

Roderick F. Kent

Jasper NY; Farm Diary from 1870-1900

born 25Sept, 1821 in Preble, NewYork

Died 03Feb, 1901 in Jasper, New York

wife was Alice Dennis 1826-1906

My father Lyle Simpson had this diary in his papers. My great grandfather was DC Simpson and DC is mentioned in this diary.

I have no knowledge as to who typed this out, or where the original diary is located.

Some years are missing. Kathleen Simpson Hues 11/3/2023

Jan. 1, 1870

Have been down to Brother Erastus at South Canisteo where they moved to recently. Wm. Schanck & wife, Charles Schanck & wife there also to hold New Year's day with them.

Jan. 2, 1870

Did not attend church, rain about all day.

Jan. 3

James Van Skiver & Wm. Schanck helping saw wood

Jan. 4

James & Wm. sawing wood at lower end of follow.

Jan. 5

Hauled in hay stack, 5 loads. Put 2 in horse barn.

Jan. 6

Making road & skidway, hauled logs down the hill.

Jan. 7

Hauling logs off the follow.

Jan. 8

Hauling logs, afternoon wife & I went to Jasper 4 corners.

Jan. 9

Attended church - Emma went home with Sylvester's to commence school at Woodhull

Jan. 10

Hauled load of logs to Parks mill.

Jan. 11

Went to Canisteo, paid 72 dollars to N.C. Taylor & Co. on note.

Jan. 12

Moved wood machine from Schanck's up to skidway on follow

Jan. 13

Sick with cold, James been to corners, had doll mare shod

Jan. 14

Went to Canisteo with load oats for Rodney Dennis.

Erastus & Rebecca's 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

Jan. 15

Erastus Kent & family, J.S. Sargent & family here to dinner.

Jan. 20

Samuel Dennis sawing wood with machine.

Jan. 21

Sawing wood, Charles Button skidding wood with his oxen.

Jan. 22

Button skid wood, I went down to S. Lamson after Emma.

Jan. 25

Went to corners, returned road warrent, had team shod.

Jan. 27

S. Dennis sawing wood, Button, Schenck & Ben Hulse with O.M. Whiting's
Team helping 9.

Feb. 1, 1870

Went to Canisteco mill, sold Allison 30 bu. oats for 45¢ per bu.

Feb. 2

hauled bark down to Mr. Rowley's

Feb. 3

hauled bark to Canisteco - 1 5/8 cord

Feb. 4

James been to Canisteco with bark - 1 3/4 cord

Feb. 5 - 7 - 8

James been to Canisteco with bark, went to town meeting.

Feb. 9

James hauling logs to Parks mill.

Feb. 11

went down to Sylvesters after Emma, James hauling bark

Feb. 14

James hauled logs to Hallett & Boyds mill in Milwaukee

Feb. 16

hauled ash logs off Mrs. Hatch's woods, Samuel Dennis' team helping

Feb. 17 went to Canisteco, sold Taylor & Co. one firkin butter 96 lbs for 31¢ per pound, got \$79.68 from Allison for bark.

Feb. 21

hauled logs - one horse pushed the other off skidway, it pulled her off with it, both fell 6 or 7 ft., got them out without much damage to horses or harness.

Feb. 22

James hauling logs, I been down to Erastus

Feb. 23

hauling log, Clark help haul one load, Ben Hulse split wood

Feb. 26

Sylvester & Sarah Lamson here to dinner

Feb. 28

Been to Reverend Woodward to get him to make me & James each a pair of boots.

March 1370

Mar. 1 Dr. Granger stopping here to night

Mar 2 Been to Canisteo. L. Davison paid \$26 on Ash lots

Mar. 5 Mr & Mrs. Murphy visiting this afternoon

Mar. 10 Been to Canisteo, took 10 bu. oats to mill, got $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of blaster.

Mar. 16 Four years today since little Dennis Kent passed away.

Mar. 25 Amy Hatch & Mrs. Homer Stuart here visiting.

Mar. 29 hauled wood, broke road in to sap bush, Mr. & Mrs. Button visiting.

Mar. 30 Wife & I been down to Allen Spencer's visiting.

Mar. 31 S & L Lamson & their wives here visiting.

April 1 Bought one hundred sap bucketts of Samuel Dennis for \$12.

Apr. 5 hauled timbers for hewing. Mrs. Wm. Schanck helping wife with quilt.

Apr. 6 Been to corners had team shod. Samuel Dennis Jr made me 100 spikes and gouge to tap maple trees.

Apr. 7 went to corners, carried Hutchinson & Foster 2 bu. apples each.

Apr. 8 Finished tapping sap bush.

Apr. 9 boiled sap. James brought in 3 pails of syrup to night.

Apr. 11-12-13 worked in sap bush.

Apr. 14 Uncle and Aunt Tom Whiting, Mrs. Tolison & Mrs. Larson here helping with quilting.

Apr. 19 James & I cutting rails to make line fence next to Judson Prentice.

Apr. 20 Charles Schanck taging sheep 33 of them.

Apr. 21-22 Worked at line fence next to J. Prentice.

Apr. 23 Helping clear school house cite. Harvey Van Orman gave me \$75 on his fathers note.

Apr. James & I been working on road down north.

Apr. 26-30 started plowing Whittimore & Lamphere grafting trees in orchard.

May 1870

May 3 cleaning grass seed. sowed 4 bu. peas . Harvey Schanck helped.

May 4 James plowed & harrowed some. I sowed spring wheat.

May 5 sowed 5 bu. barley

May 6 Had doll mare served by C. Harders horse, to pay \$6 for colt.

May II cleaned 5 bu. barley, let S Dennis Jr have it for seed.

May 12 James & Charles Button repairing fence. I hauled brush & stones off ~~orchard~~

May 13 James ^{orchard.} plowing I planted potatoes.

May 14 cleaned seed oats 26½ bu. James plowing.

May 16 sowing oats Charles Button helped . 12 bu.

May 17 sowing grass seed & repairing fence James, Charles & I went to Jasper corners after supper.

May 20 Borrowed Schanck's roller to roll new seeding. S. Lamson here for dinner

May 21-23-24 sharpening fence post Charles Button helping.

May 25 sowed 8 bu. oats.

May 27 planted corn and a few potatoes.

May 28 Went to Canistota & bought a new wagon, \$120.

May 30 James & I went to corners. drove steers to Craigs

May 31 worked on the road

June 1870

2 worked on road

4 Wife, daughter & I went to Jasper corners. James & Charles Button washing sheep

6 Went with Rodney Dennis & wife down to Sylvesters.

7 Sharping post. James had team shod then plowed some.

8 Making tree fence along gulf. James Van Skiver helped Oliver Whiting Wash sheep.

9 Making tree fence along gulf. James plowing.

13 Alice & my 22th wedding anniversary.

Guests at Rodney & Alice Kent wedding 22yrs ago
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dennis - parents of the bride

Samuel & Rodney Dennis - brothers of Alice

Anne Kent - mother of Rodney

Thomas Whiting & wife

S.F. Dennis & wife

Sylvester Lamson & wife

Jarvis Talbot & wife

George Panches & wife

Lorenzo Crosby & wife

Simeon Turner & wife

James Sargent & wife

Brother Erastus & wife

William Schanck & Sarah Whiting

Oliver Van Orman & Elizabeth Hadley

the above since married

Miss Anstice Whiting 16 yrs.

Miss A. H. Powell 11 yrs. my niece

15 James finished plowing on summer fallow

16-17-18 James plowing for S. Dennis Jr.

22 Took grain to Canisteeo mill, e went to Hornellsville, took dinner with Rodney Dennis folks.

23 C. Schanck Frank Kent & G. Crosby here shearing sheep.

24-25 Harrowing on summer fallow. James & Harvey Van Orman been chopping.

26 Chopping out water trouh for horse pasture. sold wool 272 lbs. \$40.

29-30 Working on summer fallow. C. Button worked with his oxen.

July 1870

I-8 Chopping & howing stumps & roots on summer follow.

H. VanOrman, J. Prentice & Asa Drake helping.

9 Been over to Swale to visit Levi Creezy's folks & C. E. Hackets folks.

II Commenced haying.

I2 Repaired mowing machine. raked & cocked hay. James gone up to Judsons Sargent's to barn raising.

I4 Haying hauled four loads

I5 three loads I9 one load 20 two loads 2I one load 22 3loads 23 5loads

27 Hauled wood off follow cut a little wheat.

30 S. Dennis Jr. reaping wheat & barley.

August 1870

I raking wheat 60 dozen bundles

2 Erastus Kent here for dinner.

3 Erastus & wife Anne Wilson Frank, Charles & George here for dinner. Erastus took haying to cut on shares.

4 Helped Erastus in haying, 2 loads for us & he took 2 loads home.

5 Erastus's gang hauled 3 loads for us & took 2 loads home.

6 Erastus & gang hauled 4 loads here & took 2 loads home. I hauled 2 loads

7 All attended church

8 Cut & hauled 2 loads. Wife, daughter & I went to corners after supper.

9-10-11 Showery hauled wood off follow.

I2 James cutting wheat. sold S. Dennis 4 yearlings \$20 each.

I5 Cutting oats. James helping Samuel haul hay with team.

I6 C. Button reaping oats with Samuel's reaper.

I7 Raking & hauling oats & wheat.

I8 Asa Drake helping rake & haul oats.

20 Alice, Emma & I have been over to Swale to Silas Hatch & M. Powell's.

24 Took Emma & Hattie W. to Woodhull Academy to start school.

31 Finished haying 42 loads.

September 1870

- 1 Worked on summer follow, afternoon threshed peas.
- 2 Worked on summer follow. After supper went to corners to get Emma & Mahitable Whittemore.
- 5 Went to Woodhull with Emma & Hittie. James plowed on summer follow.
- 6-7-8 Hauling stones of summer follow. James plowing some.
- 9 Alice's 44th birthday.
- 10 Wife and I went down to Erastus. Got 10 bushels wheat from Eb Wilson
- 12 Frank Dennis drilling wheat for me.
- 13 Finished drilling wheat.
- 14 Went down to Mr. Hays, carried his cider mill back to him. Went to Albert Dennis and bought a buck sheep for \$5. Got 2 pigs from Mr. Schanck for 6 dollars.
- 15 Been to Parksville, sold Mr. Newton logs I had at mill for \$3 Per Thousand plus sawing of one thousand shingles.
- 16 14 years since Alice's mother died. Drilling wheat for Samuel. Got Emma at corners.
- 19 Took Emma back to Woodhull.
- 20 Husking corn & raking buckwheat
- 21 Helping Samuel Dennis Jr thresh.
- 23 Wife not feeling well, been to Dr. Van Orsdales for medicine.
- 24 Been to corners with a load of pumkins, sold to different ones came to \$3.64.
- 25 49 years old to day.
- 26 Hauld in 13 loads of pumkins today.
- 27 Mr. Gulick & Dr. Granger stooping with us tonight.
- 28 James & Mr. Button worked on road. Bought a shoat from Mr. Jackson for \$5 plus \$4 more in produce.
- 29 Mr. Button & Mr. Schanck helped with logging.

October 1870

- 1 Mr. Whittmore went with Wife & I to Woodhull to see the the girls.
- 3 Wife & I went up to Uncle Oliver Whittings, paid aunt for weaving carpet
- 4-5-6 Been logging, James & Mr Button helped.
- 8 Went to Hornellsville, sold Mr. Pratt 1 tub & 3 pails of butter, 608 lbs.
at 35¢ per pound = \$212.80. Had dinner with Rodney Dennis's folks.
- 10 hauled manure out of hog yard. thrashed beans & buckwheat.
- 13 Gathering apples, Erastus & wife here gathering apples.
- 14 James helped C. Hadley thresh. Harvey Schanck helped gather apples.
- 15 C. Button & H. Schanck helped work on follow.
- 17 Been to Woodhull with F.K. & M. Whittmore & Emma.
- 18 digging potatoes 40 baskets in celler, 25 in hole in field.
H.Schanck & L. Whiting helped.
- 22 Sowed some wheat
- 24 James helped J. Prentice thresh.
- 28 Been to Mr. June's, had 2 bbls of cider made.
- 29 Been out to sell sub-soil plow.
- 30 Hauling manure.

November 1870

- I Have been to Hornellsville with apples & eggs for Rodney Dennis folks took dinner with them.
- 3 Been over to Wentworth's , got fathers boots, paid \$5. Sold Mr. S.H. Ploss a sub-soil plow, bought a lamb of him.
- 4 Sold one plow in Woodhull, brought Emma & Hittie home.
- 5 Leslie Whiting piling wood in woodshed. James hauling manure.
- 7 Been to Woodhull with Emma & Hittie.
- 8 Went to corners to election.
- II Sylvester & Sarah Lamson here for dinner.
- 16 Threshing 27 bu. winter wheat 26 bu. spring wheat 56 bu. barley 259 bu oats
- 18 Been to Swale to Charlie Hacketts, got 6 sheep to balance acct. he owed me \$12. James & Mr. Hill hauling manure.
- 22 Attended funeral of George Crosby at Hampshire church.
Paid school tax \$44.46, paid Rodney's \$33.55 and James's \$1.58
- 23 Brought Emma & Hittie Home from school.
- 24 Thanksgiving dinner, Sylvester & Sarah here
- 25 James & I helped clear stumps from school house cite.
- 26 Dressed sheep, sold it at corners for 8&9¢ per pound.
- 29 & 30 Plowing.

