



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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April. 1867

Monday. 1st. This has been a very windy & disagreeable day, but not very cold. The snow is about one & a half feet deep. The sleighing is good yet, but the snow is softening some. The 20th of last month we had the heaviest snow storm of the season. Snow fell to the depth of 12 inches or more. Mr. Kate & Oscar Gove called here today, looking for hay. We sold some the other day (11 tons) for \$1.00, Oats are worth from 80 cts to \$1.00 per bushel, & very scarce at that. Wheat, \$2.00 & upward. Flour 64 & 7 dollars per hundred lbs. Father & I have been chopping wood all the forenoon.

Tuesday. 2. Warm & pleasant. The snow is thawing quite fast. Father went to Town meeting. I then went to Quaker meeting. Attended a concert, given by the singing class, A. C. Gutterren, director. It was a good one indeed.

Wednesday. 3. Rained & snowed a little in the afternoon. Came home from Quaker meeting. Father went to Milton. Thursday. 4. Cloudy & warm. Went to Milton with a load of oats. Sold between 40 to 50 bushels of oats, (at home & at Milton) for \$1.00 per bushel.

Friday. 5. Father went to Milton with a fine team & chopped wood. Hawkes had the bot sled to go to Clinton to mill with. Did not get his grist. Mr. Stevens got home from Quaker meeting where he has been attending Court this week. The snow is going off slowly. Saturday. 6. Weather is not very well & Father has had cold. Got the new saw at Mr. Stevens & sawed some wood.

Sunday. 7. Warm & pleasant. The ~~young~~ birds are so bad that we did not go to Church. Father & Mother are almost sick with cold.

Monday, 8. The snow has gone off quite fast. Drew a little manure, & did several odd jobs. Mr & Mrs Hawkes came down in the afternoon & stayed a few hours. The old folks a little better.

Tuesday, 9. Pleasant. The stage went just as usual today for the first time ~~for~~ three months.

Ernie & I drew straw & fixed the wagon shed. Wednesday, 10. Went to Wasaga after Will. Found the roads very soft & bad.

Thursday, 11. Will & I came home. The water came into the buggy box when we crossed the river at Quatoma.

Friday, 12. Warm & pleasant. The snow is nearly all gone, & the ground is thawing out very fast. I did several little odd jobs, that did not amount to much.

Saturday, 13. Cloudy, rained a little. Father & I over to Mr Daniels on town business. Will & I did some. Fixed a pig pen, & bought a pig. Mr Daniels gave \$1.00.

Sunday, 14. Cloudy & raining most all day. The water is very high in the river at Quatoma & Milton. We heard last night, & the report was confirmed this morning, that a man & his team were drowned at Quatoma a few nights ago, while trying to cross the river.

Monday, 15. Pleasant. Sawed & split wood. Burnt some of the prairie around the timber, but it was too wet to burn very easy.

Tuesday, 16. Very pleasant. Split fence posts. One of the County Commissioners was here looking at the proposed alterations in the roads near here.

Wednesday, 17. Cloudy. Father was over at Mr Daniels on town business. We chopped wood & burnt the grass this side of the road.

Thursday, 18. Rain. Father was over in the north part of the town, & down to Milton. Bought a pickerel at Clear Lake that weighed 15 lb. Mr Henry Brown bought a pair of sheep for \$170.00.

Friday, 19. Pleasant. Chopped wood in the forenoon & burnt around the timber in the afternoon.

Saturday, 20. Pleasant. Chopped wood in the forenoon. Will & I went to Quatoma in the afternoon. Sold S. Hawkes a cow for \$50.00 in the morning. The roads are very bad.

Sunday, 21. Raining all day. Stayed in Quatoma all day. Went to Church in the forenoon.

Monday, 22. Snowed nearly all day, but melted almost as fast as it fell. I came home. Will stayed in town. The roads are horrible.

Tuesday, 23. Cloudy. Snowed a little. Will came home. Father & I chopped wood. Present appearances are rather discouraging about putting in crops.

Wednesday, 24. Unpleasant. Chopped wood.

Thursday, 25. Very windy, most of the day. Father went to Milton. Will & I chopped wood. Will went over to Mr Daniels to see about it & got their cattle to make some. Mr Stevens commenced sowing wheat. We shall see soon if it does not rain any more.

Friday, 26. Very windy. Chopped wood in the forenoon. Commenced sowing wheat in the afternoon. Worked at an old harness getting it ready to use.

Saturday, 27. The ground was frozen so hard that we could not sow wheat until after noon. Worked with both teams in the afternoon. Our folks made soap.

Sunday, 28. Very windy. Will, Gordon, the Quatoma boys & myself went down to the Plummer school house to meetings. Heard Mr. Clelan preach.

Monday, 29. Put in three or four acres of wheat on the other side of the road, & commenced on this side. The ground is very wet, & cold. There is not much prospect of grass for some time, unless we have warmer weather.

Tuesday, 30. Warm & pleasant. Continued putting in wheat.

May 1867

Wednesday 1. Pleasant. Got along very well sowing wheat & plowed the garden in the afternoon, with the cult.
Thursday 2. Very pleasant. Finished sowing wheat but did not finish dragging it in. Had sowed about 40 bushels.

Friday 3. Cloudy & windy. Finished dragging in wheat in the forenoon. In the afternoon, Will plowed, & I worked for Henry sowing wheat with Wilkey's sowing machine.

Saturday 4. Finished sowing Henry's wheat in the forenoon. Went over to Mr. Sumner in the afternoon, & got some potatoes to plant. Will worked on Mr. Daniels with the team dragging in wheat. Father did various things.

The weather is warm & pleasant. Seems more like spring than any thing we have had this year.

Sunday 5. Cold & windy. Stayed at home.

Monday 6. Cold in the morning, but warmer towards night. The ground was frozen very hard in the morning. There was ice in the water trough until afternoon. Will and I partly dragged in 20 bushels of oats in the afternoon.

Tuesday 7. Warm & pleasant. Finished getting in oats. Father worked around the garden in the afternoon.

Wednesday 8. Raining in the forenoon. I made a pounder. In the afternoon, I dragged in wheat for Daniels. Father plowed some in the afternoon. Will's back is very lame, from dragging in the corn stalks.

Thursday 9. Cloudy but warm. Mr. Daniels helped us drawing manure. Will went to Wilton & got the plow sharpened in the forenoon. Father plowed in the afternoon.

Friday 10. Pleasant but cloudy. Mr. Daniels helped me draw manure. Father worked in the garden. Will plowed. Turned the cows out for the first time this spring, but there is not much grass yet.

Saturday 11. Cloudy, rained a little in the afternoon. Mr. Daniels helped me draw manure. Father plowed. Will's back is very lame again. The grass is growing a very little. This morning there was a circle around the sun, with three sun dogs. A very uncommon sight for this time of year.

Sunday 12. Rained nearly all day. Will & I expected to go to town to Church, but did not on account of the rain.

Monday 12. Snowed & rained most of the forenoon. Rained all last night. Pleasant & warm in the afternoon. Some movers left part of their baggage in the granary, on account of the bad roads. Mortified a few posts in the afternoon. Bought a calf of Hatch for \$1.75.

Tuesday 14. Pleasant, & raining by turns. Wead a little fence on the south side of the barn yard.

Wednesday 15. Will plowed. Father & I made fence & ditched the corn ground.

Thursday 16. Pleasant. Plowed some & drew some manure. Major Daily came here in the afternoon. Started on the stage from Astoria, about 1 o'clock P.M. Came out 16 miles, but the stage got set in a mud hole. The Major came on foot & reached here about 5 o'clock.

The stage came past here at half past 8 in the evening.

Friday 17. Pleasant. Father went to Wilton with Major Daily in the forenoon. Will & I worked at the corn ground getting part of it ready to plant. Daily went from Astoria.

Saturday 18. Cloudy, & rained very hard all the afternoon. Henry Dunn & John Hume helped me plant corn in the forenoon. Planted about 5 acres. Will plowed.

Sunday 19. Cold, cloudy, & raining. Damp, dismal & gloomy. Unpleasant, uncomfortable. Blue.

Monday 20. Very rainy all day. Did nothing in the forenoon. Shelled corn in the afternoon. Sold Mr. Hume's Hens 4 pigs \$1.50 each.

Tuesday. 21. Cleared up a little in the afternoon
I went to Wilton with Jim Brown. Father &
worked on the road.

Bellevue, 22. Pleasant. Father & Will worked on the road in the forenoon, I morticed a few posts. Father & I made fence in the afternoon, & Will worked on the road.

Thursday, 23. Pleasant most of the day. I helped Mr. Hawkes make wire fence. Father & Will planted some corn & did various other things.

Friday. 24. Pleasant, with occasional showers. Finished planting corn. Tom helped us. Will marked corn ground for Mr Stevens in the afternoon, & he & ~~his~~ ^{his} planted corn in Will's place. The ground was so wet, that we sank nearly to our boot tops in the mud in some

Saturday. 25. Pleasant. Father sold Mary's trunk
+ new suit to Cartera in light a new car. I
am very sad. The store cost \$28.00

17. 26. Pleasant. Stayed in Customs to church
 & came home in the afternoon. Will come down on boat
 in the morning. Frode her home.

Monday, 27. Cloudy. Finished planting potatoes.
The grass is growing very fast.

July 28. Rainy most of the day. Father fixed up some shelves in the kitchen. Will did not come home.

Wednesday. 29. Pleasant. Father & I made fence.
Will came home from Cuatrecasas about noon on 30th.

Thursday. 20. Very warm & pleasant. Father & Mother
went to Antwerp. Will & I made fire. 1 cow & 1
Harris cattle got into the slough, & ~~xxx~~ we had to get them
out to turn them down on their sides, & draw them about
twenty rods, to get them on dry land where they could stand.

Friday, Feb. 2nd Cloudy. Made fire. Father worked in the garden. Jim Simon lost a fine cow this morning. The place the effects of being in the water.

June 1867
Saturday. Rained incessantly. Cleared up wheat
in the forenoon. Had 58½ bushels.

Monday. In very warm & pleasant. Sat in the
Chapel went to Hill St. Vesp. & to church
7.30 in the evening, & sang a piece in the oratorio.

June 17. 4. The weather still continues pleasant. Father
+ I made fine. Willa Gorden does not like
the currant bushes.

Wednesday, 5. Pleasant in the morning, but wind
to a blight. Had some heavy thunder & sharp
lightning. The first of the rain, I said before,
in the morning. A heavy shower put it around
the bushes in the garden.

