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Mon., Jan. 1st - A happy New Year to all. How fast the time flies and what [have] we done in the year that is gone forever? Have we done all the good we could or have we improved our opportunities as we ought? Oh, for aid from above to do better than we have ever done before, and may we commence this year with the determination to live nearer to God. Wind from the South and quite cold. I commenced digging a cellar today.

Tues., Jan. 2nd - Wind from the South and thawing till about 4 o'clock when the wind veered to the N.W. and it grew cold very fast. Jennie & I went to town this evening. I went to Lodge, installation of officers. Worked on the cellar all day.

Wed., Jan. 3rd - Quite cold this morning. Wind N.W. Worked on the cellar all day. Wind changed to the South in the evening. Went to prayer meeting this evening, Union church.

Thurs., Jan. 4th - Wind in the South. Pleasant and thawing considerable. I was at work on the cellar all day.

Fri., Jan. 5th - Wind from the S.W. this morning but not very cold. Thawed considerable during the day. Grew colder towards evening. Worked on the cellar all day. Went to town in the evening.

Sat., Jan. 6th - Quite cold this morning. Wind from the N.W. I went to Topeka today in company with John Thompson, Sr. Paid my taxes -- amount \$50.00.

Sun., Jan. 7th - Wind the same and weather quite cold. Jennie & I at home all day. No company.

Mon., Jan. 8th - Wind from the South this morning but quite cold. Still it thawed some in the sun. Overman took the job this morning of finishing up my cellar for the sum of \$5.00. Charlie, Arnie and myself went to work this morning to burn a kiln of lime, expenses and profits to be equally divided between us.

Tues., Jan. 9th - Weather cool with the wind S.W. Arnie and I worked on our limekiln all day. Got it cleaned out in good shape.

Wed., Jan. 10th - Weather clear, wind S. Charlie, Arnie, and I at work on our limekiln. Andrew Johnson helped us awhile in the evening.

Thurs., Jan. 11th - Arnie, Charlie, and I at the limekiln. Arnie quarried, Charlie hauled, and I built the kiln. Weather clear. Wind from the South.

Fri., Jan. 12th - Weather clear most of the day. Wind from the South. Arnie and I hauled stone for the limekiln. Finished the stone part.

Sat., Jan. 13th - Arnie, Charlie, & I at the limekiln. Charlie & I hauled wood - 6 loads - till three o'clock. Charlie hauled by himself part of the time. While I was plastering the kiln on the outside, Arnie was digging a ditch, &c. Weather clear. Wind from the N.W. but not cold. Went

to town this evening. Hauled the first load of hay from the company stacks today. Fed my own feed so far.

Sun., Jan. 14th - Weather clear nearly all day. Wind from the N.W. but not very cold. No company. Jennie & I at home all day.

Mon., Jan. 15th - Clear as a whistle. Wind from the N.W. but not cold. Arnie fired the kiln last night. Charlie fired today and I hauled wood, 8 loads.

Tues., Jan. 16th - Clear and cold. Wind from the N.W. Arnie fired the kiln last night. Charlie fired today and I hauled wood. Went to Lodge of instruction this evening. 7 loads of wood.

Wed., Jan. 17th - Cloudy this morning. Wind changeable. Snow fell to the depth of two inches this forenoon. Mostly gone by night. Finished up the limekiln by noon.

Thurs., Jan. 18th - Clear and cloudy by turns all day. Wind S. Went to digging a well. Got down 7'. Struck water 4' from the surface.

Fri., Jan. 19th - Cloudy most of the day. Wind N.W. Some flakes of snow flying. Took 120 buckets of water out of the well this morning. Dug it three feet deeper and commenced walling it up. Charlie hauled stone and I put them in the well.

Sat., Jan. 20th - Weather quite cold. Wind N.W. Worked on the well today, putting in the wall. Nearly finished it up.

Sun., Jan. 21st - Weather more pleasant. Wind changeable. Mother, Jerome, Ann, and Jim Dickson was here today for dinner. Jim took Callie away today. Jennie & I at home.

Mon., Jan. 22nd - Cold and clear. Wind from the N.W. I hauled stone in the forenoon to wall the cellar. In the afternoon I hauled some lime, 6#.

Tues., Jan. 23rd - Clear and cold. Wind from the S.W. and N.W. I went to the Six-Mile today to help kill hogs. Charlie took a load of wood to Jim Fox and a load of corn to Father Dickson, 10 lbs. One inch of snow fell last night.

Wed., Jan. 24th - Still cold. Charlie and I got wood up out of Gill's timber, fed the cattle, &c.

Thurs., Jan. 25th - Cold and clear. I worked in the timber today, cutting poles, clearing out odd corners, &c.

Fri., Jan. 26th - No warmer. Work the same as yesterday.

Sat., Jan. 27th - Worked at odd ends, &c. Fixed up the stable. Put the young pigs in one pen and the queen in the other.

Sun., Jan. 28th - Weather very cold, the coldest of the season. The past week has been very cold, the wind alternating from the S.W. to the N.W.

Mon., Jan. 29th - No warmer. Went over to the Six-mile this evening to get a kettle to heat water to thaw out sand to make mortar to lay up a cellar wall. Went to church.

Tues., Jan. 30th - Still cold but moderating with the wind in the S. I hauled a load of wood to heat water, &c. Went to church.

Wed., Jan. 31st - Wind in the N.W., north, and East again, and cold. Started the cellar wall today. Slow work. Went to church.

Thurs., Feb. 1st - Wind from the South in the morning, gradually veering around to the East. Cloudy all day. Cold in the morning but warmer in the evening than it has been for three weeks. Work same as yesterday. Went to church.

