming and snowing.

12 Today we have a sharp cold. In the morning I wrote to Liljehöök in Falkenberg. After dinner I went to Waconia and mailed the letter and also sent a receipt to New York that I had received the cions. Carl did the chores.

13 It is very cold. Carl did the chores. We marked the sheep that we want to fatten for butchering.

14 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. I made a box in which to pack my apples for taking to the horticultural meeting in St. Paul.

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15 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. I did various things.

16 Carl took cord wood to Chaska. I rode to Waconia with W. Mitchold to get the mail, and then I did various things.

17 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. Mamma and I packed the apples. I am taking with me to the horticultural meeting in St. Paul next week.

18 Sunday

19-24 Went to St. Paul and attended the horticultural meeting.

21 Axel returned from Litchfield.

23 Sture returned from Litchfield.

24 I returned home from St. Paul. Carl went to Chaska with wood three times this week.

25 Sunday

26 We butchered the old sow. In the afternoon I went to Waconia where Eiselien gave me the money for the beef, and so I paid him my store bill which was $10.00.

27 Sture and Carl went to Chaska with cord wood, and they also hauled over to the brick yard the cord wood that was piled by Stoughton's house. Axel did the chores, and I did nothing.

28 Sture made a salt trough for the cattle. Carl went to Waconia after a barrel of salt. Axel and I did various things. Today I mailed a letter to Kjellberg and also a card to Budd in Iowa asking him if he had received the draft.

29 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. Sture and Axel began to cut cord wood. I filed the saws, etc. In the evening Reitz' came for a visit.

30 In the morning Mamma and I went to Waconia, and then I paid Kohler $6.00 for the stove pipe drums. After dinner I was sick again. The boys cut cord wood.

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31 Sture and Carl went to Chaska market with 'Star' and sold her, then they bought a cutter at the sheriff's sale and paid my personal tax, and then they went to Carver and paid for the paper and got the books that had been rebound. Axel did the chores. I attended the Farmer's Alliance meeting in our school house in the afternoon.

February

1 Sunday

2 Sture and I went to Waconia with a load cord wood. While there we ordered a new harness from Kjerder. In the afternoon Sture met my brother-in law, John Anderson and his son, John, at the Augusta Station. The other boys cut cord wood.

3 In the morning we did nothing except Carl who went to Waconia with cord wood. In the afternoon we had a meeting in Scandia. My brother-in-law preached. Today we took 'Pearly' to Reitz' bull for the second time.

4 Carl went to Chaska with cord wood. The others cut cord wood. After dinner Sture and Uncle Anderson went over to Lundsten's house. I am not well.

5 Carl took two loads of cord wood to Waconia today. The rest of us did nothing except visit with Uncle J. Anderson and cousin, John. In the afternoon P. D. Anderson and Mamma drove them to Waconia where they took the train for home. Today I sent apples and cions to C. G. Patten in Charles City, Iowa, for which I am to have two Duchess Seedlings this spring.

6 Carl hauled two loads of cord wood to Waconia. The others cut cord wood. I made fruit tree labels.

7 Carl hauled a load of cord wood to Waconia, and the two others boys cut cord wood. I did various things.

8 Sunday

9 Carl hauled two loads of cord wood to Waconia. Sture and Axel cut cord wood, and I did various little things.

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February 1885

10 Today it is real cold. Axel and Carl hauled home and chopped fire wood. Sture made a wash bench, and I did various little things.

11 Carl hauled home wood and hauled one load to Waconia. Sture and Axel cut cord wood. Today I began to make grafts.

12 Sture and Axel cut cord wood, and Carl took home one load and took one load to Waconia. I made apple grafts.

13 Mamma, Sture and I went to Waconia with grist for the mill. We took home the new harness, and the others cut cord wood. After dinner I made grafts. Sture and Axel cut wood, and Carl hauled it home. Last night the school master, Bishop, was here.

14 The boys cut cord wood, went to Waconia after the grist. They also drove Miss Sunderman back and forth between here and Hjortson. She gave Emma a music lesson on the organ. I made apple grafts.

15 Sunday Larson, the student, is here and he preached.

16 Today it is rather cold. Sture filed the saws. Axel and Carl chopped stove wood and did the chores. I made apple grafts.

17 Carl went to Chaska with a cord of wood. The others cut down trees for sawing and then cut fence poles and cord wood out of the elm in the pasture. I made apple grafts, etc.

18 The boys went to Waconia with the logs for sawing and cut more logs. I made apple grafts. Charles Erikson's Emma stayed with us last night.

19 In the morning we went to the meeting in Scandia when Olson from Willmar preached. It is still rather cold. After dinner the boys did various things. I made apple grafts. Halriger was here and fixed the organ.

20 In the morning we had a meeting, and Olson preached. In the afternoon Sture hauled logs to Waconia, and the other boys cut cord wood. I made grafts.

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February 1885

21 In the forenoon I went to Waconia after a box of apple and pear seedlings that had come from Phoenix Nursery in Delavan, Wisconsin. In the afternoon I went to the caucus meeting in Witz' school house. The boys cut cord wood all day.

22 Sunday Olson from Willmar preached, and then tonight he came with us home.

23 Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Olson rode with him as far as Broberg's house. Axel and Carl sawed down an oak on the south field and then cut cord wood in the forest. I made pear grafts.

24 The boys cut cord wood, and I made apple grafts. Olson from St. Paul, together with his wife, came here. Late this evening we had a subscription meeting in Scandia to collect money for the support of Missionary Olson. Mix from Waconia visited us in the evening.

