





The Property of  
J<sup>m</sup> R. Brown of  
Neapolis, Red Stone  
Prairie St Croix Co.  
and Territory of Wisconsin  
Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1845

Oct, 25 Finished Harvesting &  
burying our Rutabagas and  
flat Turnips

Weather Remarkably warm  
and pleasant - Snowy &  
dry.

26th Sunday Snowy, dry,  
warm and pleasant

Davis went home this morning  
assisted us two days last  
week.

27 Warm & pleasant  
gathered up the pieces  
of sails & Bark around  
the pens today  
put up 2 barrels of ashes  
to leach

Sold one yoke of Steers  
2 years old to young Savicinas  
for \$36 also one pair of  
yearlings for \$16.

Hauled up Sand and lime  
for Daubing purposes,  
settled with & paid Hopkins  
and Fords Star Act,

Firm also settle with and  
paid Hopkins & Ford.

Bought 10 yds of Mariners  
Shirting of H. & F. paid  
16 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cents per yd.

28

Murtha made pot of Soap  
used 22 lbs Tallow in  
making it.

Charles & J. Danked the  
New House, Bridgette  
took his Prairie Plow  
away, Belland sent for  
his ox yoke,  
29<sup>th</sup>

Very warm rather  
cloudy, commenced dandey  
the old Kitchen,  
went just at night to  
burn around our hay  
stacks but the grass would  
not burn, looks very  
much like rain,

30

Warm & cloudy in the morn,  
at 1 o'clock commenced

raining & continued untill  
night. Lavisinia came  
for his cattle & I rode  
all over Creation in  
search of them & found  
them just at night.

L. stayed over night,  
Continued the daubing  
operation on the old Kitchen  
Martha made a pot of Hard  
Soap excellent,

36  
Went out after Breakfast  
to catch Lavisinias cattle  
caught 3 of them the 4th  
jumped the fence and  
cleared

Sold him one yearling  
of the Deer Stock in  
Lieu of one he bought  
the other day he payed  
\$ 11 for this one for  
the other he was to  
have paid \$ 8 Sold him  
Stor & Swans yoke for  
\$ 4.50

Continued daubing the alder  
Kitchen & the House  
Martha made a pot of  
Hard Soap.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Finished daubing Kitchen  
and Stable. commenced  
on House, castrated 4 Pigs

Martha made 2 kettles  
soup 3<sup>rd</sup> she had trouble  
with, would not thicken  
think salt was the cause

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Steamer Cecilia

arrived, I went up to  
Fort on foot

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today I arrived at  
home from Fort in  
the evening found

Harrison had arrived  
from Ohio

Tuesday 4

Harrison and I talked  
a great deal about Home

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Morning Frosty but  
Clear & pleasant  
Harrison & I walked out  
on Prairie he was well  
pleas'd with the country  
Jacob Faulstrom came  
over and stayed all night  
also Mr. Grigick stayed  
over night.

Monday 10  
Started early for St Paul  
Charley Harrison and  
myself to attend the  
trial between  
North Plaintiff and  
Faulstrom Def.

Case of Forceful entry  
and detainer I acting  
as council for F.

Jury could not agree  
trial again on 29<sup>th</sup>  
North commenced on  
action of Burglary  
against Faulstrom  
trial on 15<sup>th</sup>

Sold 1 Barrel onions  
to S. Robert for \$ 4.00  
also 32 heads Cabbage 2.00  
Started from St Paul at  
sunset Weather very  
moderate.

Kupassin W. T.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Very Moderate weather  
Charly & Harrison went  
Fishing boat horn &

Today the people begin to  
talk of openly resisting  
the administration of  
Justice by Henry Jackson  
of St. Paul. he seems to  
pay no regard whatever to  
the sanctity of Oaths or  
the obligation of his  
Office, so much so that  
the people talk of declaring  
that the in St Croix have  
None than no Law

Kupassin W. Y.

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Fishing brot home 9

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pay no regard whatever to  
the sanctity of Oaths or

Whence - undoubtedly  
Joseph R. Brown, not J. R.

that the in St Croix have  
None than us Luro

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Morning opens the day  
Clear and pleasant  
Charles Caviler E. H.  
Brown & Myself went  
out and measured off  
a half Claim or stepped  
off a half Claim for  
Caviler & Brown the  
same as which we have  
been improving.

Went to renew the lines  
around the Tarn Claim  
but Ford insisted on having  
20 acres which we agreed  
to give him and Hopkins.  
John W. Brown called to witness  
the Contract

Tuesday 12th

Rockwood brot, waggon  
home, & 3 bushels Corn

Harrison found a  
Claim which pleased him  
I bot, 6 yards of flannel  
for Harrison at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  per  
yard \$, 2, 25

Thursday 13th

Steam Boat Otter  
arrived, did not stop  
I walked up to Fort  
intended bringing Flour  
Sugar Molasses &c  
down but Capt.  
Mumford charged me  
so much I could not  
afford to pay freight

received the Mail,  
Walked down from  
Fort. E. A. Bissell  
paid note of \$9.96  
weather very warm.

