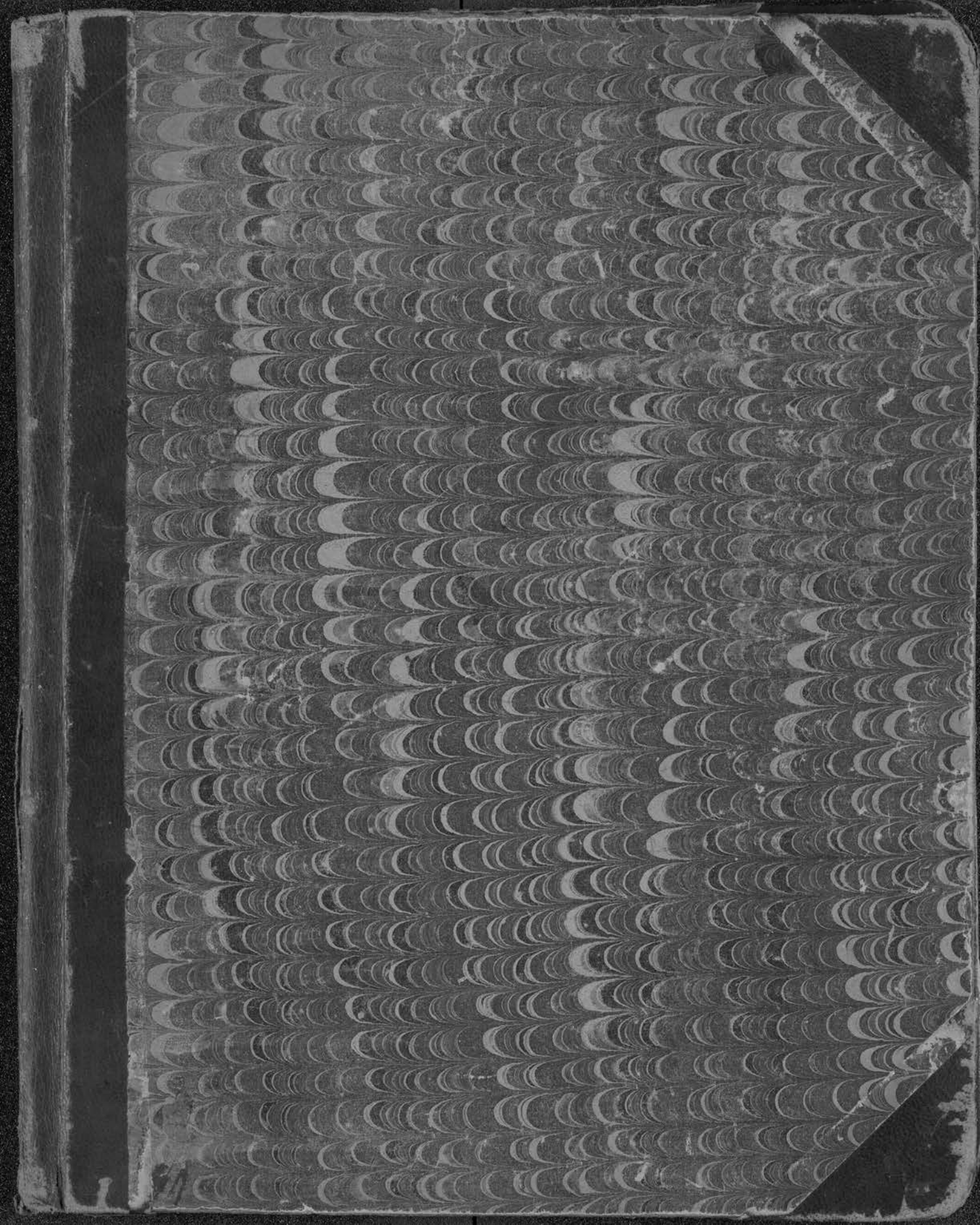




Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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- Sat. 7 Grandpa and Papa went to Wasella Grandpa got my new journal. Had the big oil can filled. A cold wind and it snowed a little.
- Sun. 5 None of us went to church to day on account of bad roads. Papa, Mamma, and I, studied the Sunday-school lesson. Alfred went off and where he came back he brought Ed and went to stay all night with him.
- Mon. 6 Papa and Alfred went up and got a load of wood. Snow blew all day more or less. I went up with Papa to water the cattle. I played two games of chess with Aunt Nancy and a game of checkers with Alfred. Papa and Grandpa made Aunt Nancy's picture frame for Edinburgh.
- Tues. 7 Our folks commenced drawing ice this afternoon. Papa went over and borrowed Mr. Dennis' big sleigh and they drew two loads. Grandma made a new chair-cushion. A bright cold day. Heard Johnnie Dennis had the mumps.

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- Wed. 8 Four more loads of ice. I finished a letter to Julia Vinton. A very bright day. Tommy Dunn brought the mail. The youths too companion for me and a pack age for Aunt Nancy. Tillie returned this afternoon. 25° below zero this snow.
- Thurs. 9 Our folks did not haul any ice, it was too cold to cut it. The mercury went out of sight. I burned twice this forenoon. I ripped up a pair of papa's pants. Papa and Alfred drew three loads of hay this forenoon. 42° below zero in Wasce. This morning it was 10° below zero. Papa went to Wasce and on the way back brought a load of ice. Tommy Dunn came over and brought the mail, the Press premium the United States History, a letter to Aunt Nancy from Augusta. Daily of twenty pages.
- Fri. 10 This morning Papa only got one load of ice, but this afternoon Grandpa and Papa both went after ice. Thirteen eggs to day the most this winter. I went up to play with Annie Ruter this afternoon. Staid two hour and a half.
- Sat. 11

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- Sun. 12 The thermometer stood at 14° above zero. I went up to Mr. Dunn this forenoon to get the mail. The "Farm Stock and Home" came. This forenoon Alfred went over to see Hannah Youngman who has recently arrived from Idaho, and when he came back he got the mail from Mr. Dunn's. Papa, Mamma, and I studied the Sunday-school lesson. It thawed all day, this afternoon it was 36° above zero. This afternoon I went with Papa and Grandpa after ice. Mamma got twelve eggs to day. Mr. George Comee and Mr. Smith of Wasce were here to day.
- Mon. 13 Four more loads of ice drawn. Fourteen eggs got to day the most this winter. It was 4° below zero this morning it 10° below zero this afternoon. I slid on my snowshoes I always do.
- Tues. 14 Only two loads of ice to day. It was 20° below zero this morning. I burned twice this afternoon. I did one of our calves. Eleven eggs to day. Mamma and I had lots of fun sliding ^{snowshoes} on.
- Wed. 15

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Thurs. 16

The men finished drawing ice, and Grandpa took Mr. Dunn's sleigh home. This morning it was 12° above zero and this afternoon it was 36° above zero. I went over with Grandpa and Papa after ice again this forenoon. Mamma and I saw The Pea-back spread his tail for the first time.

Fri. 17

It was up to 38° above zero this afternoon. This forenoon the men finished packing the ice. This afternoon the men went up to the woods after noon and I went with them. Churned after supper. Received the Advance premium, "Christ Before Pilate," and the Youths Companion. Mr. Walter Dunn visited here to day.

Sat 18

Grandpa went to Waseca today, and Alfred went with him, his is to be gone over Sunday. I helped Papa do lots of chores to day. I led one of my steers out doors to day for the first time. Took fifteen dozen eggs, sold them for seventeen cents a dozen. The thermometer went up to 40° above zero this afternoon.

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Sun. 19

It rained or sleeted almost all day, and it snowed some this afternoon. Mamma and I broke up two, ~~baskets~~ full of corn for the cows. Read, rested and had the Sabbath-School lesson. Fourteen eggs to-day.

Mon. 20

Four⁰ above zero this morning, but a hard north-west wind all day. Tillie the hired girl, dropped spail in the cistern, and Papa got a long pole or board and screwed a hook in the end of it, and got up two pails one had been dropped in before. Alfred came home and brought me a nice, little, sled. The Drum boys came down here to play this afternoon.

Tues. 21

A bright day, 4° below zero this morning. Fifteen eggs to-day. Harry and Andrew Drum have another little sister, her name is Effie, she was born yesterday. Grandpa went to town. This forenoon Papa and Alfred went up to the woods to cut down a tree and I went with them, and this afternoon they went up to get it.

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The Drumm boys were down here with their steers to day, they led them down

Wed. 22. Washington's birthday. Papa went over to Weslee after a load of saw-dust but the car-load of saw-dust did not come. He took my new sled over to get it mended, one of the runners was bent. A warm day, thawed a little.