December 1870

- I Helped Samuel Dennis butcher hogs. James plowing.
- 2 Sold Mr. Thompson 20 sheep. \$1.88 Per head.
- 9 Dressed 2 hogs 408 & 413 lbs. Nelson Hatch & wife her visiting.
George Woodward called to buy pumkins.
- 10 Settled with James Van Skiver for one year & 9 days work \$150.52
- 12-13 Cutting up pork & sausage meat.
- 14 Been down to Eb Willson, return 10 bus. of wheat I borrowed for seed.
- 15 Got buck sheep from W. Schanck.
- 16 Newton Howe & wife here visiting
- 22 Been to Hornellsville to see Rodney's folks
- 23 Contracted with Mr. Gulick to deliver him 15 cords of wood at 14 shilling per cord.
- 24 Been to woodhull, temperature about Zero.
- 27 Hauled one load of wood to Mr. Gulick, about two cords.
- 28-29-30 Hauling wood.
- 31 Have been down To brother Erastus & Rebucca Kent's visiting.

January 1881

- 1 Visiting brother Erastus & Rebecca. Oscar & Emma Cole went on to Canistota.
 - 2 Oscar & I have been cutting & hauling basswood logs to Boyds mill to pay our saw bill.
 - 4 Oscar & Emma have gone down to Arthur Lamson's, Took a grist to Calvin Lamson's mill.
 - 5 Worked at logs again.
 - 6 Collins Talbot & wife here visiting. Calvin Lamson & wife came towards night. Oscar entered into a contract to furnish 25 poles for telegraph line to be built along pipe line. Is to get 50¢ each for them.
 - 7 Worked at telegraph poles. Cut and hauled ten or eleven. Pealed the bark from two.
 - 9 Attended Church
 - 10-11 Worked at poles.
 - 12 Finished job of poles. The gang of hands are setting them in Samuel Dennis's field as Oscar hauled the last one. Two of the hands are stopping with us to night.
 - 13 Boys paid wife one dollar for board and lodging. Pay master paid \$12.50 for poles. Oscar & Emma have gone to Rathbone to see his folks. They live two miles below Hedgesville.
 - 15 Thermometer 8 below zero in morning, 4 above at noon. Oscar & Emma came home about 4 o'clock, Mrs. Cole came with them.
 - 16 Attended Church
 - 17 Cutting logs for lumber to build new hog pen & hen house.
 - 18 Hauling logs to mill with both teams. Had a 30 foot log sawed for sills and plates.
 - 19-20 Worked at logs.
 - 22 Mr. Cole came after Mrs Cole. (Jacob & Rebecca Cole). Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Ordway & Mrs. Harriet Clark here visiting.
 - 23 Attended Church at Jasper. Found long horse shed broken down by heavy snow.
 - 24 Oscar & I have been down to church helping remove rubbish of sheds.
 - 25 Hauled load of wood. Oscar went down to Calvin Lamson's mill with oats to have ground for cows.
 - 26 Hauled two loads of wood, Oscar been to mill again. Sold beef cow for \$20, Two others for \$15 each and one for \$16.
 - 27 Two degrees below zero. Turned cows that were sold out into drove about 10 A.M.
 - 28 Oscar helping Emma whitewash & paper their bed room.
- Wife & I have been doen to Eb Willson & Wife Anne. Anne is my niece and brother Erastus's daughter.

Feburary 1881

- 8 Attended town meeting. Oliver Van Orman's wife here visiting.
Oliver called a little while on his way home from town meeting.
- 10 Oscar & I have been down to Mr. Crosby's and bought 2 heifers
coming 2yr. old. paid \$25 for the two.
- 12 Hauled logs to mill, both of us hauled home a load of lumber.
- 14 Oscar been to shop, had team sharp shod.
- 16 Oscar hauled lumber for post for church sheds. Del & Frank Brotzman
here visiting.
- 19 Oscar & I have been to Canisteco, took $7\frac{1}{2}$ bushel apples, sold for
30¢ per bushel. Took pay in grocery's. Sold eggs for 25¢ a doz.
- 21 I have been splitting wood. Oscar took 24 bu. potatoes to Canisteco.
sold to Nathan Baker for 41¢ per bushel.
- 22 Hauling logs to mill
- 23 Hauling logs to mill.
- 28 Worked at getting sap bucketts ready. Oscar helped in fornoon.
Afternoon went to corners, sold eggs 16¢ per doz.

March 1881

- I Repairing stable floor in cow stable and horse stable.
DeWitt Simpson & wife here visiting,
- 2 Worked at sap bucketts. C. Ordway's daughter Ella died at Elmira
where she was attending school.
- 3 Benjiman Hulse passed here with corpse of C.W. Ordway's daughter.
- 4 Oscar attended funeral service of Ordway's daughter held at their house.
- 5 Oscar & Emma went to Jasper Corners, sold eggs for 16¢ a doz.
- 7 Frank Jackson commenced working for Oscar. To pay him \$75 for eight months.
- 8 Wife & I have been up to Summer Sargent. Had very good visit with them
and Whitings.
- I0 Scalding sap bucketts. Oscar & Frank taped 80 trees. Women been
down to B. Hulse to missionary meeting.
- II Frank & I sawing wood. Oscar & Emma have gone down to Lamsons & his
fathers.
- I3 Funeral services for Philip Brotzman at Pres. Church.
- I4 Boiling sap.
- I5 Helping raise sheds at church. Oscar & Emma's 5th wedding anniversary.
- I6 Silas Hatch & wife, Isaac Van Houghton & wife here visiting.
- I7 Wife & I been over to Whittemore's with Mr. & Mrs. Hatch.
- I8 Boiling sap & tapping more trees, about 210 now.
- I9 Wife & I called on brother Erastus folks at south canisteeo.
- 22 Attended auction sale of Samuel Dennis cows. J. Murphy, wife &
DAUGHTER, H. Stuart & wife here for dinner.
- 23 Been to corners, had old team shod. Sold eggs 14¢ a doz.
- 24-- Hauling logs and wood.

April 1881

- I Oiling harness. Been snowing considerably. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lamson & Eva here visiting.
- 2-7 Have been cutting wood & shingle bolts, hauled shingle bolts to Calvin Lamson's mill.
- 8 Worked in sap bush. Oscar & Emma have been to corners, sold eggs 14¢.
- 9 Gathered and boiled sap.
- II Oscar went to Corning, he has been summoned as a grand juror.
- 12-15 Have been working in sugar bush. Oscar came home about 6 tonight.
- 21 Have been working in sugar bush, started gathering buckets.
- 25 Krank & Oscar started plowing. I have been repairing fence around the orchard to let sheep in there.
- 28 Plowing and fixing fence.
- 29 Hauling manure and cleaning oats for seed.
- 30 Harrowing and sowing oats.

May 1881

- I-5 Have been busy harrowing, sowing oats and spreading manure.
- 6 Oscar & I have been to Canistota, bought oil & paint to paint horse barn. cost \$18.
- 7 Sowed oats & barley. Sold Henry Marlatt six hundred pounds of hay for \$3.75.
- 8 Mrs. Johnson's funeral service at the M.E. Church.
- 9 Worked in garden. Oscar rolled oat ground & hauled 2 loads manure.
- 10 Planted potatoes down on the knoll. Frank dragging for peas.
- 11 Sowed 7 bu. of peas. Repairing fence.
- 12 Frank gone home with old team to plow for his father. Oscar been down and had team shod, carried women to missionary meeting at Jenkins. sold 14 doz. eggs for 10¢ per doz.
- 14 Wife & I went to Swale, heard an excellent sermon by a Universalist minister. Stopping with Abram Bradford's
- 15 Attended church on the Swale, took dinner with N. Hows folks.
- 16 Making fence along Oliver Whiting's line over by peak creek.
- 17 burning stumps.
- 18 Went over to Nichols Brutzman to get him to castrate a colt.
- 19 Fixing fence. Oscar & Emma gone down to his fathers.
- 20 N. Brutzman came just before noon and altered the colt, paid him one dollar. Oscar & Emma came home 7 P.M. Mr. Briggs from Troupsburg stopping with us tonight.
- 23 N. Taft & F. Marlatt started work on the new hog house.
- 24-26 Oscar plowed and Frank & I hauled stones for the wall under hog house.
- 27-28 Planting corn and plowing summer follow. Taft & Marlatt worked 6 days on the new hog house.
- 30 Raised hog house and enclosed sides and ends.
- 31 Oscar, Emma, N. Taft & F. Marlatt went to Canistota. Sold eggs for 12¢ per doz.

June 1881

- 1 Planted potatoes. Helped take down old hog house.
- 3 Oscar went to C. Lamson's mill and got a load of shingles. Taft & Marlatt shingling hog house.
- 6 Working on hog house. Oscar plowing for buckwheat.
- 7 Put hogs in their new quarters tonight.
- 8 Had team shod. Finished hog house and worked on hen house.
- 9-13 Have been peeling bark.
- 14 Oscar plowing. I have been helping on church sheds. Took eggs 14¢/doz.
- 15 Sold cow and calf and two heifers I bought from Mr. Crosby for \$65. Oscar plowing, Frank dragging and I have been hoeing potatoes.
- 16-17 Worked on road.
- 18 Will Andrews came after cattle he bought. Oscar & Frank worked on road. I salted colts and yearlings. Pipe layers laid pipe by here for gas line.
- 19 Six pipe line workers took supper here tonight.
- 20 Oscar shearing sheep, I tied wool.
- 21 Frank & I worked at fence. Oscar finished plowing buckwheat ground and went to corners for more oil and white paint. Mr. Hainer here painting horse barn.
- 22 Oscar worked on road down north, Hainer painting, I hoeing corn.
- 23 Worked on guide boards for along the road. Oscar dragging buckwheat ground.
- 25 Wife & I went down to see brother Erastus. Oscar dragging again.
- 28 BEEN over to Whittemore's to celebrate 79th birthday of Mrs. Hatch.
- 29 Wife and I went to corners. Came home and found Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Cole and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cole here.
- 30 Hauling out bark, 7 cords of it. Weeding out mustard & tory from barley

SEPTEMBER 1881

- 2 Oscar & Frank cleaned out cistern yesterday, rained last night so there is about 6 inch of water in it this morning. Oscar sowed 4 bu. wheat broad east. Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Fannie Hulse, Del Brutzman & wife and Mr. Crosby here visiting.
- 3 Oscar used the drill, sowed 7 bu. on $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres.
- 6 Not feeling very well. Etastus up to see us. he is not very well. S. Barklow stopped by for dinner, Erastus rode home with him.
- 9 Wife's 55th Birthday.
- 13 Have not been feeling well. Wife & I rode over to Whittemore's. Then we rode up to S. Sargent farm. Oscar & Frank cutting buckwheat.
- 14 Feeling about the same. H.C. Prentice came to see us. His wife is up to Hornellsville taking care of their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hubbard who was seriously hurt by a horse starting as she was getting into the buggy.
- 15 Wife & I have been down to brother Erastus, he was gone to Hornellsville but came home about 4 o'clock. Oscar has been to Cameron.
- 17 Have been paring apples. Wife taken sick with cholra.
- 20 Wife gaining, been up and dressed. Mr. Crane of Addison called on us. After supper I took him with horse & buggy up to J.S. Sargents. Oscar and Frank cleaning peas and threshing buckwheat.
- 22 Emma sick abed. Wife & I not feeling well. Oscar helped a good deal about the house. He & Frank worked at buckwhear.
- 24 We are all geting better, Emma set up some. Oscar has been to Cameron with 32 bu. of peas, sold for 75¢ per bu.
- 25 Another birthday, sixty years old today.
- 26 With Oscar's help, Emma washed some. Oscar & Frank digging potatoes.
- 28 Oscar & Frank finished potatoes, over 50 bu. Wife & I rode out a little
- 29 Wife & Emma feeling well enough to go to missionary meeting at Benjaman Hulse's.

OCTOBER 1881

- I Felling some better. Oscar & Frank threshing buckwheat. John Marlatt & his cousin laying fence wall.
- 4 Worked at apples. Oscar & Emma have been to Canisteco, made bargain with Mr. Pratt to sell our apples.
- 5 Worked at apples. Mr. Cole and daughter, oscar's father & sister here. Elizabeth stayed with our folks.
- 6 Went up to Uncle & Aunt Whiting, both are very feeble.
- 7 Worked at apples. Oscar & Frank husked corn.
- 9 Oscar, Emma and Eliz. Cole attended church.
- 11 Have been working at apples. oscar, Emma and Miss Cole gone down to his folks. Oscar is delegate to county convention at Corning tomorrow.
- 13 Wife & I went over to Whittimore's to missionary meeting. Met Oscar & Emma coming home as we were going over.
- 14 Oscar, Frank and Mr. Campbell gathered 30 bbls of apples. Have been bleaching som by burning sulphur under them.
- 15 Worked at apples. I took wife to Aunt Sarah Whiting's to help with things the people of Jasper are sending to Michagan for those that were burned out. oscar has been to Canisteco and got 45 bbls for apples.
- 17 Oscar carried 18 bbls of apples to depot. Mr. Campbell and boy gathering apples again.
- 18 Oscar has been to Canisteco again with 16 bbls of apples. Mr. Campbell & boy and Mr. Jackson have been gathering apples.
- 20 oscar took 16 bbls of apples yesterday and the same today to depot.
- 21 Oscar hauled 14 bbls. with old team. Frank gathered along.
- 22 Oscar hauled 16 bbls. to depot and got a load of bbls. to bring home.
- 24 Oscar has been to Canisteco with 16 barrels of apples. He got a load of bbls. to bring home. R. Purdy brought eleven bbls. for Oscar.
- 25 Oscar has been to depot with 16 bbls. Of apples. Erastus & Rebecca here visiting, also Mr. Snow & wife a methodist minister who lives near them in South Canisteco.
- 26 Oscar & Frank went down to Henry Marlatt and got two calves for \$5 a piece. Afternoon he plowed some.
- 27 Oscar has been to depot with 16 barrels of apples. Frank went too with old team. They brought back 53 bbls with them
- 29 Oscar took 16 bbls yesterday. Rain to day so did not go today. Been barreling apples in shop.
- 31 Oscar went to depot with 17 bbls. Took 6 doz. eggs and sold them for 22¢ a doz.