25 The boys cut cord wood, and I made apple grafts. Taylor Johnson from Dassel came here in the afternoon. Olson preached in Scandia this evening.

26 Axel and Carl cut cord wood. Sture drove Taylor Johnson to Watertown. I made apple grafts, etc. Rev. Olson returned home today.

27 The boys cut cord wood. I made apple grafts until noon, then Mamma and I went to Waconia where I sent a bank draft for the apple and pear seedlings to Phoenix in Wisconsin.

28 I butchered a lamb. Axel and Carl sawed down the large oaks out on the new field. Sture went after Mrs. Sunderman so she could give Emma her music lesson. In the afternoon the boys fanned wheat and hauled the large oak logs out on the field. I made apple grafts.

March

1 Sunday Larson preached.

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2 Sture hauled an oak log to Waconia. The other boys did various things, and then they all cut cord wood. I made apple grafts.

3 I made apple grafts all day. The boys all cut cord wood but Carl also hauled home some cord wood in the morning from the south forty. Mamma and Frank went to Waconia in the evening.

4 Carl hauled home cord wood from the south forty, etc. Sture and Axel cut cord wood, and I made grafts all day. Hjortson was here and looked over the seed wheat. Per Daniel was here and shelled corn.

5 The boys cut cord wood, and I made the last apple grafts.

6 The boys cut cord wood, and I did various little things.

7 The boys cut cord wood. Carl went after Mrs. Sunderman so he and Emma can have music lessons. I did various things.

8 Sunday The children went to Carl Swan in Götaholm for a visit.

9 The boys cut cord wood. I did various things. Among others I selected a variety of apple seeds and put them out to freeze.

10 The boys cut cord wood. In the morning I voted in the town election, and then I did various things. Today we took 'Daisy' for the first time to Reitz' bull.

11 The boys cut cord wood. I repaired gloves, etc.

12 The boys cut cord wood. I repaired gloves, etc. In the morning I butchered a ewe.

13 Axel and Carl cut cord wood. Sture went to Poppler's house and had some corn ground. I repaired gloves, etc. Last night the, that I bought from B. Nilson, farrowed.

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14 In the morning Sture and Carl went to Waconia and hauled a thousand feet of lumber from the depot to Kugler's place. Axel cut cord wood. After dinner the boys did nothing as it was storming. Carl and Emma had their lessons from Mrs. Sunderman. I repaired gloves.

15 Sunday

16 Per Danid helped us to butcher four one year old pigs and three sheep.

17 I cut up the pork and salted it. After dinner Axel cut cord wood. Last night two men from Minneapolis stayed here. They had many mules with them that they intend to ship West.

18 Axel and I went to Minneapolis with pork and mutton.

19 A little after sundown we came home from Minneapolis. The roads were heavy traveling and in places almost impossible to get over. Sture and Carl have not been well these days.

20 Sture is hauling boards from the mill over to Nilson's house, and the others did nothing as it is snowing. I wrote all day.

21 The boys hauled home the small haystack from the south field and took the music teacher back and forth, cut cord wood and hauled home a load of boards from the mill. I went to the business meeting in Scandia when we decided to call the student, Larson, to preach for us every other Sunday for six months,

22 Sunday

23 Sture and Axel cut down, hewed and dovetailed foot logs for the stables by the church. Carl hauled home two loads of lumber from Hagbeck's mill in Waconia. I did various things.

24 Sture and Axel cut fire wood, and Carl hauled a load of strips from Hagbeck's mill in Waconia and one load of pine boards from Kugler's place. I made one dozen apple grafts.

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25 Sture and Axel chopped firewood, and Carl hauled home the last of the pine boards from Kugler's place together with the ground oats. I was not very well. In the afternoon the boys piled the boards and went after the last of the hay. I did various things.

26 Sture and I went to Peter Magnus auction in Scandia. Axel and Carl hauled home cord wood and piled it by the barn. In the evening Mr. Power from Chanhassen came here and stayed over night. He had been down in Sibley County and bought a pair of horses.

27 Axel and Carl hauled home cord wood. Sture nailed the corner pieces on the work shop. In the afternoon I was in the school as the school master, Bishop, had examinations.

28 Sture drove the schoolmaster, Bishop, to Excelsior. Axel and Carl cut cord wood from the oak tree tops on the south field. I went first to Waconia, and then I made shelves in the work shop.

29 Sunday

30 The boys hauled and chopped cord and fire wood. I did various things.

31 The boys chopped fire wood. Sture did various things, and so did I.

April

1 First Sture went to Waconia, and then he greased the harness. The other boys cut cord wood, and I did various things.

2 Sture filed the saws and greased harness. The other boys cut cord wood, and I did various jobs.

3 Sture and Carl painted the roof on the house, and I made stakes to set by the apple and pear grafts.

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4 The boys did various things. They went twice to Hjortson, once to get Mrs. Sunderman and once to take her back. They went to Waconia, finished painting the roof and cut cord wood. I did various little things.

5 Sunday

6 Sture and Frank tapped the maples. Axel and Carl hauled away the old fence between Peterman and us and hauled out cord wood from the forest. I did various things. Today the large sow farrowed. She has a litter of nine pigs. Andrew P. Peterson from Carver was here, and I subscribed for his paper "Svenska Amerikanska Posten". Last night we had a little rain, but on the whole it is far too dry.

7 Today is windy and cold. The boys cut cord and fire wood. I did various things.

8 The boys did various things. Hauled slabs from the woods and oak stumps from the new part of the south field. I did various things, but I am not well. Last night we had a hard freeze. It is very dry. We are hoping for rain, but we have had nothing to mention so far.