Thurs. 23 This afternoon Papa, Mamma, and I went over to Weslee to a Masonic Supper. I had a very nice time. We got home at twenty minutes after twelve at night. Warm and pleasant going over, but a strong wind in our faces coming back. After we had gone this afternoon Grandpa and Alfred went over to John Schollgerdes with a load of feed over to get it ground. Mamma got a new pair of shoes, and a wooden spoon.

Fri. 24 Papa went again over to Weslee after a load of saw-dust, but not being brought in the car, and so he had to go up to Mr. Savitt's and get a load. Twenty eggs to day. Rather mild weather.

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Mr. Peter Daniels came over this evening.

Sat. 25 A very bad day. When Papa went to the barn once, we could not see him half way there because the snow was blowing so. Papa made a ^{made} figure four mouse-trap. Mamma caught mice. I staid in the house most of the day. commenced a letter to Wilfred & ans. It was so stormy to day that they did not drive the cattle up to the pasture to water them. Mamma caught ice the new trap this evening.

Sun. 26 The storm lasted nearly all day, but stopped towards night, 10 below zero this morning. I studied the Sabbath School lesson. Alfred walked on my snow-shoes this evening and I slid on my sled.

Mon. 27 The men drew in part of the last stack of hay. I went with Papa and Alfred over to John Schollgerdes after our load of feed. Eighteen below zero this morning. Sixteen eggs.

Tues. 28 The last of the hay drawn in the barn. I was out doves most of the day. Seventeen eggs. I drove the horses on the horse fork. Slid down hill on

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my sled.

Wed. 29 The day that comes only once in four years. Two loads of wood drawn. Alfred and I shelled corn alone.

A nice warm day, thawed some.

Thurs. Burned twice this forenoon.

March 1 Rained or sleeted all day. The men fixed the sled. I worked at a little wood rack, that I am making. Mamma made doughnuts and cookies.

Eighteen eggs

Fri. 2 Papa and Grandpa went to Wasicea with a load of feed. Took thirteen dozen eggs. Grandpa got some new clothes.

Blustering and snow flying, every thing covered with ice. I worked more at my wood-rack. Got some sorghum.

Sat. 3 I finished my wood rack, and tied it on my sled and drew some wood on it, and it is very nice, and I made most of it except papa bored a few of the holes it was such hard oak wood.

Only eleven eggs. Alfred went to Wasicea with Mr. Drums, and Tillie the hired girl went home. Cold, bright still day.

Sun. 4 Some of us would have gone to church, but as Alfred was away we could not go. Had the S.S. lesson.

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Mon. 5

A cold raw wind blowing all day. Alfred came back and got his clothes and went to Wasicea he is going to shovel coal at night there. Tillie came back. Churned. A good many teams passed.

Tues. 6

A bright warm beautiful day. Grandpa went to Wasicea got a new wheel-barrow. Mamma and I went up to Mrs. Drums. I wrote my first postal to Aunt Julia. I went over to Mr. Drums with their mail.

Wed. 7

A very nice warm day. Fourteen eggs. Dr. Ware came up this afternoon. I went over to Mr. Drums with Papa and Grandpa this forenoon.

Thurs. 8

Rather pleasant this forenoon, but a regular blizzard toward night. Grandpa and I went over to Mr. Polliss's to see about getting a hired man but did not get one. Bert Case called here a minute.

Fri. 9

Rained this forenoon and snowed this afternoon. I sewed on the sewing machine some for mamma. Bert came in again. Thirteen eggs.

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- Sat. 10 Wind blew hard all day. Grandpa went to town with Mr. Drim. Uncle Will came this afternoon. The Drim boys were down here with their steers to play. I had my steers in the yoke for the first time.
- Sun. 11 A cold northerly wind blowing all day. Visited with Uncle Will. No man so we did not go to church.
- Mon. 12 Grandpa and Uncle Will went over to Waseca. The Farmers Institute commenced this afternoon. A chilly wind all day. Bought a new pitcher.
- Tues. 13 Grandpa, Uncle Will, Papa, Mamma and I went over to the Farmers Institute we had a very nice time. We had a picnic dinner at the Opera House. Uncle Will went home on the cars. I came home and Mamma staid all night at Mrs. Harokes. A nice day.
- Wed. 14 Grandpa, Papa and I went over to Waseca to the Farmers Institute. It closed to night. We heard Miss Sanford lecture on "How to make Home Happy" we had dinner and supper at the Hall. Reached home at midnight.

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- Thurs. 15 When we awoke this morning we found that Mr. and Mrs. Case had come up last night. Mr. Case and Papa went to Waseca this fore noon. Twenty six eggs.
- Fri. 16 Mr. and Mrs. Case went home this morning. A beautiful day. The men cut down a tree a Lombardy Poplar. Sixteen eggs. Last Tues. morning Alfred came back to work, he doesn't like shoveling coal nights is going to work for eight months for \$20 a month.
- Sat. 17 Grandpa went to Waseca. Alfred went away this morning, he is coming back to work next Mon. or Tues. The snow settled a good deal. Twenty four eggs.
- Sun. 18 The snow is getting very soft, thawed a good deal. Studied two S.S. lessons to day one for last Sun. and one for to day. Tillie went home.
- Mon. 19 Mamma and I brightened up the silver with Electro-Silver. I snowed last night and the wind blew it into drifts. Commenced watering the cattle at the cattle barn.

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- Tues. 20. Tillie came back. Quite a pleasant day. I have a bad cold. I soaked my feet and took a good sweat.
- Wed. 21 I have not been out doors to day I have such a bad cold. A regular blizzard all day. Grandpa has not gone to the barn either.
- Tues. 27 I have been so sick with a cold that I have not been able to write in my journal for nearly a week. I have not been out doors since last Tues. A nice warm day. Three hens set.
- Wed. 28 I went down to the barn twice to day and I am feeling a good deal better. Heard yesterday that Alfred is not coming back to work and Grandpa has a bad cold too so Papa has all the chores to do.
- Thurs 29 Mamma's Thirty-ninth birthday. Thirty-eight above zero this afternoon thawing fast. Mrs. Plummer moved out on her farm from Owatonna and Bert Case took a load of furniture out there. My note paper came from Boston.
- Friday 30 A very pleasant day. I wrote to Martha Humphrey on my new paper. Papa got a load of wood down in the grove. Mamma wrote to Pa. for some flower seeds.

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- Saturday 31 A very nice day ~~thawed~~ a good deal. Grandpa went to Waseca, Papa, mamma and I went over to Mer. Durbin's after the mail this morning. I commenced a letter to Aunt Julie.
- Sunday April 1st Mr. Stemen preaches his last sermon in our church he is going to Caroper. We wanted very much to go over and hear him but could because we have no man. A very warm day.
- Monday 2 This has been a beautiful day. Had a good deal of fun April fooling. A washing done. Finished my letter to Aunt Julie and sent for some more envelopes.
- Tuesday 3 The sters were taken over to Waseca \$190.00 for seven. One of the horses sold for \$147.50 her name was Kate. Yesterday Grandpa went over to Swede Young Louis to see about getting Ida, she is coming here next Monday.
- Wednesday 4 A very hard wind this afternoon first it came from the South then it turned around and blew South and then turned around again and blew North all in a few minutes. Annan came along this

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- afternoon that wanted to work and Papa hired him here to come here next Friday for his trial week.
- Thursday 5 The snow abated like everything. I am copying mamma's cook book. Mamma did some baking and I helped her.
- Friday 6 The new man came to day his name is Rhinehart Tilman. Had Vic. hitched up for the first time she got her foot over the tongue and then sat down on it and broke it. Papa and I went up to Mr. Drums this afternoon. Afternoon a skunk walked right out in front of our house and out into the road Papa got the gun and shot it.
- Saturday 7 Had Vic. hitched up again. The snow is going very fast, bare in a good many places. Three loads of wood drawn. Johnny Drums was up here to day to see if any of us were going to town. he said that the wind the other day blew in one of their windows and blew off one of their chimneys. it blew the school house chimney off too.
- Sunday 8 Thawing fast all day. Papa went down to Mr. Drums after the mail. We studied the d. s. lesson. Mamma read out of Rev. J. Dewitt Talmage's sermons.

April, 1888

- Monday 9 to Papa and me. Rained nearly all day. Papa and I went down to Mr. Drums with some mail this morning. Papa put new handles in the spade, hammer and hatchet. The men cleaned out the cistern in the back room.
- Tuesday 10 A bright beautiful day. Grandpa and Papa went over and took Tillie home and brought Ida back. Papa went up to help Mr. Drums butcher this afternoon. The men shoveled out roads.
- Wednesday 11 Grandpa and Papa went over to Waseca. I drew some of the limbs that the wind blew off the other day, on my little wagon. 21 dz. eggs taken over sold for 12 cts a dozen.
- Thursday 12 A bright day, it froze last night so hard that it did thaw till nearly noon. Mamma and I cleared some of the brush off the yard and ^{piled} it up to be burned this morning. I went up to the woods with Papa and Rhinehart to get a load of wood. I shoveled a path through the snow on the porch this morning.
- Friday 13 Papa fixed up a little wheel and I put it in our creek and the water turns it around. I stuck some croches in the ground and put some

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boards of them I call it an elevated railway. I can run my wagon on it and put my wagon under it at night. This has been the warmest day this spring doors and windows open.

