

Diary of William Reynolds (Y1B1]

William Reynolds (Y1B1] was born 03 Jul 1838 (or 1839 # 73] in Wales. He came to America with his father who was incorrectly listed as George on William's death certificate. He married 1.] Nancy Maria Holmes (Y1B1/W1/, born 22 Aug 1838 in Franklin Co., OH., daughter of Charles Roger and Mary Jane (_____) Holmes] on 07 (# 75] or 09 (p 142 Diary] Nov 1861 in Hilliard, Franklin Co., OH. Nancy died of bowel trouble on 26 Dec 1875 in Ludlow, Champaign Co., IL. She was buried in the Ludlow Cemetery in Champaign Co., IL. William married 2.] Martha Ann "Mattie" Morgan (Y1B1/W2/, born 02 Jun 1840 in _____ Co., OH., daughter of John and Sarah (Foster] Morgan] on 12 Apr 1876 in Ludlow, Champaign Co., IL. Mattie was a teacher. In 1881, Mattie and her children Charles, Estella, and Edward Reynolds came to Kansas to visit Mattie's parents who moved in 1878. Mattie persuaded William to move to Kansas so she could be nearer her parents. In March 1882 they chartered a railroad car, built a partition in it with one half for livestock and the other for furniture and moved to Smith Co., KS. They were met at Cedar where the railroad ended. They rented a farm from a Mr. Reinhart where they lived for five years. They then rented 400 acres from aa Mr. Fischer and 80 more from a Mr. Taylor where they lived seventeen years. The house had one framed room and one sod room. William added another sod room, making a total of three rooms for ten people. They grew corn, which sold for less than the cost of coal, so they often burned corn. The children attended Summerview School, not far from their house. They attended church at the Cedar Forks school.

The family later moved to Thomas Co., KS. in 1903. William and Estella (Mattie ?] bought 560 acres of land for \$2.50 per acre at an auction of school lands. William borrowed money from the Kirwin Bank for his new farm and Estella was earning \$30.00 per month teaching. The family returned to Kirwin about 1912 where they bought a house in town. William died of shock following surgery on [26 May 1918](#) in Kirwin, Phillips Co., KS. Mattie died [17 Sep 1929](#) in Phillips Co., KS. They were buried in Kirwin Cemetery, Kirwin, Phillips Co., KS. Nancy and William had eight children: A. [Mariett \(Reynolds\] Bartlett](#) B. [Thomas Lawrence Reynolds](#) C. [Roger Charles Reynolds](#) D. [Joseph William Reynolds](#) E. Anna Jane Reynolds F. [Frank Evan Reynolds](#) G. [Fannie Maria \(Reynolds\] Ruby](#) H. _____ Reynolds. Mattie and William had three children: I. [Sarah Estella \(Reynolds\] Freeman](#) J. [George Edward Reynolds](#) K. [John Morgan Reynolds](#).

The original diary was in the possession of Arthur Huey (now deceased] in Manhattan, KS. He photocopied the original diary for me, from which this transcript was prepared. Parts of the diary are difficult to read.

This is source # 1 in the Reynolds file.

William rarely used a period in the diary. He just continued with his next thought. In this transcript, I have added periods to make the text more readable. However, I have not capitalized the first word following to show that I have added the punctuation.

William also seemed to have written in haste, often misspelling words perhaps due to the fact that his native language was Welch. I have copied the words as they appear in the text and then added correct spellings in square brackets [] if they might be hard to understand or if the spelling is difficult to understand. Other mistakes are left as they appeared. He often capitalized nouns in the middle of sentences, perhaps because of his Welsh upbringing. I have added my own comments in brackets [] to make the text more understandable. The pages of the original diary are not numbered, but because this text is the source of some genealogical data and used as a source, I have included the page numbers [Page] that I assigned to the pages in the diary. My references to these page numbers on my source sheets are based on these assigned page numbers.

The "Granpa" and "Granma" referred to in the text is Mattie Morgan's parents John and Sarah (Foster) Morgan. "Uncle Foster" is Matt's brother Foster Morgan. Mrs. Freeman is most often Lida (Morgan) Freeman, Sarah's sister. However, William's daughter Estella also married into the Freeman family. "Evy" or "Eve" is William's son Evan. "Jo" , "Joe" or "JWR" is William's son Joseph William. "Charlie" and "Charley" is William's son Charles. "Ett" is William's daughter Mariett who married James F. Barlett "J.F.B." "R.C." or "R.C.R." refers to Roger Charles Reynolds, William's son. "Ed" & "Edy" refer to William's son George Edward Reynolds.

Listing is ploughing with a lister. A harrow is a farm implement to break up clods and kill weeds. A cultivator is used to till the soil in preparation for planting. When he refers to "ploughing corn", he means that they are tilling it to kill weeds between the rows.

Richard Soash
September 20, 2013

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Jan. 1 1894. The Boys finished gathering corn. Frank Bartlett & family were over. The Girls leave this eve for Kensington to take the train for Salina. Donnells were over with a Stranger to stay all night - living near Portis who's [whose] name was Norway.

Our Father who art in heaven, grateful I am for thy loving care over us through the year that is past and gone & in vook [invoke] thy Blessing through this another year that has dawned on us so pleasantly this I ask for Jesus Sake. Amen.

[Jan.] 2. Boys started to School. Charley R. [Charles Reynolds] bought 3 hogs \$33.11

[Jan.] 3. Threatening snow. Bell Faucet went to Olsons. our number is small only 5. only 2 through the day. We feel lonely.

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Jan. 4 1894. Hunting is the order of the day. While the Boys go to School, Woolf hunt in Cedar Town.

[Jan.] 5. Cloudy chilly cold.

[Jan.] 6. Edy 15 Birthday, the Coldest of the season 16° below zero. Ma, Bell & I went to Kirwin.

[Jan.] 7. Went to S.S. [Sunday School]. good turn out. new Superintendent & Teachers. [Reverend] Hood was away from home. we had no preaching. may the Lord Bless.

[Jan.] 8. Helped Ma wash. went to Kensington. registered 8 hogs for shipping [shipping]. got 500 lbs of Coal & some bad flour.

[Jan.] 9. Went to Kirwin for mail. John was complaining though not very bad off.

[Jan.] 10. Beautiful day. will go to see how Granpa's [Morgan] & others. John will hurt [hunt ?]. They are not very well.

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Jan. 11 1894. Wolf hunt in Valley Town. nearly everybody turned out even the Schools Dist. 59 & Cedarforks. meny [many] from Kirwin. 3 Cyots [coyotes] were kild [killed] & some got away. Lora Olson came home with the Teacher & all the young Americans took a Horse Back ride for a Change.

[Jan.] 12. Very pleasant. Ma & I went over to see how Ett's [Mariett Reynolds] were.

[Jan.] 13. As warm as summer. Boys are hauling hay. Ma, Bell & John went to Kirwin for mail & to trade some. Evy [Evan] & I went to Kensington to see about shiping [shipping] hogs. Tuesday 16 is the day to ship. bought of Will Cornell work bench and vice. \$2 is to be paid.

[Jan.] 14. Beautiful day. went to S.S. [Sunday School]. not many out. had preaching unexpected by Hood. he adressed [addressed] the children.

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Jan. 15 1894. Washday. the weather is is up to temperate heat.

[Jan.] 16. This was Charley's 27 Birthday. He has one Child Born the 13 [Sarah Inez Y1B1C1]. Shiped [shipped] 9 hogs weighing 2550. Recd. \$120.20¢. Jo [Joseph] hauled one load. the weather continues fine.

[Jan.] 17. Hurding [herding]. Granpa's [Morgan] come over. Ma is complaining but it proves only to be a boil in the nose.

[Jan.] 18. Hurded [herded]. went to see Charles' Baby. It has red hare [hair].

[Jan.] 19. Woolf [wolf] hunt in Kirwin. Tow [two] roundup just W. [west] of Wm. Townsend. only one kild [killed]. Cloudy w [with] damp. it may snow.

[Jan.] 20. Went to Kensington for hogs returns \$120.20. got cwt [hundred weight] of Coal & paid old account total \$14. \$2 to Will Cornell for bench. \$50 to Keckley. \$10 to Bell Faucet. \$30 to the Girls Fannie & Estella in Salina.

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Jan. 21 1894. Went to S.S. [Sunday School], a fare [fair] turnout. all the Camblitey simpathisers [sympathizers] went to Kensington. Kern Willets Digings [?] yet we had 30. [Apparently there was a factional split within the church.]

[Jan.] 22. Cold N.E. wind. I had a big time hurding [herding] Horses. Bell went Thyre [there ?] & John went to Olsons. we are only 4 in number tonight.

[Jan.] 23. We are having a Kan. blisard [blizzard] though not as much as I have seen. Horses won't drink. Pigs rub thir [their] tails against the fence by reason of cold. John did not get home from Olsons.

[Jan.] 24. The murcury [mercury] ran down 21° below zero last night. fortunately the wind went down. the cattle were very much pinched up. the sun is warming things agan [again].

[Jan.] 25. Wash day. the weather has moderated some. I can stand it much better

than such cold weather.

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Jan. 26 1894. Home from Kensington. had a nice time at Rev. Hoods. Six familys [families] were represented. plenty to eat & to share.

[Jan.] 27. Doomed to Diappointment. the Corn Shellers did not come & we go no word from the dear Girls [Estella & Fannie]. that was the greater disappointment. Jo [Joseph] & Family were over.

[Jan.] 28. Mild. Went to S.S. & Preaching. a good Congregation out. a dirt Storm is Coming from N [north] & growing cold.

[Jan.] 29. Washday is a beautiful, it is. I went to Kir [Kirwin] to see if I could hear from the Girls. I got one for Miss Bell from them. it was full of fun. cuchfull [?] runing [running] over rejoicing my heart. thank God they are well.

[Jan.] 30. This is Jos [Joseph's] 26 Birthday. I helped him clean 2 wells. Matt & I took dinner at Chances.

[Jan.] 31. Snowed a little. it was soon gone, not very cold. So ends Jan. 1894 - goodby.

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Feb. 1 1894. Is a pleasant day. Ma has gone to see how Charley's Baby & the Foakks [folks] at Granpas. Ma reports the Sick improveing [improving].

[Feb.] 2. Ground Hog Day. he may have seen his shaddow [shadow] but I [doubt] wether [whether] he came out of his cozy nest to seak [seek] a Shaddow [shadow] for it was somewhat cloudy all day. I went up to Kensington, got a Draft & Sent it to Miller Ulsh so he could reclaim his over paid Tax.

[Feb.] 3. A. Cowlls [?] Shelt [shelled] 450 bu. of Corn at 75¢ per 100. Jo [Joseph] helped Matt & Evy [Evan] & Schoolmarm [Teacher] went to Kirwin for groceries & mail.

[Feb.] 4. Beautiful Sabbath. went to S.S. a good turnout. had a good Class meating [meeting]. the Comeouteys [?] are holding the fort but the 2 that came out did not yeape [reap ?]. Mr Weight & thir [their] organ. Mrs Willetts offered Ma some of thir [their] Tracts but did not accept. brushed them down. I guess it cut. [This appears to be part of the continuing split within the church.]

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Feb. 5 1894. Ma & I went up to Kensington to Quarterly Con. [Quarterly Convention

of the Methodist Church]. a larg tourout [turnout]. The Elder Preached tonight from Job 9:30 Showing that we cannot wash away sin with water.

[Feb.] 6. Washday. it is very pleasant. Summer weather. Cattle are hard to hurd [herd]. rhey want too [to] roam. Edy & I went to Kensington to meating [meeting]. Rev. Stewerd [Stewart ?] a Congregational preached a fare [fair] sermon from text Behold I stand at the dore [door] to knock.

[Feb.] 7. Woolf [wolf] hunt in Valley Town. a fare [fair] line all around & 3 was kild [killed]. not 1/3 the shooting done as common. no game to [too] hot. it is above Temperate. the Comeouters are trying to pound Religion into the People evry [every] way.

[Feb.] 8. Hurding [herding] & Hogs got out. I am wore [worn] out runing [running]. very mild. I hope it will rain. it is dark. one can't see his hand before him.

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Feb. 9 1894. Stormey. it did not rain much. it turned to Snow & Blow but the Sun came out & the Snow is gone save some drifts. it is not Cold out or the wind. wheat was loocking bad but this little drink may hold it until it gets a more Copious Shower. 5 P.m. Charley sent a dispach for Ma. thir [their] Babe was choking. they called the Doctor. he pronounced it Toncilitus. Ma will not be home tonight.

[Feb.] 10. Cloudy & Cold threating Snow. Ed & Bell went to Kirwin for Groceries & mail. 9 P.m. the Storm wages without. Greatful we are to Thee that we have a Place of Shelter. O Lord care for the Poor. I know not of any that are destitute.

[Feb.] 11. Snow Storm. it drifts bad. did not make an attemt [attempt] to go to S.S. Ed & John rode over to see how Chas [Charles'] Baby. I cried with cold.

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Feb. 12 1894. Old Mr. Ulshs' Birthday. I wonder who will suprise them. The Blisard is over and the Snow piled up. not so desperate Cold but Cold enough to make School Children cry.

[Feb.] 13. 12° below zero. Charley came over for Matt. the Babe was sick.

[Feb.] 14. Valentines' day. Evy [Evan] help Jo [Joseph] move Granny [Morgan]. 2° below Zero. wash day.

[Feb.] 15. Hurded & went over to Granpa after dinner. they are well. the weather is cool below Zero.

[Feb.] 16. Pleasant. Butcherd 2 hogs. Mr. Odonell helped. Ma [?] came over.

[Feb.] 17. Thawed fast with N.W. wind. Bell, Matt and I went to Kirwin. Bought of C.C. Stone one over Coat \$15 to be Paid after harvest.

[Feb.] 18. Very pleasant. went to S.S. 53 preasant [present]. had a good class. But had a Contension with the Come Outer Preachor.

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Feb. 19 1894. Helped Jo move. the Boys have gone to Wheatfield. Olson's 18 Birthday Party this evening.

[Feb.] 20. Bleak wind. we rendered Lard.

[Feb.] 21. Washday. not quite so Cold. John [& ?] I went to Stantonson's to study S.S. Lesson Olsons.

[Feb.] 22. Weather same Cold & Chilley. Granpa & Granma came over. they complain of Cold very much.

[Feb.] 23. Pleasant. Olisons [Olsons ?] wer hear [here] on a visit. had a good time. had a letter from Bones [Boner ?] Stating that he had united with the Church.

[Feb.] 24. Matt, Bell & I went Kirwin. got lots of mail.

[Feb.] 25. S.S. and Preaching. not very many out though pleasant. Rev. Hood preached on Babtism. it was great though very lengthey. it is a great pity we couldn't of had it 6 mos. ago.

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Feb. 26 1894. Matt went to see how Mr Hall was. he is very poorly and wishes to be alone. I stoped at Hary Morrells' Sale. things sold very cheap.

[Feb.] 27. Took School order over to Scots for to get money to send the Girls. sent them \$15. I got a load of Coal on time from Sanford. took a load of Wheat to Mill. got 50 lbs. the road was bad the drifts melting and running down the grads.

[Feb.] 28. Hurded awhile then went over to see how Granpas were. Teachers meating at Harisons. thus ends Feb. 94 warm & pleasant.

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Mar. 1 1894. Was a beautiful day. march dawned on us in all its glory. I hurded [herded] a while then went over to Jos [Joseph's] to get my hare [hair] but he was not at home. Matt went over to Mariett's and spent the day. In the eavening [evening] Rev. Hood came & tarid [tarried] all night.

[Mar.] 2. Warmer than yesterday. the wheat that never sprouted last fall on account of dry weather is sprouting. it is as pleasant spring. I went to see how Mr. Hall was. he can't last long. Jos [Joseph's] were over awhile.

[Mar.] 3. Went to Kensington for grist [flour that I] left a few days ago. it is very pleasant. the mercury [mercury] is up to 80° but we are blest [blessed] with dust gale from S [south].

[Mar.] 4. Thunder Shower this P.m. warm & pleasant. went to S.S. a good turnout. the wind [d] is high.

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Mar. 5 1894. Somewhat cooler & cloudy this morning but by [by] noon it cleared off [off] nice. E. Roberts moved over S. [south] of the river & Breed moved in & I think A. E. Lane move[d] on his own place. Fisher was out to see if [I] did not have more land than I wanted. No Sir.

[Mar.] 6. Washday though I got out of it by hurding [herding]. Bell & Evy went to Agra to an Oxabiction [Exhibition] with Olsons. Dowlers had a Party & Chances had there [their] 20 anniversary [anniversary]. 74 present beside there [their] own Family [family].

[Mar.] 7. Hurded [herded] this morn [morning]. went to Kensington to the Trustee meeting [meeting] & Borrowed \$40 of Cornell for thirty days. Mr. Norway & wife. The Partys [parties] that trade for the Taylor 80 [acres] were hear [here] to stay all night.