Mr. C. Kimmel overhauled the furnace. Got
water to boil in the afternoon. Saw to it that
the whole part of the house to put in order.

Friday. 7. Pleasant. Washed sheep down in the hill
by the ~~new~~ stable. Washed auro in the forenoon
& Mr Stevens in the afternoon. Scaled a floor in
up stairs in the granary. & Will & I moved down for
the season.

Saturday. S. Warm but cloudy. I helped Henry put in his oats in the afternoon. Mr. Ellis fixed the granary door in the afternoon. Father commenced making a pig pen. Will is quite unwell & troubled with the rheumatism.

Sunday, 9. Rained very hard a great part of the day. There is more snow lying in the hollows than at the top than I ever saw before. The ground was soft in some places. Should not be so late, but it is raining again.

Monday. 10. Cleared up in the morning, & has been pleasant most of the day. Will is quite lame with the Rheumatism. Father & I built a pig pen. There was a little water in the cellar this morning, for the first time ever.

Tuesday. 11. Pleasant most of the day, but showery towards night. Worked on the road.

Wednesday. 12. Day warm. Rained a little towards night. Worked on the road. Will went to Quatoma in the afternoon, on some business for Mr. Shuman.

Thursday. 13. Cloudy most of the day, & raining towards night. Will got home about noon. I went over to Goose Lake in the forenoon, & in the afternoon Father & I took a couple of loads of goods from Dr. Wildings to Clear Lake. Found the roads better than we expected.

Friday. 14. Cloudy. Rained some in the forenoon. Got Mr. Daniels breaking plow, & broke a little out west of the house.

Saturday. 15. Pleasant. Father was over at Sonays attending to official business. Will drew some wood & did various other things. I went to Quatoma and met the road are almost impassible for teams. Went to Clear Lake in the evening. Had a very pleasant time. There was a man drowned in the river at Quatoma by the name of Chip; which

Sunday. 16. Pleasant in the forenoon, but there was a very severe shower in the afternoon. Went to Church in the morning. Came home in the afternoon. Stopped at an Irish shanty through the rain.

Monday. 17. Cloudy & raining in the morning. Fine & pleasant the rest of the day.

Tuesday. 18. Pleasant. Father Gordon & I planted some seeds on Mr. Hawkes breaking, in the morning. I went with Mr. Clark to a fine Quatoma river & caught a lot

of fish. I had a fine dinner & a very good one. I went to Quatoma after Dr. Clark. While I was gone, one of Mr. Sutherland's little girls, was burned almost to death. Gardie commenced working in the corn in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 19. Raining in the afternoon. The ~~little~~ Sutherland child died this morning. Belle Shuman is doing well. Gardie & I worked in the corn in the forenoon. Father is fifty years old today.

Thursday. 20. Mr. Sutherland's child was buried today. I went to Wilton in the morning after the coffin & Minister. Plowed corn a little in the afternoon.

Friday. 21. Rained very hard in the forenoon. Plowed corn before the rain, & made fence in the afternoon.

Saturday. 22. Pleasant, but very rainy. I went to Wilton with a small load of flour. Sold it for \$6.50 per cwt. Sold two puppies for \$5.00 each. Will worked on Mr. Stevens breaking. Father plowed corn. Gardie & Mr. Clement planted the soft maple seeds.

Sunday. 23. Rained most of the day. Went up to Mr. Stevens & had a sing in the afternoon.

Monday. 24. Cloudy. Rained a little in the afternoon. Split some posts to build a stable of.

Tuesday. 25. Pleasant most of the day. Had Jim Shuman breaking plow, & broke some down below the road, where we are going to sow some ~~breaking~~ buckwheat.

Wednesday. 26. Showery. Broke in the forenoon & sowed a little buckwheat in the afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Stevens & Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes, took tea here.

Thursday. 27. Pleasant most of the day. Father, Will & Mr. Stevens went to Quatoma with some wheat. Expected to go to mill but exchanged the wheat for flour in a mill. Mr. Hawkes & I went to Clear Lake fishing. Caught some nice fish, & had a very good time.

Friday. 28. Pleasant. Skipped Widdough rain his grand in the forenoon. Plowed corn in the afternoon, & got ready to shear sheep.

Saturday. 29. Warm & pleasant. Commenced shearing sheep. Mr. Southland is shearing for Mr. Stevens. Father & I are shearing. Will & Gordie are working in the corn.

Sunday. 30. Pleasant. Went to Awatomma to Church. There are lying up - my st. A Mr. Vanterbur at the school house in Warden.

July 1867

Monday. 1. Raining in the morning, but pleasant in the afternoon. Finished shearing ^{our} sheep & commenced on Mr. Stevens. Will oiled the harness.

Tuesday. 2. Very hot shearing sheep. have got nearly through. Will & Gordon worked in the corn.

Wednesday. 3. Pleasant in the forenoon, & raining toward night. Finished shearing sheep. Will & I went to Awatomma in the afternoon.

Thursday. 4. Stayed in Awatomma. Attended a Sunday School celebration, which thing was a success. Went to a concert in the evening, got caught in a shower, but had a very pleasant time notwithstanding. Will & Gordie came home in the afternoon.

Friday. 5. Came home stopped on the way & had a good time picking straw berries. Father went to Clear Lake. Will & Gordie drew away some manure ~~at~~ where we are going to build a new stable.

Saturday. 6. Pleasant. Will went to Awatomma. Father & I drew manure in the forenoon & hoed potatoes in the afternoon.

Sunday. 7. Weather, Mrs. Hawkes, Mr. Stevens & I went to Awatomma to Church. Rained a little toward night.

Monday. 8. Pleasant. Had Mr. Stevens plow & broke a little in the forenoon. Hoed potatoes & plowed corn in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 9. Will & Gordie cultivated corn. Father & I hoed potatoes & got ready to go to mill.

Wednesday. 10. Pleasant. Will & I went to Clinton to mill. Father & Mother went to Awatomma. Father ordered a new harness at the shop in Awatomma. It is to be done in about two weeks.

Thursday. 11. Got home from mill about noon. Father & Gordie hoed potatoes in the forenoon. Will mowed a little hay with the mowed in the afternoon.

Friday. 12. Father went to Clear Lake with some flour. Sold it at \$6.00 per cwt. Will & Gordie plowed corn. Skipped Mr. Southland put in the granary stairs & do some other little fixing about the granary.

Saturday. 13. Pleasant. Plowed a little piece of ground for turnips. Will plowed corn. Hoed the maple trees over on Clements. Drew a load of hay to feed the horses. Sowed the turnips & did several other odd jobs.

Sunday. 14. Had a severe shower in the afternoon. Mr. Griggs came up to preach but did not on account of the rain.

Monday. 15. Very pleasant indeed. Commenced building a new stable. Father & Mother took dinner at Mr. Stevens. Mr & Mrs. Griggs went home in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 16. Pleasant. Worked at the stable, & plowed corn in the forenoon, & went to Awatomma in the afternoon. Attended a ^(delivered by Dr. Jewett of Fairbault) temperance lecture in the evening, & came home after it.

Wednesday. 17. Very windy. Will plowed corn. Father & I worked at the stable.

Thursday. 18. Cloudy. Will & Gordie plowed corn. Father & I varnished the book cupboard & worked around the house in the forenoon & worked at the stable in the afternoon.

Friday. 19. Rained very hard last night. Pleasant today. Will went to Wasioja. Father & I worked at the stable.

Saturday. 20. Pleasant. Worked at the stable. Grain of all kinds appears to be doing finely.

Sunday. 21. Mr. W. Vailers preached at the school house in the afternoon. The weather is very fine.

Monday. 22. Warm & pleasant. Will came home last night, & has been mowing for Mr Clement to day. The rest of us have been taking down the old stables. Mr Clement helped us in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 23. Rained nearly all day. Father went over to Clear Lake in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 24. Rained very hard last night. & a good part of the day to day. Made a little fence around the yard.

Thursday. 25. Pleasant. Made fence in the forenoon, & tore down the old stable in the afternoon. Went up to the school house to prayer meeting at six o'clock in the evening.

Friday. 26. Very warm. Will mowed for Mr. Hawkes. Father & I worked around the stable, picking up the pieces.

Saturday. 27. Cloudy & raining in the morning. Will, Cordie & I went to Clear Lake fishing. Went in swimming & had a pleasant, but not very good luck fishing.

Sunday. 28. Mr. Briggs did not come up here to preach, on account of the high water at Astoria. The water has been higher there for a few days past, than it had been known to be for several years.

Monday. 29. Father & I went to Astoria with the wood. Could get offered but ~~at~~ \$0.28 per lb. stored it in College Barn. Bought a new harness. price \$55.00. Father came home. I stayed to see a game of ball played. Will mowed for Mr. Clement.

Tuesday. 30. Pleasant. Had a very pleasant time in Astoria. came home at in the evening. Will mowed. Father did various things.

Wednesday. 31. Will run the mower. Father helped Hawkes draw hay in the forenoon. Worked at our own hay in the afternoon. We are having very good weather for haying. The crops are all looking very well. Corn is small for this time of year, but is growing fast.

August 1867.

Thursday. 1. Pleasant. Father & I drew hay for Mr. Clement in the forenoon. Put up hay for ourselves in the afternoon. Will is getting along very well mowing. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday. 2. Very still & pleasant. Mr. Clement helped Father draw hay part of the day. Will, Cordie, & I, put up hay in the afternoon.

Saturday. 3. Mr. Clement helped us draw hay. Had Jim Dine's wagon, & drew with two teams. Will went over to the shop & got the horses shod, after we got through drawing hay.

Sunday. 4. Very warm & pleasant. Will & I went to Church. Had a very pleasant ride home, by the way of Westport.

Monday. 5. Father & Mother went to Astoria. Father sold the wood for \$2.25 per pound. Gordon plowed corn. Will mowed and I helped Mr. Clement plow out the maple trees in the forenoon. & run the mower in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 6. Father was over at Dimeys in the forenoon to see about a road. I shod the maple trees. In the afternoon we worked in the hay. Will run the mower. Very warm. Good weather for haying.

Wednesday. 7. Drew hay in the forenoon, & put up hay in the afternoon. Will is getting along very well mowing.

Thursday. 8. Drew hay in the forenoon. Will got the crop mowed. Worked in the hay in the afternoon.

Friday. 9. Finished drawing hay in the afternoon. Have stacked about 30 loads. The weather continues very pleasant.