9 Carl sowed oats straight across the south field. It was 4 3/4 acres sowed with 8 3/4 bushels oats. In the forenoon Axel burned oak brush on the other side of the track. After dinner Axel and Frank carried sap. Sture went to Minneapolis to get work. I did nothing as I am not well. We took 'Fröken' to Reitz' bull.

10 We began to make maple syrup, and some of us carried sap. Carl sowed oats in the north orchard and on the place where we have the stacks, 3/4 acre sown with 1½ bushel. I got the sap evaporation going and did various other things. Yesterday we gathered 90 pails and today 104 pails of sap. It rained and snowed a bit today..

11 The boys chopped fire wood, gathered sap, hauled stumps, etc. In the afternoon we had a special meeting of the school board in regards to some necessary repairs of the school house. We made 10 gal. syrup today. In the evening the children went to Brobergs for a feast. Sture came home from Minneapolsi and Charles Norman was with him. They too went to Brobergs, and they stayed all night.

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12 Sunday Larson, the student, was here today and preached.

13 Last night it froze hard. In the morning the boys cut cord wood. In the afternoon Carl harrowed in the oats. The others gathered 150 pails of maple sap. I did various little things.

14 Axel and Frank gathered sap and burnt brush. We made 12 gal. syrup today. In the afternoon Sture and Charles Norman went to Waconia. Hjortson was here after seed wheat. It is a beautiful day. Carl started the wheat sowing. On the homefield we sowed one bushel of Saskatchewan wheat and one peck of our own seed wheat. The square piece, 1 3/4 acre, was sown with 2 3/4 bushels, then he began to sow the large piece. I did various things.

15 Carl sowed the 2 3/4 acre with wheat at the rate of 1 1/4 bushel to the acre, then he started sowing by the barn. Frank and Axel did various things. We made some syrup, but the maple sap is not running very good. It is beautiful weather. I did various things. Hjortson got the rest of his seed wheat. Hultmeier also got seed wheat.

16 Carl sowed the field by the barn. It is 5 acres sowed with 1 1/4 bu. to the acre, maybe a little more. Axel and Frank chopped cord wood. Sture painted the work shop. I did various things among others, I planted apple seed by the work shop.

17 Carl sowed the west piece of the south field, 5 acres, with 6¼ bushels wheat. Axel and Frank cut cord wood. In the afternoon Axel took Sture and Charles Norman to Waconia where they entered the train for Minneapolis. I worked in the orchard and did some other things.

18 In the mornign Carl sowed on the field by Peterman, 2 3/4 acres, 3 1/4 bushels of wheat. Axel and Frank gathered maple sap and did various other things. I went to Waconia and cashed the money order I received from Hjortson for the seed wheat. In the afternoon Carl harrowed and then went to Brobergs after the school teacher, Miss Weego, as she is to board with us. Axel and Frank grubbed up turf, and I did various things.

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19 Sunday

20 Today it rained all day. The boys did various things and made some syrup. After dinner I had a spell of heart palpitation so I had to go to bed.

21 It is raining. Carl went to Waconia, and he found that the apple trees from Prof. Budd in Iowa had arrived, so he took them home, and after dinner Frank and I heeled them in. Carl harrowed a field on the other side of the track, and Axel grubbed the strip where the fence had been. The wind blew hard today.

22 Carl sowed on the other side of the track, 6 acres with 7½ bushels wheat. Axel grubbed. Frank and I took up the apple trees I heeled in last fall, then we pruned the raspberry bushes.

23 In the forenoon Carl sowed the new piece on the other side of the track, 2½ acres, with 3 bushels wheat. Altogether this year we have sown 27 acres with 34½ bushels wheat. Axel, Frank and I did several things. Mamma cooked soap. This year we made 30 gallons syrup.

24 Carl harrowed in wheat. Axel and Frank raked the straw from the strawberry beds and grubbed out sod by the granary. After dinner Carl began to roll the grain fields. Axel and Frank painted the roof of the work-shop. I washed the Russian apple trees with soap suds.

25 Carl rolled grain fields, plowed for the cabbage beds. Axel and Frank did various things. I bundled apple trees to send to my brother-in-law, Nils Larson, etc.

26 Sunday At 3 o'clock today Elsa left to go to Kjell's place and tomorrow she will continue on to Litchfield. She went in order to see her sister, Elizabeth. I sent the apple trees for our brother-in-law with her.

27 We had an inch of snow last night, and today it is sleeting. Axel and Frank fanned the wheat, and I wrote my brother-in-law, Johannes, in Granite Falls and a report to S. D. Hillman, the secretary of the Horticultural Society. Carl returned from Delano at 5 o'clock. It was a hard trip.

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25 We got an inch of snow again last night, and it froze hard. In the morning the boys cut cord wood. In the afternoon they uncovered the grape vines and also dug up some quack grass. I did various things. The 25th we took the black heifer to Reitz' bull.

29 The boys dug quack grass and washed apple trees with soap suds. Carl rolled the oats, and I tied up grape vines.

30 Carl rolled all day. Axel and Frank dug up quack grass, etc. I tied up the grape vines, etc.

May

1 Carl finished rolling the wheat and plowed some in the garden. Axel and Frank dug up quack grass. I planted red onions and did various things in the garden. In the afternoon Hjortson came after apple trees. In the evening K. F. Kallberg from Minneapolis and Larson, the student from St. Paul, came here.

2 In the morning I went with Kellberg to Waconia and helped him to get his note renewed at the bank, then I had the two horses shod. The boys dug quack grass. In the afternoon Carl harrowed in the orchard while Axel and Carl continued eradicating the quack grass. I did various things in the orchard. Frank Kellberg went to Minneapolis.