NOVEMBER 1881

- I Oscar has been to depot with 13 barrels and Frank with 10 bbls making 200 bbls in all. \$125 per bbl. makes a total of \$250.
- 4 Been paring apples Oscar went to Cameron in forenoon and contracted with Wm Hallett to sell buckwheat for 85¢ /bu. Afternoon he took 38 bushels., got \$32.
- 5 Oscar took 40 bu. buckwheat to Cameron = \$34.
- 7 S.F. Dennis here. Showed him the bunch near my groin, he says it is a rupture.
- 8 Oscar attended election, I did not, first election I missed since we moved to Jasper.
- 10 Oscar been plowing. Women attended missionary meeting at Aunt Sarah Whiting's. Arthur Lamson stop in to see me afternoon.
- 14 Oscar has been plowing. Today he went to Canisteo and got money for bark Wesley Sharp had hauled for him. 7 tons & 1800 lbs came to \$50, paid W. Sharp \$8.
- 15 Snowing. Banking house & covered cistern with straw. Oscar brought me a truss, have been trying to ware it.
- 16 Mr. Stone came to rebuild the chimney.
- 17 Oscar went to Canisteo, brought home a new cook stove. cost \$27.
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Taft here visiting. Oscar & Emma been to corners.
- 24 Thanksgiving day. been snowing.
- 25 Leslie Whiting and Jonathan Schanck here threshing. 575 bu. oats, 8bu. buckwheat. Paid them \$19.68.
- 26 oscar helped S. Dennis thresh.
- 29 Can't ware truss, sent it back to Wm McCaig by S.F. Dennis.
- 30 Oscar helped S. Dennis finish threshing, plowed rest of the day.

DECEMBER 1881

- 1 S.F. Dennis called, brought back truss, Mr. McCaig had changed the spring some. J.S. Ordway called.
- 6 Oscar has been plowing. Del & France Brutzman called today. J.S. Ordway & wife called in the evening.
- 7 Snow squalls. Oscar helped O.M. Whiting thresh. Sent truss back to Mr McCaig by Mr. Dennis and he got another one from Dr. Ellison, an elastic one.
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore have been here visiting. Oscar helped Oliver Whiting thresh.
- 9 Oscar & Emma have been to corners. Arthur & Mrs. Lamson here for supper.
- 12 Oscar has been plowing, ground froze today. Charles Spencer came to stay and board and go to school.
- 13 I went to stable to see colts. Oscar has been to C. Lamson's mill with oats to grind for cow feed.
- 18 Oscar has been plowing.
- 19 Today we have been butchering hogs, Mr. Crosby & Jesse Campbell helped. Mr. & Mrs. Cole here visiting.
- 20 Oscar went to Jasper 4 corners and got a fairbanks scale that weighs up to 600 lbs. Cost \$23.74. Weighed hogs, one weighed 342 lbs. the other 297 lbs.
- 21 Marlatts, three of them, laying up fence wall. They have got it laid up to the meadow. Mrs. Lamson, Arthur & Eva have been here visiting.
- 24 Oscar and Charles Spencer cutting logs.
- 26 J. Campbell and Christopher Dennis helping cut logs.
- 28 Wife & I visited Aunt Sarah Whiting, found her sick a bed. Oscar had team shod, took 6 dozen eggs and sold them for 27¢/doz.

JANUARY 1886

- I Choring and splitting wood, helped Oscar make a ladder.
2 Oscar and Charles Button have been cutting logs.
4-6 Has been snowing. choreing.
7 Heard this morning that Edwin Whiting died yesterday of typhoid-pneumonia.
8 Attended the funeral of Edwin Whiting at Methodist Church. It was filled and many were unable to get in, He was much respected.
9 Snowing, over two feet of snow have fallen. Zero degrees.
II Oscar, W.W. Hadley and Charles Button butchared a pig. weighed 484 lbs.
I2 Helping about the house with butchering. 7 to 8 below zero.
I5 Oscar has been skidding logs out of woods. I went over to J.S. Ordway, found him comfortable, called on Aunt Sarah Whiting on my way home.
I8 Oscar has been hauling logs to Walraths mill at Jasper.
20 Have been down to brother Erastus & Rebecca Kent and their daughter Anne & Eb Wilson, found all quite well. Oscar finished hauling logs.
25 Been splitting wood. R.H. Magrada & wife called here a while on their way home from Pennsylvania.
26 Oscar hauled home lumber from Walrath'S mill.

FEBRUARY 1886

- 6 Oscar & I attended caucus meeting at Jasper. Oscar nominated for assessor.
9 Oscar & I attended town meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore came calling. Mr. Whittemore went to town meeting with us.
I2 Oscar went to Canisteo as a witness in law suit between E. Sherwood and D.C. Simpson.
I6 Split a little wood. Calvin Lamson stopping with us tonight.
I7 C.E. Lamson and Jacob Livingston stopping with us tonight.
I8 Took a grist of oats over to Leslie Whiting's mill.
I9 Wife & I visited Aunt Sarah Whiting & Cynthia.
26 My back has been quite lame, have not done much but feed hogs & hens.

March 1886

- 6 Went down to brother Erastus. C. E. Lamson's son Harry married today.
- 9 Called on J. S. Ordway. Wife's brother Samuel Dennis stopping with us tonight.
- 15 Oscar tapped 180 maple trees. I washed on sap buckets.
(Oscar & Emma's 10th wedding anniversary).
- 16 Oscar been boiling sap. Erwin Lamson & wife visiting. They are stopping over night with us.
- 17 C. E. Lamson & wife went up to C. W. Ordways. Oscar boiling sap.
- 20 Daughter Emma had 7 pound baby boy today. (Little Archie)
- 21 Dr. Wallace up twice today to see Emma. Boy doing well.
- 26 Oscar working in sugar bush. Dell Brotzman & wife, Lois Simpson, Mrs. C. W. Ordway & Miss Alma Rowley called here today.
- 27 Been to D. C. Simpson's & got can of milk for Emma. Boardman Dennis & wife called.
- 29 Dr. Been up to see Emma. She has been quite nervous

APRIL 1886

- I-3 I have not been feeling well, have a bad cold.
- 7 Oscar went to corners to have doctor come up, baby has a very sore mouth. snowing considerable.
- 8 D.C. Simpson & wife were here visiting.
- 9-13 Emma is not very well, doctor says her nerves are very much unstrung. She does not rest well at night.
- I4 Emma not much better. Oscar has been to Hartsville to get medicine from Dr. Granger for Emma.
- I5 Oscar quit making syrup and hauled sugar things out of the bush.
- I6 Have been down to South Canisteeo to see Erastus's folks. Emma set up to the table for dinner.
- I7 Oscar started plowing.
- 21 Willie Loomes harrowing, Oscar drilled in oats.
- 22 Oscar drilling barley.
- 28 Dell & France Brotzman took dinner with us. Oscar finished drilling oats.
- 29 We have been over to Swale to N. Howes. On my way home called on Uncle Isac Jones and Fred Jones & wife.

MAY 1886

- I My back is quite lame. Oscar is not very well.
- 2 Helping with the chores, Oscar not able to work.
- 4 Little boy not well, has had convulsions often all afternoon.
- 5 Our little Archie passed away about 5 o'clock this morning.
The doctor stayed all night and did all he could but the lords
will was otherwise.
- 6 A day of sorrow and sadness, our little one has been laid away
in his last resting place in Jasper cementary. Mr. & Mrs. Cole
came up, they not having heard of Oscar & Emma's affliction.
Mr. Swick held the service.
- 8 Oscar carried Mrs. Prutsman home. She has been here seven weeks,
six weeks of joy and yet of great anxiety and the last week of sorrow.
- 9 Mrs. Mary Hatch and I. Van Houghton were here to sympathise with us.
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Swick and Erastus Kent here in afternoon.
- 11 Wife's brother Samuel Dennis & wife here.
- 12 Albert Marlatt and James Eves started laying butments for bridge.
Oscar and Willie been helping.
- 14 Oscar, Willie, A. & M. Marlatt, J. Eves and Will Davis have been
working on bridge .
- 15 Finished bridge buttments and put on stringers and plank.
- 24 Have been planting potatoes & peas. Oscar working with Assessors.
- 25-27 Oscar has been helping with assessors. R. Hillborn and A. Dennis
assessors took dinner with us.
- 26 Oscar gone to Bath with other assessors and the supervisor to
meet with state assessors.
- 31 Went to village with Oscar to meet other assessors.

June 1886

- 4 Took Oscar to Jasper to meet with assessors, went after him at night. Dell & France Brotzman called to see how Emma was getting along.
- 7 Emma well enough to come with the rest of us to the table to eat.
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Cole here visting. Whiting's hands came about 2 P.M.
- 9 Finished pressing hay. Pressed 14 or 15 tons. Emma continues to gain.
- 10 Went to South Canistota to see Erastus. Oscar & Willie washed sheep this afternoon.
- 14 Wife sick to her stomach, has not set up all day. Oscar sheared sheep.
- 16 Wife and Emma both feeling better.
- 17 Choring about house and garden. Oscar has been down to his father's, his sister Elizabeth came back with him.
- 18 Eben & Anne Wilson here visiting.
- 19 I went down to visit Frank Kent & family. Frank had gone to Hornesllville with bark. Oscar has gone to take his sister Eliz. home.
- 21 Oscar went up to G. S. Sargent to see about sheep killed by dogs, then he and Mr. Hillborn went to Bushhill on same errand.
- 24 Oscar and Willie have been over to Marshal Dennis to help raise a barn.
- 28 I have been tending leach, getting lye to make soap.
- 29 Have been helping make soap. Oscar started haying. Wife's sister Sarah Lamson here visiting. It has been about a year and a half since we have seen her.
- 30 Oscar & Willie hauled 3 loads of hay. I drove old fan to unload the hay.

JULY 1886

- 1 Took Jessie Turner home & called on J.L. Ordway. Oscar has been down to Albert Dennis's on assessor work.
- 2 Arthur Lamson, Erwin Lamson & his wife made a short visit then went up to J.S. Sargents.
- 5 Hauling hay, I drove old fan to unload 4 loads, left one on the wagon.
- 6 Hauled 4 loads of hay. Oscar went over to Mr. Birmingham's to see about sheep thought to have been killed by dogs.
- 7 Allen Prentice commenced working for Oscar, helping in haying.
- 8 Hauled 4 loads yesterday and 5 loads today. Oscar mowed north-east meadow.
- 9 They hauled 6 loads of hay, I drove the oxen to unload.
- 12 Oscar, Willie and Allie haying east of the buildings. got 3 loads.
- 14 Been raining. My back is quite lame. Women folks have been up to Sarah Whittings to missionary meeting. Oscar and Willie hoeing potatoes.
- 15 Rained considerable today, Oscar has been to get team shod. Willie & I fixing temporary fence to keep chicks out of strawberry patch.
- 16 Mrs. Benjamin Hulse here visiting. Wife's brother Samuel Dennis and son Glenn took supper with us. Oscar worked at wheat.
- 17 Oscar, Willie and Allie finished cutting wheat and cut some barley, then hauled in 4 loads of hay. Mrs. Whittemore here visiting.
- 18 Boys finished reaping barley. Oscar mowed west of the horse barn.
- 23 Haying as usual. I went down north of the road and picked 2 quarts of raspberries.
- 24 Oscar & EMMA have been over to R.W. Hillborn on assessor business.
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Cole here visiting. Oscar mowed some hay.
- 28 Silas Hatch & R.H. Magrada here at noon to let us know of Mrs. Magrada's death this morning. age 94 yrs. & 13 days.
- 30 Went to corners, had old fan shod. Wife went down to Mrs. Spencer, came home and found Erastus here.
- 31 Went over to Dell Brotzman's and got 2 pigs. Mrs. George Woodward here from northern Iowa, also Miss Mary Prentice.