Saturday 14 Grandpa, Papa and I went over to Wallace. I got my first pair of boots. I got a new trap too. Papa and I went up to Mr. Hawkes farm to get some clover seed. Rather a nice day.

Sunday 15 A warm day, ^{snow} going off fast. Read and Had the S.S. lesson. Mr. Patch of Watertown D.F. preached his first sermon in our church we would liked to have gone but the road was so bad we did not. Johnny Dunn brought over some mail this evening.

Monday 16 My school commenced 11 scholars none of the Durns were there because they are sick. Papa commenced seeding and Rhinehart commenced harrowing this forenoon and plowed the rest of the day. Mr. H. Durn's 48th birthday.

Tuesday 17 Papa finished sowing one piece of wheat and harrowed a little on it. 8 1/2 acres piece same number of scholars as there was yesterday. I am studying Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic and Geography. Polly had a little colt this morning. Some little chickens hatched this morning.

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Wednesday 18 Snowed a little bit this afternoon. Rather a cold day. Papa finished harrowing the piece of wheat. Mamma is making a pair of blue cotton shirts for Papa.

Thursday 19 Grandpa went to Wallace, with Mr. Drum, they drove over to of Mr. Durn's cattle to be sold. Harry and Andrew went too. We sent five dozen eggs. I caught a couple of gophers the first I have caught this year.

Friday 20 Mamma and I put the little chicks in a coop. Froze hard last night and did not thaw out until afternoon. I took one of my traps to school and caught two gophers at school.

Saturday 21 A man came here and bought a couple of hogs. They are to be taken off next Monday. Papa finished sowing wheat and sowed a little piece of oats. I caught 6 gophers.

Sunday 22 I went over to Mr. Durn's after the mail this morning. Some more chickens hatched. Papa, Mamma and I read the book of "Esther" all through, and the S.S. L. on the "Ten Virgins".

Monday 23 Grandpa went to Wallace with Mr. Durn. My Youth's Companion was the only mail that came. Edg. washed. The cream man came. A nice day.

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Tuesday 24 I rode to school on horseback with Harry Drums. Mr. Hoyt was here to dinner he drove Col. King over from Wasco.

Wednesday 25 Grandpa went over to Wasco with Mr. Dums team to meet Mr. Dums at the depot and he drove out to Mr. Hawkes farm. Mamma finished making Papa's shirts. Papa has some new slippers and some buttonware.

Thursday 26 Papa finished sowing oats. The drifts are all gone. 75° above zero this afternoon. They put the milk in the milk house for the first time and used the first of the ice. Rained this afternoon and they drew the milk box down to the milk house.

Friday 27 It rained all night and rained this morning and more or less all day. Too wet to work on the land today. I brought home some flowers from school yesterday. I made my first whistle.

Saturday 28 Rained nearly all day. Papa went up to the pasture to see if our pasture fence was all right. I made a couple of whistles.

Sunday 29 Rained nearly all day till about 4 o'clock it commenced snowing. This morning it was down to 30° above zero. And the ice was on everything this morning. We studied the S. S. L. viz "The Talents". Mamma read some of Salmons's lessons aloud to Papa and me.

April & May 1888

Monday 30 The men drew some stones and worked at wood. It did not rain any to day. Harry Drums brought us home from school to night.

Tuesday
May 1

Plowed and harrowed this afternoon to wet to plow or harrow this forenoon. Papa ran over one of the little leeches this afternoon with the wagon and killed it. I went over to Mr. Dums after the mail after school.

Wednesday 2 Rained so hard this morning that Papa went clear to the school house and held the umbrella over me. Brought my reports home for the first time. Spelling 99 Reading 95 Arithmetic 99 Geography 97 Deportment 95 Average 97.

Thursday 3 Rained hard this evening. The men sawed the wire cupboard into and made two cupboards out of it.

Friday 4 This forenoon Papa and R. Winehart went to the woods to pile brush and cut wood. This afternoon Papa dug ditches to let the water run off and the men went to the wood to pile brush. It has rained nearly every day for over a week and every thing is soaking wet. Our oats are not all harrowed nor our barley sowed.

May 1888

Saturday 3 Grandpa went over to Waseca and brought home some maple sugar. I went up to Mr. Duns to Harry's birthday party his birthday was last Thursday but as school was keeping he waited till the next Saturday. he was fourteen years old. I had a very nice time.

Sunday 6 We studied the 1st L. on The Judgment and commenced The story of The Bible again. rained again to day I came home.

Monday 7 Some more rain to day. Papa plowed some to day and Rhinehart cut wood up in the woods.

Tues. 8 Papa went down to Mr. Duns this morning. Rained some more to day. Papa dug ditches to let off the water.

Wednesday 9 The men dipped 4 pails of water out of the cellar and took out there loads of Potatoes, so that they would not be in the water. I sprinkled a little all the forenoon and the sun struggled hard to get out this afternoon but did not succeed. To day had a little col.

Thursday 10 The sun came out brightly this morning and it was bright all the forenoon but it rained hard at noon. The men raked the leaves off the yard.

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Friday 11

Rhinehart went up to help Mr. Drum butcher. This afternoon Papa went down to Gwatuna. The men raked leaves and I hauled five loads of wood on my little wagon after I came home from school.

Saturday 12

The Drum boys came down here to play this afternoon. I went up to the woods with the men and they cut some poles and brought them down here and set two of them in the ground and then put a pole across to tie horses to. I drew six loads of wood on my little wagon, the men piled brush and raked leaves this forenoon. We heard yesterday that Willie Cooper died the first of May ^{in Illinois}. There was ice on a tub of water that was out down that I could hardly break it with my fist.

Sunday 13

The S.S.B. was on The Lords Supper today. A very bright day. I came home.

Monday 14

I brought home my Report home for the 2nd week, Spelling 98, Reading 98, Arithmetic 98, Geography 98, Department 95, and total average 98. I sold a couple of roosters (they were my roosters) to Mr. Drum for 40 cts a piece. A bright beautiful day.

May 1888

Tuesday 15 Sprinkled a little this forenoon. Papa went over to Wasica on horseback this forenoon. Grandpa put in some Onions and Beets this morning.

Wednesday 16 Nice day. Papa commenced and finished sowing barley. Our sick cow died this afternoon.

Thursday 17 The men went over to Mr. Dums to get the corn planted. Hannah Youngland came over to see Ida this afternoon. Sprinkled a little.

Friday 18 Papa and Rhinehart both plowed. Papa, Grandpa, and I went up to Mr. Buehler's to borrow one of his plows we had two plows but one of them is a sulky plow and that takes three horses and we had not only four horses we could work. A nice day. The creamery men came. Grandpa raked the straw off the strawberries.

Saturday 19 Grandpa went to town with Mr. Dums. Papa and Rhinehart both plowed again and Papa plowed the garden. Sprinkled a little this morn. I caught two gophers.

Sunday 20 The thermometer was up to 68° above this afternoon. The S. S. was on Christ in Bethsemane Matt. 26: 36-46. Ida went home.

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Monday 21 Papa commenced planting corn they planted half an acre and then had to come home in a pouring rain at 10 and it rained every once in a while all day long. Ida washed. Mamma made a frosted cake for Ida's Father and mother's birthday party which is tomorrow. Mamma and I planted the gladiolus in the end of the barrel in front of the house.

Tuesday 22 Grandpa took Ida home she took the cake in a basket, he took her over as far as Mr. Johnson's and they took her the rest of the way. She came back to night and brought a basket of dandelions. Mamma did not have a fire in this room at all to day. Papa planted about two acres of corn this afternoon. Last night it rained hard and thundered loud. Mamma finished my new gray jacket. I went up to Mr. Dums after school to play with the Dums boys.

Wednesday 23 Rained hard just after dinner. Papa and Rhinehart both plowed all day. There is water in our cellar now.

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Thursday 24 My 9th birthday. I got a couple of cards from Annie Rueter, and a glass eye a saucer from Johnnie and Belle Dunn. I broke my saucer coming home from school and Mamma glued it together again. I got a couple of cards from Harry and Andrew Dunn. Aunt Nancy made me a present of a kite, and Mamma's present was my jacket. Papa planted corn all day. A pleasant day. The boys carried pails to school and we drowned out 16 gophers.