3 Sunday

4 Axel and Frank dug quack grass, and Carl harrowed and then plowed the garden. We planted some potatoes. This afternoon Charles Norman and Widmark, a photographer, came to take pictures of my buildings so we were hindered in our work for the rest of the day.

5 Carl first went to Waconia, and then he plowed the field by the cabin. Axel and Frank dug quack grass all day. I did various jobs. It is stormy and cold.

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6 Axel and Carl dug quackgrass and then made holes for the apple trees. I went to Andrew Schrans and ordered some timothy, then planted some trees. Carl drove over to Kjell's place to meet Mamma when she arrived in Delano. It is cold and sleeting.

7 Last night it froze half inch thick ice on the water. It is still cold, and it is snowing every once in a while. Soon after dinner Mamma and Carl arrived from Delano.

8 Cold and stormy with snow. In the morning Widmark took a picture of the house from the southeast and then a picture of the whole family. Around noon he went to Victoria and from there to Minneapolis. After dinner Per Daniel and I went to Swanberg's and Broberg's homes and inspected their buildings for fire risks. Because of the inclement weather the boys did no work. Yesterday Frank Lundsten took a couple of my steers to Renville County and put them out in the pasture there for the summer. Axel went along as far as Waconia.

9 In the morning Carl and Charles Norman hauled home two loads of hay from A. Schran's place. After dinner Carl plowed for corn on the hill in the south field. Axel and Frank dug quack grass, and I planted apple trees. J. Broberg bought some raspberry bushes and six Wealthy apple trees from me.

10 Sunday Larson preached.

11 Carl plowed for corn, and I set out apple trees all day. Axel and Frank dug the holes for the trees, burnt off the swamp meadows and then helped me to set out raspberry plants. Charles Norman left us today.

12 Carl harrowed and rolled the field for corn on the hillside on the south meadow. I set out apple trees. Axel and Frank dug the holes and then dug out quack grass. It is beautiful weather, but too dry; we need rain badly.

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13 Carl plowed and rolled the homefield for corn. Axel dug holes for trees and did various other things. I planted the Russian apple trees I received from Prof. Budd in Iowa. The women folks sheared the sheep, and Frank helped them. It is perfect weather except it is too dry.

14 Carl and Frank marked for and planted corn on the south field hill. Axel dug holes for, and I set out apple trees. In the evening the mare foaled. It was a male colt sired by the full-blooded Norman stallion.

15 Carl and Frank marked the home field for corn, and after dinner Frank and Axel planted it while Carl plowed for sorghum south of the orchard. I planted apple trees.

16 Carl and Frank planted sorghum and field corn by the old wagon shed, and then they planted sugar peas. I set out plum trees and grape vines down in the orchard, and Axel dug the holes for me. The colt is sick. I am afraid he will die.

17 Sunday The colt died last night. Today the Germans borrowed our church for their meeting when they also had baptismal service. In the evening we buried Andrew Broberg's son. It has rained most of the day. This evening 'Nancy' calved.

18 Jons Nilson and Lundsten were here, and we wrote a letter to the conference that is to be held in Houston. I also wrote a report of the fire risk inspection, and sent it to the secretary, J. Ahlen. The boys plowed, harrowed, rolled, and hoed in the south orchard, and after dinner they plowed and rolled the north orchard and by the grape vines while I planted apple trees and grape vines.

19 We first planted potatoes in the north orchard, then scoted the chimneys in the house, plowed for squash, hoed the garden and set out the pear grafts. Mrs. Lundsten, together with Mrs. Edgren from St. Paul, were here for a visit.

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May 1885

20 Today we had several showers. In the morning Ida, Carl, Frank and I went to Waconia and bought shoes and overalls. After dinner Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Frank went to Hjortson with the apple grafts I had made for him. I set out grafts, and Axel hoed the garden.

21 Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia while Axel and Frank fanned wheat and then planted squash. I set out grafts all day.

22 The boys did various things, plowed, planted potatoes and melons, hauled manure, etc., and I planted grafts. Widmark came with the pictures of my buildings. Ahlen from West Union was here today and insured my new barn and the workshop, etc.

23 The boys plowed, rolled and then planted sugar beets, carrots, beets, etc. I planted apple grafts.

24 Sunday

25 In the morning Carl went to Waconia and had the mare shod, and he also took grist to the mill. Axel and Frank dug holes for grafts and then hoed the garden. I planted grafts. After dinner Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Axel hoed and I planted grafts. In the evening Axel and Carl took a couple of calves over to Birrel Nilson's place. They are to be pastured there.

26 The boys repaired the fence around the pasture on the south forty. I top-grafted with the cions I received from Sweden.

27 The boys did various jobs. Carl went after the grist. I top-grafted plum trees. Today we took the cattle to the pasture on the south forty.

28 Elsa and I went to Minneapolis with a load of wheat and wool, but the wheat we could not sell there so sold that in Excelsior on the way home.

29 We returned from Minneapolis. We stayed with Frank Kjellberg's folks over night. The boys have done various things and have started to grub.

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May 1885

30 I top-grafted apple trees. Axel and Frank grubbed, etc. Miss Mego, Emma and Carl went to Chaska. Carl paid the tax. The assessor, Lanbreck, was here today.

31 Sunday The Young People went with the student, Larson, to a union meeting in the Covenant Church in Watertown.

June

1 Axel and I began to build the stables at the church in Scandia and built a wire fence on the east side of the church. Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and sorghum.

