

Frank (Francis) M. Stahl's Personal Diary

1869

Monday, February 1st, 1869 - Cloudy this morning. Wind from the East. Rained in the afternoon. Quarried rock in the forenoon. Helped to do up the errands in the evening.

Tuesday, February 2nd, 1869 - Cloudy this morning. Wind from the North. Snow fell two inches deep last night. Quite warm last night and today. Went a'coon hunting today and caught nothing. Done nothing today but help feed the cattle. Alum and saltpeter – 35 cts.

Wednesday, February 3rd, 1869 - Cloudy and cold this morning. Wind from the north. An inch of snow fell last night. Snow blowing all day. Done nothing but help feed the stock today. Went down town for the mail.

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Thursday, February 4th, 1869 - Clear and cold this morning. Fleecy clouds flying all day. Sun set clear this evening. Worked in the timber today, cutting wood. Got a letter from Kate Cassell today. Wind from the southwest.

Friday, February 5th, 1869 - Clear this morning and quite cold. Fleecy clouds flying all day. Worked in the timber cutting wood today. Sun set under a cloud. Wind from the East in the morning, from the South in the evening.

Saturday, February 6th, 1869 - Cloudy this morning. Wind from the South and quite warm. Did not do anything today.

Sunday, Feb. 7th - Cloudy and foggy this morning. Went to the sixmile¹ last night, to Sunday school this morning. Wind from the South and warm.

Monday, Feb. 8th, 1869 - Cloudy and foggy this morning. Wind from the South and warm. Bush² went to Topeka this morning. Done errands in the forenoon. Quarried stone in the afternoon. Bought a steel trap of Eddie, 50 cts..

¹ "Sixmile" refers to the farm located on Six Mile Creek that belonged to Frank's father, Michael. After Michael's death in 1862 his wife, Susan, continued to live on the farm. It was located about 5 miles north and east of Frank's farm, in the northern part of Auburn township. Frank's land was located on the southern boundary of Auburn township. He also owned land in Osage county, immediately south.

² Horace Bush, a neighbor.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1869 - Cloudy this morning and very warm. Wind from the south. Worked in the stone quarry all day except what time I was doing errands. Cleared up about three o'clock P.M.. Fixing of rifle by McLaughlin³ of Topeka - \$8.50.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1869 - Sun rose clear this morning. Wind from the south. Quarried stone in the forenoon. Laid up stone fence in the afternoon. Sun set clear. Mud drying very fast.

Thursday, Feb. 11, 1869 - Sun rose clear this morning. Brisk wind from the south. Worked today building stone fence. Sun set clear. Fleecy clouds during the day.

Friday, Feb. 12, 1869 - Sun arose clear. Wind from the south, strong. Built stone fence. Cloudy in the afternoon, with thunder and lightning and a little rain.. Cloudy at sunset. Caught a coon in a steel trap last night.

³ Almost certainly John McLaughlin, listed in the 1870 federal census as a gunsmith in Topeka.

1870

Jan 1st - ~~Jim quarried rock and~~ I hauled ~~them~~ stone today. Jim⁴ getting over his Mission Creek spree.

Jan 2nd - Went to church in the morning. Jennie and I both went in the evening.

Jan. 3rd - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Jan 4th - Jim quarried and I hauled rock today.

Jan 5th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Jan 6th - Jim and I helped Bush kill hogs today. Cold.

Jan 7th - Jim quarried rock and I helped Bush cut up hogs.

Jan 8th - Coldest day of the season. Neither one of us done anything at stone today. Got up a little wood.

Jan. 9th - Went to the Union church today. Elder Reese.

Monday, Jan. 10th - Jim quarried and I hauled rock today.

T., Jan. 11th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

W., Jan. 12th - Jim and I helped mother butcher today.

T., Jan. 13th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today. Bros. Brockway⁵, and Stees⁶ paid us a visit in the evening.

Fri., Jan. 14th - Commenced snowing in the night. Snowed nearly all day. Done nothing at stone today.

Jan. 15th - Done nothing today at stone. Went to a covenant meeting this afternoon at the Baptist church.

S., Jan. 16th - Jennie and myself went up home today. Very warm, and snow all gone by ten o'clock except on the north side of the hills &c. By twelve o'clock everything was frozen solid.

⁴ Jim Dickson, Frank's neighbor and brother-in-law.

⁵ The 1870 federal census lists two Brockways, David and Justus, living in Topeka. Both were lawyers.

⁶ Ruben Stees, listed in the 1870 federal census.

Mon., Jan. 17th - Done nothing at stone today. Went to the funeral of Mr. Cunningham and Levi Snider⁷. John Young was here for supper. Very cold day.