[Mar.] 8. Ma & I went to Lester Halls Berial [burial]. There were a big turnout by Odd Fellow [Fellow] Orders. First hymn Safe in the arms of Jesus Writual [ritual] by O. Prair [prayer] by [continued to the next page]

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Chaplain then ritual a priar [prayer] by Rev. Harsnap. Cong. [&] Pastor Song Asleep in Jesus. the 90 Psam [Psalm] was read [read]. Text John II Christ comforting Mary & Martha by a Babtist minister. a very nice talk. Closeing hym Near my God to Thee.

[Mar.] 9. Hurded this morn. I went over to Granpas this afternoon Carie & the Babe was over for an hour or two. very warm and nice.

[Mar.] 10. Dirt Storm of the fiercet [fiercest] kind. many of the out Bildings are on thir side and are ridled. much feed is blown away. I was over to Jo [Joseph] to dinner. the Boys and I went to Kirvin. Sold 1½ bu. [bushels] of Potatoes \$1.50.

[Mar.] 11. Beautiful morn. went to S.S. and Preaching. to Harisons to dinner & to Granma Bartletts to practice for a Easter Consort [concert].

[Mar.] 12. Helped Jo [Joseph] lop hedge. the weather is fine. the murcury run up to 85°. winter grain is starting. Shows some.

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Mar. 13 1894. Commenced Sowing oats. had 2 plows sharped [sharpened] by Hackley. A number of Sim Smedleys nabors [neighbors] went in and Celebrated his 40 birthday & had lots of fun.

[Mar.] 14. Sowing Oats. it is warm and nice some what hazy. Bible reading at Emer Diging. a big turnout.

[Mar.] 15. Sowing Oats. Granma Townsend is visiting with us & E Hood is hear tonight.

[Mar.] 16. Sowed Oats. I went to Widdow Halls Sail [Sale]. Bought 1 Set of harness for 19 Dollars to be paid in 9 mo.[nths] wich will be the 16 of December.

[Mar.] 17. Sowing. Planting Potatoes and went to Kirwin. Laura Olson went with us. One of the worst Dirt Stormes came S. E. over 4 P.m. it was Blinding. waited on 5 mints [minutes] for the fury to pass over the road.

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Mar. 18 1894. Threatning rain. Ed & John only went to S.S. 20 out meating hear [here] tonight. good turn out.

[Mar.] 19. Sowin Oats. Cloudy somewhat like rain. Ma & I went to Kensington for Erly [early] Potatoes 1 bu. \$1 and oth[er] miselaneous bussiness.

[Mar.] 20. Finished Sowing Oats except a patch for Hogs. Grampas [Morgan] visited at Jos' [Joseph] & got lost going home. found himself way N[orth]. The Comeouter simpatheasers [the splinter group in the church] are out trying to get Schoolhouse Dis 59 open. Consert [concert] practice at Olsens.

[Mar.] 21. Very Cloudy & forboding in the W[est]. threating rain then a Sheat of Snow then very fine hail. surely this must be the Ecumonial [?] mixed with a little sunshine.

[Mar.] 22. Cloudy Snowey Sun Shiney dusty windy growing werser and worser 8 A.m. calmer but cold.

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Mar. 23 1894. Ma and I went to Kirwin the weather being fare.

[Mar.] 24. Snowey this morning. has the apperance of an Easter

Storm. Cleard off[f] by noon with Cool breaze from the N[orth]. Bell Fawcet and ma are [making ?] artifical Lilies for Easter Consert at the Forks. Visited by Odonnell and his Son Jems or rather interoeued [interviewed] Conserving opening the Schoolhouse in Dis. 59 for Religious Services. I Positive[ly] decline Because it is a sly sceam [scheme] to run in Comouterism on the People in disguise. he alleges that he will be eaven [even] with me. I don't know w[h]ether he means foul play or not & it mat[t]ers but little to me for I have commit[t]ed my ways to the Lord whose watchfull never sleaps or slumbers.

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Mar. 25 1894. S.S. a big turnout Ma and I went to Huffs' to hear Rev. Armsted. The Girls got home 2 P.m. from Salina K. W. U. [Kansas Wesleyan University]. safe & sound we all took dinner at Jos'. Ma says it is the second time on Sunday since they were mar[r]ied.

[Mar.] 26. Very cold. 8° above zero. Hurding.

[Mar.] 27. Mild & pleasant. Evy & Ma & Girls went to Kirwin.

[Mar.] 28. Stormey. one of the wors[t] dirt storms past [passed] through here last night picking up eve[r]ything loos even takeing sliper off[f] my foot. Cold & pinchy [?] wind all day.

[Mar.] 29. Boys Breaking [down corn] Stalks & planted some Potatoes. Ma & the Girls went to see Grampa.

[Mar.] 30. McCracken Assor [Assessor] was hear [here]. Boys break stalks. planted Some Potatoes.

[Mar.] 31. Broak [broke] stalks and planted Potatoes.

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April 1st 1894. Went to S.S. a large turnout C. C. [Comeouters ?] wer out. Prairmeating [prayer meeting] a[t] C. A. Lane.

[Apr.] 2. Sold 7 hogs in Kir[win]. [\$]16.50 at 390 [lbs.] \$64.35¢ paid to Evy to be aplide [applied] on Note. Planted 1½ bu of Potatoes on Taylors. 80.5 rows on S[outh]. side are Ery [Early] Rose. Evy commenced planting Corn on W[est]. 80 [acres].

[Apr.] 3. Dirtstorm. Paid to Cornell \$40 that I borrowd some 30 days ago. to Sanfold Bro [Brothers] \$9.60 & the Furniture store \$1.15. Bred Old Pin & Min [his horses] to Harison horse. \$5 each insured.

[Apr.] 4. More wind & dirt. it is astonishing how much wind and dirt we have this

spring. O that we might have some rain to settl[e] this dust. Girls went over to Franks.

[Apr.] 5. Somewhat pleasant. frequent whirlwinds. Granpa's came over.

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April 6 1894. Threatning duststorm. took a load of cobs & our meat over to Grandpa's to get smoaked [smoked].

[Apr.] 7. Quite warm. murcury up to 80°. Ed tryed listing ½ day then he, Ma & Girls went to Kirwin. had a little bit of a thunder shower. Rev. Hood is hear.

[Apr.] 8. Mild though cloudy. has the apperance of Rain. we went to S.S. a big turn out to hear the new Preacher. But it was our old one. While at meating a cloud came over from N.W. [northwest] fol[l]owed by wind & dirt at a fearfull rate.

[Apr.] 9. Freezing Cold this morning. warmed up through the day. some high wind accompanied with some dirt. Evy & I fixed hog pen & sorted hogs.

[Apr.] 10. Freazing some at night. some more wind but no dirt. Effie Freeman Cold [Old ?] Crows had a camp meeting.

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April 11th 1894. Cool breaze. hurding is the order before noon. Evy hauled manure.

[Apr.] 12. Estella & I went to Kirwin. sold to Keck 5 bu. of Potatoes for 95¢ per bu. Evy helped Cresey grade Road on Co[unty]. line. another dirt storm.

[Apr.] 13. [In Mattie Reynolds' handwriting] Raining this morning and continued all day. at night it rained hard. Pa went to Kas. City [Kansas City].

[Apr.] 14. [In Mattie Reynolds' handwriting] Bell and Fannie went to Kensington to ticket agent in the afternoon Evan and I went to Kirwin. took a hog down. weighed 235 and a dock cut down the price. \$8.50 was what we got for her.

[Apr.] 15. [In Mattie Reynolds' handwriting] We went to sabbath school. had a good turnout- Pearl Harrison came home with us and Mr. Vailes came and Bell and Pearl took a ride. The children and I went to Kensington to church. heard a good sermon on the _____ [talents ?].

[Apr.] 16. [In Mattie Reynolds' handwriting] The girls and [I ?] washed. I hoed the pie plant [rhubarb] this eve. we are sewing carpet rugs. the wind is blow. the children gone to practice.

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April 17 1894 After an absence of four [days] to Kan City & Pleasant Hill Mo [Missouri] I have a[r]rived home safe & sound. Thank God for his loveing care & tender mercy untoo us at home & abro[a]d. I had a very Pleasant time with Old Friends & sight seeing among w[h]ich were the Cable Car mocheanery [machinery] & Electric line & P. Armors Slaughter & Packing house even to the makeing of artific[i]al Ice & a ride on Cable Car Through the hart [heart] of the retale [retail] buisness [business] part of the City then down the hill at a breakneck spead [speed] by the placid light of the moon & Electric light. having taken leave of dear ones I mounted Mo P. [Missouri Pacific] central Branch train at 9:15 A.m. for Dear ones at home.

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April 18 1894. Helped A. B. Cresie Grade Roade. Thunder Shower. Wheat is looks [is looking] better. Grandpas' was over.

[Apr.] 19. Dirt Storm. Vans [a family ?] wer up for potatoes 5 A.m. We had hope that with the gowing [going] down of the Sun that the Wind would gown [be gone ?] but to our dismay the Dirt-Storm is wors. Matt and I went over to Gran[pa's] for our meat they smoaked [smoked].

[Apr.] 20. A successfull S[c]hool. The exhibition given by Miss Bell. Fauset [Faucet] & School of Dis. 59 Smith Co. Kansas well renderd yesterday eavening [evening] to day being the close of the term of School year. Ice cream Lemonade & Refreshments wer served to Pupils & Patrons after w[h]ich Prizes & Presents wer exchanged. Tears & Emsions [emotions] could not be consealed. after lingering about for some time the Good byes & Farewells we took our leave of each other to meat to part no more. [Continued to the next page.]

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April 20 1894. The Dirt Storm of the 19 in continued until Sunset. we all went to the last day of school.

[Apr.] 21. Went up to Kensington. Sold to Rev. Hood 1½ bu. of Potatoes [\$]1.50. the Girl[s] & I went to Kirwin -froze [froze] hard.

[Apr.] 22. Rev. Armensted [Armsted] hear [here] all night. We went to S.S. a large turnout.

[Apr.] 23. I went to Stantons for Corn Harrow & Eddy harrowed. Evy planted. Rev. Hood came down. he & I went to Huff meating [meeting] - was almost out but it was renewed & Continued for an hower [hour] longer while the rain watered the Earth.

[Apr.] 24. Harrowing. Planting Corn & Potatoes. Matt went to Lids. Girls & Evy

went to see Miss Fauwcet - start for Home - Shower now.

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April 25 1894. Planting Corn & Late Potatoes. this has been a Beautifull day. Small Grain is trying to streach [stretch] above the preasant [present] clod.

[Apr.] 26. Returned Stantons harrow. Cleaned Cel[lar] out. 6 a.m. high wind & Dust. warm, corn will grow.

[Apr.] 27. Fixing Fence around Garden. Eva R. [Reynolds, wife of his son Joseph] & Babe [Blanche] wer hear [here] today. Eve [Evan/ Evy Reynolds] finished planting his corn. Estella & I went to Kirwin. got Scister [scissors] sharpened 25¢. Bedrock prices. Armstead meating [meeting] goes on. excel[ant] surmons. O that good may be don.

[Apr.] 28. Edy commenced Listing South. Evy planted Potatoes. high wind & dirt unequaled seamingly in locality. the murcury ran up to 100°. it threatens to rain tonight.

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April 29 1894. A light Shower after the high wind. went to S.S. a good turnout. Showery in localitys but not hear [here].

[Apr.] 30. April Showers brings May Flowers but they are so light. I fear the flowers won't come. Fixed Fence. Ed got home this morning. went to Mankers to dinner & back for meating [meeting] but owins [owing] to rain he staid [stayed] at Willets. he listed corn.

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May 1 1894. Fixed Fence. the weather is pleasant. grass will grow now. Olson was around.

[May] 2. Edy Listed. he is doing a nice job. John helped. Jo helped. Charlie & we finished fence. had a Thunger [thunder] Shower & some hail.

[May] 3. Ma, Girls and I went over to Clean house for Granma. Granpa is very unwell. to[o] sick to come home from Kirwin untill today.

[May] 4. Prospected around some to see how things are looking. Wheat is doing well. So is Edy at the Lister. corn out [is up] on the W[est]. 80 [acres]. is loocking fine, so is the oats. ate my dinner with a relish. planted melons. John & Ma went over to see how grandpa was. took them some potatoes.

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May 5 1894. Edy finished his field of 55 acres in 7½ days. Sold to Hackley 2 bu.

of Potatoes at one dol[lar] _____ [per ?]. had L[ister]. sharped 25¢.

[May] 6. Beautifull Sabbathday. we went to S.S. a good turnout 61. Preaching by Rev. Hood.

[May] 7. Har[r]owing corn W[est] by Evy. Edy Planted. Girls & I Planted melons. John plowed for millet. Ma Plays with Carpet Rags.

[May] 8. Evy harrowed ½ W[est]. Edy planted ½ d[ay]. Taylor & I cleaned stock well. John plowed some. While the housekeepers washed & fit hen lice [?]. it loocks like rain in the W[est]. O that it may to fill the pools & watered the growing crops.

[May] 9. Edy planting ½ day. Evy is harrowing his corn. Ma, Estella & John are over to Grandpas. it was very warm for a while but a thunderstorm cooled the air. Etts 31 Birthday. Colts to pasture.

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May 10th 1894. Took to [two] Coalts [colts] over to Charleys yesterday. finished planting corn. Evy plowed Potatoes ½ A[cre].

[May] 11. Edy Planted Beans & while we tinkerd & Evy and I went to Kensington. Bought 7 bu. millet Seed 60¢ Pinchers Rope wire Clout nails

60	60 seed
50	<u>7</u>
10	420
<u>15</u>	
135	
<u>420</u>	
555	

[May] 12. Matt & I Evy & John went to Kirwin. Edy to Plant Corn for Cornell. Girls kept house.

[May] 13. Went to the Beauriel [burial] of Mrs Lanty Hogan [Helen Holmes [Hogan](#) d May 10]. a great meny [many] turned out. she was interd [interred] in the Kensington Cemetry [Cemetery]. Rev. Armsted preacher. a very good surmon from. Evy, Edy & John went to S.S. not so many out. Armsted took dinner hear [here]. Mrs. Fisher and Son Art. I have been an[n]oyed by my kidneys.

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May 14th 1894. Fannie & I decided to Consult with Dr. Lappin but found him sick a bed. we made 4 calls namely on Mrs. Willets, GilChrist, Olsons, & Hoods. Bought of Sanford

1 Cultivator	\$16
1 W. Washer	[\$]04
Axel greas	0025 [¢]
2.2=6=16	75

Weather is very drying having blown for 3 days & the gre[a]ter part of 3 nights. almost ht [?] to day. Wheat will be a light color. Boys Com[m]enced plowing.

[May] 15. Plowed for millett & Boys plowed Corn. But the wind was so high it was very disagreeable. this is the 5 day to blow & 4 nights likely to be 5 for it is after sundown. I tell you it is afull [awful] discouraging.

[May] 16. Ma went to see how Grampas were. found them fare. Granma Complaing [complaining] Rheumatism [rheumatism]. Rosy [the horse?] had a very windy day.

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May 17 1894. The Cloud that skirted the W[est]. and N.W. only Cooled the air to us but the wind Continues to blow unceasingly & the air has been full of dust all day. the Cattles' eys run from the dust down to their noses. the Boys plow corn.

[May] 18. Very Cold. 19° above freazing this morn. Boys finished W[est] Corn once over. John & I scrapped Pond [probably dug out a pond that had dried up to make it deeper]. the Fish are perishing. Nice Calm after 8 days and Nights of wind from all directions. we had hoped for a rain but it has not come yet. Matt & I were to see Mrs. Willetts. is better.

[May] 19. We were visited by a hard Freaze last night nip[p]ing Vegetation very bad. Corn & Potatoes sufferd mostly especial[ly] Corn that was plowed & Stop[p]ing plowing untill it grows up aga[i]n. Ma, & Estella, Ed & I went to Kir[win]. got 4.50 Likia [Sikia ?] Water.

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May 20 1894. Went to S.S. & Preaching. 60 on road. Edy came home. the other children went to Mankers. Ma & I went to see Granma She is Complaining.

[May] 21. After washing we went over to J Fr B [James Franklin Barlett]. they wer not at home so we went to Fan Foris. no Corn plowing for a few days untill it grows up.

[May] 22. Lost too know what to do. Corn froze down. Can't plow it for fear of buring [burying] it. we hope it will soon grow up. weather cool & need rain. Father of all our mercies water this part of thy moral heritage.

[May] 23. Evy & I went to Kensington. Price of hogs 4¢. Plowed corn ½ day. it is

set back very bad. Paid to Mrs Hood \$1.75.

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May 24 1894. Plowed corn with 3 teams for Evy.

[May] 25. Boys Finished Evys' corn once over. Estella & I went over to help clean C. F. School house. hot this afternoon. 94° & very dry.

[May] 26. Quartily [Methodist Quarterly] Conference at Ceader [Cedar] Forks. not a very good fealing [feeling] left on the part of some. Rev. Hood salery was cut down over one hundred dollars by Agra & the Burden in creast [cast ?] on the other part of the Surcut [Circuit] & thirs [theirs] decaesd one hundred. Boys plowed corn S. of the house. a thunder Shower in sight & near enough to cool the air.

