

Diary of

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Month of March

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Day

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- 17 Went from Omaha as far as John Mathans, where I stayed over night.
- 18 Went from there as far as Cuming Creek - stayed over night with an American.
- 19 Went from there as far as Henkel's and stayed over night with him.
- 20 Rode from Henkels to my land.
- 21 Put my things-all in order.
- 22 Rode away for Henkels in the morning, taking along the shears to Rorike's to be sharpened.  
Arrived at Henkel's at 3 o'clock.
- 23 Left there at 10 A. M. with 20 bushels of seed wheat and 4 chickens and 14 bushels of oats from Kohn's (?)  
Arrived home at 6 P.M.
- 24 Got a harrow from my cousin, and began to harrow with it.
25. Harrowed all day.
- 26 Rode to Kohn's with the 4 empty sacks and was at Kaun's (?) until 6 o'clock.
- 27 Harrowed all day.
- 28 Ditto
- 29 Sowed 6 bushels of wheat from early morning until 10 A.M., then finished harrowing until noon, and in the afternoon made a start toward harrowing in wheat.
- 30 Harrowed in wheat during the morning and in the afternoon planted 4 bushels of wheat until 4 o'clock and also harrowed it in.
- 31 Sowed 6 bushels of wheat in the morning and then went to the election. Harrowed the second time in the afternoon.

MONTH OF APRIL

- 1 Sowed and harrowed 4 bushels of wheat in the morning. In the afternoon plowed a piece of land for potatoes and vegetables and planted  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel of potatoes.  
In the afternoon Raabe harrowed half the wheat land for the last time.
- 3 Rode to Brown's with my cousin and to Schalin's (?) and got my papers in the morning. In the afternoon I harrowed for 3 hours the 8 bushels of oats I had sowed in the morning.

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- 4 Sowed 10 bushels of oats in the morning and harrowed it in the afternoon.
- 5 Rode to Norfolk early in the morning and got flour, lumber and oil.
- 6 In the morning, sowed onions, lettuce, cabbage, kohlrabi, yellow Kohlrabi and planted peach pits. In the afternoon harrowed the oat land for the third time.
- 7 In the morning, worked several hours on the excavation for the barn. In the afternoon grafted 7 wild plum (trees) to peaches.

Saturday

- 8 On account of rain, I couldn't do anything except put the breaking plow in working order.

Easter Sunday

- 9 Celebrated the holiday. Snow storm at night.
- 10 Heavy snow storm all day. I had to go to my cousin's with my horses.

Tuesday

- 11 The snow covered our shanty and barn but I still slept at my cousin's.

Wednesday

- 12 Went home again with my horses, early in the morning and during the day worked on the barn excavation and baked bread.
- 13 Worked all day on the barn excavation.

Friday

- 14 Was at Mansky's from 7 to 9 in the morning. Then, until noon with my cousin's oxen, plowed the fire guard from the Creek to the road on my land on the east side of the Creek and between [my land and?] Holm's(?). In the afternoon at my cousin's and Theodore's, plowed a fire guard on the east side of the Creek and around the house and barn for Theodore

Saturday

- 15 Was at Mangky's and Braun's in the morning and in the afternoon finished plowing the fire guards on the east side of the Creek belonging to my cousin and myself.

Sunday

- 16 Got a boar at Braun's and burned off my pasture land on the east side.

Monday

- 17 Got a log from Adam's place, a log from my land and another load of other wood from the shanty, in the morning. Got another load of boards and hauled it away, and harrowed among the corn "stocks" (stalks) in the afternoon.

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Tuesday

18

Completely finished cutting the logs for the barn in the morning and baked bread in the afternoon. I could not do anything on account of the snowstorm.

Wednesday

19

Nothing could be done on account of the heavy snow storm. In the morning the boar bred the big sow, so that the time, figuring 16 weeks, will be Aug. 9, this year.

Thursday

20

Snow storm and very cold all day. Nothing could be done.

Friday

21

Morning, clear weather but very cold. Afternoon mild, I brought a few logs to the barn and cultivated the onions.

Saturday

22

In the morning, Theodore and I moved the largest log to the barn and got another log from him. In the afternoon laid the logs on top of the barn, hauled a load of hay to my place, a load to Theodor's and a load of siding to Adam's house. Towards evening I planted the buff.(?) and feed beans.

Sunday

23

Rode to the settlement with Theodor and visited Ueker and Rohrke.

Monday

24

Cultivated the onions in the morning. Prepared lunch early because of a thunder storm. Cultivated the same again but got supper early because of a shower. Planted the Earle Rose from Raabe and Godrich potatoes.

Tuesday

25

Baked bread in the morning and set out the maple (?) sapplings. Planted the tomatoes and worked on the barn roof in the afternoon. The boar bred the little sow.

Wednesday

26

Completed one side of the roof of the barn in the morning. Finished the other side of the roof and brought a load of wood and a small load of hay to the barn in the afternoon. Old man Formann (?) helped from 8 to 3.

Thursday

27

Worked on the barn in the morning. Planted red and yellow onions in the afternoon.

Friday

28

Plowed for onions in the morning. Planted the last of the red onions and got 4 bushels of potatoes from Formann.

Saturday

29

Took the boar back to Brown's in the morning then rode to Lucas'

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with Formann and then did some harrowing in my new garden until noon. Planted the "Pitchblue" (?) potatoes from Rabe and Mathans and planted the carrots, then rode to Maurer's with Formann.

Sunday  
30

Burned off the prairie on the west side, and did some planting.

MONTH OF MAY

Monday  
May 1

Loaded up my household goods and moved the dirt away from the shanty in the morning. Did nothing in the afternoon on account of the rain.

Tuesday  
2

With (the help of) Theodore and my cousin's oxen, moved the shanty to a different place in the morning. In the afternoon, blocked up the same and threw dirt all around and covered half the roof with dirt.

Wednesday  
3

Unloaded the household goods and finished the roof in the morning. Rode to the settlement at 11 o'clock and came back home at 11 o'clock at night.

Thursday  
4

Put my things in order in the morning and drilled peas for myself and my cousin and then went to Mr. Brown's to draw up the deed.

Friday  
5

Went to the settlement to get some oats but didn't get any - home at 3 o'clock. Then plowed some of the garden for beans.

Saturday  
6

Plowed corn land all day, then at 5 o'clock rode to court and got the hogs.

Sunday  
7

Planted the white beans and 24 - 20 x 18 rows of corn, then made the door for the barn and brought a load of wood from the other place.

Monday  
8

Brought another load of wood from the other place early in the morning, then plowed corn land all day.

Tuesday  
9

Plowed corn land until 2 o'clock, then harrowed the meadow.

Wednesday  
10

Plowed corn land in the morning. Finished harrowing the meadow in the afternoon.

Thursday  
11

Plowed corn land all day.

Friday  
12

The same.

Saturday  
13

Finished plowing the corn land.

Sunday  
14

Was at Brasch's and Rohrike's.

Monday  
15

Harrowed corn land.

Tuesday  
16

The same.

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- Wednesday 17 The same.
- Thursday 18 Ascension day. Was at the post office and at Mansky's.
- Friday 19 Planted corn all day with Mansky's boys.
- Saturday 20 Did nothing in the morning, on account of rain. Planted again in the afternoon.
- Sunday 21 Baked bread and did other work.
- Monday 22 Planted corn land all day by myself.-
- Tuesday 23 The same.
- Wednesday 24 Did not plant in the morning on account of rain. Planted by myself in the afternoon.
- Thursday 25 Planted corn all day. William and I finished planting the largest plot.
- Friday 26 Rode to Norfolk and ground 4 bushels of wheat.
- Saturday 27 Back furrowed and harrowed 2/3 of my new garden plot.
- Sunday 28 Whitsunday
- 38 William and I planted the 2/3 of the garden plot with corn in the morning. In the afternoon, was at Haase's and Rohrikes.
- Monday 29 Didn't do anything because of the second holiday. Was at Mark's Warnek, Ottó's and Schallin's. Baked bread and set a hen.
- Tuesday 30 Was at Haase's in the morning. Finished plowing the garden land in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 31 Plowed the east and west fireguards along the road, a distance of 160 rods, in the morning. In the afternoon, plowed the north guard and harrowed both guards.

MONTH OF JUNE

- Thursday 1 Harrowed and marked in the morning. Planted corn in the afternoon.
- Friday 2 Planted the last of the corn in the morning. Put my things in order for a trip to Omaha in the afternoon. A thunder storm at 6 in the evening.
- Saturday 3 Set out 6 (?) plants, then drove to Rohrike's and had 3 old and 1 new horseshoes put on.

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- Sunday  
4 Traveled from Rohrike's as far as Sand Creek.
- Monday  
5 Traveled from there as far as Fontenelle.
- Tuesday  
6 Traveled as far as Saalfeld's at Omaha.
- Wednesday  
7 Went to Lang's in the city.
- Thursday  
8 Left Omaha at 1 P.M. and drove as far as Bridgport Ranch.
- Friday  
9 Drove as far as Kroge's.
- Saturday  
10 As far as Henkel's.
- Sunday  
11 Arrived home.
- Monday  
12 Replanted and hoed corn all day.
- Tuesday  
13 The same all day. Was at Hase's in the evening.
- Wednesday  
14 The same all day.
- Thursday  
15 Hoed onions all day.
- Friday  
16 The same and hoed the carrots.
- Saturday  
17 Hoed the beans and covered the interior of the shanty by nailing up paper, until 3 o'clock, then home and rode to Rohrike's.
- Sunday  
18 Rode to Ueker's, brought along the corn plow.
- Monday  
19 Plowed corn in the morning. Hoed in the afternoon.
- Tuesday  
20 Morning, the same. Hoed in the afternoon.
- Wednesday  
21 Plowed corn all day.
- Thursday  
22 Plowed corn in the morning. Rode to Norfolk in the afternoon.
- Friday  
23 Started breaking prairie in the morning.
- Saturday  
24 Broke (prairie) all day.
- Monday  
26 Broke (prairie) in the morning. Hoed corn and was at Kluges' boys at night. A small thunder storm at night.
- Tuesday  
27 Broke (prairie) all day. Had a little thunder shower towards evening.
- Wednesday  
28 Broke (prairie) in the morning. Dug out the chicken house in the afternoon.
- Thursday  
29 Dug out some more in the morning. Plowed the small piece of land

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In the afternoon.

Friday 30 Finished the chicken house.

MONTH OF MAY ✓ July

Saturday 1 Baked and made the hog pen.

Monday 3 Did various things.

Tuesday 4 Swept the sod-floor (?) in the morning - and the same and went and got the shears from Prebe's.

Wednesday 5 Broke (prairie) near the shanty in the morning. Afternoon, the same. At 3 o'clock there was a terrible storm, with rain and hail. The horses, too, had run away with the breaking plow, but did not damage.

Thursday 6 Finished breaking for myself.

Friday 7 Finished the chicken house and began on the sod wall of the barn.

Saturday 8 Drove to the Norfolk mill and brought back a load of slag (?) Rohrike sharpened the shears. Made two poultry sheds(?) and made (?) the Ranch.

Sunday 9 Went to Ueker's for a visit.

Monday 10 Began breaking 2 acres for Holm.

Tuesday 11 Finished breaking the same and plowed up his fireguard on the east side.

Wednesday 12 Went to the post office in the morning. In the afternoon (was at Hubner's for the christening, and baked.

Thursday 13 Was in Norfolk and tried the reaper on the oats. ✓

Friday 14 Bound oats all day.

Saturday 15 Bound oats at Fischer's until 9 o'clock then went to Mansky's but the reaper broke. In the afternoon I set up my oats.