Fri., Feb. 2nd - Snow fell to the depth of two inches last night. Clear and cloudy by turns all day. Quite cold. Wind from the N.W. Took the snow out of the cellar is about all I done.

Sat., Feb. 3rd - Still cold. Wind from the N.W. Worked about the stables, &c.

Sun., Feb. 4th - Very cold this morning. Wind N.W. Jennie stayed at home (Father Dickson's) last night. I fed the stock and went over to town in the afternoon and to church in the evening.

Mon., Feb. 5th - Wind S.E. in the morning. Gradually veered around by the North to the S.W. Cloudy and snowing and blowing. I went to Topeka today. Left Auburn at 12:30 and got to Topeka at 2:25.

Tues., Feb. 6th - Wind from the N.W. and quite cold. Charlie went home last night. Did not get home till noon. I cut wood and hauled it up to the house.

Wed., Feb. 7th - Wind from the South and quite cool. Cut wood awhile in the morning. Jim and I went over to Ira Hyde's and brought home a cow that I bought of him.

Thurs., Feb. 8th - Wind S. Went to Aleck's today to help butcher. Killed 7 hogs. Quite pleasant.

Fri., Feb. 9th - Wind from the South and thawing considerable. Worked on the house today, building wall. Quite warm.

Sat., Feb. 10th - Wind South till five o'clock when it changed to the N.W. Worked on the wall till noon when I took a chill. Went to town in the evening. Jim hauled rock for me today. 6 loads.

Sun., Feb. 11th - Wind from the N.W. but warm. Changed to the South about noon. Jane came over to the Shanty yesterday. Stayed with us all night and went to town with Jennie and I. We have been to church every night this week except Friday night.

Mon., Feb. 12th - Warm and pleasant today. Worked some on the cellar today. Helen came over.

Tues., Feb. 13th - Wind from the N.W. and quite cold. Jennie and Helen went to town this afternoon. Sent Charlie home.

Wed., Feb. 14th - Worked some on the cellar, but not very much. Wind S.E.

Thurs., Feb. 15th - About the same as yesterday. Cloudy and misting in the evening.

Fri., Feb. 16th - An inch of snow on the ground this. [sic] Got up some wood today.

Sat., Feb. 17th - Cloudy in the forenoon. Nice in the afternoon. Worked a little on the cellar.

Sun., Feb. 18th - Nice and warm today. No company.

Mon., Feb. 19th - Weather nice and warm. Went to work on the cellar this morning. Got sick (chill). Done very little today. Richard Slusser commenced work for me today. Jim came home today. Hauled stone for me in the afternoon.

Tues., Feb. 20th - Jim helped me lay stone today. Dick waited on us.

Wed., Feb. 21st - Jim helped me today, laying up stone, hauling rock, &c.

Thurs., Feb. 22nd - Geo. Johnston helped me lay stone today. Jim hauled stone. Dick waited on us. (Broke wheel.)

Fri., Feb. 23rd - Geo. Johnston and I laid stone. Jim hauled rock, &c.

Sat., Feb. 24th - Geo. and I at the cellar. Jim helped Dick to wait on I and Geo.

Sun., Feb. 25th [Diary repeats date as 24th] - Cloudy, disagreeable day. No company. Jennie and I at home all day.

Mon., Feb. 26th [Diary gives date as 25th] - Jim went to Topeka yesterday and did not get home till this evening. Dick and [I] worked on the cellar.

Tues., Feb. 27th [Diary gives date as 26th] - Jim hauled lumber for me today. Dick and I on the cellar.

Wed., Feb. 28th - Snowing nearly all day. Done nothing but feed, and measure some land. Helen went home today.

Thurs., Feb. 29th - Snow two inches deep yesterday and last night. If the snow had not melted nearly as fast [as] it fell, would have covered the ground to the depth of six inches. Jim quarried some stone. I went to town to get Nellie shod. Dick hauled dirt.

Fri., Mar. 1st - Worked on the house today. Jim dug some on the foundation. Moved the wall out two feet wider. Robt. Engle worked for me today.

Sat., Mar. 2nd - Jim went to Topeka today for me with his team for a load of lumber. Dick and I in the cellar.

Sun., Mar. 3rd - Clear and cloudy by turns all day. Wind from the South and pleasant. At home all day. John Thompson called.

Mon., Mar. 4th - I worked on the cellar today. Dick helped me. Jim quarried stone for himself.

Tues., Mar. 5th - I finished up the cellar today. Jim same as yesterday. Helen came over.

Wed., Mar. 6th - I went to Topeka today for lumber. Alex Melton and Robt. Engle worked on the house. Jim quarried stone. Helen went along to Topeka.

Thurs., Mar. 7th - Drizzling rain this morning. Got up __ [bottom half of line missing from copy]

Fri., Mar. 8th - Had a heavy thunderstorm last night. Got cold and freezing. I went down town to get some brick then up to Neeley's for some peach trees. Got lost coming home.

Sat., Mar. 9th - Alex Melton helped me on the house today.

Sun., Mar. 10th - Jennie and I stayed at home. Jim and John Thompson called. Two inches of snow on the ground.

Mon., Mar. 11th - Dick and I staked out the orchard today.

Tues., Mar. 12th - Alex Melton and myself worked on the framed house some. I went down town to get the window.

Wed., Mar. 13th - Went to Topeka today. Alex, Bob, Shumway, and Jim worked on the house.

Thurs., Mar. 14th - I filled in between the joists today. Weather very cold and disagreeable. Bob, Alex, and Shumway worked on the house.