[May] 27. Qurtily meating [Quarterly Meeting] occation [occasion / action ?]. not meny out. Collection 118.75. though the prospect be dark.

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May 28 1894. Boys' plowed corn. Matt & I visited Harisons and Stantons. While the Girls entertained Granpa's.

[May] 29. Makeing Rye hay having been killed by frost the 19. Boys plowed corn. J. F. Bartletts were over. weather hot 120°.

[May] 30. Decoration day. all went to Kirwin. Ad[d]ress by Rev. Hassnep. a large turnout. Probably to see Surcu [Circus]. worked Road ½ day [graded the road].

[May] 31. John & I finished working Road 2/3 d[ay]. Evy & Ed all helping Stantons plow corn. he has a felon.

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June 1 1894. Willets Folks came & made us a visit. John & I hauld some Rye hay while Evy & Ed plowed corn for Stanton.

[June] 2. John & I hauld [hauled] Rye hay this afternoon. we devide [divided], some to Kirwin some to Keningston while Evy & Ed plowed corn for Staton. Evy will stay for another day or two.

[June] 3. Went to S.S. & Preaching. a good turnout. weather warm 98° in the sun.

[June] 4. The long dry spell was broken this eavening by a thunder shower more wind than rain though. Matt & I went to Kensington to meat Mrs. Morison but did not meat from some unknown cause. had the pleasure of taring [tarrying] with Veses [?] all night on

accounte of rain. got home the morning of the 5[th]. Evy plowed corn.

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June 5 1894. Plowed corn & Sowed millett. Mr. Stantons made us a visit. his hand is some better.

[June] 6. Sister Morison, Son & a Nephew Mr. Lang ar[r]ived this morning on this way home from Long Island [Kansas]. we made a few calls This eave [evening]. the youn[g] Folks have gone to Stantons. Edy plowed corn.

[June] 7. Visited Stantons in Company with Mrs. Morison and Son. had a glorious time with them & Harisons. Al Lane came in while Mr. Lang & the young Foalks had a fishing party they say. But caught no fish. Rev. Hood was down.

[June] 8. Plowed corn though desperate. disagreable on account of wind & dust followed by a Succesion [succession] of whirl winds filling the air with dirt & trash upset[t]ing hay h___ box.

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June 9 1894. Heavy Thunder Shower last night causing a washout on M. P. R. R. [Missouri Pacific Railroad] near Ceader [Cedar] Hill. Vegetation will take a new start. we sowed millet. Ma & Estella went to Kirwin.

[June] 10. Went to S.S. not so many out as common having had meating By the [Dunker](#) persuasion last night that being a new thing in this part of the Country.

[June] 11. Ship[p]ed 6 Hogs. Recd \$10 in part pay. Ed & John plowed for millet. Evy plowed corn on Taylor. Matt went to Vans for mulber[r]ies & her & I went to see how Granpas wer. Frankie Hood hear [here].

[June] 12. Finished Sowing Millet. Boys plowed corn. weather pleasant. Corn grows and Grass allso.

[June] 13. Corn plowing is the order of the day. Evy sowed millet. Hood took his girl home.

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June 14 1894. Plowed corn. weather pleasant though some dust. The wheat is ripning fast. I found some that rub[b]ed out [of the head meaning it was ripe] nicely. Matts' Fruit flichers up.

[June] 15. Plowed corn. weather Sultry threating rain. Fannie & I went to Kensington. Received for Hogs Ship[p]ed the 11 [the of June] \$62.65 in full.

Paid Tax	\$9.10	
To Sanford	6.35	
Fix Bug[g]y	<u>1.50</u>	17.95

[June] 16. Ma, Estella & I went to Kirwin. Paid to C. Hull \$2.00 to be aplide [applied] on Boock acount at Stones
to Keckley 1.00
to Wey 3.85
We wer favored with a Glorious Thunder Shower.

[June] 17. This is Estellas' 17 Birthday. all nature seems gay after the rain. went to S.S. & Preaching. the young Foalks met hear [here] to Sing. Ed Freeman was out to ride.

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June 18 1894. High wind with flying clouds. Matt & Fannie a flying trip to Kirwin. the air is full of dust. it is very disagreeable to plow corn. John is helping Charley.

[June] 19. This is 2[nd] windy day with the temperature up too 108° accompanid with hot blasts. John did not get home.

[June] 20. Showery both A.m. & P.m. we are having our spring & Summer rain, thank God. we did not get much corn plowed today. wet this A.m.

[June] 21. Thunder Shower this A.m. but we got to finish the corn S. of the house. some wet on top. nice weather to transplan[t] weads [a little farm humor].

[June] 22. Nice day to plow Corn. Evy is helping Start on harvest.

[June] 23. Heavy rain last night and A.m. could not plow corn, harvest. Thunder today.

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June 24 1894. S.S., a big turnout. Ma & I went to Granpas to dinner. Foster & wife are down to see thir Parrents. Temperance Consert [concert] was good though the Electric Storm caused great excitement. meny [many] went home while others wer very uneasy & stade [stayed] until 2 A.m. when the storm past [passed] over & the mist had cleared away.

[June] 25. Plowed some corn. found the ground very wet. howed [hoed] in our patches. Ma & Estella went to Kirwin for Wash Boiler.

[June] 26. Granpa & Foster & wife came over. John and Ed plowed corn.

[June] 27. Foster & wife return home. we plowed corn. hot 104° with high wind.

[June] 28. Plowing corn. Edy & the horses are helping Stanton.

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June 29 1894. Was a hot day 119°. Boys plowed corn ½ d[ay] for Charley. Jo brought a Chunk of Ice and a freezer over. we had Ice Cream.

[June] 30. Stanton commenced heading [harvesting wheat] for me. we put up 2 good Ricks. [Before modern combines, wheat was cut and gathered into ricks and then run through a thrashing machine to remove the wheat kernels.] quality is very good. Surely the Lord is better to us than our fears. Charley helped Ed & Jo ½ d.[ay] Charley helped 1 d.

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July 1st 1894. Went to S.S. & Preaching. fare [fair] turnout. weather warm. Hood dined here [here].

[July] 2. Harvesting is the order of the day. Charley helped ½ d. Jo 1 d. did not have best of luck though we put up 2 fare [fair] Ricks.

[July] 3. Heading after the rain dried off 9 A. M. This was my 55 Birthday.

[July] 4. We bless thee our Heavenly Father for the National Liberty and Religious privileges we are permitted too enjoy though we did not celebrate as many [many] do in Carousing around. we harvested. rained some last night.

[July] 5. Finished harvesting. Rye light.

[July] 6. Plowed Corn Boys & I. Evy is helping Stanton.

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July 7 1894. This has ben a busy week harvesting & corn plowing. Evy has not got home 10 P.m. helping Stanton.

[July] 8. Went to S.S. though very much fatuiged [fatigued] from a hard weeks work. a fare turnout. Ma & I went over to Granpas. they are not well. Light shower of rain.

[July] 9. Plowed Corn for E[vy]. helped Jo ½ day. harvest wheat light. [At the bottom of June 30 in empty space, the following was recorded.] July 9 1894. helped Jo ½ All day.

[July] 10. Boys plowed for Evy. I helped Jo.

[July] 11. Helped Boler harvest & Chas Reynolds.

[July] 12. Helped Boler ½ day. Edy helped Charley ½ day. Evy has not ben home since mond[a]y morning. he is with Stantons header. Weather is hot 118° or 20°. Corn is roaling [rolling] up bad. needing rain. Pasture drying up.

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July 13 1894. Ma & I went to see how Granpa was. went with him for a load of water from Santrooks. that is up hill buisnes [business]. The Girls & John went Willetts & Johnsons.

[July] 14. Threatning [rain] that was all. Ma & I went to the city. Boys lying around, not well. in fact none of us are.

[July] 15. Pleasant. went to S.S. full house. had class Sister Hood & others from Kensington. Hoods' appointment was not filled he being absent. Thunder heads around.

[July] 16. Dry & hot 110°. Thunder heads hanging around but the desierd [desired] rain delays to come. Boys plowed corn a while then skip[p]ed for pleasure as the[y] could not find meny grains of moisture.

[July] 17. South winds hot & dry 114°. Corn is drying to fast. it is trying to tasel but the dry & hot weather forbids. Girls went to the center [Smith Center].

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July 18 1894 Hauld manure. The weather continues hot. Corn is burning fast. it loock like rain, lightning in the West. Mr. Northway came to see about his interest.

July 19 1894. Rented of Northway the 80 belonging to him for one third of Grain in the bu. on the place. nothing for the Grass. The Greatly wished for rain came this afternoon filling Dry Creek up [al]most to the floors of the Bri[d]ges.

July 20. We are using Hairs' [Harris's] Sulkey plow for 25¢ per day to be paid in wheat at 50¢ per bu[shel]. Edy is Listing on Taylor 80. the Ground is not wet deep enough for good work.

[July] 21. Sowe Turnips. Plowed. Listed. the Women & I went to Kirwin. very pleasant since the rain though it be local. Ed went to Granpas.

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July 22 1894. Mr. Barnes an old Sold[i]er of the Cross after years of suffering past [passed] to his eternal Reward the 21 & was intred in the Ceadervill Cemity [Cedarvale Cemetery]. a Great Concors [concourse ?] of People turned out. Rev. Newel & Armansted

Preached the Sermon then the Od felows [Odd Fellows] took charge of the remains.

[July] 23. Ma & I went to Kens[ington] to see for an Oil stove for the girls. dined at Bro Hoods. The Ground is drying fast. weather very hot 112°. Osker [Oscar] Dowler is trying to cut our oats. I fear it will be a failure.

[July] 24. Plowed with 3 teams. Evy helped Osker D [Oscar Dowler] finish cut oats. Paid by cash \$4 by work 4 due 2,50.

[July] 25. Plowed with 3 teams. Ma & John went to see Grampas. found C.C. & L. Hire [?] went to Etts. got g stove. Hot Peak [Heat ?] 118°.

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July 26 1894. 8 A.m. Hope for some corn. 12 A.m. of all days this is the most destructive to crops. Temprature 110° accomanid with a driving hot wind as though driven out of a heated Oven. it seams as though ones' Flesh would roast & there eyes burn in there Sockets. Our Heavenly Father, is not our lives & all that we have & are in thy hands may it pleas Thee for the sake of the creatures that Though [Thou ?] hast made Stay this heated blast Oh stay Father. Stay Thy Hand & water the parched Crops. These unmerited Favours we beg for Jesus Sake. 1 P.m. 112°. 6 P.m. 110°. the murcury is run[n]ing down. Sundown 100°. the wind is high but cooler. a rain cloud in west. O that it may rain. Evy went Kir[win] to get black Smithing done. Ma & Girls went to C. C. we go to Joes to eat Ice Cream home again. rain Clouds all gone but the wind is past high. School Election past [passed] off quietly.

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Turnover

	15
50	<u>50</u>
<u>60</u>	750
30.00	
<u>47</u>	
210	
<u>120</u>	
1410	
750	
50 21.60 43	
<u>20</u>	
1.60	
<u>15</u>	
1	

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July 27 1894. Boys are Plowing & teams 2 Sulkey Plows. John got Joes. I helped Jo stack Oats. hot again 110°. we fear that all corn is coocked [cooked]. no sine [sign] of rain & hopes all gone for a Corn Crop.

[July] 28. The Girls went Smith Center to attend Normal [School]. Evy reports Corn gone up. Ed & John plowed.

[July] 29. 1 P.m. 102°. home from S.S. & Preaching. warm hungry tired & sleepy. 3:30 P.m. 108°. 6 P.m. 110°. Boys just home from Sing to[o] late for meting.

[July] 30. Stacking Oats not as hot 100°. it has the appe[a]rance of rain once more.

[July] 31. 11 A.m. 100°. 12 A.m. 102°. 2 P.m. 108°. 5 P.m. 114°. A Shower S. of us is cooling the air. We are permitted to smell the rain. we may get some this evening. Evy is plowing some. E. [Ed] & Jo hauling manure.

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August 1 1894. Went to Kensington for Lumber & helped fix seats for Conven[tion]. Engaged Sanders to teach School Dis. 59. Boocked [booked] 4 hogs for shipment Mon.

[Aug.] 2. Went to the Township S.S. Convention. had a fare meating though not as meny out as expected.

[Aug.] 3. Drizeld [drizzled] this morning. Keef came to learn who I had hired for a Teachor. the tide has turned. the Patrons have the runing to do. went to Kirwin to get some [black]smithing done.

[Aug.] 4. John & I went to the [Smith] Center to see how the Girls wer. found them all right. Evy went for Repars [repairs] left Blacksmiths'. Ed helped Charley while Ma kept the House. The failure of crops is a sorifull [sorrowful] sight. I don't know what the People will do. neather [neither] Grain nor Grass. Corn drying up to nothing.

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August 5 1894. Went to S.S. not as meny out as common. very pleasant not so hot as it has ben. Ma & I went to Mankers' to dinner.

[Aug.] 6. Took 3 hogs to Kensing[ton] 580 lbs. Helped Dowler thresh ½ d[ay]. 115 bu[shel] with 2 [hired ?] hands.

[Aug.] 7. Helped Dowler ½ d. with 3 hands & team total 285. Helped Charley a while 3 hands. he had 155 bu.

[Aug.] 8. Dimond [Diamond ?] & Willson Thrashed wheat & Rye. Dowlers helped Charley, Jo. J. F. B[artlett]. Odonnell

Wheat-Fisher	519
miller	10
Fisher Rye	<u>13</u>
	542

Rye on Norway	<u>3/136</u>
1/3=	45 1/3

[Aug.] 9. Thrashed 2 hands front Charles & Jo. the weather is very hot yesterday & today 110° with some hot air. sold to Fisher 14 bu. 5.02 to be aplide [applied] on rent.

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Oats 55 bu	
Wheat 69	55
519	<u>2</u>
10	110
<u>149</u>	
8.02	747
	<u>4</u>
	2988
	<u>110</u>
	38.98

August 10 1894. Rec. \$ 28 for Hogs ship[p]ed a few days ago. helped Jo thrash ½ d. Evy helped Odonnell ½ d. Ma & John went to Kirwin & I to Kensington. the weather has been hot 110° evry day except one 102°.

[Aug.] 11. Helped Charley make Sled to cut corn & cut 42. Evy cut 18 at home. Ma & John went to see how Grampa wer. this has ben a hot one 120° one time.

[Aug.] 12. Went to S.S. & Preaching. a large turn out though hot 108°. Grampas wer hear to dinner. John has gone home with them. 5:30 P.m. 110°.

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August 13 1894. Evy & I helped Charles cut corn. John was at Grampas. Ma went to see Ett. 110° accompaned with wind.

[Aug.] 14. Evy & I helped J. F. B[artlett] thash then helped Charley cut ½ Shock row. Sold 12 bu of Rye to Strain at 75¢ per [bushel] recieve 5 Dollars 4 more due when he comes for the Rye. 112°.

[Aug.] 15. Charley & Jo helped cut corn. we made a bug [big ?] run on the cornfield today. it was not as hot as common 110°.

[Aug.] 16. Charley & Jo helped cut corn. we are getting along fine 118°. Fannie was very sick. Estella brought her home on the train. C. Mick brought them down. Estella went back.

[Aug.] 17. Cut corn ½ day. Charley helped John & I helped him. Evy Ed & Bud Tomson helped Jo. 116°.

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August 18 1894. Evy & Ed helped Jo cut corn. Bud Tomson & John helped Charley in my sted. the intence hot weather is drying corn up fast. only 116° today again.

[Aug.] 19. I & the Boys went to S.S. Fannie & Ma are somewhat jaded. Bless God though the drough[t] & hot weather continues. the intrest of the S.S. goes on. a good turn out. Noon 110° accompanied with hot blasts very frequently.

[Aug.] 20. Ma took Fannie back to Normal. Evy & Ed helped Jo cut corn. John & I helped Charles ½ day.

[Aug.] 21. Cloudy nearly all day. nice for corn cutting. helped Charley half ½ day 2 hands. he helped me ½. Jo & Boys ar cutting out wes[t].

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August 22 1894. Jo, Evy, Bud, Ed cut corn ½ day. Charley, John, & I cut 1/4 day. his pump being out of fix he did not get around. Ma & I went to see Mr. Stanton liked Col. he is carid [carried] off with it so much as to buy will go third [there] as soon as he can.

[Aug.] 23. 5 P.m. very hot 116°. Jo & the boys cut corn 1/4 day. Charley helped John & I 1/4 day then we went to see how things sold at Cressis [Crefeis ?] Sale. evry thing sold well. 8 Pm. had a good [the word rain omitted] & some hail. it was a timely shower. hope it may continue untill the Ground is wet enough to plow.

[Aug.] 24. Cut Corn for Granpa with 3 hands ½ day. Evy used Thyres' [Thayer] plow 1/2.