Friday 25 We took pails to school again and drowned 26 gophers. Papa went out to fly my kite, it went up a little way and then came down and hit on the ground so hard that it broke it.

Saturday 26 Last night I brought my average home my average for the third 2 weeks Spelling 99 Reading 98 Arithmetic 100 Geography 98 Deportment 95 and total average 99. Yesterday I wrote a letter to Aunt Julia. Grandpa and Papa went to Waseca about half past five this morning, they took the fat cow over and sold her. Aunt

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Nancy cleaned her room. Rained. They got \$39.12 for the cow. Sunday 27 The S. B. was "Peter's Denial" Matt. 26: 67-75. Rained hard this afternoon.

Monday 28 A pleasant day the sun shone all day the first time for a long while. I went barefooted to school. I went barefooted yesterday and day before. Grandpa and Papa fixed fence.

Tuesday 29 Grandpa and Papa fixed fence some more. Tommy Dunn came over here to see if we wanted to send over to Waseca this morning. The sun shone again. Grandpa put in some potatoes and Papa planted corn until nearly eight o'clock. There is another little colt down at the barn, it is Belle's colt.

Wednesday 30 A wolf ate up two of our lambs last night. Rained hard this morning but has been pleasant most of the rest of the day. Papa planted some more corn. Grandpa and Papa killed a sheep this afternoon. Rained so hard this morning that I carried an umbrella to school. I tried on my new pants that Mamma is making and they fit nice.

May & June

Thursday³¹ Mr. Drum had his auction today he only sold two cows and two calves. Papa went up there this afternoon but he came back again and went to planting corn. Another pleasant day.

Friday
June 1

Papa finished planting corn and took the planter over to Mr. Dunn's. A nice day. Yesterday Mamma cleaned her closet and today she cleaned her room. I took all the ticks out of her carpet before school this morning.

Saturday² I had my birthday party this afternoon. I had Harry, Andrew, Jennie and Lizzie, Drums, Johnnie and Belle Dunn and Annie Rutter. Papa put me up a shoving and Mamma made me a birthday cake and some treats for our lunch and we all had a nice time. Last night, Ida went home she is coming back Sunday night. A beautiful day.

Sunday³ The d.s. l. was "Jesus Crucified" Matt. 27:33-50. A nice day. Papa thought of going to church on horse back and to get the mail

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but Tommy Dunn brought the mail over.

Monday⁴ The men planted potatoes commenced and finished. I went up to the woods after school to get one of their calves that was with Binney Sodibier's cattle.

Tuesday⁵ Berton Lymn Base and Georgiana Plummer were married at half past 11 at Mrs. Plummer's. Papa and Mamma were there. Mr. Atherton married them. The sun shone today.

Mr. Base came up and went with Papa and Mamma down to Mrs. Plummer's and brought E. Ma back and took J. J.

Wednesday⁶ Mrs. Base staid at Mrs. Plummer's two nights. Mamma and I raked up the cobs around the hen-house and carried them away. A kind of a cold cloudy day.

Thursday⁷ The men manured the garden and plowed it again because it was so wet they could not plant anything. Grandpa mowed the grass in the currant bushes for the horses with the little colts.

Last Tuesday Aunt Julia gave me some peony roots and Papa, Mamma and I set them out after the wedding.

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Friday 8

Papa planted sweet corn with the hand planted I planted a little after I came home from school. Rhinehart harrowed the corn. The wind blew hard all day. The thermometer was up to 88° above zero after dinner. Mamma and Ida mended the wall paper in Mamma's room which was cracked off.

Saturday 9

Grandpa painted both the porches and the cellar door. Papa kalsomined the ceiling in the dining room. I stirred the kalsomine for Papa for over two hours.

Sunday 10

Papa, Mamma, Aunt Nancy and I went over to church to hear Rev. G. W. Epomey preach. It was the first time any of us had been to church this year. Cloudy and cold going over but very warm when we came back. The lilacs are out nicely.

Monday 11

Rhinehart plowed corn and Papa shot 9 gophers. Grandpa went to Owatonna. Rained hard after I came home from school. Mamma and I put in part of our flower seeds in the garden.

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Tuesday 12

Grandpa and Papa put a new floor in the kitchen and moved the stove out. Papa and Rhinehart carried the stove from the dining room to the kitchen alone. Sowed some ^{red} flower seeds.

Wednesday 13

Papa kalsomined the parlor ceiling and the ceiling in Rhinehart's room. Ida put down the dining room carpet. Papa commenced kalsomining our closet last Saturday and today he finished it. Mamma and I sowed some pansy seed.

Thursday 13

A very hot day. The thermometer was up to 88° above. Papa and Rhinehart commenced working on the road over by Peter Daniels.

Friday 15

To night when we came home from school Annie Ruetter had a bad headache so bad that she stopped in here and lay down on the lounge. Harry and Andrew Drum went up to Mr. Ruetters and got a team and took her home. When Papa and Rhinehart were drawing dirt today some sand fell on Rhinehart's leg and hurt it quite badly.

June 1888

Saturday 16 My teacher taught to day because she want to get out earlier at the close of the term I went to school. The thermometer was up to 92°. The men worked on the road.

Sunday 17 We studied the S. S. L. for last Sunday on "Jesus Risen" and the one for today on "The Great Commission". The thermometer was up to 92°. Papa put up the hammock down in the grove. Papa's and Mamma's 13 wedding anniversary.

Monday 18 Grandpa took a load of four hogs to the station but one died he started at ten minutes after five. Hot this forenoon but it was cooled this afternoon and it rained. They only worked a little on the road Papa brought us home from school at half past three.

Tuesday 19 Grandpa mowed along the road and around the house Rhinehart commenced cultivating corn. Rained this afternoon. Papa and Rhinehart went over to Mr. Dupuis and put up the corn planter. we have some Balsamorhiza, yucca, yucca and some Gladiolus up.

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Wednesday 20 Rhinehart cultivated corn. A pleasant day. The mail came a letter from Aunt Julia and the "Youth's Companion". The men went up and got one of the german's wagon and hog rack.

Thursday 21 Grandpa and papa went to Meriden Station and took two loads of hogs over ten hogs they got \$9.20 a hundred. They got a hundred and twenty dollars.

Friday 22 Last night my teacher, Miss Van Orden staid all night with us. A nice cool day.

Saturday 23 Papa, Mamma and I went over to Waseca, Mamma bought some cloth for my new shirts waists. I bought a .10 ct hat. Mamma bought a new satinet dress and had it cut and fitted by Miss Swift. A nice cool day. I took dinner and supper at Mrs. Prestor's and played with baby but Papa and Mamma took dinner at the Harley Stevens hotel. On our way to Waseca we stopped at Mrs. Plummer's. Bought new rings & earrings.

Sunday 24 A pleasant day all day. We studied the S. S. L. and read and rested.

Monday 25 Grandpa went over to Waseca. Ida washed. A nice day. I stood on top of the pounding barrel and pounded a few clothes before I went to school for fun.

June & July 1888

- Tuesday 26 Grandpa went to Meriden for Barney Sodibee with a load of hogs. Papa plowed corn and Rhinehart pulled weeds in the corn.
- Wednesday 27 Papa plowed corn and Rhinehart plowed too. Grandpa went to Waseca with Aunt Nancy she is going to Minneapolis to see the Dr. Riley's.
- Thursday 28 I picked fifty four potatoe bugs off our potatoe plants. Papa gives me five cents a hundred for killing them.
- Friday 29 Papa and Rhinehart plowed corn. The sheep shearer came and sheared 16 sheep. There are five more to shear.
- Saturday 30 The sheep shearer came and finished sheering the sheep. Grandpa and I went to Waseca this afternoon. I bought three big firecrackers and a box of Torpedos.
- Sunday July 1st Papa, Mamma and I studied the S. B. S. on "God's Covenant with Israel". Read and rested. Mamma commenced reading the life of Dr. Goodell aloud.
- Monday 2 Papa and mamma went to Waseca this afternoon and drove up to the park.

July 1888

- Tuesday 3 My school closed I spoke a piece named "A Little Boys Troubles". It rained toward night. Grandpa went to Waseca and went up to Mr. Hawkes farm and took dinner there. Ida went home to night.
- Wednesday 4 The Fourth of July. Papa, Mamma and I went over to the park. An oration by Rev. Dr. Bristle of Chicago. I took part of my fire crackers over to the park.
- Thursday 5 Grandpa went to Waseca. Ida came back this evening. The reaper worked in the corn all day. Aunt Nancy came home.
- Friday 6 Grandpa went to Waseca again and brought home Alice Mgr. Lizzie did not come on account of her sisters sickness. A very hot day. The Daniels called here in the afternoon.
- Saturday 7 Grandpa and I went over to Waseca and brought home Cousin Alice's trunk. I had my hair cut. Papa finished plowing corn on way again.
- Sunday 8 Mamma and I studied the lesson (or rather read it over together). Visited with Cousin Alice. Had some lemonade. Ida did not go home to day it is the first time she has not been home this summer.