Friday 14,

E. H. Brown marked  
off for himself a claim  
C. Caviler & myself  
witnessed the corners &  
lines, I went over  
to Esq. Norris but some  
corn went from there  
over to see Haskell  
was not at home he  
came over to Red Rock  
I came home in the

night found Haskell at  
my house.

Saturday 15-

Haskell & myself went  
up to Esq Jacksons to  
council Jacob Faulstrom  
worth Edward huming  
warranted him ~~for~~  
Burglary had not  
sufficient evidence  
to commit Faulstrom  
we have pretty strong proof  
that North perjured  
himself at the trial  
Jackson seemed to show  
worth great partiality  
by pleading his case &  
assisting him to give

in his testimony

Sunday 16

Haskell went home  
borrowed 1 barrel of  
Flour, Warm & pleasant

Monday 17

C. Coville & myself  
went to the Fort in  
a canoe, boat how  
our canoe loaded with  
Leather & Saddle, Sugar,  
Molasses, &c got home  
late at night,

Tuesday 18

did not feel well did  
not do much

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Went to drive down our  
cattle looked through  
the Bottom for them but  
found them not went  
down below Bricketts  
House on the Slough  
then found them,  
heard that Stottons  
cattle were destroying  
our hay, same news  
that John Miller is  
drowned,

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Culiver &  
Harrison went out  
to secure our hay

They found the cattle had  
destroyed considerable of  
it. Windy & quite cool  
has the appearance of  
Winter,

Friday 21

Harrison & I went to  
Fort down up 2 cows  
for steel started home  
just at sunset.

commence snowing about  
9 o'clock, snowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  an  
inch

Saturday 22

This morning looks wintry  
indeed pretty cold  
snowing quite fast  
first snow this Fall

after breakfast H. & I  
went down & piled the  
sails around N. B. 78's  
place. Snowed all day  
getting quite cold.

Sunday 23rd

Clear & still, somewhat  
more moderate than  
yesterday, Ice running  
quite thick.

Monday 24th

Quite cold river full  
of ice, Harris & I  
chopped & hauled 5 loads  
of fire wood wind from  
the south has the appearance  
of moderating. Wind changed  
about 10 o'clock tonight

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Wind in North quite cold  
Harrison & I hauled a  
load of hay so windy it  
was bad work.

River closed over about  
1 o'clock today,

after dinner H. & I  
Butchered a hog, at sunset  
Martha Harrison &  
Charley & myself went  
over to Mr Hottens &  
helped to eat a fine fat  
Roast goose, wind has  
fallen

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Wind in the north & pretty  
cold, Harrison & I killed  
our hog after which  
Charles Harrison & I killed  
a young heifer for Beef  
and of the same cattle  
that would not breed.  
After supper H & I cut  
up the Beef.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Wind in the North & very  
cold H & I ground up our  
axes considered it too  
cold to kill a Beef  
I loaned H. my large  
chopping axe during the  
winter

At about an o'clock  
today Harrison posted the  
Tip of his nose going  
from the Shop to Hopkins  
store.

Friday 28th

Very cold, Harrison  
Chopped some wood  
to haul, I went over  
to esquire Norris then  
met Haskell & returned  
home with him

Then first heard of  
Purinton's intention to  
sue upon Norris a writ  
of Injunction, I think  
he means to disturb Norris

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Haskell & myself called  
up to St Pauls to Council  
Jacob Faulstrom in suit  
of Forcible Entry & Detain-  
ment, against him by Edward  
North. This case was tried  
by a Jury of 12 men as  
the Law directs, & I  
believe had Justice Jackson  
not so mystified the subject  
& showed the grossest partiality  
by misconstruing the Law  
& overruling every motion  
made by the Defendant  
we should have got a verdict  
in favor of Faulstrom

In this case the Jury gave a  
Verdict for North Stating at  
the same time that they did  
not decide the Question as  
to who the property belonged  
to - a strange Verdict indeed  
as I think.