[Aug.] 25. Cut corn for granpa ½ with 2 hands. Evy & Ed went to the [Smith] Center for the girls. Miss [Louella] Corbet came along.

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August 26 1894. Went to S.S. & Preach Rev. Smith of Athol fild [filled] the Pulpit.

[Aug.] 27. Boys cut corn this morning whil I & Fannie around trying to be sick. Ed plowed ½. Ma, Estella, & L. Corbet put out an unmercifull washing. [The following is in Mattie's writing] 8:30 P.m. Everybodies tongues are busy rehearsing the tales of long ago.

Pa, & Fannie are not well. Louella thinks this is the last writing I will do. So farewell.

[Aug.] 28. Boys Cut Corn ½. I plowed. Evy & I took Gassolean [gasoline] stove home borrowed [from] Ett some time ago.

[Aug.] 29. Ma was Cald [called] over to Frank's & has not returned now 10 P.m. the Children have gone to a Sosial [social] at Stantons. left Miss Corbet & Mr. Northway with me. Boys cut corn ½ d. & I Plowed all day.

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August 30 1894. Boys cut corn ½ d. I plowed all d. Ma has not returned. J.F.B. [John F. Bartlett], Evy, & L.C. [Louella Corbet] went to Kir[win] for the Mail. they seam to tary long. ma[y]be they don't think so.

[Aug.] 31. Boys finished cutting corn. Fannie & Lue are convasing for Schools. Ma is detained at J.F.B. I plowed.

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Sept 1 1894 Two Boys helped Charley cut corn ½ d. I plowed. Evy worked road. Ma returned home from J.F.B. & reports a New Commer girl [Iva Grace Bartlett b Aug. 29]. all concerned doing well.

[Sept.] 2. Went to S.S. a good turnout.

[Sept.] 3. Boys helped Granpa haul hay. Evy finished roadwork. I plowed. the weather continues hot 104°.

[Sept.] 4. John plowed. I commenced mowing. Arnolds visited hear [here].

[Sept]. 5. Ma, Fannie, Estella, Lu C & I went to Athol to S.S. [Sunday School] Convention . Boys made hay. had a Glorious rain.

[Sept.] 6. After enjoying the S.S. con[vention] & Royal[ly] entertained we returned home. Set[t]led with Diamond for threshing \$29.5 in full- Edy plowed.

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Sept 7 1894 Fannie & I went to the Center for a Permit to teach in [School] Dis[trict] 103 & got it while the rest fild [filled] thir [their] diff[erent] stations one mowing one Rakeing one Harrowing. Etta cald [called] on her sick Sister & Ma entertaining Granpa & Granma. heat 110°.

[Sept.] 8. Edy Sowed wheat & Rye for hog pasture. Evy plowed for self.

[Sept.] 9. Some what rainy. the weman [women] did not go to S.S. not meny [many] out. the Preacher did not get back from Salina.

[Sept.] 10. Fannie went to try her hand at teaching School in Dis 103 or Huston Dis & Estel[]a started to School in Kirwin to review some. Plowed & hayed.

[Sept.] 11. Last night reminded me of Evy my Brother birthday some 40 years ago. it was cold 6° above [38°] after sun up & a frost. helped Charles stack hay.

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Sep. 12 1894 mowing & Brook [broke] down so I went over to Stantons & got his [mower]. Jo & Family started for Horton on a visit. Edy drill[]s the Rye. [See additional entry for this date on page [156](#)]

[Sept.] 13. Very high wind. I only mowed ½ day & helped Ed sow Rye. he got don.

[Sept.] 14. The wind higher & higher the air full of dirt & dust one can't see no distance at 9 A.m. Eavinging [Evening ?] girls well & at home in bed. Calmly down nicely. Bought of Sanford Bros a new mo[w]er \$50 in 2 Payments \$25 Oct. 95 \$25 Oct 96 with 8 Per ¢ intrest.

[Sept.] 15. Haying Charles helping. Ed took Stantons mower home.

[Sept.] 16. Went to S.S. 55 present. Ma & I went home with Granpa. he is very unwell both mental[]y & phicaly [physically]. he is prostrate & a grater [greater] charge than an infant.

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Sep 17 1894 Distributed the Girls to thir [their] different fields of labor. I brought the mower home. Granpa is no better.

[Sept.] 18. Evy mowed. Ed raked. Ma & I went over to see how Granpa was. found him better. The wind was high.

[Sept.] 19. Makeing Hay. it was a bautifull day.

[Sept.] 20. Stacked Hay it being cloudy threatning rain but past over leaveing a cool air.

[Sept.] 21. Mowed ½ day & cald [called] to over to Granpas he being very ill. Uncl Foster [Mattie's brother] came down. Boys sowed wheat. Girls got home.

[Sept.] 22. Over to Grannpas. Sudden change Equinoxal turned very cold with a hugh [huge] dirt storm.

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Sept 23 1894 Went to S.S. & preaching by Rev. Smith of Athol. very cool. Rev Hood is in Procted [protracted ?] effort at Agra [KS].

[Sept.] 24. Went to Kensington for a load of Coal from B.D. Tesie.. Not Paid for \$6 & some cents. Boys drilling some wheat S[outh]. Thyre got 8 bu. of wheat to be aplide [applied] for Plow & Drill.

[Sept.] 25. Fixed fence for Granpa. he was very huffy because the Nabors [neighbors] are borrowing tr[o]uble about his afars [affairs]. he pops his fists together & wishes Foster would go home for he uses him like a Dog.

[Sept.] 26. Makeing Hay & Sowing wheat. Foster Morgan went home. pleasant though very hot 108°.

[Sept.] 27. Ship[p]ed 7 hogs 15.70 Cwt. [per hundred weight] Rec[eived] Ten Dollers \$10 total 70. Ed finished sowing wheat. made hay this P.m.

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Sep 28 1894 High wind for 36 h [hours] from S. one can scarcely see for dirt. we tryed to make hay but found that the best thing to do was to weight down what we had & quit the feilds.

[Sept.] 29. Forty eigh[t] hours straight S. wind brought a little Shower. it may hold the Grain from ding [dying]. very cool. cut sunflowers for Cowshed.

[Sept.] 30. Heavy frost this A.m. Went to S.S. the review was grand. Granpa went to work & remoddeld the fence after Foster had fixed it & suffers for it. is as bad off as ever.

Evy Corn plowing for stanton

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Oct 1 1894 Rainy but got the Girls off[f] for School. Evy took Estella & Fannie from school to Kensington. got returns from hogs \$70.60 settled for coal 6.55. Settled with Harison for havisting \$16.25. 3 P.m. another shower.

[Oct.] 2. visited Stantons. Granpa S. is very Smart for an old man. Cald [called] around to see how G. & Granma [Morgan]. she fell out of the Bed & hurt herself bad.

[Oct.] 3. Dug Potatoes. we find them very small. helped Ma wash. Evey & her have gone over to see how the the Old Folks at home are. high wind & cool

[Oct.] 4. Beautifull day. made hay

[Oct.] 5. Threatning rain local Showers all around. Paid to Keckly \$25.40 more due. Fannie drew her months wage for school teaching \$25.

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Sat Oct 6 1894. Went to the Pop [Populist Political ?] speaches at Kensington. such mud throwing. it was dirt all around. what they could not do a strong S. wind did. I got full in a short time & visited Rev. Hood.

[Oct.] 7. Rev. Hood staid [stayed] with us last night. we all went to S.S. & Preaching. a fare turnout considering the cold wind. 9 P.m. Calm as the Summer Eave. Ma & I went to see Granpas'. found them somewhat down

[Oct.] 8. Evy went & got Granpa a load of coal. Boys brought Coalts [colts] home. I mowed some. Matt washed.

[Oct.] 9. Mowed ½ day. Evy Baker went & got 10 bu of corn for Granpa.

[Oct.] 10. This has ben a beautiful day. we enjoyed it very much for we wer stacking hay.

[Oct.] 11. Stacking hay this A.m. high wind this P.m.

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Oct 12 1894 Made hay for granpa. his general health is fare, but his mind is badly shattered.

[Oct.] 13. Dug Pottatoes & went over to see Ett.

[Oct.] 14. Went to S.S. beautifull day fare turn out. the Superintendent an[n]ounced his intention to be absent for some time & Harison also. our S.S. will be be slim I fear. But the Lord has promised to care of his own. We took dinner at Willet's.

[Oct.] 15. Matt & I took the Girls to School & dug Potatoes. Mrs. Van & her mother called. Matt & I went to see Granpa.

[Oct.] 16. Helped wash, hurd [herd], & dig Evy's Potatoes. the weather is delightfull.

[Oct.] 17. Finished dig[g]ing Potatoes. Jo got home last night. found found that many Effects missing [They had been robbed.].

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Oct 18 1894 Hurding & visiting is the order of the day. we wer down to Vans.

[Oct.] 19. Hurded & went to see Granpa. Jo got out a Surchwarent [search warrent] for the things lost. found most of them.

[Oct.] 20. Ma, Fannie & I went to Kirwin. Settled with Baron for Paper & Paid Hockley in full & Keckley \$15. Estella came home though we had a Severe Storm of Dirt but no rain.

[Oct.] 21. Went to S.S. though our Superintendant & two Teachers are gone. the number was very fare 43. our Pastor sick & gone to Salina. Rev. Smith fild [filled] the Pulpit in his absence.

[Oct.] 22. Took Fannie to School & helped wash & hurded for S. Smedly in Jo's place. the weather is fine.

[Oct.] 23. Hurded & fixed Pigpen.

[Oct.] 24. Granpas' came over & Joes'. we wer favored with a dirt storm.

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Oct 25 1894 Very windy & plenty of dirt mixed with it. we made out to hurd through the are [air] was cold. Snow in the North I expect.

[Oct.] 26. Beautifull day. Hurding & fetching Girls home from School duty has ben the order of the day.

[Oct.] 27. went to Smith Center with Girls to take Examination & had the full enjoyment of a dirt Storm. got home just before a Shower.

[Oct. 28.] S.S. through not meny out owing to Cold Cloudy day. Willets young Foalks [folks] came over.

[Oct.] 29. Ma & I took the Girls to their Schools. I went to Mill. Cold North wind. Ma & John went & bought ½ doz. chickens of Mrs. Howard. they are very Poor. the

husband & Father is a lunatic. O God care for the needy poor Though didst bless the Widdows Oil & meal thy power is the same.

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Oct 30 1894 washday it being pleasant after 3 days of high wind.

[Oct.] 31. Evy Ma & I went to Smith Center to hear John J Ingle Speak on the isnes [issues or perhaps isms] of the day. it was a grand suc[c]ess in evry respect, the grandest Ralley of the Season. it was estamated that 4-5 Thousand People wer pres. weather was pleasant & John J. was at his best. But on our ar[r]ival home we heard the sad nuse [news] that Charley Morgan one of our Nep[h]ews was no more. One by One the sands are fal[l]ing. we to[o] soon will be numberd with the dead.

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Nov 1st 1894 Rainy but not very hard.

[Nov.] 2. Helped Charley lath some. Ma went to see Granpas. found them as common.

[Nov.] 3. Hauld feed & fixed Stable. Ma & Fannie went to Kirwin for Estella. Rev Bro Hood is back & with us tonight.

[Nov.] 4. Went to S.S. & Preaching. had a large turnout & a good surmon by Rev. Hood.

[Nov.] 5. Took Fannie to School & cld [circled] around by Kensington. insured school house. Mariett & Children were ove[r] the first in 5 mo.

[Nov.] 6. Election day. evrything seamed quiet & peace[a]ble.

[Nov.] 7. Election returns of Faley Township Pops [Populists] 52 Repu [Republicans] 51 by running in those that wer not residents. Stockman moved away 7 years ago. Sanders has lived in Indian Nation 1 year his statement.

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Nov 8 Went over to see how Granpa was. found him off in mind but Consented to let me take his hogs to fatten because he can't feed enough to fatten.

[Nov.] 9. High wind & Cold. we tride [tried] to stay in dors [indoors]. the Girls failed in Examation [examination].

[Nov.] 10. Quite Cool. Boys brought 2 hogs over from Granpas for us to feed.

[Nov.] 11. S.S. though cloudy cold threatening snow. Jo & Family came over.

[Nov.] 12. High wind with lots of dirt this afternoon. Matt took Estella to Sch[ool] & visited C.C. Jo & Family wer over. victory still purches [perches] on the side of G.O.P. [Grand Old Party - Republican]. Hurah for Repu[licans].

[Nov.] 13. High wind & dust. we try to hurd but it is very unpleasant - cold.

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Nov 14 1894 Pleasant for hurding. went with fannie to S. Brown for the Balance of her School money one doller more due her. C.C has taken my Plow home with him for a day or two.

[Nov.] 15. Beautifull & warm. But a cold wave struck this country 5 P.m. the cold wave continues 9 P.m. the windows & do[o]rs rattle at a fearfull rate while huge black clouds hang in the N. Barthie B. is spending the night with us. I don't think she will forget it in a hurry for their house is a Sod & does not sound so plain as a Frame.

[Nov.] 16. High wind all night jar[r]ing the house & Blds. froze hard -noon a high gale prevails. 11 P.m. Matt, Estella are back. Elder Boul & Bro Hood are hear. Ed & John are having a Picknick [picnic]. F. Hineman is our guest.

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Nov 17 1894 Fixed Cow Shed. I went to Kensington to Quarterly Confrence.

[Nov.] 18. We all went to Kensington to Quarterly meating except E & J [Ed & Jo]. they went to S.S. only 16 out.

[Nov.] 19. Hurded while Evy took Estella to K[ensington]. school. Sold to E. Scott 2 cows \$28. Rev. Hood is with us.

[Nov.] 20. Ma & I went over to Granpas. he was off. evrything went [w]rong. he burnt his knife with kindling, cut check from the line & had 3 collars for 2 horses & the harness tangled the wors[t] way. he takes delight in cutting his shade trees up in too wood. I fear the Fruit Trees will suffer.

[Nov.] 21. Breed Slauterd [slaughtered] a fat Calf for us. Evy & I went over to J.F.B. [Bartlett] for seed corn. got 5 Sacks on cob.

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Nov 22 1894 Helped Frank shell 600 bu of corn & from thir [there] to Charleys & shel[le]d 350. it is a very few that can boast of that much in this country. Ma & Fannie made them a visit allso.

[Nov.] 23. Shel[le]d Six bu. Seed corn got from Cha[r]lie ?. the weathers is pleasant tho cool nights.

[Nov.] 24. Boys fix Cow shed. Ma & I went to Kirwin for Estella. weather calm & nice.

[Nov.] 25. Went to S.S. & thence to Granpas. he woreys [worries] Granma very much. he persists in working if it is Sabbath poor man. she fears he will be held accountable for brakeing Gods holy day.

[Nov.] 26. Beautifull day for Sheading. Rev. Hood is with us to night. we are glad to see him evy [every] time.

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Nov 27 1894 Helped Rev. Hood pack two Boxes of books to send home. his team ran away shatering his bugy badly. he escaped with only a blood blister.

[Nov.] 28. Cloudy & Chilly N.E. wind. to [too] chilly for me to be out.

[Nov.] 29. Thanksgiven was farely enjoyed. C. C. & us wer at Granpas though Shadow of gloom come ore [over] us on account of his mind to [too] bad to bad.

[Nov.] 30. Hauld [hauled] feed & went up to Agra for Rev. Hood. T. Whitely came down & staid [stayed] allnight with us. the weather is cloudy & damp but we get no rain which we need very bad.

[The following newspaper clipping was glued to this page]

The Lesson Applied.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ has come into the world as The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
2. He has realized to men and nations these prophetic promises as they have accepted him.
3. The blessedness of accepting Christ now:
 - He is light in our darkness.
 - He is joy in our sorrow.
 - He is freedom from our bondage.
 - He is our wonderful Counselor.
 - He is our divine Prince of Peace.
 - He is our Immanuel, God with us.
 - He is the world's conquering Lord.

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Dec 1 1894 After Rev. Hood & Bro. Whitely took their leave of us I went to Kirwin for some coal. left some for Estella to cheer her through the week.

[Dec.] 2. Went to S.S. & Preaching by Pastor Hood. it was a grand surmon on Thanksgiving. many harts wer moved & eyes melted to tears. God grant that it may be a Savor of life unto life & not of death unto death & that the wayword may be brought to thank him who is the author of eve[r]y good & perfect gift.

[Dec.] 3. Bound Fruit trees to keep Jackrabbits off[f]. Matt & Fannie washed.

[Dec.] 4. Tinkerd around.

[Dec.] 5. Ma & Eva went over to Granpas. Fannie & I went over to Mr. Willett. exchanged Potatoes for Appels. Evy went to a wolff hunt in Harry Town 10 P.m. is not Back.

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Dec 6 1894 Mrs. Eva Re[yolds] & Danter [daughter] Blanch came over. Ma Fannie & I all went over to Emer Digings on a visit. Cald [called] at Mr. Olsons for consulting Stock Book as our Old Family hors Fred was ailing.