AUGUST 1886

- 1 Wife & I have been to Swale to services for Mrs. Magrada, took dinner with N. Howes.
- 3 Went down by the high bridge and pickrd blackberries. Arthur Lamson stopping with us tonight.
- 4 Oscar and A. Lamson went to Jasper, he went home after supper.
- 5 Oscar took wife & I to hornellsville. Wife & I stopping with her brother Samuel Dennis.
- 6 We left S. Dennis and went to C.E. Hackett's ,took dinner with them. THEn we went to visit wodow of brother Rodney Dennis and took supper there, then went back to S. Dennis.
- 7 Took breakfast and dinner with wife's brother then took train to Canisteo and came home on stage, arriving after 5 O'clock.
- 10 Women folks have been up to J. Prentice to a quilting bee. Oscar, Willie and Charlie Paine been hauling in oats.
- 11 Women folks have been down to Benjaman Hulse to missionary meeting.
- 12 Oscar reaped oats. James Sargent called a little while.
- 13 Wife & I went down to Erastus, had a good visit.
- 15 Wife & I have been to church on Swale, took dinner with Silas Hatch.
- 16 Warren Purdy helped Oscar & Willie haul in oats,
- 17 Oscar attending assessment appeal day. Leonard & Arthur Lamson and wives here visiting.
- 19 Oscar finished the oats yesterday and he & Emma have gone down to his folks.
- 20 Picked 6 qts. of black berries down by the high bridge.
- 24 Wife & I have been to Dell Brotzmans visiting. Oscar hauled baled hay to Canisteo. 32 bales, 3263 lbs yesterday and 35 bales, 3758 lbs. today.
- 25 Working in garden. Afternoon Emma & I went to Hunters with a tub of butter. Oscar went wuth hay again. 3625 lbs.
- 26 Oscar has been to Canisteo with hay, 3604 lbs. Mrs. Spencer here visit- ing. Oscar went over to Oliver Doty's to see about sheep killed by dogs a after he got home.
- 27 Wife & I and Willie went down to hampshire grave yard and cut some brush. Oscar went with hay 3607 lbs..
- 28 Wife & I went up to Oliver Whitting's, found him quite feeble. Oscar has been with hay 3552 lbs.
- 29 We all attended church.
- 31 Mr. Swick took dinner with us he and Oscar has gone to Canisteo to see about some lamps for the church. Glenn Dennis called here.

SEPTEMBER 1886

- 1 Wife have been down to her sister Lamson's. Erwin was not at home.
- 2 Wife & I went down near the high bridge and picked black berries. Oscar & Emma have been down to Mr. Swicks.
- 4 Oscar & Emma have gone down to their Aunt Sarah Lamson. We have been helping B. Hulse thresh.
- 5 All attended church.
- 6 Helped with the washing. Afternoon wife & I called on Oliver Whiting.
- 7 I drove the team, Oscar & Willie drove cattle down to W. Brady of Woodhull. Sold six two year olds & one yearling cost \$150.
- 8 Oscar & Charlie Paine have been pulling peas. Willie has gone to the Hornellsville fair.
- 9 Wife's birthday, 60 yrs. old today. Oscar & Emma have gone to Hornellsville fair.
- 10 Oscar & Emma came home about 8 in the evening. Willie and Charles Paine have been logging.
- 12 All attended church & partook of the sacrament.
- 13 Cut and set up buckwheat.
- 14 Burning log heaps on follow.
- 17 Wife & I, Oscar & Emma and Willie attended the fair at Troupsburg. A good show of horses, cattle, sheep and swine.
- 19 Attended church, Mr. Bruen preached.
- 22 Wife & I visited Aunt Sarah & Cynthia Whiting. Oscar & Willie hauled peas then helped B. Hulse thresh buckwheat.
- 23 Frank Kent & wife and children, Nellie 11, Maude 9, Dora 7, Fern 4, Charles 3 and baby Roy have been here visiting.
- 25 Another birthday 65 yrs. old. Uri Harder and his wife Sarah, Oscar's sister and Elizabeth Cole, Oscar's other sister here visiting.
- 28 Whiting's here pressing hay. Myra Dennis is stopping with us tonight. Mr. Kellogg has been here bottoming chairs.
- 29 Hay pressors finished this morning. Oscar, Emma & Myra Dennis went down to Lamson's to missionary meeting.
- 30 I have been shingling on wood shed. Oscar & Willie finished hauling buckwheat and beans.

October 1886

- 1 Shingling on wood shed. Dell & France Brotzman here visiting. Erwin Lamson brought Myra Dennis here. She has gone home with Dell & France.
- 2 Making grain bin. Mr. Stone here. We went to see Uncle Oliver Whiting. He is quite feeble.
- 6 Worked on grain bin. Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore here & took supper. Oscar & Willie helping D. C. Simpson thresh buckwheat.
- 8 Went over to J. L. Ordway. Myra Dennis stopping with us.
- 9 Myra Dennis went home on the stage this morning. Wife & I been down to Ed Willson's visiting.
- 10 Oliver Whiting died this afternnon.
- 12 Wife, Emma & I attended the funeral of Uncle Oliver Whiting.
- 13 23 yrs. this day since we moved to Jasper "1863". We were married in 1848 and lived 15 yrs. on Swale.
- 15 Oscar & Emma have gone to Rathbone to visit Wm. McCaig & his sister Mary McCaig.
- 16 Oscar & Emma came home about sundown.
- 20 Put some wood in shed. Oscar & Emma been down to Vri Harder's & his sister Mrs. Harder.
- 21 Cleaning up garden. Afternoon wife & I went down to D. C. Simpson's.
- 23 Whiting's machine threshed buckwheat. 95 bu.
- 25 Leslie Whiting been doing our threshing.
- 27 Oscar & Willie been barrelling apples. 10 barrels.
- 30 Frances Dennis here visiting Rodney Dennis's widow. Geo. Dennis brought her

November 1886

- 1 Oscar went to Canisteco with apples.
- 2 Oscar & I attended election.
- 3 Wife & I started for Woodhull about half past seven this morning.
Arrived at L. S. Lamson's little after ten. Stopping over night with them.
- 4 Left Woodhull about 2 this afternoon & went to Coles.
- 5 Left Rathbone about 1 P.M. & arrived home a little after 4.
- 9 Oscar, Willie & B. Hulse been deer hunting. Hulse shot a nice two year old buck.
- 10 Oscar been to Canisteco with barley.
- 13 Snowing most of the day, started yesterday afternoon, drifted quite bad.
Mail coach has not gone through.
- 15 Have not felt very well. Been dipping candles.
- 17 Helped dress chickens, 22 of them. Oscar took 20 of them to Dell Hunter's store. Got seven cent a pound.
- 26 Helping butcher. Mr. Loomis helped butched 2 hogs.
- 29 Oscar went over to Greenwood to Ed Norton's and got new ox yoke & bows.
- 30 Oscar & Emma been up to S. J. Sargent's. Snowing in afternoon.

December 1886

- 8 Erwin Lamson & wife came & took Mrs. Lamson up to C. W. Ordway's.
Mrs. Lamson been with us three days.
- 9 Called on J. L. Ordway. found him quite feeble.
- 10 Went to Jasper with Oscar. He was hauling stone to under pin addition to parsonage barn.
- 12 Oscar, Emma & Mrs. Lamson went to church.
- 16 Went up to see Aunt Sarah Whiting, found her poorly, not able to sit up but a little while.
- 22 Oscar & I went to Jasper. Oscar helping N. Taft on parsonage barn.
I called on cousin S. F. Dennis and John Ostrander.
- 23 Cousin Silas Hatch & Isaac Van Houghton called here.
- 25 Oscar & Emma have been down to his folds, Jacob & Rebecca Cole in Rathbone.
- 27 Oscar & Willie working at logs and wood, there being no school this week.

January 1883

- 3 Have been helping move things over to the new house.
- 4 Mr. Pease finished painting, worked twenty & one half days, paid him \$30.
- 5 Oscar & Emma been putting down carpets & hanging windos shades.
- 6 Carrying chairs & things over to new house. Took the old clock over and set it running in parlor.
- 7 Been busy moving. We ate our dinner in new house. It does not seem like home here tonight.
- 11 Have been choring and moving. W. W. Hadley helping Oscar build a new privy.
- 14 Mrs. Spencer here visiting.
- 17 Oscar & Hadley finish privy.
- 19 Putting up shelves in kitchen.
- 20 Raked out some straw for bed. Mrs. & Mr. Swick called.
- 31 Have been working about house. Bean stormy, wind blowing very hard. Oliver Van Orman & wife here.

February 1883

- 2 Mr. Jacob Cole & Rebecca here visiting.
- 3 Wm. Dickson & wife here visiting.
- 4 Working shop on new clothes bars.
- 7 Split some wood, brought over coffee mill & put it up. Oscar cleaned out cistern.
- 8 Emma has been down to D. C. Simpson to Missionary meeting.
- 9 Erwin Lamson & wife and Mrs. Lamson here visiting.
- 10 Oscar & Emma have been over to Collins Talbots.
- 11 Oscar & I attended caucus at Andrews Hall.
- 14 Oscar & I attended town meeting.
- 18 Oscar & Emma have been down to their Uncle Erastus.

March 1888

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore, wife's brother Samuel Dennis visiting.
- 2 Benjaman Hulse & wife visiting, Oscar cleaning wheat.
- 6 Choring & mending mittens. Oscar & Emma been down to Calvin Lamson's.
- 7 Two more lambs born this morning.
- 8 Oscar hauled 6 cords of wood down to school. Dell & France Brotzman here visiting.
- 9 Been down to brother Erastus. Wm. McGaig a little daughter Ada stopping with us tonight.
- 15 Oscar & I attended Calvin E. Lamson's auction sale. Oscar & Emma 12th Anniv.
- 16 22 years since our son Dennis Kent died.
- 19 Oscar tapped some of the sugar bush. I been getting buckets.
- 20 Went to Jasper got some pipe for sugar arch. Oscar finished tapping sugar bush and went to get grist at Canisteco Center.
- 22 Oscar boiling sap for last two days. I been smoking bacon.
- 23 Oscar been to Jasper. Brought me a pair of rubber boots.
- 29 Oscar boiling sap last two days. Boardman Dennis & wife here visiting.

April 1888

- 11 Oscar boiling sap. Sold 3 cows & 2 calves for \$87.50.
- 12 Been down to brother Erastus. 69th birthday today.
- 18 Attended funeral of Mrs. Charles June at Baptist church.
- 24 Oscar & Emma been to Lorenza Brown, finished paying for horse.
- 25 Charles Button fixing fence. Oscar, J. Murphy, Dickeson and S. A. Hardy been to Bath to assessor's meeting.
- 26 Been gathering, washing & storing sap buckets.
- 27 Oscar been harrowing up northwest next to Judson Frentict.
- 28 Oscar sowed oats.

May 1886

- 3 Oscar sowed some oats west of sugar bush.
- 4 Oscar sold oxen for \$135
- 6 All attended church.
- 7 turned the fanning mill to clean 16 bushels oats.
- 9 Missionary meeting at our house, Oscar finished sowing oats. Sister Sarah Lamson staying with us tonight.
- 10 - 11 - 12
Charles Button helping Oscar grade around the house.
- 13 All attended church. Mrs. Lamson went home from there.
- 16 Attended funeral of Mrs. Pheobe Travis who was 104 yrs. old.
Mr. Pease started painting.
- 18 Mr. Pease painting. Miles William & wife, Oscar's aunt & husband her visiting.
- 21 Fire at Jasper this morning, destroyed Andres Hotel & Hall & L. Craig's house & store.
- 22 Went to village, had buggy repaired.
- 25 Whiting's here pressing hay.
- 28 Assessor's commenced their rounds.
- 29 - 30 - 31 Assessor out again. Took dinner with us.

June 1888

- 1 Emma & I went to village in forenoon. Afternoon wife & I went to Ordway's. Oscar out with assessor's again.
- 12 Wife & I been down to Erwin Lamson's & wife and sister Sarah L.
- 13 Forty years today since Alice & were married.
- 15 Worked in garden. Oscar been to Canisteo. Thomas McCarty commenced digging arwell.
- 16 Making frames for window screens.
- 20 Wife & I have been to Mason Hollenbeck's to Missionary meeting. McCarty & Backer been digging well the last 3 days.
- 21 Helped put down carpets. Well diggers put in a blast, have been finding water.
- 22 Well diggers finished this forenoon, storming since.
- 23 Mr. McCarty finished stoning up well. 21 ft. ddep, cost \$24.85.
- 24-30 Have not felt very well, kidney trouble.

July 1888

- 2 Mr. Murphy & Mr. Dickinson here on assessing business.
- 3 Oscar started haying. Ward Bailey helping.
- 9 Been working in garden. Wife & I been visiting Dell Brotzman.
- 10 Wife & I called on Aunt Sarah Whiting. Erastus here for supper.
- 20 Have ^{not} felt well. Back lame & painful, rupture bothering.
- 21 Old Dan horse broke loose, run from hay field up to barn, broke rake so it is spoiled.
- 24 Mrs. Henry Prentice here visiting from Kansas.
- 25 Mrs. Prentice went up to Sarah Whiting's.
- 26 Oscar & Button & Bailey cut & bound wheat, then raked & put up hay.
- 27 Oscar & Emma have gone down to his folks, came home after 10 P.M.
- 28 Oscar, Button & Bailey finished haying, stacked hay in field down next to Rowley's.
- 30 Oscar & Emma been down to John Murphy's, assessor meeting.

August 1888

- 1 Mrs. Emilina Marsh & Mrs. Augusta Sargent here visiting.
- 8 Oscar & Emma have been to Calvin Lamson to Missionary meeting.
Mrs. Lamson came home with them.
- 9 Oscar & Emma have gone on an excursion to Silver Lake. They got home
at 11 P.M. C. Button did milking.
- 10 Mrs. Lamson, wife & I have been down to D. C. Simpson visiting.
- 16 Wife & I have been down to S. Canisteo, visiting Eben Wilson.
Called on brother Erastus, found him quite poorly.
- 24 C. Button & W. W. Hadley helping Oscar in oats.
- 29 Oscar & Emma have been to Hornellsville to fair. Mr. & Mrs. Cole came up.
Wife & I had a good visit with them.
- 30 Oscar plowing for wheat.