There appeared to be considerable  
excitement on the day of  
trial. about half of the  
Jury was from Still Water  
Haskell & I left immediately  
after the rendition of the  
Verdict.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Quite cold. I rode over  
to Norris with Huskell  
found that Purinton had  
secured a writ of Injunction  
on Norris he (N) seemed  
quite concerned at his  
present situation does not  
know what to do,

Saw Orange Walker  
of the Mouring Mills  
at Wm Norris House  
he does not understand  
the power of the Writ  
believes that the people  
should not suffer Norris  
to be crushed by so  
heartless a Villian as

Old Purinton is so say I  
& so says Haskell,

Monday 1st of Dec

I went from Huskells to  
Mr E. A. Bipeles stayed &  
took dinner with him bot,  
of him 8 bushels Barley  
at 75 per Bushel, he payed  
the cost in the suit that  
Robert Cummings brot,  
against him on the 8th  
of Nov. for 35 days work  
I returned to Bipele the  
state that he gave me for  
the and I was because  
I did not consider the form  
a good one, that is I thought  
the security was not holden

I left with him the form  
I wanted filled he  
promised to have it filled  
Haskell & I went down  
to L. Faulstrons house  
with Sept. Sheriff How  
to see that he did not  
disturb the Family in the  
absence of Mr F. How  
went there with the  
intention of leaving on  
any & all the property  
he could find, as he  
said, but after our  
showing him the Law  
exempting property to a certain  
amount he left without  
executing any property

I went home with Mr  
Haskell & spent a pleasant  
night as I had done the  
night before also,  
settled with Haskell & took his  
note for \$ 83.42 payable Dec. 1st 1846

Tuesday 2nd

I started from Haskell's  
about 10 o'clock came to  
Mr Middletons rested  
an hour, came on to  
Mr Hatties stayed and  
took dinner, found  
they highly disapprove of  
the course that old Purington  
is pursuing towards Harris  
I came on home found  
Block at the house he stayed  
over night

Wednesday 3rd

Blair & Charles started  
to Fort Snelling.

Harrison & I killed the  
small cow called Sheep  
She was not as fat as  
I expected, Wind South

Weather a little more  
Moderate, Bridgette came  
& took the steer that  
we sold to Louisian,   
Mail did not stop,

Mr Middleton paid me  
\$ 1.75 for a new Basket  
anxious that he bought of  
us some days since

Thursday 24th

Snowed about 2 inches  
last night. Fine day

Harrison & I hauled 1  
load of hay & loaded on another  
very large load but crossing  
the creek our sled upset  
& we left most of our hay.  
Blake & Charley returned  
from the Fort & brot,  
the mail our letter from  
home to Harrison from  
Robert, I paid over to  
Charley his part of the  
Money I Received of  
Middletown for the Orphans

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Harrison & I hauled in the  
balance of the hay we left  
yesterday & we hauled one  
load of Rails from  
Barber W. Kavanangh's  
place to build a pen  
around the old Leith  
House for our calves  
We commence putting up  
the fence.

This evening J. A. Ford  
came over for Harrison  
to go over & help him  
forge and shoe horse  
shoes. I borrowed one  
bushel of Corn of Hutton  
Weather very pleasant indeed

Saturday 6th

Since the trial between  
E. Worth & J. Falstrom  
Law of the Jury have I  
understand come to the  
conclusion that they erred  
in rendering the Verdict  
they did. They see now  
that they should have  
decided they right of  
Papists.

There is some considerable  
excitement in county in  
consequence of the course  
pursued by Perinton towards  
Jas. J. Norris the people talk  
of resisting it openly which  
I think would be right,

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Harrison & I finished making  
the fence around the  
Leith Stable & house  
Old Jarvisina, came &  
took his steers away he  
engaged an ox yoke at  
\$ 2 without Bows  
Harrison & I about 2 o'clock  
went down to Mr Moore  
Stayed & hung until 10  
o'clock at night then came  
home, Robertson seemed  
quite cool towards me  
I wished to borrow a Train  
for the purpose of going to  
the Fair but Mr Moore  
& has none of his own

Sunday 7th

More Moderate than it  
has been for 8 or 10 days  
past Cloudy all day

Monday 8th

Weather Moderate, South  
wind. Harrison commenced

cutting Rail Timber

I worked a little in the  
shop. Put up some shelves  
for Charley. Done some  
little Jobs about the  
house opened a Barrel  
of Flour. Talked with  
Charley about buying him out  
that is, his interest in the  
Firm did not come to any

definite conclusion I made  
him an offer of an hundred  
dollars for him share  
he took me up on condition  
that I would board him  
until the 6th of March  
next I think I will  
accede to his terms,

Tuesday 9th  
Quite moderate wind  
in the southwest,  
then sprang up a  
very high Northwest  
wind this morning  
about 9 o'clock;  
abated again at sunset &  
very cold

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Very cold untill about  
12 o'clock when it began  
to moderate, in the  
evening it was pleasant  
cloudy & has some the  
appearance of snow

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, Cloudy snowed  
a little, John McHattie  
stayed with us last  
evening, says Haskell will  
be here today with his  
sisters. Now is 10 o'clock  
and no Haskell yet so we  
shall give him up

Friday 12th

Wind from Southeast  
not very cold,

Toward evening very  
Mild, I commence  
making Mrs Davis a  
cigar.