[Dec.] 7. Pleasant. Went to Kensington mill. a Cold wave from the W.[est] accompanied by a Cloud of dust made it somewhat unpleasant.

[Dec.] 8. Boys snaped some corn for a change. Ma & I went to Kirwin. Estella came home with us. report has it that K[ensington] is in the full enjoyment of a Glorious Revival.

[Dec.] 9. Went to Huffs'. he[a]rd Rev. Lane preach. took dinner at Jos' [Joseph's].

[Dec.] 10. Clowdy threatning rain or snow. Charley came over for Matt. their Baby was sick 5 P. M. it snows crys the boys from school. 11 P.M. snowing.

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Dec 11 1894 Three in[ches]. of heavy Snow the most moisture we have had for monthes. The Earth having put on her white mantle it looks like a real winter in the far of N. E. Visited Dis. 59 School. Matt is back from C. R. [Charley Reynolds]. the Baby is better.

[Dec.] 12. Matt & I went over to see how Grampas gener[a]l health is. good but his mind is wors. quite frosty this morn. weather settled down to zero.

[Dec.] 13. Cyote [coyote] hunting. did not see one. I was not out.

[Dec.] 14. Beautifull day. the snow flatend but did not pas[s] off. Grampa & Gramna came over.

[Dec.] 15. Showery. the small grain has had a good drink hopeing it may keep warm for a few days to sprout that that had not.

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Dec 16 1894 A bright sunshine after rain. We all except Ma went to S.S. after w[h]ich Bro. Smith preached a very good surmon. Text Awake though that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give the light. it was a good talk & I think would open Bro Kerns' eys.

[Dec.] 17. Beautifull day. huld [hauled] fead [feed]. Berthie Bartlett came over last night to stay all night. she was sick. did not go to school untill noon.

[Dec.] 18. Banked house & hunted corn. We find that the moisture is helping the wheat.

[Dec.] 19. Evy & I went to Kensington. payed ½ half of our tax amount 5.80.

[Dec.] 20. Butcherd for Granpa. it was a beautifull warm day.

[Dec.] 21. Took Granpa Pork home & salted it for him. Visited school it being last day of S.[school]. Pro[fessor] Felix Lectured for us.

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Dec 22 1894 Pleasant. tryed to find some corn but don't get much.

[Dec.] 23. Beautifull Sabbath. Large turnout to S.S. Stantons & Harison are back from Col[orado]. they report favorable for Church & State & think it the place to raise a Crop. A. E. Lane is pounding away at the wal[ls] of Sectarianism.

[Dec.] 24. Gatherd nubbins [under-developed ears of corn]. it was a beautifull day. Matt & Girls washed. Evy & Estella went to a Christmas Consort [concert] in Kirwin. Ed & John went to Est [east ?] to tree in Ely Kern Dis. Fannie Ma & I contented ourselves' at home.

[Dec.] 25. Happy Christmas. Granpa & C. C. Wife & Clarie wer hear [here] though cold & cloudy. we had a good time in doers [doors].

[Dec.] 26. Cold high wind. Ed & John wer over to Mankey [?] the women at Sanders.

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Dec 27 1894 Sunrise 4° below zero. 12 P.m. 8° above with a Kin [?] N. wind. Such sudden changes sets hard on one. we think best to mulch potato hole [mulch to keep potatoes from freezing in a pit where they stored potatoes] but it is cold on our fingers. Sundown 10° above & the wind gone down.

[Dec.] 28. Six 6° below this morning though calm. does not seam as cold as yesterday yet very cold for a long ride such as Kirwin's young folks propose to take to the Burg [Phillipsburg]. Estella goes with them. my prair [prayer] goes with Them that they may be kept form tem[p]tation & evil. Matt & I Cald [called] on Mr. Stockman.

[Dec.] 29. Zero this morning. well enough for the Pleasure seakers [seekers] of Kirwin returning from PhilipsBurg. Matt & I went to Kirwin. got ½ T. of coal. the air continues cold. Estella reports a grand time at the Bank-quet [banquet]. meng [many] out though the weather cold.

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Dec 30 1894 Went to S.S. 45 out. Elected new officers. no preacher today. Rev. Hood I suppose did not get back.

[Dec.] 31. Finished gathering what few Nubbins of corn we could find. we gathered 60 bu though of light weight. it is far better than nothing for hogs or enything els suffering with hunger.

The hours of 1894 are growing small in number & now our harts go up to The[e] in gratitude for thy loving kindness & tender mercy to us through the years that have past [passed] & invoak [invoke] thy blessing until though [Thou] call us home. theas [these] unmerited favors we beg for Jesus sake. amen.

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Jan 1st 1895 Is a beautifull day. Mrs. Sanders & Jo was hear to dine. Boys hurded this afternoon. they are out Spourting [sporting]. Our Heavenly Father as we have commenced to read thy holy word by cours [?] O bless it to our good. may it be to us as a man of our Counsell a Lamp to our feet & a light to our pathway. 11 A.m. Ma & I went to hear Al Lane Preach but as usal [usual] recieved no benifit on ac[c]ount of his ill will to sectarianism from first to last. may God pity & forgive is my prair [prayer]. Though he may broden [broaden] his filacteris [?] & thank God that he is not as other men are.

[Jan.] 2. Ed & I went to Kensington. J.F.B.[Barlett] & Family wer over.

[Jan.] 3. I went to Kirwin. exchanged Granpas' Boots for Shoes. Evy helped Sim Smedly move Agards'. The homeste[a]d house over to his place. damp cold N. E. wind.

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Jan 4 1895. Snowed enough to whiten the ground. Matt & I went over to Granps.

Estella went over to Jos.

[Jan.] 5. The damp air of yesterday resulted in a big frost. everything hanging full of frozen Spray. it is very fog[g]y & soft. it may result in rain. Jo & Family came over. V. Colen Scot Matt & John went to Kirwin 2 P.m. dinner. Cleark [?] of Matt & John are back no word from G. W. Jones.

[Jan.] 6. S.S. Mrs. Willetts the Superintendent did well. a good turnout. O what a beautifull afternoon emblem of eternal rest.

[Jan.] 7. Cold high wind. Evy & Girls visited thir Bro. Charles. Ed & John went to school.

[Jan.] 8. School, wash day, hurding. Breed visited.

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Jan 9 1895. Pleasant so much so that the Green flyes did ventur out. Matt went over home. Mr. Stockman bought a brood Sow of me for \$7. I went over to see Mr. Fisher conserning rents. 1 load of corn 25 bu due him & \$30 for Pastur w[h]ich is to stand untill we can rais a Crop. this conversation past [passed - took place] where he & Art was sawing Stove wood in the Grove N. of the house & Stable.

[Jan.] 10. Ma & John had to go over to Granpas. he is very bad off. Mr. Breed helped butcher. Ma & Jo is back. Freeman & wife stays thir tonight.

[Jan.] 11. Threatning Storm. H. Kerns Babe dide [died] this morning of Consumtion havin[g] allways ben ailing.

[Jan.] 12. Attended the funer[a]l of Henry Kerns Babe. a very chilly are [air] pervailed. Evy & Girls cal[l] on Miss Ida Marshall. Granpa was very unruly. Ma is thir.

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Jan 13 1895. S.S. & Preaching by Rev. Smith. Matt is over to Granpas.

[Jan.] 14. Ship[p]ed 2 pigs \$3.75 Cwt \$12.50. got a load of Coal for Granpa. Girls started to Dis. School. Sleet rain last night but it vanished by noon.

[Jan.] 15. Went to Kirwin with Granpa. Paid to Keckley \$20 to be aplide [applied] on book acount.

[Jan.] 16. Charley's 29 Birthday is mild & pleasant. I have finished the reading of U. S. A. History. find as interesting as ever & lots more to learn.

[Jan.] 17. Mild. hauld [hauled] foder. Matt went over to Granpas.

[Jan.] 18. Ma & I went to Kensington. visited C. A. Lain [Lane]. Recieve from Dillon \$8.90 for Granpa in full.

[Jan.] 19. As pleasant as summer. hauld [hauded] manure & Carted sows home from Fishers.

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Jan 20 1895. Pleasant as Spring. went to S.S. a good turnout. Will & Alma Cornell made us a pleasant call. 6 P.m. the beautifull weather that we enjoyed so much was niped in the bud by a cold wave & dirt storm from the N.

[Jan.] 21. Quite pleasant after the Cold wave. Washday & Cleaning up in general.

[Jan.] 22. Charley & Familey wer over. the weather beautifull.

[Jan.] 23. The nice weather ended last night so [?] A.m. by a cold wave driveing the murcury down 2° below. Henry Kern & Familey & Granpas came over. had a nice visit.

[Jan.] 24. Cloudy with a cold N. E. wind rendreing [rendering] it disagreeable to be out espealy [especially] for an old Person 10° above zero, a forboding Black Cloud in E.

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Jan 25 1895. The disagreeable chilly air of yesterday has resulted in driveing Snowstorm drifting bad. it must be har[d] for Stock that haftoo [have to] pick thir living. fortunatealy it is not so desperately cold whare [where] thir [is] eny [any] wind break. 11° above zero. 7 P.m. wind gone down some & Stares shine thoug[h]. thir [there] seams to be Snow in the air. it has ben a rough day on hogs. snow drifting on them. I cleaned out the nest & banked up with the drift so that it will be cosy for them.

[Jan.] 26. Matt & I took dinner at Jos' then went to Kirwin, it being quite pleasant though the roads somewhat blockaded. Rev. Hood is with us tonight paid for Ad Locate [?].

[Jan.] 27. Went to S.S. & Preaching. not very meny out owing to the Roads being somewhat blockade. the Preachor & us took Dinner at Stanton's.

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Jan 28 1895. Did not thaw today though the Sun shone bright. Matt washed while the rest cook eate [ate] & washed dishes.

[Jan.] 29. Evy helped Jo haul Ice. Hary Birdsill called staid [stayed] for dinner. the weather has moderated.

[Jan.] 30. Clowdy with Frost or fine Snow flying & a damp air Though behind the frowning clouds the sun hides a smileing face. Evy went to Kirwin for a load of Coal. Ma & I went over to See Granpa. the Children have gone over to Fishers to spend the eavening. This is Jos' 27th Birthday.

[Jan.] 31. Visited at Olsions [Olsons ?]. I went to Kensington Mill. the we[a]ther is very unsurtain. we thought it was going to be nice & pleasant but soon clouded up & a cold wave came over from North threatning Snow so Lena O came hear to stay all night from School.

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Feb 1st 1895. Cold this morning 11° below zero. Evy helped Jo haul Ice. John is complaining with a cold. did not go to school. I went over Etts. the children are complaining of bad colds. I cald [called] at Charleys but found no one at home.

[Feb.] 2. Be it known to all conserved that if the Ground hog came up he could see his shaddow but one thing I know he would be forced back to his hole by a cold wave from the N. for 6 weeks. Estella & I went to Kirwin. She will visit Miss Perkins. Matt & John have gone over to Granpa & I shall hafto [have to] sleep alone.

[Feb.] 3. Yester eave [eve] & this morning was very forboding & full of threatning storm. after skift of snow the sun came out. it was nice calm. we did not go to S.S. this morn. I went to the Union w[h]ich is only 3/4 of a mile away. only 20 out.

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Feb 4 1895. Ship Eds' old sow weight 350 cwt. Somewhat disagreeable for a washday & new calves.

[Feb.] 5. Threatning snow or blowing frost allday but I got warm trying to learn stubborn calfs to drink. if the reader doubts it, try it once or twice. Matt is home. Granpa is poor.

[Feb.] 6. The worst dirt & Snow Storm of the season. it is so bad one can scarce see to read. 50 yards is the farth[er]est one can out dores [doors] & much of the time one can't see half that distance. the storm commenced 4 A.m. murcury 2° below zero. 1 P.m. we have not fed the cattle yet. dinner & cattle fed but the Storm rages without. murcury is going down 4° below. 5 P.m. more dirt in air & wind is higher & drifting west. hard to keep room warm. 9 P.m. 9°-10° below. not as much dirt in the air. O drive theas [these] dark clouds froming [from the ?] sky & remember the Poor & temper the storm for the needy.

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[Feb.] 7. 16° below zero. warmed up some & thawed a little. C.C. & wife came over

from Granpas'. they wer storm staid [stayed]. the old Foalks are very poorly. I took Matt over.

[Feb.] 8. Matt is over to Granpas' so while the old cat is away the mice will play. 2° below with a S. wind w[h]ich is damp.

[Feb.] 9. John went for Ma but Grampa was somewhat unruly & she could not come home. I went to see how Charlies' & Etts wer. found them better of their colds & Odonnells' are better. Mr. Stanton has ben solisiting [soliciting] for H. Clark. found them in very bad shape. O Lord pittly the poor. Rec[eived] for Ed Old S. [stallion ?] 11.50.

[Feb.] 10. Threatning Storm. only 14 to sunday School. I went to see how granpa was. fare throw [though] very Drepsed [depressed] & short of breath. Joes came over.

[Feb.] 11. Washday but clouded over & threatned a big snow storm. I gave [?].

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Feb 12 1895. Fannie Estella & I visited Jos'. Evy went to see how Granpas' wer. Ma did not think it best to Come home. Granma was very poorly. the weather is very unsettled.

[Feb.] 13. Weather unsettled though nor [not] very cold. it threatens Snow evry day. Charleys' Baby is complaning. Tonsiletus is the troubles.

[Feb.] 14. Our sky is still clouded over but we get no snow. the weather is quite moderate. Evy & Estella have gone over to see how Charleys' Babe was.

[Feb.] 15. Pleasant with a Clear sky. after choers [chores] are done we apply ourselves to the reading of good Books & the Bible. Bunion [an author ?] on Christian Perfection. Ritpath's history of Anchant [ancient] & Modern world. Good Advice to young Ladies. the Pionear. Celebrated Men. Reveries of the Bachelor & 7 Wonders of the World. Papers Wester[n] Christian. Advocate. Kan City Star. Kirwin Glade.

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Feb 16 1895. I went to Kensington to see what show thir was to buy corn on time but found none. corn may be had for 48¢ cash or 65¢ on time with 10 per[cent] in[terest]. I did not purches [purchase]. Matt remains with Parents. thir health poor. Evy & Fannie went to Kirwin for mail & trade. it was a warm & beautifull day. Estella & Boys kept house.

[Feb.] 17. Some to S.S. & some to other duties. may the Lord bless to his Glory.

[Feb.] 18. I went to Kensington. Borowed of S. Cornwell \$20 for 60 days to take up a Note of that am [have ?] given to A. Stanford. the weather warm threatened rain but past over. Father of Heaven & Earth water this part of thy moral heritage.

[Feb.] 19. Very pleasant. hauld manure. Matt got home for a day or so. Granpa is no better.

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Feb 20 1895. Evy & I went to Fred Hofers Sale. things sold cheap compard with former times. weather mild.

[Feb.] 21. Pleasant. Charley's came over. he [& us ?] went to Kirwin.

[Feb.] 22. This must be a weatherbreader [breather ? - a break in the bad weather]. it is so calm & nice. Matt was cald to her Fathers'. Lyde [Syde ?] could not make it - sou thir.

[Feb.] 23. I went to Kirwin for a load of Coal. warm & nice with S. wind. [See additional entry for this date on page [152](#)]

[Feb.] 24. Went to S.S. the weather pleasant. thir was a good turnout. Rev. G. W. Hood dined with us & S. Cornell & Alma. Jo & Family Will Duff & Young Samson called. Matt is with her party.

[Feb.] 25. Bro. Hood bid us adue [adieu]. Spriniklin rain. the eaves drop[p]ed some.

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Feb 26 1895. Evy & I went to McCracken. Supervisor & aplide [applied] for 18 bu. of corn 10 of Oats 5 of Potatoes 5 of Millet. we had a glorious rain last night. evryone seam to rejoice for a soaking Shower. Estella & I went to see Granpa. I staid.

[Feb.] 27. Fixed hog pen for Granpa. he was very sick & hard to maneg [manage]. I went to H. Monell Sale. things sold dirt cheap then back to Granpas.

[Feb.] 28. Home once more. Found the girls washing but the wind got so high they did not hang them out.

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Mar 1 1895. Cool wind with a bright sunshine. Chas Harison wife & Babe made us a visit. Evy & Ed went to a Birthday party a Ely Kerns. John went to see how Granpa's wer. Estella & I went to see how Mrs. Odonnels. she is very poorly.

[Mar.] 2. Warm day. Estella & I went to Kirwin. Sold to Charls 4 Stears at \$10 each, 1 Milchcow at \$22 to be deliverd on the 4th.

[Mar.] 3. Very high wind all night & day threating snow. John & I went over to

Granpas'. he is off much of the time. no S.S. owin to the Storm.

[Mar.] 4. Helped Mr. Breed move. the Boys drove the cattle sold to Charles on the 2 [March 2] and Girls washed. Fannie & Evy have gone to see Mrs. Odonell. Fannie will set up with her as they are wore out.