September 1888

- 2 Mrs. Willis Dennis died this morning.
- 3 Wife, Oscar & Emma attended funeral of Mrs. Willis Dennis at
Presbyterian church.
- 9 Alice's 62nd birthday.
- 12 Oscar & Charles Button hauled in 3 loads of peas.
- 13 Been repairing some chairs that father Samuel Dennis folks had soon after
they came to town.
- 14 Brother Erastus here visiting.
- 20 Oscar & O. M. Whiting working on road with road-machine.
- 22 Wife & I called on Whittemore's, Willis Marsh & M. L. Dennis.
- 23 Attended church with the rest of our folks. Been 11 weeks since I've been.
- 25 Sixty seven years old today.
- 26 Went out to pasture, caught old fan. Wife & I went riding.
- 28 Widow Emily Prentice buried this afternoon.
- 29 Oscar & Mr. Conderman killed & dressed yearling bull, weighed 500 lbs.

October 1888

- 3 Ira Van Orsdale & Thomas McCarty working at moving old house
- 4 Moved old house north up by shop & leveled it up. C. Button helped.
- 5 Van Orsdale & McCarty underpinning the building. Oscar carried their roller & them home tonight. Paid \$11 for moving @\$5.00 for laying the wall.
- 9 Andrew Loomis helping Oscar, been plowing.
- 11 Oscar helping Whiting's thresh buckwheat.
- 14 Heard that cousin Anson Frisbee died last night. Also Wilber Lent.
- 15 Attended funeral of Mr. Lent at M.E. Church at Jasper, could not attend Mr. Frisbee funeral at Swale church.
- 20 Been digging potatoes and gather some apples. Oscar been to Canisteco after window blinds.
- 24 Hay pressors here today
- 25 Finished pressing hay - over 20 ton.
- 29 Dressed 13 chickens - took them to W. W. Hunter, got 7¢ per pound.

November 1888

- 1 Cousin S. F. Dennis & wife visiting here. Mr. Paine & his son John been underpinning shop & laid up chimney.
- 3 Leslie Whiting here threshing. 776 bu. oats some wheat and peas and hay seed.
- 4 All attended church.
- 6 Oscar plowing in forenoon, afternnon we went to election. the 12th presidential election I have voted at - Benjamin Harrison.
- 7 Oscar & Emma have gone to Rathbone to see his folks. Wife & I rode over to J. N. Sargents to visit.
- 8 Wife & I have ~~been~~ to S. Canisteco to see brother Erastus.
- 13 Wife & I went to village, called on Dell Brotzman.
- 14 Wife & Emma attended missionary meeting at J. Sumner Sargent
- 16 Snowing considerable
- 22 Sister Arenath Powell, N. Howe, wife & daughter Lois here visiting
- 24 Oscar been to Canisteco with hay last two days. I have been to Mason Hollenbecks & swapped roosters. Geo. Hunter got a hamburg.

December 1888

- 6 Mrs. Earl Stone died about 11 o'clock.
- 7 rode down to D. C. Simpsons with Oscar.
- 8 Oscar & Emma attended funeral of Mrs. Stone. Wife & I didn't feel able to attend. Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore stopped by awhile.
- 10 W. W. Hadley helped Oscar butcher a hog this afternoon.
- 13 Went down to Peaks creek with Oscar after a load of wood.
- 19 Been barreling apples. had 61 bbls at 75¢ per bbl.
- 20 hauling up stack of hay from down north.
- 21 Oscar & Andrew hauled 4 loads of hay yesterday & 4 today.
- 24 Oscar & Emma gone to Wm. McCaig's, going to his father's tomorrow.
- 25 Oscar & Emma came home about 7 P.M.
- 27 Working in shop. Oscar putting up stove, nice to have it warm to work in shop.

January 1892

- 7 Wife & I have been sick. Wife's fever gone down & she came to the table for supper.
- 8 Oscar carried wife's sister Sarah Lamson home this afternoon. She has been here helping.
- 9 Heard this morning that Asa Spencer was found dead in bed. Oscar went down & help lay him out.
- 11 Oscar & Glenn attended funeral of Asa Spencer, he was 57 years of age.
- 13 Wife & I feeling better. Oscar & Glenn Brotzman hauling in hay stack.
- 14 Freezing rain. trees loaded with ice.
- 15 Oscar hauling wood from old sugar shanty. pipe-line walker, A Willson, one of Oscar's former scholars, stopping with us tonight.
- 16 Oscar & Glenn hauling wood. took one load down to the church
- 19 Oscqr been to Jasper. Spencer Hayes died.
- 27 W. W. Hadley helped Oscar butcher a beef. O.M. Whiting & wife visiting here this afternoon.
- 28 Oscar went to Jasper, carried Mr. McCarthy some beef.
- 29 Oscar been to Canisteo Center to feed mill.
- 30 Wife's sister Mary Dennis came upon stage this morning.
- 31 Oscar, Emma & Glenn attended church. Sister Mary Dennis went with them & went home.

Roderick F. Kent

Oscar Jacob Cole

February 1892

- 1 Oscar been down to his father's in Rathbone.
- 2 Been raining, Wm. Dickison started for Canisteo with hay. Parked load of hay in new barn on account of the rain.
- 5 Oscar's brother-in-law & daughter, Ada, are stopping with us tonight.
- 8 C. W. Ordway & wife & Mrs. L. D. Whiting called here. Charles Button helping Oscar saw wood.
- 9 Oscar went to town meeting. Emma went down to Mrs. McCarthy's.
- 10 Oscar went to Hornellsville on account of Asa Spencer's will. Newton Howe & daughter Lois here for dinner.
- 11 Oscar & Emma have been over to L .M. Dennis.
- 17 Oscar & Emma went to Jasper. Hampshire school teacher, Miss Mary Leahy stopping with us.
- 18 Oscar & Emma have been over to Will Marsh's.
- 20 Ice about gone. Have been out to new barn to see new calf & sheep.
- 22 Census enumerator, Rosaloo Wykoff here this afternoon
- 24 Sister Sarah Lamson, Arthur Lamson & wife here visiting.
- 26 Oscar went to Hornellsville with Ward Spencer about Asa Spencer will.
- 27 Oscar took grist to mill, women have been dipping candles.

March 1892

- 1 Over a foot of snow has fallen
- 2 Stormy. There has been very little travel except people breaking roads.
- 4 Have not been out, snow so deep. Oscar & Glenn been down & cleaned snow off church sheds.
- 7 Frank Kent's son, little Rodney, one year old today. He was named after me, his great uncle.
- 8 Anna Willson, my niece & son Joe here visiting.
- 9 Oscar & Emma called on J. E. Ordway.
- 11 Snowing & blowing all day. Temp. 13-16°, have not seen a team pass today.
- 12 Roads drifted bad. Mail stage has not come. Whiting's oxen team breaking roads.
- 14 Have not seen a team pass. Two men from Cuba stopping with us.
- 15 Mr. Miner from Cuba who made cheese at Jasper las summer is going after his goods at the cheese factory. Oscar & Emma 16th anniversary.
- 16 Twenty years since our son Dennis passed away.
- 22 Glenn went on stage to Canisteco & Hornellsville to see friends.
- 23 Oscar been to Canisteco. Glenn came home with him.
- 27 Thawing. Did not attend church on account of the drifts too soft to drive over.
- 30 Two years today since brother Erastus was buried.
- 31 Charles Button been helping Oscar cut wood the past two days.

April 1892

- 2 Raining, considerable water in the streams, went to Post Office to get mail.
- 4 Oscar & Glenn tapping sugar bush.
- 6 Oscar went to Canisteo with Geo. Whiting Mr. Seever been trimming apple trees.
- 7 I have been smoking the bacon. Oscar & Glenn repairing the road down by the high bridge.
- 8 Smoking bacon, Oscar boiling sap. Glenn hauling brush out of orchard. Mr. Seever still trimming orchard.
- 12 Brunette, Carrie & Ollie Whiting here visiting
- 13 Oscar been to Jasper. He hear that Mrs. Andrew Craig was buried today. He was the first settler at Jasper 4 Corners.
- 16 Oscar & Glenn boiling sap. Brought in two buckets of syrup.
- 20 Oscar took cow to corners, he sold to Wm. Willdrick for \$30. I have been down to the barn to see sheep & lambs, 41 lambs
- 22 Oscar hauled buckets out of the sugar bush, wife, Emma & I washed 100 buckets. Have made 158 lbs. sugar & 10 gal. molasses.
- 25 Wife & I rode down north as far as town line. Oscar been dragging.
- 27 Oscar been harrowing. Mr. McCarthy called.
- 29 Oscar drilled in 8 acres oats next to Prentice line.

May 1892

- 4 Oscar & Emma have gone down to Rathbone to his folks.
- 5 Mr. Reynolds & Mr. Trowbridge came to paint & paper inside of the house.
- 10 Reynolds & Trowbridge finished work & gone home. Reynolds to Greenwood, Trowbridge to Andover.
- 13 Been setting hens. Oscar sowed peas along the road toward O.M. Whiting's.
- 15 Sister Sarah Lamson came home with Oscar & Emma from church.
- 17 Sarah, wife & I have been over to C.W. Ordway visiting.
- 19 Oscar been plowing & harrowing. Started to drill some oats but rain stopped him before he got half done.
- 22 Wife's sister Sarah Lamson went home from church.
- 24 Oscar & Emma have been down to Calvin Lampson.
- 25 Oscar & Emma went over to Wm. McCaig's.
- 27 Oscar & Emma came home from Rathbone, said Wm. McCaig's father buried week ago today.
- 28 Oscar shearing sheep, peddler Mason stayed with us tonight.
- 31 Oscar & Glenn finished shearing sheep. 53 fleeces.

June 1892

- 13 Wife & I had 44th wedding anniversary today.
- 14 Uri Harder & wife, Oscar's sister stopping here tonight.
- 15 Uri Harder & wife left this afternoon for their home in Alma, Allegany Co.
- 16 France^S Brotzman & children came up on stage & are stopping with us.
- 21 Oscar went to Jasper, had team shod. Byron Crosby here buying wool.
- 23 I went to Swale to Universalist church meeting.
- 27 Oscar working on road. Marshal Whittemore came with hay press.
- 29 Sister Sarah, stopping with us tonight. She is going to Hornellsville to wedding of sister Frances's daughter tomorrow.
- 30 W.W. Hadley helping Oscar repair floor in horse barn.

July 1892

- 2 Sister Sarah Lamson & daughter Eva, from Florida, are stopping with us tonight. Been 5 years since we saw Eva.
- 4 Oscar & Glenn went to village fro the fourth. We went over to Ordway's.
- 5 Oscar started mowing hay.
- 6 Arthur Lamson & wife up this afternoon, His mother & Eva went home with them.
- 7 Met James Drake, an acquaintance who has been in Nebraska for some years. C. Button helping Oscar haul in 5 loads of hay.
- 8 They hauled in six loads.
- 9 Peddler Mason here for dinner. Oscar took wool down to B. Crosby's.
- 12 Hauled 4 loads of hay yesterday & 3 today. Oscar sold 2 calves for \$6 each.
- 13 Took Emma to Hadley's, then drove over to Whittemore's. He & James Margison were hauling hay. Oscar took calves to Crosby's.
- 14 Oscar, Button & Glenn dressed 10 mos. old calf.
- 15 Went to Jasper, carried McCarthy some meat, potatoes & dried apples. Got 2 guards for mower from Hilborn's.
- 16 Wife & I went down to sister Rebecca Kent's.
- 20 Oscar, Glenn & Charles haying. Oscar mowed the field across the road, west of horse barn.
- 23 Oscar reaped his wheat.
- 27 Oscar hauled wheat this morning, hay in afternoon.
- 29 Finished haying.
- 30 Oscar & Emma have gone down to see his folks.

August 1892

- 3 Wife & I went down to Dell Brotzman's. He was not at home. Had a good visit with sister Mary, France & children.
- 4 Oscar commenced plowing for wheat.
- 5 Miss Mary Sargent here for dinner.
- 6 Wife & I have been down to Eb. Willson. Glenn went down to Dell Brotzman, did not see his Mother, she had gone to Woodhull.
- 8 Oscar & I attended caucus, Oscar repairing his reaper.
- 10 Oscar commenced to reap his barley, but got rain off.
- 11 Riley Broughton, Will Eaves, Frank Kent & Wesley Sharp each hauled load of hay from our barn for L. D. Whiting.
- 15 Oscar finished reaping his barley. He & Glenn are binding it.
- 16-17-18 Mr. Reynolds painting on house.
- 19 Oscar cutting oats & hauling them in. Reynolds painting.
- 23 Oscar helped Whiting's thresh. Emma & I picked blackberries down by high bridge.
- 24 Oscar & Emma & Glenn gone to Hornellsvile's fair.
- 25 Oscar went to Walrath's saw mill & got planks for highway bridges.
- 26-27 Oscar & Glenn hauling & spreading manure pile.
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Cole here visiting. Mrs. Cole is staying overnight. Oscar drilled in wheat, Glenn been to school.
- 31 Oscar went to Rathbone, took his mother home.