Tues., Jan. 18th - Jim came home with us last night from church. On last evening I had a public family prayer for the first time. Oh, for divine grace from above to help me do my duty. Jim was gone all day with Jim Harrison. In the forenoon I cut wood. In the afternoon I hauled stone.

Wed., Jan. 19th - Cold day. Jim cut poles up on his place for fencing. I hauled stone all day.

Thurs., Jan. 20th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Fri., Jan. 21st - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Sat., Jan. 22nd - Raining and disagreeable today. Nothing done at stone today. Got the horses' shoes set.

Sun., Jan. 23rd - Jennie and I went to church and did not come home till evening. Got dinner at Russums⁸.

Mon., Jan. 24th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Tues., Jan. 25th - Jim quarried stone today and I hauled them.

Wed., Jan. 26th - Jim quarried rock today and I hauled them.

Thurs., Jan. 27th - Jim was cutting wood up on the place today. I hauled stone today.

Fri., Jan. 28th - Jim cut wood and rails and I hauled stone today.

Sat., Jan. 29th - Jim cut wood today and I hauled stone till noon. Hauled wood and went to town in the afternoon.

Sun., Jan. 30th - Jennie and I went to church today. Helen, Maggie, and Sam Morahn⁹ was here for dinner.

Mon., Jan. 31st - Jim cut wood today and I hauled stone. John Horton commenced work today.

Tues., Feb. 1st - Jim worked on his place today. I fixed a road for hauling stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Brockway to Ira Hyde's¹⁰.

Wed., Feb. 2nd - Jim worked on his place today. I hauled stone clear today.

⁷ Levi Snyder's tombstone in Auburn cemetery gives his death date as January 16 and his age as 42.

⁸ Probably Benjamin Russum, a wheelwright living in Auburn township in 1870.

⁹ By June, 1870 Samuel Moran is living with Frank, listed as a farm laborer on the federal census.

¹⁰ Ira Hyde's farm was a mile and a half due north of Frank's according to the 1873 Beers county atlas.

Thurs., Feb. 3rd - Jim worked on his place today. I hauled stone. United with the M.E. church last evening. God grant that I may be a faithful member of the church.

Fri., Feb. 4th - Jim went down town this forenoon. He quarried stone in the afternoon. I hauled rock all day.

Sat., Feb. 5th - Jim quarried stone today and I hauled them. Mother was here today.

Sun., Feb. 6th - Went to church today. Jennie and I were baptized today. Mother Dickson was over here today for dinner.

Mon. Feb. 7th - Jim quarried stone today and I hauled them. Mother and Laura¹¹ was here today. The protracted meeting closed last evening. It has been going on for five weeks. I have attended every night but one. There has been a glorious revival of religion and many souls have come to Christ. My prayer to God is that they may prove faithful.

Tues., Feb. 8th - Jim helped Hodge¹² to husk his corn today. I helped him in the forenoon and cut wood at home in the afternoon.

Wed., Feb. 9th - Jim went down town this forenoon and quarried rock in the afternoon. I hauled stone all day.

Thurs., Feb. 10th - Jim sick today. Done nothing. I cut wood all day. Donations tonight for Brockway.

Fri., Feb. 11th - Jim quarried rock in the forenoon and I hauled. _____ and hauled _____ Jim done _____.

Sat., Feb. 12th - Jim quarried stone and I hauled.

Sun., Feb. 13th - Jennie and I went to church today. _____ took dinner at Stees today. Went to church in the evening. Alex Melton's brother preached.

Mon., Feb. 14th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Tues., Feb. 15th - Jim quarried all day and I hauled rock in the forenoon only. Clark¹³, Jerome¹⁴, Lizzie Cook and Lizzie Russum were here today.

Wed. Feb. 16th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today. Went to the donation Raymonds¹⁵.

Thurs., Feb. 17th - Cold today. Done nothing at stone. I cut wood in the timber.

¹¹ Laura Stahl, the wife of Franks' brother Jerome.

¹² Probably Robert Hodge, a 40 year-old farmer from Virginia and neighbor.

¹³ Probably Clark Cunningham, based on the 1870 census.

¹⁴ Jerome was Frank's younger brother by four years. He and his family lived close by.

¹⁵ Possibly William Raymond, a local preacher listed in the 1870 federal census.

Fri., Feb. 18th - Jim quarried rock in the forenoon and I hauled. In the afternoon Jim hauled and I quarried.

Sat., Feb. 19th - Cold day. Jim and John went to the sale. I hauled wood today.

Sun., Feb. 20th - Jennie and I went to the sixmile to get pheasants.

Mon., Feb. 21st - Cold day. Nothing done at stone. Jim and John sawed for me in the afternoon.

