

HENRY H. SCADIN DAIRIES

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Friday, Jan. 1

Practiced writing and did some lettering this forenoon. Went to the school-house and wrote on the black-board some this afternoon. Johnnie feels a little better tonight; the Doctor was here to see Bertha and him. The weather is fine and quite warm. I fell asleep in a chair.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Practiced penmanship again today. Executed some specimens to advertise my Book-keeping and Penmanship class, to begin next Monday. It rained so tonight I couldn't go to the singing school where I intended to show my specimens. Kate and I rec'd a photo of Fred Neill. I got circulars of Book-keeping works and blank books and the Grant Memorial from the P.A.J.

Sunday, Jan. 3

Went to church today and sung in the choir. It has been a damp day and rained hard tonight. Will Easton called a little while at noon. Henry was here to see the baby and spent the afternoon. I have written a letter to Fred Waters tonight.

Monday, Jan. 4

Cousin Gertie Price came up today. I went back with Lizzie tonight. I started a class in Book-keeping and Penmanship this evening. I had eleven scholars in all. It is a little cooler tonight and the mud is stiffening.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Walked to Dexter and sent order for Book-keeping works this forenoon. Got some medicine for Bertha too. It began to snow about 11 o'clock and the ground is quite white now. I ran to Dexter tonight after the Dr. for Bertha. She was so bad we thought she would die. It is snowing fast and is cold.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

The thermometer was 4 above 0 this morning, and is just that tonight. The Dr. was here to see Bertha again this forenoon. I have been sitting with her tonight. A good many called to see Bertha today; she is changing fast. She told me she wanted me to have her Chemistry.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Practiced Penmanship a little today. We took Bertha out into the sitting room this afternoon while her room was aired. Kate has the sick headache tonight. Nellie and Aunt Jane and Mrs. Blodgett were here this afternoon. Nellie brought a big piece of beef.

Friday, Jan. 8

An awful cold northeast wind has blown all day. Bertha wrote in my album tonight. She seemed bright then, but is very bad now, 9:30 pm. The books and blanks for my school came tonight and are satisfactory in every way.

[Sister Bertha dies]

Saturday, Jan. 9

Poor Bertha died today at 3:15 in the afternoon. She suffered so that the Dr. put her to sleep and she passed away in peace. We all bade her good-bye while she was conscious. I shall always think of her when writing in this book.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Kate and Johnnie went over to father Queal's this morning. It has been a sad day without Bertha, but she is done suffering. Mrs. White and two children were buried today; they were killed by her husband, who then cut his own throat. The weather is cold and windy.

Monday, Jan. 11

I went to Boyden's to receive a telephone from uncle John Spoor; they are coming up tonight. It was cold last night. John Williams, the minister [said it] was 10° below 0. It was warmer today though. I am going over to father Queal's tonight to stay with Kate.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Poor Bertha's funeral was held today. The church was draped and the flowers offered by the Reading Circle and friends were beautiful. It hardly seems possible that she will never speak to me again on this earth but I know she is happy.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Helped Ida about her Book-keeping and started my own special column Journal in the Advanced Set. Went after Kate and Johnnie this afternoon, he has an awful cold on his lungs and cries hard at times. It was pleasant today and this evening is beautiful.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Worked on my Book-keeping this forenoon. Practiced writing this afternoon, and helped Ida about Book-keeping. It was pleasant today and seems to be clouding a little tonight. Alice went to the singing school with Ralph Williams and the girls tonight.

Friday, Jan. 15

Went to Ann Arbor today and had the floral pillow that the Reading Circle put on Bertha's Coffin. It was awful rough going. Lizzie Cooper came home with me. I had a class in Book-keeping and writing tonight. It is raining and freezing tonight.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Went to Dexter this forenoon and ordered some more Book-keeping works. It rained some and froze making it slippery. It is growing cold again tonight. I have been sitting up working on Book-keeping tonight. Lizzie went back tonight.

Sunday, Jan. 17

We went to church this forenoon; the church was still draped as at Bertha's funeral, her old chair in the choir was draped. Kate and I went over to father Queal's this afternoon; the roads are quite icy. Johnnie felt better today than he has lately.

Monday, Jan 18

It has snowed by spells all day. I practiced writing and studied book-keeping some. Instructed my class in Penmanship & Book-keeping again tonight. We had a pleasant time. It is now 10 o'clock and I must retire. Johnnie is awake and I may not go to sleep right away.

[Opening of Farmer's Institute]

Tuesday, Jan. 19

The Farmers Institute opened this evening. Prof. Stone of Ann Arbor gave a talk on the peculiarities of Chinese agriculture, which was very interesting and instructive. The church was crowded and the Institute gives promise of success.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

We had some fun at the Institute today. Mr. Jones being champion for England and trying to prove that working men got as good wages there as here. It began to snow about 11 o'clock and is making sleighing fast. The Institute closed tonight a success.

Thursday, Jan. 21

This has been a beautiful day. Kate and I went to Dexter this afternoon. It is good sleighing. My Book-keeping works were at the Ex. office. Effie and I went to singing school tonight. I didn't stay though.

Friday, Jan. 22

We mailed papers today, concerning notice of Bertha's death and funeral & Poetry in memory of her by Ida. I[t] was quite [sic] through the day, but tonight a howling blizzard came on and the weather grew cold very fast and ran from 20° above at 1 pm to 0 now 9 pm.

Saturday, Jan 23

It was 12° below 0 this morning but the wind had gone down. The day has been fine but cold. Kate and I went over to Van Rippers a little while this afternoon. My class in writing and book-keeping convened again tonight.

Sunday, Jan. 24

I had such a lame foot today that I didn't go to church. The weather has moderated some. Dor took dinner with us & played with Johnnie. Spent the day in reading & taking care of Johnnie. Kate has the headache tonight.

Monday, Jan. 25

It tried to rain, almost, today but did not succeed. My class in Writing and Book-keeping held forth again tonight. I had two new scholars in penmanship. I explained the Balance Sheet to them.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Sawed a little wood and worked at Book-keeping in the forenoon, did about the same this afternoon. Went to the Reading Circle tonight and helped furnish music. The Circle was reorganized and seems prosperous.

Wednesday, Jan 27

I chopped wood this afternoon, it made me feel a little weak in the knees. Kate went out cutter riding and calling. I taught Book-keeping and writing again tonight. My scholars were a little sleepy from being out last night.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Studied Bookkeeping this forenoon. Helped draw stalks this afternoon and got my feet wet from snow in my boots. Practiced on our clarade for tomorrow night. I didn't go to Singing School tonight. Worked on my Executor's Set. Got a letter from Fred Waters.

Friday, Jan. 29

Pa and I went to Ann Arbor and got Zoe, the colt. Mr. Holms has been breaking. Kate, Effie, Ida and myself went to the W.R.C. oyster supper tonight. It was a success in all ways, but was hard on me as I had to talk out loud.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Wrote a letter to Fred Waters and some items for the paper this forenoon. Pa, Willie and I went to Dexter this afternoon. I got a letter from Fred Neill. I saw Mr. Snyder, teacher in Mr. Blodgett's Dis. and they want me to teach a class in writing there. Think I will begin Tues.

Sunday, Jan. 31

It was pretty cold today, 4° above 0 this morning, the sun shone nice all day. Mr. Bailey of Dexter preached here today; he is only 22 years old, but is a good preacher. Grandma Kenny is very bad off; they don't think she can live through the night.

[Organizes class in Penmanship at Blodgett's school house]

Monday, Feb. 1

I went up to Blodgett's school house and appointed Friday evening to organize a class in writing there. Kate and I went over to father Queal's this afternoon. Grandma is alive yet. I taught my class in writing and Bookkeeping tonight.

[Grandma Kenny dies]

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Grandma Kenny died this morning. Kate and I were over there to dinner. It has been a cold day, only 4° above 0 at noon, it is 4° below now 8:30 P.M. Pa and Ma have gone over to father Queal's to stay tonight.

[Johnnie "blubbers"]

Wednesday, Feb. 3

The thermometer indicated 12° below 0 this morning. Henry came over to have me set his Buck saw. Johnnie blubbered today, Kate told me to write that.

Thursday, Feb. 4

12° below 0 this morning again. Grandma Kenny's funeral took place today. It has been cold all day and is now 9 P.M., 8° below 0. Mrs. Flora Jenks of Jackson was here to see Johnnie this morning, and Mr. & Mrs. Govier this evening.

Friday, Feb. 5

The thermometer was 6° below this morning and it has grown warmer, some, today. I went over into the Blodgett School and organized a writing School tonight. I had 15 names. Effie and Ida went to the Reading Circle down near Ann Arbor. Johnnie ate some potatoes today noon.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Ida went home today. It snowed some this forenoon. Pa went to Dexter this afternoon, and I ordered 1 Ream each of Congress cap and Commercial note paper of Daniel Slote and Co. Nellie and Dor came over tonight for a while.

[Johnnie becomes ill.]

Sunday, Feb. 7

Kate and I went to church today, I sang in the choir. We went over to father Queal's a little while this afternoon. It was quite warm today but did not thaw much. Johnnie does not feel well at all tonight.

Monday, Feb. 8

Went to Dexter this forenoon. It was very warm and the sleighing is going fast. The thermometer was 46° above 0 at one time. Taught Book-keeping & Penmanship tonight, had a full class. Johnnie is sick again tonight.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Warm again today. Sleighing about gone. Kate and Effie went to Dexter this afternoon. I got a letter from Fred Waters he writes that he will work my place for me. I taught Penmanship at Blodgett school house tonight.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Wrote copies for y writing classes most of the day. Taught Book-keeping and Penmanship tonight. I begin to feel as though I would like to sleep for sometime. Johnnie doesn't seem much better yet. It is still warm.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Wrote copies and studied Book-keeping. Sawn a little wood. Don't feel very bright someway. Wrote a letter to Fred Neill. Continues warm weather. Pa, Effie and Willie went to singing school tonight.

[Johnnie has whooping cough.]

Friday, Feb. 12

Went to Dexter this forenoon, got the paper I sent to New York for, by express. Had Dr Chase come down to see Johnnie. He says that he has the whooping cough. I went over in the Blodgett District, and taught writing.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Pa, Effie & Ma went to the farmer's meeting today. I went to Dexter this afternoon for some medicine for Johnnie. The mud is fearful. Went to the Reading Circle tonight. It is 12 o'clock now.

Sunday, Feb. 14

I didn't get up this morning until 8 o'clock, felt miserable. Didn't go to church today, felt too lazy and Johnnie needed us all. It is cooler tonight and is freezing some. Henry was here today. Ma has the headache.

Monday, Feb. 15

Change in the weather today, the mud is frozen up and snow squalls have been flourishing. Taught Bookkeeping and writing tonight, had a very small school.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Went to Dexter on foot this afternoon. Got a circular from the Pierce Business College with address elegantly written. Taught Penmanship in the Blodgett District tonight. Nice evening and clear.

Wednesday, Feb 17

Wrote copies this forenoon. Sawed some wood this afternoon. Taught Book-keeping and penmanship tonight. It was quite warm in the middle of the day. It snowed a little tonight but cleared away and is very beautiful.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Johnnie has been sick all day and cried nearly all the time; he is not any better tonight. It was quite warm today, and rained a little tonight. Pa, Effie & Maude went to singing school. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman called in today.

Friday, Feb.19

Went over and got mother Queal to make Johnnie a cough medicine, he acts a little better today. The weather grew colder today and tonight a regular blizzard is howling. I taught writing in the Blodgett District tonight.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Sawed a little wood this forenoon. Worked in my book-keeping some this afternoon. Went to the reading circle tonight at Mr. Blodgetts, stopped at father Queal's and found Henry sick in bed. It is beginning to snow a little now 12 pm.

Sunday, Feb. 21

I did not go to church today, felt to lazy, so stayed home and helped care for Johnnie. It was some stormy today but there is no snow to speak of. Geo. Phelps and Mr. Terry called in today to see Johnnie.