July 1888

- Monday 9 Papa put Paris Green on the Potatoes. I was ped. Aunt Nancy, Mamma and I picked straw berries.
- Tuesday 10 Mamma and I weeded out our flower garden. Papa plowed potatoes and Rhinehart put Paris Green on them.
- Wednesday 11 Grandpa went to Waseca. Thermometer 95° in the shade.
- Thursday 12 I went up to play with Annie Reiter but she was not at home so I went over to Mr. Drum's and play with the Drum boys. Papa and Rhinehart worked in the corn. Not quite as warm as it was yesterday.
- Friday 13 Papa, Mamma and I went over to Waseca this afternoon started at half past two and back at half past six. Papa plowed corn and Rhinehart hoed potatoes this forenoon, and Rhinehart plowed corn this afternoon. We were going over to the park this evening but it rained and we came home.
- Saturday 14 Grandpa and I went over to Meriden Station and brought Uncle Will, Aunt Emma and Cousin Julia back.
- Sunday 15 Papa and Uncle Will went over to church but there was no service in our church so they went over to the park heard Dean A. Wright

July 1888

- Monday 16 Julia and I had lots of fun playing with the little kittens three of them have learned to drink milk and are fine in all. Made some ice cream and popcorn.
- Tuesday 17 One more of the kittens learned to drink. Grandpa went to Waseca and brought Aunt Helen home.
- Wednesday 18 Grandpa and I took Uncle Will, Aunt Emma and Cousin Julia over to Meriden Station and they took the train and went home.
- Thursday 19 The men drew in 2 loads of hay I drove the horse fork Grandpa mowed.
- Friday 20 The men drew 4 loads of hay this forenoon I drove the horse fork some more. Grandpa mowed this forenoon and raked this afternoon and the men cocked up hay this afternoon. Mrs. Preston Josie and Lucy came over this afternoon and stayed until six o'clock this evening. A good many currants picked I caught a gopher.
- Saturday 21 6 loads of hay drawn. Raspberries picked Grandpa gives me one cent a load for driving the horse fork. Mamma and Grandpa and Aunt Helen went to Geneva to see Uncle Charles.

July 1888

Sunday 22 Papa, Mamma, aunt Nancy and I went over to church. A quiet day. Grandpa came home.

Monday 23 7 loads of hay. Grandpa mowed. All of the kittens drink now. They play most of the time now.

Tuesday 24 The men drew 4 loads of hay. The barn is full now.

Wednesday 25 The men put up a small stack of hay of four loads. This afternoon. Rained a little this forenoon.

Thursday Another stack of 8 loads put up. Quite a warm day. Grandpa mowed.

Friday 27 The men topped out the other stack. Grandpa mowed and raked hay and the men cocked it up. Cousin Alice and I took a little walk up to the woods. Saw over 20 hundred frogs.

Saturday 28 Grandpa and Papa went to Watrous to see about getting a Binder and I went with them. New potatoes.

Sunday 29 We would have gone to church but it was so hot we did not go. We had some lemonade for dinner. Papa and Mamma and I studied about the Tabernacle fasten numbers. I rode on horseback some on Polly.

July and August 1888 37

Monday 30 Grandpa commenced cutting the barley with the mower. The men drew five loads of hay. A very hot day. Rode horse back.

Tuesday 31 6 loads of hay drawn and stacked. Grandpa broke the mower this forenoon and went over to Waseca and got some little pieces for it. Rather cold. Rode some more on Polly.

Wednesday
August 1

Grandpa mowed some. The men drew two loads of hay. It was down to 65° above zero. I went up to play with Annie Rice.

Thursday 2 To day it was up nearly 30° higher than it was yesterday. I had another ride.

Friday 3 This morning Papa and I rode over to Mr. Dumas. He rode Bers and I rode Polly, and after that I rode down to Mr. Dumas to see if they had seen any thing of our stray pig, and I rode up to Mr. Dumas to ~~see~~ take some letters. Last Wednesday I went down to play with Johnnie Drum. Cousin Alice and I went down in our meadow to get some cat-tails.

August 1888

Saturday 4 Grandpa, Grandma Aunt Nancy, Cousin Alice and I went to Wasica Cousin Alice bought some cloth to make some curtains and a Brass rod to put over the bookcase to hang the curtain on. Dr Ware came up with ^{Enoch} ~~Enoch~~ ^{Charles} brought ^{fruit} ~~fruit~~ ^{me}

Sunday 5 Papa and Mauma went over to church Uncle Charles went home

Monday 6 Agnes Drum, Mary Drum and Mary Clement called here this afternoon. Curtains made for the Book Case and Upholster.

Tuesday 7 Grandpa and I went to the Station with 3 hogs weighed 740 lbs. \$5.60 a hundred. I went up to play with the Drum boys after I came home.

Wednesday 8 Grandpa and Aunt Helen went to Wasica. Berner & Odibier commenced cutting our oats yesterday, he did not cut any grain today. Grandpa got a telegram from the Drums saying they will be here tomorrow.

Thursday 9 Grandpa went to Wasica and brought Mr. and Mrs. Drum back. Berner cut part of our wheat today. The wheat crop is very poor.

August 1888

Friday 10 The men set out some strawberry plants. A rainy, misty day. Too wet to cut grain today.

Saturday 11 Mr. Drum went to Wasica and took bob. Drum to the train. Grandpa took Aunt Helen to the Station. She is going to Uncle Wills to stay a week. Late cut. Mr. Drum brought ^{fruit} ~~fruit~~ ^{me}

Sunday 12 Papa, Mauma, Aunt Nancy and I went over to church. There was no service in our church so we went to hear Rev. Ather's last sermon.

Monday 13 Finished cutting one piece of oats and commenced another. I went to pump water for the cattle we have to water the cattle there now.

Tuesday 14 Berner ~~cut~~ cut oats today. Grandpa mowed grass up south.

Wednesday 15 Last night Mr. Lindsey and Rob Sproat drove in here to Rhineport about renting Mr. Lindsey's farm. Grandpa went to Wasica. Grandpa got Mauma some Hypophosphites. Grandpa took a grist.

Thursday 16 Berner finished cutting our grain except our late oats. Agnes Drum and Lucy Drum called here.

August 1888

Friday 17

Agnes and Lucy Drumm came down here and went with Cousin Alice up to the woods to get ferns. I went up to play with the Drumborgs but they were not at home. The men put three loads of hay in the barn.

Saturday 18

Grandpa, Cousin Alice and I went to the station after Aunt Helen coming from Uncle Will. Mrs. and Miss Come came over there and spent the afternoon.

Sunday 19

Papa, Cousin Alice and I went over to ~~the~~ Waseca. Papa and I went to church but Cousin Alice staid at Mr. Preston's she is going to stay there a few days. It rained over there but rained hard at Waseca.

Monday 19

Afternoon done and part of a washing. Papa harrowed the meadow where he sowed some grass seed Saturday. This afternoon Papa brought us down here to Aunt Julia's.

Tuesday 21

Uncle Albert and I went down town. Aunt Julia, Mamma and I took a ride over towards the stone quarry this evening. Grandpa went over to Waseca to get a load of feed that she took over last Wednesday.

August 1888

Wednesday 22

but he could not get it because the mill broke down oats stacked. This morning I went with the milk man to Medford. Mr. Case had Mr. Ed Adams to come over and help him stack. We had another ride.

Thursday 23

Mr. Case stacked some more. I turned the wringer for Auntie I put a handle on the tub. And broke some stakes in the ground to put the cans on to dry and put a handle on the door to open it with. Auntie, Mamma and I went down town after the mail this evening. Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Abbot came over from town this afternoon.

Friday 24

Mrs. Adams came over here with the Baby and staid to dinner. I went over there and played awhile this afternoon and staid to supper. Auntie and I took a little ride and after we got back Mr. Case, Mamma and Ellen took the horse and went to Clinton to hear a lecture of Alcohol "What it is and What it does". Josie Preston brought Alice home this afternoon. One of the well diggers hauled one load of stuff.

August 1888

Saturday 25 Auntie, Mamma, Ellen and I went to town. Ellen took her painting lesson. Mamma, Auntie and I went up to Mr. Stoughton and made a call. This afternoon Mrs. Thompson and Addie Wilkinson called here. This evening Mamma, Auntie and I went down town to hear the band concert. I think it was a grand concert. Grandpa went to town and brought Col. Drum home. He came to Owa-toning and changed cars and came to Waseca.