Fri., Mar. 15th - Worked today on the cellar and filling in between the joists. Bob, Alex, and Shumway were on hand.

Sat., Mar. 16th - ~~Went to Topeka today after lumber.~~

Sat., Mar. 16th - Went up to Aleck Dickson's today to get some shingles. Jennie went over to town in the afternoon.

Sun., Mar. 17th - I went over to town for Jennie in the afternoon. Helen and Jim were married today.³¹

Mon., Mar. 18th - I went to Topeka today for lumber. Geo. Johnston came and worked for me in the afternoon.

³¹ But they were not married to each other. Helen Dickson married John Thompson and Jim Dickson married Lizzie Cook. Shawnee county marriage indexes show the two weddings occurring on the same day.

Tues., Mar. 19th - Went to town after nails and hauled rock, &c. Geo. Johnston worked in the afternoon.

Wed., Mar. 20th - I helped the boys to put on shingles. Went to the exhibitions at Harmony schoolhouse in the evening.

Thurs., Mar. 21st - Snow fell today. The boys, Alex & Steve, worked on the house. Laid the floor. I went and got a load of sand.

Fri., Mar. 22nd - Went to town for brick. Robt. Engle came in the afternoon. I helped shingle.

Sat., Mar. 23rd - Steve, Bob, Alex, Shumway, Geo. Johnston, and all the rest were at work on the house today. I cleaned out the cellar, got some sand, &c.

Sun., Mar. 24th - No company. I went to town in the evening for the mail.

Mon., Mar. 25th - Went to Topeka today. Got a load of sand for plastering.

Tues., Mar. 26th - Moved up from the old Shanty into the new house.

Wed., Mar. 27th - Fixing up. Odd jobs today.

Thurs., Mar. 28th - Same as yesterday only more so. ____ [bottom half of one line cut off in copy]

Fri., Mar. 29th - Setting out peach trees today. Eugene Roberts worked for me today.

Sat., Mar. 30th - Worked on the trees between showers. Rained considerable today.

Sun., Mar. 31st - Alone till evening when John, Helen, Jim, and Lizzie came over to give us a call.

Mon., Apr. 1st - I went down with Jim this morning to Gifford's to help him load some furniture. In the afternoon he hauled rails for a pen for the _____.

Tues., Apr. 2nd - Painting window sash in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to the election.

Wed., Apr. 3rd - Went to ploughing. Worked all forenoon trying to get the plow to scour.

Thurs., Apr. 4th - Ploughed all day with Em & Nellie.

Fri., Apr. 5th - Dick ploughed all day with Em & Flora.

Sat., Apr. 6th - Moved into the kitchen. Rained steady all night. Planted potatoes in the afternoon.

Sun., Apr. 7th - Mother, John, and Nell was over today.

Mon., Apr. 8th - Jennie and Lizzie went over to Thompson's. Jim and I went for them in the evening. Tom _____ [bottom half of line cut off in copy]

Tues., Apr. 9th - Quite cold this morning. Went to look for the cattle and then went to planting out apple trees. Jerome was over and got some oats and a load of wood. Dick ploughed.

Wed., Apr. 10th - A very strong wind from the South. I set out apple trees all day. D. ploughed.

Thurs., Apr. 11th - High wind from the South. Finished up the apple trees by noon. In the afternoon I planted peach seeds and onions.

Fri., Apr. 12th - Worked on the fence for the cow yard all day. Dick ploughed.

Sat., Apr. 13th - Jim and I went to town in the forenoon to get the ploughs sharpened and to get a load of hay. In the afternoon we hitched up Pigeon and Em (first time) and went to Josh Clark's nursery to get some trees. Found Ekie's³² colt dead today.

Sun., Apr. 14th - No company today. I went up to Hoskinson's in the evening to get some trees. Rained a little today.

Mon., Apr. 15th - Dick and I both ploughing today, Dick with Jim's team. Jim went to help Cook and Thompson take away the cattle. Very heavy wind from the N.W.

Tues., Apr. 16th - Dick and I both ploughing, Dick with Jim's team.

Wed., Apr. 17th - I finished setting out my fruit trees today. Dick ploughing. Jim got home.

Thurs., Apr. 18th - I worked at the fence today. Dick ploughed all day.

Fri., Apr. 19th - Jim and I hauled hay from town (two loads). I set some posts for the Old Gentleman. Dick ploughed. Bred Em to Tom today.

Sat., Apr. 20th - Worked at the fence all day. Dick ploughed.

Sun., Apr. 21st - No company today. Looked up the colts forenoon. In the evening I went to town.

Mon., Apr. 22nd - Jim and I went to Topeka today for lumber for myself and Father Dickson. 300 ft. for the Old Gentleman and 1,200 ft. for me. I brought two cultivators to town.

Tues., Apr. 23rd - I worked at the fence today. Dick ploughed. I went to lodge, A.F. and A.M.³³. in the evening.

Wed., Apr. 24th - I cut a load of stove wood for the folks at town, and Jim and I took it to town and went to the election to vote against the bonds. D. ploughed.

³² This was Frank's nickname (spelled various ways) for his son, Alexander, born in 1870.

³³ Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Thurs., Apr. 25th - I worked on the house, lining it up on the inside with rough pine lumber. Dick ploughed.

Fri., Apr. 26th - Dick got sick this morning and went home. I ploughed in the forenoon. In the afternoon I worked on the house. Tom Slusser ploughed for [me] till it rained, about four o'clock. Heavy rain.

Sat., Apr. 27th - Had a very heavy rain last night and rained hard at times all day. Worked at the house. Bred Pigeon to Tom.