Saturday. 10. Pleasant. Will & Gordon plowed corn. Father hoid in the garden. I went to Astoria in the morning. Took Marvin's Daily in with me & went out to East Prairie. Called on Miss Schellie.

Sunday. 11. Had a very pleasant time & came home in the evening.

Monday. 12. Father & Mother went to Wilton in the forenoon to Church. Mr. Briggs preached at the schoolhouse in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 13. Cloudy & raining in the forenoon. Rained very hard last night. The oats are very badly lodged. did a little tinkering getting ready to go to harvesting.

Tuesday. 13. Pleasant. Mother, Gordon, Will & I went to Owatonna in the afternoon. Heard Dr Jewett lecture in the evening, & came home.

Wednesday. 14. Commenced cutting wheat in the forenoon. Father & Mother went to Owatonna in the evening to hear another lecture by Dr Jewett.

Thursday. 15. Pleasant. Cut & bound oats, they are rather green to cut. Marvin Dailey & his Mother, Father & Christ came up in the afternoon & went home again in the evening.

Friday. 16. Very fine weather for harvesting. Cut, bound & sheared a nice lot of oats. Raymond Straighton & Humkins took us here on their way home from Clear Lake.

Saturday. 17. Pleasant. Got along very well cutting oats, but they are so badly lodged that we have to cut them all one way, which makes it rather slow work.

Sunday. 18. Very warm. Will & I went to Owatonna to church. Mrs Vanders preached at the school house in the afternoon.

Monday. 19. Pleasant. George Lunn is helping us harvesting. We are getting along very well harvesting.

Tuesday. 20. Very pleasant weather for harvesting. Most of the grain is rather light & we are getting along nicely.

Wednesday. 21. Will finished cutting the oats, but they are not all bound yet. will finish them tomorrow.

Thursday. 22. Cloudy. Finished binding the oats in the forenoon. Bound wheat in the afternoon. Ida Flowers & Millie Gathers came down from Wankato on a visit.

Friday. 23. Finished cutting our grain. The Drums, boys, helped us all day & Mr. Stewens hired men helped us in the afternoon.

Saturday. 24. Pleasant. Finished our harvesting. Colonel Drum & family came to make us a visit. I was quite unexpected & we were very glad indeed to see them.

Sunday. 25. Will & I went over to the old lime kiln, to a basket meeting. It was a rather small affair.

Monday. 26. Commenced stacking. Put up 2 stacks of oats. There are some signs of rain tonight.

Tuesday. 27. Stacked wheat in the forenoon. Had a small shower about noon, & we went to Clear Lake fishing in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 28. Pleasant. Stacked wheat. I had a very sore eye & could not do much in the forenoon.

Thursday. 29. Mr Drum helped us stack wheat. Are getting very well. Cloudy in the morning but cleared off before noon.

Friday. 30. Cloudy towards night. The wheat is nearly all stacked. Will went out in the afternoon to try & get a bird girl but did not succeed. Bill Drum lost a nice horse last night.

Saturday. 31. Finished stacking wheat & stacked some oats. The weather is cold & cloudy. Thick coats are not comfortable to wear.

September. 1867.

Sunday. 1. There was a slight frost this morning, but not enough to hurt things very much. Will, Mary, & I went to Winton to church in the morning. Mr. Stone went to Winton.

preached at the schoolhouse in the afternoon.

Monday. 2. Cloudy with a very little rain towards night. Finished stacking our grain. Helped Mr. Stewens stacking.

Tuesday. 3. Father went to Clear Lake in the forenoon. Will mowed down in the north lot. Father & Mother, Colonel & Mrs Drum took dinner at Mr. Stewens, with Dr. & Mrs. Wars people.

Gordon & I worked at the hay some in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 4. I helped Johnson thrash. The grain turns out good & pretty. The rest of the folks worked at the hay. Father, Mother & the Drums, went to Owatonna in the evening.

Thursday. 5. Very windy. Could not do much at the hay. Father & I went to Clear Lake to a caucus in the evening for the purpose of nominating delegates to the County convention.

Friday. 6. Dried hay. Raymond Straighton & Mary Blair took tea with us. Had a pleasant visit.

Saturday. 7. Very windy. Mr. Stewens helped us draw hay part of the day. We cut some grain. Father & I were gone to Winton in the evening to attend a County Convention.

Wednesday. 9. Will & Father went to Cuatoma. Will to go on to St Cloud, with Mrs Griggs, to attend Conference, & Father to get a load of lumber. Gordon & I plowed, & did several odd jobs, such as killing dog, burying dead sheep, &c.

Thursday. 10. Windy & cold. Father went to Waco on business & plowed. Gordon dug a few potatoes & did other odd jobs.

Friday. 11. Father went to Wilton. Gordon plowed. I shot a wild goose in the morning. Helped Mr Dunn thresh in the afternoon. Mr Scotland commenced clapping the grain.

Saturday. 12. The thrashing machine came here in the forenoon. Threshed out the oats in the afternoon, to the amount of 572 bushels.

Sunday. 13. The weather last week was pleasant most of the time. We finished thrashing Tuesday forenoon. Had three hundred & fifty five (355) bushels of wheat.

Mother went to Cuatoma after Will, Tuesday. Came home with him Wednesday. Finished helping the neighbors thresh.

Friday morning. & Chased up a load of wheat, & Will & I went to Cuatoma with it Saturday. Sold it at \$1.45 per bushel. Mrs. Griggs preached at the schoolhouse in the afternoon.

Raymond Stoughton came up with him, they went back the afternoon. Father is off attending to official business today Will has been plowing. Gordon & I dug potatoes.

Tuesday. 22. Pleasant. Mrs Reynolds was buried today. Father & Mother attended the funeral. The rest of us dug potatoes. Mrs Daily, Marvin & Charley came up on a visit.

Wednesday. 23. Marvin & I went hunting in the forenoon. They went home in the afternoon. We husked corn in the afternoon.

Thursday. 24. Dried some old hay to cover the stables with.

Friday. 25. Chased up a load of wheat in the forenoon. Husked corn in the afternoon. Fayette Furman came here in the afternoon.

Saturday. 26. I went to Cuatoma with a load of wheat & got some lumber. Will went to Northfield to go to school.

Sunday. 27. Pleasant. We all stayed at home.

Monday. 28. Very pleasant. Husked corn.

Tuesday. 29. Rained & snowed most of the day. Built a corn crib. Fayette Furman stopped here to see us.

Wednesday. 30. Cloudy. Father went to Waco.

Thursday. 31. Husked corn. August helped in the afternoon.

November 1867

Friday. 1. Warm & pleasant. August helped us husk corn. Have got nearly through.

Saturday. 2. Cloudy & cold. Finished husking corn. Harwood & Webber, "delivered themselves" on the issue of the day, at the new school house, in the evening.

Sunday. 3. The snow is nearly an inch deep. Came last night & this forenoon.

Monday. 4. I went to Cuatoma with a load of wheat. Sold it for \$1.40 per bushel. Got in all some new boots. The roads are very sandy & slippery.

Tuesday. 5. Election. Big excitement. Woodville went to Republican by 29 majority. No. of votes polled 189.

Wednesday. 6. Pleasant. I plowed. Father & Gordon helped Mrs Stevens husk corn in the afternoon.

Thursday. 7. Father plowed. Gordon & I helped Mrs Stevens husking corn. My corn is very poor even for this year.

Friday. 8. Helped Mrs Stevens husking corn. Father plowed. Father & I went to Wilton in the evening.

Saturday. 9. Cold & windy. I went to Cuatoma with a load of wheat. Price \$1.45. Father & Gordon pulled the turnips on Mr Harwood's place.

Sunday. 10. Very windy. Mrs Stevens, Mother & I went to Cuatoma to Church.

Monday. 11. The ground is frozen so hard to plow. Killed a pig in the forenoon. Father & Mother went to Cuatoma. Father has been the contractor of carrying the mail from here to Cuatoma for a month or two. Mr Ford came here & stayed over night with us.

S. Dec. 12. Windy & cold. The team took
in the forenoon, & plowed some in the afternoon.
Monday. 13. Warm & pleasant. Plowed with both teams. The
fire ran through part of our timber.
Thursday. 14. J. O. Wright, Raymond. Dr. W. H. W.
came in the forenoon. The Dr. met him at the
Raymond & went over to Wasca in the evening.
Friday. 15. I plowed all day. Father plowed in the forenoon.
Went to Wasca with the pack in the afternoon. They all
took tea at Mr. Stevens.
Saturday. 16. Father & Gardie went to Cuernavaca
with a load of wheat. Price \$1.48. I carried Mrs. Thompson
& Mrs. W. H. W. in the afternoon.
Sunday. 17. Went to Church in Cuernavaca in the morning.
Came home in the evening.
Monday. 18. I plowed. Father worked around the house.
Tuesday. 19. Father plastered the house. I plowed.
Wednesday. 20. Warm & pleasant. Father, Mother & I went
to Cuernavaca to a Festival in the evening. Had a splendid time.
Thursday. 21. Came home from Cuernavaca.
Friday. 22. Worked at the stable. Mr. Southland finished
clapboarding the granary. Mr. Stevens hired an ox, August,
broke his leg very badly. I went to Cuernavaca with the team
& brought the Dr. up to & set it.
Saturday. 23. Cloudy & misty. I went to Cuernavaca with
a load of wheat. Price \$1.52 per bushel.
Sunday. 24. Cold & cloudy. Stayed at home all day.
Monday. 25. Pleasant. Father went with the team & carried
August home. Gardie & I worked on the stable. Father brought
home the box of tea, from the Great American Tea Company.
Tuesday. 26. Worked at the stable. I plowed in the
afternoon. George Dunn helped Father on the stable.
Wednesday. 27. George helped Father cover the stable. I plowed.
The weather is colder & there are appearances of a storm.

Thursday. 28. Snowy & cold. The Stevens' horses
took supper with us. Mr. Henry Dunn plowed part of the forenoon.
Friday. 29. Very cold. Finished banking up the house.
Saturday. 30. The thermometer indicated ten or twelve degrees
below zero in the morning. Father & Gardie worked at the
stable. I went to Cuernavaca with the mail.
Sunday.