September 1892

- 2 Oscar finished reaping his oats. He sold the apples in the orchard to some buyers from Penn Yan.
- 6 James Sargent & wife, Judson Prentice & wife here visiting. Had good visit.
- 10 Mr. Reynold has been painting on the house all week.
- 12 Oscar cutting buckwheat.
- 16 Oscar painting on horse barn. C. Button brought a load of apple barrels.
- 20 Oscar & Emma went to village in forenoon, afternoon he painted on barn.
- 21 Oscar carried the butter down to Hunter's store, had 6 - 50 lb. tubs at 18¢ per lb. Mr. McCarthy got a 30 lb. tub.
- 22 Oscar painting on long cow shed.
- 23 Wife & I went up to O.M. Whiting's to see their new house.
- 24 Oscar & Glenn painting the new wood shed.
- 25 Another birthday. 71
- 27 Geo. Cady, Oscar schoolmate stopping tonight. J. Willson & F. Clark came tonight to commence picking apples tomorrow.
- 30 Willson & Clark been picking apples. Oscar been to depot with 16 barrels of apples.

October 1892

- 1 Oscar been to Canisteeo depot with 20 barrels of apples
- 2 Heavy frost this morning, first this season.
- 3 Oscar & Lester Prentice dug potatoes, had 30 bu.
- 4 Oscar plowed in forenoon, then hauled in 3 loads of pumkins. Willson & Clark picking & barreling apples.
- 6 Cousin S. F. Dennis & wife & Sarah Lamson came up on stage this morning.
- 7 Oscar gone with apples, 20 bbls, pickers picking.
- 8 " " " " 21 bbls., " "
- 10 Oscar been with 22 bbls. of apples, Joe Willson help others pick apples, Mr. Campbell barrelling.
- 11 Still picking, Oscar been with 22 bbls. apples.
- 12 Went down to Dell Brotzman's, then over to printing office, watched them print awhile. Oscar been with 22 bbls of apples.
- 13 It has been 29 yrs. today since we moved to Jasper, Oscar hauled 22 bbls.
- 14-15 Oscar hauled 22 bbls both days.
- 17 Oscar been with 22 bbls of apples, 12 No. one & 10 No. twos.
- 18 " " " " " " " "
- 19 Oscar & Emma been down to his father's & got 2 pigs.
- 20 Wife & I & Mary Dennis went to call on Calvin Lamson's. We found they had gone to Addison
- 21 Wife, Mary, Emma & I attended Columbus day exercises at Hampshire School with others of the district.
- 24 Recieved letter from John Bennett of Iowa, Glenn gone home to see his Uncle, Halsey Messiam.
- 26 Oscar been plowing, afternoon he & Emma to corners. He bought a new harness of Leslie Whiting for \$35.
- 27 Oscar been to Canisteeo & got some coal for threshing, took 6 bbls. apples

November 1892

- 1 Oscar bought a stove of Dell Brotzman & has been to Canisteeo with apples & hauled home a load of stove coal.
- 2 I been gathering cabbage, Oscar & Emma went to Jasper, got team shod at Huchinson's blacksmith shop.
- 3 Oscar been to Canisteeo, took nine bbls. of apples & brought home some coal.
- 4 Oscar helping Frank Ordway thresh, C. Button took a load of cider apples from our orchard.
- 5 Snowed, Oscar bought himself & Glenn each a suit of clothes & I bought a vest of Moses Sammet.
- 7 Tafts machine came threshed buckwheat & spring wheat.
- 8 Attended election, voted for Harrison.
- 9 Heard today Cleveland will be the next President. Taft's finished threshing 73 bu. winter wheat, 15 barley, 530 oats.
- 10 Took Oscar's town account to auditors, Oscar helping Judson Prentice thresh.
- 14 W. W. Hadley helped Oscar dress a beef, weighed 439 lbs.
- 16 Oscar been plowing.
- 17 Mr. Whittemore here visiting, Moses went to village, stopped a little while on his way back.
- 18 Raining this morning, turned to snow, got 9 inches snow.
- 21 Glenn gone down to Brotzman's, is going to Woodhull to attend regents exam.
- 22 Oliver Hatch here for dinner, then went to Woodhull.
- 25 Setting up coal stove, Oscar went to Jasper for stove extras.
- 29 Wife's sister Sarah Lamson started for Michigan this morning.

December 1892

- 1 W. W. Hadley helped dress the hogs in forenoon. Oscar took half of one down to Mr. Clarkson, 151 lbs - 6¹/₂ per lb.
- 2 Helped with meat in forenoon. Afternoon went over to J. L. Ordway's. Mrs. Ordway is failing, has cancer.
- 4 Emma heard at church that Mrs. Ralph Craig died this morning.
- 7 W. W. Hadley helping Oscar put new floor in woodshed.
- 9 Oscar finished plowing in northwest field.
- 13 One of Frank Taft's horses was stolen out of Ward Spencer's barn.
- 14 Henry Taft went by with Frank's horse that was stolen. It showed up at Perry Brown's.
- 15 Henry & Frank Taft came with their hay press.
- 16 Taft's pressed hay in new barn. 13 ton & 13 hundred.
- 17 Oscar & Glenn went to village. Mr. Reynolds came at night & put glass in front door.
- 20 Oscar & Emma have gone down to Rathbone to see his folks.
- 22 Tree agent from Hornellsville stopping overnight. Oscar ordered a few apple trees & other nursery stock.
- 25 Mr. MacCarthy preached a Christmas discourse.
- 27 Oscar & Glenn making a coal bin in new woodshed.
- 29 Oscar hauled in some wood. He & Emma have gone to Macabees entertainment this evening.
- 30 Oscar been to Canistota Center with grist.

Presidents I have voted for

1844 J. K. Polk	1864 A. Lincoln	1884 J. G. B. Bain
1848 M. Van Buren	1868 U.S. Grant	1888 Benj. Harrison
1852 Frank Pierce	1872 " "	1892 " "
1856 J. C. Fremont	1876 R. B. Hayes	
1860 A. Lincoln	1880 J. A. Garfield	

January 1897

- 2 Marshal Whittemore here pressing hay. 140 bales.
- 4 Pressing hay again. Pressed over 14 tons. nine shillings/ton
- 5 Heard today that Mr. Bruen's child died. Jennie Ordway came upon the stage tonight, she's been to Colorado.
- 7 Oscar went to village. He says that Jasper folks are talking strongly of an electric road from Addison to Jasper.
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Sumner Sargent here visiting.
- 11 Oscar been down to his fathers & got a quarter of beef. He says his Mother is gaining slowly but his sister Elizabeth is poorly.
- 14 Temp. below zero. Oscar been to Canisteco, sold his hay to V. Geo. Whiting for \$7.75 per ton. Oscar got my watch from the jewler's. I have been without it for 3 months.
- 15 Oscar went to Canisteco with buckwheat. Sold it to M. Allison for 65¢ per hundred. Wesley Sharp took a load of hay, 41 bales.
- 16 Oscar went to Canisteco with 30 bales of hay. Wesley took 43 bales. Heard that Jasper people raised \$25 for survey a route for rail line from Jasper to Woodhull.
- 20 W. Sharp took two loads of hay today & one day before yesterday.
- 21 Oscar & Emma have been down to Rathbone. He says his Mother don't gain much & his sister Elizabeth is worse.
- 23 Oscar sister, Sarah Harder came on the stage tonight.
- 24 Oscar went to Rathbone to take his sister there to stay with their folks awhile.
- 27 Miss Josie Prentice & Mr. John Ploss are to be married tonight.
- 29 Sheriff L. D. Whiting called a while this afternoon.
- 30 Oscar went to Jasper, attended railroad meeting.
- 31 While Oscar & Emma were at church, Wm. McCaig came & told them that Elizabeth was much worse. Oscar has gone down tonight.

February 1897

- 2 Oscar & Emma have gone down to his folks. Dennis Brotzman helping me with the chores.
- 4 Went to the village with Oscar, He went on down to his folks. I called S. F. Dennis & M. F. Whittemore.
- 6 Oscar attended caucus at Macabee Hall.
- 7 Oscar went down to his folks, says his sister Elizabeth died about 11 o'clock
- 9 Oscar & Emma have been down to funeral of his sister. Uri Harder & wife came home with them & are stopping over night with us.
- 10 Uri & Sarah Harder went to Canisteco Depot with Oscar.
- 11 Oscar been canvassing around town with Dell Hunter & Byron Crosby for funds for railroad. They now have over \$3000. subscribed.
- 16 Oscar went to town board meeting.
- 17 Frank Ordway & family here visiting.
- 18 Oscar & Emma went to see his folks.
- 24-25-26 Willis Whiting & Charles Button helping Oscar cut wood.

March 1897

- 1 Oscar went to town & met with Sumner Woodard to let Woodard work his Mother's place.
- 2 Oscar & Emma called on Boardman Dennis.
- 3 Mrs. Nancy Prentice & son Lester, also Isaac Van Houghton & wife here visiting.
- 4 McKinley inaugurated. Oscar attended auction sale of Lucy Taft at H. Van Skiver's.
- 6 Arthur Lamson & wife here. Heard that Mrs. Andrew Murphy died yesterday.
- 7 Nephew Rodney 6 yrs. old today. Oscar & Emma attended funeral of Mrs. Andrew Murphy at regular church service.
- 11 Oscar hauled in a few loads of wood. Willis Marsh & wife & daughter Ethel here visiting.
- 15 Oscar been to Canisteeo with grist. He bought some timothy & clover seed & 2 barrels of salt. Oscar & Emma married 16 yrs.
- 16 Marshall Whittemore here pressing hay.
- 17 Fine weather for pressing hay. Pressed 18 tons. C. Button told us that George Kent is quite bad off. George Kent has had to give up running his saw mill on Rock Run because of poor health.
- 19 Oscar & Emma went down to their Aunt Rebecca Kent's, found George suffering from cancer of the throat & lip. Geo. Kent had to give up running his saw mill up Rock Run & sold his logs off to Bowles.
- 22 Niles Vroman commenced working for Oscar. They tapped the sugar bush. Mrs. Whipple working for Emma.
- 30 First day sap has run good.
- 31 Gathering & boiling sap all day.

April 1897

- 2 Two good sap days in a row. All storage tanks full tonight.
- 5 Been boiling sap. Oscar & Emma have been down to his folks. His Mother appears a little better.
- 6 Judson N. Sargent & wife & daughter Alice here visiting.
- 7 Oscar has been down to Woodhull with railroad committee, they did not accomplish anything. Niles boiling sap & Mrs. Whipple helping Emma in house.
- 8 Eben Willson & wife Anna Kent Wilson and Geo. Kent here visiting.
- 9 Ground covered with snow. I have seen only one team pass today & that was carrying children to school.
- 14 Put sugar things away. Oscar & Niles repairing fence.
- 15 Marshal Whittemore team took a load of hay to Geo. Whittemore.
- 16 Oscar & Whittemore took two load of hay to depot.
- 17 Heard today that S. P. Marsh died Wednesday.
- 19 Oscar hauled one load & Whittemore's team hauled two loads to depot. Geo. Whiting paid \$9 per ton for it.
- 20 Oscar & Mr. Crawford left for Cohocton to attend Presbytery meeting tonight & tomorrow. Whittemore's team took two loads of hay.
- 28 Oscar & Niles have been fixing fence. Oscar gone to Hornellsville today after school money, nearly \$2000.
- 29 Oscar drilled 8 acres of oats next to Allie Prentice, Niles been harrowing.
- 30 Oscar & Niles been dragging. Oscar drilled two acres of oats.

May 1897

- 1 Niles harrowing & rolling, Oscar drilled 6 acres of oats
- 3 Niles rolling meadow east of the horse. Oscar went out north to check fence & hunt wood-chucks.
- 5 Oscar been down to see his mother, she is not much better.
- 7 Oscar plowing west of horse barn, Niles hauled manure.
- 10 Niles mowed front yard. Oscar hunted wood chucks.
- 11 We have been down to Sister Rebecca Kent
- 12 Oscar has gone to Bath with assessors.
- 15 Oscar started for Canistota yesterday but Dick horse went lame, He went to Hornellsville today. Niles salting paint brush.
- 16 Oscar & Emma attended church. Heard that Gideon Marlatt of Talbot Creek died.
- 17 Heard tonight that Jonathan Marlatt's son died today.
- 18 Oscar & Niles harrowed & drilled oats for Allie Prentice.
- 19 Oscar drilled barley west of horse barn, afternoon he & Emma attended funeral of John Marlatt's son. Niles throwing stones out of the highway.
- 20 Oscar & Niles preparing corn & potatoes ground. Mrs. Whipple helping Emma with house cleaning.
- 22 Oscar & Niles planted corn.
- 28 Oscar plowing for buckwheat, Niles hauling manure.
- 31 Oscar, Emma, Niles & I attended decoration Day service at church. Mrs. Whipple stayed with wife.

June 1897

- 2 Oscar left about 4 this morning to go to Corning to attend special meeting of Supervisors.
- 3 Mr. Gould, Bath peddler been here. Oscar went to Canisteo with Sheriff Whiting. Niles dragging corn ground.
- 5 Planted corn.
- 7 Frank Kent & Stanley Ploss here shearing sheep.
- 9 Oscar & Emma went to Rathbone to see his folks, says his Mother is failing.
- 10 Oscar & Emma went up to Mason Hollenbeck's to missionary meeting.
- 13 Forty nine years this day since Alice & I were married.
- 18 Oscar & Niles helped with barn raising for L.D. Whiting.
- 20 As I was walking in barnyard, I stubed my toe and fell, hurt both knees & my right hand.
- 21 Oscar been to Woodhull, sold his wool to Mr. Colvin - 480 lbs. at 17¢ (\$81.60)
- 22 Oscar sowed buckwheat over by Peak Creek.
- 24 Oscar & Emma attended church reunion, Sister Sarah Lamson came home with them.
- 25 Oscar sold his bull to Orrin Kettle for \$16
- 26 Oscar went to Canisteo, brought home a new grindstone & fram with foot treadle to turn it.
- 29 Wm. McCaig & wife Mary & daughter Catherine & son Erwin came up today & are stopping with us tonight.
- 30 McCaig's started home soon after dinner.