2 Carl and I worked on the horse shed. Axel and Frank hoed the garden, etc.

3 Axel, Carl and I worked on the horse shed by the church. In the evening Hans Ring's son, Albert, and Hanna Okerson from Grove City came here to us.

4 In the morning I and Axel went to Waconia, and I paid Kugler for 1000 ft. of boards and 10 studdings. Carl cleaned off and raked the yard by the church. After dinner the boys cultivated the corn and hoed it also sorghum, etc. I did various things.

5 and 6 We had a district meeting in Scandia. The visiting ministers were Olson from Lake Elizabeth, Hall from Willmar and Larson, our student pastor, besides Prof. Edgren. Prof. Edgren and his family are staying with Lundsten for a few weeks.

7 Sunday The district meeting continued through today. An American Baptist minister from Granite Falls by name of Julian was also here.

8 Today we broke the strip of sod between Peterman's and my land, and we will put up a wire fence there later. In the afternoon we cultivated the corn and broke a small piece on the other side of the track. I did various little things.

9 Axel and Frank cultivated the corn and then hoed the sorghum. Carl plowed for millet. At noon Aunt Elizabeth from Portland, Oregon, John Johnson and his wife and Aunt Bengta from Litchfield came for a visit.

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10 The boys hoed sorghum, squash, etc. I sowed millet, etc. Charles Norman and John Johnson went fishing.

11 The folks from Litchfield and Aunt Elizabeth, together with Elsa and I went down to Chaska and Carver for a pleasure trip and to let our visitors see our county. Axel, Carl and the horses worked on the road. Frank and Charles Norman hoed corn.

12 In the morning it rained. At noon the folks from Litchfield, taking Aunt Elizabeth along, left for home. Carl worked on the road. In the afternoon the other boys hoed corn. Yesterday the summer school ended so Miss Weego left for home today.

13 The boys plowed and cultivated the orchard and some hoed. We planted the white cabbage and tomato plants today. I did various things. Simpson from Excelsior bought two calves, three sheep and some chicks from us.

14 Sunday Prof. Edgren preached.

15 Charles Norman and I took the calves and sheep, that Simpson bought from me last week, over to his house today. The boys hoed corn.

16 The boys hoed the sugar beets, and I hoed the apple grafts. Charles Norman and Mamma went to Waconia. Last night it rained much.

17 The boys hoed the sugar beets and potatoes, etc., and I hoed the grafts. In the evening we had a prayer meeting in Scandia.

18 We cut the hay on the small meadow and on the highway, cultivated the corn, hoed in the orchard, etc.

19 Today the life insurance agent from Galesburg, Ill., came, and Elsa took out an insurance for $2,000.00. The boys hoed odds and ends of things and cultivated, then at noon we had a hard rain. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, Johannes, and a report to the horticultural meeting in Minneapolis, and then I pruned trees.

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June 1885

20 Carl took the mare to the full-blooded stallion in Chaska, but she would not take him. Ida and Charles Norman went along to Chaska. Axel and Frank hoed the garden and cultivated the corn. I pruned apple trees and grape vines.

21 Sunday

22 The boys cut hay and mowed some in the orchard by the pig pen and along the creek, then they cultivated the potatoes and hauled in the hay from the small meadow and along the highway. I trained up the grape vines. Today 'Nancy' was with Reitz' bull.

23 Charles Norman and I went to Leenthrop in Chippewa County. We took the train at Augusta and left it at Granite Falls.

24, 25, 26 and 27

28 Sunday

29 We returned home from Leenthrop. The boys had done various things while I was away. The 27th Carl went to the full-blooded stallion in Chaska with the mare, and she took him. Today we took 'Betty' to the bull.

30 The boys cut hay and mowed. I pruned grape vines.

July

1 In the morning Carl and I went to Waconia and bought a hay rake. The other boys mowed on the south west meadow. After dinner we cocked hay. Charles Norman went to Augusta and met Christine Anderson, my niece.

2 We hauled in hay from the south meadow. Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. In the evening I had a bad spell with my heart.

3 Today Carl hauled two loads of hay to Waconia while we bunched and hauled in hay. In the morning Axel helped at the barn raising at Birrel Nilson's place.

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July 1885

4 This is a holiday, and we celebrated it in Scandia. Prof. Edgren spoke. Mix and his family from Waconia were also there.

5 Sunday Today we had baptismal service. Our Emma, Gottfrid Swenson, Theodore and Anna Broberg were baptized.

6 The boys mowed and cut hay and then hoed. In the afternoon Mamma, Sture and I went to Waconia where Sture took the train for Minneapolis.

7 The boys mowed, cut, bunched and cocked hay and then cultivated the corn. I did nothing as Prof. Edgren and his family were here.

8 The boys cultivated the corn, mowed and hauled in hay. Yesterday afternoon and last night we had some rain. I sowed turnip seed on the other side of the track.

9 Mowed, bunched and hauled in hay and cultivated corn. I did various things.

10 In the morning Axel and Frank worked at the haying, and I went to the hotel at Lake Park and sold raspberries. After dinner we hauled in hay. Carl helped with the shingling of Birrel Nilson's barn.

11 In the morning I went to Waconia, and Axel took the mare to the stallion in Chaska, but she would not take him. Charles and Frank plowed in the corn, and then we hauled in hay.

12 Sunday

13 The boys mowed timothy, bunched and hauled in hay. I pruned and trimmed grape vines, etc.

14 Worked at the haying and hoed corn. I pruned grape vines.

15 Cut and mowed hay by the island then bunched and hauled in hay. Mrs. Stoughton and Hillman were here.

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16 Frank and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod, then we hauled in hay. We had a big storm.