Monday, Feb. 22

Went to Dexter this afternoon on foot and saw the Dr. about Johnnie & got some medicine. Mother Queal is here tonight to stay with Kate and Johnnie they put him in a pack and hope it will help him. I taught Book-keeping and Writing tonight.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

It has been a nice day. Johnnie was very sick last night but seems a little better today. I taught Writing in the Blodgett District tonight. Nellie was here this afternoon. There is a social at Mr. Latson's tonight. Effie and Uncle Robert went.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

I went to Dexter this morning and got the Doctor for Johnnie, he has a stiff neck and is bad every way. He thought he could bring him out all right. It has been a warm day and looks rainy tonight. Mother Queal is here tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 25

.It rained the most of last night and this forenoon, but it grew cold this afternoon and is howling tonight. The Dr. was here this forenoon and I went to Dexter this afternoon to let him know how Johnnie was and get some kerosene oil. It was a rough ride. Nellie is here tonight.

Friday, Feb. 26

We are having a terrible night with Johnnie and it is hard to tell whether he will see the dawn of another day or not. The Dr. was here today, Johnnie has seemed to grow worse since he went away. Mother Queal is here with us.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Johnnie has lived and tonight seems better, but we can't tell what the affection of the brain may bring about. I went to Dexter again tonight, got awful cold.

Sunday, Feb. 28

Poor little Johnnie seems to be passing away tonight, it is awful to hear his poor little mourning cry as he breaths his life away.

[Johnnie dies.]

Monday, Mar. 1

[No entry]

Tuesday, Mar. 2

Our little Johnnie died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. We had his funeral this afternoon. He looked the picture of loveliness in his little coffin with the flowers about him. It seems so hard to give him up, but his suffering is ended.

[Photograph of child in coffin ?]

Wednesday, Mar. 3

I copied the constitution of the Nillson Amateur club in the Sec. Book for Effie this forenoon. Kate went home this afternoon and I drove over for her tonight. We don't know what to do with ourselves with no baby Johnnie.

Thursday, Mar. 4

A man came and did some washing with a new kind of a machine today, our folks like it well I think. Edwin Ball was here a while this morning. I wrote copies this afternoon. Effie and Ida went to Dexter. Studied Book-keeping tonight.

Friday, Mar. 5

Kate and I went to Ann Arbor today, we got the proofs of the photos taken of Johnnie, they are good. We got a peep at the Chinese Collection at the museum. We took dinner with Lizzie. I taught writing tonight in the Blodgett school. **[Photograph of child in coffin ? - not by Scadin ?]**

Saturday, Mar. 6

Helped draw some stalks this morning. Ida went home and I went to Ann Arbor on the G. R. Express. I took dinner at Aunt Hannah Price's. Attended the meeting of the county Horticultural Society in the afternoon, came home on foot tonight.

Sunday, Mar. 7

Kate and I went to Dexter to church this forenoon. Mr. Campbell preached. It has been a fine day. We go over to father Queal's to stay tonight. Kate is going to be there the most of this week helping get Henry ready for Kansas.

Monday, Mar. 8

Wrote copies this forenoon and letters. Went to Dexter this afternoon. Sent for the Youth's Companion. Taught my last school in Book-keeping and Writing tonight at our school house. My scholars gave me a good recommend.

Tuesday, Mar. 9

Wrote copies and studied on my part of a charade to be acted Sat. evening. Taught writing in the Blodgett District tonight and stayed at father Queal's with Kate, they are getting Henry ready to travel.

Wednesday, Mar. 10

Came home this morning and went to husking corn. It made me kind of tired by noon. It has been a nice day. Practiced writing and studied the charade this afternoon, am going over to Kate's again tonight.

Thursday, Mar. 11

Husked corn today again. Took tea at Mr. Kenny's, we had oysters. The supper was in honor of Henry. Kate was sick and did not go. Effie and I and Irvie went to singing school. Irvie is going to stay with me tonight.

Friday, Mar 12

Quite a snow storm this morning. It was very damp though and went last long I guess. Wrote some copies. came over to father Queal's this afternoon and went over and taught writing in the Blodgett District tonight. Henry came there and I came home with him.

Saturday, Mar. 13

Went to Kenny's to practice the charade this morning. Pa went to the Farmers Club meeting this afternoon and I drew poles. It has threatened to storm all day but has cleared off tonight. The Reading Circle met at father Queal's tonight. Kate is not well, but I couldn't stay.

Sunday, Mar. 14

Got up feeling bad all over, think I have a cold. Felt so lazy I didn't wash and change until afternoon and am staying here tonight. Wooster Blodgett was here a while.

Monday, Mar. 15

Wrote copies this forenoon and practiced some for my own benefit. Henry and Kate came over this afternoon. Henry was around saying good-bye. I came home with them tonight. Taught writing tonight. It rained some tonight and the roads are very muddy, good night.

Tuesday, Mar. 16

Went to Dexter with Henry this forenoon. He took his trunk up. I went up with him tonight. Dor went too. We stayed until his train went out, about 11:25. I got him an ink bottle and pen and holder. It was awful muddy, but a lovely night.

Wednesday, Mar. 17

Came home this morning and wrote copies. Went to Delhi this afternoon, awful muddy. It was foggy all the forenoon. Pa, Effie and uncle Robert have gone to a social at Otis Cushing's. I am tired and sleepy.

Thursday, Mar. 18

Studied fruit growing and made out an order for trees on the Storrs and Harrison Co. Pa and I went to Dexter this afternoon, sent my fruit tree order. It is terrible muddy. Prof. Sage is here tonight. Willie, Effie and Ida B. went to singing school.

Friday, Mar. 19

Trimmed Raspberry bushes and fixed my grape cuttings this forenoon. I was quite warm today, thermometer above 60. Taught writing tonight, have one more night to teach and then am done for this season. Awful muddy.

Saturday, Mar. 20

Kate and I came home this morning. I helped Pa saw and split in the woods in the forenoon. Pa and Ma went to Mr. Sears' this afternoon for seed corn. The Reading Circle were to meet tonight but it rains. Ma is at E. Blacks.

Sunday, Mar. 21

Stormy all day. I did not feel very well, so have been nowhere. It is snowing tonight. Prof. Steere and J. Shumacher of Ann Arbor, talked temperance at the church tonight.

Monday, Mar. 22

It has been a stormy day again; the snow is 2 or 3 inches deep. It is growing cold. I finished my writing school in the Blodgett District tonight. All seemed satisfied.

Tuesday, Mar. 23

Wrote letters this forenoon and went to Dexter this afternoon on foot as the going was so bad. Joe Parsons and Maude Williams were here tonight and we practiced some songs. It is freezing tonight, has been thawing today some.

[Kate studies Book-keeping.]

Wednesday, Mar. 24

Have been splitting wood in the woods all day. It comes a little tough as I am not used to it. Kate went over to father Queal's to spend the day. She is studying Book-keeping tonight. It is warmer again.

Thursday, Mar. 25

Split wood again today. Went over to the town hall about 4:30 this afternoon to practice some songs which we sung tonight, it being the last singing school. They are having a little dance after the school.

Friday, Mar. 26

Split wood today. The wind blew hard all day, has calmed tonight. Rehearsed on a charade today noon. Busted my finger this afternoon and had to stop work. I am writing and Kate is studying Book-keeping tonight.

Saturday, Mar. 27

Went to Dexter on foot today. Got me a pair of shoes. Came back by father Queal's to leave some mail. I had my dinner there. Kate, Effie, Willie and I went over to Geo. Phelps' to the meeting of the reading circle tonight.

Sunday, Mar. 28

Kate has been at Blacks all day helping to care for sick children. The wind has blown hard and it has been cold out of the sun. Mr. Hones preached his last sermon today. I didn't go.

Monday, Mar. 29

Helped Pa draw some wood up this morning and then I sawed a few chunks. Drew one end of a crosscut saw this afternoon. Effie and I went over to Mr. Phelps' tonight and rehearsed our charade for the Reading Circle Sat. night.

Tuesday, Mar. 30

I wrote letters and studied Book-keeping today. It has been a drizzling nasty day. Irvie McCall was here this evening and we practiced some songs. I have a little cold.

Wednesday, Mar. 31

I went over to Phelps' and father Queal's this forenoon to let Hattie and Nellie know when the girls are going to fix lunch boxes. It rained nearly all the forenoon. Worked in the woods this afternoon. Effie and Uncle Robert have gone to the box social tonight. I didn't feel well enough to go.

Thursday, Apr. 1

It snowed fast this morning, but all went off in the forenoon. I went to Ann Arbor and got the Photographs of Johnnie. I had the large one framed for Kate. I took dinner at J.D. Williams'. It is quite cold tonight.

Friday, Apr. 2

Sawed wood and worked in the woods today. The ground was frozen hard this morning and it is freezing again tonight. We rehearsed a charade tonight at father Queal's. Maggie Leslie came today to make Ma's dresses.

Saturday, Apr. 3

Worked in the woods this forenoon. Pa and I did some fixing at the vault. This afternoon I got ready for the reading circle tonight. I went on foot and Kate and Effie drove. I acted as chairman. It has frozen up again.

Sunday, Apr. 4

A man by the name of Wood preached at the church twice today. I liked him very much. Prof. Steere gave a temperance lecture at the church tonight. Irving McColl was here between services. It continues cold.

Monday, Apr. 5

Worked in the woods some this forenoon and wrote some letters. Went over and voted at Town Meeting this afternoon, then I went to Dexter with eggs and got some things. Took supper at father Queal's. I feel nearly sick tonight, a cold.

Tuesday, Apr. 6

The worst snow storm I think I ever saw has been raging all day. The banks are as high as my head in places, the wind blowing a gale from the north. Such a storm this time of the year seems unprecedented. I have been unwell all day. Have seen nobody on the road.

Wednesday, Apr. 7

The weather was calm today, but the snow banks are fearful. Pa went to Delhi this forenoon after Ida; he could just get through some places by hard work. The sun has shone today. Kate and I sliced up our room a little. I have not been able to get out much.

Thursday, Apr. 8

The roads are not broken yet. The day was sun shiny and pleasant, but I have been so weak that I have stayed inside all day. I tried to paint a picture to pass away the time. Did some reading about the city of St. Louis in an old magazine.

Henry paints a "little picture".

Friday, Apr. 9

I painted another little picture this forenoon and wrote in Ida's album. This afternoon I went to Dexter, the roads are fearful. I was the first to go through between here and Phelp's. Kate went along as far as her folks and I stopped there to supper. It looks stormy.

Saturday, Apr. 10

As the folks were preparing to go the Farmer's meeting this forenoon Lizzie Cooper came walking from Delhi, she had left Aunt Susan there. I went over after her and took Lizzie to the train this afternoon, again. On account of bad roads no meeting of the Reading Circle was held here tonight. Clay and Will Alexander, Will Rosier and Geo. Martin came though.

Sunday, Apr. 11

No meeting was had at the church today. I walked over to father Queal's this morning to see how they were and get a paper for Kate. I was writing and reading the most of the day. Warm and cloudy tonight.

Monday, Apr. 12

Kate had the headache today. I walked to Ann Arbor after dinner, left my boots at the Delhi depot and put on my shoes for the rest of the way. I had 4 teeth pulled and my head feels sore tonight. I came back to Delhi on the train.

Tuesday, Apr. 13

Had a sore bleeding mouth all day. The boys burried[sic] Grandma Kenny today. I went to Wheeler's and bought a saw set this afternoon. Nellie was here and Kate has gone home with her. We played cards a little tonight and then sang some.

Johnnie and Bertha's graves are dug.

Wednesday, Apr. 14

Pa, Willie, Kate and I went to Dexter this forenoon to do some necessary trading. Ed Black dug the graves for Bertha and Johnnie today. I went over to father Queal's after Kate and took supper there. I went down to Mr. Kenny's tonight a short time.

Johnnie and Bertha are buried.

Thursday, Apr. 15

We burried[sic] Bertha and Johnnie this morning. They are now at rest in the family burrying[sic] ground. Pa went to Dexter with 4 sheep, which he sold. We cleaned and put up 12 bu. of oats to ship Fred Neill. Kate and I have been packing up. We start tomorrow.

Kate and Henry leave for Benzonia.

Friday, Apr. 16

Kate and I came to Mt. Pleasant today. We took the cars at Ann Arbor. Pa drove down with us. I shipped Fred Neill 12 bu. of oats from A.A. by freight. Will and Georgie Stevens met us at the depot. It has been a real worm day. Mrs. Brown was on the train as far as Highlands. This evening is lovely.