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Mar 5 1895. Evy & the Girls went with Jos' to Willetts. I took meat over to Granpas to smoak [smoke]. he is no better.

[Mar.] 6. Visited Sick at Odonels. fixed harness. Stantons called for a while. Settled in part by Note on account given by R. L. Harison to be paid in 8 m[onths].

[Mar.] 7. Granpas' wer over. he seemed to be far [fair] in mind. Mr. Gray & A. Fisher called to spend the eavening.

[Mar.] 8. Girls & I went over to J.F.B. I cald to see Mr. Willi[a]ms. he is quite sick LaGip [La Grippe, the flu]. Mrs. Odonnell is no better.

[Mar.] 9. Fannie & I went to Kirwin. Paid a Note \$238 given for harness to Hall \$10 to Keckley [\$]4 to Egnsig [Ensign ?]. we met Uncle Foster [Morgan] & wife in Town.

[Mar.] 10. Went to S.S. & preaching. Bro. Smith fild [filled] the Pulpit for Bro Hood woh [who] went home to Salina. Cloudy & cold.

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Mar 11 1895. Washday. Matt went back to her ardurs [arduous] charge of takeing care of her Parents having two days rest. Eva & her Daughter Blanch made us a little visit.

[Mar.] 12. Uncle Foster Matt & I went to Kirwin. had a counsel with Freemans on the advisability of selling Granpa['s] Stock. thought best not for Granma sake. she felt so bad over it thinking the Children wer tierd [tired] of them. God forbid that we should forsak the aged those who have long borne the Burden & heat of the day. Estella is helping Mrs. Stanton get re[a]dy to move.

[Mar.] 13. Quite Stormey & Cold wind. Uncle Foster & wife are hear on their way home.

[Mar.] 14. Uncle F[oster] did not go home owing to a threatning storm.

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Mar 15 1895. Uncle Foster & wife returned home. Bought 50 bu of corn at 48¢.

[Mar.] 16. Visited the sick namely Mrs. Odonnell, Mariett & Charleys & went over to Granpas. found Matt sick. sent her home. staid [stayed] my self. he was very unruly.

[Mar.] 17. Matt went back to Granpas' & I came home. Mrs. Odonnell can't liv long. they say as for the rest of sick in the community are better. thir is very much sickness around.

[Mar.] 18. Girls washed. we went to see Mrs. Odonnell. She is very poorly. has disposed of her trinkets & advised conserning her Buriel & had them get ready for her departure.

[Mar.] 19. Thratend Snow for a while. being warm it did not last long. Mrs. Odonnell is no better growing weaker.

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Mar 20 1895. The birds in the green wood are singing with glee as merry & happy as we. Prais the Lord the giver of all. prais the Lord the given of all. let his Children with rapture his mercy prolong the bountifull giver of all. Evy & the Girls have gone to see Ma & Granpas. Fodder hauling was nice. Commenced Listing. Evy & Girls did not find Granpas at home so they cald [called] on Stantons. Estella is with Mrs. Odonnell to night. she is failing.

[Mar.] 21. Hasy [hazy] & high wind from S. with some dust. Listing goes some better today. scours on cein [?] a while.

[Mar.] 22. Listed & visited Mrs. Odonnell. she is very low.

[Mar.] 23. Called at Mr. Willets to see how they wer. found that they wer gone so I past [passed] on to Granpa & Charleys R. got 1 bu of E[a]rly Ohio Potatoes. Mrs. Odonnells' was yet alive. Miss Perkins is visiting Estella.

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Mar 24 1895. This has be[e]n a beautifull Sabbath. we went to S.S. & Preaching by Bro Smith. Stantons came over. Mrs. Odonnell is yet alive though suffering very much.

[Mar.] 25. Very warm equal to summer. Listed & went over to see Mrs. Odonnell. she is still lingring but does not notice eny one.

[Mar.] 26. Mrs. Odonnell dide [died] after several days lingring. Recieved County Seed corn 10 bu 60¢ Oats 10 bu 32[¢] Potatoes 2 bu 70[¢]. Sowed some of the oats. The weather was hot today.

[Mar.] 27. Mrs. [Mary Ettie] Odonnell was burid in the Kensington Cemitry [[Olive](#)

[Branch Cemetery](#) in Kensington]. a large turnout at the burring.

[Mar.] 28. Sowed some oats & made garden. high wind & hot. Birthie B came over from school & stayed all night. Stanton leaves for Lanta [Atlanta ? - there is also an Atlanta, KS].

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Mar 29 1895. Made garden. Girls are sick & went for Matt. Old Mrs. Orborn [Osborne ?] goes to low[a] to live with her Son.

[Mar.] 30. High wind from S. with plenty of dirt. we planted Potatoes hoping the yeald may be better than last year. Hon. Mr. Ruby of Stoc[k]ton is visting hear [Ernest Ruby, who married Fannie Reynolds in 1896].

[Mar.] 31. Balmy & pleasant. went S.S. Matt & Estella went to see Dr. Lappin about her sever[e] cough. a Cold wave from N. making it very disagreeable being accompanied with dirt.

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April 1 1895. All Fools day. High wind from the N. growing cold & threat snow. Ma & I went to Kirwin. got Lister & Plow Shear sharpend.

[Apr.] 2. J.W.R. [Joseph W. Reynolds] 4 weding anaversary [this may have been the fifth rather than fourth]. Ma & I went over. found Dr. Smedly & Family thir Mr. Nelson & Family. we went over to Granpa. got 2 Horses to fead for them. he was willing.

[Apr.] 3. Washday & Potatoe planting.

[Apr.] 4. Hurding hogs & planting Potatoes while the wind blows the dirt.

[Apr.] 5. Dirt or smoak [smoke] full the air but not very disagreeable. 1 P.m. growing wers [worse] & more of it. J.F.B. & Fam. came over this forenoon while it was not so bad but it was feafull when they started home. R.C.R. [Roger Charles Reynolds] came for Ma. Babe [Sarah Inez] was sick. sprinkled rain.

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April 6 1895. 1 A.m. The house trembled in the fury of the gale. sprinkling but soon turned to Snow. 10 P.m. Showery all day. I took Matt over to Granpa & now as we retire it rains for good. I don't think dry dirt will stick out in the morning.

[Apr.] 7. Showery. none of us went to S.S. John went to see Ma & Granpa. found them about the same.

[Apr.] 8. Pleasant. I staid with Granpa while Matt could help the Girls out.

[Apr.] 9. Warm & Pleasant as the summer breas [breeze] when it floats among the Trees. McCracken cald [called] to assess.

[Apr.] 10. Mankers past [passed] through. got Spring wagon. made some garden. Evy has worked roads 2 days.

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April 11 1895. Planted some Potatoes. very warm this P.m. Clouded over somewhat & gave us a thunder shower though very small.

[Apr.] 12. Good Friday. helped R.C. [Roger Charles Reynolds] plant Some Potatoes & planted some ourselves. Mr. Arnolds' & Neace [niece] wer down.

[Apr.] 13. The Girls & I went to Kirwin. Ed harrowed. John went to see Ma. Granpa is very ill.

[Apr.] 14. Went to S.S. good turnout. I went over to Granpa to dine. he is very much off. have had a disagreeable time with him for several days musing [messaging ?] himself as evrything els.

[Apr.] 15. Commenced planting Corn. Rev. Hood on his way home from Agra. 2 A.m. commenced raining & continues. it is now bedtime.

[Apr.] 16. It is wet enough to plow now. we had a glorious rain. Bells' Sister Mag goes home tonight.

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[Apr. 16 continued] H. Kern got 9 Shocks of foder. Rev. Hood started for Salina after dinner worked road with team.

[Apr.] 17. Warming up for surtain. Boys are Listing. Girls washed & went with me over to Grandpa.

[Apr.] 18. Boys are planting. John & planted potatoes. Willets Girls wer over.

[Apr.] 19. Corn planting is the order of the day. I took dinner at R.C.

[Apr.] 20. Went over to J.F.B. for seed corn. Fannie & I went to Kirwin. threatend rain. we got the dirt part of it. Ed went for Ma but did not come home. Granpa is very unwell.

[Apr.] 21. Went to S.S. Preching by Rev. Funk the new pastor. not meny out.

Threatening rain high wind cold & cloudy. Rev. Funk dined here. I fancy that this has been a long day for Matt.

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April 22 1895. The Boys take ahold of Corn planting with renewed vigor after a days' rest. Ice this morning.

[Apr.] 23. Corn planting & housecleaning. the Girls had their first experiance in Whitewashing.

[Apr.] 24. Corn planting far & near. Girls went over Odonnells for a while. I went over to see how Granpa wer. Ma came home.

[Apr.] 25. Corn planting & Housecleaning while Ma is at home.

[Apr.] 26. Planting corn & visited last day of School.

[Apr.] 27. This closes a week of corn planting. Ma went to Town with Estella & I.

[Apr.] 28. Went to S.S. a large turnout. Ma & I went to Granpa. Ma staid.

[Apr.] 29. The Girls & I went to Kensington Mill & Cornell. Dirt storm.

[Apr.] 30. Went to Kir[win]. Sharp Listers. no rain.

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May 1st 1895. Local showers but we get none. had some cattle dehorned. Sent 3 over to Charlys to Pasture & 3 Coalts. Corn planting goes on day after day.

[May] 2. I am so tired I don't know what to do from harrowing. Boys plant corn. Girls visited at Charleys & John Granpas.

[May] 3. Cloudy with high wind no rain. Estela & I went over to W. Scot. John Martin & Sister spent the eavening here.

[May] 4. Boys finished planting S. & went over in Philips [County] to stick in some. Girls & I went to Kirwin after dinner.

[May] 5. Beautifull day. went to S.S. & preaching. Singing at Harison. had a sprinkle of rain but the shower went around.

[May] 6. The routine of an other week corn planting washing hurding.

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May 7 1895. Corn planting is getting dry & hard. John broak [broke] stalks for Charley.

[May] 8. Hot wind. I hauld water for Granpas' & staid thir allnight. it is the greatest of Charge to care for him.

[May] 9. The Girls & I went over to J.F.B. it was Etts 32 Birthday. Alty [Alta May Barlett] came home with us. high & hot win[d]. it is very discour[ag]ing. small Grain of all kinds is drying up. we hauld 2 barels of water & waterd some of the garden truck.

[May] 10. The hot wind of yesterday took a weunderfull leap last night. freazing cold but rather than play[ing] the part of a Sluggor we plant corn & Beans.

[May] 11. Ice in horsetrough & a gar [jar] of water on well was slush through Potatoes wer nip[p]ed & some corn & weeds but not as bad as in May 19 1894. finished planting.

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May 12 1895. Vegetation was seriously nip[p]ed agan last night by a sevear frost. Grass & the leaves of Forest treas are kild as by fire. Corn & Potatoes have sufferd very much. went to S.S. evry one feals blue. Though what time they fear they will trust in God. Quertily [quarterly] meating at Kensington.

[May] 13. Frost in localities last night agan. fruit is reported kild. from the preasant apperiance we are in the midst of an other failure. Quartily Con. [conference]. offical Bord well repented. Preachor salery was place at \$550 & parsonage. Boys hauld Rock to fix well.

[May] 14. No frost but cold at daylight. Cleand out stock well.

[May] 15. Walled stockwell & Girls & I went over to Granpas.

[May] 16. Hauld 2 loads of rock from J. Scott for well. Due him 50¢.

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May 17 1895. Very cold. Ice in the horsetrough. the cold snap [h]as kild the grass down to the ground in localities. Corn is loocking very yellow. we hauld 2 loads of Rock from Ceadervill [Cedarvale] & put them in well. Edy worked road with team ½ d.

[May] 18. Edy worked road with team 1 d. the Girls & I went to Kirwin. got lots of letters. the cry is hard times & sicknes. a very cold wave is pasing over & a [Sundog](#) in view.

[May] 19. Very cool. we went to S.S. & preaching. Ma went too. did not think it

would be prudent to come home. the Preachor dined with us.

[May] 20. Floating. Corn plowing Potatoes. we can hardly follow the rows since the freeze. Willetts & Clarkes cald to sing while out riding.

[May] 21. Floating corn. went over to Willetts to sing. sent for finest of wheat. No. 22.

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May 22 1895. Boys plowing corn. I went ove to Granpa. he is very poorly.

[May] 23. Home. sent Fan & Abl [?] ove to Charleys. Eva was over. while we wer taking in more pasture I got my fingers tore bad with the wire.

[May] 24. Estella & I went to Kirwin. Alma C. came down. her & Fannie visited at Jos' & back hear.

[May] 25. 12:40 A.m. Raining a nice shower. 2:40 A.m. stars shining. evry thing seams revived but in going to Granpa I find it did not go far. Boys harrowing corn.

[May] 26. John & I went to S.S. Evy, Ed, & Girls went to memorial services in Kirwin by Sutherland. a very large turnout. hasy [hazy] as though it might rain.

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May 27 1895. Has ben a very disagreeable day for high hot & dirty wind. it is 9 P.m. & growing more & more. H. Kern on his way to Kensington cald for harrow. we took it home & got a weed cutter Harison. Granpa is no better. Boys harrowed. John visited Colon Scot.

[May] 28. This has ben fearfull for wind & dirt no letup day or night. one can do nothing for holding his hat on & clawing dirt out of his eys. Ed worid [worked] at weed cutting. Ruler of wind & dirt do Though [Thou] our country save. Though [Thou] who holdest the wind in thy fist smile upon the creturs though hast made & cattle. O water the earth that it may bring forth for man & beast. midnight & the fury of the gale speeds [speeds] along yet the Stares are bright above me.

[May] 29. The 48 hour blow did not bring rain.

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May 29 1895. The 48 hour blow did not fech rain [this is repeat from the bottom of the previous page]. Ed & John cut weeds. Edny Chance was over. threatend a thundershower but past with a whirling of dirt.

[May] 30. Decoration day & Thanksgiving for a good shower to water the earth that it may bring forth for man & beast. the frogs never wer happier. each one make as much racket as a corn sheller.

[May] 31. Plowing in Garden & other places. working corn.

June 1 1895. [June] has come & refreshing rain. Boys working corn. Estella & I went to Kirwin. Fannie to Jos'.

[June] 2. I went over to Granpa. found him quite immangle [unmanageable]. the rest went to S.S. Matts 55 birthday. sing at Bartlett. we all got to go home between showers. got some moist but the rain was not the less glorious.

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June 3 1895. The rain last night filled the Draw so it found way over fills & grad[e]s. Planted corn & sowed Oats for hog pasture.

[June] 4. Planting Corn. I went over to see how Granpa was. he about the same. I stop[p]ed at Chas. Inos [Inez Reynolds] was sick.

[June] 5. Planting corn. Fannie & Boys went to a sing at Harisons. Estella stop[p]ed at Chas.

[June] 6. Finished replanting corn this forenoon. after 8 days from working corn we return find weeds & all have grown. Girls went over to Etts.

[June] 7. Slaying weeds.

[June] 8. Boys are after weeds. Fannie & I went to Kirwin. I went over to stay with Granpa over night.

[June] 9. At S.S. Singing hear this afternoon. a good turnout. Henry Kerns & Family wer hear to dinner.

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June 10 1895. Working corn & hurding hogs. Cloudy & sultry all day. midnight we are blessed with a glorious thunder shower. help us to recall thy mercies O Lord & not brood over miseris. though [Thou] art better to us than our fears. help us with the Psa[l]mist of old to trust in thee what time we fear. thy mercies hath ben ever of Old Prais the Lord. 1 P.m. the rain continues. 2 p.m. from the rumbling of distant Thunder I think it is a general rain. 3 P.m. the pat[t]er of the gentle Summer rain has almost lul[l]ed me to sleap. quit raining 4 P.m.

[June] 11. Owing to the rain last night thir was not much corn plowed. I went over

to see how Granpa was. found him docile to what he was Sunday.

[June] 12. Working is the order of the day. Fannie & I went over to Harisons to practice children [for singing ?].

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June 13 1895. Warm day in corn field.

[June] 14. Working corn.

[June] 15. Went to Kirwin & Edie hauld a load of lumber for children day. I went ove to Granpa.

[June] 16. Childrens' occation [occasion] went off well though the rustling of the Forest was some what aganst us. thir was a large turnout.

[June] 17. Estellas' 18 Birthday in lue [lieu] of w[h]ich we present her Walter the colt w[h]ich may be a cause of some jelisy [jealousy] as I have not given one of the others a horse as they came of age but a greater deal more even their Mothers dowery. Workin corn is the order of the day.

[June] 18. Corn Plowing.

[June] 19. We drive corn plows & the hicough drive me for 36 hours having tryed meny things to stop it to no evail [avail].

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June 20 1895. Corn plowing goes on. sort of Augh [?] for me.

[June] 21. Had a shower last night but not enough to stop corn plowing. not fealing well I went over to see how Granpa was. he was in bad shape.

[June] 22. Girls & I went to Kirwin. had lots of Blacksmithing done while the Boys worked corn.