MONTH OF JULY

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- Monday  
17 In the morning Rabe cut half of my wheat. I bound all day.
- Tuesday  
18 Bauman and I bound all day.
- Wednesday  
19 The same
- Thursday  
20 The same
- Friday  
21 Rabe cut the other half of the wheat, and I bound all day with Bauman and Shaunesse. *Shamesee*
- Saturday  
22 Bauman and I bound all day.
- Sunday  
23 Bound my own by myself for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, and in the afternoon carried the wheat home for Bauman.
- Monday  
24 Was at the smithy in the morning and also at Haase's and Uehers. In the afternoon, helped carry wheat home at Bauman's.
- Tuesday  
25 Helped Bauman in the morning. In the afternoon, was at Schellin's and Mansky and Rilo's on account of a hog.
- Wednesday  
26 Hauled wheat home for Bauman. Quit at 3 o'clock on account of rain.
- Thursday  
27 Hauled home wheat all day for Rabe.
- Friday  
28 Did nothing with the horses on account of rain. Put sod on the hen house.
- Saturday  
29 Baked in the morning and turned the wheat over in the afternoon.
- Sunday  
30 Hauled wheat and oats all day with Rabe, Bauman and Shamesee.
- Monday  
31 Hauled wheat with Shamesee and Bauman's oxen and team in the morning. Two more loads with my horses in the afternoon and got through with stacking by eight o'clock, then got 2 loads for Bauman.

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- Tuesday  
1 Did 2 more loads for Bauman in the morning. Went to Pierce and got a load of slough grass and covered the stacks in the afternoon.
- Wednesday  
2 Was at Walker's to see about my hog. In the morning hoed onions in the afternoon.
- Thursday  
3 Was at Rohrike's, Haase's, Ueker's and Huber's. *Hubner's.*
- Friday  
4 Accompanied by my father, [cousin ?] was at Lucas's in Pierce, in the morning. In the afternoon I put my team in order and cut down the bush along the section line.
- Saturday  
5 Hoed onions all day. Got through with it.
- Sunday  
6 Was at Aug. Hubner's in the afternoon.
- Monday  
7 Hoed some, in the morning and sharpened the scythe.
- Tuesday  
8 Back furrowed the east and two other guards and plowed about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of wheat stubble.
- Wednesday  
9 Plowed wheat stubble in the morning. Was at Pierce to see about some grass in the afternoon. (Set a hen.)
- Thursday  
10 The big sow had 4 pigs last night. Rode to Ueker's in the evening and slept there.
- Friday  
11 Came home from Ueker's at 7 o'clock then rode to Ueker's on Tri Creek (Dry Creek) on account of the grass and then home again.
- Saturday  
12 Rode away to Tri Creek (Dry Creek) at 5 o'clock in the morning and helped Ueker haul hay.
- Sunday  
13 Raked hay in the morning, and hauled it in the afternoon. (Was back home at night.)
- Monday  
14 Hauled hay in the morning. Did nothing in the afternoon on account of high wind.

MONTH OF AUGUST

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- Tuesday  
15 Hauled hay in the morning and did nothing in the afternoon on account of wind.
- Wednesday  
16 Hauled 2 more loads of hay in the morning and finished the stacks and took one load home. Home at 2 o'clock.
- Thursday  
17 Pulled up beans in the morning. Same in the afternoon. Rode to Hubner's in the evening.
- Friday  
18 Did various things at the house and thrashed out the peas in the afternoon.
- Saturday  
19 Ground the axe in the morning and fetched wood from the Creek and made a step in the afternoon. Towards afternoon my cousin's barn burned.
- Sunday  
20 Was at old man Haase's, Herman Wachter's, Ueker's and Hubners.
- Monday  
21 Plowed wheat stubble in the morning. Thrashed the white beans in the afternoon.
- Tuesday  
22 Plowed some wheat stubble, morning and afternoon.
- Wednesday  
23 Drove to Norfolk to have the horses shod and to have the shears sharpened and 4 bushels of wheat ground.
- Thursday  
24 Plowed some wheat stubble in the morning, waited 3 hours for the thrashers at my cousin's and then chopped wood at home.
- Friday  
25 Plowed until 9 A.M. then helped my cousin thrash.
- Saturday  
26 Helped Hahn and Fischer thrash all day.
- Sunday  
27 Was at home all day.
- Monday  
28 Plowed wheat stubble all day.
- Tuesday  
29 Was in Norfolk and got some lumber for the granary.
- Wednesday  
30 Built the granary, my cousin helping all day. Drove to Winter's

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in the eveing and got some butter.

Thursday  
31 Worked all day on the granary, my cousin helping.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Friday  
1 Thrashed from 7 in the morning until 12. 98 bushels of wheat and 67 bushels of oats included. The thrashers received 4 bushels of oats for feed and Bauman borrowed 2 bushels of oats. My cousin Theodore, Will Verges, Rabe, Bauman, Warnek, Hahn, Forman (for Fischer) and 4 thrashers helped. In the afternoon I helped Bauman thrash.

Saturday  
2 Worked at home.

Monday  
4 Drove to Lehman's.

Tuesday  
5 Worked at home

Wednesday  
6 Rode to Lehman's.

Thursday  
7 Helped Aug. Hubner thrash.

Friday  
8 Same.

Saturday  
9 Was at Lucas's in Pierce in the morning. Worked on the barn in the afternoon.

Sunday  
10 Was at Lehman's, Gray's and Dedermann's.

Monday  
11 Worked at home, filling the granary with corn straw.

Tuesday  
12 Put more straw on the granardy and chopped dry wood along the Creek in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
13 Couldn't do much on account of rain. Went to Pierce for the mail in the afternoon.

Thursday  
14 Visited Lehman and gave Gottlieb Rohricke and Winter something.

Friday  
15 Got w loads of wood from the other side of the Creek during the morning. Spread the hay and worked on the barn in the afternoon.

Saturday  
16 Worked on the barn.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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Sunday  
17

The same.

Monday  
18

Turned sod and put up the walls of the barn.

Tuesday  
19

Went to Pierce in the morning on account of the election.  
Worked on the barn in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
20

Dug up and pulled onions, and worked on the barn.

Thursday  
21

Shelled the best of the corn along the north fire guard and  
hauled home the pumpkins during the morning. *Left out two lines.*

Friday  
22

Took 2 loads of hay to the barn and worked around the house.

Saturday  
23

Drove to Norfolk. Was at Brenasun's(?) and Hill's and Dedermann's.

Sunday  
24

Was at Bernhard's and Winter's.

Monday  
25

Plowed wheat land all day.

Tuesday  
26

Plowed in the morning. Encircled the barn with willows in the  
afternoon.

Wednesday  
27

Plowed in the morning. Was at the (?) at Hubners in the afternoon.

Thursday  
28

Removed the onions and other vegetables.

Friday  
29

Spent all day digging out the cellar.

Saturday  
30

Did the same work in the morning. In the afternoon, was at the  
convention.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday  
1

Covered the cellar and threw dirt on top of it.

Monday  
2

Dug potatoes. 1 sack of "Pitchblue" (?) and 2 sacks of early  
potatoes. Plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

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- Tuesday  
3 Dug with the Fischer (?) boys. He sorted for the tenth(?) bushel  $5\frac{1}{2}$  sacks of early potatoes at Wachter's in the afternoon.
- Wednesday  
4 Hauled hay for burning the fireguard in the morning. (burned everything however)  
Cut down corn around the granary during the afternoon and at Wachter's.
- Thursday  
5 Plowed up the fire guard in the morning. At L. Wachter's in the afternoon and rode to the store after arnica and plasters for Ueker.
- Friday  
6 With Edward, dug 2 sacks of early and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  sacks of "Pitchbleu" (?) potatoes and 1 sack of carrots. Was at Wachter's and Ueker's in the afternoon.
- Saturday  
7 Was at Norfolk and got some lumber. 88 [sq. ft.] Left 1 bushel of corn and 1 bushel of oats at the mill for rough grinding. Was also at Mr. Wagner's and Wachter's.
- Sunday  
8 Was at Beckenthals. Otto and Kath for a visit in the afternoon.
- Monday  
9 Worked at home in the morning. In the afternoon Edward and I dug a sack and a half of potatoes.
- Tuesday  
10 To the election in the morning. In the afternoon dug a sack of potatoes. Also the last of the carrots and took Edward 1 sack.
- Wednesday  
11 Was at Wagner's, Wachter's and Ueker's and also brought back some lumber and a bushel of corn and a bushel of oat grits from the mill.
- Thursday  
12 Buried the carrots in the morning. My cousin and I built the corn crib in the afternoon.
- Friday  
13 Nailed the boards to the corn crib.
- Saturday  
14 Drove to Wagner's, Brownerd's (?), Haase senior, Wachers, Ueker's and Nino's.
- Sunday  
15 Worked at home in the morning. Rode to Schellin's in the afternoon on account of his wife.
- Monday  
16 Husked corn all day with Theodore and William,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads.

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- Tuesday  
17 Husked corn all day.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads.
- Wednesday  
18 Husked corn all day. 2 loads from 11.
- Thursday  
19 Husked corn all day. 2 loads, one of which Theodore took to his place.
- Friday  
20 Husked corn all day. 2 loads.
- Saturday  
21 All day. Hauled 1 load of corn to the granary and left 1 load, not yet filled, standing in the field.
- Sunday  
22 Drove to Norfolk. Was at Wachter's, Ueker's, Wigmann's and Wagner's.
- Monday  
23 I built another corn crib, and the others finished husking the load remaining from Saturday and also another load.
- Tuesday  
24 Husked one load. Had to quit at 3 o'clock because of rain and hail.
- Wednesday  
25 Worked at home in the morning. Husked corn in the afternoon. One load, not quite full. Leased the land to Kelterman.
- Thursday  
26 Finished husking the load. William took home half of it as his share. In the afternoon William helped me haul sod to the shanty, for a half day.
- Friday  
27 William helped haul sod all day.
- Saturday  
28 Was at Norfolk. Visited Nino, House Wichman, Wagner, Bilo, Rohrike and Bernhard.
- Sunday  
29 Was at home all day.
- Monday  
30 Was in Norfolk, Visited Rilo and Dederman and brought home some slag.
- Tuesday  
31 Was in Norfolk. Visited Brasch and Rohrike and brought 1 load of slag along.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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Wednesday  
1

Got some boards and slag in Norfolk.

Thursday  
2

Got a load of hay for myself from Mr. Otto from up on the North Fork.

Friday  
3

Work all day on the addition to the shanty.

Saturday  
4

Got a load of hay for my cousin from up on the North Fork in the morning. In the afternoon, my cousin helped me work on the shanty.

Sunday  
5

Worked all day on the shanty.

Monday  
6

Put dirt on the shanty, soaked and tramped down the floor.

Tuesday  
7

Put some straw on the corn crib and barn and put the last of the dirt on the cellar. A heavy rain during the night.

Wednesday  
8

Put more dirt on the shanty. Brought 100 bricks from Theodore's and finished the chimney during the afternoon. Another heavy rain during the night.

Thursday  
9

Couldn't do anything outside on account of the rain and snow storm, all night and all day until along toward evening.

Friday  
10

Nice weather. Brought 5 loads of straw to the barn.

Saturday  
11

Broke some prairie and hauled some sod to the shanty. 3 loads.

Sunday  
12

Hauled 2 loads of sod to the shanty. Couldn't do much in the afternoon on account of rain.

Monday  
13

Visited Lehman at Ferd Conrad's and was at the post office in Pierce.

Tuesday  
14

Was in Norfolk and visited Rilo, Nino W. Brasch, Winter Kohn and Ruhen and had 4 horse shoes put on at Rohrike's. (2 old and 2 new)

Wednesday  
15

Finished the front part of the shanty.



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Thursday  
16

Put sod on the south side.

Friday  
17

Couldn't do anything on account of snow storm.

Saturday  
18

Snow storm all day. Could hardly get out to feed the stock.

Sunday  
19

The weather was still, but cold.

Monday  
20

Weather was still, but cold.

Tuesday  
21

The same. Some snow towards evening. Brought the stove into the other room.