December 1867

Sunday. 1. Cloudy but a little warmer. Stayed at home.
Monday. 2. Pleasant. Chained out the well in the barn
yard, & curbed it part way up.
Tuesday. 3. Father & Mr. Stevens went to Wasca. George
Dunn helped me finish fixing the well.
Wednesday. 4. Cold & windy. Killed sheep. Weight 150 lbs.
Thursday. 5. Cold. Went over to W. H. W. George & I
shup. Father worked around the stable.
Friday. 6. Terrible wind. Did not do much of anything.
Saturday. 7. Cold. Fixed the stable door. Gardie & I went
hunting in the afternoon.
Sunday. 8. Pleasant. Gardie & I went to Cuernavaca to
church. Dr. Raymond, Straighton & Mary Blair were
married last Thursday.
Monday. 9. Father went to Wasca with some potatoes
sold them for 75 cts per bushel.
Tuesday. 10. Fixed the shup shed & shelled some corn.
Wednesday. 11. Stormy, from the northeast. I am
twenty four years old today.
Thursday. 12. There is some snow but not much. I
slaughtered. I went to Cuernavaca with the mail. Got the horse
shod, for which I paid \$5.60.
Friday. 13. We are having a severe storm from the southeast.
Will probably have snow enough for slaughtering this time.
Henry is here tonight. The stock is all doing well.

Saturday 14. Father took Gordon to Coatsville to go to school. Mr. Shumant went with him. I did the chores, & helped Weather wash.

Sunday 15. Cloudy. Snowed a little. Stayed at home only. Very warm. Built a trap shed.

Tuesday 17. Very cold. Did the chores & drew a load of wood.

Wednesday 18. Clear & cold. Mr. Dusen helped us with a small trap. Weather was much better last night.

Thursday 19. The weather continues ~~clear~~ & cold. Drew ^{manure}.

Friday 20. Drew manure & went to the lake & got some ice.

Saturday 21. Warm & cloudy. rained a little in the afternoon. Cleaned up a load of sugar to take to mill. I was I was lost & more lost this morning, apparently with the same disease as Mr. Stevens horse.

Sunday 22. Very windy, & stormy part of the day. Thought of going to Coatsville, but gave it up on account of the weather. Later in the day talked of going to Wasco & gave that up also, were very glad that we did, as the wind has been blowing almost a hurricane this afternoon.

Monday 23. Windy & cold. Got a load of wood for John Daniel.

Tuesday 24. Went to Coatsville & some corn sold for 80 cts per bushel.

Wednesday 25. We came home from Northfield in the car. Mr. Dan, Will & I came home in the afternoon. Jim Christie & Walter Bailey were married last night. We all spent the evening at Mr. Hankes.

Thursday 26. Father & Mr. Hankes went to Waterville to mill. We did the chores.

Friday 27. Father got home from mill.

Saturday 28. Father & I went to Coatsville.

Sunday 29. Mr. Alden preached at the schoolhouse.

Monday 30. Weather & Will went to Coatsville. I went over to Rents & hired.

Tuesday 31. Father & I went to Coatsville. Will did the

January 1898

Wednesday 1. Spent in the forenoon. I went to Wasco. Mr. Humphrey & family were at 1 in afternoon on a visit. We all took dinner or rather supper with the Hankes at Mr. Stevens.

Thursday 2. The Humphreys & Stevens took dinner here. Went to Wasco with a load of corn. Price 8 cts.

Friday 3. Commenced raining about noon, & rained until 10 o'clock, when it changed to snow & before 12 o'clock they were in, there was five or six inches of snow on the ground.

Saturday 4. I took Will to Coatsville, to take the care for Northfield.

Sunday 5. Went to Wasco to church. Windy & stormy in the afternoon.

Monday 6. Very cold & windy. Several people commenced making a small sleigh, or sled.

Tuesday 7. Extremely cold, but pleasant. Worked on the sled. Mr. Alden & Mr. Stevens called.

Wednesday 8. Very cold & stormy. Worked on the sled, what time we could get, but was doing the corn.

Thursday 9. Wind in the northwest, very cold. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday 10. Father & Mr. Stevens went to Coatsville. Got the sled ironed. Weather about the same.

Saturday 11. Still but extremely cold. Made a box for the cutter.

Sunday 12. Pleasant but cold. Father & Weather & Mr. Stevens have gone over to Wasco to meet the evening.

Monday 13. Wind changed to the southeast. Cut & drew wood.

Tuesday 14. Snowed but very little all day. Worked around the sled.

Wednesday 15. Cold. Mr. & Mrs. Hankes, J. & Stevens, Mother, J. went to Wasco. There was a large gathering of church people there, & we all went with it. The Hankes & Stevens baptized.

Thursday, 16. Very cold. I went to Wasca with a load of

Friday, 17. Mother & sister went to Audubon
I got me a new coat. Paid \$12.50.

Saturday, 18. I drew a load of wood for the stove in
the forenoon. attended church meeting at Sinders schoolhouse.

Sunday, 19. Bustering. Went to Wasca to church.

Monday, 20. Pleasant. Drew wood. Mr. Stevens
is visiting school this week & can't do his chores.

Tuesday, 21. Warm & comfortable. Snowed a little.

Drew two loads of wood.

Wednesday, 22. Snow fell all day with severe wind
from the southeast.

Thursday, 23. Very heavy & northwest wind. The
most bustling day of the season so far.

Friday, 24. Pleasant. Father & Mother went to Audubon.
Father came home. Mother went to Taribault on the cars.

Saturday, 25. Pleasant. did the chores in the forenoon
& went to Wilton in the afternoon.

Sunday, 26. Pleasant. Mr. Sliden preached at the schoolhouse.

Monday, 27. Mild & pleasant. Father went to Audubon.
Mother came home with him in the evening.

Tuesday, 28. Cold & very windy. The worst day to
be out there has been this winter.

Wednesday, 29. Pleasant again. Father did the chores.
I worked on a pair of gloves I am making.

Thursday, 30. I finished my gloves. Father & I went to Wasca
in the afternoon.

Friday, 31. Father & I went to Wasca with a load of
oats. (Price \$1.55.) And to Wilton & paid the taxes & did
Mr. Stevens' chores, & bottled colts.

Saturday

February 1865

Saturday, 1. Did the chores & turned around generally.

Sunday, 2. Pleasant. Wall stayed at home.

Monday, 3. Windy. drew some wood. I drew a load of wood
for Mr. Stevens in the afternoon.

Tuesday, 4. Pleasant. Chopped wood in the forenoon.

Ray and Stoughton & Wife came here on a visit. Mr.
Stoughton is visiting school & I am doing his chores.

Wednesday, 5. Very cold & stormy. Extremely so.

Thursday, 6. Pleasant. Raymond & wife & I went to
Wasca & Wilton. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.
Mr. Stevens came home.

Friday, 7. Took dinner with the Stoughtons at Mr.
Stevens. R. & wife went home in the afternoon.

Father went to Wasca with a load of oats. Price \$1.50.

Saturday, 8. Snowed all day. Father & Mr. Stevens went to Wilton.

Sunday, 9. Pleasant but cold. Very & very stormy. Mother
went to Wasca to church.

Monday, 10. Strong south wind. Chopped wood.

Tuesday, 11. Went to Carleton with Mr. Stevens.

Wednesday, 12. Pleasant. Went to Northfield on the cars.

Thursday, 13. Had a very pleasant dinner with Vil at
which I went to a sociable in the evening.

Friday, 14. Came back to Audubon. Stayed with Warren.

Saturday, 15. Father came down with the mail. & came
home with him. Have had a splendid time. Yesterday

to-day the snow has been thawing for the first time in
several weeks.

Sunday, 16. Mr. Harker to K his team & carried us all
over to Wasca to church.

Monday, 17. The weather continues warm & the snow is thawing
very fast. Father went to Wilton this morning to attend to

The judge did not come & Father came home in the evening.

In Aug. 18. Father went to Wilton again this morning. Mrs.
 & Edie & Charlie came up on a short visit. The going is
 getting very bad. Hitched up some of the colts in the afternoon.
 Wednesday, 19. Warm & pleasant. The Baileys over at home.
 Father came home in the evening.
 Thursday, 20. Father went to Wilton on Sat. the going is
 to bad to take the team out. I am doing the chores, & trying
 to get time to chop a little wood, but don't succeed very well.
 Friday, 21. Colder. I went to Wilton. Got Cuff
 hocked & my ~~foot~~ boot heel put on.
 Saturday, 22. Cold with a strong east wind.
 went over to Wasca & brought the ~~team~~ ^{team} & I came home
 with me. Mr & Mrs Stevens came down in the evening.
 Sunday, 23. Cold with a terrible southeast wind, accom-
 panied with a little snow. Father came home from
 Wilton. Mr Alden did not preach, & carried him part
 way to Wasca & he went the rest of the way on foot.
 Monday, 24. Father went to Wilton again this morning.
 I hitched up some of the colts. Mother & Mrs Alden were
 at Mr Stevens in the afternoon. Father came home in the evening.
 Tuesday, 25. Warm & pleasant. Took Mrs Alden home. Mr
 Stevens & I came around by Wilton home. Court adjourned
 in the forenoon & Father came home.
 Wednesday, 26. Snowed nearly all day. Father & I
 went to Wasca.
 Thursday, 27. Drew a little wood & broke colts.
 Friday, 28. Father & Mother went to Astoria. Gordon
 came home with them. Very pleasant day & good sleeping
 Saturday, 29. Cloudy with cold southeast wind. Chopped
 wood in the forenoon, & drove colts in the afternoon. I
 They are getting very well broke.

March

January 1868

Sunday, 1. Cloudy, cold, windy & unpleasant.
 Monday, 2. Pleasant. Drew wood. The Hawks have
 a son & pair. Presented to them last night.
 Tuesday, 3. Went & drew six loads of wood.
 Wednesday, 4. The snow has melted very fast this afternoon.
 Chopped & drew wood.
 Thursday, 5. Cloudy & warm. Chopped a little wood. ^{day}
 Friday, 6. Father went to Astoria & Clinton. The sleighing
 is nearly all gone. I chopped wood.
 Saturday, 7. Snowed slowly most of the day. There were
 some in fell last night in the night. I filled the saws &
 did some other tinkering.
 Sunday, 8. Very pleasant. Went to Wasca to Sunday school & church.
 Monday, 9. Warm & pleasant. Father & Mother went to Astoria.
 Uncle commenced work for Mr Hawks. I chopped wood
 & did the chores & went to Wasca in the evening.
 Tuesday, 10. Very pleasant & still. Chopped wood at the door.
 Wednesday, 11. Pleasant. Went to Wasca on horse back
 with Mr Hawks.
 Thursday, 12. Cloudy & stormy part of the time. Chopped
 a little wood.
 Friday, 13. Mr Hawks & I went to Astoria. The sleighing
 commenced surveying the land in this section.
 Saturday, 14. Rained a little in the morning. Father worked
 with the surveyor. I did the chores & chopped a little wood.
 Sunday, 15. Gordon & I went to Wasca with Mr Stevens
 to church & Sunday school.
 Friday, 20. Father went to Astoria with the mail. Gene
 Mc Coy came home with him.
 Saturday, 21. Very windy. Chopped a little wood. Ed Whilloughby
 spent the evening here.
 Sunday, 22. Mr Alden preached at the schoolhouse.

