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Sun., Jan. 1st, 1871 - Jennie and I went over to mother Stahl's for dinner.

Mon., Jan. 2nd - ~~Sam in the timber.~~ Jim away getting his horse shod. Sam hauled logs. I cut up Aleck's hogs.

Tues., Jan. 3rd - Sam in the timber. Jim hauled two loads of lumber up for me today. I hauled logs.

Wed., Jan. 4th - Sam and Jim at the mill getting in logs, hauling the lumber, & I hauling in logs.

Thurs., Jan. 5th - Sam hauled logs. One load for me and two for Jim. I helped mother butcher.

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Wed., Apr. 12th - S. ploughed. Jim broke prairie. I and Tom at Thompson's²².

Thurs., Apr. 13th - S. ploughed. Jim broke prairie. I and Tom at the sixmile. Lavina and her two boys were at mother's.²³

Fri., Apr. 14th - S. and I hauled posts &c. out of the timber. I took a load of wood over to the old gentleman's and went up to Aleck's to get the harrow. Did not get it. Jim broke prairie.

Sat., Apr. 15th - S. went over to the sixmile to get some meat and potatoes and cut some wood. Jim broke prairie and went after the harrow. I and Tom in town.

Sun., Apr. 16th - Jennie and [I] at home all day. No company.

Mon., Apr. 17th - S. harrowed all day. Jim set posts. I built fence. Mother and Lavina came over.

Tues., Apr. 18th - S. and Jim went over to McCaslin's²⁴ for corn. I and Tom at Auburn.

Wed., Apr. 19th - S. harrowed all day. Jim broke prairie today. I at Thompson's. Mother and Lavina went home this morning. Cold wind. Strong. West .

Thurs., Apr. 20th - I harrowed all day. Jim broke prairie a little and his plough considerable. Tom and I on the sixmile. Lavina went home this morning.²⁵ Cold wind from the West . Aleck Dickson after his harrow.

²² This is probably John Thompson and his family. John will marry Helen, Jennie's sister, in 1872, so it is reasonable to assume contact between the families. John's father's name was also John.

²³ As of the 1870 census, Lavinah Stahl Young's two sons were Francis E. (age 4) and Elmer (age 1). They were living in Lafayette county, Missouri.

²⁴ Probably Allen McCaslin, listed in the 1870 federal census in Auburn.

²⁵ Presumably, this means she returned to Missouri.

Fri., Apr. 21st - S. and Jim went to Brown's for a load of hay and took Aleck's harrow home. I made a corn marker in the forenoon. In the evening I went to Eli Snider's. Wind cold and strong from the West .

Sat., Apr. 22nd - S. marked out for corn all day. Jim broke prairie. I and Tom in town. Heavy frost last night.

Sun., Apr. 23rd - Jennie and I at home all day. John Cook, Helen, John Russum, and Eugene Roberts were over for dinner.

Mon., Apr. 24th - S. marked for corn today -- when it was not raining. Jim was up to Aleck's in the forenoon. Aleck and I planted 16 rows of corn today. Rained.

Tues., Apr. 25th - S. went over to the sixmile to get some corn. Didn't get it. Marked out for corn, &c. Aleck and Jim planted corn.

Wed., Apr. 26th - S. marked out for corn -- some. Jim marked out for me -- some. Rained a good deal. Tom and I up the creek.

Thurs., Apr. 27th - S. and Aleck planted corn for me today. Jim tried to borrow a harrow. Failed. Worked at his fence. I was at the sixmile.

Fri., Apr. 28th - S. and I planted corn all day. Jim harrowed all day till 5 o'clock in the evening for

Sat., Apr. 29th - S. and I planted corn all day. Finished up at just 8 o'clock. Jennie and Helen went to town this morning. Walked. Jim was [in] town with Tom.

Sun., Apr. 30th - Nice day. No company. I went over to [town] in the afternoon and brought Jennie home.

Mon., May 1st - S. went up this forenoon to plant corn for Aleck. Rained. He came back by noon. In the afternoon we fixed the colts and made fence. Jim broke prairie.

Tues., May 2nd - S. built fence. Cut some poles, fixed posts, &c. Jim went for coal for Doel. I was downtown. Whitewashed all day at Dyche's. Weather cool. Wind NW.

Wed., May 3rd - S. hauled, posts, rails, &c. Jim worked at his fence. I at Thompson's. Weather cold. Wind NW.

Thurs., May 4th - S. hauled two loads of wood to Russum's in town. I at the sixmile. Weather cold. Wind NW.