Sun., Apr. 28th - Cloudy and looking for more rain. Jim and Lizzie and Jennie and I went over to Thompson's, and John and Helen and the aforesaid went over to Aleck's. Bred Allie and Claybank to Tom.

Mon., Apr. 29th - Jim and I went to Topeka today. I brought home a load of lumber, Jim a load of ploughs, cultivators. Rained heavy today. Roads very bad.

Tues., Apr. 30th - Jennie and I went down town this morning. I put up some cultivators. Got home about two o'clock. Dick hauled a load of wood. Jim and I burned some prairie.

Wed., May 1st - Set out hedge plants till 4 o'clock, then Jim and I went to town and got a load of hay from Eugene Roberts, esq. Dick ploughed all day.

Thurs., May 2nd - Finished the hedgerow on the North side of the field (2,000). Dick ploughed.

Fri., May 3rd - I worked on the fence today for the hog lot. Dick ploughing.

Sat., May 4th - Quarried stone today for to make a hog lot. Dick ploughed.

Sun., May 5th - Jerome and Laura and Jane was over today.

Mon., May 6th - I helped Jim plant corn today. Dick harrowed all day. S.M. Morhan commenced breaking prairie today.

Tues., May 7th - I helped Jim plant corn today.

Wed., May 8th - Finished planting corn for Jim. Went at mine in the evening.

Kept trying to plant corn in between showers for two or three weeks. Little or no work done. Rained nearly all the time. Nothing of any account until May 15th when a daughter was born to me.³⁴

Fri., May 24th - Went to Topeka today. Mother, Jane, Jerome, Bell, and Frankie.

Sat., May 25th - Went down town in the afternoon and built a gate for the folks at town.

³⁴ The daughter was Effie May.

Sun., May 26th - Aleck and Nan was over today, & Helen.

Mon., May 27th - Tom and I built a hog pen today. Planted melons, &c. Tom commenced work today at \$1.00 per diem.

Tues., May 28th - Planted potatoes today. Tom helped, ploughed potatoes.

Wed., May 29th - Rained this morning. Ploughed around the trees in the orchard. Fleck was here.

Thurs., May 30th - I ploughed corn today. Eugene &c.

Fri., May 31st - Jim and I ploughing in the orchard. Tom grubbed.

Sat., June 1st - Jim ploughed for me. I ploughed. Tom grubbed. Eugene planted corn.

Sun., June 2nd - No company today.

Mon., June 3rd - Ploughed corn all. Allen Blandon and Tom planted corn. Eugene Roberts finished the rest.

Tues., June 4th - I ploughed corn all day. Tom fixing up fence.

[Here the diary repeats the days starting from 7 May, 1872.]

Tues., May 7th - Jim and I finished planting Jim's field today. Dick marked out corn ground. Dick quit work today.

Wed., May 8th - Rained some last night and raining some today. Jim and I planted corn in my West field between showers. Tom Slusser marked out for corn.

Thurs., May 9th - Weather about the same as yesterday only more so. Rained very heavy in the afternoon. Tom Slusser marked out for corn between showers. Jim and I planted.

Fri., May 10th - Rained all night long. Creek up very high. Raining some today. I quarried stone between showers.

Sat., May 11th - Alex Melton and I laid the floor up stairs today.

Sun. May 12th - John & Helen and John Cook was over today.

Mon., May 13th to Friday, May 24th - There was no daily record kept. It was raining the greater part of the time and very little corn was planted. The only event of any importance was the birth of a daughter to me on the 15 of May, 1872³⁵.

Fri., May 24th - Mother, Jerome, Jane, and Bell went along with me to Topeka today.

³⁵ Effie May, as previously noted.

Sat., May 25th - I went down town in the afternoon and built a gate for the folks.

Sun., May 26th - Aleck and Nan was over today.

Mon., May 27th - Tom and I built a hog pen today. Planted melons. Tom commenced working for me today.

Tues., May 28th - Tom and I planted potatoes today. Ploughed potatoes, &c.

Wed., May 29th - Rained in the morning. Ploughed the trees in the orchard. Fleck was here assessing.

Thurs, May 30th - [dated, no entry]

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...morning. Tom harrowed the orchard. I planted corn.

Thurs., June 6th - Tom harrowed in hungarians. I ploughed corn all day.

Fri., June 7th - Tom took the mules home this morning, then went to grub. I ploughed corn.

Sat., June 8th - I went to Topeka today with Alex Dickson. Tom ploughed corn in the forenoon, replanted in the afternoon.

Sun., June 9th - Jennie and I went to town today.

Mon., June 10th - I went to town this morning to work on the cave. Tom ploughed corn.

Tues., June 11th - At town at work on the cave. Tom ploughing corn.

Wed., June 12th - Same as yesterday.

Thurs., June 13th - Piled up what we done yesterday.

Fri., June 14th - Same thing over, only I got done with the cave.

Sat., June 15th - I worked in the orchard, hoeing and pruning the trees.

Sun., June 16th - Alden walked over this morning. John came for her in the evening.

Mon., June 17th - I finished the orchard &c in the forenoon. Tom ploughed corn. Cleaned the well in the afternoon.

Tues., June 18th - Working a little on the well. Rather on the sick list. Tom ploughed.

Wed., June 19th - Sick in bed nearly all day. Tom ploughing corn.

Thurs., June 20th - At work on the hog pen. Between times Jennie and Lizzie went over to Thompson's today. Tom ploughed corn.

Fri., June 21st - I went to Topeka this morning. Tom was sick today.

Sat., June 22nd - I worked some at odd jobs, hogpens, calf lots, &c. Tom ploughed corn all day. Jim and I went to town for hay.