17 Cultivated corn, hauled fence stakes, repaired fendes and hauled in hay. The Brunius family were here visiting.

18 Ida, Charles Norman and I went to Chaska and Carver. I took the breaking plow to the factory in Carver to have it repaired. We stopped and visited with Brunius, then I took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take him. Mamma says she is sure that I need not take the mare there any more as she is sure she is pregnant.

19 Sunday

20 This morning Mamma, Frank and Charles Norman went to Minneapolis. In the morning we cultivated and weeded the garden, and then we repaired the old fences. Mrs. Strandberg left us today.

21 Cocked the hay on the small meadow in the south field, repaired fences, hoed the garden, etc. In the evening the folks and Sture returned from Minneapolis.

22 The boys stacked the hay on the small meadow and grubbed out willow bushes in that meadow. I went to Carver and got the breaking plow. Emma was along, and she had a visit with Brunius' folks, then I bought a half fare ticket for my niece, Christine, John Anderson's girl. Mr. and Mrs. Stoughton and Ida Weego were here for a visit. In the evening Christine Anderson left us to visit at Per Daniel's home. Tomorrow she leaves for Granite Falls.

23 The boys broke the small meadow in the south field. It is very sultry, storm-brewing weather. I put new teeth in the sickle of the Woods reaper.

24 In the morning I went to the Waconia mill with grist. Mrs. F.O. Nilson from Houston and her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. Nilson from Spring Garden rode with me home. They are here to visit and greet old friends and renew their memories of dear old Scandia. It is now 25 years since F. O. Nilson moved away from here. The boys have hoed the garden, and Sture tongued and grooved boards today.

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July 1885

25 The boys finished breaking the meadow on the south field, and then they hoed in the orchard. Sture tongued and grooved boards. I did various things. Took 'Maggy' to Peterman's bull.

26 Sunday Frank Peterson and an Olson from Minneapolis were here visiting so Peterson preached.

27 The boys reaped all the oats, but we did not tie the bundles, then we picked the shoots from the sorghum. Mr. and Mrs. Brunius visited us.

28 The very hot, sultry, storm brewing weather continues. We have heavy soaking rains also but no change in the weather. Today we did various small jobs. Mrs. F.O. Nilson and Mrs. S. C. Nilson and Frank Peterson are here. I wrote a letter to A. J. Drothzen.

29 Today Mrs. F. O. Nilson and Mrs. Christian Nilson went to Broberg's place. Mamma drove them over there. Tonight they are leaving for Minneapolis. Today we reaped the Saskatchewan wheat on the home field, west of the creek, and then reaped on the other wheat. The storm brewing, hot, muggy weather continues.

30 We reaped a little more wheat, but it is so terribly hot, and there is so much electricity in the air, it is impossible to work. Sture tied wheat for Lundsten. After dinner it poured.

31 We reaped the wheat on the field by the barn and on the field by the highway. Sture worked for Lundsten. The hot muggy weather continues.

August

1 First we turned the oats that has been lying cut and untied in the rain, then we reaped on the south field. Charles Norman has helped us for four days to tie wheat bundles between the rain showers. Sture tied bundles for Lundsten.

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2 Sunday

3 The boys, even Sture, and the girls tied the oat bundles today. It has rained so much ever since it was cut that we have not had a chance to tie it until today. I am not well, so I was cupped today.

4 The boys and girls have reaped and tied wheat today. I could not do anything.

5 Sture is driving.- Peterman's reaper for him using our horse 'Frank'. We finished reaping the wheat on the other side of the track, and I was well enough so I could drive the reaper. Peterman's hired man helped us to tie the wheat.

6 This morning at 4 o'clock Sture and Charles Norman left for Litchfield to work during harvest. Carl took them over to Delano. Axel and Frank fixed up the stack bottoms and moved the fence. After Carl came back they hauledaway the straw. I am not well.

7 Stacked the oats and then three loads of the wheat. Andrew Peterson from Minneapolis is here. He is John A. Peterson's brother.

8 Last night we had much rain. This morning I went to Waconia and had 'Rock' shod with round shoes. We did various things.

9 Sunday

10 Stacked wheat all day.

11 Rain showers all day. Carl plowed in the orchard and on the west side of the south field. This is only a preparatory plowing as it is to be plowed again. Axel and Frank hoed, and I did various things.

12 In the morning Carl plowed. The others and I hoed in the garden. Mamma went to Waconia to get the mail and to mail the letter, that I had written to Norberg in Granite Falls. After dinner we stacked wheat.

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August 1885

13 We stacked wheat all day, but along in the afternoon I became so sick I could not help. Yesterday we took 'Maggy' to Peterman's bull for the second time. Late tonight 'Molly' calved.

14 We stacked wheat, but I could not do anything except to instruct the boys how it was done.

15 Finished stacking the wheat. It is perfect weather.

16 Sunday

17 Carl plowed then mowed the Hungarian grass (millet). The other boys and I hoed. I sent a letter to Schreiner in Hector.

18 Carl plowed then mowed. The other boys hoed and cut hay. I hoed and then did various things. John Sandin bought 'Molly' today.

19 In the morning Carl plowed, and the other boys did various things. In the afternoon Carl plowed some then mowed on the west meadow. Axel and Frank threshed for Peter Magnus. I did various things. Gideon's son from Excelsior bought three sheep from us today.

20 Axel and Frank threshed for Peter Magnus in Scandia. Carl threshed for Sieman from 10 until dark. John Sandin took home the cow he had bought. I did various things. After dinner I went to Waconia and sold two bushels of apples and then had the shoes fixed on the horses.