Monday. 23. Pleasant. The surveyor came & they finished surveying the land. Several of us went to Waseca.

Tuesday. 24. Me & my wife went to Owatonna with Sol Middaugh.

Cleaned up some seed wheat. George Dumas went to Waseca in the morning.

Wednesday. 25. Chopped wood in the forenoon. I went to Waseca in the afternoon & got a broad cast seed - price \$8.00 & freight 10¢.

Thursday. 26. Pleasant. Commenced sowing wheat. Marvin Daily came up in the afternoon.

Friday. 27. Father went to Owatonna. I put in a little wheat.

Saturday. 28. Marvin went home. Sowed a little wheat, but the ground is rather wet yet.

Sunday. 29. I went to Owatonna to Church. The weather is very pleasant.

Monday. 30. Very pleasant. Sowed wheat all day but Mr. Stearns' horse to work with but.

Tuesday. 31. Pleasant. Mr. Clement drove one of the teams dragging. Father was over at the Town Clerk's on town business. George Dumas & I went to Waseca & joined "The Grand Army of the Republic".
April. 18 & 18.

Wednesday. 1. Windy. We are getting along very well with the wheat.

Thursday. 2. The ground was frozen in the morning. Finished sowing wheat in the afternoon.

Friday. 3. Cold & windy. The ground is frozen to hard to work on. Father went to Owatonna. Got some more lumber for Mr. Stearns.

Saturday. 4. Had quite a snow storm last night.

Went to Waseca to Census in the evening.

Sunday. 5. Went to Church at Waseca.

Monday. 6. Father went to Owatonna. I did various things.

Tuesday. 7. Went to Town meeting in the forenoon & to Waseca in the evening.

Wednesday. 8. Drew manure in the forenoon. Raked some of the wheat ground across the road in the afternoon.

Thursday. 9. Did various things. The ground is still frozen hard.

Friday. 10. I went to Owatonna with the mail. Mrs. Steadman came home with me. Father sowed some oats.

Saturday. 11. Cloudy & rained a little in the forenoon. Sowed oats. Will came home in the afternoon.

Sunday. 12. Will & I went to Waseca to Church.

Monday. 13. Drew manure in the forenoon & sowed oats in the afternoon. The Hawks took tea here.

Tuesday. 14. Finished sowing oats. Our folk took tea at Mr. Stearns'. Rained in the evening. George Dumas went to Waseca.

Wednesday. 15. Rained in the afternoon I went over to work for Mr. Alden sowing wheat. George & I got home in the morning.

Thursday. 16. Cold snowy & disagreeable. Did not do much.

Friday. 17. Father went to Owatonna with the mail. Mrs. Steadman went home with him. Will plowed some & I mended quilt frame.

Saturday. 18. I worked for Mr. Alden. Will plowed & the rest cut hay.

Sunday. 19. Mr. Alden preached in the schoolhouse.

Monday. 20. Pleasant & worked for Mr. Alden. The rest of the folk worked at home.

Tuesday. 21. Pleasant. Mr. Stearns, Hawks & I helped Mr. Alden finish putting in his grain.

Wednesday. 22. Snowed nearly all day. Cleaned up a load of wheat.

Thursday. 23. Father went to Owatonna with a load of wheat. Red turnips \$1.00 per bushel. ~~Will~~ Will & I worked around the house.

Friday. 24. Drew manure & plowed.

Saturday. 25. Father went to Waseca. Will plowed. I went to Owatonna with Mr. Stearns. Very pleasant weather.

Sunday. 26. Will came to Owatonna to meeting. I came home with him.

Monday. 27. Very pleasant. Will & I drew manure. Father worked around the house & helped Mr. Stearns' some.

Tuesday. 28. Clouds. Father went to New Co. Mill
to drive manure.

Wednesday. 29. Rained some in the forenoon.
Went to the mill in the afternoon.

Thursday. 30. Cloudy, rained a little in the forenoon, some
manure, & out trees, etc.

May.

May 1888

Friday. 1. Rained very hard in the morning. Went
to the mill with the manure. Father & Will tinkered

the car. 2. Cloudy & warm. Cleaned up & had a
good dinner. Went to Waseca with it. sold it for \$1.50. Then
Father went to Motton to a Convention. Sent car to

as for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention.

Sunday. 3. Very windy. Mr. Alden preached at the schoolhouse.

Monday. 4. Very warm & pleasant. Will & I drove manure

to the mill. 5. I worked for Mr. Stevens. Father & Mother went
to Owatonna. Will worked at home.

Wednesday. 6. Will plowed. I worked for Mr. Stevens.

Thursday. 7. Finished plowing the corn ground, & commenced
harrowing it. Did various things around the house.

Friday. 8. Will harrowed corn ground. Father & I shelled
the black plant corn.

Saturday. 9. Mr. Hawkins & Gardie helped me plant corn.
Father went off on road business.

Sunday. 10. Pleasant. Will & I went to Owatonna
to church. The roads are very good.

Monday. 11. Had a little shower in the middle of
the day. Planted corn in the morning & again in the
afternoon. Father was off in the forenoon trying to

find a hired girl. Eugene Mc Coy came along here
on his way to Dakota with some more corn.

Tuesday. 12. Finished planting corn & rolled some of
the ground. George Dimm & I went to Waseca in the evening.

Wednesday. 13. Finished rolling corn ground & planted
most of the potatoes. Ed Braith stopped here with us
for the night, on his way to Oregon.

Thursday. 14. Father went to Geneva. I worked for
Mr. Stevens planting corn. Will finished planting
potatoes, & cleaned out the cellar.

Friday. 15. Father came home. Will & I worked at
fencing fence in the forenoon, & he for Mr. Stevens planting
corn in the afternoon.

Saturday. 16. Father helped finish planting
corn in the forenoon. Will & I cleaned out the granary &
moved down. Worked around the garden in the afternoon.

Sunday. 17. The weather continues dry & pleasant. The
crops are looking finely for the time of year. Mr.
Hall, Sgt. W. H. D. preached at the schoolhouse in
the place of Mr. Alden.

Monday. 18. Got some fencing & cleaned up a bed of
wheat, & made fence.

Tuesday. 19. Father went to Owatonna. Sold some
wheat for \$1.80 per bushel. Will & I made fence in
the forenoon & cleaned & oiled harness in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 20. Will worked for Henry. Father &
I worked at the fence.

Thursday. 21. I worked for Mr. Stevens & Will for Henry.
Father did various things.

Friday. 22. Father commenced painting the granary.
I fixed a wagon wheel & did several odd jobs. Will is digging
pot holes for Henry.

Saturday. 23. I worked for Mr. Stevens. Father & Will
broke a small piece on the north side of the road.

Sunday. 24. Very warm. We all went to Waseca
to church. Rev. John Brown of Woodford had excha-

nged with Mr. Alden, & delivered a very good sermon.
Mr. Dearborn has just been married & brought his wife home to Waseca.

Monday. 25. Cloudy & commenced raining in the afternoon. Began working in the corn, with the sander & cultivator.

Tuesday. 26. Had a very fine rain last night. Helped Henry make fence in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 27. Planted truck in the forenoon. Father worked in the corn in the afternoon. Will & I went to Quatoma attended a ~~social~~ festival in the evening. Got home at half past two o'clock in the morning.

Thursday. 28. Raining. Father & I went to Waseca.

Friday. 29. Cool & cloudy. Split & drew fence posts.

Saturday. 30. Father went to Quatoma with Waples, Stevens & Hawkes. Will & I sharpened posts in the forenoon & fixed fence in the afternoon.

Sunday. 31. Nearly most of the day. Will & I preached at the schoolhouse in the evening. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Stevens in the evening.

June 1868

Monday. 1. Raining in the forenoon. Fixed fence in the afternoon. The ground is getting pretty well soaked.

Tuesday. 2. Had a ~~heavy~~ heavy shower in the forenoon. Cut & drew some logs for a bridge down in the hollow.

Wednesday. 3. Cloudy & not very warm. Washed the sheep down in the creek below the stable.

Thursday. 4. Cloudy & Raining. Father & Will went to Villetta in the afternoon. The road is getting bad.

Friday. 5. Cloudy. I went to Quatoma. Got the wire fence. The roads are very bad.

Saturday. 6. Pleasant. Worked at the fence. Are taking down some of the board fence on the road, & putting up wire in the same place.

Sunday. 7. Very pleasant in the forenoon. Raining in the afternoon & evening. Will & I stayed at home. I went to the lake with the horse. Got rained on coming home.

Monday. 8. Pleasant. Will went to Quatoma. Father & I made fence. Henry traded off his oxen for a span of horses.

Tuesday. 9. Very pleasant. Worked in the corn with the team. Father worked in the garden.

Wednesday. 10. Will & I plowed corn. Father was at home on business.

Thursday. 11. Father went up to the timber.

Will & I finished plowing corn part of the afternoon.

Friday. 12. Father came home about 10 o'clock in the afternoon. Father & Mother went to Quatoma to a concert. The Fair family. It was very good indeed.

Saturday. 13. Came home in the afternoon. Found they had a very severe storm here, after our visit away yesterday.

Sunday. 14. Very warm. Cloudy & looked very much like rain towards night. Mr. Alden preached at the schoolhouse.

Monday. 15. Very warm & raining in the forenoon. Father & I went to Waseca & got a hired girl.

Tuesday. 16. The weather continues very warm. I plowed corn in the afternoon.

Wednesday. 17. Elbert helped us shoe potatoes &c. plowed in the afternoon. Will went to Quatoma & brought Cousin

~~Stacy~~ Julia. High home with him. She is going to spend the summer in Minnesota.

Thursday. 18. Had a severe thunder storm last night. A company of us went to Clear Lake fishing. Did not have much luck. Found a large number of fish from Quatoma, spending the day at the lake.

Friday. 19. Cooler. Commenced shoring sheep. Will went to Quatoma with the mail. Went to Waseca in the morning. Had Col. Atterbury make a short speech.

