



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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- Monday. 1. Pleasant ground the axes in the forenoon.
Pa chopped poles in the afternoon Willie & I did the chores
- Tuesday. 2. Cold & windy. Pa & Mr Drum went to Wilton
- Wednesday. 3. Very cold & windy no snow on the ground. Pa fixed
the chamber door & chopped a few poles
- Thursday. 4. Pa & I cut & drew poles for fence Pleasant
- Friday. 5. Cloudy with appearance of snow Pa & I cut &
drew poles the prairie burned in the evening
- Saturday. 6. Windy Pa sold his claim to Mrs Griffith
Willie & I skated Pa & ma with Mrs & Mrs Flower spent
the afternoon & evening at Mr Drums
- Sunday. 7. Pleasant. Read the Observer & Hazy & Lucy
- Monday. 8. Pleasant, Pa & I cut & drew poles Willie did the chores
- Tuesday. 9. Cold & windy Pa & Mr Drum went into
the woods to work, Willie & I did the chores
- Wednesday. 10. Very cold & pleasant. We did nothing
- Thursday. 11. Weather more moderate, snowed a little. Pa & I
chopped wood in the forenoon, in the afternoon,
Pa went over to Mr Shoolts, to see about some seed
wheat, came back & bought two sacks of flour.
off a load that was passing, for \$5. Mr Griffith, & Lech, called, in the evening

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Friday 12 Pleasant chopped wood Mr & Mrs Flower Mr Drum
& Aunt Roxie spent the afternoon & evening here

Pa & Mr Drum engaged a man to draw three ⁵ bushels of oats for

Saturday 13 Snowed a little through the day Pa made another
hickory chair *Austin Vinton*

Sunday 14 Weather clear & cold *Lloyd*

Monday 15 Cold a little snow fell. Mr Drum Mr Stevens & Pa went
over to Crane Creek bought some wheat for 76 cts per bushel

Tuesday 16 Pleasant Pa drew Mr Hawkes split drew 128

Wednesday 17 Cloudy drew 50 rails for Mr Hawkes. Drew wood
the rest of the day The man came with the wheat

Thursday 18 Snowed a little through the day. Pa & I drew
wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon Pa & Ma
went over to Mr Drums. Andy came over & stayed all night

Friday 19. Very pleasant weather. Pa cleaned up his wheat
in the forenoon. In the afternoon we cleaned the store

Saturday 20 Pleasant with some wind. Pa & Mr Clement went
to Wilton with logs. Willie & I shelled corn

Sunday 21 Pleasant Mr Hawkes & Mr Drum called. Pa & Ma
went over to Mr Drums in the evening

Monday 22 Pleasant Pa went over east on to 'Uncle Sam's'
farm, after a load of poles. Mr Drum went to mill

Tuesday 23 Pleasant with quite a strong but not very

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cold wind from the south west. Drew rail timber. Mr Drum
got home. left his grist at the mill

Wednesday 24. Pleasant thawed a little drew three loads of poles
the man came with the oats

Thursday 25. Pleasant, still thawing cut & drew poles

Friday 26. Very Pleasant. Pa cut rail timber in the forenoon
in the afternoon Mr Lindseys folks came her visiting

Saturday 27. Pleasant. Pa cut rail timber & cut wood

Sunday 28. Pleasant ^{but} cold & windy

Monday March 1. Pleasant Pa & Mr Drum split rails

Tuesday 2. Pleasant with cold winds. Pa & Mr Drum
split rails Dilby Lindsey came down after
some potatoes. His sister came up with him

Wednesday 3. Very pleasant. In the forenoon Pa & Mr Drum
split rails. In the afternoon went up to Mr
Flowers visiting. Andy Willie & skated. In the
evening fires were to be seen in every direction

Thursday 4 Pleasant Burnt round the timber

Friday 5 Mr & Mrs Allen came to our house. we did nothing
It snowed a little in the afternoon

Saturday 6 Cloudy. Our folks went over to Mr Drums to
dinner with Mr Allens

Sunday 7 cloudy mild weather

Monday 8 Pleasant Drew 100 rails for Mr Hawkes

Tuesday 9 Very Pleasant Pa & Willie went to Milton
with saw logs

Wednesday 10 Pleasant tharved considerable by Pa & I split
rails Charles came over

Thursday 11 Pleasant Pa & Mr Clement went up to Clinton
after the grist Charles & I got out shingle stuff

Friday 12 Very pleasant Charles went home Willie & I
went part way with him with the steers

Saturday 13 Cloudy rained a little in the
forenoon Pa cut some logs for school house

Sunday 14 Cloudy wrote to Austin & Lora

Monday 15 Rained in the afternoon worked on the barn
yard fence Mrs Griffith came & worked on Willie's
coat there was a very hard wind
in the evening that blowed the privy down