Fri., May 5th - S. built fence all day. Jim built fence all day. I was at Snyder's in the forenoon. In the afternoon I planted peach seeds. Weather a little cool. Wind NW.

Sat., May 6th - S. built fence all day. Jim built fence in the forenoon. In the afternoon he took a load of wood to Russum's - and played base ball. I was down town whitewashing at Dyche's. Played ball in the evening. Pigeon had a colt.

Sun., May 7th - Weather pleasant. Jim, myself, and Bruno caught a large full-grown buck deer this morning. Had company. Jane²⁶ was here for dinner. Aleck came over in the evening.

Mon., May 8th - S. built fence some. Jim rigged up for breaking prairie. I took Aleck's harrow home. Rained considerable. Heavy rain.

Tues., May 9th - S. quarried stone. Jim broke prairie in the afternoon. I painting on the house down town.

Wed., May 10th - S. hauled rails and posts in the forenoon. In the afternoon built fence. Jim broke prairie. I at Thompson's. Went seining.

Thurs., May 11th - S. built fence all day. Jim broke prairie. Jennie and Helen went to the sixmile. Very nice day. I at the sixmile.

Fri., May 12th - S. helped Jim plant his potatoes in the forenoon. S. and Jim planted potatoes for me. I went to Snider's in the forenoon. Fixed 3 colts. In the afternoon I helped plant potatoes.

Sat., May 13th - S. planted pumpkin seeds. Jim broke prairie. I was down town. Painted on the house.

Sun., May 14th - Nice day. John Cook was here. Jennie and I stayed at down [sic].

Mon., May 15th - S. quarried stone today. Jim broke prairie. I went to Pomeroy's this morning. Built a hog pen and made some garden, &c.

Tues., May 16th - S. took out grubs. Jim broke prairie for me. I was at town painting.

Wed., May 17th - S. grubbing out bushes. Jim breaking prairie for me. I was at Thompson's. Caught a nice mess of fish.

Thurs., May 18th - S. taking out grubs. Jim breaking prairie for me. I at the sixmile.

Fri., May 19th - S. worked on the fence. Jim broke prairie for me. I hauled rails.

Sat., May 20th - S. replanted corn. Jim fixed a little at his fence in the forenoon. ~~In the forenoon~~ In the afternoon he went to town. I was at Auburn painting on the house, &c.

Sun., May 21st - Nice day. Aleck and Nan²⁷ was over today. John Cook and Helen in the evening. Picked some strawberries.

²⁶ Jane was another of Frank's sisters, born in 1853. Her full name was Florence Jane.

²⁷ Nancy was Alexander Dickson's wife.

~~Mon., May 22nd~~ **Tues., May 22nd** - S. took a load of wood to father Dickson's today. Hauled wood and went to Aleck's in the evening for wheat. Jim broke prairie. I at town.

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Thurs., June 1st - S. ploughed corn today. Jim replanted corn. Eugene Roberts planted sod corn for me today. I was at the sixmile painting the house today.

Fri., June 2nd - S. ploughing corn. Jim building fence. Eugene Roberts planting corn. I went over to Yeager's in the forenoon to fix some colts. In the afternoon went to hunt cattle. Found a two-year old steer at Isaac Baxter's. Went to George Neil's and stayed all night.

Sat., June 3rd - S. ploughed corn. Jim went to town with Tom. I went to Topeka to get some teeth extracted. Went to the Show.

Sun., June 4th - Weather very hot today. Jennie and I stayed at home all day. No company.

Mon., June 5th - S. ploughed corn till noon. Jim hauled rails till noon. I fixed the plough till noon. In the afternoon we had a very heavy rain. In the afternoon S. and I worked at the fence and Jim replanted his sod corn.

Tues., June 6th - S. quarried stone for fencing on the bluff. Jim broke prairie for me. I was up at Thompson's Auburn. Em had a colt last night.

Wed., June 7th - S. ploughed corn with Flora alone. Jim broke prairie for me. I was at Thompson's. Weather nice and quite warm.

Thurs., June 8th - S. ploughing corn with the double shovel. Jim breaking prairie. I at the sixmile painting on the house.

Fri., June 9th - S. built fence in the forenoon. In the afternoon he ploughed corn with Flora. Jim plowing his corn with my cultivator. Jennie and I was up to Aleck's in the forenoon to get a load of corn. In the afternoon I was using the hoe on some weeds.