21 In the morning Carl plowed on the field by the barn, and Axel threshed for Sieman. In the afternoon we bunched and hauled home the Hungarian milch. It made three large loads, then we cocked the clover along the creek.

22 Axel and Frank threshed for Birrel Nilson during the forenoon, and Carl plowed, then we bunched and hauled in hay and clover.

23 Sunday

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24 Carl plowed. Axel, Frank and I set fence posts in the line between Peterman's and my land. After dinner Axel took sick. Bast and his son from Excelsior were here in the afternoon and looked over the Russian apple trees.

25 Axel, Frank and I nailed the strips to the fence post on the wire fence we are building between Peterman and me. Carl mowed the second crop of hay and plowed on the other side of the track, however, it is so dry that one can hardly plow. The nights are very cool.

26 This morning Axel, Frank and I built the fence, and Carl plowed. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure, and I hauled weeds away from the orchard.

27 The boys hauled manure, and I pruned raspberry bushes. The latter part of the afternoon it rained.

28 The boys hauled manure, and I pruned back the raspberry bushes. Ida and Emma went to Jons Nilson for a feast.

29 Elsa and I went to Carver and sold butter, pork and lard, and then we bought groceries. I bought a Krouse plow at the factory. Axel and Frank fished and then did various things.

30 Sunday

31 In the morning Carl plowed. The boys hoed, and I did various things. In the afternoon we bunched and hauled in hay.

September

1 The boys hauled manure, and I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and then to Lindfelts after communion wine.

2 Carl plowed. Axel and Frank did various things and sawed wood for the threshing machine. In the morning I butchered a wether, and in the afternoon I visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mix who were here.

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September 1885

3 Axel and Frank threshed for Lundsten. Carl plowed. I did various things and among other things, picked out seed corn.

4 Andrew Broberg threshed for us. We finished the stacks near the house. The grain was 416 bu. wheat of which 27 bu. were Saskatchewan wheat. The oats were 343 bushels.

5 We threshed the other stacks. It was 266 bushels. Altogether it was 682 bushels wheat, but we got almost 12 bushels of screenings. We were through at 11:30. The whole harvest was 1025 bushels, wheat 682 bu. from 27 acres, i.e., 25¼ bu. an acre, oats 343 bu. from 5½ acres sown with 10 1/4 bu., 62 bu. an acre.

6 Sunday Larson preached, and we also had communion.

7 Ida, Axel and Emma cut corn while Carl and Frank threshed for Nicholas Swenson. I wrote letters to John Anderson in Granite Falls, to Sture in Litchfield and to Drothzen in Aberdeen, etc.

8 It rained all day so we did no work.

9 In the morning Carl plowed, but Axel was not well, however, after dinner he helped Ida and Emma to cut corn. Carl and Frank threshed for Freed. I was cupped today as I had a hard backache.

10 Carl and Frank finished threshing for Freed, then they treshed for Bradhouse, and in the evening they threshed for Per Daniel. Ida and Emma cut corn. I made latches for two of the cellar windows. The 9th I sent the three letters to Granite Falls, Litchfield and to Aberdeen.

11 Carl and Frank threshed for Per Daniel, but several rain showers made the threshing difficult. Axel did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia.

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12 Carl plowed the new-broken land on the other side of the track. Axel and Frank finished cutting the corn after which they did various things. I pruned back the raspberry bushes and did various other small jobs. Today I came to an agreement with Oscar Lundsten that he should sell my steers for me in Hector. Last night we had a lot of rain.

13 Sunday Joseph Peterson from Lincoln, Blue Earth County, together with his wife, stopped over here on their way home from the state fair in Minneapolis.

14 Carl finished plowing the newly broken field on the other side of the track. Axel and the girls stripped the sorghum. I went to Waconia and had the screws on the cane mill repaired. After dinner Frank threshed for Broberg. Axel and Carl cut the sorghum canes and hauled them home. I repaired the cane mill.

15 Carl plowed. Axel threshed for Jons Nilson. Frank for Broberg. The girls stripped the sorghum canes, and I first worked on the cane mill and then wrapped in apples. It is beautiful weather.

16 In the morning Carl plowed while Mamma, Emma and Frank cut sorghum. I have done various fixing around the syrup camp.

17 Today we began to make molasses. Mamma, Frank and Carl worked with the molasses, and Axel first piled the rails that were taken from the fence by the track last summer while I did various things. It is perfect weather.

18 Mamma, Carl and Frank made molasses. Axel dug potatoes, and I built a new well curb. The weather is clear and warm.

19 It is raining. The boys did various things in between the showers. Axel went to Waconia. I finished the well curb, and Carl did some plowing.

20 Sunday Larson preached his farewell sermon today.

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21 Mamma, Carl and Frank finished making molasses, then Carl hauled lumber for Andrew Broberg from the depot to his new house. Axel and Frank dug potatoes, and I packed apples. In the afternoon I and the school board inspected Frank Lundsten's work on the new school house. Mrs. Strandberg is here visiting.

22 Carl plowed on the south field. Axel threshed for Peterman. Frak and I did various things. Mamma is helping Mrs. Andrew Broberg to quilt.

23 Carl plowed. Axel threshed for Peterman. Frank dug potatoes, and I did various things.

24 Carl plowed. Frank dug potatoes. Axel first threshed for Peterman, and then he helped Frank dig potatoes. I fixed up the chicken house, and then I went to Waconia and had the horse shod.

25 Carl plowed. Axel and Frank dug potatoes. Mamma and I prepared grapes and apples for exhibition at the Chaska fair tomorrow.