Wednesday  
22

Weather quiet but cold.

Thursday  
23

Weather quiet but cold.

Friday  
24

Weather quiet and mild.

Saturday  
25

Cold, snowy weather.

Sunday  
26

The same

Monday  
27

The same, without snow.

Tuesday  
28

Theodore took me to Bitto's. Stayed all night there.

Wednesday  
29

Went from there on to the store and to Ferdinand Conrad's on account of Lehmann.

Thursday  
30

Was at home. Weather quiet and cold.

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Friday  
1

Went to Pierce with Theodore. Got my papers from Lucas.

Saturday  
2

My cousin worked on the sled from 10 o'clock on. The weather quiet and mild.

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Sunday  
3

Snowstorm.

Monday  
4

Helped butcher at my cousin's. (Very cold)

Tuesday  
5

Went to Norfolk and to Bito's with my cousin.

Wednesday  
6

My cousin finished the sled. Weather nice and quiet.

Thursday  
7

Was at Otto's with the sled. Quiet and cold.

Friday  
8

Was at home. My cousin and I made the meat block.

Saturday  
9 No 1

Was in Pierce for the first session of the County Board.

Sunday  
10

Was at home. Everything ready for butchering.

Monday  
11

Butchered a hog and made blood sausage.

Tuesday  
12

Made "Bratwurst" (German sausage).  
My cousin helped with the cutting up.

Wednesday  
13

Did various things at home. The weather was agreeable, not too cold.

Thursday  
14

Visited Hubner, Lichtenberg, L. Wachter, Buto and Kebsale and stayed all night at Hill's.

Friday  
15

Visited Bernhard at Spring Ranch and Wagner. Stayed all night with Wichman.

Saturday  
16

Visited Meldenhaur and Winter and rode home at 1 o'clock.  
Had 4 bushels of wheat ground.

Sunday  
17

Was at home. Snow storm and cold.

Monday  
18

The same. Still, but cold

Tuesday  
19

The same. Ditto.

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Wednesday  
20

The same. Ditto.

Thursday  
21

The same. Snow flurries.

Friday  
22

Was at home. Snow flurries and cold.

Saturday  
23

Rode away and took the sausage along to Winter's, visited Kobsal and stayed at Wagner's.

Sunday  
24

Stayed at Wagner's because of snow storm and cold.

Monday  
25

Visited with Wagner, Wichman, Buto and Kobsal, and stayed with Hill.

Tuesday  
26

Took the runners for the sled along from Gottl. Rohrikes and stayed at Rohrike's again. Weather still but cold.

Wednesday  
27

Visited Rasch, Ueker, Lichtenberg, and Hubner and then rode home.

Thursday  
28

Was at home. Soled and shoed the sled.

Friday  
29

Was at Aug. Brasch's, Rohrike's, Kobsols and Norfolk. Stay all night at Ueker's.

Saturday  
30

From there I rode home.

Sunday  
31

Was at home. Sawed wood.

MONTH OF JANUARY

Monday  
1

Chopped and gathered wood.

Tuesday  
2

Was at Mewis from 9 to 3. Were to go to Pierce for the session but there wasn't any because of the cold weather.

Wednesday  
3

Was at home.

Thursday  
4

Was at Norfolk and visited Wagner and stayed at Wichmann's.

MONTH OF JANUARY

1872

Friday  
5

Left there and visited Butto, Leiforth, Brasch and Hekendorf and stayed at Rohrike's.

Saturday  
6

Left there, visited Winters and Bernhard, and was back home.

Sunday  
7

Was at home.

Monday  
8

Was at Otto's and Mansky's and in Pierce.

Tuesday  
9

Visited Bernhardt, Kaum, Winter, Rohrike, W. Brasch, Gottl. Rohrike and Wagner and stayed at C. Lehman's.

Wednesday  
10

Visited Wichard, Wichman, Klug, Butto. Stayed with H. Brasch.

Thursday  
11

Visited Hekendorf, Ueker, Lichtenberg and Hubner, and then home.

Friday  
12

Was at home.

Saturday  
13

Got the sausage at Winters' and took the lard and ham over there. (Was at home, Sunday)

Monday  
15

Hauled dirt from out of the barn and put it on the roof of the shanty.

Tuesday  
16

Was at home. Mild weather.

Wednesday  
17

Visited Klugs, Rilo, Wichman, and Wagner. Stayed with Hill.

Thursday  
18

Visited Buthe and Dedermann and was at the store. Rode home.

Friday  
19

Was at home. Split wood.

Saturday  
20

Was at home.

Sunday  
21

Was at Winters' and Kauers' (?), and got some salt and a barrel from Bernhard to use in butchering.

MONTH OF JANUARY

1872

Monday  
22

Sawed and split wood.

Tuesday  
23

Butchered the two hogs. My cousin and William helped. Very cold.

Wednesday  
24

Made blood sausage. My cousin helped.

Thursday  
25

Made German sausage. The same.

Friday  
26

Salted the meat down. The same.

Saturday  
27

Was at home. A snow storm and very cold.

Sunday  
28

The same. Cut wood in the evening

Monday  
29

The same

Tuesday  
30

Was at home.

Wednesday  
31

The same.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Thursday

1

The same.

Friday

2

Took the sausage to Winters. Had 4 horse shoes put on at Rohrike's. Visited Rilo and Wagner and stayed at Lehman's.

Saturday

3

To Norfolk and Butto's and Heckedorf's. Stayed at Rohrike's.

Sunday

4

From there to Ueker's and Aug. Hubner's and home.

Monday

5

Was at home. Brought wood from the Creek.

Tuesday

6

The same.

Wednesday

7

The same.

Thursday

8

The spotted sow was in heat again. Cut down and carried

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1972

WOOD to the bank.

Friday  
9 No. III

Was at the special County Board session.

Saturday  
10

Was at home.

Sunday  
11

Was at Mansky's and Ottos. Thaw.

Monday  
13

Rode to Lucas' with Theodore. Had to stay all night at Rabe's because of big snow storm.

Tuesday  
13

Was at Mavis (?) and at home. Very cold

Wednesday  
14

Was at home. Theodore came and got 6 bushels of corn.

Thursday  
15

Was at the post office. Received a letter from my father.

Friday  
16

Was at home.

Saturday  
17

Was at Mr. Hont's (?)

Sunday  
18

To Norfolk, Visited Uekers. Stayed at Brasch's. ✓

Monday  
19

Visited Hekendorf, Butto, Basewaldt and Kluge.

Tuesday  
20

Stayed at Rohrik's and then home.

Wednesday  
21

Was at Mr. Hunt's and Mr. Otte's.

Thursday  
22

Was at home

Friday  
23

The same.

Saturday  
24

Was at Winters' and got the lard and ham from the first hog, and the sausage from the last hog.

Sunday  
25

Was at Martin's.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1872

Monday  
26 (light  
snow)

Was at home. (Schellin brought his sow)

Tuesday  
27

Was home, Theodore did some fencing.

Wednesday  
28

Went to Rilo's Dedermann's . Stayed at Brasch's.

Thursday  
29

Went to Buto's, Molderhaun's, Winter's and home.

MONTH OF MARCH

Friday  
1

Was home.

Saturday  
2

Went to see Wilh. Wagner's wife at Norfolk.

Sunday  
3

Was at Mr. Hunt's and Mr. Markas'.

Monday  
4

Was at the session in Pierce.

No. IV

Tuesday  
5

To W. Wagner's, Nino's and as far as Wigman's. Stayed there overnight.

Wednesday  
6

From there to B. Rosewald's Dedermann's, Ueker's, Lichtenberg, Aug. Hubner's and home.

Thursday  
7

Was at home. (There was a glazing frost.)

Friday  
8

Stayed at home. (Snowstorm.)

Saturday  
9

Was at home. Cold and a blizzard.

Sunday  
10

The same. Very cold and windy.

Monday  
11

To W. Wagner's and to Adams' - Stanton Co.

Tuesday  
12

From Wagner's to Norfolk and Butto's and back (stet)

Wednesday  
13

From there home.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1873

Monday  
26 (light  
snow)

Was at home. (Schellin brought his sow)

Tuesday  
27

Was home, Theodore did some fencing.

Wednesday  
28

Went to Rilo's Dedermann's. Stayed at Brasch's.

Thursday  
29

Went to Buto's, Molderhaun's, Winter's and home.

MONTH OF MARCH

Friday  
1

Was home.

Saturday  
2

Went to see Wilh. Wagner's wife at Norfolk.

Sunday  
3

Was at Mr. Hunt's and Mr. Markas'.

Monday  
4

Was at the session in Pierce.

No. IV

Tuesday  
5

To W. Wagner's, Nino's and as far as Wigman's. Stayed there overnight.

Wednesday  
6

From there to Bosewald's Dedermann's, Ueker's, Lichtenberg, Aug. Hubner's and home.

Thursday  
7

Was at home. (There was a glazing frost.)

Friday  
8

Stayed at home. (Snowstorm.)

Saturday  
9

Was at home. Cold and a blizzard.

Sunday  
10

The same. Very cold and windy.

Monday  
11

To W. Wagner's and to Adams' - Stanton Co.

Tuesday  
12

From Wagner's to Norfolk and Butto's and back (stet)

Wednesday  
13

From there home.



MONTH OF MARCH

1872  
Thursday  
14

To Wilh. Wagner's again. Stayed overnight there.

Friday  
15

From there to Rohrike's and home.

Saturday  
16

To Mr. Hunt's and Marks' and H. Warnek's.

Sunday  
17

To W. Wagner's. Stayed all night there.

Monday  
18

To Norfolk, then at Hubner's (senior) bought a pony (at sheriff's auction) and then home.

Tuesday  
19

Was at home.

Wednesday  
20

To W. Wagner's. Stayed over night there.

Thursday  
21

To Norfolk, Rito's and back home.

Friday  
22

Was at home.

Saturday  
23

The same. (Was at Korth's.)

Sunday  
24

To W. Wagner's. Stayed there.

Monday  
25

Was at Butto's and Aug. Rasch at Rohrike's.

Tuesday  
26

To Marks' and Carl Korth's, then hunted the horses and got them to Mansky's.

Wednesday  
27

Was at home.

Thursday  
28

To W. Wagner's, Buttos' and Hekendorf's and stayed at Brasch's.

Friday  
29

From there, home.

Saturday  
30

Home (Snowstorm).

Easter  
Sunday  
31

To W. Wagner's. Stayed overnight there.

MONTH OF APRIL

- 1872
- Monday  
1 From there to Pilger's at Norfolk and home. With Theodore, cleaned 28 bushels of wheat with the fanning mill.
- Tuesday  
2 To the regular session at Pierce.
- Wednesday  
3 Rainy in the morning. In the afternoon Baumann and I cleaned 16 bushels of wheat.
- Thursday  
4 Back furrowed on the new land,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- Friday  
5 The same all day (got through)
- Saturday  
6 Plowed some of the east fireguard along the Creek.
- Sunday  
7 To W. Wagner's and returning stayed at Rohrike's.
- Monday  
8 Home at noon. Finished plowing the fireguard in the afternoon. (Theodore sowed 10 bushels of wheat.)
- Tuesday  
9 Plowed the new land back of the house. (Theodore sowed 17 bushels of wheat.)
- Wednesday  
10 Theodore sowed 11 bushels of wheat, and I began plowing the old corn land, 1 day. (Theodore plowed 2 hours.)
- Thursday  
11 Plowed all day. The same. My cousin helped plow with his horses. In the evening I rode to Liermann's.
- Friday  
12 Harrowed the wheat land all day. My cousin helped harrow with 2 horses.
- Saturday  
13 Harrowed all day, along with my cousin.
- Sunday  
14 To Liermann's, Ueker's and Wagner's. Stayed at Rohrike's because of a heavy rain storm.
- Monday  
15 Home from there, and then to Pierce for the session.