Tues., Feb. 22nd - Jim and John sawed for me today. I hauled stone all day.

Wed., Feb. 23rd - Jim and John sawed for me in the forenoon. In the afternoon they quarried rock. I helped mother butcher today.

Thurs., Feb. 24th - Jim quarried stone today and I hauled them.

Fri., Feb. 25th - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Sat., Feb. 26th - Jim and I worked at stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon we done nothing.

Sun., Feb. 27th - Jennie and I went up to father Dickson's today. Went to the Union Church. Rev. Lee.

Mon., Feb. 28th - Jim quarried and I hauled rock today. Lavinah¹⁶ was over to see us today. Ph ___ was here.

Tues., Mar. 1st - Jim quarried and I hauled stone today.

Wed., Mar. 2nd - Jim quarried all day. In the forenoon I hunted the calves. In the afternoon hauled stone.

Thurs., Mar. 3rd - Jim was away all day. Bush and I staked out a line for fence in the forenoon. In the afternoon I quarried stone.

Fri., Mar. 4th - Jim done nothing today. I quarried stone in the forenoon. Done nothing in the afternoon.

Sat., Mar. 5th - Jim nor I either done anything at stone today. I broke down cornstalks all day.

Sun., Mar. 6th - I went to Sunday school at Union C., to church M.E. C. Breakaway. Jennie stayed at home.

Mon., Mar. 7th - Jim quarried stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon he helped Will Doel drive some calves home. I hauled stone all day.

¹⁶ Lavinah was Frank's younger sister, born in 1843. She was married to Joseph Youngs in 1865.

Tues., Mar. 8th - Jim quarried rock and I hauled them today. Lavinah, mother, and Bell¹⁷ was over today.

Wed., Mar. 9th - Jennie and I went over to the Sixmile on a visit. Jim quarried stone in the forenoon.

Thurs., Mar. 10th - Jim and I went to Topeka today. Nothing done in stone. Father and mother Dickson was over today.

Fri., Mar. 11th - Jim quarried stone and I hauled them. Father Dickson was over today.

Sat., Mar. 12th - Cold this morning. Nothing done in stone today. In the afternoon John Horton and myself cut wood.. Cleaned Hungarian seed.

Sun., Mar. 13th - I went to the M.E church to S.S. today. Jennie stayed at home. Quite cool today.

Mon., Mar. 14th - Very cold today. None of us done anything at stone today. I cut wood all day. John helped me in the afternoon.

Tues., Mar. 15th - Quite cold today. Done nothing at stone today.

Wed., Mar. 16th - Cold today. Hauled wood. Done nothing at stone.

Thurs., Mar. 17th - Cut rails and poles up on the places today. Nothing done at stone.

Fri., Mar. 18th - Work same as yesterday. Nothing done at stone.

Sat., Mar. 19th - Same as yesterday in the forenoon. Went hunting in the afternoon. Jennie went up home today.

Sun., Mar. 20th - Went to church.. Th. E. Brockway up home for dinner. (Jim moved over to the sixmile today for keeps.)

Mon., Mar. 21st - John Horton commenced to work for me by the month at \$20.00 per month. He hauled wood and went to town in the forenoon, ploughed in the afternoon. I quarried stone today.

Tues., Mar. 22nd - John ploughed today. I quarried stone.

Wed., Mar. 23rd - John ploughed today. I quarried rock today.

Thurs., Mar. 24th - John ploughed today. I quarried stone.

Fri., Mar. 25th - John ploughed and I quarried stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went squirrel hunting. Killed ____.

¹⁷ Mary Bell Stahl was another of Frank's sisters, born in 1858. She married Mack Fleck in 1876.

Sat., Mar. 26th - John ploughed & I quarried stone all day.

Sun, Mar. 27th -Went to S.S. this morning M.E.C. George, Ann, Jennie, Mollie, Maggie H., _____, Helen, Jim, George Johnstons, and John Horton was here for dinner.

Mon., Mar. 28th - John ploughed and I quarried stone.

Tues., Mar. 29th - Cold and damp. Nothing done at stone today. I went over to the sixmile this forenoon to get some things and to take the meat over to get it smoked. John done nothing in the forenoon. In the afternoon he tried to plough. Commenced raining and he went a' duck hunting.

Wed., Mar. 30th - Cold and raining nearly all day. Nothing done at stone today. John ploughed a little.

Thurs., Mar. 31st - John ploughed up in the Gill¹⁸ field all day. Jim quarried stone today. I done nothing at stone today. Went to school meeting and over to sixmile in the afternoon.

Fri., Apr.1st - John ploughed. George Stephens ploughed. I ploughed with Gill's team and Jim quarried stone.