Saturday, Apr. 17

Kate and I walked around town a little today. I have been in the store with Will a good deal watching him make change on the Railroad from each counter. The snow storm we had last week did not reach here. It rained some tonight.

Sunday, Apr. 18

Aunt Nancy, Kate and I went to the M.E Church this morning. It was a warm forenoon. Will and I took a walk this afternoon down by the river and where the T. & A. A. R.R. survey comes in, then we took a ride with uncle George.

Monday, Apr. 19

Kate and I left Mt. Pleasant this morning. We had a warm ride on the cars to Manistee. Robert Tufts was the conductor.. We got on the boat and came through to Frankfort tonight. We are stopping at the Park House.

Arrival in Benzonia

Tuesday, Apr. 20

We got on the stage this forenoon and came to Benzonia and was landed at our gate. We have been straightening things around, found things all right. We took dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Waters were here this afternoon. We went there to supper. Surprised Fred Neill tonight.

Wednesday, Apr. 21

We continue our work of settling today, hanging pictures, maps and putting up our hanging lamp. I put out some currant bushes I brought in my trunk. Fred Waters took supper with us. I went up town tonight.

Thursday, Apr. 22

I put down the base boards in the house today, and hung the wood house door. Fred Neill came tonight and drew a load of wood down for me. I practiced writing tonight, felt just like it. Dee Morrow was here this evening.

Friday, Apr. 23

I transplanted some apple and peach trees today filling out the missing places in the orchard. I dug out some stumps this afternoon. Kate and I went up town to get the mail and we called at Mr. Waters.

Saturday, Apr. 24

It rained this morning and I didn't work much. I tore down the old hen roost and yard and dug up and piled the brush and rubbish[sic]. I made a slide gate this afternoon. Kate and I went over to Neill's tonight. Fred and I went up town.

Sunday, Apr. 25

Kate and I went to church this forenoon, it seemed natural to hear Mr. Waters again. I wrote two letters today. We went over to this afternoon and went up to the Easter service with them. It rains tonight.

Monday, Apr. 26

I went to Frankfort with Fred Neill's team today, as he had to work on the logs at the lake. I expected to get my trees but they had not come. I took on a load of stuff for Case & Hopkins and came back --- the last few miles in a drenching rain. Kate and I took supper at Neill's.

Tuesday, Apr. 27

I went up town this morning so early that I had to wait for the stores to open. I called at Mr. Waters. Dug out 3 stumps this forenoon. Hung a slide gate this afternoon and repaired some fence. Fred Waters is staying here tonight. We talk of buying a horse.

Wednesday, Apr. 28

Kate and I dug out 5 stumps and piled them up this forenoon. Fred Waters and I have been talking of buying a horse again today. Kate went up town this afternoon and got the mail. I cultivated the strawberries and sawed up some wood. Trimmed a few apple trees also.

Thursday, Apr. 29

I went up town this morning and mailed two letters, one to pa asking for some money to help to buy a horse. Fred Waters and I went out north of here to look at horses. We saw some nice senery[sic]. I did some logging today.

Friday, Apr. 30

I have been logging all day, had Fred Waters to help me. Kate went up town and got the mail this afternoon. I got a letter from Henry. He wants to know about this country. It is raining tonight.

Saturday, May 1

I fussed around measuring land and doing odd jobs this forenoon. Mr. Betts brought my fruit trees and vines just before noon and I heeled them in this afternoon. Kate went after flowers with Jessie Neil this afternoon.

Sunday, May 2

It has been a beautiful day. We went to church this forenoon, it was a memorial service for the late Mrs. A. Waters. We took dinner at Neill's and Fred hitched a horse up for Kate and Jessie to drive and we footed it around by Crystal Lake and his farm.

Monday, May 3

I dug out 11 stumps this forenoon, and set some stump piles on fire. I cut my hand with the pruning knife this afternoon and then I quit work. Went up town and got the mail and called at Dr. Taylor's.

Tuesday, May 4

It rained very hard this morning and I didn't do much but write this forenoon. It was pleasant this afternoon and I picked up and logged in the slashing. It has grown very cool. Kate and I called at Mr. Morrow's tonight.

Wednesday, May 5

I went over, this morning, and helped Fred Neill put up his new Acme harrow. He has been working it on my land this afternoon. It seems to work well. I spent sometime picking up sticks and grubs. It is warm again.

Thursday, May 6

Fred Neill had Artie Hern harrowing for me today. I staked out the ground for the plum and pear orchard and planted 10 plum & 6 pear trees. Fred Waters sawed some oats and I sowed some clover seed. It rained some today noon. It is cold tonight.

Friday, May 7

I got up this morning at 5 o'clock and sowed clover seed. Kate and I set out 54 plum trees today. I felt very tired at noon. I got a P.O. order from pa for \$100 to buy a horse with. Fred Waters is staying here tonight.

Saturday, May 8

I set out 35 Peach trees on the hill today. Fred Waters was putting out trees today. Kate went up to Mr. Judson's this afternoon and Fred and I went up and took supper there, we had a pleasant time. It sprinkled some tonight.

Sunday, May 9

It was raining this morning so we did not go to church. I wrote a letter to pa. We went over to Neill's and ate fish for dinner. We stayed a while in the afternoon and then came home.

Monday, May 10

It rained some this morning and has been damp and muggy all day. The sand flies bit finely. Kate and I set out 65 peach trees. We are through with the trees. I went up town and got the mail tonight.

Tuesday, May 11

Kate and I put out all the grapevines (157) and cuttings (210) today. We worked hard. Fred Waters planted corn on our place today. His father and Willie helped him. It was misty this morning, but cleared off.

Wednesday, May 12

Kate went over to Eden with Mrs. Neill this morning. I split out some stakes and went over to the Court House a while. This afternoon I went over to Eden visited with C. Fitts and looked the places pretty much all over. Went up town tonight.

Thursday, May 13

We had a genuine thunder storm this morning. When it stopped raining I went up town and mailed some letters. I have been logging most all day. It has been hot and the sand flies were thick.

Friday, May 14

I have been logging most all day. I had Fred Waters help me this afternoon. It rained about 4 o'clock and we had to quit work. Carrie Heath visited Kate this afternoon and Fred and she stayed to supper. I went up town tonight and got a letter fro Kate from Mrs. Smith of Tenn.

Trip to Pleasanton

Saturday, May 15

We got up at 4:30 this morning and got ready to go to Pleasanton. We started at 6:30 and got there at 10 o'clock. We have had a good time and seen some nice country and some pretty new and wild. We are staying all night.

Sunday, May 16

We took a little walk in the woods this morning. There was frost on Robbin's place. Kate and I came home this afternoon. We stopped at Mr. Waters and left his home and buggy then we went to church. Fred Neill and Jessie were here tonight.

Monday, May 17

I have been logging and burning all day. There was a frost this morning, it did not damage as I saw. Kate and Jessie Neill went up to Mrs. Waters this afternoon and I went home with Fred and took supper time. Have been punching fires.

Tuesday, May 18

It rained all the forenoon. I went over to the Court House to look up some mortgages that Ed. Ball wrote to inquire about. Kate and I took dinner at Morrows'. We have begun to pack up. We took supper at Neill's. Kate is doing a washing tonight. There is a heavy fog.

Wednesday, May 19

It was foggy this morning but cleared away and came off hot. I set out some pine trees and worked around the house this forenoon. Repaired fence and did some logging this afternoon. Called at Mr. Marshall's this evening.

Thursday, May 20

We were packing things away all day and preparing to leave. I did the last logging I shall do for some time this morning. We have things all ready to go and are staying at Mrs. Neill's tonight. We have to start at 4 in the morning.

Friday, May 21

We left Benzonia at 4:30 this morning. When we got to Frankfort we had to wait until about 11 before the boat went, as he was undergoing inspection. It was rough and I was some sick & so was Kate. We are at the Dunham House, Manistee tonight.

Kate and Henry return home to Delhi.

Saturday, May 22

We got up at 4 this morning and took the train at 5:15. Mrs. Taylor left us at Reed City. Robert Tufts was conductor on our train to Saginaw. It has been a warm day. We met the Rev. Mr. Bailey at Wayne Jc. Pa and Willie met us at Delhi and we are in our old home again tonight.

Kate and Henry put flowers on Johnnie's grave.

Sunday, May 23

It rained quite hard this morning. Kate and I went over to father Queal's and took dinner. We went to church this afternoon and listened to Mr. Bailey. We put some flowers on little Johnnie's grave. It has been warm.

Monday, May 24

I went to Dexter this morning and bought 2 corn planters for pa. I have been planting all the afternoon and am awful tired tonight. I mowed a little grass from around the grapevines tonight; they give good promise of fruit.

Tuesday, May 25

I have been planting corn all day. It has been cool enough to wear a coat all the time. Kate went over to Van Riper's this afternoon; don't know as she will come back tonight.

Wednesday, May 26

Planted corn again all day, am awful tired. Kate came back this morning. It threatens to rain tonight. Effie has gone over to stay with Ida Backus tonight.

Henry fixes Johnnie's grave.

Thursday, May 27

It rained last night, which was a good thing. We finished planting corn this forenoon. Pa mowed out the grave yard and I fixed up Johnnie's grave. I cultivated the potatoes and Willie and I caught curculio off the plum trees.

Friday, May 28

I went to Scio with the folks to wash sheep but as they had to wait, I came home and mowed in the dooryard. Pa and I worked in the grave yard some this afternoon. The Reading Circle met at Osbert Williams tonight. I acted as chairman. Kate was over home today.

Saturday, May 29

I went to Dexter this forenoon, took Jennie Seelye home, and got groceries and seed potatoes. Worked at various things this afternoon. Effie and I went to the meeting of the Nilsson Amateur Club at Wm. Ball's tonight.

Sunday, May 30

I did not get up early this morning. Uncle John Spoor and Aunt Ann came yesterday and are here today. Kate went home last night and came back this afternoon. I went to church and sang in the choir. It has been warm today. Is clouding up tonight.

Monday, May 31

Uncle John and Aunt Ann went home this morning. We planted some potatoes this forenoon and planted in some corn this afternoon. Kate and I went to Dexter tonight. It has been warm today. Will Parsons came for Effie and my consent to sing next Saturday.

Tuesday, June 1

I put poison on grapevines and potatoes for the pests to eat this forenoon. Ma went to Ypsilanti. We burned brush in the clearing this afternoon. Maude, Effie and I went to Olsavers to practice singing tonight.

Wednesday, June 2

I cultivated the garden this morning and planted some melon seed. Pa and Uncle Robert went to E. Balls to shear sheep. Kate and I fixed up some fence that burned yesterday. Ma came home tonight. It was a warm day. I don't feel very well tonight.

Thursday, June 3

I went to Dexter this morning and got some Berry boxes and a crate. Kate went as far as her folks and stayed all day. I fixed up some honey crates this afternoon and we put them on tonight. Father Queal and Willie went fishing a little while tonight. It has been almost cold all day.

Friday, June 4

The folks sheared sheep all day. Ed. Ball and Munnis Kenny helped them and I tied up the wool. I have been miserable all day. Elmer Cushman called tonight to speak about singing at the Farmers club meeting. Some frost this morning.

Saturday, June 5

Kate, Effie and I went to the Methodist festival at Independence Lake today. Effie and I helped on the singing. It rained a very little this forenoon. The Nilsson Club met here tonight. Ralph McAllister and Lizzie Cooper were here today.

Sunday, June 6

I wrote some letters this forenoon. Kate and Effie went to Dexter to church. We went up here to church this afternoon. We sat in the hammock and read and rested. It sprinkles a little tonight.

Monday, June 7

I cultivated the potato patch this morning and then went to dragging the corn. Kate went home to spend the day. Effie, Ida, Willie and I went to Dexter tonight and took the buggy up to be repaired. I expressed a crate of berry baskets to Fred Waters. It was a warm day but is cold to night.

Tuesday, June 8

There was frost this morning in some places. I have been dragging corn all day. Pa and Uncle Robert drew out wood today. It is most awful dry.

Wednesday, June 9

I finished dragging the corn this forenoon. This afternoon I cleaned a honey crate and began to take the honey out of the old boxes so as to fix them up to use. Effie, Kate and I went over to Olsaver to a Nilsson Club meeting tonight.