MONTH OF APRIL

1872

Tuesday

16

Again to Pierce for the session. (Plowed the seed onions).

Wednesday

17

Again to Pierce for the session.

Thursday

18

To Liermann's, Conrad's, Fritz and Ferd. Haase's, Norfolk and W. Wagner's. Stayed overnight there.

Friday

19

Back to Julius Winters and then to Lucas' at Pierce. Harrowed the new land in the afternoon and plowed a part of it.

Saturday

20

Harrowed half the day, then planted the gooseberries and the peaches.

Sunday

21

Planted the apple trees in the morning, then went to Liermann's and Haase's, and stayed at Brasch's. From there

Monday

22

To Buttos, Wagner's, Rilo's and Ueker's and home. Got a gallon of syrup from Mevis.

Tuesday

23

Went to Uekers and back home, and planted 100 walnut trees. (Theodore came and got my horse for another day.)

Wednesday

24

Left about noon for Wisner. Was at Ueker's, Fred Haase's, Rilo's and as far as Henkel's. Stayed there overnight.

Thursday

25

Drove to Wisners and back to Henkel's.

Friday

26

Drove home from there. A sow had 6 pigs, the same night.

Saturday

27

To Lichtenberg's, Liermann's, Ueker's, Haase's, Buttos, Norfolk, Rilo's, W. Wagner's, Hulle's, Gottl. Rohrike and old man Rohrike's.

Sunday

28

From there to Carl Winter's and then home.

Monday

29

Laid out the road from the Madison County line to Sect. 16.

Tuesday

30

Laid out the road from there to sect. 5 & 6.

MONTH OF MAY

1873

Wednesday  
1

Was at Ueker's, Haase's, Dedermann's, Wicharde's, Lehmann's, Rilo's, Hile's, Rohrike's and Winter's and back home.

Thursday  
2

Laid out the road as far as the range line and from there along the range line from S. W. corner of section 7 to Pierce.

Friday  
3

Planted a bushel of potatoes, and some carrots, and kohlrabi. Baked, and dug holes for planting walnut and cottonwood trees in the afternoon.

Saturday  
4

Planted trees in the morning. Went to Winter's, Rohrike Junior's and Wagner's in the afternoon.

Sunday  
5

To W. Wagner's, Wichardt's, Rito's, A. Rasch, Ueker's, Liermann's, A. Hubner's and home.

Monday  
6

To the session at Pierce. William plowed corn land 1 day.

Tuesday  
7

William plowed corn land in the morning, and plowed potato land and planted 4 bushels of potatoes in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
8

Did a day's road work. Plowed out the road on the west side of the creek. Wilhelm threw dirt out of the cellar all day.

Thursday  
9 Ascension  
Day

Went with William and got 2 loads of stone in the morning. Plowed the fire guard on the west side and burned off the prairie on the west side in the afternoon.

Friday  
10

Finished plowing the 5 acres for corn land in the morning. Plowed the east fireguard for corn land in the afternoon.

Saturday  
11

Harrowed the 5 acres of corn land in the morning. Marked the same and planted half of it in the afternoon.

Sunday  
12

Planted the other half to corn in the morning and marked Theodore's land in the afternoon.

Monday  
13

Plowed harrowed and marked the old garden land, and, my cousin and I planted with the machine.

Tuesday  
14

Plowed some of the new garden land. Had to stop several times because of frequent rains.

MONTH OF MAY

1872

Tuesday  
15

Finished plowing the same and harrowed the east and north sides and on the east side of the Creek.

Thursday  
16

Plowed and harrowed the (fire) guard.

Friday  
17

Marked the corn land and fetched a load of wood from the other side of the Creek.  
Spent half a day gathering wood from the thicket for Baumann.  
My cousin and I laid the corner-stone of my house in the afternoon.

Saturday  
18

Had 4 bushels of wheat ground. Got a breaking plow from Schorn's. Was at Lehmann's, Wichardt's, Wicham's, Dedermann's, Heckendorf's, Ueker's, Fetched 2 bushels from Wichams.

Whitsunday  
19

Baked and worked at home.

Monday  
20

Planted the 2 bushels of potatoes from Wicham's and planted some corn. Baumann spent the day excavating the cellar.  
Laid the sills for my house.

Tuesday  
21

Put the house in order.

Wednesday  
22

Planted the line with corn and then went as far as M. Brasch's with 12 bushels of wheat. I could not go to Westpoint because of heavy rain.

Thursday  
23

To Wegner's in Norfolk and then home.

Friday  
24

Nailed the roof boards to the roof in the afternoon.

Saturday  
25

Planted corn in the morning and went to Wegner's, Butto's and Lehmann's in the afternoon.

Sunday  
26

From there to Kluge's, Hille's, Gottl. Rohrike's and then home.

Monday  
27

Planted corn on the new land next the yard and on the new fallow land.

Tuesday  
28

Took 12 bushels of wheat as far as Herman Brasch's. Had to unload the same, because of heavy rain and took some roof-

MONTH OF MAY

1872

boards and scantlings back home. Stayed all night with Rohrike.

Wednesday  
29

Home from there and again to Norfolk and fetched the other lumber. Stayed over night at Winter's.

Thursday  
30

Rode to Brasch's and took along 10 sacks of wheat to take to Wisner. Sold the same at the mill for one dollar and stayed overnight with Wagner.

Friday  
31

Could not leave until 8 o'clock, on account of heavy rain. Went to Wisners and then back as far as Thomson's and stayed over night.

MONTH OF JUNE

Saturday  
1

From there, home

Sunday  
2

At Conrad's, Clark's, Norfolk, Mr. Warden Eppler's and back home.

Monday  
3

Rode to Norfolk with 5 sacks of wheat and returned with a load of cotton wood lumber.

Tuesday  
4

To Norfolk and took along 2 sacks of wheat. Went and got the shingles at Wagners.

Wednesday  
5

Worked on the house, at home.

Thursday  
6

Finished work on the cornice and the roof of the house. A heavy thunder storm.

Friday  
7

At Conrad's Wagner's and Clark's in Norfolk and home again.

Saturday  
8

Shingled the kitchen by myself in the morning. Worked at shingling the house with my cousin in the afternoon.

Sunday  
9

Work all day at shingling the house with my cousin. Finished the west side.

Monday  
10

Plowed corn on the 5 acres.

Tuesday  
11

The same - got through.

MONTH OF JUNE

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1872

- Wednesday 12 Plowed an acre of corn, and baked.
- Thursday 13 Finished shingling the house with my cousin. Finished shingling the kitchen, alone
- Friday 14 Helped nail siding in the morning and planted corn on the west line of the creek.
- Saturday 15 Was at Norfolk, Warden's, Wagner's, Mino Senior and Conrad's.
- Sunday 16 At home until noon. Went to Otto's and Mansky's in the afternoon.
- Monday 17 Began to break sod next to the wheat.
- Tuesday 18 Broke sod in the morning, afternoon. Rode to Otto's in the evening.
- Wednesday 19 Rain all day.
- Thursday 20 Broke sod and went to Ott's, Buge's and the post office in the afternoon.
- Friday 21 Broke sod on the 7 acres.
- Saturday 22 The same.
- Sunday 23 To McDonald's, Mansky's, Otto's and Kluge's.
- Monday 24 Planted corn.
- Tuesday 25 The Same.
- Wednesday 26 Broke sod on the 7 acres.
- Thursday 27 The same,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Planted corn  $\frac{1}{2}$  day
- Friday 28 Broke sod all day.
- Saturday 29 The same. Also the small tract behind the yard.

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- Sunday 30 At Otto's in the morning and baked in the afternoon.  
MONTH OF JULY
- Monday 1 To Pierce for the session
- Tuesday 2 To Pierce, the same
- Wednesday 3 Worked at home.
- Thursday 4 Scraped the road. My cousin helped me 1 day.
- Friday 5 Did various things.
- Saturday 6 Was in Norfolk and at Butto's. Brought along some slats?
- Sunday 7 Was at Otto's and Theodore's.
- Monday 8 Worked at home.
- Tuesday 9 Cut grass all day with Theodore's machine and my horses.
- Wednesday 10 H. Warnek, Bauman and H. Ahlmann helped me rake and haul hay - 1 day. Ahlmann did 4 loads with oxen and I did 2 loads with horses.
- Thursday 11 Ahlman helped haul and rake hay, another day. Did 3 more loads with my horses.
- Friday 12 Scraped some dirt away from around the house. Plowed and harrowed the land around the house.
- Saturday 13 To Conrad's, Norfolk, Rito's and home.
- Sunday 14 At home until afternoon and then to Norfolk to Mrs. Hess' and back. *Monday 15<sup>th</sup>*
- Tuesday 16 I helped Ahlman rake and haul hay - 1 day.
- Wednesday 17 To Norfolk again and to Dorring's and Butto's.
- Thursday 18 Drove to Herman Brasch's with 10 bushels of wheat.



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MONTH OF JULY

1972  
Friday  
19

Drove from Herman Brasch's to Columbus and sold the wheat and then loaded up with lumber.

Saturday  
20

From Columbus to Brasch's.

Sunday  
21

Drove home from there.

Monday  
22

Rode to Kraig's (?) at Norfolk for Theodore. Towards evening Theodore rode to Kraig's with both my horses. I helped bind -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
23

I helped bind all day and my horses went before the reaper -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. At 6 in the evening I took both horses and went after Theodore at Schmidt's in Norfolk.

Wednesday  
24

Bound all day and towards evening, again went after Theodore at Rohrike's.

Thursday  
25

From there, home and again bound all day. My horses went 4 hours before the machine.

Friday  
26

Bound all day and my horses went 3 hours before the machine.

Saturday  
27

Was at the extra session at Pierce.

Sunday  
28

Was at Marks', Ottos and Mevis'.

Monday  
29

Helped bind and set up all day and my horses went before the reaper  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in the morning.

Tuesday  
30

Was at home.

Wednesday  
31

From morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, helped haul wheat to the stacks with my horses.

MONTH OF AUGUST

Thursday  
1

Plowed the fireguard by the old straw stack and worked it some.

Friday  
2

Helped stack at Theodore's - 1 day. In the evening, to Schwertfeger's at Norfolk.

MONTH OF AUGUST

1872

Saturday  
3

Helped stack - 1 day and then to Norfolk again and stayed at Schwertfeger's.

Sunday  
4

Went to Wagner's and returned to Norfolk and then home.

Monday  
5

Went to Norfolk and Wagner's and home again.

Tuesday  
6

To Norfolk and back home.

Wednesday  
7

To Norfolk and Wagner's and stayed at Brasch's.

Thursday  
8

From there to Norfolk and back home and helped my cousin with the stacks in the afternoon.

Friday  
9

To Norfolk and then to Mack's (?) at Stanton.

Saturday  
10

To Norfolk again and back home.

Sunday  
11

Again to Mack's at Stanton.

Monday  
12

From Mack's to Johnson's, Norfolk and home.

Tuesday  
13

Was at home and did various-things.

Wednesday  
14

To the mill with 24 bushels of wheat and then to Mack's.

Thursday  
15

From there to Wichman's and Norfolk. Brought home some lumber.

Friday  
16

Was home.

Saturday  
17

To Lichtenberg's, Norfolk, Wichman's, Johnsons and Mack's.

Sunday  
18

From there, back to Brasch's, Dietz' and home.

Monday  
19

To Gottlieb Rohrike's and back home during the night. Brought the (?) into the house in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
20

Finished the (?)

Wednesday  
21

To Lichtenberg's, Hense's, Rasch's, Dedermann's, Butto's, Wagner's, Rohrike's, Winter's and Eppler's.

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MONTH OF AUGUST

1872

Thursday  
22

Home from Eppler's.

Friday  
23

To Norfolk and back home.

Saturday  
24

To Mack's at Norfolk.

Sunday  
25

Home from there

Monday  
26

Was at home.