Sat., Apr. 2nd - Jim quarried stone in the forenoon, in the afternoon went away. John ploughed and I ploughed with Gill's team.

Sun., Apr. 3rd - Stayed at home all day. No company today.

Mon., Apr. 4th - Jim and John quarried stone today and I went to Topeka to get a load of lumber for Bush.

Tues., Apr. 5th - John ploughed today. Jim and I was at town today attending township election.

Wednesday, Apr. 6th - Jim & I quarried stone today. John ploughed.

Thursday, Apr. 7th - Jim quarried stone all day. I quarried in the forenoon. Afternoon, sowed oats. John ploughed in the forenoon. In the afternoon he harrowed in oats.

Fri., Apr. 8th - Jim quarried stone in the forenoon. John ploughed in the forenoon and I sowed oats in the forenoon. In the afternoon we done nothing. Concert _____.

Sat., Apr. 9th - Jim went to the sale today. Sam Blandon and John harrowed in oats all day. I sowed oats all day or nearly so.

Sun., Apr. 10th - Jennie and I went up home today.

Monday, Apr. 11th - John ploughed and sowed and harrowed in oats. Jim quarried stone and I went to Topeka.

¹⁸ Probably Richard Gill, referred to later in various places in the diary..

Tues., Apr. 12th - John ploughed. Jim quarried for Palmer today. I hunted cattle and cut wood.

Wed., Apr. 13th - John ploughed. Jim quarried for Palmer, and I quarried for we-uns.

Thurs., Apr. 14th - Worked in the timber some today. _____. In the afternoon went down town. Done nothing at stone today. John ploughed. Jim quarried down town for Palmer.

Fri, Apr. 15th - John ploughed. Jim and I done nothing at stone. Quite cool today.

Sat., Apr. 16th - Cold as winter. Snow flying all day. No work done by anybody. John quit work yesterday. Cold. Freezing hard.

Sun., Apr. 17th - Jennie and I went over to the sixmile today. Freezing.

Mon., Apr. 18th - Jim quarried stone for Palmer in the forenoon. In the afternoon he quarried for father Dickson. I dug a foundation for his house.

Tues., Apr. 19th - Jim quarried stone in the forenoon and I hauled them for the new house. In the afternoon we helped move some things down for the folks. Mail day. First trip.

Wed., Apr. 20th - Alex jr. Alex sr., and myself went over to Topeka for a load of lumber. Quite late when we got back. Jim quarried stone for Alex Dickson.

Thurs., Apr. 21st - I laid stone on the foundation for the new house. Jim quarried stone for Alex Dickson.

Fri., Apr. 22nd - Alex Dickson jr. and myself went over to Topeka for a load of lumber. Wm. O. Grey came over. Jim at town with us.

Sat. Apr. 23rd - Alex Dickson jr. and myself went to Topeka after another load of lumber. Jim did not do anything today in the stone line.

Sun., Apr. 24th - Jennie and myself stayed at home today. Later Jerome and Laura paid us a visit today.

Mon., Apr. 25th - Jim left the ranch today for good. I worked at the new house today, laying stone. Today Sam Morhan commenced working for me today by the month at twenty five dollars, \$25.00, per month. He ploughed today.

Tues., Apr. 26th - Sam ploughed ~~yesterday~~ today. I worked down town laying stone today. Had a fine rain today. Commenced raining about 4 o'clock.

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Sun., June 19th - [Date marked but no entry]

Mon., June 19th-20 - Sam ploughed corn today. I was down town painting on the house.

Tues., June 20th-21 - Sam went to a funeral. Jennie and I was down town. The folks moved into the new house today. Weather warm.

Wed., June 21st 22 - Sam ploughed corn. ~~I hauled stone~~ In the forenoon made a stone bed. In the afternoon I hauled stone. Jim commenced breaking today, wasn't well.

Thurs., June 22nd 23 - Sam ploughed corn today. I hauled stone till supper. Went over to the sixmile this evening. Got the hay-rack. Left Jennie in town at father Dickson's.

Fri., June 23rd 24 - Sam ploughed corn. I hauled stone. Ada Doel was here today.

Sat., June 24th 25 - Sam ploughed corn today. I as usual at the stone business, hauling. Was down town this evening. Had a meeting in regard to the infected horses in this vicinity. Supposed to be the glanders. Jim was here since Wednesday.

Sun., June 25th 26 - I was out riding most of the day, hunting cattle. Weather warm.

Mon., June 26th 27 - Sam ploughed corn today. I hauled stone. Very warm today.

Tues., June 27th-28 - Sam ploughed corn today. I hauled stone as usual. Went to town this evening.