Sun., June 23rd - Jennie and I at home all day. Alex was over for dinner.

Mon., June 24th - I was working at a calf pen most of the day. Tom ploughed corn.

Tues., June 25th - Commenced painting the house. Very windy. Had to quit. Tom ploughed corn.

Wed., June 26th - I went over to John Bowker's near Burlingame and got a colt that was lost. Am to pay \$1.50 for letting it run on the range. I painted in the afternoon. Tom ploughed corn.

Thurs., June 27th - Had a light shower last night. In the forenoon Tom ploughed corn and I was painting. In the afternoon we went fishing and caught very few.

Fri., June 28th - Worked about the house in the forenoon. In the afternoon took the machine to Fleck's.

Sat., June 29th - Worked on the house, painting and filling up around it.

Sun., June 30th - Father and Mother Dickson was over today.

Mon., July 1st - Had a nice rain yesterday. I worked in the garden all day hoeing potatoes, setting out cabbage plants, planting cucumbers, hoeing melons, &c. Tom ploughed corn all day.

Tues., July 2nd - I went to the stone quarry. Worked till 4 o'clock when in commenced raining. Tom ploughed corn.

Wed., July 3rd - Heavy rain yesterday evening. In the forenoon Tom and I hauled manure out to the orchard. In the afternoon Tom ploughed corn and I went to town to fix the floor where the fire burned it, and in the evening I quarried some stone.

Thurs., July 4th - Independence day. I stayed at home and painted on the house. Tom ploughed corn. Ekie 2 yrs. old.

Fri., July 5th - Tom and I both ploughed corn.

Sat., July 6th - Tom and I ploughed corn till supper.

Sun., July 7th - No company today. I spent most of the day looking for Old Dad. Found him at home.

Mon., July 8th - Tom quit work last Saturday. On settlement I owed him \$3.00. I ploughed the corn in the orchard. Geo. List & Mother was over today.

Tues., July 9th - I helped Jim today on his cellar, laying stone. Geo. List worked for me in the afternoon quarrying stone.

Wed., July 10th - Had a heavy rain last evening and all forenoon today. In the afternoon I helped Jim on his wall and Geo. List quarried stone.

Thurs., July 11th - I worked on Jim's wall today. Weather very hot. Geo. List quarried stone.

Fri, July 12th - I helped Jim today on his cellar wall. George List quarried stone this forenoon.

Sat., July 13th - Jim & I went to Topeka today for lumber to build Jim's house.

Sun., July 14th - Jim and I got home at daylight this morning. I broke my wagon down on the road. No company today. I went to town in the evening. Weather very warm.

Mon., July 15th - I worked on Jim's house this forenoon. In the afternoon I went over to Fleck's to see in regard to getting the mowing machine fixed.³⁶ Jennie and Lizzie went to town. Heavy rain this afternoon

Tues., July 16th - I worked all day on Jim's house, laying wall. Geo. List quarried afternoon.

Wed., July 17th - Rained nearly all forenoon. I worked on Jim's house in the ~~forenoon~~ afternoon. Geo. List quarried in the afternoon.

Thurs., July 18th - I worked on Jim's house in the forenoon. In the afternoon I hoed the hedge. Geo. in the quarry. Jim went _____.

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Mon., July 29th - Today I was doing odd jobs: building pig pens, hauling the old stable up from Gill's, &c.

Tues. July 30th - I was working at my trees today, pruning, mulching, &c. Lightning rods today.

Wed., July 31st - Commenced hauling stone today to build a corral for the cattle. Hauled all day.

Thurs., Aug. 1st - Hauled stone till early supper time, then went to town to a special Lodge meeting called in the case of Bro. Harr³⁷ who killed himself today performing on the tight rope. Mother, Jane, and Bell were here for supper.

³⁶ Very likely Michael Fleck, listed in the 1870 census as a blacksmith.

³⁷ John H. Harr, born in 1847, based on a tombstone in Auburn cemetery.

Fri., Aug. 2nd - All hands attended the funeral of Bro. Harr today. I went to Fleck's and got my mowing machine.

Sat., Aug. 3rd - Hauled stone this forenoon. In the afternoon I cut some Hungarians.

Sun., Aug. 4th - No company today. Stayed at home.

Mon., Aug. 5th - Helped Jim move and haul stone today. Dick Slusser commenced working for me today.

Tues., Aug. 6th - Dick and I hauled stone today.

Wed., Aug. 7th - Dick and I the same. Jim quarried for us.

Thurs., Aug. 8th - Same as yesterday all around.

Fri., Aug. 9th - Dick and I hauled stone till noon. In the afternoon we got up some wood. Heavy rain today.

Sat., Aug. 10th - Dick and I was working on the hay road.

Sun., Aug. 11th - John and Helen was over today. Had a very heavy rain in the evening. Creek raised so John & Helen could not cross.

Mon., Aug. 12th - Was down town today working on the cave as it had caved in.

Tues., Aug. 13th - Jennie and I at town all day. I finished up the cave.

Wed., Aug. 14th - I was over at Thompson's all day helping them to catch hogs.

Thurs., Aug. 15th - Jennie, John, Helen, and myself went to the Show today.

Fri., Aug. 16th - Broke some prairie in the forenoon. In the afternoon cut some hungarians and cut a hay road through the corn.

Sat., Aug. 17th - Commenced cutting grass this forenoon. Jim, Dick, and myself put it up in cock in the afternoon.

Sun., Aug. 18th - No company. Stayed at home.

Mon., Aug. 19th - Dick and Jim hauled hay.

Tues., Aug. 20th - Same as yesterday.

Wed., Aug. 21st - Jim and Dick hauled hay.