Tuesday  
27

The same until 8 o'clock in the evening when I rode to Rito's and stayed over-night.

Wednesday  
28

From Rito's to W. Wagner's, Hill's, Winter's and back home.

Thursday  
29

To Mr. Ridger at Norfolk and stayed overnight with Schwertfeger.

Friday  
30

From there to Hubner's, Lichtenberg's and home.

Saturday  
31

To Mack's at Norfolk

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday  
1

From there back to Wagner's, Rito's, Hill's, Butte's, Winter's and home.

Monday  
2

Cut corn along the east fireguard.

Tuesday  
3

Hauled the corn together.

Wednesday  
4

Nailed strips to the inside of the roof of the house.

Thursday  
5

Cleaned the barn and hauled earth therefrom.

Friday  
6

Theodore had thrashing done at my place.

Saturday  
7

Finished up at my place by noon. Thrashed 546 bushels at my place.

Sunday  
8

To Zutz's, Norfolk, Ferd's Haase's and Mack's.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1873

Monday  
6

From there back to Wagner's, Zutz's and Winter's.

Tuesday  
10

Wet down the stubble land and plowed some and Theodore brought 42 bushels of oats back again.

Wednesday  
11

Rain in the morning. To the session at Pierce in the afternoon.

Thursday  
12

Was at home.

Friday  
13

To Zuntz', Lehman's and Norfolk and met my father in Norfolk and brought him along.

Saturday  
14

Did various things at home.

Sunday  
15

Was at Mark's and Shallin's (?).

Monday  
16

Fetches 2 loads of sand.

Tuesday  
17

Back furrowed one day

Wednesday  
18

Was at Hill's, Zuntz's, Nino's, Wagner's, Norfolk.

Thursday  
19

Plowed stubble land all day

Friday  
20

Plowed in the morning and cut grass in the afternoon.

Saturday  
21

Plowed some in the morning, then fetched 1 load of sand and 1 load of clay and put them on the roof. Cleaned the hog pens in the afternoon.

Sunday  
22

Was at Nino's, Wagner's, Norfolk and back home

Monday  
23

Didn't do anything except some lathing in the house.

Tuesday  
24

Gathered hay together with a fork and did some lathing in the house.

Wednesday  
25

Lathed in the morning and rode to Lehman's in the afternoon. Stayed there and

Thursday  
26

Went to Norfolk and got the plasterers. Took the clamp(?)

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

To Cover's and fetched the "mud box" from Pierce in the afternoon.

Was at home. The plasterers got through in the evening.

Hauled 2 loads of hay in the morning and (went) to Norfolk and Butto's in the afternoon.

I went to Aug. Rasch's, Lehmann's, Nino's, Winter's, Mark-quaredt's and home.

Hauled 5 more loads of hay and got through.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

To Pierce for the session, then Otto's and Zimmermen's.

Plowed the north and east fireguards and then plowed the newly broken land next to Hefners by the Creek.

Plowed all day on the 2 acre plot.

To Norfolk, Wagner's, Lehman's and stayed over night at Rasch's From there

Home, and then to Zimmerman's and Kluge's. Dug the early potatoes in the afternoon and finished plowing the 2 acres.

Was at Sect. 10 and so forth (?) in the morning. Was at home in the afternoon

Was at the session at Pierce.

Was in Pierce for the election.

Plowed newly broken land all day. (East.)

To the mill with 5 bushels of 54# wheat and then to Ferd's Haase's, Lehman's and Wagner's.

From there to Norfolk and took along the boar from Brasch's.

Dug up potatoes. "Pitch blue".

Arranged various things in the new house.

Dug up the last of the "Pitch blue".

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Tuesday  
15

Husked some corn in the morning and plowed in the afternoon on account of the big prairie fire.

Wednesday  
16

Husked corn all day.

Thursday  
17

Was at Norfolk, Wagner's, Lehman's and Hekendorf's.

Friday  
18

Husked 2 loads of corn.

Saturday  
19

Got a load of slag in Norfolk.

Sunday  
20

Was at Zimmerman's, Mansky's, Frady's and Lucas'.

Monday  
21

My cousin and I husked 2 loads of corn.

Tuesday  
22

Husked one wagon (load) of corn.  
To the session at Pierce in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
23

Hauled  $\begin{array}{r} 2970 \\ 780 \\ \hline 2190 \end{array}$  lb. of wheat to Wisner for Theodore for which he has 2 days of plowing to do for me.

Thursday  
24

From Henkel's to Wisner and back to Henkel's. Took along 1200 feet of lumber to Norfolk for Charley Mathesen.

Friday  
25

From there, home again. Kroger and his wife husked corn all day.

Saturday  
26

Husked 2 wagon loads of corn with Kroger and (his) wife.

Sunday  
27

Husked 2 wagon loads corn, Korgor along helping. Finished with the 5 acres.

Monday  
28

A thunder shower during the night. Built another corn crib in the morning and gathered up another load of corn off of the 5 acres. A thunder shower towards evening.

Tuesday  
29

A snow storm during the night and rain all day, it being very cold.

Wednesday  
30

Set up corn stalks in the granary in the morning and gathered up another load of corn in the afternoon.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Rode to Lehman's and Norfolk and brought back a stove.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Put sod on the east side of the shanty.

Put more sod on the shanty and began on the new barn.

Hauled sod to the new barn all day.

Hauled sod to the new barn all day.

Hauled sod to the new barn until 3 o'clock and then rode to Pierce for the Presidential election.

Brought the last load of sod to the barn and put up the frame for the roof.

Helped Theodore break up some sod and split some wood on the west side and hauled 4 loads over.

Brought another load of wood to this side and finished the barn roof and the shed roof.

Put a load of straw on top of the barn and at noon went to Pierce for the session.

Husked a load of corn with William and Sool in the morning. Husked a load of corn with William and my father in the afternoon.

Brought 3 loads of straw to the barn in the morning. Husked a load of corn in the afternoon.

Hauled 4 loads of straw to the barn. First snow storm in the evening.

Snow storm all day. Very bad.

Snow storm all day so that the live stock could hardly be fed and watered.

Snow storm all day. Somewhat milder and quieter toward evening.

Weather mild and still. Wrapped the young trees.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1872

Sunday  
17

Cold snowy weather.

Monday  
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Cold and still

Tuesday  
19

Cold and windy. Built the manger in the new barn.

Wednesday  
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Cold and windy.

Thursday  
21

Put the door on the new barn and delivered the mail. Fetched the sledge hammer from Schellin's. Milder weather.

Friday  
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Sat. 23. {

To Rohrike's, Norfolk, Brasch's, Lehman's and Wagner's. Took along a load of wood from Mr. Wagner's for \$1 the other day.

Sunday  
24

Was at home. Finished the trough and the grind stone.

Monday  
25

Husked out some corn. Weather mild and quiet.

Tuesday  
26

(Cold and stormy). Made the cutting bench.

Wednesday  
27

Finished the cutting bench and husked some corn. Mild and quiet.

Thursday  
28

Husked some corn and at noon (went to Lukas' because of his son.

Friday  
29

Again to Lukas' in the morning and worked at home in the afternoon. Cold and quiet

Saturday  
30

Killed a hog. Baumann helped. Cold and still. Mild toward evening.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sunday  
1

Cut up the hog and cooked the meat for the blood sausage in the morning. To Lukas' in the afternoon.

Monday  
2

To Pierce for the session. Weather mild and still

Tuesday  
3

Finished husking corn. Weather quiet and nice.

Wednesday  
4

Excavated the smoke house and hung the sausage to smoke and got 3 loads of wood from the other side. A sack from Creighton.

Thursday  
5

Ro Rohrike's, Rilo's, W. Wagner's, Lyonnais and Wigman's.



MONTH OF DECEMBER

Friday 12 To Norfolk, Buttos', Aug. Rasch's, Brasch's, Heckendorf's, Haas', Lichtenbergs and Aug. Hubner's.

Saturday 13 Butchered the boar. Sold half to Zimmerman for \$ 7.50

Sunday 14 Was at home. Cold and still.

Monday 15 Was at Lukas' in the morning and to Mansky's, Otto's, Breyer's and Warnek's in the afternoon. Cold and still.

Tuesday 16 At Rohrike's, W. Wagner's, Norfolk and Brasch's.

Wednesday 17 At Butto's, Raasch's, Haase's, Lichtenberg and Hubner's.

Thursday 18 Was at H. Warnek's and Breyer's.

Friday 19 Cut down willows and bushes in the morning and went to Olney's at Norfolk. Stayed all night. (Nice and mild.)

Saturday 20 Stayed at the same place all day because of big storm.

Sunday 21 Home at noon. Then to Lukas' and again to Olney's in Norfolk. From there.

Monday 22 To Machmuller's (?) O. Berigens(?) Durney's (?) Olneys, W. Brasch and home.

Tuesday 23 To Mathewson's at Norfolk. Stayed there. Weather nice.

Wednesday 24 From there to Heckendorf's, Rohrike's, Bernhardt's and home. Cold north wind and snow.

Thursday 25 Away to Norfolk at noon. Stayed over night at H. Brasch's.

Friday 26 Was at Butto's, Norfolk, Dedermann's, Rilo, Klug's and ground 8 bushels and then home.

Saturday 27 Was at home. Very cold.

Sunday 28 Was at home. Very cold and drizzly weather.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

1872

Monday  
23

Was at home. Very cold

Tuesday  
24

Stayed home. Very cold.

Wednesday  
25

Away at noon to Klug's, Norfolk and Brasch's.

Thursday  
26

From there to Rohrike's, Bernhardt's and home.

Friday  
27

Cut some wood along the Creek in the morning and then (went) to Haase senior's. (Weather cold.)

Saturday  
28

To Rasch's, Rohrike's, Rasch's, Dedermann's, W. Brasch's, Hill's and Norfolk, (Mild and still)

Sunday  
29

Was at Mansky's. Cold.

Monday  
30

To Rocks!, Wachter's, Ueker's, Haase's and Brasch's. Cold.

Tuesday  
31

From there to Roches, Wigman's, Norfolk, Hill's and home. Mild and quiet.

1873

MONTH OF JANUARY

Wednesday  
1

Was at home and did various things. Put up the dove cot in the barn.

Thursday  
2

Split some wood. Stayed home because the horses were sick.

Friday  
3

To Hubner's, Ueker's, Wachter's, Haase's, and Aug. Rasch's. Stayed at Brasch's. Nice Weather.

Saturday  
4

To Norfolk, W. Brasch's, Klug's, Hill's and stayed at Rohrike's. Cold and blizzard.

Sunday  
5

To W. Winter's, Bernhardt's and home.

Monday  
6

Was at home. Cut some willows along the Creek. Mild weather and quiet.

Tuesday  
7

Wanted to go to Pierce for the session but had to stay at Mevis until 3 o'clock in the afternoon because of the snow storm and home again.

Wednesday  
8

Stayed at home. Cold and snow storm.

MONTH OF JANUARY

1873

Thursday  
9

Stayed at home. Cold and windy.

Friday  
10

Cold south wind. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon I had to go to Norfolk with Mr. McClary in his wagon and stayed with him over night.

Saturday  
11

He had me driven back home and I then went to Pierce for the session.

Sunday  
12

To Ueker's, Haase's, Aug. Rasch's and stayed at Brasch's.

Sunday  
13

To Lukas', Norfolk, Klug's, Rohrike's, Zuetz' and home.

Tuesday  
14

Stayed at home. Cold and a snow storm towards evening.

Wednesday  
15

Was at home. Snow storm all day.

Thursday  
16

At Winter's, Zuetz', Rasch's and Buttos.

Friday  
17

At O'Benion's, Rosewold's, Roche's, Wichman's, Norfolk and Brasch's. Cold and south wind.

Saturday  
18

To Norfolk again. Klug's, Rohrike's, Bernhardt's and home in the afternoon. Cold.