July 1897

- 3 Oscar & Emma have been down to his folks, heard that his Uncle John Park died yesterday.
- 4 Oscar & Emma attended funeral of John Park.
- 5 Oscar mowed around maple trees in yard & some along the road.
- 6 Oscar went to Corners, had team shod. Then mowed hay.
- 8 Oscar & Niles hauled ten loads of hay. I drove the horse to unload.
- 10 Four loads yesterday & 4 loads today. Raked & cocked wheat he mowed in morning.
- 13 Willson Rowley commenced work for Oscar.
- 15 Niles & Willson working at haying & picking off potatoes bugs.
- 16 Hauled in eleven loads.
- 20 Niles & Willson picking potato bugs & hoeing corn.
- 24 Arthur Lamson & wife, sister Sarah and Eva Lamson from Florida here visiting.
- 26 Oscar plowing, Niles & Willson cradled around winter wheat field.
- 30 Oscar finished plowing, then they stacked hay north of orchard.
- 31 Oscar & boys finished stacking hay. Leslie Hulse came and cut wheat with binder. Niles & Willson hauled in wheat.

August 1897

- 2 Oscar and Niles Vroman working in hay, Willson Rowley working with L.D. Whiting's wheat.
- 3 Judson Prentice & I attended a rail road meeting at Macabee Hall. Heavy shower about 4 P.M.
- 4 Oscar borrowed Whiting's hay tedder & teded hay. Afternoon hauled hay Charles Button helped.
- 9 Oscar & Niles been to Hornellsville to Buffalo Bills show. Leslie Hulse came and cut barley.
- 11 I went down to South Canisteeo, called on Eb Willson and Rebecca Kent. Found her well but George & Manty quite poorly.
- 12 Oscar went to Jasper to meet with town board on town business.
- 13 Oscar & Byron Crosby went to Greenwood on town business. Niles helping Whiting's haul in wheat.
- 14 Oscar reaped 4 acres of oats next to Allie Prentice.
- 17 Oscar went to Greenwood this morning on town business. Afternoon he has been reaping oats.
- 18 Oscar reaping oats & hauling some in. Twenty five years ago today wife's father, Samuel Dennis, Sr. died. (1872)
- 20 Oscar & Niles hauled oats, Mary & Helen Sargent here visiting.
- 21 Oscar & I attended caucus at Macabee Hall. Delegates to County Convention are - O.J. Cole, S M Dennis, J. W. Wallace, J. Marlatt & M.C. Hollenbeck.
- 22 Fifty-six years ago today father John Frank Kent died, visited his grave on the Swale.
- 25 Oscar & Emma went down to see his folks below Hedgesville.
- 26 Sarah Lamson & Eva, also Montgomery Timmerman & wife of Nebraska came up on stage, also Nelson Hatch & daughter of Mich. took dinner with us.
- 31 Went to see Arthur Lamson. He cut his foot but is doing o.k. L.S. Lamson & Nelson Hatch came while I was there.

September 1897

- 1 Oscar & Emma & Niles attended neighborhood picnic at S. J. Prentice. Heard tonight that Moses Whittemore died.
- 2 Oscar left about five this morning for county convention at Painted Post. Friends of Mr. Whittemore gathered here this afternoon to see funeral procession from Canisteo but it never came.
- 3 We learned this morning that they came up about midnight & buried Mr. Whittemore in Hampshire cemetary. Some circumstances prevented the undertaker from coming sooner.
- 6 Allie Prentice helping Oscar & Niles bind & set up corn.
- 8 Went to town clerks office on errand for Oscar. Oscar been copying the assessment role.
- 9 Wife's birthday. Alice 71 yrs. old. Oscar gone to board meeting.
- 10 Arthur Lamson & wife came up. Arthur & Oscar went over to Forest Alvords to settle with him on account of bridge breaking down with him. agreed to pay him \$50.
- 14 Oscar reaping buckwheat. Niles setting it up. Saw Nelson Hatch on the stage starting for Michigan.
- 15 Oscar went to Canisteo after some coal for threshing. Niles went with his Mother & children to picnic at Boyd's grove.
- 17 Oscar left for Bath, a little after 3 a.m. having been cited before grand jury on a matter of Porter & Davis of Canisteo.
- 22 Rice Wentworth helping Oscar take up stones down about 3 or 4 ft. in well down by horse barn. They laid it up with cement mortor. Oscar put new platform on top. Mr. Whipple helping Emma.
- 25 Another birthday 76 years old. Over 49 yr. of that time beloved wife & I have traveled lifes path together.
- 27 Niles helping Benjamin Hulse thresh.
- 30 Heard tonight that Samantha Kent died about noon today.

October 1897

- 1 Oscar & Emma attended funeral of Samantha Kent. Niles helping Oliver Whiting thresh.
- 2 Oscar has been down to Boyd's school house to meet with Cameron Supervisor to equalize the assment there.
- 5 Oscar went down to Calvin Lamson's mill with grist of barley.
- 6 Oscar & I have been to Hornellsville. Rode on electric cars from Canisteo. I had not been to Hornellsville in eleven years. Been over eight yr. since I was to Canisteo.
- 7 Emma sick. Niles helped Frank Prentice thresh in forenoon & Frank Ordway in the afternoon.
- 9 Oscar took hog to Jasper, sold it to Limon Craig for \$3.15 per 100 weight, weighed 242 lbs. (\$8.47)
- 12 Taft brothers threshing for Oscar. 204 bu. of buckwheat, 93 bu. wheat, & over 400 bu. of oats.
- 13 Tafts finished threshing. 596 bu. of oats total & 82 bu. barley.
- 14 Been husking corn and putting in the crib, Davis & Schank helping.
- 16 Heard this morning that wife's siter Mary Dennis died this marning at D. S. Dennis in Hornellsville.
- 18 Oscar plowing by Allie Prentice's. Niles commenced going to school
- 20 Oscar broke his Syracuse plow so it is spoiled.
- 23 Oscar went to Hedgesville to see his folks. Wm. McCaig folk were there
- 25 Oscar has been plowing with a new Wiard plow he bought from Murphy & Sargent.
- 27 Oscar went to Canisteo mill with some buckwheat. Niles gone home. His Mother is sick.
- 29 Oscar helped George Rowley thresh.
- 30 Sarah Lamson came home from church with Oscar & Emma.

November 1897

- 5 Oscar sold 23 lambs to Wm. Dirkin for \$3.90 each.
- 6 Oscar & Niles went over to Robert Wheeler's & got 2 pigs - \$1 each.
Uri Harder & wife came about sundown & are staying tonight.
- 7 Sarah Lamson & Uri Harder & wife attended church with Oscar & Emma.
- 8 Harder's started for Coles about 8 this morning.
- 9 Oscar left half past three this morning for Bath to meet with Board of Supervisors. Niles took him to Mahlon Reynolds with horse & buggy.
- 11 Recieved a letter from C. W. Gellet of Addison, asking me to be Postmaster of Hampshire.
- 12 Oscar came home just after sundown with Sheriff Whiting. Jennie Ordway stopping with us tonight.
- 13 Jennie Ordway left on the stage for her home in Colorado. I declined Postmaster job.
- 14 Wife's sister Sarah Lamson went to church with Oscar & Emma & went home from there.
- 15 Oscar went with Eddie Hayes to Bath on Supervisor's business.
- 17 Wife sick. Had Niles go for the doctor Wallace.
- 18 Carrie Schank & Mrs. Oliver Whiting here looking after wife.
- 19 Wife some better, Oscar came home this afternoon, he had Dr. Hunter come up.
- 20 Arthur Lamson came up with his mother, Sarah is staying with us.
- 22 Dr. Wallace, who was called to Corning as a witness, came up about 6 A.M.
He has to go back to Corning today to attend lawsuit.
- 24 Dr. Wallace was up, says wife is going nicely. Oscar plowing
- 25 Thanksgiving day, wife still gaining.
- 26 Sister Rebecca Kent, Eben Wilson & wife came up this afternoon
- 27 Oscar got Ella Gay to come & took Sarah Lamson home.
- 28 Fred Bowels came in forenoon & took Ella Gay home.
- 29 Frank Kent brought his daughter Maude up this morning.
- 30 Oscar has been to Canisteo today & yesterday with buckwheat sold to Geo. Whiting for \$.70 per hundred.

December 1897

- 1 Oscar & Niles helped Whiting's thresh.
- 2 Finished threshing this morning at L.D. Whiting's and went to O. M. Whiting's.
- 4 Dr. up to see wife again. She has spells of nausea.
- 7-8 Wife has set up in a chair & eat her meals
- 11 Oscar has been to Bath the last 5 days. Niles went to Cameron & met him at the bridge near Marlatts.
- 13 W.W. Hadley & J. Murphy helped Oscar dress two hogs. He took one down to S.F. Dennis.
- 15 Henry Taft here today pressing hay for Oscar.
- 16 Heard this morning that Geo. R. Kent died yesterday about 3 P.M.
- 17 Oscar & I attended the funeral of Geo. Kent. The church was full to overflowing.
- 22 Heard this morning Nancy Whiting has typhoid fever. Oscar went to Canistota for final meeting of supervisors.
- 23 Heard that Salen Hunter died yesterday & that Nancy Whiting is better. Oscar came home at half past 3.
- 24 Wife considerable better, Oscar took Maud Kent home.
- 25 Oscar & Emma went down to his folks.
- 27 Helping dress 15 chickens, weight 50 lbs. Oscar & I went to Jasper & sold them to Hunter's for 6¢ per lb.
- 28 Oscar & Emma have been down to Calvin Lamson's. Took some barley & had it ground for the cows.
- 29 Oscar, Lester Prentice & Willis Whiting went hunting. Oscar brought home two rabbits.

January 1900

- 1 Oscar went over to S.M. Dennis this morning & gave him the Supervisor books. Afternoon he went to Calvin Lamson & took Eva Lamson down there.
- 4 Oscar went to Canisteeo & got a ton of coal.
- 5 Oliver Whiting called a while this afternoon
- 6 Oscar hauled wood this morning, afternnon he went to Jasper to grange installation of officer meeting.
- 18 It has been storming considerable. My shoulder quite lame & sore. Oscar helping Henry Davis cut some hemlock in peaks creek that Oscar let him have. Oscar is to have part of the lumber from the logs.
- 19 Oscar helping Davis cut logs. Sister Rebecca Kent, Eben Wilson & wife & daughter Anna here visiting.
- 20 Boardman Dennis & wife & son Clark have been here visiting.
- 24-25 H. & E. Davis been cutting and skidding logs.
- 31 W.W. Hadley helped Oscar dress a beef.

February 1900

- 1 Oscar sawing up his beef, broke his meat saw blade. He got Harland Hadley to put in another.
- 2 O. M. Whiting & wife here visiting, Oscar helping Davis with logs.
- 14 Oscar has been down to Rathbone to see his folks
- 17 Henry Davis & Charles Button helping Oscar saw shingle bolts. Bernard Harder & sister Hattie, Oscar's niece & nephew came on stage tonight.
- 20 Oscar went down to his folks with Hattie & Bernard, they wanted to see their grandfather & grandmother Cole.
- 22 Bernard & Hattie went home on stage this morning to Alma, Allegeny County.
- 23 Oscar & Emma went down to their Aunt Rebecca Kent's
- 24 Oscar hauled up some shingle bolts in forenoon. Afternoon he went to Grange meeting.
- 27 Peddler Mason stopping with us tonight.
- 28 Snow & blowing quite severly.

March 1900

- 1 Been snowing most of the day. Snow two feet deep.
- 2 Still snowing, Oscar hitched team to bobsled & broke roads.
- 3 Oscar helped snowing on the roads.
- 6 Bernard Harder came tonight to start work for Oscar
- 8 Oscar & Emma had dinner with missionary society at L.D. Whiting.
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. McCaig came about noon
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. McCaig left afternoon for Rathbone
- 12 Oscar took a load of shingle bolts to Walraths mill at Jasper
- 13 Arthur Lamson & wife came tonight and went with Oscar & Emma over to Boardman Dennis to a farewell visit with Jennie Ordway who is going to Puerto Rico as missionary.
- 14 A. G. Lamson's left to go to their old home & from there to their new home in Woodhull. Heard that Silas Hatch had a stroke.
- 15 Oscar & Emma's 24 wedding anniversary. Enoch Ordway's wife died yesterday. She was Mrs. L. D. Whiting's mother.
- 18 Thirty four years since our son Dennis Powell Kent was buried.
- 22 Henry Van Skiver brought up Supervisors report for Oscar
- 23 Oscar & Bernie went down to Jasper Post Office with some supervisors reports, then to North Jasper Post Office at G.W. Talbots with reports.
- 28 Oscar & Bernie been cutting wood, hauled up two loads today & then he & Emma went to aid society dinner at D. Wallace's.
- 30 Calvin Lamson & wife here for supper. He had been up west collecting taxes.