Sunday 26 We went to church at the Methodist church because there was no service in the Congregational church.

Grandpa took Mr. Drum over to Waseca to take the early Monday morning train. Aunt Roxie and Aunt Nancy went with them.

Monday 27 I was a little sick to day because I ate some apples that were not quite ripe. Just as the folks at home were eating supper some young people from Waseca drove up. George Alden, Allen & Charley Hawkes and Ben Claphorn, Edith and Agnes Claphorn, Jessie and Belle Sudduth, Myra Bonney & Hannah Hawkes. They went home about 4 o'clock. The well diggers came last night and commenced work.

August 1888

This morning dug about 35 feet to day.

Tuesday 28 Auntie, Mamma and I went up to Mr. Avery Adams. Ellen went Minneapolis this morning on the 7.15 train. Auntie and I took her down town. Mamma and I and Aunties and washed the dishes. Then we finished stacking.

Wednesday 29 Papa came down and brought us home. The well diggers dug about 10 feet this morning and were pulling up the pipe when the derrick broke and went over with a crash and nearly knocked the top off one of our oat stacks. They went to Owatonna and got it mended.

Thursday 30 The well men went down 70 to day. Grandpa is plowing with the sulky plow. Rhinehart came to get this. I think he merit off Tuesday night after we finished stacking.

Friday 31 Papa and I picked the apples this fore noon and this afternoon Papa and Aunt Roxie took 6 bushels to town and sold them for \$1.60 a bushel. The well is 108 feet deep.

September 1888

Saturday
September 1

Grandpa went to Wasca to a Republican convention. Had the big soil can filled again. Papa went to ~~Wasca~~ Meriden and got Aunt Helen's husband. The well diggers struck rock this noon and went to Owatonna to get their stone drills. are coming back tomorrow night.

Sunday 2 Grandpa, Uncle Ed and Aunt Helen went over to Uncle Charles. they are coming back Monday evening. The well men came back.

Monday 3 The drill that the men were drilling with was screwed on some rods the drill unscrewed from the pipes and when they pulled up the pipes the drill did not come too, they went to Owatonna to get some other to get it out with Grandpa and his load came back from Geneva.

Tuesday 4 Dr Ware came up to see Maamma this noon just in time for dinner. Maamma has not been well for quite a while. The well diggers came back this fore noon and hitched on to the drill but the spring that held it broke so they went to Owatonna.

September 1888

Wednesday 5

Grandpa and I took Uncle Ed and Aunt Helen over to the train they are going to Minneapolis. The well men came with some thing stronger and pulled it out. The new man came.

Thursday 6

Grandpa took Cousin Alie over to take the train to night to go to Columbus Ohio. Mr base called.

Friday 7

The men hauled manure. Lucy Dron came down here and got some cucumbers. The Well diggers had to go to Owatonna to get their drills sharpened. the well is 113 feet deep between 128 & 13 feet in the rock.

Saturday 8

The men hauled manure yesterday I went up to play with Annie Knutes but she was not at home.

Sunday 9

Papa, ~~Grandpa~~ Grandma, Aunt Roxie and Aunt Nancy went over to Wasca to church to Mr Smith our new minister.

Monday 10

The well men came back about 10 o'clock and drilled the rest of the day.

Tuesday 11

The well diggers struck water this afternoon and they put in the valve and commenced pumping out the water.

September 1888

- Wednesday 12 The well men dug the pit and put in the curbing and put in the pump. Topsy is going for the well. Mr Abernethy took one of the horses home.
- Thursday 13 This morning the well men came went away up to Mrs Rueters to fix their well. Our well is 126 feet deep the water comes up within 26 feet of the top it \$1.50 a foot Topsy is 145 dollars it cost \$189.00.
- Friday 14 Commenced raining about 10 o'clock and rained till about 4. Papa and Aunt Nancy were going over to Mr Hawkes to a picnic but it rained so they could not.
- Saturday 15 Papa, Aunt Roxie, Aunt Nancy and I went over to Waseca intending to go to Mr Hawkes but it rained so we did not go there. Aunt Roxie bought a new washstand for the guest chamber. Aunt Roxie made Mamma a present of a little ~~picture~~ pitcher and Grandpa a little cream pitcher.
- Sunday 16 A cloudy day. We did not go to church. Papa read one of Dr. Talmages sermons aloud.
- Monday 17 A bad gloomy day I da washed and Grandpa plowed.

Sept 1888

- Tuesday 18 I da hung out the clothes and they staid out all night. Papa hoed the strawberries. John Pass a German that Ed Drum used to know called.
- Monday 19 Grandpa went to Waseca to Dr Youngs Auction. The Congregational Association in Owatonna commenced yesterday.
- Thursday 20 Papa, Aunt Roxie and I went to Owatonna to the Association. Aunt Roxie got a little oil stove for her room.
- Friday 21 Papa and I went up to salt our calves in Mr Dums back pasture. The Windmill men from Owatonna came to see about putting a windmill for us. Our new man August Larson came.
- Saturday 22 Grandpa plowed to day. Johnnie Dums came over here they drove home their pigs.
- Sunday 23 Papa and I went over to church heard Mr Smith, a beautiful day.
- Monday 24 Grandpa plowed and I da washed. Cloudy morning but it cleared off after a while.
- Tuesday 25 Papa went to Waseca on horse back to the Prohibition convention.

September & October 1888

Wednesday 26 Mr and Mrs Hawkes and Hannah came over this morning and staid till Halffast three. I went home with them to stay all night.

Thursday 27 Hannah brought me down dinner and Grandpa brought me home this afternoon.

Friday 28 The men commenced digging potatoes this and picked up, Papa said this morning that he would give me one cent a basket for all the potatoes I could pick up I picked up 20 baskets to day 37 bushels all together.

Saturday 29 I picked up 30 baskets 45 Baskets in all, that makes me 50 cts. Papa went over to Mr Dunns and got the mail this evening.

Sunday 30 Grandpa and Grandma went to church in the covered buggy. Papa went up in the woods to hunt for our cow and we found it.

Monday
Oct 1st

My school commenced this morning 9 scholars to day Aunt Roxie's boxes for us came last Thursday. The men picked up 54 bushels of potatoes I was not here to help them to day.

Oct 1888

Tuesday 2 Papa and August finished digging the potatoes 150 bushels in all. Papa went over to see Mr Daniels they are expected to come here and thresh Saturday.

Wednesday 3 Grandpa and Aunt Roxie went to Waseca sent Julia a cushion for her birthday which is next Monday.

Thursday 4 Papa and August went threshing for Andrew Dunn, and they commenced threshing for Peter Daniels.

Friday 5 Finished threshing for Mr Daniels twice day for threshing.

Saturday 6 The threshing machine came this morning and set up a went to work. Threshed out 637 bushels of oats.

Sunday 7 Papa, Grandma and Aunt Nancy went over to church and coming home they got some mullen and but they did not know whether it was mullen or not so they drove around by Mrs. Plummers and asked her if it was and she said that it was mullen. Aunt Roxie and mamma got dinner.

Monday 8 The threshers came and finished threshing. 637 bushels of oats 117 bushels of wheat and 35 bushels of barley.

Oct 1888

Tuesday 9 Grandpa went over to the fair Ida sent some bread. did not take any stock to day.

Wednesday 10 School let out to day for the fair, Grandpa, Papa and I went over to the fair took the three little colts the two two year olds and two teams Ida got the first premium. on her bread

Thursday 11 The horse judging was to day ~~the~~ the two gray took the first prem. Polly, ~~nick~~, Pollys colt, Rob, and Bella colt all took the first premium. and Jennie, Maggie, and Topsy's colt took the second premium.

Friday 12 The fair was continued to day on account of its raining Wednesday the stock ~~was~~ all brought home this evening.

Saturday 13 The thrashing machine was at Mr. Drums to day. I went up there this fore noon and afternoon both.

Sunday 14 About 10 o'clock Uncle Will, Aunt Emma and Cousin Julia drove in. They started from Waujoa Wednesday morning they went to Northfield and then to Faribault and they came to Waujoa Saturday and ~~spent up~~ to Mr. Hanks and staid all night and went to church Sunday and then came over here.

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Monday 15 Papa, Uncle Will, Mamma and Cousin Julia went down to see the plowing well about a mile from here.

Tuesday 16 Uncle Will went home he got as far as Mr. Sannamans a little over a mile from here when one of the horses fell down on the tongue and broke it he came back and Papa went back and helped him get the buggy back they fixed the tongue and he started home right after dinner.

Wednesday 17 Grandpa plowed it is all plowed north of the road and a good deal more besides. Aunt E felt some shelter to day.

Thursday 18 Rather a bad day. Aunt Emma and Cousin Julia are going home tomorrow.