[June] 23. The Children went to S.S. not meny out sick or worked down. very warm 104° & vegetation indicate [?] as well as frail humanity.

[June] 24. Hot with a good brease. 108° 1 P.m. Corn plowing is warm work. very sultry to night. it may rain. it looks favorable.

[June] 25. Boys plowed corn. Estella & I went to Kensington to Mill. took supper at Heinemans. found Rev. Hood thire.

[June] 26. Nice for killing weeds. too dry for corn & grass.

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June 27 1895. Did not get much corn plowed to day. threatenng rain. the Girls in company with Willetts Girls went to visit Chances.

[June] 28. Drizley [drizzly]. Rev. Hood cald on his way to Stoc[k]ton to hold the pulpit down the 30[th]. Ma was home to show the Girls how to make soap then back on a break neck.

[June] 29. Misty Fannie & I went to Kirwin. Mrs. Ruby & Sister of Stoc[k]ton are visiting with us.

[June] 30. Cloudy yet pleasant. the young Foalks have to S.S. & Preaching. I did not go. I am suffering from hiccough & have ben for 24 hours. 6 P.m. Stockton Foalks gone. Estella just got home from Granpa. he can't be up. I fear the end is drawing nigh.

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July 1 1895. We have enjoyed several days of fog & mist w[h]ich is a rare thing in theas parts. Boys plowed corn. Granpa is very poorly.

[July] 2. Nice day to work. the Boys are making a mark in the cornfield. it has been cloudy all day. local showers in sight & frequent sprinkles hear. I have not heard from Granpa. I fear to get wet for I am taking Calomel & must be carefull.

[July] 3. Cloudy & misty. Jo & Familey came over. brought a cake of ice. had icecream in honor of my 56 Birthday. he helped Boys plow corn ½ day. Granpa is growing wors. inflamation has set in. he can't last lon[g]. he is delerious all the time.

[July] 4. The glory of the Nations we bless thee for the religous & civil libberties we celebrated at home. Joes wer hear. Granpa is no better.

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July 5 1895. 2 P.m. Girls have gone to Kirwin. Boys are in the corn. Jo helping w. Evy ½.

[July] 6. Girls & I went to see Granpa. Corn is suffering heat & drough[t]. it is roaling [rolling - the leaves curl up in the heat] bad. Boys quit the feild at noon & gone a fishing. the murcury was up to 98° at 6 P.m.

[July] 7. The children went to S.S. they report a fair report 40. Nelly Willetts came over. Ed went to see Granpa. the days seam very long to me when I can't go to church.

[July] 8. At Sunrise the Boatman bore the spirit of Granpa [John] Morgan to the other Shore.

[July] 9. We laid the Body of Granpa away in the [Kirwin Cemetry](#) to await the Resurrection morn. thir was a grand turnout to pay thir last respect.

[July] 10. Took Granma home to put her effects in order & to divide with the Children. each share alike when she needs no more.

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July 11 1895. Ed & John plowed corn for Hurbert Clark. I went over to see Ett. she is suffering from Catar in her head. Corn is neading a drink bad. it is roaling [rolling] & drying. murcury ran up to 97°.

[July] 12. Boys plowing corn. Grandma broak [broke] up house keeping. Matt is back home. Granma & Foster [Morgan] & wife are [here] to night.

[July] 13. Foster & wife went to Kirwin w. Fannie & I. Boys plowed corn. brought Grandma pigs over. Light shower. Elevator at Agra [KS] Burned.

[July] 14. Went to S.S. & preaching. had a glorious rain last night. A. Camble [Campbell ?] Barn Burned from lightning. 4 sets of good harness one horse & lots of chickens.

[July] 15. Most [almost] to wet plow corn. Evy mowed weeds. one of his colts jumped over Sicklebar while in motion & got leaders of one front leg off.

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July 16 1895. Evy went for Dr. for Colt. we kild [killed] it. Charles & Carrie wer over. their Babe is a Cricket. warm 106°.

[July] 17. Matt took Grandma to Kirwin to stay a few days with Mrs. Freeman [Sarah's sister Lida]. Boys are winding up corn plowing. it is hot 104°.

[July] 18. Too hot for corn 106° at 6 P.m. Went to Kirwin with 5 Pigs for Grandma & mowed weeds. Evy & Ed are helping Jo ½ day stack wheat.

[July] 19. 96-100°. Threatend rain very strong this morn. it is very cloudy tonight. Evy & Ed helped Jo.

[July] 20. Very warm 94-100°. Matt & I went over H. Clark. 34 took dinner had a good time.

[July] 21. Hill Side Childrens' day not as meny out as we expected. it may have ben

on account of Electric storm last night. had a nice rain very heavy in some localitys. S. & E corn is humping [?].

[July] 22. A little more rain last night. cloudy yet nice for corn.

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July 23 1895. Drizly all day. we forgot Eva R. [Smedley Reynolds, Joseph's wife] Birthday.

[July] 24. Cleard up by 10 oclock. Wreight cut our wheat.

[July] 25. Finished harvesting. School Election I was reelected. quite a breaze but not hot as a year ago 89° 112° year ago.

[July] 26. Almost hot wind 100°. 112° a year ago. Rev. Hood & Son stop[p]ed. Grandma Aunt Lyde [Freeman - Sarah Morgan's sister] & Claria wer hear.

[July] 27. Hood puld [pulled] out for Downs on his way home. Matt & Estella went to Kirwin. 104° at 6 A.m.

[July] 28. Went to S.S. no preaching the Preachor having gone to attend camp meating at Woodson [Woodston]. I suppose Matt & I went over to see Mariett. her ears are still gathering. weather very hot & dry. 100° at 9 P.m. 102° at A.m.

[July] 29. Cool & cloudy threatning rain. J.F.B. & Family came over.

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July 30 1895. Pleasant. Boys cut weeds. Charley & Family wer over & took tea yesterday. they wonderd who would be hear today. now it is who tomorrow. our fears is that their will be no corn hear. we are need rain so bad.

[July] 31. Not so hot though as dry as need be. no sign of rain. Boys are cutting weeds.

August 1 1895. Matt, Girls, & I went ove to Jos'. Granma Townsend Fred & Hary Harison were over. Evy painted Charleys' wagon. Edy mowed weeds in pastur.

[Aug.] 2. Had a nice shower last night wich has revived the corn once more. Matt & I went to Town & Granma came home with us. the Gals are very busy fluiting flub dubs [?] for a trip to Stockton & camp meating.

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August 3 1895. The Girls, Evy & I went to camp meating near Woodston. stoped

with Friend [John] Rubies' [Evan would marry John's daughter Cora in 1898].

[Aug.] 4. Evry Body seem to pull for camp. Rev. Armsted & Funk wer at their best. a great meny out & meny went home. the River was too high to ford with safety threatning rain so we did not stay for nite service.

[Aug.] 5. We tur[n] our backs on Stockton Friends & puld [pulled] for home. the corn crop is loockin very well over that way having had plenty of rain but find it badly burnt in this part of the country. Willetts wer over. they are cast down.

[Aug.] 6. I went to Kirwin. settled Grandpas' funeral expences in full. Boys brought Calves home from C. for a short time.

[Aug.] 7. H. Kern & Family wer over & Jo & his. I went to see how Charley was. find Blue Corn fired [probably burnt up from the heat]. hot with high wind.

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August 8 1895. We visited Gilchrist & Willetts. had a grand jovel [jovial] time. Ice cream w. cake & watermelons served for pastime then a full supper. Though the prospect for corn is blited [blighted] w[h]ich make us feal very blue wer[e] we to yeald [yield] to the temporal surroundings but we remember Gods promises that in some way he will provide.

[Aug.] 9. Commenced cutting corn.

[Aug.] 10. Cut corn. Granma & Matt went to Kirwin.

[Aug.] 11. Went to S.S. & preaching. Old Decon was cald on to lead in prair [prayer]. he exorted a while to the disgust of all. Boys & Fannie Estella went to Macions [Masons ?].

[Aug.] 12. Ed, John, & I cut 4 shock rows & 1/3 of corn. it was a days work. Evy & Fannie are getting ready to go to Jackson Co. Evy & Fannie started on their over land trip for Twedys' Hm [Km ?] living in Jackson Co. We cut corn.

[In the margins, seemingly associated with no particular day on this page]. Dry & hot. ranging from 95° to 100°. Corn very dry.

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August 14 1895. Cut corn. Matt, Grandma & Estella went C. Kerns. We wonder where E. & F. [Evan and Fannie] are tonight.

[Aug.] 15. Cut corn. Matt was over to Odonells. Grandma & Estella over to Charleys.

[Aug.] 16. Sold 7 calves & 2 Shotes [shoats - young weaned piglets] to M. Fisher 71.20 & Paid in ful for pastur. this sesms to be a great stir for cattle. Cutting corn is the order of the day.

[Aug.] 17. The wemen went to town. Paid to Keckly \$20 to Egnsign [Ensign ?] 5. Boys & I cut corn. we suppose Evy & Fannie got to their jurneys end.

[Aug.] 18. Went to S.S. we mis the absent ones.

[Aug.] 19. Clowdy. nice for corn cutting.

[Aug.] 20. The wemen are at Harison. Boys & I cut corn.

[Aug.] 21. Helped Jo cut corn. Matt & Grandma visited Bar. [Bartlettts]

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August 22 1895. Helped Jo cut corn ½. the wemen have gone to visit Burdsills. it is to[o] hot & windy to work 106°.

[Aug.] 23. Ed & John helped R.C.R. [Charley Reynolds]. Matt & I went Kirwin the weather being cloudy.

[Aug.] 24. Cut corn for Charley ½ day. Quartely con. [conference] at Cederforks. Rev. Littell of Kirwin presided.

[Aug.] 25. Qurtily meating was a success spirutually but financialy was a failure. the weather is very warm 90° 5:30 A.m.

[Aug.] 26. Cut corn & some hay. I took Grandma down to C. C.

[Aug.] 27. Cut corn ½ day. 106°. [Charley Davis Babe](#) [Lena] dide [died] very sudenly last night & was burid this afternoon. Northway & wife came.

[Aug.] 28. Vary heavy rain last night. misty today.

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August 29 1895. Cut corn made hay. Northway went home.

[Aug.] 30. Matt & Children went to Old Solder reunion [a fall festival] at Philipsburg.

[Aug.] 31. Shower last night. being damp we cut corn. Matt & Estella went to Kirwin.

Sep 1 1895. Went to S.S. the weather very pleasant in the afternoon. we went

hillside S.S.

[Sep.] 2. Went to Ida Marshells' funeral. the services wer[e] conducted by Elder Newell. Rev. Armsted & Griffet of Smith Center. 1 hymn was not familler to us. a Prayer by Griffitt then the hymn Is it well with thy Soul. Scriptur lesson 23 Psa. by Newell. a Chant Sofo by Griffeth. text Though he stay me yet will I trust in him. song We'll never say good by. benidiction Song at the grave Sister though [Thou] art mild & lovely.

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Sep 3 1895 J.F.B. & Family were over this A.m. Estella went home with them. Charley helped Boys stick [stack] hay ½ d. I mowed for him ½ d.

[Sep.] 4. Cut fodder & helped Charley ½ day.

[Sep.] 5. Foggy untill noon. went over to help Charley but the wind was so high we could not work.

[Sep.] 6. The wind continues high so Matt & I went Kirwin. allmost cool enough for frost.

[Sep.] 7. Matt helped Ett [wall]paper. Ed helped Charley. John & I gatherd corn.

[Sep.] 8. Went to Preaching & to see how S. Sim Sonedly. he has Typhoid. C.C. & Granma came out.

[Sep]. 9. Cut corn & wemen visited at Jos.

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Sep. 10 1895. Helped Jo thrash. it turned out very poorly & a very poor quality 55 bu. 20 for Evy to be aplide [applied] on what he borrowed. the wemen have gone over Granmas.

[Sep.] 11. Went to Eda Deuvall [[Eda \(Bartlett\) Duvall](#)] beauriel [burial]. Charley & Ed drove Stears off. the weather very hot 104-120°. Foster & wife came down.

[Sep.] 12. Granmas sale bought	1 horse	\$30
	1 harrow	2.90
	6 chares [chairs]	1.50

[Sep.] 13. Cut corn ½ day. Boys gatherd corn & I went to Kensington. got 4 cwt [400 lb] of coal \$1.20.

[Sep.] 14. Cut & gatherd corn. Estella went Kirwin & staid at Jo. Ma came home. the weather has ben very hot this week 100-120° hot wind frequently.

[Sep.] 15. Went to S.S. Estella to Willetts hot 100°.

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Sep 16 1895. Cut & gathered corn. cald on Odonell. very warm 100°.

[Sep.] 17. Big sale at Chances. most evry body went. trash sold high. mules sold cheap & horses too. Mariett & Carrie stoped here.

[Sep.] 18. Thrashed wheat 46 bu. rye 29 bu. By J. Willson \$4. job not Paid. Roberts Chas. & Jo helped. very 104° with hot wind.

[Sep.] 19. Trying to make hay but the wind is too high. Bro. Hood came.

[Sep.] 20. Trying to make hay but faild. the wind to high. Ed helped Chas ½ day. Townstned Babe [Elsie M. Townsend](#) was buried.

[Sep.] 21. The wind continues to hoops trash around & threaten rain. I went to Republican caucus. then Ma & I went to town. on the way home we wer struck with a cold wave from West at dusk.

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Sep. 22 1895. Edie, John, & I went to S.S. owing to the rain & cold wave temperature ran down to 42°. 7 out.

[Sep.] 23. White frost but the sun came out warm & bright. nice for haying. Chas helped ½ day.

[Sep.] 24. Had a nice day to make hay. Charley helped. Ma, Estella & I went to Kirwin to the ministerial assosiation [ministerial association]. Ma did not come home.

[Sep.] 25. Making hay. Charley helped. I went to Kirwin to mill & thence to meating.

[Sep.] 26. Haying & taking in some of the ministerial assosiation. we got the crowning surmon to night by McBright. it was a maste[r]ly Oration. we wer led out in too green pastur & by still waters. his text 2 Cor. 4,6 the light inead [indeed] was glorious. Ice this morn.

[Sep.] 27. Tinkered. high wind.

[Sep.] 28. Shod [clothed - probably bought] Boys with boats [boots] Ed coat w. vest & hats.

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Sep. 29 1895. Froze ice last night & one nigh[t] before this week. went to S.S. not as meny as us[u]al. cold weather may account for it. Estella is in Kirwin helping Aunt Lyde [Freeman]. Jo & Family wer over.

[Sep.] 30. Stacked hay & thrashed Beans. I got one bu. Mr. Northway came for rent.

Oct. 1 1895. Sold to Northway 4 head of Shoats for \$12 on short time. commenced diging Potatoes. got 12 bu.

[Oct.] 2. Finished stacking hay & dug Granmas Potatoes. Song serons [service ?] at Harisons.

[Oct.] 3. Dug potatoes until rain drove us in.

[Oct.] 4. Boys gathered corn. Matt & I went to Kirwin. Estella went home.

[Oct.] 5. Dug potatoes. we are very tired. eat supper 8 P.m.

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Oct. 6 1895. Fannies 23 birthday. she is visiting in Jackson Co. went to S.S. save [except] John. he complains of earache.

[Oct.] 7. Diging Potatoes. Estella helped. Mr. Northway came for a lode [load] of hogs.

[Oct.] 8. Dug Potatoes & gathered Corn. Sold to Northway 4 hogs \$24. paid to weight [wait] \$10 on harvesting. Paid mower note \$25.50.

[Oct.] 9. Finished diging Evys potatoes. had a very nice social time & song service. harisons bid adue [adieu] to old Nabors [neighbors]. will leave for Col[orado]. Paid Chas Kern 2.50.

[Oct.] 10. Commenced sowing wheat. John is helping H. Kern with molases. C. Harison did not get off owing to debets.

[Oct.] 11. Helped Charls dig Potatoes. John got home from Kern. E[vy] sowed.

[Oct.] 12. Went to Kirwin. E. sowed. John gathered corn.

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Oct. 13 1895. The fire last night supposed to be it Gilchrist proved to way in the distance. went to S.S. & over to see how Ett was. Frank was complaining.

[Oct.] 14. Ed sowed Rye. John & I gathered corn. Evy & Fannie had a nice day to start for [home ?] I guess. O God watch over them & give them a safe return. good night Dear ones.

[Oct.] 15. Matt, Estella, & John went over to Etts. I went to see how Harisons wer getting toward Col. Ed sowed Rye.

[Oct.] 16. Ed finished sowing Rrye. Harisons wer over.

[Oct.] 17. Attended Epworth Raley [rally] in Kirwin. it was good. got spring wagon tires set.

[Oct.] 18. Ma, Eddie, & Estella are at the Ralley. the weather has cooled off with a high wind & dust.

[Oct.] 19. Two of Stocton leanger [linger]. Mr. & Miss. Ruby [Ernest and his sister Cora. Ernest married Fannie Reynolds in 1896. Cora married Evan Frank Reynolds in 1898] are with us. weather cold.