Wed., June 28th 29 - Sam ploughed corn, as yesterday. I quarried stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon hauled stone. Got the horses shod today.

Thurs., June 30th - Sam ploughed corn today. I as usual in the stone quarry.

Fri., July 1st - Sam ploughed corn in the forenoon. In the afternoon he quarried stone. I hauled stone all day.

Sat., July 2nd - All hands went to the Pic Nic today. I hauled stone today. Kept bachelor's hall.

Sun., July 3rd - Stayed at home till evening. Alex was here today for dinner.

Mon., July 4th - Sam hauled stone today. I was down this forenoon to welcome my 4th of July boy into the world. In the afternoon I quarried stone.

Tues., July 5th - Sam hauled stone today and I quarried.

Wed., July 6th - Sam hauled stone today. I quarried.

Thurs., July 7th - Sam hauled stone and I in the quarry.

Fri., July 8th - Sam transported stone from the quarry to the fence. I raised them from their long bed to the light of day.

Sat., July 9th - Sam hauled stone today. In the forenoon went over to the sixmile hunting cattle. In the afternoon prospected for hay and went down town to cut wood, &c.

Sun., July 10th - Stayed at home till dark, then went down to see Jennie. Got wet in the afternoon.

Mon., July 11th - Sam quarried stone today. I worked on the hayrack in the forenoon. In the afternoon went up to see about cutting grass. Got a good soaking in the evening.

Tues., July 12th - Sam quarried stone. In the forenoon fixed up the hay rack &c. In the afternoon I quarried stone.

Wed., July 13th - Sam quarried stone in the forenoon and I hauled stone. In the afternoon we worked in the oats field.

Thurs., July 14th - Sam and I hauled and stacked the oats today.

Fri., July 15th - Sam quarried stone today. I went to Topeka today. Got a Mansfield mower & reaper today, price \$185.00 - \$50.00 on a year's time.

Sat., July 16th - Sam quarried stone today. In the forenoon was down town. In the afternoon fixed up the grindstone.

Sun., July 17th - Stayed at home nearly all day. Went over to the sixmile in the evening.

Mon., July 18th - Had a fine rain last night. Rained a little at times during the forenoon. Not much of anything done this forenoon. In the afternoon Will Doel cut oats. Sam and I moved the bundles from the machine.

Tues., July 19th - Finished cutting the oats today. Sam and I same as yesterday.

Wed., July 20th - Sam, Andrew Johnson, and I bound up the oats today.

Thurs., July 21st - Sam went home today to stack wheat. Andrew Johnson, and I hauled in oats today and stacked them.

Fri., July 22nd - Sam not at home today. George Johnson and I finished stacking the oats this forenoon. In the afternoon Geo. quarried stone and I sowed turnips. Jerome took his oxen away from the breaking plough today. Jim quit working for Jerome today.

Sat., July 23rd - Sam not at home today. In the forenoon I ~~quarried~~ hauled stone. In the afternoon I went down town. Brought Jennie and the boy home in the evening.

Sun., July 24th - Stayed at home all day.

Mon., July 25th - Sam laid up stone fence today. Jim quarried stone in the forenoon. In the afternoon he hauled stone. In the forenoon I hauled rock. In the afternoon worked on a chimney for R. Hyde.

Tues., July 26th - Sam laid up fence. Jim hauled in the forenoon and quarried in the afternoon. In the forenoon I finished R.H.'s chimney. In the afternoon I hauled stone. George List laid up stone today.

Wed. July 27th - Sam laid stone. Jim quarried. George laid stone and I hauled.

Thurs., July 28th - Sam and George laid up stone. Jim quarried and I hauled.

Fri., July 29th - Sam and George laid up stone. Jim quarried and I hauled them, i.e., stone.

Sat., July 30th - All worked same as yesterday till noon. Played base ball in the afternoon.

Sun., July 31st - All hands left the ranch today, excepting Jennie and I.

Mon., Aug. 1st - Went to cutting grass this morning. The boys worked on a hay road this forenoon. In the afternoon Sam put up the grass into hay cocks.

Tues., Aug. 2nd - Sam raked hay. I cut with the machine. George and Jim hauled 8 loads.

Wed., Aug. 3rd - Work same as yesterday. 7 loads today.

Thurs., Aug. 4th - Work same as yesterday. 6 loads today.

Fri., Aug. 5th - Work same as yesterday with us. Bush helped haul today by proxy. 4 loads. Boys 6 loads.

Sat., Aug. 6th - I went to Burlingame today to mill. The boys worked in the hayfield till 3 o'clock when it rained. They hauled 4 loads today. Week's work - 35.

Sun., Aug. 7th - Alex was over today. I went to the sixmile in the evening. Got wet coming home.