Sunday  
19

Went to Jacob Bernhardt's and got 16 bushels of oats.

Monday  
20

To Carl Korth's with the same. Traded the spotted sow for a yearling ox giving \$3 to boot. Then hauled 2 bushels of corn to Lukas'.

Tuesday  
21

Fetches a load of fire wood and 2 loads of good wood from the east side. Mild and nice.

Wednesday  
22

Stayed at home. To Klug's in Pierce County in the afternoon. Cold and stormy.

Thursday  
23

Was at home. Very cold.

Friday  
24

To Norfolk and stayed at Raasch's.

Saturday  
25

To Ueker's, Conrad's and Klug's in Pierce.

Sunday  
26

Was at home. Cold and still

Monday  
27

At home. Snow storm and cold.

Tuesday  
28

Built the new bridge (?) over the Creek.

MONTH OF JANUARY

At Conrad's, Ueker's, Haase's and Brasch's.

To Norfolk, Wichmann's, Aug. Rasch's, Rilo's and as far as Rasch's. (Mild.)

From there as far as Rohrike's and stayed there on account of snow storm.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

From there to Zuetz's, Rilo's, Norfolk, Aug. Rasch's, Butto's Ueker's and home. Cold.

Was at home. Cold and still.

Was at the session in Pierce.

To Norfolk and Brasch's. Then

To Butto's, Doring's, Ueker's and home.

Butchered the white sow. Mild.

To Bernhardt's on Spring Branch - Winter's, Klug's, Rebe's, and as far as John Brasch's where U stayed. Weather mild.

From there to Norfolk, Haase's, Ueker's, Wachter's, Conrad's and home.

Was at home. Mild.

To Otto-Kohler's and to Pierce for the session. Mild.

Fetches sheep from Winter's, Klug's, Rilo's, Seiferts and Brasch's. Baumann drove the wagon.

Stayed overnight at Butto's and then to Wichman's, Norfolk, Brasch's, Ueker's, Conrad's and home. Cold and Quiet.

Had to make a special trip to W. Winter's and returning I went to Carl Winter's and Bernhardt's.

Made the sheep barn. Mild

Cut brush along the creek all day, and then went to see Sect. 2.

Went with my cousin to see sect. 2 again and sect. 12 in the afternoon.

Was at Lucas', Otto's and Kohler's. Mild

Cold in the morning. Mild in the afternoon. Was at home.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1873

Wednesday  
19

At Hubner's, Conrad's, Ueker's, Haase's, Butto's and as far as Brasch's. Mild.

Thursday  
20

To Norfolk, Wichman's, Rilo's, W. Brasch's, and stayed at Rohrike's. Very cold. From there

Friday  
21

To Winter's and home. Very cold

Saturday  
22

Home all day. Very cold.

Sunday  
23

Home all day. Very cold.

Monday  
24

To the session at Pierce. Nice and mild.

Tuesday  
25

Plowed up corn stalks in the morning. Got a load of willows from the Creek in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
26

Terrible snow storm all day.

Thursday  
27

Still cold all day. Snow storm.

Friday  
28

Had to stay in doors because of lumbago. Very cold.

MONTH OF MARCH

Saturday  
1

Had to remain in bed because of lumbago. Very cold.

Sunday  
2

Still in bed. Very cold.

Monday  
3

Able to get up again but couldn't do anything. Somewhat milder. Zimmerman came after his lard and brought a barrel of salt.

*Somewhat*

Tuesday  
4

Had to lie down again. Was quite ill again. Somewhat milder.

Wednesday  
5

Still had to remain in bed. Milder weather.

Thursday  
6

Able to get up but could do nothing. Mild and warm.

Friday  
7

The Creek was so high the foot bridge was torn away. I fished up 2 planks and cut some wood. Weather warm.

Saturday  
8

To Norfolk. Stayed at Brasch's. Mild.

Sunday  
9

From there to Ueker's, Conrad's, Hubner's and home.

Monday  
10

To the session. Then in the afternoon to Rode's and as far as Brasch's. From there to Aug. Rasch's, Sparn's and home and gathered up some corn stalks. Mild.

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MONTH OF MARCH

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Fetches a calf from Lehmann's, a sheep from Steker's and a cow, a calf and 3 sheep from Conrad's. (Cold in the morning, mild in the afternoon.)

To Wichman's and traded 20 bushels of wheat and stayed at Brasch's.

Drove home and burned some corn stalks. Mild.

At the extra session at Pierce in the morning and went to Wichman's and got 6 sheep.

Stayed there. From there home, and planted 30 bushels of wheat.

Cleaned 30 bushels of wheat and 20 bushels of oats. Brought home the fanning mill and did some plowing.

To sect. 28 again in the morning and rode to Lucas'. Drove to Lucas' with my father in the afternoon and took up the homestead. Walker plowed for me on the 17th and 18th. To Wisner for Theodore's conveyances.(?)

Raked together the corn stalks on the 5 acres.

John Jacobsen started in service for a period of 8 months for \$115 and 2.00. He and I gathered together and burned corn stalks all day.

Theodore sowed 14 bushels of wheat and John harrowed all day and I cultivated old corn land for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Theodore sowed 4 bushels of wheat. John and I cultivated old corn land. Big storm.

Stayed home and baked. Windy and cold.

Frozen. Hauled a few loads of willows from this side of the creek. Began with snow and cold.

Big snow storm and very cold.

Fetches 6 loads of roughage from this side of the creek. Cold and windy. The ground was frozen. Signed Theodore's note for \$65, due March 26, 1874.

Fetches 6 loads of willows from the east side of the creek. Cold and stormy.

John harrowed wheat on the new land and I went to Winter's Rohrike's, Hill's, Brasch's, Rilo's, Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's .(Nordstrum)

MONTH OF MARCH

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FIRST FLOOR - WEST WING

1875

Saturday 29

From there to Aug. Rasch's, Glenz', Haas, Ucker's, Hino's and Conrad's. Theodore sowed 14 bushels of wheat. John harrowed all day.

Sunday 30

Was at home. Mild and north wind.

Monday 31

Theodore sowed 9 bushels and John harrowed all day.

MONTH OF APRIL

Tuesday 1

John harrowed the land for the second time, all day. I was at the session.

Wednesday 2

To Conrad's, Aug. Rasch's and Brasch's. From there to Wichman's, Roche's, Sudschlage's, Spahn's, Langford's and home. During these two days John plowed.

Thursday 3

Friday 4

John plowed on the 10 acres.

Saturday 5

John did the same.

Sunday 6

Stayed home. A little snow storm.

Monday 7

John finished plowing the 10 acres. Cold and windy.

Tuesday 8

Because of frost, cut wood in the morning. With Theodore's horses I sowed 8 bushels of wheat for 1/2 day in the afternoon. John harrowed all day with my horses.

Wednesday 9

John harrowed all day on the 10 acres and I, with Theodore's horses sowed 8 bushels of wheat and 10 bushels of oats.

Thursday 10

Sowed another 2 bushels of oats in the 5 acres and 2 bushels in the fire guard. John continued to harrow the ten acres. I rode to Lucas' and Shalin's.

Friday 11

I went to Conrad's, Aug. Rasch's and Brasch's - John harrowed. Good Friday

Saturday 12

From there to Norfolk, Wichman's, Klug's, Rohrike's and home. John harrowed all day on the 10 acres. (windy weather.)

Easter Sunday 13

Rode to Willow Creek with Rautenberg to see some land. However, it started to rain in the afternoon and I rode back home.

Monday 14

A snow storm began during the same night and during the whole day we could hardly feed the stock.

Tuesday 15

The blizzard was still so bad that the stock could hardly be fed.

MONTH OF APRIL

1873  
Tuesday  
16/17 Was at home. Cold and stormy.

Friday  
18 Had 8 bushels of wheat ground and brought home 2 calves from W. Klug's and I went from Norfolk as far as Conrad's.

Saturday  
19 Fr. Hase came and took from there and I stayed with him until 3 P.M. and then home.

Sunday  
20 To Fr. Haase's, father's and home again. Mild

Monday  
21 To the session at Pierce and then to Hase's. Stayed there and

Tuesday  
22 To the session at Pierce again in the morning and again to Hase's and stayed there.

Wednesday  
23 In the morning to Pierce to the session and again to Hase's staying there. During these 3 days John cut fodder and grubbed trees.

Thursday  
24 From Hase's to Rilo's, Norfolk, O'Benien and back to Haase's <sup>?</sup> staying there.

Friday  
25 From there, home, and again to Haase's.  
John plowed a day for Theodore with my horses.

Saturday  
26 John plowed another day for Theodore and I went from Haase's to Dedermann's, Seifert's, Wichmann's, Klug's and W. Winter's with Jacob Bernhardt and got 9 steers, taking 3 home and taking 6 to Riley's.

Sunday  
27 From Hase's to Linstedt's, Ritow's, Rorik's and stayed at Hase's. From there

Monday  
28 To Rohrike's, H. Clemens' and home in the morning. Then to Hase's again and remained there. John and Theodore had driven to Wisner with 57 bushels, 43 lb. of wheat.

Tuesday  
29 Home and then to Lucas' and again to Haase's.

Wednesday  
30 From Haase's to H. Brasch's. Had to stay there all day on account of heavy rain.

MONTH OF MAY

Thursday  
May 1 From there to Norfolk, Rito's, Clemens' and home. (Rain all day)

Friday  
2 Put up 16 rods of sod fence, and was at Schallin's in the morning.



MONTH OF MAY

1873

Saturday  
5

Fetches 3 steers from Magendenz' Korth's and Schallin's in the morning, and went to Neigefind's, Brasch's, Norfolk and Haase's in the afternoon. John put up sod fence.

Sunday  
6

Home from Haase's and with William, brought 6 yearling steers from Riley's.

Monday  
7

Took 2 bushels of seed corn and 1 bushel of grass seed to Brasch's. Brought along the trees from Norfolk, 1 calf and 3 chickens from Rohrike's and 8 oats from Kaun's.

Tuesday  
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Constructed wall in the morning, John helping. Harrowed and planted trees in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
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John plowed corn land and the fire guard and I planted trees.

Thursday  
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John plowed corn land and I planted trees.

Friday  
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John plowed corn land and I planted trees.

Saturday  
12

John plowed corn land.

Sunday  
13

I rode to Conrad's, Ninow's, Steker's, Haase's and Hubner's.

Monday  
14

Took 33 bushels of wheat to Klug's, the breaking plow to Rohrike's and then brought 20 bushels of oats from Ueker's. (The sow had 6 pigs by one boar.)

Tuesday  
15

Planted trees at home and also rode to Hase's. John plowed corn land.

Wednesday  
16

From Hase's to Norfolk, Klug's, Lew's and home, then brought home the sows from Theodore's and fetched a load of fodder from the other side of the Creek.

Thursday  
17

Planted grass seed  $\frac{3}{4}$  and then John plowed corn land and I sowed ? onions, carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage and turnips. Riley's sow had 6 pigs.

Friday  
18

Sowed onions and peas and set out the cottonwoods. John got through with the corn land and in addition harrowed half of it and I rode to Haase's at 3 o'clock and stayed there. Had an all night rain.

Saturday  
19

Rode from there to Norfolk at 10 o'clock in the morning and took the breaking plow home from Rohrikes. Not much could be done on account of the rain.

Sunday  
20

Was home all day.

Monday  
21

John finished harrowing the corn land in the forenoon and I planted peas and beans. John worked on the fence in the after-

MONTH OF MAY

1873

noon and I marked the corn land.

Tuesday  
20

I went to Canes' on account of a sick steer and John planted corn. (In the afternoon John and I took the cow to Canes' bull where she was bred.)

Wednesday  
21

John and I planted corn and finished the 6 acres.

Thursday  
22

I rode to Canes' (Korth's steer died there). Then to Ueker's, Conrad's, Haase's, Norfolk, Klug's and home. John worked on the sod fence.