Thursday, June 10

I took up honey and cleaned out some boxes and worked around in the shop the most of the day. We loaded up the wool tonight, Pa is taking O. Williams' wool along with his, and will start for Chelsea early in the morning.

Kate and Henry have 2nd wedding anniversary

Friday, June 11

Got up at 2:30 this morning and started Pa for Chelsea. Effie and I went around and got some cream and took to Blodgett's to be frozen for tonight. The Reading Circle festival came off tonight. The Huron band from Ann Arbor were there. 137 tickets were taken in. Kate and I were married two years ago tonight.

Saturday, June 12

I stayed at father Queal's last night. This morning I took the tables and chairs home from the festival. We picked a good many strawberries today. Uncle Robert went to Dexter and the rest went to Farmers meeting. Kate & I kept house. Very hot day.

Sunday, June 13

I have not felt well today so I have stayed at home all the time. Kate and Willie went to Dexter to church this forenoon. Alice came today. It started to rain a little tonight, but has not amounted to anything.

Monday, June 14

Today has been very hot. I helped pa fix some fence this morning, then I picked some strawberries. Pa began mowing in the south field this afternoon. Kate and I went to Dexter tonight, its a warm moonlight night.

Tuesday, June 15

Mowed some grass and weeds in the hay field with a scythe this forenoon. Raked and cocked hay this afternoon. It looked very much like rain tonight and we worked late. Been a hot day. Thunderstorm went north tonight. I am living on hot lemonade & strawberries now-a-days for my health.

Wednesday, June 16

It was cloudy this forenoon and we did not work in the hay. I hoed in the strawberry bed & fixed a honey crate. This afternoon we worked in the hay again. The girls picked a good many strawberries today. They sold some to Geo. Buckner.

Thursday, June 17

We have been doctoring a sick cow all day but think she will die tonight. It rained last night and we had to stir out hay this forenoon. We began a stack this afternoon, put 2 loads in the stack and 1 in the barn. It is cooler tonight.

Friday, June 18

We buried the old cow this morning. We drew hay this forenoon. Pa mowed this afternoon & I did some raking and hoed out the strawberry bed. We drew 2 loads toward evening. Effie went to Ann Arbor this afternoon. It is very cool.

Saturday, June 19

I loaded hay and pitched off and pitched off on the stack this afternoon. I raked and bunched what hay was down. Kate, Maude and I went to the Nilsson sing at Lomass tonight. It was cold in the morning, hot at noon & cool again tonight.

Sunday, June 20

It has been a very pleasant day. We went to church this afternoon. Pa, ma, Ida & Willie took a drive out to Whitmore Lake this afternoon. The drouth[sic] continues and if rain don't come soon we will have no corn & oats.

Monday, June 21

We secured 6 loads of hay today. I cultivated the garden this afternoon. It rained some about evening. But, we need a good deal more. Kate went to Delhi and met Effie at the train this morning. I have been copying off the Reading Circle Journal, of which I am editor.

Tuesday, June 22

I cultivated corn some this forenoon. Pa finished mowing in the south field. Mark Williams was here a while after dinner. I hoed in the garden & picked some strawberries this afternoon. Kate went over home and back.

Wednesday, June 23

I cultivated corn this forenoon. Kate went to Ann Arbor with Fanny Ball. We drew hay this afternoon, nearly finished another stack. Charlie's horse is sick tonight, and we have been giving him medicine. It looks like rain.

Thursday, June 24

It rained last night and this forenoon. I made a shelf for our room and Kate hung some curtains on it and cleaned the room. Pa and I drove the colt to Dexter this afternoon. We had to stay because a rain came up. We got back at 7 o'clock.

Friday, June 25

I worked on the Reading Circle Journal this morning and got it ready to read tonight. We worked some in the hay but it rained and we didn't accomplish much. Kate is over staying with her mother while Nellie is away. Ida, Effie and I went to the meeting of the W.R.C tonight.

Saturday, June 26

I drove over to Father Queal's tonight to stay all night. Pa and I went to Dexter this morning and got some fence lumber. We worked in the hay this afternoon and got in two loads. It was not a good hay day.

Sunday, June 27

Kate and mother Queal went to Dexter to church this forenoon. I came home about 10 o'clock. Have not felt well today --- had a fever. I did not go to church at all. Kate came over this afternoon but went back again. It is clear and cool tonight.

Monday, June 28

I cultivated corn this morning until 10 o'clock --- then we went into the hay. We finished the south field and got 2 loads out of the other. I cultivated again toward night. Kate came home tonight. It has been a good hay day.

Tuesday, June 29

I finished cultivating the corn one way this forenoon. We worked in the hay and got a good days work done. Kate went over to her fathers again today and is not coming home tonight. Effie and Ida were at Phelps' this afternoon. Another good hay day.

Wednesday, June 30

We have been haying all day --- began a stack by the buggy shed. Elmer Cushman came over for Effie and I to sing tomorrow at Mrs. Savery's funeral. We practiced at the church tonight. Kate came home tonight. Good hay day again.

Thursday, July 1

Pa finished mowing this forenoon. We went to Mrs. Savery's funeral this afternoon. When we got back we raked and bunched the most of the hay, also drew a load. We worked until about 8 o'clock tonight. I picked some cherries this forenoon.

Friday, July 2

We drew hay all day and practically finished tonight. Kate and I went to the meeting of the Nilsson Club at John Williams' tonight. Effie has gone to Whitmore to a dance. It seems like Indian summer, the air is so smoky.

Saturday, July 3

We found Charlie's horse sick this morning. We got Dr. Powers from Ann Arbor out here, but he died a few minutes after he came. Uncle John Spoor came this afternoon. Kate and I went to Ann Arbor tonight with Edwin Ball & wife to witness the Fire works. We had a good time.

Sunday, July 4

It has been very hot today. I wrote a couple of letters this forenoon. We went to church this afternoon. I came near melting in the choir. Pa has been sick with a headache all day.

Monday, July 5

Pa went to mill this morning; uncle John went along and took the cars. We have been breaking Joe and Prince to cultivate corn. It has been hot all day; at noon the thermometer stood at 90° in the shade. Effie and Ida went to Dexter after supper, tonight.

Tuesday, July 6

Pa and I cultivated corn all the forenoon. It was so hot we didn't go to the field until 4 o'clock this afternoon but we finished by supper time. I felt the heat very much. The ther. indicated 97 in the shade this afternoon. Kate went over to her father's tonight.

Wednesday, July 7

We finished topping a hay stack this morning and then commenced building a fence in the orchard. We got a load of hay out of the orchard tonight. It has been up to 90° in the shade, but is cooler now. Kate came home tonight. Uncle John Spoor was here to dinner.

Thursday, July 8

We finished the orchard fence this morning. Kate and I went over to father Queal's and got a lounge Kate has been fixing up. Pa and I cultivated the garden and then started in the corn field again. Uncle Robert went to Ann Arbor today.

Friday, July 9

Pa and I finished cultivating the corn today. My toe has bothered me so I could hardly walk this afternoon. Kate and I picked some cherries tonight. I ate so many that I may have the stomach ache. Kate and Effie went to Dexter this afternoon.

Saturday, July 10

Kate and I went out to Mr. Appleton's in Livingstone Co. today. We drove Zoe, the colt. This afternoon we stopped at Mr. Hull's and saw Mrs. Taylor. We had a boat ride and then drove home by moonlight.

Sunday, July 11

Went to church this afternoon, sang in the choir and felt a little sleepy. Have been trying to write some tonight but can't make much headway, the spirit don't act. It has looked like rain.

Monday, July 12

Pa and uncle Robert helped Ed. Ball draw wheat today. I tinkered ladders, filed a saw and did odd jobs all the forenoon. This afternoon Willie and I went to the swamp after huckleberries. We got a few. Dry weather.

Tuesday, July 13

We cut and shocked out wheat today. Pa run the binder and uncle Robert and I set the wheat up. We had to put Zoe on, but she worked well. It has thundered around some today and sprinkled quite hard tonight, but don't rain yet.

Wednesday, July 14

Pa helped E. Ball again today. I hitched up Zoe and Effie and I went to Dexter. I saw uncle John Spoor there, he is starting a harness shop. This afternoon I made a table to put our bookcase on, and Kate painted them. It rained a very little.

Thursday, July 15

We drew wheat the most of the day, and got all in but 3 loads. We heard the cannon at Island Lake where the soldiers are encamped. They fired a good many times this afternoon and once at sunset. Henry Queal came home today.

Friday, July 16

We finished drawing wheat this forenoon. I raked the stubble with Zoe. We topped out the stack this afternoon. Kate, Effie and Ida went over to Backus on a visit. I went to Dexter tonight, Henry Queal went with me.

Saturday, July 17

I picked some cherries this morning; they are very ripe. Kate and I went over to father Queal's and got some currents to can this forenoon. I went to the swamp for huckleberries, but got but few. Effie, Kate and I went to the meeting of the Nilsson Club at Cranson's tonight.

Sunday, July 18

Kate and I went over to father Queal's this forenoon and staid [sic] to dinner. Kate went to Dexter to church with Nellie & Mother Queal, and I visited with Henry. Went to church this afternoon. We went on the hill tonight to see bats come out of the steeples.

Monday, July 19

Kate went to Island Lake with Don & Nellie, and Effie, Ida and I went with E. Ball and folks. We went to Brighton and put out the team and got our dinner and then went to the camping ground of the state troops. We witnessed the sham battle; it was fine.

Tuesday, July 20

I picked a few cherries this morning and then hoed potatoes the rest of the forenoon. Pa and Willie went to Dexter. I cut stove wood this afternoon. Tonight we watered the grapevines and some tomatoes.

Wednesday, July 21

Pa and I put a tiled drain through the road near the corners today. It was very hard digging. I found the most moisture directly in the road bed. We washed the double buggy this afternoon. Uncle Robert went to Ann Arbor. Kate, Effie and Ida drove over to McColl's after we had supper. I picked some more cherries.

Thursday, July 22

We took 2 steers to Dexter early this morning. Pa sold them to E. Jedele, the butcher. I drove up and Willie and I came back together. Pa came later. We got some buggy paint and I began to paint the double buggy.

Friday, July 23

I painted the floor of the west and south porches this forenoon. I took a long nap at noon. Painted the wheels of the double buggy this afternoon. Effie and Ida are dance crazy and are down to Williams' practicing tonight.

Saturday, July 24

I painted the porches again this forenoon and the wheels of the double buggy this afternoon. Kate and I drove over to Van Riper's this forenoon. We found grandfather Queal very bad off; he can't live long.

Grandfather Queal dies.

Sunday, July 25

Grandfather Queal died last night. I was over there in the evening and went home with Henry and stayed all night with him. Kate and I are expecting to sit up at Van Riper's tonight. I went to church today up here. It has been very hot.

Monday, July 26

Kate and I came home early this morning. It began to rain last night and has showered a good deal all day but has not wet down any. Carrie and Frankie Appleton are here tonight. I went fishing, had no luck.

Tuesday, July 27

Grandfather Queal's funeral was held this forenoon. Mr. Wood preached the sermon. Ida Spoor went home this afternoon. Willie and I tried to catch some minnows at Delhi, but got none. I went over to Phelp's this evening and met Kate there.

Wednesday, July 28

I helped Pa saw some wood this morning and tore the old roller to pieces. This afternoon we took the colt Rock to Ann Arbor to be trained. Nellie was there with the Appleton girls and I staid [sic] and rode with her.

Thursday, July 29

Kate and I went to Dexter this forenoon. I had Zoe shod for the first time. I painted the north porch floor & cleaned up the single buggy this afternoon. It has been hot again today, it has been above 90 at midday for several days. Kate has gone over to father Queal's tonight.

Friday, July 30

I painted the floor of the north porch again this morning, then I went at the buggy and have been painting on that the remainder of the day. They burried[sic] grandfather Queal this afternoon. It threatens rain --- very dry.

Saturday, July 31

I painted on the buggy this forenoon. This afternoon I went over to father Queal's with Zoe and borrowed their old buggy to use a while. Kate, Effie and I went over to Cushman's tonight to the Nilsson sing.

Sunday, Aug. 1

I stayed at home all day, as I did not feel well at all. Kate Ball stayed here last night. It was very warm this morning, but was cooler this afternoon and has tried to rain a little tonight.