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Oct. 20 1895. Went to S.S. & preaching. the leangers [lingerers] returned home this 4 P.m. Mankers were over. it was a beautifull day though cold this morn. we wonderd whare the dear ones are.

[Oct.] 21. Ed gatherd corn. John started to school. I went to Kirwin for mail as wanted to hear from the Children Evy & Fannie.

[Oct.] 22. Sold 4 hogs 10.80 Cwt [per 100 lb]. Gathered corn.

[Oct.] 23. Rag tacking at Chas Kerns. song service hear [here].

[Oct.] 24. Husking Corn. Ma, Estella & I went to Kirwin & before we got home the Prodigals had arived safe & sound. Thank God for his watchfull care over us at home & abrod.

[Oct.] 25. Ma, Estella & I went to Alma Neb[Sarah's son John Foster lived in NB] for Granma.

[Oct.] 26. Taking in sights of Alma.

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Oct. 27 1895. Went to S.S. & Preaching Congregational Church of Alma & to the M. E. in the eavening it being qurtly meating.

[Oct.] 28. We bid adue [adieu] to Friends & started home Via of Phillipsburg. we struck a good road. pleasant though cool. home by sundown safe & sound [It was approximately 42 miles from Alma to their home near Kirwin].

[Oct.] 29. Boys gatherd corn. I hurded & kild [killed] a porker. the temperature was low 14° below freazing.

[Oct.] 30. We wer shrouded with a white mantle last night but tonight it has vanished. I went to Kensington. Paid a Note for Lister \$26.50.

[Oct.] 31. Hurded & went over to Franks. we learned that Harisons wer packing up so we went to bid them good by. found them at the Old lady Townsend. good by Oct.

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Nov. 1 1895. Took in a part of Smith Co. S.S. convention. excellent papers were renderd.

[Nov.] 2. The convention ajourned at noon. Boys gatherd corn.

[Nov.] 3. S.S. & Preaching. a large turnout. to Kensington.

[Nov.] 4. Went for a load of coal \$5.30 & a load of Posts. bought 100 for \$10 on one years time. Dissatissfaction in [School] Dis. 59.

[Nov.] 5. Election. I was one of the juges [judges]. Rep[ublicans] carid [carried - won] mostly.

[Nov.] 6. Took Ballots over to the Center [Smith Center]. Evy, Fannie & Ota [Twedy] went along.

[Nov.] 7. Visited over to Chas. Willetts [&] Bartletts wer there. Snowed a little last night.

[Nov.] 8. Ma & I visited S. Clarks.

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[Nov.] 9. This date reminds me of my first marage [marriage] annversery 34 years ago. [Continued to Page 142] Mr. [Ernest] Ruby of Stockton is with us this eavening & Jo & Family.

[Nov.] 10. Went to S.S. & a load have gone to Agra it being a Quartily meating.

[Nov.] 11. Ma Ota Twedy Scot & I went to Agra to 3 Quartily Confrance.

[Nov.] 12. Went to Kensington Mill. it has commenced raining. O that it may be a genuine good soaker.

[Nov.] 13. Had a nice rain last night. hoping it will be warm for a few days to bring up small grain. helped Jo move Granery.

[Nov.] 14. Girls celebrated Cora Bartletts 28th birthday. Evy & I gathered corn & hurded.

[Nov.] 15. Gathered corn & hurded.

[Nov.] 16. Gathered corn the weather being beautifull.

[Nov.] 17. Went to S.S. a large turnout. the Preachor did not come out. C. C. wer out.

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Nov. 18 -1895 Gather[e]d Corn & Ship[p]ed 5 hogs [\$]11.10 cwt [per 100 lb.] \$38.30. Alina Cornell visited us Girls went to C. & Lane [?]

[Nov.] 19 Gather[e]d Corn Evy struck out for Bow Creak reg[i]on for Corn husking

[Nov.] 20 Gathering Corn. beautiful weather. helped Jo. haul hay. Sing at S. Clarks

[Nov.] 21 Gather[e]d Corn Edey Freeman made us a very pleasant visit

[Nov.] 22 Threatning Snow Boys got out gatherd a load of corn before breakfast it has ben very cloudy Growed colder 10° above it sets very pinching

[Nov.] 23 Ota Twedy & I went to Kensington & made two calcs [? calls] paid to Olison 75¢

to Waits [?] 75

to Sanford Bro 40

to Jack Scot 50

the Girls & Ed went to Stockton to visit Ruby

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Nov 23 1895. My tax for " [1895] is \$3.04 P[aid]

Evys " 1.29 P

Granmas " 14.89 P ½

[Nov.] 24. Did not go to S.S. it being Stormey. the day seam very long. no meatin. the children away all but John. 10 P.m. Children at home.

[Nov.] 25. The ground is white with snow but not deep. worked on fence.

[Nov.] 26. Sunshine but the snow did not all go. busy day fixing cow shed. Ed was ordered by Ota Twedy to go to school but did not obey.

[Nov.] 27. Snow is nearly gone. worked on cowshead. C. C. brought Grandma out.

[Nov.] 28. Thanksgiving for his mercy endureth for ever. Evy & Ed set sail in two Perire Schooner [prairie schooner wagons] for the corn belt of Rooks Co. [They went to hire out to harvest corn.] Grandma Gillchrist is very poorly. Matt is there.

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Nov 29 1895. Mild nice for corn huskers. Matt staid at Gilchrist with Granma. I set posts.

[Nov.] 30. Compleated fence around Stald feald [stock field]. John helped Chas. Matt Ota & I went to Kirwin. paid to Chas Hull \$6

Trusdale	3
Ensign	5
Row	5

My mind runs after the absent ones Evy & Ed. no doubt but that they lonesome & think of home & friends. this is Eds first adventure away from home. God Bless them.

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Dec 1 1895. High & Chilley wind. S.S. not many out. Grandma was not well. I had to hurd.

[Dec.] 2. The cold & chilley wind of yesterday lasted all day 8° of zero. Matt is over to Gillchrist. she is no better.

[Dec.] 3. Helped Odonnell butcher. 6° of zero though calm. Sometime ago Van Vorhis went to St. Jo [St. Joseph, MO.] to be Docterd. nuse [news] came that he is ded [dead].

[Dec.] 4. A large turnout at Vans' funerell [[Abraham VanVoorhis](#)]. Tex[t] Set thine house in order.

1. Bridght [bright] morning Lord
2. Wait & murmur not
3. Rest in heaven

& We'll never say good By & Hide me in Rock. Surmon by Armensted. Remarks by Funk & Davis.

[Dec.] 5. I went to Kirwin to have Buggy wheel fixed. it was a nice day. C. Kerns &

Family were over.

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Dec 6 1895. Visited Gramma Gilchrist. she is no better. Matt helped Odonnell. Boys came home from corn husking. brought a load a peace [a piece - they probably worked for corn rather than money].

[Dec.] 7. Cloudy. loocks like snow. Evy Matt & Ota went to Kirwin.

[Dec.] 8. Went to S.S. & Preaching. Aunt Lyde & Ed over out. Rev. Davis of Kensington lectured at Dis. 59 on Jerusalem. Matt was requested to go to Gilchrist. they thought the old lady was dying. we went & watched with them. The old lady yet liveth & is rathinell [rational] & very considerate allways given to prair [prayer] & thanksgiven for all of his merci[e]s toward her.

[Dec.] 9. Helped wash & naped.

[Dec.] 10. Grandma & Cora Bartlett Carie & Babe Mariett & children Sara Lane & Babe wer hear for a jolifycation [jolly time]. I went over to see old Lady Gilchrist.

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Dec. 11. We visited C. A. Kern

[Dec.] 12. Matt & Grandma went over to Jos & Fannie to Etts. Matt went to set up with Grandma Gilchrist.

[Dec.] 13. That dear old child of God yet liveth for ought we know. School bord visited the school. complaint entered no order. I learn that a Patron asumed the responcebility to get a permit for Miss Ota Twedy. the children have gone to Stockmony [Stockton ?].

[Dec.] 14. Gatherd corn on Northways 80. Booked 6 hogs for shipment. Ota T. came back from Olsons. Fannie is back from J.F.B. John went help Charleys. has not got back.

[Dec.] 15. Went to S.S. not very meny out. some detained by sickness. Cold S. wind. Fred Agard & Efie wer out.

[Dec.] 16. Evy & I went to Kensignton to a Dry goods Au[c]tion.

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Dec 17 1895. Went to Grandma Gillchrist Buriel & to see Mrs. Van Vorheas [VanVoorhis]. we found her very lonely.

[Dec.] 18. Stormy looking. it snowed some last night. the Children have gone Grandma Bartletts to sing.

[Dec.] 19. Evy hauld a load of corn from Kirwin for Charley. Ota went over their.

[Dec.] 20. Very pleasant. went over to Willetts. Will Baron School was out.

[Dec.] 21. Went to Kensington. got returns for hogs \$45.42. Paid tax \$4.33 half of Grandma \$7.45 bought corn. Ed hauld one load 30 bu quality poor. Paid to Keckley \$25.

[Dec.] 22. S.S. not meny out though pleasant. Jo brought Estella home & Frank & Ett took her away. Preaching by F. D. Funk.

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Dec 23 1895. Butchered. Jo & Odonnell helped. E. E. Gray was hired to teach Dis. 59.

[Dec.] 24. Renderd Lard. made Sausage & Cleaned up in general. the Children have gone over to Joes to spend the eavening. it threatens storm.

[Dec.] 25. Matt & I dined at C. C. while the Children had company. Mr. Ruby & Sister [Ernest and Cora Ruby]. I Recieved a preasant of \$26 from mother [Elizabeth (Bowen) Reynolds] in Ohio.

[Dec.] 26. The young Foalks went over to Willetts. this date remind of 20 years ago when a dear companion bid adue [adieu] to friends & time.

[The following entries were all written by Matt [Morgan] Reynolds]

[Dec.] 27. Pa & I went to Kirwin and brought mother home with us and her & Pa started for Ohio. the boys and got home from Kensington 11:50.

[Dec.] 28. Cold & disagreeable. the dust blew in every direction.

[Dec.] 29. The children went to S.S. I staid at home & got dinner. S.S. reorganized. went to holiness meeting & the supper with M. R.

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Feb 23 1895

Butter sold 7.12¢

Other time 7.10

" " 7.12

Mar 2 7.12

	Sold	
August	12 hogs	\$40
	17 Calves	40
Sep.	4 hogs	12
Oct.	4 "	24
"	22 4 "	33
Dec	18 6	45

[Dec.] 30. Washed. Otts Evan & I went to holiness meeting.

[Dec.] 31. Fannie went over to help Eva [Joseph's wife]. I ironed.

Jan 1 1896. Evan Fannie & I took dinner at Joes. the rest went to school. Franks were all over to see us saturday 28 of Dec.

[Jan.] 2. Cold & cloudy all day. had bad luck. Evan colt cut her self on the wire. had Mr. Olerson sew it up.

[Jan.] 3. Cold 8 below zero in & 14 above. Evan Otto & I went to Kirwin.

[Jan.] 4. The boys built calf stable. a fine day.

[Jan.] 5. Went S.S. the bride & groom were out Mr. & Mrs. John Martin.

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[Jan.] 6. This Ed 17 birthday [really his 16th BD]. Fannie & I washed. a nice day. the books have to be perused. Amie [?] had to come to it. today for impudence Evan took Otto up to Cornells for a visit.

[Jan.] 7. Covered the stool. mended the bibles & Geography & did a lot of mending. made an apron. ironed. the children all at their looks in earnest.

[Jan.] 8. A fine day Kate Smedley Josie Seame Mathie Towsley washes [washer] also Eva & I. Blanche & Joe came over for supper.

[Jan.] 9. Chas has been here twice today & Joe to Evan. brought the old bugy home & Otto came home.

[Jan.] 10. A nice day. grandma Bartlett [&] Cora Seen Ed & wife. Franks & Chas were here 14 of them.

[Jan.] 11. The wind blew hard nearly all day. Evan & Ed went to Kirwin. A new white calf today.

[Jan.] 12. We all went S.S. had a good out in the afternoon & went down to hear

Sauer. a saw 6.00.

[Jan.] 13. Washed. had a nice day. cold.

[Jan.] 14. Ironed mowed [?] & slited. all 15 still [here]. storming. Otto left this morning.

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April 19 1894.

Sold to VanVores [VanVoorhis]	4 bu of potatoes	3.50
Too H. Freeman	3	3.00

Jan. 18-22 1895

We had 6 sows off.

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Stock Sold [18]94 Cwt

Mar.	7 Hogs	\$64.35	3.90 per
June 12.	6 hogs	\$62.36	4.22 per
Nov. 19.	2 cows	\$28	
Jan. 14.	2 hogs	3.75 cwt	13.50
" 13.	1 "	\$ 7	
Feb	1 hog	\$11.50	Eds.
		69.35	
		62.36	
		28.00	
		13.50	
		7.00	
		<u>11.50</u>	
Total		198.11	

Mar. 2 55 Cattle \$62

Cow record April 20 1894 [calving dates?]

Roney

Red Mar 20

Subtail Mar. 1.

Rosy May 16
Spot " 22
May June 12

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Sep. 12 1894. Got Stantons Drill mower used it ½ day owing to high wind ½

Mar 31 1895. Cow record [apparently these are records of calves' births]

Roney

April 5 Juney

April 21 Pinkey

June 23 May

May 23 1895. I sent 3 colts 3 calves 2 mars to Chaleys.

Fishers Land Tax \$2.43

Northway 78¢

Chatle tax 69¢

Millers 76¢

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July 20 1894. We are useing Thires [Thayers] Sulkey Plow ½ day

21 1

23 1

24 1

25 1

26 ½

27 1

28 1

31 ½

Aug. 24 ½

27 2

28 2

29 1

30 1

31 1

Sep. 1 1

3 1

4 1

6 1

8 Evy used T. Plow 1

July 27. Got Jos Plow used 1 day.

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Jan 1896

[Jan.] 15. We all went over to Etts. all of Burtetts were. had a nice supper. had ice cream and popcorn.

[Jan.] 16. Still storming & real old down eastern storm. this Chars 30 birthday. has been stormy all day. Mrs. Roberts makes us a visit. tickled all over.

[Jan.] 17. It drizled and turned to a fog in the night. raised & turned to east & got cooler.

[Jan.] 18. A fine day. Stella and went to Kirwin. the boys hauled fodder.

[Jan.] 19. A drizly morning. we did not go to SS. it cleared in the afternoon and was beautiful and we went to hear Funk. at night the wind blew very hard but we had a good [time] all the same. his text was take away the stone on the calf.

[Jan.] 20. Wash day. I went to Kirwin in the afternoon to send pa [William] some medicine. Sold 4 hogs Jo E Scott for \$20.75 one to S 6.00

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[Jan.] 21. Another drizzling morning. I have ironed and baked today. Fannie went over to Joes. Willie Charles knocked Vanalens boy down & stabled him twice in the back.

[Jan.] 22. Went to Herbert Clarks. had a nice visit with Mrs. Clark. we had it all on our way. it has turned cold this evening. none of us went to church but Ed Funk was to come here but did not.

[Jan.] 23. Ironed sewed and patc[h]ed and went to church at night. Funk came home with us and after breakfast and went to Arnolds for dinner and supper.

[Jan.] 24. Mrs Gilchrist made me a visit - we all went to church.

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[Jan.] 25. Stella and I done our work and went to town in the afternoon. the boys hunted & chored.

[Jan.] 26. The boys and I went SS. only 21 in there. the Campbellites had a big day.

[Jan.] 27. Fannie and I did a big washing. hunted up all the dirty old pants &

washed. Joe is here. is reading your letter. Fannie went home with Joe to stay two or three days.

[Jan.] 28. Churned and got dinner. Evan went to Kensington to pay Wm Cornell for fixing the buggy which \$1.25. I went with him to Olesons and she was gone.

[Jan.] 29. I have had the door open nearly all day. have ironed and I'm nearly plaged out. has all appearance of rain. I think it would be a great blessing.

[continued to Page 161] commenced to rain. the children all went. I stayed at home. was to[o] tired to go. just after they got home it rained quite hard. went down three in [inches].

[Jan.] 30. This is Joes 28 birthday. it is still misting rain. I churned and done up the work and here it is noon. going to bake mince pies. rained so hard we could not go to church.

[Jan.] 31. Still looks like storm. is cloudy and colder. Evan and [I ?] went to Kirwin.

Feb. 1st went over to see Henry not at home a few day went to church. Mr. Frame [Faime?] home with us.

[Feb.] 2. He and John went Agra drove. Bill came back for supper.

[Feb.] 3. Went to Joes. had a sersat [?] 9¢. M & [I ?] staid till Wed eve.

[Feb.] 4. was very pleasant also the 5th.

[Feb.] 6. has turned cold and the wind is blowing and snowing but cleared off nice.

[William has apparently not returned from Ohio at the end of this volume of the diary. There were other volumes of diaries written by William Reynolds, but only the location and content of two are known.]