Friday  
23

John plowed and harrowed and I planted beets and beans. Rode home, leaving the horse at Rohrike's.

Saturday  
24

From there to H. Rohrike's and home and marked a part of the corn land. (Thunder shower at 9 o'clock). Plowed up the path from my place to Warneke's and then fetched 20 bushels of oats from Fritz Paul's for Ueker. Rain all night.

Sunday  
25

Stayed home and baked.

Sunday  
26

Broke sod on the north and east lines. John planted corn.

Tuesday  
27

To Groche's, Rohrike's, Norfolk, Haase's, Ueker's, and bought a pony from Wichman and took him home.

Wednesday  
28

Broke sod along the east and north lines. John planted corn.

Thursday  
29

Broke sod again along the east line but only in the afternoon because of rain. John built fences.

Friday  
30

I broke sod again and planted corn by myself. John built fences

Saturday  
31

I went to Schellin's, Conrad's, Ueker's, Hase's, Norfolk, Rohrike's, Groch's and Schellins. John fetched a load of wood from the other side.

MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday  
1

Pentecost

Was home all day and trimmed all of the horses' hoofs.

Sunday  
2

To Schellin's and Ueker's. Wanted to return home from there but because of rain had to stay at August Hubner's until

Tuesday  
3

Tuesday noon when the rain stopped and I rode home. Could hardly get across the bridge, the water was so high and we had to build a dam because the water still rose.

Wednesday  
4

John Broke sod on this side all day and I built a kitchen cabinet. The Creek and other water was still high all day and spread over the land.

MONTH OF JUNE

1873

Thursday

John broke sod.

Friday

John broke sod and I repaired the pig pen.

Saturday

I broke sod and John made fence. A big rain this night.

Sunday

Was home. Very stormy.

Monday

John and I drove to Norfolk and had 3 pairs of shears sharpened at Rohrike's and brought along dark flour and bran and rode to Haase's and Spann's and home.

Tuesday

I continued to break sod on the east line and John built fence.

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Saturday

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I took 2 horses to the blacksmith at Norfolk and stayed at Haase's because of rain. John planted corn.

Sunday

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Monday

16

I went to Conrad's, Ueker's and home.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

19

I cultivated the trees and John planted corn.

John and I plowed the corn the second time.

Friday

20

I cultivated the potatoes and beans and broke sod along the east line in the afternoon. John built fence.

Saturday

21

John broke sod along the north side and I went to Klug's, Norfolk, Haseis and stayed at Ueker's.

Sunday

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Monday

23

John broke sod and came home and then visited Schulz and Jimmerson.

Baked and constructed the bellow (?) and mosquito frame.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

25

John broke sod on the east side in the forenoon and in the afternoon I went to Pierce because of Hofman's trial.

John broke sod all day and I painted the house.

Thursday

26

John broke sod all day and I rode to Fredy's about a warrant in the afternoon.

John broke sod all day and I rode to Fletcher's at Norfolk and back home.

MONTH OF JUNE

1873

Friday  
27

John broke sod in the forenoon and cultivated potatoes and corn in the afternoon. I went to Schmidt's, Rohrike's and stayed at Wichman's.

Saturday  
28

From there to Norfolk and ground 6 bushels and brought along the reaper. John cultivated.

Sunday  
29

To Conrad's, Haase's, Ueker's and home.

Monday  
30

Cultivated the corn for the third time.

MONTH OF JULY

Tuesday  
July 1

Broke sod all day.

Wednesday  
2

Broke sod alone and John chopped wood.

Thursday  
3

I went to Norfolk and back. John broke sod all day.

Friday  
4

I broke sod until 9 o'clock and then stayed home. John was in Norfolk.

Saturday  
5

I rode to Norfolk and John broke sod.

Sunday  
6

I was at Ueker's and Hubner's.

Monday  
7

I was at the session and John broke sod all day.

Tuesday  
8

Rode to Norfolk, Klug's and Butto's. John broke sod all day. Andreas Banghof arrived today.

Wednesday  
9

I rode to Norfolk and back home, and John broke sod all day.

Thursday  
10

I rode to Klug's and Kohler's. John finished the breaking of sod on the west side.

Friday  
11

John broke the last of the sod on the east side and Mr. Tayler set up the machine

Saturday  
12

I went to Norfolk and ground 6 bushels.

Sunday  
13

I went to Conrad's and back

Monday  
14

Drove to Columbus with 15 bushels of wheat and brought back a load of lumber.

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Wednesday  
16

Arrived back home.

Thursday  
17

William and I drove to Saint Helena with a team and brought back a load of cotton timber.

MONTH OF JULY

1873

Sunday

Came back home from there.

Monday

Drove to Frankfort with William and

Tuesday

Arrived back home in the evening.

Wednesday

John went to Basenwaldt's and got the sills and shingles.  
I rode to Conrad's, Norfolk and home.

Thursday

Began using the reaper on the oats in the morning.

Friday

Cut oats all day and finished binding.

Saturday

(Was) at Ueker's, Hills', Marquard's and home.

Sunday

Cut the 2 acres of wheat and started on the 16 acres.

Monday

Continued cutting the 16 acres.

Tuesday

Cut wheat all day.

Wednesday

Cut wheat in the morning and because of rain, rode to Norfolk  
in the afternoon.

Thursday

MONTH OF AUGUST

Friday

Cut wheat all day.

Saturday

Cut the same all day.

Sunday

Cut the last of the wheat before noon and set up in the after-  
noon.

Monday

Drove to Mrs. Kknze's at Creighton with 2 horses and stayed  
there.

Tuesday

Drove back home.

Wednesday

Stacked oats with only John's (help).

Thursday

Friday

I drove to Norfolk and fetched bran and coarse ground and  
brought along a bedstead and borrowed 8 sacks of corn from  
the elder Rohrike.

Saturday

Plowed up the roses and laid the ground work for the barn  
on the west side. William brought 12 poles along.

Sunday

I drove to Marquardt's and got August and drove back home in  
the evening.

Monday

John and I hauled together one stack of wheat.

Tuesday

Stacked wheat. Shaugnise and his boy, and William helped  
allday.

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MONTH OF AUGUST

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Stacked wheat. Shanegsee and his boy and Theodore and his team helped

Thursday  
14

I went to Norfolk, Conrad's, Wachter's and as far as Marguard's; stayed there because of the heavy rain storm.

Friday  
15

I returned home and John plowed stubble a half day.

Saturday  
16

I cut grass until 10 o'clock and then went to Norfolk and to Law's and Dedermann's and stayed at Marguard's.

Sunday  
17

Home from there.

Monday  
18

Cut grass until 9 A.M. Then to Norfolk and Thach's and Marquard's (?).

Tuesday  
19

Celebrated my wedding and then home.

Wednesday  
20

Cut some grass and hauled one load of hay to the shanty.

Thursday  
21

Cut grass on the east and west sides and brought another load of hay to the shanty.

Friday  
22

Drove to Norfolk and borrowed 6 bushels of wheat from Ninow. Ground it at Winter's. Was at Dederman's and Haase's and brought along a plow from Pribe's. John forked hay.

Saturday  
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Sunday  
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Monday  
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To the session at Pierce.

Tuesday  
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Wednesday  
27

Drove from Ahlmann's as far as Sheiberl's with 20 sacks of wheat. From there to Wisner and loaded up with lumber and (went) back as far as Wagner's.

Thursday  
28

From there, home at noon.

Friday  
29

Cut grass

Saturday  
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Sunday  
31

Was at home. My calves had been in Robach's corn. Must give Robach 5 bushels of corn for damages.

Monday  
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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Cut grass in the forenoon and broke the sickle blade on the old man's machine. Borrowed 3 sacks of oats from Fritze Haase. Drove to Norfolk and home again, in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
2

Cut grass.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1873

- Wednesday  
1 Hauled hay and cut grass.
- Thursday  
2 Hauled hay in the morning and cut grass in the afternoon.
- Friday  
3 Hauled hay all day.
- Saturday  
4 To Norfolk and Lehman's, Nino's and Brasche's and home.  
5 John dug the well.
- Sunday  
6 To Marquard's, Rohrike's and Rasch's. My wife fell in the  
7 Creek.
- Monday  
8 To Pierce for the session, first hauling three loads of hay  
in the morning. John plowed half a day.
- Tuesday  
9 Hauled hay in the forenoon and cut grass seed in the afternoon.
- Wednesday  
10 Cut more grass on the east side in the forenoon and stacked  
hay on the east side in the afternoon. John borrowed 5  
sacks of oats from Schallin.
- Thursday  
11 Hauled a few loads of hay on the east side and forked hay in  
the afternoon.
- Friday  
12 John drove to Wisner with 42 bushels of 50 lb. wheat and  
brough back a load of lumber. I rode to Norfolk.
- Saturday  
13 John came back home and I shingled all day.
- Sunday  
14 Rodeto Rose's on Drei (Dry) Creek.
- Monday  
15 Made the trip back and stacked the last of the hay.
- Tuesday  
16 I drove to Norfolk with the ponies and John plowed.
- Wednesday  
17 I shingled all day. John helped Lewis thrash for Theodore-  
1 day.
- Thursday  
18- Worked all day on the sod stable.
- Friday  
19 Hauled sod to the stable all day and cleaned out the cellar.
- Saturday  
20 Hauled sod to the stable all day.
- Monday  
21 Hauled 2 more loads of sod to the stable in the forenoon and  
nailed the flooring to the walls in the new house. Began  
thrashing in the afternoon and thrashed 112 bushels of oats  
and 154 bushels of wheat.
- Tuesday  
22 Thrashed 120 bushels of wheat in the morning and 185 bushels  
of the same in the afternoon.
- Wednesday  
23 Continued thrashing until noon - 186 bushels of wheat. Husked  
the sod corn in the afternoon and hauled wheat to the house.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1877  
Thursday 24  
Friday 25  
Saturday 26  
Sunday 27  
Monday 28  
Tuesday 29  
Wednesday 30

John helped thrash 1 day at Rabach's for Zimmerman, and I drove to the mill with 6 bushels of wheat.

John went to Wisner with 41 bushels, 35 lb. of wheat. I was at home.

I was at the session

John returned from Wisner at noon.

John plowed wheat stubbles and I went to Norfolk and to Mak's.

John plowed wheat stubble and I returned home. My father dug potatoes.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Wednesday 1  
Thursday 2  
Friday 3  
Saturday 4  
Sunday 5  
Monday 6  
Tuesday 7  
Wednesday 8  
Thursday 9  
Friday 10  
Saturday 11  
Sunday 12  
Monday 13  
Tuesday 14  
Wednesday 15  
Thursday 16

Hauled sod to the stable all day.

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

Was at Norfolk. John plowed.

Drove after the steers with Wilhelm my brother-in-law. Sold him a couple of steers for \$52.50.

Was at the session. John plowed.

" " " " " "

" " Norfolk.

John plowed and I husked some sod corn in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon, using the ponies.

John plowed during the forenoon and then drove off to see his land in the afternoon.

John sent to Wisner with 43 bushels 20 lb. of wheat and I lathed.

John brought back a load of coal for the County.

Husked 3 loads of corn

Husked 2 loads of corn

" " " " "

Ditto, 1 load. Rain during the night.



MONTH OF OCTOBER

1973

Friday  
17

Left for Omaha with my father at 10 A.M. Went as far as Lehman's.

Saturday  
18

From there to Mr. Briggs'on Caning Creek.

Sunday  
19

From there to as far as Blaksley's farm.

Monday  
20

From there to Omaha. Arrived there at noon and stayed at Hahn's.

Tuesday  
21

Stayed at Mrs. Law's.

Wednesday  
22

From there to Mr. Marshall's at Fontenelle, staying there.

Thursday  
23

From there to Wisner, staying at Mr. Mevis'.

Friday  
24

From there, home.

Saturday  
25

We had the first snow during the night, but not very cold. Snow storm all day.