26 Mamma and I, together with Axel, Carl, Frank and Emma, went to the fair in Chaska. It is wonderful weather.

27 Sunday

28 Axel and I put up a fence on the line between Nicholas' and my land. Carl is plowing for the second time on the south field. Frank and the women folks dug potatoes.

29 Axel and I finished the fence we started yesterday. Carl plowed. Frank and Emma dug up potatoes, and Mamma took in the grapes.

30 Carl finished the second plowing and then harrowed. Axel and Frank dug potatoes. Emma and I wrote letters to Patton in Iowa, Pearce in Minneapolis and Luedloff.

October

1 Carl plowed. Axel, Frank and Emma dug potatoes. I went to the Waconia mill with grist, and then I sent a box of apples and cions to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. I sent two of each of the following varieties of apples; Hibernal, Lisby, Astrokoff Glas and Charlamoff and 4 cions of each of the 3 first varieties, then I mailed letters to Luedloff and to Pearce in Minneapolis.

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October 1885

2 Carl worked with the second plowing. Axel dug the last potatoes, and then he husked corn. Frank threshed for Reitz, and I fixed the fence by the pig pen. It is beautiful weather just a little cooler. Mrs. Strandberg is here today.

3 Carl plowed. Axel husked corn. Frank threshed until 3:30 for Reitx, and I fixed the fence by the pig pen and put in the ceiling in the pig pen.

4 Sunday J. Erikson from Minneapolis preached. Today it is freezing cold. The ice froze as thick as window glass on the water,,and just a week ago we had a steady temperature of 85° to 90°.

5 The boys dug and carried in the sugar beets and took in the squash. Emma helped me to write letters to Philip in West Salem, Wisconsin, Knutson in Springfield, Minnesota. Ahlstroms from Minneapolis is here on a visit. Last night it snowed enough to cover the ground.

6 Mamma, Frank and I went to Chaska and Carver. The other boys husked corn. Ahlstroms went home today. Today it thawed.

7 Axel, Frank and the girls husked corn, and Carl plowed, then they hauled home corn fodder. In the morning I butchered a wether, and after dinner I went to Waconia and had 'Rock' shod.

8 In the morning Axel, Frank and the girls husked corn, and Carl plowed, then after dinner Carl and Frank hauled home the turnips while the others husked corn. I did various things. Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson from Minneapolis came here on a visit today.

9 Axel husked corn. Frank and Carl put up the stove at the church, and then Carl went to Waconia after a load of lime, then he hauled home sand and later he plowed. Mamma and I pressed the grapes for wine.

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10 Carl plowed down below the apple orchard while the others husked corn, and I did various things.

11 Sunday John Erikson from Minneapolis preached.

12 Last night and today it is cold and rainy.

13 Today we have beautiful weather. Axel and Carl husked corn. Frank and I dug up apple trees and planted walnuts.

14 Mamma and I went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, John Anderson, and his wife, who came from Red Wing to make us a visit. I did various little things. The boys husked corn, and Carl also did some harrowing.

15 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the mare shod, and then I did various things. The boys husked corn and hauled home corn fodder. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia when my brother-in-law, John Anderson, preached.

16 The boys husked the corn on the other side of the track, and I did various little things. Ericksons, Andersons and Elsa are visiting over at Lundsten's house.

17 My brother-in-law, John and my sister, 'Maja Stina' returned home to Granite Falls, and I went along with them. Carl drove us to Cologne.

18 Sunday I went to the meeting in Leenthrop.

19 My brother-in-law, Johannes, and I went out to Norberg's place and inspected the farm I'm intending to buy.

20 My brother-in-law, Johannes, and I went to Montevido and found out if there was any mortgage against the property, and if the taxes were all paid. Everything was in order and up to date. During these days the boys have husked corn and hauled the corn fodder, carried the potatoes into the cellar, as well as the carrots and have harrowed.

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21 Left Leenthrop for home arriving at Augusta seven o'clock in the evening. From there I walked home, getting home at 9 o'clock.

22 The boys hauled corn fodder and plowed. Axel grubbed in the woods. I wrote to my brother-in-law, Johannes.

23 Butchered a wether and then worked in the orchard. Carl plowed. Axel grubbed and Frank did various things.

24 In the morning I went to Waconia and gave Mix $50.00 for him to give to Kjallberg. After dinner I planted ½ bu. of walnuts that Lnedloff had sent to me. Carl plowed. Axel grubbed and Frank hilled up around the apple trees. After dinner Axel and Frank, using one horse, cultivated around the apple trees.

25 Sunday

26 I pruned back the grapes; Carl plowed; Axel grubbed, and Frank hilled up around the apple trees.

27 In the morning Frank went to Waconia while Axel and Carl did various things. After dinner Carl drove over to Kjell's place. He is to meet Sture and Charles Norman in Delano. I pruned back grape vines all day. Frank hilled around the apple trees.

28 In the afternoon Carl, Sture and Charles Norman arrived from Delano. Charles and Sture had come from Litchfield. I pruned back grape vines. Frank did various things. It is still wonderful weather.

29 I pruned back grape vines. Axel and Frank heeled in the grape vines. Carl plowed the two orchards. Sture worked in the barns, and Charles Norman went to Eggleston.

30 Sture worked in the barns and the other boys cut fence poles, etc., in the woods. I did various things and went to Waconia after dinner. I received a letter from Parker in Iowa that he had sent the deed to the land I am buying from him. I also received an apple tree from Patten in Charles City, Iowa. Berggren came and stayed overnight.

31 Sture did various repair jobs. Axel and Frank worked in the woods and plowed the small march on the south field on the other side of the track. I did various things and also went over to the new school house to inspect the work that H. Lundsten has done.

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