Friday 19 Papa and Aunt Roxie went to the station and took Aunt Emma and Cousin Julia they are going home. It snowed a very little.

Saturday 20 The men ~~sent~~ killed one of the steers they brought home from Mr. Durans back pasture.

Sunday 21 A disagreeable day no body went to church.

Oct 1888

- Monday 22 The men drew and stacked the clover. Just a year ago Simon went to the Station to go to Rock Springs who Ter.
- Tuesday 23 Grandpa went to Waseca on down business he got another basket of grapes he got me a new lead pencil with a rubber in the end of it Papa and August husked corn.
- Wednesday 24 Mrs. Preston brought our new minister Mrs Smith over to dinner Papa and August husked corn. A nice day though the wind blew pretty hard.
- Thursday 25 The men husked corn till 4 o'clock and then they milked the cows and all went over to Waseca. All of the men ~~rather~~ ^{except me} went over to hear Hugh Harrison and Dr. Edwards speak. Hugh Harrison is the Prohibition nominee for governor and Dr. Edwards the one for member of Congress. Got home at half past twelve.

Oct. and Nov. 1888

- Friday 26 Papa got a peck of apples of (Famille) for mamma to eat she can not eat the others they are so hard.
- Saturday 27 A nice day. I rode Belle over to Mr Dunks after the mail.
- Sunday 28 Papa and Mamma went over to church. When August came home this evening he brought another swede man with him to husk corn. Papa hired him for 75cts a day. He went over south to get his clothes.
- Monday 29 The three men husked corn after they put Polly in the barn I got out to bed and went up and got the young cattle.
- Tuesday 30 Grandpa went to town to get the votes registered. Grandpa got Grandmas and Aunt King and Mamma can all vote for the school question.
- Wednesday Rhinehart came with his team to help husk corn the men finished one piece of corn today.
- Thursday November 1 The four men husked corn today this morning it thundered and lightened and rained a little.

November 1888

- Try day 2 Rhinehart went home just after dinner, the corn husking finished. Grandpa went to Waseca after Colonel Drum to day. Mamma went down to visit the school this afternoon she walked down and back.
- Saturday 3 Mr Drum and I went hunting but did not get anything. Yesterday and today the thermometer was up to 72° above. The cows were in the corn some yesterday and today.
- Sunday 4 Papa took Col Drum over to Waseca about four o'clock this afternoon they got a little past Mr Dums when Col Drum found he had left his eye glasses. so they drove back and got them.
- Monday 5 The man brought the big trough down from the pasture.
- Tuesday 6 Election day Papa, Grandpa August and mamma went over to vote Mamma can old vote for Superintendent of school.
- Wednesday 7 Mamma voted for J. B. Dye. The men took the pigs that were west of the house and put them down with the others.

Nov. 1888

- Thursday 8 Papa and Aunt Roxie went to Waseca to see Uncle Mills folks. A nice day.
- Friday 9 Mr Dye the Superintendent of school visited the school to day.
- Saturday 10 Grandpa and I went over to Waseca after a some plank for the road. Yesterday Mamma finished my new winter pants and I wore them to town. Papa and Aunt Roxie came home.
- Sunday 11 Papa, Mamma, Aunt Nancy, Aunt Roxie and I went over to church.
- Monday 12 Papa and Grandpa came down to school after me about 3 o'clock and took me over to Waseca to see a torchlight procession. Benjamin Harrison the Republican candidate for president is elected.
- Tuesday 13 Grandpa plowed. Papa raked leaves all the afternoon and Aunt Roxie and Mamma helped him.
- Wednesday 14 Grandpa and Papa went to Owatonna a nice day. Grandpa and Papa went out east of Owatonna about eight miles.

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to see a windmill. They took dinner
and supper at doctor Ware's.
Thursday 15 Grandpa plowed. It snowed
some last night.

Friday 16 The other day when Papa went
to town he got me a jaw sharp
and some cloth for my flannel
shirt waists. It was only
10° above zero this morning.

Saturday 17 Grandpa and Papa went
to Wareca. got five bags of
flour. took over a grist.
Got two more barrels of
apples one of Northern Spies
and one of Greenings.
August cut wood.

Sunday 18 Papa, Mamma and I went
over to church. Papa drove
back another way to see
a boat getting over clover
threshed to morrow.

Monday 19 Grandpa, Papa and
Bernie Lodi were took
three loads of clover over
to George Woods to get it
threshed.

Tuesday 20 Grandpa went to Wareca
to get his grist and he
brought back some lumber
to build a shed over the

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trough for the cattle to
drink out of. Papa and
August hauled four loads
of wood.

Wednesday 21 The men drew five loads of wood.
A warm day. Mamma finished
my new flannel shirt waists.
Thursday 22 The men drew six loads of
wood to day. It is such
nice weather now.

Friday 23 Papa went to Wareca after
66l. Drum. Grandpa went
to Owatonna and got a new
coal stove for Grandpa's room
named the "Radiant Home".

Saturday 24 Papa went to Wareca after
a load of coal and when
he got back they put up
the stove and made a fire
in it.

Sunday 25 Papa, Aunt Nancy, Mamma
and I went over to church. Mr
Smith was sick so we went
to the Methodist. we went
over to hear Mr. Patch. but
he could not come. We had our
Thanksgiving dinner yesterday
because Mr and Mrs Drum
were here. I went up to
play with the Drum boys yesterday.

Nov. 1888

Monday 26 Grandpa went over ^{to Waseca} early and took Mr. and Mrs. Drums & baggage and Papa went over after dinner and took Mr. and Mrs. Drums they are going St Paul to stay. They are going to stay at the Ryan Hotel

Tuesday 27 Grandpa cut grass north of the road to cover some sheds. A very nice day

Wednesday 28 Grandpa went to Waseca took some wheat and got another load of coal. That cloudy day. The men drew

Thursday 29 the hay that was cut yesterday

Thursday 29 As we had our Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, we had nothing unusual. The men moved the little well house up over the well and commenced a large shed that they are going to build over the house to keep the snow out

This is Thanksgiving day and Simon Drums 24th birthday. Weather about like yesterday

Nov. & Dec. 1888

Friday 30 We are not having any school since Wednesday because the teacher wanted to go home so we are having a kind of a little vacation now. Papa, August & I went to the woods after some poles for the shed and they finished the shed. It is a cold, windy, day.

Saturday
December 1

August drew wood alone today. Papa and Grandpa worked around the shed finishing off things. I thanksgiving night Papa, Mamma and I made some Molasses candy and popped some corn, and yesterday Mamma made some popcorn balls.

Sunday 2 None of us went to church today. Ida went home

Monday 3 Grandpa and Grandma went down to see Mrs. Plummer and I went over to see Mr. Lindsey's folks too. A beautiful day.

Dec 1888

Tuesday 4 A little warmer day than yesterday. The men drew wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon they set up the leaches & started to make soap.

Wednesday 5 Papa went to Elysian after some hard wood plank to fix the barn floor with me expect him back to morrow night.

Thursday 6 Papa came home from Elysian this evening with his lumber. And he brought a package for Grandpa which we found to be a dog skin over coat. from Col Drm.

Friday 7 Grandpa went to Owatonna got home about 7 o'clock. Still nice weather and nice roads hold on.

Saturday 8 Grandpa, Papa, August and I went up to the woods to burn brush we wanted to burn this afternoon but it was so dry Papa did not dare, too. August and I went to Mr Dums this evening to get the ward he staid over there with the hired men but

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I came home.

Sunday 9 Grandpa and Grandma went to church. A rather hard wind.

Monday 10 Grandpa and Papapa went to Waseca and sent the overcoat back that was sent here the other day for a smaller one.

Tuesday 11 Papas 9th birthday. Two hogs killed. I staid home from school because I had such a bad cold.

Wednesday 12 Papa and Mamma went to Owatonna this morning. Mamma is going to have her teeth out.

Thursday 13 Johnnie Dum fell out of a wagon and got rim over by the wheel and badly hurt. Grandpa went to Waseca for Dr Brown and he went again this afternoon to take Mr Gare of Saint Peter to the train. Papa got back this evening he left Mamma at Mrs Julia's. A little snow. Mamma had all her teeth out this morning.

Dec 1888

Friday 14 I ohnnie I guess is in a very bad state. Papa went over there a number of times to day and again to night. The pork salted I now almost off.

Saturday 15 Papa and August burnt brush finished burning it. Papa and I went to Wasceca and brought Tommy Durum home from school. I ohnnie is better but the Dr. does not think he is out of danger. The other fur coat came we found it was a coon skin this time. Rained a little.

Sunday Nobody went church today. Papa and I went over to see how I ohnnie was. They think he is better.