Saturday 13th

Weather Very Mild  
what little snow  
we had has nearly  
all disappeared.

Harrison & I went out  
in the morning & hauled  
a load of hay Broke our  
sled, When we arrived  
at home found a party

of our Neighbors there  
a Wedding party consisting  
James G. Norris & Sophia  
Haskell to be married  
attended by Joseph Haskell  
Mrs Mary Davis & Clara  
Haskell they arrived at  
11 o'clock took dinner  
tarried until 5 in the  
evening took supper  
I married Norris & Sophia  
& they all went home  
Clara from the exposure  
to the cold & the warmth  
of the house after her arrival  
took the headache & did  
not enjoy the evening.  
we spent a pleasant evening

Sunday the 14th

Very warm, cloudy snow  
still melting.

yesterday it snowed quite  
fast from 10 in the morning  
until 3 in the afternoon  
but melted nearly as fast  
as it fell. Cleared away  
in the evening & the moon  
shone beautifully so that  
the wedding party had a  
beautiful evening to go  
home. This morning  
I discovered that 2 of  
my Turnip holes have  
commenced rotting & covered  
in they had on them 3 inches  
of snow & 4 of dirt and

a small chimney fixed in  
the Top with a flow of  
2 inches square these had  
been stoped up when the  
weather set in very cold  
but still the Rutabagas  
were too warm,

Last year I put an <sup>big</sup>  
Rutabagas about 8 or 10  
inches of dist & lost most  
of them in consequence of  
their being too warm this  
year I only put an 4 inches  
& still they are rotting  
this is astonishing to me  
for we have had very cold  
weather since Winter set  
in

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

This morning I mended  
the sled we broke on  
Saturday. Harrison & I  
opened those Turnip  
holes that had commenced  
~~rot~~ Rotting we found them  
badly Rotted, by the  
first hole was half  
gone,

Mr Prosser was here this  
morning going to

Fort Snelling I sent by  
him two letters to be  
mailed I also sent by  
him the Post Office Laws  
to Mr Steel he had borrowed  
them of me some time since

Tuesday 16

E. Brisette & I went out on the hills to look for his hogs which have been lost for several weeks. I found them on the hills Back of Harrison's Claim. Brisette & I followed them all day but could not get to them. In the evening Mr Meaders bro't down the mail and letters for Maize & Irwin.

Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Brisette & I went out &  
built a pen over his bags  
bed (we found where they  
stept) hoping at night  
we could slip up & shut  
the door at night & thus  
fasten them in so we made  
a pen & at night went down  
but only 3 of them were in  
we fastened those in intending  
to shoot the others & haul  
them home, next day  
his old black sow had  
pigs this evening

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Wind in the Northwest  
very cold indeed could  
not go down to get the  
hogs. Concluded to wait  
& go next day but opened  
the pen & let out those  
we had shut up.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Very cold Boissette did  
not appear until late  
did not go for the hogs  
are to go tomorrow  
John Mc Hattie stayed  
with us last evening he wants  
the floor laid in his house  
next week

John (the) Hattie says he  
intends to marry in a  
few days he took dinner  
with us today then started  
home it was very cold  
& the wind blowing from  
the Northwest.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Harrison & I went out  
this morning for a load  
of Hay intending to be back  
in time to go down for  
Brisettes boys so got got  
home at twelve o'clock  
but Brisette did not come  
until late in the evening  
too late to go.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Morn Mild than yesterday  
wind was last evening in  
the South but today it  
is in the Northwest again  
though it does Blow very  
hard, some little cloudy  
all day snowed a very little

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

This morning Harrison & I went down according to appointment to haul Brisette's hogs from the woods but Brisette had not gone & I shut them up in the pen as was to have done, so we had to defer the job until tomorrow.

Brisette promising to pay us for trip.

We came home Harrison hauled some wood for Charley I & Martha went down to Mr. Movers ~~but~~ he had gone to the Park

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Harrison & I went down  
to haul Brisettes hogs  
home he had shut them  
all up but one little pig  
it ran away, we tied  
them & put them in the  
sled. Put ours out the  
train (one saw I traded  
with Brisette for) and brot  
her home killed & dressed  
her. Just at night  
Mr Furber came & stay  
all night with us  
Brot a deed to sword for  
me Knight. Harrison went  
down to Mr Provers for  
Martha she came up on the

River with John Mevers  
his wife & Mary they  
stayed only a few  
minutes in the House  
then went home, John  
Borrowed our Lantern  
it being quite Dark



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