Sat., June 10th - S. ploughing corn with Flora. Jim ploughed corn for me in the forenoon, in the afternoon for himself. I was at town.

Sun., June 11th - Jerome & Laura was over today.

Mon., June 12th - S. quarried stone part of the day and ploughed corn the rest. Jim broke prairie. I ploughed corn and helped set up the reaper.

Tues., June 13th - S. ploughed corn. Jim helped Jerome to cut his wheat. I at town.

Wed., June 14th - S. ploughed corn. Jim helped cut wheat till noon. In the afternoon he broke prairie. I at Thompson's.

Thurs., June 15th - S. ploughed corn. Jim broke prairie. I at the sixmile painting.

Fri., June 16th - S. and I hauled rails in the forenoon. In the afternoon he ploughed corn. Jim broke prairie. I built fence, &c.

_____ [break in sequence] _____

Wed., Aug. 23rd - Rained a little in the night. S. and I put the pigs together in one pen in the morning. Hauled hay the rest of the day. Jim cut grass in the forenoon. In the afternoon he raked and bunched grass. Charlie took his horses to town to get them shod. 6 loads.

Thurs., Aug. 24th - S. and I hauled hay all day. Jim cut a couple of hours in the morning. Broke the machine. Took it [to] town and got it repaired. Raked hay in the evening. 8 loads.

Fri., Aug. 25th - S. and I hauled one load of hay in the morning, when it commenced raining. Jim and I went to the six mile to get a hay rake. Didn't get, so fixed the roof on the stable. Cut about two armfuls of stove wood and got a boom pole to bind hay. 1 load.

Sat., Aug. 26th - S. and I cut up corn in the forenoon and Jim cut _____ in the afternoon. All three of us _____ hay. Went _____.

Sun., Aug. 27th - S. and I went to the sixmile to get some cattle that had ran off. Got them. Helen and Lizzie Cook²⁸ was over today. Jennie at home all day.

Mon., Aug. 28th - S. and I hauled hay. Jim cut grass with the machine. ____ loads.

Tues., Aug. 29th - S. and I hauled hay ~~all day~~. Jim cut grass till noon. S. raked up hay in the afternoon, and Jim and I hauled hay. 6 loads.

Wed., Aug. 30th - S. and I hauled hay till noon. Upset a load after dinner and hurt S.'s shoulder and he went home. Jim cut grass in the forenoon and raked in the afternoon. Days work 2 loads.

Thurs., Aug. 31st - Eugene Roberts and I hauled hay today. Jim cut grass in the forenoon and raked in the afternoon. Days work 3 loads.

Fri., Sept. 1st - S. on the sick list. Jim and I hauled hay. Days work 6 loads.

Sat., Sept. 2nd - S. and Charlie after the bull in the forenoon. Failed to get him. I raked hay in the afternoon. Jim and I hauled hay. 7 loads.

Week's work – 33 loads.

Sun., Sept. 3rd - Jim and I went after Old Dad this morning. Tied him up to a tree. About two o'clock Jennie and [I] started for the sixmile. Met mother Dickson and Helen on the road. Jennie ~~and I~~ stopped at town. Nell and I went to the sixmile. Some cattle men to see Jerome.

²⁸ Elizabeth was John Cook's wife.

Mon., Sept. 4th - S. and I hauled hay. Jim went to town in the forenoon. In the afternoon he cut grass a while in the evening. Went for Old Dad. Days work 3 loads.

Tues., Sept. 5th - S. and I hauled hay all day except in the forenoon when Jim helped him when I picked up some things about the sixmile, Jim's hayrack, &c. Geo. List was over today. Charlie raked hay in the afternoon and Jim cut hay.

Wed., Sept. 6th - Raining this morning and last night. Too wet for haying. Jim and I went to the sale at Heinz's. I bought a sow, \$12.00 [?]. S. done nothing. Sick ____

Thurs., Sept. 7th - S., J. and I cut up corn _____.

Fri., Sept. 8th - S., Jim Bayard, and myself hauled hay all day. Very ____ got into the stack. 11 loads.

Sat., Sept. 9th - S. and I hauled hay. Very _____. Jim cut up corn. 4 loads. Week's work - 27 loads.

Sun., Sept. 10th - Jennie and I at home all day. Helen came over for dinner. Weather quite cool for the season.

Mon., Sept. 11th - S. and I hauled hay all day. Jim cut grass in the forenoon for Geo. List, in the afternoon for we uns. Day's work - 5 loads.