April 1900

- 1 Oscar & Emma & Bernie attended church. Dr. Wallace told Oscar he had used his cutter every day last month.
- 2 Oscar went and go Dora Kent to help Emma. Oscar & Bernie tapped 137 maple trees this afternoon.
- 4 Heard this morning that John Murphy died yesterday. Oscar & Bernie cutting wood down in Peaks Creek.
- 6 Oscar & Bernie been working in sugar bush, brought in 2/3 bucket of syrup. Thawed today.
- 9 Oscar has been to Canisteo. Bernie tending lambs. Have 10 more.
- 11 Oscar attended caucus at Macabee Hall.
- 12 Oscar went to blacksmith shop & got team shod. Oscar bought a July calf from A. J. Spencer.
- 14 Oscar & Bernie working in sugar bush.
- 18 Oscar sowed hay-seed on winter wheat this morning, then he & Bernie been repairing fence.
- 20 Oscar & Bernie brought in the sugar tool. Have made a trifle over 200 lbs. of sugar.
- 22 First thunder shower this spring.
- 23 Oscar & Bernie repairing road where water washed yesterday. Bank slid into road below the high bridge.
- 24 Watched House brothers & Van Orman take their traction engine & saw mill by here this afternoon.
- 28 Oscar & Bernie have been repairing fence. Oscar went to see his folks today.
- 30 Oscar & Bernard have been dragging.

May 1900

- 1 Oscar has been drilling oats. Bernie dragging.
- 3 Oscar drilled spelt along wall east of road down north.
- 4 Oscar & Bernie sawed down a dead maple in row west of horse barn. They set a maple near the stump and two others in the row.
- 5 Oscar threwed stones out of road. Bernie hauling manure.
- 7 Oscar rolled oat ground & Bernie hauled manure in forenoon. Afternoon they went with a steer & a heifer that Oscar sold to John Baily for beef. Charles Button helped, they met Baily about half way to Canistota.
- 8 Bryon Crosby & his brother Lewis here for dinner. They were out to buy wood & scull farm tools.
- 12 Oscar helped repair sluice down the road from L.D. Whiting's. Dora gone home to Bush Hill.
- 14 Oscar went after Dora & Bernie hauling manure in forenoon. Afternoon they planted corn.
- 16 Mr. Jacobs shearing sheep. He sheared 37.
- 17 Mr. Jacobs finished shearing sheep. 53 head in all, averaged over 6 lbs.
18. A. Mr. Lyon's from Pultney stopped with us last night. He is canvassing the county for a country treasurer. Oscar went with him down on Talbot creek this morning. Oscar got two pigs of Sumner Woodard.
- 19 Oscar hauled two load of shingles home from Walrath's mill.
- 20 Oscar, Emma & Bernard attended church. Dora went over to Menzo Halletts.
- 22 Mr. Whittemore pressing hay, 23 pressed 18 ton in horse barn.
- 24 Pressed over 7 ton in cow barn.
- 25 Oscar & Bernie planted potatoes. Oscar bought a horse from Whittemore.
- 26 Oscar went down to help repair church steeple. Then attended caucus to nominate delegates to county convention.
- 27 Oscar, Emma, Dora & Bernie attended church at M.E. Church -heard Rev. Sheerer
- 29 Saw the eclipses this morning, a beautiful sight. Oscar plowing down next to Peak Creek, to sow rape.
- 30 Oscar finished plowing, Bernie hauling manure. Oliver Whiting got his head cut on top by pipe, blowing off the steamer while pressing hay at L.D. Whiting.
- 30 Mr. Davenport from Greenwood commenced drilling in the well east of the house.
- 31 Oscar went and got his team shod. Davenport has drilled 21 ft. below the bottom of old well making it 41 ft. deep.

June 1900

- 1 They think they have found sufficient water, bailed out fifty pails of water & the water ran in very fast. Frank Prentice & team took the steamer & tank to James Eaves. Eaves team came & took the derrick wagon to his place where they drill next.
2. Oscar & Bernie hauling stones, filling in old well around the casing the drillers put in. Dora gone home.
4. Oscar went after Dora. M. Whittemore brought a pump from Lains in Canisteeo.
- 6 Oscar went to the House & Van Orman mill to see about having some logs sawed. Heard tonight that S. Hatch died.
- 7 Oscar & Emma went to Swale to funeral of Silas Hatch. Uri Harder & wife, Bernie's father & Mother came about 6 tonight.
- 9 Harder's left this morning for Rathbone to visit the Coles. Oscar went to Canisteeo, brought home a new binder.
- 11 Oscar & Bernie plowing for buckwheat. Harder back tonight.
- 12 Uri Harder & wife started for their home in Allegany County.
- 13 Fifty second anniv. for wife & I. Oscar & Bernie have been working on road.
- 16 Oscar has been hauling his lumber from House & VanOrman Mill.
- 17 Oscar & Emma attended church. Dora gone over to Menzo & her sister Maude Hallet
- 18 Dipped the lambs for ticks, & dragging buckwheat ground.
- 20 Oscar took some wheat over to Frank Ordway's to have it ground for graham flour.
- 21 Oscar & Bernie went over to William McCaig's.
- 22 Oscar, Emma & I went to Jasper, I got hair cut, arfternoon Oscar took Dora down to Elmer Van Orman's.
- 23 Got mower out & mowed around house & barns. Then they repaired fence next to Chester Rowley.
- 25 Oscar started after Dora but met her coming. They drove the cows through the woods to pasture down next to C. Rowley's.
- 26 Oscar drilled in the buckwheat. Bernie hoed corn with Henry Davis. Eugene Timmerman started painting on the house.
- 27 Oscar went to Addison, took train from Canisteeo, Timmerman painting
- 28 Mason Hollenbeck came by taking census. Oscar & I went to Jasper. I called on cousin S.F. Dennis & wife.
- 30 Oscar & Bernie throwing stones out of road down north. Timmerman been painting.

July 1900

- 2 Oscar & Emma have been down to his folks. C.V. House is here to set up the new binder. Timmerman paint on the house.
- 5 Oscar went to shop to get his mowing machine wheels fixed. I went along and got a tooth pulled at the doctor's.
- 6 Oscar sold two cows to Ward Brady. Got \$25 for a dry cow & \$35 for another coming in soon.
- 9 Oscar & Bernie drove the cows that were sold to town, I drove the team down so they could ride back. Timmerman still painting.
- 10 Elisha Loomis helped in haying, got three loads.
- 11 Oscar, Loomis & Bernie hauled in 7 loads. Timmerman & Hamlin have been painting.
- 12 Mowing & putting up hay. Hear this morning that Doctor Hunter died last night.
- 13 Hauled in 5 loads. Timmerman & Hamlin painting.
- 14 Got 7 loads of hay, Timmerman & Hamlin about finished painting. Frances Dennis, widow of Rodney Dennis came up on stage tonight. Have not seen her in a number of years.
- 17 Five loads of hay yesterday & 5 loads today. C.V. House came to help Oscar start the binder, went twice around the wheat field.
- 18 Oscar finished cutting the wheat & hauled 3 load of hay. Ora Dennis came after Frances Dennis, after dinner they went to Geo. Dennis'.
- 19 Oscar mowed west of the road, they hauled in 9 loads.
- 21 Hauled in 6 loads. Charley Kent came after Dora in afternoon.
- 23 Oscar went after Dora. Bernie & Elisha hauled in wheat.
- 25 Oscar finished mowing with machine. Still have some hand mowing. Oscar settled with Loomis & let him go home. Enoch Ordway called in this afternoon.
27. Finished haying. Bernie has gone home.

August 1900

- 1 Peddler Mason stopped by this morning. Oscar plowing for wheat.
- 2 Bernie & his brother Eli came on the stage just as we were eating supper.
- 3 Oscar finished plowing, then he & Bernie hauled in barley. I went up to Oliver Whiting's, first time I have been up there this summer.
- 5 Oscar, Emma & Bernie & Eli Harder attended church. Dora went over to Menzo Halletts.
- 6 Oscar cutting oats. Bernie & Eli have been setting it up.
- 8 Oscar finished cutting oats, & hauled some in.
- 10 Oscar, Bernie & Eli finished hauling oats.
- 11 Bernie & Eli went to Rathbone to grandfather & grandmother.
- 13 Oscar helped Emma with the washing in forenoon. Afternoon they attended the funeral of Wilson Rowley's child. Heard tonight that Dora's aunt, Isadora Marly, died.
- 14 Oscar went home with Eli Harder this morning.
- 16 Oscar came home at supper time, said he found his sister's folks well.
- 17 Oscar & Bernie went berrying.
- 22 Bernie dragging wheat ground. Dell Brotzman here for supper, afterwards Oscar had Bernie lead old Bert horse into the woods and Dell shot him.
- 25 Katherine Williams, Sarah Fenna of Woodhull & Elizabeth Eaves of Mich. all three Oscar's aunts here calling.
- 29 Oscar & Bernie went to Hornellsville fair. There was quite a crowd there.
- 31 Rice Wentworth has been helping Oscar repair wall under the buildings.

September 1900

- 2 Oscar went after Dora, wife not very well today.
- 3 Have been seperating lambs from sheep. Had 64 of them.
- 4 Oscar had the doctor come up this morning to see wife, he says she has catarrh of the bowels.
- 5 Wife a little better today. Oscar & Bernie helping Asher Whiting's barn raising. It is 32 by 46 with basement under all of it.
- 6 Oscar & Bernie attended the Troupsburg fair. Dr. up to see wife.
- 7 Oscar sold his wool to M.F. Smith of Hornellsville for 22¢ per pound.
- 9 Wife about the same. This is her 74 birthday.
- 10 Oscar cutting his buckwheat. Bernie & Allie Prentice set it up.
- 12 High winds today. Most of the buckwheat blown down, apples blown off badly. Leslie Whiting lost a cow, bloated from eating apples. Hurricane near Galveston Texas.
- 15 Dr. up today, says wife is gaining slowly. Oscar went up to J. Prentice to see about fire in woods toward Milwaukee.
- 16 Forty-four yrs. today since wife's mother died (1856)
- 18 Dr. was up to see wife. Oscar went to Canisteo after steam coal for threshing. Bernie husking corn & setting up buckwheat wind blown down.
- 20 First frost. Tom Swan's machine cut & filled L.D. Whiting's silo.
- 25 Another birthday has rolled around 79 yrs. old. Oscar & Bernie preparing for threshers.
- 26 Truman Talbot here threshing, 22 bu. wheat, 110 buckwheat, 486 bu. oats, 26 bu. barley & 22 bu. spelt.
- 29 Oscar went down to his folks. Said his folks were not very well. Bernie picked 30 to 32 quarts of grapes.

October 1900

- 4 Oscar went to shop & had team shod, then gathering apples.
- 5 Doctor was up to see wife. He said that Frye Dennis has been quite bad off.
- 6 Oscar & Bernie went to Hedgesville to pole raising and political speaking by Dist. Attorney W.W. Clark & H. E. Hatch.
- 9 Wife set up 2 hr. today. Oscar helped L.D. Whiting thresh.
- 11 Been digging potatoes, got about 50 bushel.
- 13 Oscar & I went to Jasper. I went in to see S. F. Dennis, he's not too good.
- 17 Wife set up & eat her dinner in a chair. Oscar went over to Wm. McCaig's & got 2 pigs.
- 18 Oscar went to shop & had the grays shod. Afternoon he has been plowing. Bernie helping Frank Prentice thresh.
- 19 Oscar & Bernie plowed in forenoon, afternoon they attended a pole raising at Jasper, heard speaking by Clark, Hatch & Roberts.
- 22 Oscar went after Dora, brougth Rebecca Kent home with him.
- 24 Wife set up twice today & walked about the room. Oscar carried Sister Rebecca Kent back to S. Canisteo after dinner.
- 25 Oscar plowing on twelve acre field next to Allie Prentice.
- 30 Oscar & Bernie been plowing.

November 1900

- 1 Oscar & Bernie finished 12 acre field.
- 3 Frank Taft threshed, Bernie helped
- 4 Wife has been dressed today. It will be ten weeks tomorrow since she was taken sick.
- 7 Heard this morning that Wm. McKinley was elected by a large majority.
- 8 Oscar helping shingle church sheds. Bernie helped Frank Ordway thresh.
- 9 Ground covered with snow, first this fall.
- 12 Oscar went up to Frank Kent's after Dora. Afternoon repairing fence the wind blew over.
- 16 T. Durkin & Limon Craig came this afternoon and took 36 lams. paid \$116.41
- 23 Wife is still gaining, she walks around quite well & sits up more each day. Oscar took Bernie to Canisteo Depot. He has finished his work of eight months & gone home. He has been a good faithful boy.
- 26 Rained most of the day yesterday and in the night, everything is covered with ice this morning, trees are breaking down badly. Enoch Ordway here for dinner.
- 29 We are thankful Alice has been able to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us at the table. It has been over three months since she ate a meal at the table.
- 30 Oscar went to shop & had bay team chod.

December 1900

- 4 Snowed about a foot today.
- 5 Emma 48 year old today. Very few teams by today, snow, mud under snow makes hard traveling for horses.
- 6 Lester Prentice helped Oscar butcher two hogs.
- 8 Frank Kent came after Dora, she's going to stay at home a week or two.
- 12 Oscar went hunting with L.D. & Oliver Whiting
- 14 Craig & Durkin came after the rest of the sheep, 24 came to \$55.
- 21 Sharp brother's Bob & Ed have been pressing hay for Oscar (7 ton out of new barn.
- 22 Pressed a little over 7 tons out of the horse barn.
- 24 Oscar went over to Frank Ordway's & helped take two trees down to church (X-mas)
- 25 Quiet Christmas day.
- 28 Henry Davis & Allie Prentice helped Oscar cut wood.
- 29 Oscar went to Jasper with grist, paid taxes \$29.54
- 31 Oliver Whiting's & Arthur & wife called this afternoon.