Saturday 20. Rained a little in the forenoon. I did several small jobs & picked a few straw berries.

Sunday 21. Very pleasant. Went to Waseca to Church.

Monday 22. Cool & pleasant. Got along very well shearing sheep. Mr. Sutherland is helping us & we are shearing Mr. Stevens' sheep.

Tuesday 23. Finished shearing the sheep.

Wednesday 24. Will carried Weather & Mrs. Stevens to Waseca in the afternoon. Did various things & worked on the road.

Thursday 25. I plowed corn. Will worked on the road in the forenoon. Was Father broke a little in the afternoon.

Friday 26. I went to Owatonna with the m^l. Father & Will plowed corn & hauled weeds.

Saturday 27. I plowed corn. Father & Will worked at the breaking. In the afternoon Father & Mr. Stevens fixed a shed for the sheep over towards Mr. Daniels.

July 1868.

Sunday 12. The weather is very warm, & has been so for some time. It is thought that it is the warmest season we have ever had in Minnesota. We have taken fifty sheep of Mr. Staughton for one year. Raymond & a boy drove them up here on the first of the month. We have been raising corn, raising potatoes, &c. &c.

Friday Mr. Hawks & I went to Waterville to catch a lot of sheep to catch some with. We all got home last night. Father & I have preached at the church home. We organized a Bible class after Church.

Monday 13. Will moved for Mr. Hawks. Father was over by Maj. Ganges mowing a road. I killed potato bugs.

Tuesday 14. Commenced haying. Will & I went to Owatonna & attended a Menagerie. Father very well paid for going.

Wednesday 15. Very warm, as usual. Worked in the hayfield.

Thursday 16. Father went to Owatonna with the wool & sold it for 35 cts. per lb. Will & I worked in the hay.

Friday 17. Mr. Hawks & Gordie helped us draw hay & I went to Owatonna. Got through just as it commenced to rain. Mr. & Mrs. Hicks came to make a short visit.

Saturday 18. Had a heavy rain last night. The oats are lodged badly. Father & Mr. Hicks went to Waseca in the morning. The Hicks went home at night.

Sunday 19. Very warm. Father & Weather went to Waseca to Church.

Monday 20. Very hot in the afternoon. Father went to Owatonna in the afternoon. Will & I finished drawing what hay we have cut. Rained a little towards night.

Tuesday 21. Cooler. Father came home in the morning. Had a very severe thunder storm last night. We have been tinkering around all day.

Wednesday 22. Commenced haying. We are working with Mr. Stevens & Henry. Cut about ten acres of wheat for Mr. Stevens.

Thursday 23. Cool & comfortable. Worked for Mr. Stevens.

Friday 24. Very pleasant. Cut & hauled oats for Mr. Stevens. Got along nicely.

Saturday 25. Finished our ~~oats~~ oats in the forenoon & cut wheat in the afternoon.

Sunday 26. Will & I went to Owatonna to Church.

Monday 27. Very pleasant. Worked for Mr. Stevens in oats.

Tuesday 28. Cut & shocked up ten acres of wheat for Mr. Stevens.

Wednesday 29. Cloudy. Rained a little in the afternoon.

Thursday 30. Worked for Mr. Stevens.

Friday 31. Rained very hard last night. Worked for Mr. Stevens again today. Are getting along very well with the haying.

Friday 1. Worked for Mr. Stevens. Cut some oats & hauled.

August, 1868.

Saturday, 1st. Windy & cool. Cut & stacked up about
 seven acres of wheat for us.
 Sunday, 2. Pleasant, cloudy, & rainy, by turns. We all
 stayed at home & rested, & ate succotash.
 Monday, 3. Very pleasant. Finished cutting our wheat
 but did not set it all up. Henry was sick. Walter
 & Emma helped us bind.
 Tuesday, 4. Cool & pleasant. Worked for Mr Stevens.
 The wheat is getting so that it shells some.
 Wednesday, 5. Finished cutting grain in the forenoon.
 Have been harvesting just two weeks.
 Thursday, 6. Cloudy, & rained a little in the forenoon.
 I shall commence stacking tomorrow if it does not rain.
 Friday, 7. Pleasant in the morning, but cloudy & raining toward
 night, with a terrible wind. Rained last night. Walter
 & I went to Antwerp.
 Saturday, 8. Windy. Put up a stack of wheat.
 Sunday, 9. Pleasant. Mr Alden preached at the church.
 Had quite an interesting Bible class in church.
 Monday, 10. Rains in the forenoon. I & I went
 to I was in the afternoon.
 Tuesday, 11. Pleasant. Father & Julia went to
 Hitters in the forenoon. Drew seven loads of wheat in
 the afternoon.
 Wednesday, 12. Very pleasant. Stacked about 25
 loads got up three good sized stacks.
 Thursday, 13. Cloudy, but a very nice day for stacking.
 Drew twelve loads & went out.
 Friday, 14. Got along very well stacking. Mr Stevens
 man helped us in the afternoon.
 Saturday, 15. Finished stacking the wheat.
 Sunday, 16. Mother, Julia, Will & I went to Orono
 to church. Heard a Mr Richards from Madison Wisconsin

preach two very good sermons.
 Monday, 17. Cloudy & rained a little in the afternoon.
 We finished stacking in the forenoon. Helped Mr Stevens
 a little while in the afternoon but had to quit on account of rain.
 Tuesday, 18. Foggy & cloudy in the morning, but pleasant
 most of the day. We all worked for Mr Stevens stacking.
 Wednesday, 19. Helped Mr Stevens stack wheat in the forenoon.
 Dr. Hall brought the female Dairys of here and put
 the cows. Will & I went to Antwerp with them in the
 evening. Attended a Sociable at S. B. Hall's, & came
 home in the night. Had a very nice time.
 Thursday, 20. Very pleasant. Will mowed. Father &
 I did several odd jobs.
 Friday, 21. Will mowed for Mr Hawkes. Gordie helped us
 with Mr Stevens.
 Saturday, 22. Will mowed for Mr Hawkes in the forenoon.
 We drew hay. Are getting along finely.
 Sunday, 23. Mr Alden preached at the schoolhouse.
 Monday, 24. I helped Mr Hawkes draw hay. Will mowed.
 Tuesday, 25. Cloudy. Drew hay all day.
 Wednesday, 26. Will mowed in the forenoon. Drew seven loads
 of hay. In the week ending tonight, we have stacked 25
 loads of hay & have four more ready to stack; besides, Will
 has mowed one & one half days, & I have worked one day
 for Mr Hawkes.
 Thursday, 27. Cloudy & raining part of the day. Drew
 some hay. The Dairys came up after plums, but did not
 get any. Lussie stayed, the rest went home.
 Friday, 28. Rained very hard in the forenoon. Pleasant
 the rest of the day. Mother is not very well. Will took Lussie Daily
 home. I went down to Mr Alden's & got some oats.
 Saturday, 29. Cloudy. Will mowed in the forenoon. Drew hay.
 Mr Daniels the boy Johnnie died about noon.

September 1848.

Thursday. 1. Cloudy. Julia is some better. The Dr
went home. Worked in the hay.

Wednesday 2. Finished cutting hay. Father and I were a
good load. Julia does not seem quite as well today.

Thursday. 3. We went to Quim after the La Julia
is better this evening. Worked at the house

Friday. 4. Mr. Walker helped us saw hay in the forenoon.
Finished up nicely in the afternoon. Have put up nearly
sixty loads of hay since harvest. Making in all, about
one hundred loads.

Saturday, 5. Father went to Awatomia. Will & Finkner

Sunday. C. Went over to the schoolhouse, but Mr. Eldon did not come. Had our Bible class, & Mr. Atwood friend Mr. Baldwin, made some very interesting remarks.

Myers, Stevens, Clement, & Baldwin came down here in the afternoon, & we had some very fine singing.

Monday. I took Well as far as Customs on his way to Northfield, to attend school. Came home in the rain in the evening. Father moved for Mr. Stevens

Tuesday, 5. Had a heavy rain last night. Prepared for the storm in the afternoon. Father drew some of the straw from where we want to thresh.

Shelby Co. 9. Improved for the St. Louis. Father has
an answer. V. Co. coll. "Pat" died about noon.

Thurs day. 10. Drew measure in the forenoon. & attended
the funeral of young Johnson, who died yesterday afternoon.

Friday. 11. Dred - Manned all day. Very windy.
Dr Ware came here in the evening to stay all night.

Saturday. 12. Rained very hard last night. We ~~rested~~
rested in the forenoon, & drew lumber in the afternoon.

Sunday. 13. Very pleasant in the morning, but raining to night.
Father & Mother went to Maracaibo Church.

Monday, 11th. Rainy most of the day. Father & Mother went to Owatonna. Julia & I ~~stayed~~ stayed at home & ate melons.

are well ^{corns}
Tuesday. 15. Raining in the morning. Father husked corn
in the afternoon. It snowed. The weather is quite cool

Clear, cold, & windy. Had quite a
severe freeze last night. Enough to kill the vines, but did
not injure ^{the corn} much probably, as it was nearly ripe. Father
pulled beans & plowed

Thursday. 11. A flower. Father helped Mr Mr Stevens in
the forenoon drawing hay. Severe frost again this morning.

Feb. 18 Cloudy. Plowed, & sowed manure, & things

Saturday, 19. Clouds & dismal. Father & family
 to Waco. Brought Mrs. H. down to the Hotel
 in Waco. D.C. God bless them. The 1st Church
 Sabbath school at the school in Waco.

Mo. Aug. 21. 1894. In 1894. I plowed. Father worked around
the house & garden.

Tuesday. 22. Very cold & windy. I plowed in the forenoon
 & harrowed the me in the grass. In the afternoon Feather plowed
 & I cut a brand to mark logs with. 4e

Wednesday. 23. The weather continues very cold for the time of year. Froze quite hard last night. Feathers did various things. I missed for Mr. Sturges. The hay is very far out of the barn.

thorn straw.
~~At 10 a.m.~~ Thursday. 24. The ground was white with snow
 this morning when we got up, & flowed. John Curving
 came by & got some sheep.

Saturday. 26. Did all jobs in the forenoon & helped
 in thrash in the afternoon.
 Sunday. 27. Pleasant. Went to Waseca to church.
 Monday. 28. Worked for Jim Dummer thrashing.
 Tuesday. 29. Finished thrashing for Dummer in the forenoon.
 in the afternoon, Father got a load of potatoes from
 Mr. Kunkin, that he has been buying. Price 50 per bushel.
 Wednesday. 30. Very pleasant. Plowed until
 the middle of the afternoon & then took Father to Quatoma
 to take the care of the morning for the State Fair at Minneapolis.
 Next day.