Tues., Sept. 12th - S. and I hauling hay, Jim cutting grass, and Charlie raking it up. Day's work - 4 loads.

Wed., Sept. 13th - Raining this morning a little. Jennie, myself, and S. to the state fair at Topeka. Rained hard during the day. Jennie and I stopped in town all night.

Thurs., Sept. 14th - Jennie and I came home this morning. Jim and I went to Topeka. S. missing.

Fri., Sept. 15th - Stayed in Topeka last night and _____ stable. All day in Topeka. S. missing.

Sat., Sept. 16th - S. cut up corn. I ploughed _____ gathered a load of corn &c.

Sun., Sept. 17th - No company. I hunted some for _____.

_____ [break in sequence] _____

Tues., Oct. 31st - A light fall of snow last night. Froze pretty sharp. Rained some in the morning. Cleared up about noon. Jim and [I] cut poles to cover the stable and corn crib till two o'clock when we had dinner. Jim had a chill. I went to look for the cattle with Allen Blandon.

Wed., Nov. 1st - Expected Geo. List and J. Russum this morning to pull corn out. Neither one of them came. Jim and I went to hauling poles to cover the stable. I had a chill today but managed to keep to work. Wind S. Nice day.

Thurs., Nov. 2nd - Jim, John Russum, & I pulled corn today in the West field. Pulled five loads of corn. 5 loads. My wagons _____.

Fri., Nov. 3rd - Geo. List, John Russum, Jim, and myself commenced pulling corn. I helped pull one load and went to bed and stayed there the rest of the day. Charlie helped George. They pulled 6 loads in the East field, and John _____ in the West field.

Sat., Nov. 4th - Had the same crew today, myself added. We pulled 9 loads in the East field and they pulled 6 in the West field.

Sun., Nov. 5th - A very nice day. John Brown and myself went to Bary Tice²⁹'s this morning to see in regard to election matters, not a very creditable for church members _____ it.

Mon., Nov. 6th - Jim, John, Geo., Charlie and myself were pulling corn today. We each pulled 5 loads from the East field. Two of my loads came _____ . Went to town this evening.

Tues., Nov 7th - Stayed at J. ___ Brown's all night. Rained this morning. Rained nearly all day.

Wed., Nov. 8th - Jim and I was working at our stable and shed the greater part of the day. Went to town. Geo. List took his hogs.

Thurs., Nov. 9th - A disagreeable rainy morning. Jim and I went to gather up our cattle. [illegible line]

Fri. Nov. 10th - Jim and I was gone all forenoon. _____ cow. In the afternoon pulled corn from the shocks. Charlie and I hauled corn _____ all day.

Sat., Nov. 11th - John Russum, Charlie, and I pulled corn all day. Jim _____ [illegible line]

Sun., Nov 12th - Jim, John Thompson, Helen, & Lizzie Cook was over here today. G _____ R _____ was here for dinner.³⁰ Rained most of the day.

Mon., Nov. 13th - _____ was here all night. _____ prevented their going home. Charlie and I got up wood this forenoon. In the afternoon Jim and I hauled corn. Quite cold last night. Took a load of corn in town.

Tues., Nov. 14th - Jim and I pulled corn in the forenoon. In the afternoon we fixed and marked _____ calves and pulled corn in the evening. Heavy frost.

Wed., Nov. 15th - Jim and I in the corn all day. Charlie hauled up _____ calves in the forenoon. _____ loads of corn the rest of the day. Quite pleasant wind in the _____.

²⁹ This may refer to Perry Tice, listed in the 1870 census as a local 49 year-old farmer from Pennsylvania.

³⁰ John Thompson and Helen Dickson will be married four months later, as will Lizzie Cook and Jim Dickson, so this dinner was a gathering of future in-laws.

Thurs., Nov. 16th - Jim and I worked some on the shed and corncrib. Did not do very much. Went to town in the evening.

Fri., Nov. 17th - Jim _____. I killed Horace this forenoon. Will Roberts helped. Geo. List also happened along. In the afternoon it rained without ceasing. Took a for _____ (loaned). Sold _____ a FQ at 5 ½ cents _____ weight to 15 ½ cents. Sold a HQ to Geo. List _____ Kept a HQ myself.

Sat., Nov. 18th - A very bad stormy day. Done nothing in the forenoon. In the afternoon I helped Alex kill a cow. Jim took Jennie to town.

Sun., Nov. 19th - One inch of snow on the ground this morning. Charlie and I went over to town for dinner and brought Jennie back. Quite cold.