Monday, Aug. 2

I did some striping on the buggy this forenoon. Cut up some stove wood this afternoon and picked some catnip. Kate and I went to Dexter tonight. We got some cloth to cover the back and cushion of the buggy. It didn't rain any amount last night. Been a cool day.

Tuesday, Aug. 3

It was so cool this morning that we had a fire in the dinning room. I split wood this forenoon. This afternoon I went to Wheelers with Ed. Ball and helped him fix the binder. It took us until night.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

I worked on the wood-pile some this forenoon then watered the squash vines and made a frame for mosquito netting. I bound up some oats that uncle Robert cradled this afternoon. Repaired the wheel-barrow. Ida Backus and Miss Hallen were here to supper. It looks like rain.

Thursday, Aug. 5

It began to rain last night and rained the most of the forenoon. It was a grand thing but we need more for plowing. I went to Dexter this afternoon and then took father Queal's buggy home. I began to study book-keeping tonight.

Friday, Aug. 6

I picked pears this forenoon, got about 2 bu. off the tree by the shop. I went to Dexter this afternoon and tried to sell some pears but couldn't. Kate went over to her mothers and I stopped there to supper when I came home.

Saturday, Aug. 7

I sprouted in the clearing this forenoon. Kate went over to Van Riper's I did nothing this afternoon, didn't feel real well. Kate, Effie and I went out to Wm. Balls tonight to the Nilsson Club meeting.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Kate and I went to Dexter to church this forenoon. We heard a very fine speaker, a Mr. Adams. We stopped at father Queal's for dinner. We went to the Congregational church this afternoon. I went down to Kenny's this evening and got some Harpers papers.

Monday, Aug. 9

We cut the oats with the binder and got through early this afternoon. Pa rode the binder and uncle Robert and I set up the bundles. It was hot today and is getting dry again. Practiced singing and read a little tonight.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Kate and I went to Ann Arbor this forenoon; Kate had 2 teeth filled. We took dinner at Aunt Hannah Price's. Don & Jane Van Riper came and got us tonight and we are going to stay here all night. We had a fine watermelon. It has threatened rain.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Pa started the plow this morning. Willie and I went to Dexter this forenoon. Uncle Robert went to Ann Arbor. It was over 90 today. Tonight was the concert at the church. The Nilsson Club took part. There was a crowded house.

Henry Scadin's father goes to a Republican Convention as a delegate.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Pa went to Ann Arbor today to a republican convention as a delegate. We helped move John Williams' piano home from the church this morning. We drew in one field of oats today. I tried to do some plowing.

Friday, Aug. 13

I helped Geo. Phelps thresh, today, we got through about the middle of the afternoon. I got pretty tired. I wrote a letter to Ralph McAllaster this afternoon. I went to Latson's and got Kate tonight. It rained a little.

Saturday, Aug. 14

Effie and I went to Dexter this morning I applied by letter for a place in a law office in Ann Arbor, and got a favorable reply tonight. I don't expect much, but thought I would try. We pricked [?] stone this afternoon. Effie and I went to Blodgett's to Nilsson Club.

Sunday, Aug. 15

I stayed at home all day today. Kate and Effie went to Dexter to church this forenoon. I wrote a letter to Charlie Fuller and one to Fred Neill.

Henry agrees to clerk for O.L. Matthews then changes his mind.

Monday, Aug. 16

It rained some this morning. I went to Ann Arbor this forenoon on foot and stayed all day. Came back in the night on foot. I agreed to clerk for O.L. Matthews Atty. Real Estate and Pension agent etc. Coming home I made up my mind I could not stand the small pay.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

I walked to Dexter early this morning and went to Ann Arbor on the cars. Told Mr. Matthews I couldn't work for him and then came back to Delhi on the cars. I cut sprouts this afternoon. I feel very tired tonight. Kate went home a little while.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

I plowed this afternoon. Pa went to Delhi and met Lizzie Cooper at the train. This afternoon I chopped in the woods. The girls went to the swamp and got some Cat Tails tonight. Jessie and Maude and their mother called here this evening. Am practicing writing some tonight.

Henry remembers his dead son, Johnnie.

Thursday, Aug. 19

I practiced card writing some this forenoon. I think I will do some such work next winter. Pa took his hogs to Dexter this afternoon. I got out some rounds for a ladder. Today little Johnnie would have been a year old.

Friday, Aug. 20

I have been working on the ladder nearly all day. Russell Reeve and a Mr. Smith of Jackson took dinner here. Effie and I went to the Nilsson Club meeting at Olsavers tonight. It was dark coming home. It sprinkles a little now, 10:30 P.M.

Saturday, Aug. 21

Today the great Farmers Picnic was held at Whitmore Lake. We all went but Pa and Ma & Lizzie. It rained on the speakers and singers, and about spoiled the proceedings. The Nilsson Club sang one piece. Lizzie and I went to the train for Ralph McAllaster tonight.

Henry comments on Mr. Butler's preaching.

Sunday, Aug. 22

We went to church up here this morning. Uncle John and his man came down from Dexter on foot and took dinner with us. Ralph, Lizzie and Effie took a ride towards night. It has been very warm today. There was preaching after the church again tonight. A Mr. Butler spoke. He was on trial.

Monday, Aug. 23

Ralph McAllaster went home this morning. I finished making the ladder this forenoon and painted it. This afternoon I picked some pears and finished the day sprouting Mattie McColl and Ova's wife called. Irvie and the new preacher called. Practical Penmanship tonight.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

I went to Dexter this forenoon on foot. This afternoon I did some sprouting and helped Pa plough a head-land. The girls all went down to McColl's this afternoon and tonight I drove down and spent the evening. The party was for Ova and his bride.

Henry thinks about getting out of farming.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Ma and Lizzie went to Jackson this morning. Pa took them to Dexter to take the train. Pa and I helped thresh at Ed. Ball's this afternoon. It was a hot and dusty job. I want to become able to quit threshing for good someday.

Thursday, Aug. 26

I threshed at Ed Ball's the most of the day. A horse stepped on uncle Robert's foot and he is layed up with it. Kate and I went to Boyden's to a party this evening. It was in honor of Ova McColl and wife. We had ice cream and cake. It was a hot day.

Friday, Aug. 27

Pa and I went down to Ball's and helped finish the threshing, then I came back and hitched up, drew the potatoes and went to plowing. Pa and Willie went to Ann Arbor after the colt but he is a hard one and not ready yet. It has been terrible hot and no breeze all day.

Saturday, Aug. 28

I copied some music for Will Rosier this forenoon. It was extremely hot. Pa finished ploughing. This afternoon there came up a driving rain from the southeast and poured for a while. Practiced writing a good deal today. Sung a little this evening. Kate has the toothache tonight.

Sunday, Aug. 29

It was hot this forenoon. We did not go to church anywhere, as there was no service up here. Kate and I went to father Queal's this afternoon and came back tonight. It rained real hard this afternoon.

Monday, Aug. 30

Things were wet up in good shape this morning. I didn't feel at all well today. Practiced writing and wrote some letters this forenoon. Willie and I went to Dexter this afternoon and got ma. She brought me a cane made at the prison. It has grown cool tonight. Prohibition speech at town hall tonight I am not going.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

I picked some pears and plums this morning and then practiced writing. Pa dragged today with the 3 horses the land works up well. Henry Queal was over here a little while tonight. It is very cool tonight and a fire felt comfortable.

Wednesday, September 1

I practiced writing some this morning and then went to rolling on the wheat ground. Pa and uncle Robert went to old Mr. Van Riper's funeral this forenoon. There was a little frost around the straw stack this morning. It is warmer today.

Thursday, September 2

I finished rolling the big field this morning and then I dragged the 3 acre field by the house. This afternoon I rolled the 3 acres. Kate went over to her mothers this morning and went visiting with her. I am going over to stay there tonight.

Friday, September 3

I came home before breakfast this morning. Picked some pears and then went to dragging. This afternoon I dragged some and helped burn some brush and split some wood. Mark Williams called. Ralph McAllaster came up tonight. He and I called at Ed Balls this evening.

Saturday, September 4

Pa and Uncle Robert thrashed at J. Williams' today. I dragged 3 acres this morning, and then Kate, Effie and I went to Dexter and attended the Farmer's meeting at Buckelew's. We went down town soon after dinner and they came home. I visited Mr. Allen's vinyard[sic]; it looked nice.

Sunday, September 5

Kate and I went to Ann Arbor to church today, we got back about 1 o'clock. Ralph McAllaster has been here all day; I took him nearly home tonight. It has been a warm day. I have done no writing today, which seems funny for me.

Monday, September 6

We picked stone all day. It was very hot work, this afternoon the stones fairly burned our hands. We got the 14 acre field all picked and one load off the small field by the house. I feel very tired and did not study any tonight.

Henry buys D.H. Farley's *Model Guide to Penmanship**

Tuesday, September 7

We finished picking stone this forenoon. Kate, Effie and I went to Dexter this afternoon. Kate had a tooth filled. I went and looked at the new cider mill. We called on uncle John at his shop. I got D. H. Farley's *Model Guide to Penmanship* today and some circulars in connection. Very hot day.

Wednesday, September 8

I rolled on the 14 acre field this forenoon and part of this afternoon and there went to dragging. It has been very hot and dusty working. I went over to Queal's and got Kate tonight. Ma went along and called at Phelp's.

Thursday, September 9

We had a very fine rain last night and this forenoon. I practiced with the pen a good deal. I have eaten grapes until I am full. Pa went and got some deed wheat and also went to Delhi and got a grist, this afternoon. I trimed[sic] up some tomato vines.

Friday, September 10

It rained again last night and this morning. I studied Book-keeping and Penmanship. Effie and I went to Dexter this afternoon. I went over and got the sewing machine Kate's mother gave her, tonight. We had a big melon from Phelps.

Saturday, September 11

I cultivated and dragged on the 3 acre field by the house, this forenoon, and pa drilled it in this afternoon. I studied Book-keeping the most of the afternoon. The Phelps girls called this evening a little while. It has been cool today.

Sunday, September 12

We had a meeting at the church up here today, the Rev. Mr. Butler preaching. He has been hired for a year. It has been a cool day and tonight we had a fire in the stove. It rained last night again --- roads muddy.

Monday, September 13

I have been cultivating with the two horse cultivator on the 14 acre field and pa has been working one horse. The rain drove us off a little after five o'clock. It is raining hard tonight. I calculate to go to Jackson tomorrow if I can.

Tuesday, September 14

I came out to Jackson this morning and looked for Fred Neill of Benzonia but found him not. I went to the State fair this afternoon and got my pockets full of circulars. It is splendid; I am staying at Aunt Susan Coopers. I called at Mrs. Jenks.

Wednesday, September 15

I visited the Water Works this morning and saw Fred Taylor. Then I went to the depot and looked for Fred Neill again but couldn't see him, so I took the train and came home. I went up to Dexter this evening, have given up Fred's coming now. We began to cut up corn this afternoon.

Thursday, September 16

I started to cultivate this morning but the rain drove me off, so I studied the most of the forenoon. We had a big wind and rain-storm just after dinner. I heard that it blew over houses at Howell. Kate and I are at father Queal's tonight. It rains.

Friday, September 17

I came home this morning and cut corn. Pa sowed some strips in the corn. I did not feel very well this afternoon. Effie went and got Kate Ball this afternoon. Alice came over tonight. Kate came back tonight. It has cleared off and grows cool.

Saturday, September 18

I cultivated and dragged for wheat in the cornfield this forenoon. Fred Neill came today while we were eating dinner. I was surprised, but gladly. He and Kate are at father Queal's tonight. Kate Ball, Effie and I were at Butlers to a sing tonight.

[Note in margin] My birthday, 25th.

Sunday, September 19

It rained hard again last night. Kate and Fred came back this forenoon. We went to church. Kate Ball and Alice went away this afternoon. Fred Neill and I took a walk through the swamp and by Cranson's. We have been eating grapes and visiting tonight. It is cool.

Monday, September 20

Fred and I went down to Buckelew's to see them thrash a little this morning. Kate, Fred and I went to Ann Arbor about noon, and spent the rest of the day visiting the University buildings, Cemetery, stores, etc. We got the portrait of Bertha framed.