Monday 16 Grandpa went to Wasioja to get a pig that he wants. Tommy Durum came over here after our hog sack and I rode to school with him. I stopped to see I ohnnie. When the Dr. was there yesterday he let him have quite a little to eat.

Dec 1888

Tuesday 18 Papa and August hauled wood. I stopped in to see I ohnnie and he is better. Harry and Andrew Drum came down to play this evening.

Wednesday 19 Grandpa came back with the hog. The men hauled wood again.

Thursday 20 Papa went after Mamea and brought her back this afternoon. Papa wore his new coon skin coat for the first time.

Friday 21 The men drew hay from the stack by the barn into the barn.

Saturday 22 Grandpa went to Wasceca some Christmas things came from Evanston, cousin Wilfred sent me a story book named "Two Little Confederates".

Sunday 23 August and I da went off for their Christmas. It rained a little last night and the roads are getting very bad. It seems queer to have no snow there has been snow before but has all gone away.

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- Monday²⁴ It rained a little last night too. Grandpa and Papa put up shelves in the dining room and bathroom.
- Tuesday²⁵ Christmas day. I got a new knife some handkerchiefs and an apple.
- Wednesday²⁶ There was snow enough to cover the ground. The roads are very rough.
- Thursday²⁷ The double window put on the pantry and north window of Grandma's room. Rhinehart came here and got the last of his pay.
- Friday²⁸ The weather still keeps the same. Grandpa and Papa worked around the barn.
- Saturday²⁹ Grandpa went to town brought home a box of Christmas presents from Alice High she sent me "The child's history of England." Another nice day.
- Sunday³⁰ No one went to church. Rather a foggy and frosty day.
- Monday³¹ The shelves in the bath room and dining room painted. wrote to Cousin Alice.

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Tuesday
Jan 1

A beautiful day. Grandpa and Mr. Dunn went to town. I wrote to Wilfred Sam. Uncle Will wrote that Lucy Weeoll was dead.

Wed. 2

Another bright day. Grandpa went over to Mr. Johnson's to get August to come and help kill the beef to stay tomorrow and he came back this evening.

Thurs. 3

Still a good weather keep on. I helped killed and they sold a quarter sold to the cream gatherers for 50¢ a lb. 40° above zero.

Friday 4

The beef all cut up and packed. Aunt Nancy commenced papering the guest chamber. Mamma made a pin cushion for Aunty Jules birthday.

Saturday 5

Papa and I went to Waseca Papa went to the Agric cultural meeting and got the appointment to go to Minneapolis to the State Agric cultural society. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Leavitt were the other two I went down to play with the Clement boys We brought

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Mr Dumm home from Northfield where he has been. The 6 Henrys boys said I went out on clear lake. Aunt Nancy finished papering the guest chamber. It snowed nearly all day enough to make the ground white everywhere. No one went to church. Papa and Mamma read aloud. Papa cracked some bitternats and we had some apples.

Sunday 6

Monday 7 Grandpa took Papa and Mr Dumm over to Waseca to take the train for St Paul at five tomorrow morning. Snowed a little toward night.

Monday 7

Tuesday 8 One of the little calves died today. A nice day.

Tuesday 8

Wednesday 9 August did the chores and cut wood. A cold northwest wind blowing all day and it snowed a little.

Wednesday 9

Thursday 10 A nice day. 6° above this morning. After school Miss Mc. Kinlay (my teacher) came here to spend the evening. About seven o'clock Mr Daniels came and brought Mrs Daniels, Katy and Winnie their little baby, she spoke a little peace for us. Apples and music.

Thursday 10

January 1889
2° below 0 this morning

Friday 11

Grandpa went over to Waseca and got brought Papa home and brought a box from Col. Drury. We found it was a box of crockery, a set of dishes to eat on. The box had been over in the depot at Waseca ever since Christmas they had sent it down for our Christmas present. August went over to Mr Johnsons.

Sat. 12

Ida went home last night I went up to Mr Dumm to play a little while this afternoon. They were down here with their papa this forenoon.

Sunday 13

Nobody went to church. We had Pop corn balls, molasses candy, Apples and nuts. August came back to night. Just at zero.

Monday 14

Grandpa went to Owatonna got Bess and Vic. the horses shod. 3° below zero, this morning the coldest day this year.

Tuesday 15

Rained in the night last night and then froze a little just a little crust but if you step on it it will break through. The trees are covered with ice. Shelled corn. I am not feeling very well tonight.

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Wednesday 16 Very slippery and water every where. The men cut wood, put up a grist and put the clover seed in a bag.

Thursday 17 Papa went to town with his grist got a little oat meal, sent a package of a dozen eggs to Aunt Roxie. Aunt Nancy got a cloak from Aunt Roxie. Papa took the sausage meat over to the butchers and got it ground and seasoned for only 30 cts.

Friday 18 This is the last day of our school. Pros. Dye & Mr. Drums were there. Harry Drum, Johnnie Drum & I skoped a dialogue. There were just twenty scholars there. August went away he is to stay away until we want him again.

Saturday 19 Grandpa and Papa put up three shelves one above the store in our room and we put a fringe on that one. Long one on the east side of our closet to put books on. and one in Aunt Nancy's closet. Mamma and I had fun sliding on the ice from the house to the barn.

January 1889

Sunday 20 Snowed last night about three inches. No one went to church. I went over to Mr. Drums. a cold north west wind but very bright.

Monday 21 I went ~~over~~ up to play with Harry and Andrew this afternoon. Mr. Peter Daniels was over here. Harry & Andrew came down with the team after the big kettle. Eight below zero this morning.

Tuesday 22 Grandpa and Papa and I went up to the woods and got a pole to make a tongue for one of our sleds and made it in the grainery. Mr. Drum went came down here this afternoon, he wants Papa to go up and help him kill a beast. Papa went over to Mr. Drums this evening after the mail but they had not been over.

Wednesday 23 Papa went up to help Mr. Drums kill his beef and Papa and I went up to help him put it in the cellar this evening.

Thursday 24 Grandpa and Papa came up and were going to put the door of Papa's room but they found that the hinges could not be turned around.

January 1889

The men drove Maggie, the colt for the first time, she went quite well. Harry & Andrew came down to play.

Friday 25

Drove Maggie again and drove Jennie for the first time. 40° above zero this afternoon. Mamma and I went up to Mr. Drums this afternoon Mr. Daniel was there.

Saturday 26

I went over to Mr. Drums to take the mail and staid all the forenoon. A cold northerly wind and snowing towards night. Yesterday was Grandpa Beebe's birthday and the 20th was Grandma Beebe's birthday.

Sunday 27

I spent the Sabbath as usual at home and did not go to church it snowed and the roads are too rough and the help is gone.

Monday 28

Grandpa and I went over after August and I da, and I da was here. I wrote a letter to Martha Humphrey.

Tuesday 29

Grandpa ~~and~~ went to Owatonna, and Papa and I went to Mason. Papa took over 35 bushels of wheat and 70 cts a bushel for it. August cut wood.

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Wednesday 30

Papa went over to Mr. Drums after his wagon and Papa & Grandpa went over to Gosse Lake after ice, four loads to day. A nice day.

Thursday 31

Four more loads of ice to day. A. 1° below zero, but a cold northwest wind. Eggs the most this winter, have only been getting two or three.

Friday Feb. 1

Five loads of ice to day. Berney Solibber came down this forenoon and ~~helped~~ drew one load for us. I went over in the afternoon with them after ice.

Saturday 2

Five loads more of ice to day 36° above zero today. 154 cakes to night. I went over with them after ice I fell down on the ice and hurt my cheek a little. I went up to Mr. Drums to play I brought back a horse hair saddle that the Drum boys have been making for.

Sunday 3

Read some interesting stories in the "Advance". A beautiful day.

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Monday 4

Only two loads of ice to day
 It was such a blizzard this
 afternoon they did not go, and
 Berney did not come down
 to help us this forenoon.

Tuesday 5

Three loads of ice to day Grandpa
 took his load to Mr Daniels this
 forenoon. 12° below zero this
 morning, it was not up to zero
 to day. Grandpa staid with
 Daniels to dinner and went
 after a load from there
 Harry & Andrew came down
 to play. 14 eggs to day

Wednesday 6

Two load of ice to day Grandpa
 and Papa both stoppest at Mr
 Daniels with their load this
 forenoon and stoppest there to
 dinner. 15 below zero, 6° above
 this afternoon. I went up
 to play with Anne Rueter
 but she was at school.

Thursday 7

~~Grandpa~~ ^{August} and Papa went after
 a couple loads of little chunks
 of ice there are the last loads
 A cold raw wind

Friday 8

Grandpa went to Waseca to
 get Col. & Mrs Drum but
 Aunt Roxie has such
 a cold, ~~the~~ they could not come