October 1868.

Thursday. 1. Did the chores & plowed some.
 Friday. 2. The weather continues very pleasant. Plowed
 & did chores. Mrs. Rice from Quatoma took dinner.
 Saturday. 3. Plowed & did the chores.
 Sunday. 4. Warm & pleasant. Went to Quatoma to
 see the. Met the Daily boys just as I got there, bringing
 him home.
 Monday. 5. Plowed most of the day. Father helped corn.
 Mr. Clement & I have taken Mr. Alden's & I have a lot
 of corn but & ifly acres to put into corn next year.
 Tuesday. 6. Raining in the forenoon. Mr. Clement & I went
 to the farm & marked out some land ready to go to plowing.
 Wednesday. 7. Snowed nearly all day. Mr. Fisher of Quatoma
 stayed here last night, on his way but went with a load of tombstones.
 Thursday. 8. Father & Mother went to Quatoma after Aunt
 High who has just come from Ohio on a visit. Plowed.
 Friday. 9. Pleasant. Plowed. Father & Gordie husked corn
 in the forenoon. Gordon helped Mr. William Dummer thrash in
 the afternoon.
 Saturday. 10. Plowed in the forenoon. Father plowed a few turns.
 Gordon helped Mr. Dummer thrash. Father helped Dummer in the afternoon.
 Gordon & I went to Wilton & heard Wilkinson speak in the evening.

Sunday. 11. Went to Waseca to Church.
 Monday. 12. Gordon helped Mr. Dummer finish thrashing in the
 forenoon. The machine came here before dinner & we commenced
 thrashing in the afternoon.
 Tuesday. 13. Raining in morning commenced thrashing a little
 before noon. The grain is turning out well.
 Wednesday. 14. Finished thrashing in the afternoon. ~~at~~
 We have 589 bushels of oats & 556 bushels wheat.
 Thursday. 15. Father & Gordon helped Henry thrash. I commenced
 plowing down on the Alden farm, that Mr. Clement & I have taken
 to work next year.
 Friday. 16. Cool but very bright & pleasant. Plowed.
 Father & Gordon helped Mr. Stevens thrashing.
 Saturday. 17. Clear & cold. The ground has been frozen all day.
 Plowed. Father went to Waseca on town business.
 Sunday. 18. Cloudy. The ground was white with snow in the
 morning. Mr. Alden did not come, probably on account of the weather.
 Monday. 19. Warm & pleasant. Father went to Wilton to attend
 court, as jurymen. Plowed. The thrashing machine broke down
 at Mr. Stevens. Dr. & Mrs. Ware came here in the afternoon.
 Tuesday. 20. Cloudy. Father went to Wilton. Gordon helped thrash.
 Mr. Clement & I are getting ~~and~~ along very well plowing.
 The Dr. folk went home in the forenoon.
 Wednesday. 21. Plowed. Father was at Wilton. Gordon thrashed.
 Thursday. 22. We are having very nice weather for work.
 Gordon helped Mr. Hawkes finish thrashing.
 Friday. 23. Very pleasant. Father came home from Wilton.
 Mr. & Gordon put a fence around the straw stack in the afternoon.
 Saturday. 24. Very mild & pleasant. Mother, Aunt, & I
 & I went to Quatoma. Took dinner at Dr. Ware's. Father & Gordon
 husked corn.
 Sunday. 25. Very pleasant. Went to Waseca to Church.
 Mr. Griggs preached in Mr. Alden's place. Found Capt. Kelley
 & Mr. Tiler here when we got home.

Monday. ²⁶ I plowed as usual. Mr Southland helped
our folks husk corn.

Tuesday. ²⁷ Cold northwest wind. Husked corn & plowed.

Wednesday. ²⁸ Father went to Wasceca. I plowed. Gordon did
odd jobs. Mrs Daily & Ed came up on a visit.

Thursday. ²⁹ Father was away on Town business. The Dailys went
home.

Friday. ³⁰ Rained very hard last night & continues rainy
today. Father was away part of the day. I made gloves.

Saturday. ¹ Father & Gordon fixed shop yard. I plowed.

November 1868

Sunday. ¹ Pleasant. Went to meeting at the schoolhouse.

Monday. ² Mr Southland helped husk. I plowed.

Tuesday. ³ Very pleasant. Went to Wasceca to Elections.
Father & I came home by way of Winton. No of votes Paled
in town of Woodville. ~~221~~ ²²¹ Republican majority.
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Wednesday. ⁴ Mr Clement & I finished plowing on the
Alden farm. Very heavy wind. Prairie fires raged, but did not
do much harm that we have heard of.

September 27 1869

Monday ²⁷ There was a very hard frost last night.

The first of the season. Will finished
mowing. I plowed all day with the cattle.

Mr Vinton put up hay. Mrs Vinton and Julia
went over to Mr Clements.

Tuesday ²⁸ Will and Mr Vinton drew seven loads off
hay. I plowed all day. Will went over to the
station about five o'clock.

Wednesday ²⁹ Mrs Vinton and Julia went to
Quatoma. Mr Vinton took them over
to the station and brought back a load

of lumber for Wilfred to make a grain bin of.

Mr Vinton and Will drew hay in the afternoon.

I plowed all day. Quite wind day.

Thursday ³⁰ Mr Vinton took Julia over to the
station. ~~as~~ has gone to the state fair
at Rochester. Mr Vinton brought back a load
of lumber and took it over to Mr Clements.

Mr Vinton and Julia came up on the four
o'clock train. I plowed all day.

October 1869

Friday ¹ Cloudy and rainy in the morning.

Mr Vinton went to Winton. Wilfred
came home. He and I went after some
poles in the afternoon.

Saturday ² Mr Vinton and Wilfred went over
to Mr Clements and made build a grain
bin. I plowed all day. Quite Pleasant.

Sunday ³ Mrs Vinton and Wilfred went over
to meeting in the buggy and I made
cub over. Very wind day.

Monday ⁴ Mr Vinton and Wilfred went over
to Mr Clements and staid all day. I
plowed. Will came home on the five o'clock train.
Still and pleasant all day.

Tuesday ⁵ Commenced thrashing on the Alden
farm. Pleasant.

Wednesday ⁶ Thrashed all day. Mr Alden came home
with us. Pleasant.

Thursday ⁷ Very pleasant. Thrashed all day.

Friday ⁸ Rained all day.

October 22 1869

Friday ²² It has been very cold for the past few
days. There has been no rain since the night

Sunday 24 Me and Mrs Chester ~~Had~~ the Gaily boys
and Julia came up and all went back in the
afternoon. Snowed a little

Monday 25- Mr Stevens had one of his horses stolen
last night- The boys and Mr Sawkes have
gone to help him find it- Mr Vinton and I husked
corn in the forenoon and fixed up the stable in the
afternoon Very cold and windy Snowed in the afternoon

Tuesday 28 Mr Vinton and I husked corn finished
the piece on the hill Cloudy in the forenoon but
cleared off pleasant in the afternoon

Wednesday 27 Mr. Vinton and I hauled corn in
the forenoon and thrashed beans
in the afternoon

Thursdays. Mr Stevens three hired hands helped
us husk corn in the forenoon and Albert-

in the afternoon Mr Stevens came back and says
he left the bags at Blueearth City Mr Vinton went
over to Waseca in the evening to hear Windom speak

Friday 29 Mr Vinton A. West and I went over to
Mr Clements and got a load of turnips
Cold and Cloudy

Saturday 20 A vert helped us husk corn all day Jim
Roots brother staid here last night. 5 leaves

Sunday 31 The boys got back with Hanson and Mr. Stevens horse they caught him ^{in Dickinson} ~~Emet~~ County Iowa. They and Mr Stevens took him to Custer in the afternoon. Ed Padgett and Julia came up in the morning.

November 1869

Monday, The Vinton and Aunt dug potatoes on the Helen farm and brought home ten bushels. The boys got back from Owatonna. I helped Jim Dunn thrash in the afternoon and part of the forenoon. Quite warm and pleasant.

Tuesday 2 The boys and Mr Vinton went over to Waseca
to election Mr Vinton Will and I about dug
potatoes I helped Jim Dunn thrash in the forenoon Thomas

Wednesday I will with the oxen helped Jim Dunn McDintore
Albert and I dug potatoes over to Mr. Clements
Mr. Vinton drew Mr. Alden potatoes over to Isaac Stewart

Thursday & Rained in the forenoon Will and I cleaned up
sixty or seventy bushels of wheat Mr Victor went over
to the station with a load of wheat and got 62 cts a bushel

Friday 15 - Mrs Vinton and Julia went down to Acworth in the cars this morning. Mr Vinton took a load of wheat over to the station and got 62¢ for bushel. Five of us rushed

corn mat all day Will plowed in the afternoon Pleasant
Saturday Will plowed all day I husked corn all day

Mr Vinton husked corn in the forenoon and went over to Mr Griffith in the afternoon and got a sheep.

Sunday / The Vinton went to Owatonna and brought
Mrs Vinton and Julia home quite cool

Monday 8. Sowed a little last night. Mr. Kieker and two men stopped here to dinner. Mr. Vinton Will and I hauled a load of corn in the afternoon.

Monday 9 Mr Vinton went to the station with four
four samples of wheat and got 40 cts per bush
The boys and I husked corn in the forenoon and I husked
all the afternoon. Mr Vinton plowed. The boys and Julia
went to Owatonna. Cloudy in the morning but cleared off
& pleasant in the afternoon.

Tuesday 10 Mr Vinton plowed in the forenoon and I
husked corn. The boys and Julia got home about
noon. Wilfred went over to Mr Clements. Will plowed
and Mr Vinton and I husked corn. It snowed considerably
last night. Quite cool.

Wednesday 11 Mr Vinton and I plowed husked corn
in the forenoon and Will plowed. Wilfred
came home. Anna killed six in the afternoon and
we all husked corn. Cold.

Thursday 12 Mr Vinton went to Owatonna. The boys
and I husked corn in the forenoon and part of
the afternoon. Mrs Vinton, Julia and the boys went
up to Mr Stearns for dinner and spent the afternoon.
Saturday 13 We all husked corn all day. Alit Sutuff
helped us in the afternoon. The Dr and Mrs
Ware came up in the afternoon and went back in the
evening.