Tuesday, September 21

I cut corn this forenoon and part of this afternoon. We finished cutting what we will sow and got it all in but about 1/2 an acre when it rained. Fred and Kate went off with Nellie. I went over there tonight and we will stay it is so dark and stormy.

Wednesday, September 22

Kate and I came home before breakfast this morning. I went to Dexter this forenoon. Fred went with me. He went to Ann Arbor with Dor and Nellie this afternoon. I cut corn. Fred came back this evening and we all visited.

Thursday, September 23

We got in a little wheat this forenoon and have been cultivating and dragging this afternoon, but it is raining tonight and that will put us back again. We had popcorn this evening and had a good visit with Fred.

Friday, September 24

It was a foggy morning but cleared off and has been warm. We have been working at the wheat field and have only 4 or 5 acres left to sow. Kate and Fred went over to father Queal's today. I am getting full of grapes.

Saturday, September 25

Henry, Nellie, Fred, Effie, Kate and I went out to Whitmore lake today and had a little picnic. We had a nice boat ride, but the wind blew pretty hard for rowing. Pa finished drilling in his wheat today. It appears like rain tonight.

Sunday, September 26

It rained very hard last night and has been an unpleasant day. We all went to church this forenoon; we had a Sabbath school. Fred and Kate started for Dexter tonight but backed out. It rains some again.

Monday, September 27

Hard rain again last night, and the most of this forenoon. I put some marking in a book for Jessie Neill. We went over and took supper with aunt Jane Van Riper and then spent the evening at father Queal's where they had a party of young folks.

Tuesday, September 28

It rained a good share of the day, but cleared off pleasant about the middle of the afternoon. Fred and I went to Dexter and mailed some letters, we came back by Scio. We played cards this evening and ate grapes.

Wednesday, September 29

I sawed a little wood and practiced writing this forenoon. This afternoon I took the double buggy and Kate, Effie, Nellie, Fred, Willie and I took a big ride, --- went through the pulp mill at Hudson, up on prospect hill, where we had a lovely view, and around home.

Thursday, September 30

Kate and I stayed at Aunt Jane's last night. We walked home this morning and I helped cut corn this forenoon. Fred and I went to Ann Arbor this afternoon and rode home in a cold windy shower. We had popcorn and grapes tonight.

Friday, October 1

I started to take Fred to the cars this morning, but when we got to Queal's he changed his mind and went to the Chelsea fair with Nellie. Kate and I are going over there to stay tonight. I have been studying Book-keeping this afternoon. It has been a cold cloudy day.

Saturday, October 2

I came home this morning got the horse and buggy and went over after Fred and took him to Dexter where he took the train for home. I received copies of the Book-keeping and Blanks today. The Nilsson Club met here tonight.

Sunday, October 3

I took Kate over to father Queal's this [forenoon] and she went to church with them at Dexter. I went to church up here. Ralph McAllaster and Alice Spoor came yesterday. I took Ralph part way home this afternoon. We have been singing tonight.

Monday, October 4

I have felt a good deal like being sick with fever today. I finished a set in Book-keeping this morning. Will Cooper came about 10 o'clock and visited until this evening when I took him to Dexter. He starts for Denver tomorrow.

Tuesday, October 5

I did a little specimen writing this morning. Willie cut his fingers terribly this forenoon, Ma and I took him up to Dr. Chase and had them dressed, it was hard job for him. I gathered some nuts and helped pa pick cider apples this afternoon. Henry and Nellie came after Kate tonight.

Wednesday, October 6

Pa went to Dexter with some cider apples to have made into jell, this forenoon. I have been writing specimens the most of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Butler called here this afternoon. I have had considerable fever this day.

Thursday, October 7

I stayed at father Queal's last night. A mouse got into the room when Kate and I were and made it lively for us. Pa, Effie and Willie went to Dexter this forenoon to have Willie's hand dressed. Geo. Williams buried his little boy today. I helped pa draw manure this afternoon.

Friday, October 8

Have been drawing manure the most of the day. Pa went to Dexter towards night to get the jelly. We killed some chickens this morning and they have been cooked for tomorrow. I fixed an exhibit of Penmanship to take to the Fair tomorrow.

Saturday, October 9

We went to the Farmer's Club Fair at Wm Balls today. Kate and Effie helped get up the dinner. Pa exhibited potatoes, corn, grapes, apples and tomatoes. Kate, a table spread, Effie some crazy work [crazy-quilt ?] and I, some penmanship and book-keeping works. It has been a fine day and we had a good time.

Sunday, October 10

Pa and Willie went to Dexter this morning to see the Dr. but he was away. Willies hand is doing well though. Went to church and stayed to Sunday-school. All went to a temperance meeting tonight, but me.

Monday, October 11

Pa and I drew manure this forenoon. I picked up potatoes and did some writing this afternoon. Pa and Willie went to Delhi with a grist. Kate Effie and I went to Dexter tonight, it is a fine moonlight evening.

Tuesday, October 12

We finished digging potatoes this forenoon. We put 30 bu. in the cellar and pa sold and delivered 11 bu. to John Alexander this afternoon. Kate and Effie visited at Queal's this afternoon. I husked corn. It is beautiful warm weather, and has been for some days.

Wednesday, October 13

Pa and Willie went to Dexter this forenoon to get some trees he had ordered from a nursery. Uncle Robert and I husked corn the most of the day. Pa helped Rosiers thrash this afternoon. The machine came here tonight and we will thrash tomorrow. It has been a warm day.

Thursday, October 14

It rained so we could not thrash this forenoon and just as we got ready this afternoon a big wind and rain came up and put an end to proceedings for today. It has blown fearfully all the afternoon and is at it still. The thrasher went home tonight.

Friday, October 15

Pa and I set the fruit trees that he got the other day this forenoon. The thrashers came at noon and we did our thrashing this afternoon. We had 203 bu. of oats and 202 bu. of wheat. Kate, Effie and I went to the Reading Circle meeting at the ministers tonight.

Saturday, October 16

Pa and I drew a couple of loads of pumpkins this morning, and then I went to husking corn. Kate and Effie went to Dexter. We husked corn this afternoon. Mr. Butler & wife were here after nuts. Pa took a load to the Nilsson Club tonight.

Sunday, October 17

It was cold last night but grew warmer today and was pleasant until late this afternoon when it rained some. Effie and Geo. Martin went to Ypsilanti today. They came back this evening. I went to church this forenoon. Have been writing to Fred Waters tonight.

Monday, October 18

We have husked corn all day and put about 80 bu. in the crib. Kate went over to father Queal's this afternoon and came back tonight. It was cool and cloudy this forenoon but cleared off this afternoon.

Tuesday, October 19

We husked corn all ay, doing as much as we did yesterday. It was foggy this morning, but clear and warm this afternoon. Nellie was here this afternoon; it was her birthday. I am too tired to study tonight, as I ought too.

Wednesday, October 20

We husked corn this forenoon, but this afternoon it began to rain soon after we began and we had to stop. The girls had started for Dexter but came back. I studied Book-keeping this evening. It was very warm this forenoon.

Thursday, October 21

We husked corn all day. It was cold this morning but was clear and pleasant and was warmer this afternoon. Mother Queal was here to dinner. Kate and Effie went to Dexter this afternoon. I have been studying Book-keeping tonight.

Friday, October 22

We finished husking the corn in the wheat today. Pa and ma went to Ann Arbor this afternoon. Pa went to see Rock and reports him as coming to time. Ma went to see Aunt Hannah, she is very sick yet. It has been a fine warm day. I studied again tonight.

Saturday, October 23

We drew today the stacks in the field where we had husked corn, and put them in the barn. Henry was here to dinner and stayed part of the afternoon. Effie and Willie went and got Alice this morning. Pa and Effie went to Cranson's tonight.

Sunday, October 24

I went down to the swamp with pa this morning and we looked around. Went to church and sang bass in the choir. Kate and I went home with Henry and took dinner and I spent the afternoon. Nellie brought us home.

Monday, October 25

It has been cold and misty all day with the wind in the north. Husked corn this forenoon. Went to Dexter this afternoon. Kate had a tooth drawn, which had pained her all last night and today. Have been practicing writing a little tonight.

Tuesday, October 26

We husked corn all day today. It has been cloudy and cold, and seemed almost like snow tonight. Tom Collier came after wood this morning. Pa sold him a few cords. Have been reading about short-hand in the P.A.J. tonight.

Wednesday, October 27

Husked corn again today. We are getting along pretty well. It began to rain just before we quit work tonight and rained quite hard this evening. Kate went over to father Queal's today and will stay tonight. We had a mess of tomatoes off the vines today for dinner.

Thursday, October 28

It rained a good deal last night and we did no husking today. Pa and I went to Ann Arbor this forenoon and got Rock. We saw Mr. Holmes training a wild Kentucky horse. Kate came home to Missy meeting but went back again. I practiced Penmanship tonight.

Friday, October 29

I went over to father Queals this morning and helped thrash until about 3 p.m., then came home and got ready for the reading circle meeting which was held here tonight. We had a good time and a fair turn-out. It was warmer today.

Saturday, October 30

I went over and helped Geo. Phelps thrash today. We got through about 2 o'clock. I worked with Ed taking care of the grain. I went at the husking when I got home, Kate helped me. It has been a beautiful day. I feel tired tonight.

Sunday, October 31

This has been another lovely day. I went to church and sung in the choir as usual. Kate didn't feel well enough to go. We put a bouquet of flowers on Johnnie's grave this afternoon. I filled out the answer to Scott's postal card tonight, and will send it back as soon as I can mail it.

Monday, November 1

I husked corn this forenoon. Kate, Effie and I went over and got Nellie and went to Dexter this afternoon. The folks finished husking this afternoon. It has been another nice warm day. We got 3 gallons of cider jell at Dexter.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

I was at the town hall all day today, acting as special clerk of election. Frank Wheeler and I took dinner at Van Riper's. We got through counting bad lots soon after 6 o'clock tonight. It has been a fine day. It is warm tonight and look[s] stormy a little.

Henry helps with elections and Kate, Effie and Nellie have tintypes made.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

I helped make out the official returns of yesterday's election, today, and my bill for services was audited and allowed. Kate, Effie and Nellie went to Dexter and had some tintypes taken. Kate and I are at father Queal's tonight. It has been a fair day.

Thursday, Nov. 4

I brought a cow home this morning, that father Queal gave Kate. Henry helped me as far as Osbert Williams's. I went to Delhi this afternoon and put up an advertisement in the P.O. for an evening class in Book-keeping. Kate came home tonight.

Friday, Nov. 5

I made out an advertisement and went to Whitmore Lake this afternoon and put it up in the Post Office there. We went to Dexter tonight and heard Dr. Ramsay lecture on "sky wonders." It looks like snow.

Saturday, Nov. 6

I hoed out the strawberry bed today. Went to Delhi this afternoon, but learned that there would be no chance for a book-keeping class there. We had quite a snow squall this afternoon; it was the first this season. It is clear tonight and freezing. Pa and Effie have gone over to Cranson's tonight.

Sunday, Nov. 7

The thermometer indicated but 22 above 0 this morning and the ground was frozen hard. Went to church this forenoon and stayed to Sunday school. Pa went and got Alice this morning and she is sick tonight. It has been a cold day, freezing all the time.

Monday, Nov. 8

We have been working at the sheep shed all day, taking off the top and straightening it up all around. We went to the swamp and got some poles toward night. Alice is well enough tonight to talk rapidly. I feel too tired to study tonight.

Henry and Kate take up the study of Astronomy.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

We got up early and went at the sheep-shed. We got the rails and straw on the roof this forenoon and a load of stalks. It began to snow just after noon. We finished covering the shed. Kate and I have resolved to spend 1/2 hour studying Astronomy each evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

I took Alice to Dexter to take the train this forenoon. Took dinner at father Queal's. Henry and I went to Ann Arbor this afternoon. I took Fred Waters watch down to Arnold for repairs. I got a tin spice box for ma to send Uncle John Twamley. Henry staid in A.A. It has been a misty dreary day.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Practiced writing and studied some this forenoon. I went to Whitmore Lake this afternoon to see about a class in book-keeping, but it was time lost, guess I better quit now. Clear weather this afternoon and tonight. Kate and Effie went to Dexter this afternoon.