Thurs., Aug. 22nd - Same as yesterday.

Fri., Aug. 23rd - Jim and Dick and I hauled hay today. Geo. List was over and got some poles to build a corncrib.

Sat., Aug. 24th - I have cut grass every day this week excepting Fri. Cut this forenoon, and all hands of us cocked up this afternoon.

Sun., Aug. 25th - No company today. Jennie & I stayed at home.

Mon., Aug. 26th - At the hay again. Jim and Dick hauled and I cut grass.

Tues., Aug. 27th - Worked in the hayfield till 4 o'clock, then went to the Sixmile and got my wagon.

Wed., Aug. 28th - Worked in the hayfield till noon. In the afternoon I cut hay for Jim. Dick and Jim hauled same as yesterday for me.

Thurs., Aug. 29th - I cut grass all day for Jim. Dick and Jim hauled for Jim.

Fri., Aug. 30th - Dick and Jim hauled hay for Jim. I cut grass.

Sat., Aug. 31st - Drizzling rain today. Thompson's cattle broke in my cornfield today several times. Destroyed at least 100 bushels of corn.

Sun., Sept. 1st - Alex, Nan, John, & Nell was over today. Rained considerable at times.

Mon., Sept. 2nd - Rained all forenoon. In the afternoon Jim and I went to town and cut up the corn.

Tues., Sept. 3rd - Raked some hay, cut some corn, fixed some fence, and went to Allen Blandon's and got two bushels of peaches.

Wed., Sept. 4th - Cut grass today. Jim raked hay a little and borrowed rakes a great deal.

Thurs., Sept. 5th - Jim took Jennie and Lizzie over to Thompson's this morning, then he commenced raking hay. Raked the remainder of the day. I cut grass till 4 o'clock then went for the girls, then went to the Sixmile.

Fri., Sept. 6th - Hauled hay with three teams today. Dick Slusser took their team. Straum &c. Jakie, and Jim helped to haul.

Sat., Sept. 7th - Dick & I hauled two loads of hay to town this forenoon. Jim, Straum, & Jakie hauled for Jim in the afternoon. It rained very hard.

Sun., Sept. 8th - Jim, Lizzie, John Cook, & John Thompson was over today.

Mon., Sept. 9th - I went up to Stephen's for peaches in the forenoon. In the afternoon I cut up corn. Will Roberts cut up corn today.

Tues., Sept. 10th - Raining this morning. Started for Topeka this morning. Rained so hard that I turned back at Auburn.

Wed., Sept. 11th - I went to Topeka today. Clear in the morning but soon got cloudy and commenced raining. Dick done the feeding, &c.

Thurs., Sept. 12th - I mowed grass for Straum today. Dick cut up corn.

Fri., Sept. 13th - Charlie Amy cut corn. Will cut his leg. Dick and I cut corn.

Sat., Sept. 14th - Dick hauled pumpkins in the forenoon. In the [afternoon] he helped me tie some corn shocks and skinned a cow. C. Amy cut corn. I cut corn in the forenoon. Done odd jobs in the afternoon and went to town in the evening. Dick quit work.

Sun., Sept. 15th - John Cook, John Thompson, Geo. List, and Helen were here for dinner.

Mon., Sept. 16th - I went to cutting corn in the field west of the orchard.

Tues., Sept. 17th - I cut corn the same as yesterday.

Wed., Sept. 18th - Geo. List helped me to cut corn today.

Thurs., Sept. 19th - Geo. List helped me cut corn.

Fri., Sept. 20th - Geo. List helped John Thompson today. I harrowed the wheat ground.

Sat., Sept. 21st - John Thompson helped me drill wheat in the forenoon. In the forenoon Geo. List cut corn. In the afternoon helped drill wheat.

Sun., Sept. 22nd - Mother, Bell, and Geo. Gibson was over today.

Mon., Sept. 23rd - Geo. List cut corn in the afternoon. By the shock, 16 hills square. I cut corn.

Tues., Sept. 24th - Geo. List cut corn. By the shock, 16 hills square. I cut corn all day.

Wed., Sept. 25th - Geo. List and I cut corn together today. 18 shocks.

Thurs., Sept. 26th - Geo. List and Will Roberts cut corn together today. 28 shocks. 12 hills square. I went to Anderson's sale.

Fri., Sept. 27th - Will Roberts and Geo. List cut corn together. They helped me in the evening to mark my calves.

Sat., Sept. 28th - Raining the morning. No corn cut today. In the afternoon I made a trough to feed the calves and hauled three loads of pumpkins.

Sun., Sept. 29th - I went down town this morning. Got back about 3 o'clock. Lizzie was here a short time.

Mon., Sept. 30th - I cut up corn today.

Tues., Oct. 1st - Geo. List cut up corn today. Geo. Gibson hauled pumpkins in the forenoon. In the afternoon he had a chill. James Anderson commenced working for me today by the month, to work all winter at sixteen \$16.00 dollars per month.

Wed., Oct. 2nd - I went to Carbondale for a load of coal for the folks in town. Jim & Geo. List cut corn and Geo. Gibson hauled.

Thurs., Oct. 3rd - I cut ~~corn~~ grass this forenoon. Jim cut corn and George went up the creek to get a rake. In the afternoon all hands at the hay.

Fri., Oct. 4th - Geo. and Jim hauled hay. I worked on the shed. Helen was over today.

Sat., Oct. 5th - Geo., Jim, and I hauled hay on the shed till noon. Showers of rain all day.

Sun., Oct. 6th - Jennie and I went down to Jim's for dinner. Russum's folks and Mother Dickson were over.