Mon., Aug. 8th - Some rain today. The boys worked at the stone fence today. Tried to mow, but no go.

Tues., Aug. 9th - The boys laid up stone today and I went up to Alex's in the morning and got a harrow.

Wed., Aug. 10th - Raining this morning. The boys -- Jim, Sam, & George -- laid up stone fence. Worked about the house sharpening stakes for fence. Mother and Laura & Mother Dickson was over today. Went to the sixmile in the evening.

Thurs., Aug. 11th - Raining this morning. The boys, Jim and Sam, went to town in the forenoon. George and I went fishing. In the afternoon they laid up stone. I worked at the rails.

Fri., Aug. 12th - Sam, Jim, & George laid up fence today. I worked about the house, &c.

Sat., Aug. 13th - Sam ~~laid up stone~~ worked up at the Gill place fixing fence. Jim done nothing. George laid up fence till noon. In the afternoon George, Jim, and myself went up to the Pioneer Base Ball Club. Cut some wood for Mother Dickson in the evening.

Sun., Aug. 14th - Alex and Nan was over today. In the evening Jennie and I went over to the sixmile.

Mon., Aug. 15th - Sam laid stone. George away today. Jim and I working down town breaking prairie for the Old Gentleman¹⁹ (Jim all day, I till noon). In the afternoon I worked on the Gill place.

Tues., Aug. 16th - Sam laid up stone. George came back to work this morning, laying stone. Jim broke prairie on his place today.

Wed., Aug. 17th - Sam and George laid up stone. Jim broke prairie on his place. I went to Burlingame to the Show.

Thurs., Aug. 18th - Sam and George laid up stone. Jim broke prairie on his place. I worked on the Gill place.

Fri., Aug. 19th - Sam went up to his mother's to help thrash. Geo. laid up stone. Jim broke prairie on his place. I was down town painting the house for Alex D., Sr..

Sat., Aug. 20th - Sam still away. George laid up fence till noon. Jim broke prairie on his place till noon. In the afternoon he broke on my place. I worked on the Gill place hauling corn till noon. In the afternoon went up to Alex's. Got some potatoes and a load of corn. Baker moved into the Gill house.

Sun., Aug. 21st - Went to the sixmile last night. Stayed at mother's all day.

Mon., Aug. 22nd - Sam laid stone. Jim & I went to Topeka to the Yeager & Raymond trial.

Tues., Aug. 23rd - Sam laid stone. Jim broke prairie on my place. I cut grass for Truman Shumway.

Wed., Aug. 24th - Sam laid stone. Jim broke prairie on my place. I cut grass for Truman Shumway.

Thurs., Aug. 25th - Sam laid stone. Jim broke prairie on my place. I done some grubbing on my place. Rained last night.

Fri., Aug. 26th - Thrashed my oats this forenoon. Sam, Jim, Bush, and two hands helped me in the forenoon. In the afternoon Sam laid stone. Geo. laid stone. Jim broke prairie.

Sat., Aug. 27th - Sam laid stone till noon. Geo. laid stone till noon. Jim broke prairie on my place till noon. In the afternoon we all went to Auburn base ball &c. I got some peaches of ____.

¹⁹ Alexander Dickson, his father-in-law

Sun., Aug. 28th - Brought Jennie home today. We took dinner at father's in town.

Mon., Aug. 29th - Sam cut a little wood &c in the forenoon. In the afternoon he raked hay. Jim helped in the afternoon. I _____ the mowing machine.

Tues., Aug. 30th - Sam, Jim, & Geo. at the hay. I cut grass with the mowing machine.

Wed., Aug. 31st - Sam, Jim, and George at the hay. I as usual cutting grass.

Thurs., Sept. 1st - At the hay business today as usual. Sam and George went to the sixmile in the forenoon. Jim gathered a load of corn. In the afternoon they all worked at the hay.

Fri., Sept. 2nd - Sam, Jim, and Geo. at the hay. I cut grass with the machine.

Sat., Sept. 3rd - Sam, Jim, and George at the hay till noon. Truman Shumway and father hauled hay in the forenoon. In the afternoon we all played baseball. Sam, Jim, and I put up hay till 11 o'clock.

Sun., Sept. 4th - Jennie and I at home all day. The boys went to camp meeting

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Wed., Oct. 12th - Sam and Walt worked at the hay. I cut grass. Frost last night.

Thurs., Oct. 13th - Sam and Walt at the hay. I cut grass all day. Frost last night.

Fri., Oct. 14th - Sam and Walt at the hay today. I cut grass. Truman Shumway and I hauled hay.

Sat., Oct. 15th - Sam and I built fence in the forenoon. In the afternoon went over town. Built a hay pen and measured some land for Mr. Morhan.