Friday, Nov. 12

We drew the last of our corn stalks today. It has been cold and windy and froze the most to the time. It was so bad tonight that we did not go to the Reading Circle meeting at Mr. Weston's. Kate and I studied astronomy. I studied Grammer[sic] and Arithmetic too.

Saturday, Nov. 13

It was cold this morning, but it cleared off and was pleasant. The farmers club met here today. There was a good crowd and we had stables and sheds full of horses. I helped pass the dinner around. Kate Ball is staying with Effie tonight.

Henry thinks of going to Detroit to school, but gives it up.

Sunday, Nov. 14

It has been some warmer and very pleasant today. Went to church this forenoon. The anthem we sang made some reach for the upper tones. Henry Queal took Kate Ball home this afternoon. I have been thinking of going to Detroit to school, but have about given it up.

Monday, Nov. 15

I went over to Van Riper's this forenoon and got the mustang pony grandfather Queal owned. I am going to try him and see if he would be good for us up north. Kate and I went to Ann Arbor this afternoon. We drove the pony. Made some calls, etc.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Pa drew 2 loads of wood to Dexter for Dr. Chase today. I finished pruning grape vines this forenoon. I hitched the pony on the stoneboat, this afternoon and drew a little wood to try him. He did well. Esther Johnson visited here this afternoon. It looks stormy tonight.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

It rained all last night. Kate and I drove the pony over to father Queal's this forenoon. It looks as though we might own him someday. It rained again all this afternoon. Funeral services for Geo. Williams' little boy were held at the church this afternoon.

Thursday, Nov. 18

The wind blew hard all last night, and all day today accompanied by snow squalls. It still howls. I have been studying the most of the day. Kate and Effie went to John Williams' this afternoon and I went down tonight and came back with them. Effie has joined Kate and I in the study of Astronomy.

Friday, Nov. 19

I have been studying the most of the day. I took Kate over to father Queal's this forenoon, she is going to stay tonight and I think I will go over too. Pa and Uncle Robert went to Dexter this afternoon. It has turned pleasant.

Saturday, Nov. 20

I came home this morning by the light of the moon. I hitched up the pony this afternoon and ma drove over and got Kate and went to Dexter. Pa drew 2 loads of wood to Dexter today. It was quite muddy this afternoon. Have been studying some.

Sunday, Nov. 21

It has been a very pleasant day today. Went to church this forenoon. Did nothing much this afternoon. Went over to father Queal's this evening after some things for Kate. Kate Ball came tonight to begin boarding.

Monday, Nov. 22

Pa and I fixed the pump in the cistern this morning. I went to Dexter this forenoon to mail some letters and get a money order, which Fred Waters sent me cashed. I spent the most of the afternoon trying to make some wooden needles for Kate. Kate Ball joined our Astronomy class tonight.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

It rained a good deal last night and was real warm this forenoon. Pa took me to the train and I went to Ann Arbor. Took dinner at Prices. Got Fred Water's watch. Called at McAllaster's, Irvie McColl came up on the train tonight. Growing cold, - dark.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Cold today with slight snow squalls. I went to Dexter and sent Fred Waters watch to him by registered mail. Coming back I stopped at father Queal's and took dinner. Nellie was over here visiting Kate. Having a good study tonight.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Today was [T]hanksgiving day. Mr. Butler preached a very fine sermon. We met at the church early and practiced two anthems. Kate and I took dinner at father Queal's. Henry has been spending the evening here. Cold, windy, squally day.

Friday, Nov. 26

I went over to Blodgett school and advertised to be there to organize a writing school next Tuesday evening. This afternoon I have been traveling around announcing that I will begin a class in book-keeping up here soon. We are going to the Reading Circle tonight at Queal's.

Saturday, Nov. 27

I went down to Wheelers this forenoon and had a talk with Frank about book-keeping and penmanship. Practiced writing some this afternoon. It began to snow tonight, but has quit. Effie, Kate Ball and I went over to Cranson's tonight.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Went to church this forenoon and sang in the choir as usual. We had a great discussion in Sunday school about heaven. Spent the afternoon in r[e]ading and doing chores. It snows some tonight.

Monday, Nov. 29

I practiced writing about all the forenoon. Studied book-keeping this afternoon. Kate Ball, Effie and I went to Dexter tonight. I ordered some book-keeping works from Rochester. It has grown cold. The thermometer about 16 bove.

Rock, the horse kicks Henry's father and knocks him out.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

It was only 10° above 0 this morning. I wrote copies and practiced this forenoon. Went to Scio with pa, after a grist this afternoon. As we were unloading, Rock got scared, kicked pa terribly, threw me out of the buggy and then ran away. I thought pa was killed, but he came to and I brought him home. I talked on penmanship tonight in the school house at Blodgett's.

Wednesday, December 1

I went to Dexter this forenoon and got Dr. Chase to come down and see pa. He was very sick all last night. He is not in as much pain tonight. It was warm this morning and snowed quite a little bit has been growing cold fast. 2° above 0 when I looked last.

Thursday, Dec. 2

The ther. was just at 0 this morning when I got up. I went to Delhi this morning post haste on foot and mailed some letters to Benzonia where I heard they want a teacher of Book keeping. Am going to an oyster supper at Boyden's tonight.

Friday, Dec. 3

I went to Dexter this morning and ordered Book-keeping for Irvin Butler. Kate went as far as Queal's and came back with me. I got the Books I ordered Monday. It was cold this morning, only 6 above, but has grown some warmer. Pa is getting better. Studied tonight.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Just at 0 this morning, and it has been biting cold all day. I took Effie & Kate Ball to the train this forenoon. They went to Ann Arbor, I met them tonight and we went to Cranson's to the N. Club meeting. I took Kate over to Van Riper's today; she came back tonight. Studied some this afternoon. It is only 2 above 0 now, 11 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 5

2° below 0 this morning. It is warmer tonight. Went to church this forenoon. Pa went out and took a walk this afternoon. I have been reading in a work on oratory some. I would like to study it. Wrote to Fred Neill tonight.

Monday, Dec. 6

I have been studying Book keeping the most of the day. I completed the Wholesale set. It has been growing warmer today. We studied our astronomy tonight and then talked about penmanship, and looked at specimens.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Have been studying again today. Began work on a Banking set. Kate Effie and I went to Dexter tonight and heard Prof. Trueblood read. It was very fine. I got the books from Rochester that I ordered last Friday.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

It has been a nice day. Ma and Effie went to Dexter this afternoon. I rode over to Blodgett's school house on the pony. Mr. and Mrs. Butler were here at supper and spent the evening. I began teaching a class in Book-keeping at our school house this evening. Had 11 scholars. It is a beautiful night.

Henry says he doesn't know if he will return to teach at Blodgett's School.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Wrote some copies this forenoon for the class in writing at Blodgett's school house tonight. I don't know as I will go there again. Uncle Robert and I drew some straw this afternoon, covered the strawberry bed. Warm day.

Friday, Dec. 10

Pa and I went to Delhi this morning to see about selling some wheat. I took a load over this afternoon, had 44 bu. 21 lbs. We put up another load ready for morning. The Reading Circle met at Geo. Phelp's tonight; Kate is at her father's. I stayed there last night. **I am not going to teach writing.**

Saturday, Dec. 11

I got up early this morning and began drawing wheat to Delhi. I took two loads this forenoon and one this afternoon. Got a check for \$42.54. Have got to go to Olsavers tonight to Nilsson Club. It is getting muddy.

Sunday, Dec. 12

I have been sick all day with a fever and tonight I feel very weak. It began to rain about 11 o'clock P.M. and is misty still. I read Will Carleton's City Ballads through and feel well paid for so doing.

I must soak my feet

And go to bed,
To quiet the aching
Of my head.

Monday, Dec. 13

I have been sick all day and have been a bed most of the time, am so weak I can hardly write. It has been storming most of the day. Henry was here tonight. It is getting cold again.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Was very lame and sore this forenoon --- can't hardly stand up now. The fever has nearly left me. Effie and Maude Williams went to Ann Arbor to see about joining a class in Elecution[sic]. It began to snow at noon and the ground is white and it is still snowing.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

I have been gaining today, although I am pretty weak yet. The thermometer was 4 above this morning, which was a great change from yesterday. I managed to go up and teach my class in Book-keeping tonight.

Thursday, Dec. 16

I have been on the gain again today and did some studying in Book-keeping. Effie and Maude went to Ann Arbor to the class in Elecution[sic]. It has been cold and cloudy all day, but is clear tonight. They have a party at Cranson's tonight.

Friday, Dec. 17

It was but 3° above 0 this morning. I did some chores this morning. Walked to Delhi and took the train to Ann Arbor, looked at holiday goods, drew some money for Pa and after visiting Mrs. McAllaster's walked home. It snows hard tonight.

Saturday, Dec. 18

The snow failed to make sleighing. Kate and I tried it but it didn't go very well. I nearly finished a pair of hickory needles today. Pa went to Dexter and paid his taxes. Effie and I went to the Nilsson Club at Cranson's tonight. Not cold.

Sunday, Dec. 19

Went to church this forenoon. We talked about and made arrangements for the Christmas tree. The choir stayed after Sunday school and practiced. We got home about 2 o'clock. It has been squally all day but not very cold.

Henry goes with his mother to see Santa Clause.

Monday, Dec. 20

Cold this morning, 4°+. We drew a load of straw and then I hitched Zoe on the cutter and ma and I went to Ann Arbor to see Santa Claus.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

I went to Dexter this forenoon and got my new harness of uncle John. I finished painting a Christmas card this afternoon. Kate and Effie were at Queal's today. Kate is staying there tonight. I made a pair of toboggan needles tonight.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Bert Kenny and I went out and got 3 evergreen trees for Christmas eve at the church. We got back about noon. I took dinner with him. It was quite warm today and thawed a little. Taught my Book-keeping class tonight. Kate came home tonight.

Thursday, Dec. 23

I have been helping fix the church for the Christmas exercises tomorrow night. We were at the church tonight practicing. Kate Ball went home tonight. It has been a rather warm day, looks stormy.

Friday, Dec. 24

Worked all day getting ready for tonight. We had a jolly time at the church this evening. Dor acted as Santa Claus and he came with all his family. Kate and I were remembered with nice presents. It snowed last night and today so it is good sleighing. Clear tonight.

Saturday, Dec. 25

2° below 0 this morning. I got one of the trees taken out of the church this forenoon and fixed up a Christmas tree for us. We had it on the dinner table with our presents on and around it. Kate and I spent the afternoon & evening at father Queal's. I fixed a tree there too.

Sunday, Dec. 26

I snowed some more last night. Went to church today. The Sunday School was reorganized. Went over and took dinner at father Queal's. Rev. Mr. Adams was there. Kate came home with me. It blows tonight and will be apt to drift the snow.

Monday, Dec. 27

It stormed a good share of last night and was cold this morning. Willie and I went to Dexter. Kate and I received a Christmas card from Kate Pierce. It is colder tonight and Effie and I have to go to the Nilsson Club at Olsavers. Just home, cold ride, 1° above 0, 11 P.M.

Henry is called to teach Book-keeping in Benzonia at the College School.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

0 weather this morning. We butchered 3 hogs and killed & dressed 48 chickens today. Frank Preston helping us. I took him home tonight and went on to Dexter. Got a telegram from Benzonia, I am wanted there to teach Book-keeping in the College School. Will have to go in 3 days.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Pa and I went to Dexter and took the chickens up. I have begun to get things ready to go north. It stormed nearly all day. I taught my class in Book-keeping tonight. It will be the last. It has cleared off and is growing cold, 4° above 0 now, 10 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 30

I went to Ann Arbor this forenoon to get some things I need to be ready to start for Benzonia tomorrow. I got my ticket to Traverse City. Ralph McAllaster was here today and Kate and I took him to the train tonight. We used the pony with his new harness. We called at Mr. Butlers.

Henry leaves for Benzonia to teach at the College School and says how badly he hates to leave home.

Friday, Dec. 31

Well, I have kept a diary for 1 year and I shall do the same another. Kate and I were busy all the time packing up my things and getting everything ready for my start. It has snowed nearly all day. I said good-by and came away at 4:30 P.M., pa taking me to Dexter where I took the train and am now in Grand Rapids. I hated to leave home as badly as I ever did in my life, and then I shall be separated from Kate so long. But I must keep up a stout heart and work for her as well as myself. I am in a lodging house for tonight.