Mon., Oct. 7th - Jim and I hauled hay and finished up the shed.

Tues., Oct. 8th - Jim and I built a pen for the hogs today.

Wed., Oct. 9th - Jennie and Lizzie went to town today, visiting. I took them over in the morning and brought them back in the evening, and that was all I done. Jim dug potatoes.

Thurs., Oct. 10th - Built a pen for the pigs and made some troughs. Jim hauled pumpkins and helped me with the pigs. Heavy frost last night. Settled with Jim Dickson. Owed me \$9.00.

Fri., Oct. 11th - I cut the buckwheat today. Jim hauled pumpkins. Jim got one of queen's pigs - \$5.00.

Sat., Oct. 12th - Jim and I cut wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon we gathered some corn and killed a pig. Geo. List, Ann, and Mollie were over.

Sun., Oct. 13th - Jennie went over to Aleck's with Jim and Lizzie. I went over in the afternoon.

Mon., Oct. 14th - I was at town today hauling manure for Father Dickson. Jim quarried stone.

Tues., Oct. 15th - Same as yesterday all around.

Wed., Oct. 16th - Fixed a place and threshed buckwheat. Fixed in the forenoon. Threshed in the afternoon.

Thurs., Oct. 17th - Jim & [I] dug potatoes in the forenoon and finished threshing the buckwheat in the afternoon.

Fri., Oct. 18th - I went over to Aleck's and got his farming mill in the forenoon. In the afternoon we cleaned up the buckwheat.

Sat., Oct. 19th - I went to Topeka today. Lavina and mother _____ [line cut off in the copy]

Sun., Oct. 20th - Jennie and I went over to mother's today to take Lavina home.

Mon., Oct. 21st - Jim and I dug potatoes. Rained in the evening.

Tues., Oct. 22nd - Jim finished up the potatoes. I layed up stone for Jim. Nice day.

Wed., Oct. 23rd - Jim and I pulled corn from the down shocks.

Thurs., Oct. 24th - I helped Jim haul hay for his stable. Jim hauled corn.

Fri., Oct. 25th - I helped Jim haul hay this forenoon. In the afternoon I fixed up fence. Jim pulled corn.

Sat., Oct. 26th - Jim and I went over to town to get some cattle. Father came over with us for dinner.

Sun., Oct. 27th - Imgrunds paid us a visit today. Prairie fire burned my south fence.

Mon., Oct. 28th - Rained most of the day. Jim & I got up some wood.

Tues., Oct. 29th - I hunted cattle all day. Jim in the timber, splitting wood.

Wed., Oct. 30th - Jim fixing up racks and hauling corn.

Thurs., Oct. 31st - I took a load of wood to town and hauled corn the rest of the day. The two Jims pulled corn. 4 loads.

Fri., Nov. 1st - The two Jims pulled and I hauled corn. 7 loads.

Sat., Nov. 2nd - I went to Topeka today. Jim helped Jim the most of the forenoon and hauled cornshocks in the afternoon.

Sun., Nov. 3rd - Helen came over today. Weather cool.

Mon., Nov. 4th - Helen was here last night. Jim ~~husked~~ pulled corn today. Jim Swede hauled.

Tues., Nov. 5th - I worked on a yard for the cattle till noon then went to town and voted for H.G.³⁸ on the principle of impartial suffrage and universal amnesty. Bound to win sooner or later. Brought some cattle from town.

Wed., Nov. 6th - I hunted cattle and worked at the stock yard. The Jims gathered corn.

³⁸ Horace Greeley

Thurs., Nov. 7th - I hauled corn today. The two Jims gathered. Splendid weather.

Fri., Nov. 8th - Jim and I gathered corn and "S" hauled. Up to this time we have gathered forty wagon loads of corn.

Sat., Nov. 9th - Jim hauled a few rails and two loads of corn. I worked on a pen to put the calves in to keep them from the cows.

Sun., Nov. 10th - No company today. I went to town to get the mail in the evening.

Mon., Nov. 11th - Jim & I pulled corn for Jim Dickson all day. Weather pleasant.

Tues., Nov. 12th - Jim and I pulled corn for J.D. all day.

Wed., Nov. 13th - A cold N.W. wind this morning and very cold. Jim and I pulled corn for J.D.

Thurs., Nov. 14th - Weather very cold. Wind from the N.W. and snow flying. Jim and I pulled corn till 10:00 and quit. Too cold to work. I went to town to get some runaway calves and Jim hauled some wood.

Fri., Nov. 15th - Jim and I pulling corn for J.D. till 4 o'clock. Weather very cold. Wind in the N.W.

Sat., Nov. 16th - Quite cold. Wind N.W. Jim and I done odd jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon we pulled a load of corn and I took it to town.

Sun., Nov. 17th - Very cold this morning. Wind in the N.W. Mother, Jerome, and Bell was over today.

Mon., Nov. 18th - Wind in the S.W. Got pleasant in the afternoon. J.D. and Jim pulled corn for me in my west field. I hauled 6 loads.

Tues., Nov. 19th - Wind in the S.W. Jim A. had a chill. Sick all day. Jim and I gathered corn in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the Sixmile for kettles. Wind N.W. in the afternoon. Corn 8 loads.

Wed., Nov. 20th - Alex Dickson's youngest child died yesterday and was buried today.³⁹ All of us was over to the funeral. I came home early in the evening as I had some hogs to kill. Jim Slusser helped butcher today. Cold. Wind N.W.

Thurs., Nov. 21st - I went to Topeka today with 4 hogs. Got 5.00 per cwt. neat. Averaged 200 lbs. Weather cold. Wind N.W. June Thompson and Helen were over today.