Sun., Oct. 16th - Rainy. Stayed at home all day.

Mon., Oct. 17th - Raining some today. Sam and I hauled some forks and poles for a stable, &c.

Tues., Oct. 18th - Sam and I worked at the stable in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went and measured the land again. Jim came home.

Wed., Oct. 19th - Sam and I spread out the hay to dry, &c. Read this for Mon., Oct. 17th, Oct. 17th for 18th, and Oct. 18th for Oct. 19th.

Thurs., Oct. 20th - Sam, Jim, and I hauled hay. 3 loads for me, 2 for the Old Gentleman.

Fri., Oct. 21st - Sam, Jim, and I finished the hay today. 5 loads. 8 this week. 100-115 tons.

Sat., Oct. 22nd - Sam & Jim worked on the stable today in the forenoon. I helped _____
afternoon I went down to _____.

Sun., Oct. 23rd - Jennie was sick all day. _____ here.

Mon., Oct. 24th - Sam, Walt, and I put up hay for Deming²⁰ today, about 4 tons. Jim fence.

Tues. Oct. 25th - Sam laid up stone today, Jim also. I hauled some rails up to the stacks. Went up to Aleck's for some wheat. Got some cabbage.

Wed., Oct. 26th - Sam and Jim laid up stone. I went to Topeka today. Mother went along.

Thurs., Oct. 27th - Sam & Jim at the fence. Sent Walt over to the sixmile with a load of wood. Gathered some corn in the afternoon.

Fri., Oct. 28th - Sam laid stone. Jim went with Foster and Pratt to help them drive cattle. Hauled some rails. Got a load of lumber from the mill.

Sat., Oct. 29th - Raining in the night. Rained nearly all day. No out-of-doors work done, mended and greased the harness.

Sun., Oct. 30th - Rained most of the night. Creeks were very high this morning, higher than they have been for a year.

Mon., Oct. 31st - Sam mowed oats today. I worked on the cave at the Gill Plantation.

Tues., Nov. 1st - Sam finished the oats this forenoon. In the afternoon he laid stone and I worked on the cave.

Wed., Nov. 2nd - Sam and Jim laid stone today. I worked on the cave.

Thurs., Nov. 3rd - Sam and Jim built fence. I worked on the cave and got a load of lumber.

Fri., Nov. 4th - Sam and Jim laid stone most of the day. Some rain fell. I worked on the house on the Gill Hacienda.

Sat., Nov. 5th - Sam and Jim at the fence, I at the house for Gill and Co.

Sun., Nov. 6th - Jennie and I went over to mother's on the sixmile today.

Mon., Nov. 7th - Sam laid fence. Jim went to town. I set up a cattle pen.

Tues., Nov. 8th - Sam built fence. Jim went to town. Jennie and I went to town elections.

Wed., Nov. 9th - Sam at the stone, I at the house. Jim went to the sixmile to gather corn.

Thurs., Nov. 10th - Sam helped move up to the Gill place today. Jim gathered corn.

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Fri., Nov. 11th - Sam at the stone fence, I worked on the cave. Jim at corn.

Sat., Nov. 12th - Sam at the fence, I at the sixmile digging potatoes. Jim at the corn.

Sun., Nov. 13th - Mother & Mollie was over today. I went home with them this evening.

Mon., Nov. 14th - Sam at the fence, I at the sixmile. Jim hauling corn.

Tues., Nov. 15th - Sam at the stone. I finished digging potatoes today. Jim hauled corn.

Wed., Nov. 16th - Sam at the fence. We fenced the stacks today. Jim hauled corn.

Thurs., Nov. 17th - Sam at the stone. Jennie and I went to Topeka today. Stayed in Auburn all night. Got a pair of Chester White pigs today from _____. Jim hauled a load of coal.

Fri., Nov. 18th - Sam at the stone. Jim hauled a load of corn. I built at a henhouse.

Sat., Nov. 19th - Sam at the rail business in the forenoon. In the afternoon he got up the horses. Jim slept till noon. In the afternoon he hauled two loads of rails. I went to John Cook's to a dance last night. Played the bones. Got \$3.00 for it.

Sun., Nov. 20th - Cold today. A few flakes of snow fell for about a minute. Had company. Maggie & John Mongold, Jim Rundell, George List, George Johnston, Tom Cheny, &c. Got cattle home.

Mon., Nov. 21st - Sam worked at the stone. Jim and I got cattle in the forenoon. In the afternoon Walt and I got a load of corn at Snyder's.

Tues., Nov. 22nd - Sam worked down town on the parsonage. A few flakes of snow. Jim built fence. I fixed the stable, &c.