Cash Account – January

		Received	Paid
1	Amount on hand	96 .38	
4	For old coin		.01
5	Book-keeping works		15 .05
“	Stamps		.20
8	Book-keeping	.75	

14	Book-keeping work	4	.75	
15	Cap paper 5 qu.'s			.90
	1 pt. Ink			.40
	1 doz. pen holders			.10
	¼ gross pens			.25
	Horse feed			.15
	1 triangular p. holder			.05
	Wax			.10
	Candy			.05
	Book keeping etc.	6	.75	
	Shoe sewed			.10
16	Bookkeeping works			3 .03
	Hive syrup			.35
	Elastic			.08
18	Bookkeeping work & tuition	1	.60	
		1	.50	
21	Kate spent			.27
	Ex. Chrg suspenders; stamps			.82
23	B'k'ing tuition pens etc.	2	.92	
25	Stationery		.05	
27	Pens		.02	
29	Oyster supper			.50
"	Dues for R. Circle			.25
30	Paper wrappers			.05
"	Daily paper			.03
"	B'k'ing tuition etc.	2	.45	
"	Pen		.01	
31	Balance			94 .64
		117	.38	117 .38

Cash Account – February

		Received	Paid
5	Stationery	.37	
6	Order for paper		2 .73
"	Postage Stamps		.10
7	Contribution		.05
8	Medium 50# p. tablet		.60
	Tuition & stationery	.57	
	Given to Kate	2 .00	
	Sundries		1 .64
12	Ex. in paper		9 .59
	Brush		.25
	Pens		.10
16	Ointment		.05
"	Envelopes		.10
22	Hair cut		.25
24	Slippers		1 .00
	Pens		.10
25	Armica		.10
"	Black Jack		.02
		2 .74	7 .84

Cash Account – March

		Received		Paid
1	Johnnie's casket			12 .00
	Flowers			1 .00
2	Paid photographer			5 .00
5	Shirt and collar			1 .50
	Lamp bowl			.35
	Stationery etc.	.40		
6	Carfare			.15
	Cakes			.05
7	Contribution			.05
8	Dr. Bill			13 .00
	Various things			.26
	Tuition & pens	.52		
10	Paper	.25		
11	Subscription			.25
13	Kate's dues U.R.C.			.25
16	Kate's expenses			.55
	Ink bottle, pen and holder			.40
	Candy			.13
	Postage stamps			.10
	1 doz. pens			.10
18	Order for Fruit trees			15 .65
19	Tuition	4 .75		
"	Stationery	.09		
22	Tuition	14 .20		
23	Stamps			.50
27	Tuition	.75		
"	Pair shoes			2 .50
31	Stamp			.85
	Kate has received from her folks	15 .00		
		37 .01		53 .84

Cash Account – April

		Received		Paid
1	Johnnie's photos			7 .00
	Picture frame			1 .50
	Carfare and sundries			.44
5	Postal cards			.08
9	Ball of yarn			.08
"	Kate	1 .25		
	Not acct'ed for	2 .33		
12	4 teeth pulled			1 .50
	Pair pants			2 .50
	Car fare			.15
14	Rubbers			.75
	Rope			.12
	Bags			.58
	P.N.'s & brackets			.45
"	Kate expenses			1 .18
15	Kate's folks and her	21 .00		
21	Rec'd from Fred Neill on old acc't	5 .70		

23	From Note book No. 1 Page 17		23	.40
24	“ “		1	.22
25	Contribution			.05
26	Axe		1	.00
	Dinner	.25		
27	6 quarts clover S.		1	.50
	1 Skt. Wadding			.05
		<u>30</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>.93</u>
				.28

Cash Account – May

		Received		Paid
1	Freight on trees & vines		5	.38
6	1 bbl. Lime	1		.15
7	Wadding			.05
8	Kate's expenses			.40
	1 gal M. syrup		1	.00
10	3 lbs. Oatmeal			.25
12	10 postage stamps			.20
13	Envelopes			.10
16	Contribution			.05
17	Kate's expenses		2	.25
19	Pad Lock			.40
“	Dorr Catch			.10
“	Rope			.20
21	P.O. order	100		.00
“	Paid for horse		100	.00
“	Candy			.20
“	Boat fare		2	.00
“	Bag transfer			.30
“	Magazine			.25
22	Hack fare			.25
	Car fare		14	.90
	Daily paper			.02
	Hotel Bill		2	.00
24	Pair shoes		1	.50
“	Hat			.75
29	Stamps			.15
31	“			.25
“	“			.50
“	Paid for Grape vines		7	.85
“	½ lb. Helebore			.30
“	Kate spent			.60
“	Paper			.02
		<u>101</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>.22</u>
				.15

Cash Account – June

		Received		Paid
3	Berry Crate & Boxes		1	.35
	Ball Yarn			.07
	Amonia[sic]			.50
5	Picnic expense			.35
7	Express on Crate			.70
	Hair cut			.25

	Ivory soap		.07
	Sundries	1	.64
10	Sold 6 pens	.15	
11	Festival Expenses		.50
"	Ma gave us	.50	.10
14	½ doz. Lemons		.15
	Stamps		.05
17	Given to Kate	1 .00	
18	Kate's expenses		.45
23	Brackets kooks & screw		.50
	Creton		.75
	Fur. Calico		.42
	Skirt supporter		.25
24	Paper		.02
25	Picture knob & wire		.14
	Posted	<u>1</u> .55	<u>6</u> .52

Cash Account – July

		Received	Paid
1	Kate's hair cut		.25
	Rick Rack		.10
3	Candy & peanuts		.20
7	Given to Kate	1 .00	
9	1 doz. Lemon		.40
	Thimble		.50
14	Shoes mended		.15
16	5 yd's creton		.62
	1 doz. cans		1 .30
19	From Pa	1 .00	
	Car fares		.45
	3 dinners		.75
	Lunch		.15
	Peanuts		.05
22	1 Quire paper		.20
	1 Bunch envelopes		.10
	Wrappers		.10
	Rick Rack		.10
28	1 doz. Lemons		.35
	Hair cut		.25
	Soda etc.		.20
31	Soap		.25
	Paint		.10
	Posted	<u>2</u> .00	<u>6</u> .57

Cash Account – August

		Received	Paid
1	For the Paint	.10	
5	1 doz. cans		1 .60
"	Stamp		.05
"	Pens		.05
6	1 doz. Lemons		.35
8	Contribution		.10

“	Postal cards			.02
10	From Pa	5		
“	Kate’s teeth filled		3	.00
“	Horse feed			.20
11	Money Order		2	.05
“	Suspenders			.20
“	Lozenges			.25
“	Shoe strings			.25
16	Melon			.30
17	Car fare			.25
21	Peanuts			.05
24	1 doz. Pens			.10
	Sponge			.05
	Samp Chimney			.05
29	Kate had	1	.00	
30	Crocks			.24
	Lemons ½ doz.			.20
	Stamps			.20
	Posted	<u>6</u>	<u>.10</u>	<u>9</u> <u>.56</u>

Cash Account – September

		Received	Paid
4	Kate’s Shoes		3 .50
	Gloves		.25
7	Kate’s tooth		.75
	H’s Acid Phosphate		.50
14	From Pa	3 .00	
“	Ticket to Jackson		.90
“	“ “ Fair		.50
“	Peanuts		.05
15	“		.05
18	For my Birthday	5 .00	
20	Book		.50
“	Horse fed		.12
“	Handkerchief		.50
“	Embroidery		1 .05
25	Boat rent		.50
28	For books & Blanks		2 .17
30	Watch Chain Rep.		.30
		<u>8</u> <u>.00</u>	<u>11</u> <u>.64</u>

Cash Account – October

		Received	Paid
2	Cards		.25
	Paper		.10
7	Bristol board		.10
10	Sunday school		.02
11	Stamps		.20
	Candy		.05
17	Sunday S.		.05
29	Given to Kate	1 .00	
	Posted	<u>1</u> <u>.00</u>	<u>.77</u>

Cash Account – November

		Received	Paid
1	Order for Pens		.28
	Pens and Penholder		.25
	Hair Cut		.25
4	Postal cards		.02
5	Thread		.10
15	From Pa	5 .00	
“	Hat		2 .25
	1 doz. Lemons		.35
	2 lbs. Rice		.18
	Crewels (Kate)		.20
11	Yarn (Kate)		.25
22	Postage stamps		.50
“	P.O. order F.W.	3 .17	
23	Car fare		.30
	1 pkg. Envelopes		.10
	Fred's Watch		3 .00
24	Registered Pkg		.18
29	From Pa	10 .00	
	P.O. order for B'K'ing works		10 .17
	Postage stamps		.02
		18 .17	18 .40

Cash Account – December

		Received	Paid
2	From Pa	.50	
“	Oyster supper		.50
3	Bookkeeping		3 .40
	Express on books		.65
	Paper		.10
4	Flannel		.05
7	From ma	1 .00	
	Tickets to Reading		.75
	Express on books		.50
8	Books and blanks	8 .45	
9	Pens and paper	.14	
11	Given to Kate	1 .00	
16	Yarn		.40
17	Car fare		.15
19	Minnister's[sic] Quar.		1 .00
20	From Pa	1 .00	
	Christmas pres.		3 .85
	Chimney		.10
21	From Pa	13 .00	
	Harness		13 .00
22	Books and blanks	2 .50	
27	From Effie and Ma	1 .00	
	Ribbon		.40
	Oilcloth		.30
28	Telegram		.35
29	Sundries		2 .12
30	From Pa	10 .00	

	Ticket to Trav. City			7	.65
	Sundries			3	.79
31	From Pa	10	.00		
	Postal cards				.02

Summary of Cash Account					
		Received		Paid	
Jan.	On hand	96	.58		
		20	.80	22	.74
Feb.		2	.94	7	.84
Mar.		37	.01	53	.84
Apr.		30	.28	43	.93
May		101	.15	142	.22
June		1	.55	6	.52
July		2	.00	6	.57
Aug.		6	.10	9	.56
Sept.		8	.00	11	.64
Oct.		1	.00		.77
Nov.		307	.41	305	.63
Dec.					

BILLS PAYABLE JUNE

		Receivable	
Paid Mar 16, 1887	without the interest due		\$25
Due Jan. 3/37.			
F.B. Waters			\$25
Due June 3/87			

MEMORANDA

Jan. 5 I have this day ordered of
Williams and Rogers of Rochester, N.Y.
Bookkeeping works at a cost of 14.95

ADDRESSES

Henry M. Queal
207 Taylor Street
Topeka, Kansas

Scott Williams
Casilla 208,
Santiago, Chili, S.A.

Will Stevens
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

LETTERS

Rec'd	Name	Answered
Apr. 30	H.M. Queal	May 3
May 7	Mother	" 12
" "	Will Stevens	
" "	I. G. McColl	" 12
" 12	Effie and Ida	
" "	H.M. Queal	" 17
" 17	Edwin Ball	" 18
" 19	Mother (card)	
June 3	H.M. Queal	June 6
" 12	A. H. Neill (card)	
" "	F.B. Waters	" 13
" 24	H.M. Queal	
" "	A.H. Neill	July 4
" 25	Will Stevens	" 11
" 26	Fred Waters	" 4
" 28	Scott Williams	" am?
July 17	Fred Waters	July 18
" 29	A.H. Neill	Aug 15
Aug 14	F.B. Waters	Aug 24
" 19	A.H. Neill (card)	30
Sept 10	A.H. Neill	
" "	F.B. Waters	
" 23	F.B. Waters	Sept 26
Oct. 11	A.H. Neill	Oct 18
" 16	F.B. Waters	Oct 17
" 25	Will Cooper	" 27
" 23	Will Stevens	Nov 7
" 29	Scott Williams	Oct 31
Nov 6	F.B. Waters	Nov 12
" 13	A.H. Neill	" 21
" 20	F.B. Waters	" 23
Dec 2	Will Stevens	Dec 19
" 3	Will Stevens	" "
" 4	F.B. Waters	Dec 15
" 7	A.H. Neill	" 19
" "	Will Cooper	" 19
"	Scott Williams	