Mon., Nov 20th - Jim took a load of corn to town to feed his horses while he quarries rock. I was making some brush fence.

Tues., Nov 21st - Jim did not bring my wagon home so I went and dug some sand this forenoon. In the afternoon I hauled one load of it home. Went to Lodge. Got home at "12" o'clock and 30 minutes.[?]

Wed., Nov. 22nd - Very cold this morning. I worked at the brush fence the most of the day.

Thurs., Nov. 23rd - Snow fell to the depth of two inches last night and still snowing this morning. Snow between three and four inches deep by noon. I worked on the brush fence all day. Good _____

Fri., Nov. 24th - Quite cold this morning. ____ [illegible line]__ Geo. List got __[illegible line]__

Sat., Nov. 25th - Nice and clear this morning____. Clouded up. Got foggy. The snow melted rapidly _____. Wind in the S.E. by night. Nearly all gone _____. I worked at digging on the foundation for _____. Geo. List got a load of wood. ____ Bingham got a load of corn _____

Sun., Nov. 26th - Wind changed to the N.W. in the night and this morning it is quite cold and snowing a little and freezing _____. No company today. Stayed at home.

Mon., Nov. 27th - Cloudy and cold all day. Wind in the _____. Snowing a little at times. Charlie got some wood cut in the forenoon. In the afternoon I cut out some shed _____. Dick Gill was here for dinner. Quite cold.

Tues., Nov. 28th - Another inch of snow last night. Weather very cold. Wind from the northwest. I worked all day on the shed.

Wed., Nov. 29th - _____ wind in the North ____ [illegible line]____ wind still in the N.W. _____ the afternoon. Took a heifer up to Aleck's and brought home a cow and calf of Helen's. _____

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I went to Aleck Dickson's today to help him kill hogs. Weather quite nice. _____ but comfortable. Wind from all quarters during the day, mostly though from the South.

Sat., Dec. 2nd - Wind in the south. Clear and pleasant all day. I went up _____ this morning to help Aleck to cut up his hogs. Got through by two o'clock with the twelve hogs. Delivered _____ a calf last night cow and calf all right.

Sun., Dec., 3rd - Clear this morning with the wind out of the south. About sunrise it clouded up. The wind changed _____ and we have had a regular snow storm. In a few minutes it grew cold _____. The change was almost instantaneous. By night it was the coldest _____. No visitors. All stayed home.

Mon., Dec. 4th - [illegible line] _____ the season. Cleared up in the night. Grew more _____ towards noon. _____ Wind mostly in the _____. I finished the sled this morning. In the afternoon Charlie and I hauled _____

Tues., Dec. 5th - Weather quite pleasant. Wind in the south. (Clear) Charlie and I hauled corn fodder all day.

Wed., Dec. 6th - Clear and as warm as summer. Wind from the south. Finished hauling the corn.

Thurs., Dec. 7th - Pleasant & warm, notwithstanding the wind was from the _____ North West. Clear and cloudy all day. Cloudy at sunset and sunrise. Charlie hauled _____ I built a fence around the stacks. Geo. List and Clark Cunningham got a load of wood. Dick Gill _____ Thawing.

Fri., Dec. 8th - Nice and clear this morning. Wind from the South and thawing. Got _____ at Harrison's this morning. I built fence around the stacks in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the _____ Got a good _____ Went to Topeka.

Sat., Dec. 9th - Stayed all night at _____ [3 illegible lines]

Sun., Dec. 10th - [illegible line] _____ at home all day. _____ Russum were married [?] _____ the evening. Jim _____ the Sixmile that we traded for _____ List. Nothing special to record.

Mon., Dec. 11th - A nice day. Hauled a load of _____ with Jennie _____ Went to Topeka _____ Went to the sixmile to get a kettle and sausage grinder. I fixed up things _____ for butchering _____ the potatoes _____.

Tues., Dec. 12th - A very nice day. Wind _____ but not cold. I butchered today. Killed eight hogs and a beef. Jerome, _____, Robert, _____ Byard helped me get through in good shape. Mother Dickson came home with Jennie last evening. She helped _____ today. Hogs averaged about 250 lbs.

Wed., Dec. 13th - Quite cold this morning. Wind from the North. Cut up the hogs today and salted them down this evening.

Thurs., Dec. 14th - Still cold. Wind from the _____. Went up to Blandon's this morning and brought Dick _____ the sausage meat _____ sausage grinder and kettle from the sixmile [rest illegible].