Wed., Nov. 23rd - Sam at the fence again. I went over to the sixmile after the sausage machine. Jim at home.

Thurs., Nov. 24th - Sam worked on the parsonage. Jim and I at the stone fence.

Fri., Nov. 25th - Sam helped butcher in the forenoon, Jim too. The afternoon he worked on the parsonage. Jim and I laid out stones.

Sat., Nov. 26th - Sam and Jim at the stone fence. I worked at the house salting down the pork, grinding sausage, &c.

Sun., Nov. 27th - Weather for the past week like spring. Today is like summer.

Mon., Nov. 28th - Sam and Jim in the timber cutting logs. Jim hauling corn from the sh____.

Tues., Nov. 29th - Sam and I in the timber. Jim hauling corn.

Wed., Nov. 30th - Sam and I in the timber. I took a load of wood down town for the folks. A nice day.

Thurs., Dec. 1st - Sam and I sawing logs today. Jim took a load of wood down town. Weather very nice and warm. Clear.

Fri., Dec. 2nd - Sam and [I] sawing logs. Jim cutting trees for sawlogs. Weather like yesterday.

Sat., Dec. 3rd - Sam and I sawed in the timber. In the afternoon I went to get a log wagon. Jim cut trees for logs. Weather like summer all day.

Sun., Dec. 4th - Jennie went to town last evening. I went over this morning to church. Weather nice and pleasant.

Mon., Dec. 5th - Sam and I in the timber sawing logs. Jim down town quarrying stone.

Tues., Dec. 6th - Sam and I in the timber at the logs. Jim at town quarrying stone. Weather nice.

Wed., Dec. 7th - Sam and I in the timber. Jim at town quarrying stone.

Thurs., Dec. 8th - Sam & I sawing logs till noon. In the afternoon got a load of corn at Snider's. Jim quarrying stone.

Fri., Dec. 9th - Sam and Jim in the timber getting out some pieces for a log wagon. In the afternoon Sam got some sand. I built a calf shed and &c.

Sat., Dec. 10th - Sam hauled two loads of corn from Snider's. 40 bu. Jim down town quarrying stone. I was over to the sixmile fixing up a log wagon.

Sun., Dec. 11th - No company today. I went up to Alex's this evening.

Mon., Dec. 12th - Sam helped me to get started hauling logs. In the afternoon he got a load of corn from Snider's, making up to this date 90 bushels. I hauled two logs today.

Tues., Dec. 13th - Sam and Jim sawing logs (for Jim). I at my old business of yesterday, hauling logs. Snow last night. 2 inches.

Wed., Dec. 14th - Sam helping Jim saw logs today. I hauling logs.

Thurs., Dec. 15th - Sam helped Jim till noon. In the afternoon Sam worked for me in the timber. Jim sawing.

Fri., Dec. 16th - Sam cutting in the timber today. Jim went for a log wagon in the forenoon. In the afternoon he hauled logs for me. In the forenoon I hauled logs. In the afternoon I fixed up a log wagon for Jim.

Sat., Dec. 17th - Sam working in the timber. Jim hauled logs today. I hauled logs today. Snow last night. Five 5 inches.

Sun., Dec. 18th - I was setting up with Alex Dickson jr. Jennie came up in the evening.

Mon., Dec. 19th - Sam cutting wood. Jim and I ~~cutting~~ hauling logs. Quite cold.

Tues., Dec. 20th - Sam in the timber hauling logs today. Jim hauling logs. So was I after the mail.

Wed., Dec. 21st - Sam cutting logs. Jim and I hauling.

Thurs., Dec. 22nd - Sam commenced hauling logs. Deming ordered him to stop. I helped Alex Dickson butcher today.

Fri., Dec. 23rd - Sam cutting and hauling wood to the house. I went to cut up logs. Too cold.

Sat., Dec. 24th - Sam in the timber. I went after the mail. Weather been very cold all week.

Sun., Dec. 25th - Jennie and I went over to town to Dyche²¹'s to dinner.

Mon., Dec. 26th - Sam cutting in the timber. Jim broke down hauling logs. I hauling logs. Cold.

Tues., Dec. 27th - Sam, Jim, and I worked all day taking a sled crook [crop?] to mill and getting logs out of the creek.

Wed., Dec. 28th - Sam helped his mother kill hogs. I hauled logs to the mill.

Thurs., Dec. 29th - Sam and Jim in the log business. Hauled for me in the afternoon. I went up to Aleck's to cut up hogs. Too cold.

Fri., Dec. 30th - Sam in the timber. Jim and I hauling logs.

Sat., Dec. 31st - Sam in the timber. Jim and I hauling logs. Weather this week fair.

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