Tuesday 16 Pleasant finished makeing the barn
yard fence

Wednesday 17 Raining in the forenoon & pleasant in
the afternoon. drew the logs for the school
house Mr Griffith mended my boot

Thursday 18 Pleasant Pa chopped rail timber in

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the forenoon & paled the school house Mr Drums
Andy & I went over to clear lake

Friday 19 Pleasant Mr Drum Mr Clement Pa &
Willie went to Clear lake after Mr Drums lumber
Mrs Flowers spent the afternoon here

Saturday 20 Pleasant with high wind. Rained the school
house Billy Lindsley came down & got two bushels of potatoes

Sunday 21 Pleasant with some wind

Monday 22 Pleasant the men went to Owatonna
got some ploughs

Tuesday 23 Cloudy Andy, Willie & I went down to
Mr Lindsleys. Our folks went up to Mr Stephens in the afternoon

Wednesday 24 Pleasant with high winds. Pa & Mr
Drum split rails Willie & I chopped ~~wood~~ wood

Thursday 25 Very pleasant. Pa & Ma with several
other of the neighbors went over to Mr Allens visiting

Friday 26 Pleasant with some wind. Charles
Mr Lindsley with their wives came over here.

Pa & I split rails in the forenoon, in afternoon
opened the holes of potatoes a few were frozen.

Saturday 27 Pleasant with some wind. Pa & I
split rails. Charles went home.

Sunday 28 A very warm pleasant day

Monday. 27. Pleasant. Willie & I drew rails for Mr Hawkes in the fore noon & cleared the yard in the afternoon. Pa & Mr Dunn made the cultivator. tried the plough

Tuesday. 30. Pleasant made fence in the forenoon. Ploughed the ^{old} garden in the afternoon

Wednesday. 31. Cloudy. Pa & Willie plowed I did nothing. In the afternoon Willie & I went up to Dellos birth day party

Thursday April 1. Pleasant. Mr Asst Raxie went down to Mr Leindorfs. Mr Dunn went after some seed corn

Friday. 2. Pleasant with high wind. Pa went over to Charles after his oxen Willie & I cultivated with Mr Dunn & our oxen

Saturday 3. Pleasant Pa got home with the oxen Willie & I cultivated

Sunday 4. Blew very hard & snowed a little all day it blew down some of our barn yard fence

Monday. 5. Cold & unpleasant Pa made a bed stall I made a hickory Chair. Pa went to school meeting in the evening Ma went up to Mr Hatches

Tuesday. 6. Pleasant. drew 210 rails for Mr Hawkes I shot a wild goose in the forenoon Pa commenced his new drag went over to Mr Duns in the evening

Wednesday 7. Cold unpleasant weather rained a little finished drawing Mr Hawkes rails

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Thursday 8. Rainy & unpleasant had visitors in the evening to help eat the goose

Friday. 9. Cloudy. I got some hickory for another chair. Pa got a well sweep

Saturday 10. Rainy in the afternoon. Mr Dunn helped put up the sweep & clean the well

Sunday. 11. Rained hailed & snowed by turns

Monday. 12. Wet & unpleasant. Ground the axes in the forenoon. Pa made drag teeth. I commenced another hickory chair

Tuesday. 13. Pleasant. Got some shade trees cut them out

Wednesday. 14. Very pleasant. Tore down ^{old} built new fence

Thursday. 15. Pleasant. Pa went to Wilton in the forenoon Willie & I cultivated in the afternoon Pa sowed some of the wheat. Willie & I dragged it in

Friday. 16. Very pleasant Finished sowing & dragged in wheat Mr Dunn commenced dragging or cultivating his wheat ground

Saturday. 17. Cloudy finished dragging in our wheat Billy Lindray came down after some potatoes got 2 bushels we commenced plowing the corn ground

Sunday. 18. Rainy & unpleasant

Monday. 19. Rainy and unpleasant. I made a hickory chair for Mrs Stephens. Willie cut his finger

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Tuesday. 20. Pleasant. made fence borrowed Mr Hatchers gun
shot 3 gophers & killed 3 with strychnine

Wednesday. 21. Pleasant made drew fencing stuff

Thursday. 22. A very stormy disagreeable day did nothing

Friday. 23. Pleasant but rather cold & windy made fence

Saturday. 24. Pleasant. made fence Aunt Roxie spent the day here

Saturday Sunday. 25. Pleasant. I went with Andy after his cow

Monday. 26. Pleasant. Mr Drum surveyed out the lines

Tuesday. 27. Pleasant Pa & Willie ploughed I went with
the surveyors took dinner at Mr Drums

Wednesday. 28. Pleasant, ploughed. some emigrants stopped
here. Mr Drum went down to Wilton with the compass

Thursday. 29. Pleasant. I helped Mr Drum drag
Pa ploughed. Charles came over here

Friday. 30. Pleasant Pa & Charles went over to
Crane Creek. Willie & I ploughed in the afternoon & went
hunting & got some hickory in the afternoon

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Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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