Sunday 14 Mr and Mrs Vinton and Julia went to Owatonna.
Julia is going to take the evening train for
home. Mr Daily is to accompany her to Chicago.
Mr Alden preached here.

Monday 15 We husked corn all day. Alit helped us in
the forenoon.

Tuesday It snowed about two inches last night. We
finished husking corn in the morning.
Wilfred and Mr Vinton fired up the fence
between Clements field and ours.
Will went over to Mr Griffiths and bought

a sucking calf giving twenty nine sheep
for it. Mr Belmont took dinner here.
Cloudy all day.

Wednesday 16 The boys went hunting and
killed one partridge. Mr Vinton
and I got a load of wood in the forenoon.
I chopped wood in the afternoon. Will went up
to Mr Stearns to be examined.

Thursday 17 Mr Stearns, people and Henry were
here to thank giving dinner. The boys
went over to the station afternoon. Dark
Cloudy and cool.

Friday 18 Bright and pleasant all day. Wilfred
and Mr Vinton boarded up the house.
Will and I drew manure. George Hicks
stopped here to supper on his way back home.

Saturday 19 Mr and Mrs Vinton and Mr Stearns
folks went over to Waseca.
The boys and I banked up the house and
drew manure. Cold and cloudy.

Sunday 20 It snowed all the forenoon. We cleaned
up sixty six bushels of wheat and took
it over to the station in the afternoon and
got 35 cts per bushel.

Tuesday 21 The boys and I drew manure
all day. Wilfred went over to the
station late in the afternoon. Mr Vinton
cut wood and did various things.
Clear and pleasant all day.

Wednesday 22 Mr Vinton went to Owatonna
to get the horse shed. Mr Stearns
and Mr Hawkes went down with him.
The boys and I drew manure all day.
This has been the coldest day we have had this

Thursday 24 Willard and Mr Vinton went out
in the big woods to see about getting
lumber this winter Willard drew wood in the
afternoon

Friday 25 Willard and I drew a load of wood in
the forenoon Willard took us home in the
afternoon Willard and Mr Vinton got home

Saturday 26 Luira and Edward spent the evening
here

Saturday 27 Willard and Mr Vinton went over
to Mr Guffeths to divide the sheep
Willard went over to the station in the afternoon

The boys and I spent the evening at Mr
Stevens

Sunday 28

Monday 29 School commenced there were mountain
schollars the first day

Tuesday 30 Mr Banks came up here after dark
with a living team and Willard is
going out to Esterville after Mr Morse

Mr Vinton went down to Oskaloosa with Mr
Banks in the evening I went to bed

Wednesday

December 1869

Wednesday 1 Willard started for Esterville

Thursday 2 Mr and Mrs Vinton went up to Mr
Stevens in the evening

Friday 3 Very cold wind Friday the south in
the morning Willard and I went over
to Mr Scovilles and to the station in the evening

Saturday 4 Mr Vinton fixed the house Willard
and I finished banking up the house
and drew a load of wood in the afternoon

Sunday 5 Willard came back from Ester-
ville with Mr Morse he is to be
a witness against Hanson Willard and
Monday 6 Willard went down to Oskaloosa

Monday 6 Mr Vinton went over to baseca
Mr Hawks went with him The
boy came home in the evening Hanson trial
is coming off Wednesday

Tuesday 7 The boys came home

We killed our pig the largest one
weighed two hundred and twenty five lbs
quite warm and pleasant

Wednesday 8 I took the boys down to Oskaloosa
to attend court Willard bought me a pair
of moccasins Very windy and quite cold in the PM

Thursday 9 Mr Vinton went down to Oskaloosa
with some corn and oats The sheriff
came up after Mr Hawks for witness on
Hanson trial Very warm it has thinned all day

Friday 10 Warm and windy all day I took Mr Vinton
up to Mr Stevens in the forenoon

Six o'clock and Mr Vinton is not home yet
Saturday 11 Snowed and rained all day Mr Vinton
tricked the hams

Sunday 12 It froze a little last night Cloudy
all day Mr Alden was expected to preach
here but did not for some unknown reason

Monday 13 Willard commenced his school again
Mr Vinton went over to the station in the
forenoon The roads are very rough Quite pleasant

Tuesday 14 Willard went over to the station
with a load of wheat and got 55 cts
for barrel ~~the wheat was not sold to~~
~~the store early in the afternoon~~

Wednesday 15 Wilfred went over to the station
with a load of wheat and got 55 cts
per bushel.

Thursday 16 Wilfred went over to the station
with a load of wheat and got 55 cts
per bushel.

Friday 17 Wilfred sold a load of wheat for the same
price as yesterday. Will was unwell
and had to close school early in the forenoon.

Saturday 18 Wilfred sold another load of wheat
for the same price 55 cts per bushel. The boys
and Mr. Vinton cleared up some wheat in the
evening to take to mill.

Sunday 19 This is the first day the sun
has shone all for two or three weeks.

Monday 20 Wilfred went to Owatonna to mill.

Bright and pleasant but rather cool.

Tuesday 21 Will stopped at Dr. McElroy's and
Wilfred went over in the evening.

Wednesday 22 Mr. and Mrs. Vinton went to Clement
and spent the day here. A drover
stopped here all night with his cattle.

Thursday 23 This has been the coldest day.
We have had this winter.

Wilfred went over to Waseca with a load
to end of road to pay for the paper.

Friday 24 Mr. Vinton took a load of wheat
to Owatonna and got fifty cts
per bushel. I went over to the
German Christmas tree.

Saturday 25 Mr. Vinton came home in the
evening he went up to the rocks
and staid there all night. Will worked up
to Mr. Hawker Wilfred and I cut wood.

Sunday 26 The boys went to Owatonna to meeting.
I went over to Waseca with Mr. Stearns
but there was no service today.

Monday 27 Wilfred and Mr. Vinton chopped wood.
Tuesday 28 Pleasant. Mr. Vinton and the boys
went over to Jim Dams in evening to help
get a calf out of the mill.

Wednesday 29 It rained a little in the forenoon
but cleared off bright and pleasant
in the afternoon. Mr. Vinton and Wilfred cut
wood and Mr. Vinton up to the Stearns in evening.

Thursday 30 The Dr. and Mrs. Ware and Mr. and
Mrs. Daily came up and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton have just gone over to the
Clements to clean up some wheat this evening.

Friday 31 Wilfred and Mr. Vinton went to
Owatonna. Pleasant.
Saturday.

January 1870

Saturday 1 Will went to Owatonna with
Mr. Stearns. Charley Daily came up
home with our folks in the evening.

Mr. Vinton went over to Waseca. He drove
Baker with George. Emma's horse I helped
George. Emma kill his pig.

Sunday 2 We all went over to meeting except
Will. It snowed a very little in the evening.

Monday 3 Wilfred and Mr. Vinton went over to
Waseca with the two year old steers
and sold them for \$55. Billy Young
came over and traded back Ben for the
oxen and paid half of the original note.

Tuesday 4 Wilfred and went over to Waseca in the afternoon with Mr. Stearns. Mr. Stearns helped Mr. Vinton and Wilfred sell the steers in the forenoon. Rather early.

Wednesday 5 Wilfred went to Owatonna to see the County Commissioners about getting his pay for catching Waseca. Pleasant.

Thursday 6 Mr. Vinton and Wilfred did the chore and drew some wood. Quite cold.

Friday 7 Snowed and blowed all day.

Saturday 8 This has been the coldest day we have had yet. The boys and Mr. Vinton drew three loads of wood in the forenoon. Mr. Vinton went over to Waseca in the afternoon and the boys drew one load of wood. I did the chore.

Sunday 9 Snowed, considerable.

Monday 10 Charles Daily went home with Mr. Hawker. Wilfred has got his load all ready to start for the big woods in the morning. Quite pleasant.

Tuesday 11 Wilfred and George Dunn started for the big woods. There has been a frost from the east and north to-day.

Wednesday 12 Mr. Vinton, Will and I went over to the Clements in the evening and got a load of wheat. Miss Adair spent the afternoon here. Pleasant.

Thursday 13 Mr. Vinton went over to the station with a load of wheat and got 53 cts per bushel. I did Henry's chores for him this morning. It is snowed.

Friday 14 Snowed a little.

Saturday 15 Mr. Vinton and Will went to Owatonna. Wilfred came home in the evening.

Sunday 16 Snowed all day.

Monday 17 Snowed and blowed all day. This has been the worst day to be out we have had to be out. Not school to-day. Tuesday 18 Quite cold. Roads blocked up. Wednesday 19 Wilfred and Mr. Vinton drew some corn from the Clements.

Thursday 20 Wilfred and Mr. Vinton drew wheat from the Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns and Miss Adair spent the evening here.

Friday 21 Mr. Vinton and Wilfred finished drawing the wheat home. Mr. Vinton went over to the Clements and spent part of the day.

Saturday 22 Will and I cut half a cord of wood and Mr. Vinton took it down to the school house. Wilfred loaded up his load up ready to start for the big woods in the morning.

Sunday 23 Quite pleasant.

Monday 24 Mr. Waller was here in the evening to see Mr. Vinton. Snowed hard all day.

Tuesday 25 Mr. Vinton took a load of wheat over to the station and got 52 cts per bushel.

Wednesday 26 Mr. Vinton sold another load for 52 per bus.

Thursday 27 Mr. Vinton bought 50 bushel of corn of Henry for 23 cts per bushel and took them to Owatonna and sold them for 23 cts per bushel. I staid home from school in the forenoon. Pleasant.

Friday 23. Mr Vinton went to Ouatoma with a
load of wheat and sold it for 33 cts per
bushel Snowed in the afternoon.

Saturday 24. Will cleared up some oats up to
Henry to take to his farm.

Sunday 25. We all went over to Wasee to
meeting Anna came home with us from
school Friday night and was here to day.

Monday 31. Mr Vinton took us down to school.
The roads are all blown out again.

Tuesday

February 1870

Wednesday 1. The wind blew quite hard all day.

Mr Vinton was away in the morning
and I staid home from school.

Thursday 2. I went to school. Roads all filled
up. Pleasant.

Friday 3. Will and I went down to the
school house to a spelling school.

Will came home Saturday night and was
back Monday morning. He brought a load

as far as Emerson and left it. Will went
down to Marietta Saturday and came home

Monday. Mr Vinton went to Ouatoma to day

with a load of corn and screenings to get
ground for feed. Quite warm and acts like March.

Saturday 10. Mr and Mrs Alden and Mr

Wassworth came over here in the evening.
Afternoon quite warm and pleasant during the day.

Sunday 11