Fri., Nov. 22nd - Jim and I pulled corn. J.A. hauled. Warm and clear. Wind S. Day's work - 7 loads.

³⁹ In the Auburn cemetery there is a stone for Hugh Dickson, aged 8 months, who died in 1872.

Sat., Nov. 23rd - J.A. and I gathered corn in the forenoon. In the afternoon we cut a load of wood and took it to town. Corn - 8 loads. Up to this time we have gathered 62 loads of corn.

Sun., Nov. 24th - Quite cold all day. No company. Wind. N.W.

Mon., Nov. 25th - Jim D., Jim A., and I gathered corn. Finished up the standing corn. 4 loads.

Tues., Nov. 26th - I worked in the house painting on the east end. Jim hauled corn shocks.

Wed., Nov. 27th - I pulled shock corn all day. Jim hauled in the forenoon and pulled in the afternoon. Weather very cold.

Thurs., Nov. 28th - I killed the old red cow today, J.D. helping me. Jim pulled corn.

Fri., Nov. 29th - Jim and I built a lot [?] to let the stock get to water.

Sat., Nov. 30th - Jim and I got wood during the forenoon. In the afternoon I took, or helped to take, some hogs over to Thompson's. 11 in number, they weighed 230 lbs. each.

Sun., Dec. 1st - A beautiful day. Clear and warm with a light breeze from the S.W.. Jennie and I went to town.

Mon., Dec. 2nd - Just such a day as yesterday. Jim pulled corn from the shock. I finished, or rather finished painting, the _____ of the house and done some chores in the orchard.

Tues., Dec. 3rd - Jim and I moved the trees from the nursery. A beautiful day, nearly calm. A very light breeze from the N.E. Clear. Helen came over.

Wed., Dec. 4th - A very nice day. Jim worked in the cornfield. I in the stone quarry. Allen Blandon & Lady was over this evening.

Thurs., Dec. 5th - A very nice day. Jim at the corn, I at the stone quarry. Helen went home today. Jerome was over today.

Fri., Dec. 6th - Weather still beautiful. Jim at the corn. I quarrying stone.

Sat., Dec. 7th - I quarried stone till noon. Jim hauled in some corn - 3 loads. In the afternoon Jim and I took a load of hay to town.

Sun., Dec. 8th - Wind in the N.W. Jim, Ekie, and I went over to the Sixmile. Jennie at home.

Mon., Dec. 9th - Jim hauled corn in the forenoon. 2 loads. In the afternoon he helped me quarry stone. Quite cold. Wind in the N. and N.E.

Tues., Dec. 10th - Jim and I in the stone quarry all day. Weather quite cool. Wind South.

Wed., Dec. 11th - Jim and I quarried stone all day. Wind in the N.W. Quite cold.

Thurs., Dec. 12th - "All both on us" in the stone quarry. Wind from the South but quite cold.

Fri., Dec. 13th - Jim and I quarried stone all day. Weather very nice and warm. Wind from the South.

Sat., Dec. 14th - We both quarried stone all day. Weather very nice and warm till about two o'clock when the wind ___[line missing].

Sun., Dec. 15th - Weather very cold. Wind from the N.W. John and Helen were over today.

Mon., Dec. 16th - Weather quite cold today. Wind from the North. Jim and I quarried stone.

Tues., Dec. 17th - Wind from the South. Jim and I quarried stone. Mother got two loads of wood today.

Wed., Dec. 18th - Wind from the Northwest and quite cold. Jim and I quarried stone all day.

Thurs., Dec. 19th - Wind from the N.W. and snowing. Snowed hard all day without intermiss. Jim and I done nothing but set around the stove and feed the stock.

Fri., Dec. 20th - Six inches of snow on the ground this morning. Weather clear most of the day. I went to town to get the horses shod. Gone nearly all day. Jim sick. Done no work.

Sat., Dec. 21st - Quite cold. Wind from the N.W. Jim and I cut wood in the timber.

Sun., Dec. 22nd - Weather still cold. Jennie and I at home all day. No company. Wind South.

Mon., Dec. 23rd - Very cold. Wind back in the North again. Jim and I cut wood some. Jim froze out.

Tues., Dec. 24th - Quite cold. Wind went from the N. around to the South by way of the East. Jennie and I at town to a dinner.

Wed., Dec. 25th - A Merry Christmas to all. Weather moderating some. Got ____ towards evening. Wind from the South and S.E. I did the feeding and hauled a load of wood.

Thurs., Dec., 26th - Weather quite cold. Wind from the N.W. Did little more than attend to the feeding.

Fri., Dec. 27th - I went to Topeka this morning. Weather quite cold. Wind. N.W. Went to the South in the evening. Snowed some in the afternoon. Got home at midnight. Paid my taxes: \$50.75.

Sat., Dec. 28th - Jim & I killed a hog in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jim Dickson and I went down town to elections. All hands voted against the bonds. Killed a hog at town in the evening. Wind ____.

Sun., Dec. 29th - Wind S but cold and damp. Went over to Thompson's in the evening. No company.

Mon., Dec. 30th - Warm and cloudy. Wind from the S. in the morning. Changed to the N. in the afternoon, and toward evening commenced raining. Went to VanDerlip⁴⁰'s this forenoon to exchange hogs. Went to town to cut up a hog in the evening.

Tues., Dec. 31st - Jim and I cut a little wood in the timber. I went over to _____ in the evening to settle up with him.

⁴⁰ The chances are good that this is William Vanderlip. Like Frank he served in the 2nd Kansas Cavalry during the Civil War, and he had accompanied Frank on the 1865 Santa Fe Trail drive.