Sunday  
26

Blizzard and cold. John took (my) mother-in-law home.

Monday  
27

Fixed up the hog barn, with John's help.

Tuesday  
28

Hauled straw to the hog barn, John helping. Julius fetched Wilhelm's oxen.

Wednesday  
29

We worked on the new stable.

Thursday  
30

First John fetched the scraper from Hall's. (There is  $\frac{1}{2}$  day's road work to be figured.) Then John worked 1 day on the road. Mak went after the livestock. I plowed for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Friday  
31

I went to the mill with 7 bushels of wheat, to Norfolk, and John husked corn.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Saturday  
1

Plowed wheat land all day, using two plows.

Sunday  
2

Was at home. Mr. Rissmann and family were here for a visit.

Monday  
3

Plowed wheat land all day, using two plows.

Tuesday  
4

Plowed wheat land all day, using two plows, and got through.

Wednesday  
5

Plowed land on the west side all day using two plows.

Thursday  
6

Plowed the same all day, using two plows.

Friday  
7

John plowed all day, and I until noon on the west side, and then I went to McClary's and home.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1873

Saturday

John plowed all day and I went to the session at Pierce.

Sunday

Was at home and lathed.

Monday

John plowed all day and I hauled water and sand to the new house and fetched the box for plastering from Pierce.

Tuesday

Hauled 3 loads of sod for the wall and finished the wall during the forenoon.

Wednesday

John worked on the barn and I brought the reaper to the other side and then cut some slough grass.

Thursday

Hauled slough grass to the barn.

Friday

John plowed all day and during the night (I) had to go to Olney's at Norfolk. I was at home again in the evening. The plasterer finished plastering the rooms in the new house.

Saturday

John and I fetched 2 loads old hay from the school land in the morning and then to the session, and in the evening to Olney's at Norfolk and back. John plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Sunday

I butchered a hog.

Monday

Worked with John on the new barn.

Tuesday

Worked on the new barn during the forenoon and rode to Norfolk and back in the afternoon. John chopped wood.

Wednesday

Finished the roof of the barn and brought over the big hogs and 2 loads of corn.

Thursday

Hauled over the little pigs, chickens and all the household goods.

Friday

Hauled over a load of hay and 2 loads of goods.

Saturday

John drove to Norfolk about his deed and I was at the session at Pierce.

Sunday

I rode to Norfolk and back. Weather was mild.

Monday

Dug the well deeper, John helping - and butchered a hog.

Tuesday

John hauled wood from the Creek and I cut down plums on the other side of the Creek.

Wednesday

To Norfolk, and John hauled brush from the Creek.

Thursday

From Norfolk to Aug. Rasch's, Hase's, Hubner's and home. John hauled wood.

Friday

John was in Norfolk and I worked at home.

Saturday

With John, I set the box in the well.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

I was at Norfolk

MONTH OF DECEMBER

John hauled plum brush from the Creek. I was at the session.

Was at home because of a snow storm.

The same because of snowstorm.

Rode to Norfolk with John. Quiet but cold.

John and I killed 2 more hogs. It was very cold.

Made sausage all day. Some snow.

Was at home. Quiet but cold.

I rode to Norfolk with John. John got his deed and I had 2 bushels of corn rough-ground.

Butchered a hog for Theodore.

I rode to Norfolk with the little rig and had both horses shod at Pribe's. John left for Illinois and I rode to Sudschlag and back to Brasch's.

I rode to Winter's, Haase's and home.

Drove to Jacob Bernhard's with Theodore in the afternoon, with the sleigh.

Got a load of corn from the other farm and fixed the hog barns.

Was at Ostreich's with the sleigh.

Was at the session at Pierce.

Rode to Norfolk and home. Bright and mild.

Was at home. Theodore borrowed a horse all day.

I drove to Norfolk and took 6 bushels of wheat to the mill for Theodore.

Was at home and placed names on 20 sacks. Went and got Theodore's boar.

Went to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

From there, Home.

Drove to the session in Pierce and drove from there to Norfolk with Baker. John drove the team with 20 sacks of wheat to

MONTH OF DECEMBER

1873

Tuesday

Brasch's and rode home.

23  
Wednesday

Drove from there to Wisner and back to Scheubel's.

24

Drove home from there.

Thursday

Was at home- had something of a snowstorm.

25  
Friday

Was at home. Some snow. Ostreich's his mother-in-law and Mother were here for a visit.

26

Saturday

I was at Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

27

Sunday

From there home, and then to Mewis' at Pierce.

28

Monday

Was at home.

29

Tuesday

Went to Norfolk and back again.

30

Wednesday

Fetchd a load of corn from the other farm and sent Schellin 3 sacks of oats.

31

MONTH OF JANUARY

1874

Thursday

Was at home.

1

Friday

Went to Norfolk and (back) home.

2

Saturday

Was at home. Very cold and snowstorm.

3

Sunday

Was at home. Very cold and clear.

4

Monday

Was at Norfolk and had 13 bushels of wheat ground.

5

Tuesday

Was at the session in Pierce and took home a load of planks from the Pierce bridge. (for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day's road work.)

6

Wednesday

Worked all day on the lower bridge for (1 day's road work.)

7

Thursday

Set the casing in the well.

8

Friday

Hauled the willows to Glenz' and stayed at Brasch's.

9

Saturday

Drove home from there.

10

Sunday

Was at home.

11

Monday

To Norfolk and stayed at McClary's.

12

Tuesday

Rode from there to Uekers and again stayed at McClary's. Very cold.

13

MONTH OF JANUARY

1874

Wednesday

Stayed all day and all night at McClary's.

Thursday

The same.

Friday

The same.

Saturday

Home from there and back to McClary's.

Sunday

From there to Sporn's and stayed at Brasch's.

Monday

To McClary's, Sporn's and home again.

Tuesday

Stayed home. Very cold and snowy.

Wednesday

Went to Julius' with my wife and then I went to Sporn's, Norfolk and home. Very cold.

Thursday

Was at home. It was windy and cold.

Friday

I rode to Norfolk and as far as Sporn's. Stayed there. Very cold and blizzardy.

Saturday

Rode home from there and to Pierce on account of the Granger meeting. John fetched 10½ bushels of corn from Klug's.

Sunday

Was at home. Rode to McClary's in the evening.

Monday

Theodore came and got one horse for hauling hay--one whole day.

Tuesday

Rode to Norfolk again and stayed at Brasch's. (Very cold and windy.)

Wednesday

Rode to Sporn's and then home. Nice and mild.

Thursday

Was at home. Rode to W. Wagner's.

Friday

John drove to Norfolk, had the horses shod and brought along some slats.

Saturday

John hauled 20 bushels of wheat to W. Ahlmann's. Very cold.

Sunday

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Monday

Rode to Lenz' and McClary's and stayed there. Fair and mild.

Tuesday

From there to Lenz', Sporn's, Norfolk and home. Fair & mild.

Wednesday

Rode back as far as Lenz' and stayed there.

Thursday

Then to Norfolk and home.

Friday

Was at home. Gentle snow fall all day.

Saturday

To Norfolk and stayed at McClary's. Mrs. Baumann came after Welch.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1874

Saturday  
7

From there, back home and to Pierce to the Grange meeting with my wife.

Sunday  
8

Was at home.

Monday  
9

To Norfolk. John hauled 38 $\frac{3}{4}$  bushels of wheat to the mill and returned home. I stayed at McClary's.

Tuesday  
10

Rode back home from there.

Wednesday  
11

Butchered the sow. Theodore helped. Mild.

Thursday  
12

I went to Norfolk. John hauled 22 bushels of wheat to Norfolk. Very cold.

Friday  
13

I rode home from Norfolk.

Saturday  
14

To the session and the Grange meeting at Pierce.

Sunday  
15

Was at home and made sausage. Mild.

Monday  
16

Drove to Norfolk with my wife and stayed at Rissmann's. Mild.

Tuesday  
17

From there to Marquardt's and home. Cold.

Wednesday  
18

Was at home.

Thursday  
19

Rode to Norfolk and stayed at McClary's.

Friday  
20

Rode home from there and then to Mr. Hall's.

Saturday  
21

Was at home.

Sunday  
22

Was at home. Very cold.

Monday  
23

To Norfolk. Stayed at McClary's.

Tuesday  
24

Rode home.

Wednesday  
25

Was at home.

Thursday  
26

The same.

Friday  
27

To Filder's, Degner's, Zastow's and Norfolk. Stayed at McClary's.

Saturday  
28

From there, home.

MONTH OF MARCH

Sunday  
1

Drove to Aug. Ninow's with my wife and took home the bullock.

Monday  
2

Was at the session in Pierce.

Tuesday  
3

MONTH OF MARCH

1874

Wednesday

Lay in bed.

Thursday

The same.

Friday

The same. Snowed all day. Quiet but cold.

Saturday

The same. John fetched a wagon box full of corn from the other side of the creek.

Sunday

Lay in bed.

Monday

Tried to get up but had to lie down again.

Tuesday

John brought back bran and 3 ducks from Rilow's at Norfolk, and 8 harrow timbers from M. Machmuller and 40 harrow teeth from Pilger to the fields.

Wednesday

Still lay in bed.

Thursday

Still lay in bed. Wilh. Ahlmann came and got the balance of 20½ bushels of wheat. Mild weather.

Friday

Still lay in bed. (Rain and sleet.)

Saturday

Still in bed. (Rain all day.)

Sunday

Still in bed. (Foggy.) (John rode to Ostreich's.)

Monday

Was at home. It was rainy all day.

Tuesday

Was at home. Wilhelm went home again.

Wednesday

Rented my farm to Banks.

Thursday

Drove to Norfolk with John and was at Buttam's also.

Friday

Fetches 3 loads (the last) of corn from the other farm. A little snow during the night.

Saturday

Was at home. Nice weather in the afternoon.

Sunday 22

Was at home. Mild and warm.

Monday

Was at Norfolk and Wishard's and back home again. Couldn't harrow on account of frost.

Tuesday

Was at Mansky's. It was still cold and frosty. John rode to Julius'.

Wednesday

Rode to Mansky's. John came home at 9 o'clock and harrowed until evening. I painted.

Thursday

Rode to Mansky's. Didn't harrow because of frost,

MONTH OF MARCH

1874

Friday  
27

Drove to Norfolk and brought back the harrow from Filder's.  
(It was still frozen.)

Saturday  
28

Fetchd a load of hedge willows from the Creek. No harrowing could be done because of frost and snow.

Sun Sunday  
29

I drove to Mansky's and my wife drove to Ostreichs. Mild.

Monday  
30

I went to Norfolk and had 6 bushels ground. My wife was along. John harrowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
31

I was on the Creek with John and chopped some wood. Painted in the afternoon.

MONTH OF APRIL

WEDNESDAY  
1

Was at Mansky's and Coon's and John plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for Theodore in the afternoon. Frozen in the forenoon.

Thursday  
2

Frozen in the morning. John plowed another  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for Theodore and I was at Norfolk, Hartman's and Ostreich's.

Good Friday  
3

I rode to Kid Routenbergs, Fredy's, Con's, Riley's and home. Cold and windy.

Saturday  
4

Went to Norfolk and back home.

Easter  
Sunday 5

Family here for a visit.

Monday  
6

Was at the school meeting.

Tuesday  
7

Was at the session at Pierce. John brought home Ahlman's boar.

Wednesday  
8

I went to Norfolk and back home.

Thursday  
9

Was at home and wrote up the Returns for Ed Eppler and handed them in.

Friday  
10

Was at home and built the fence around the garden.

Saturday  
11

Went to Norfolk and back home.

Sunday  
12

Rode to Frady's and Wilh. Schulz's.

Monday  
13

Was at Lichtenberg's. Light rain.

Tuesday  
14

Frady surveyed my land.

Wednesday  
15

Rode to Norfolk and back home. The white sow had 5 pigs.

Thursday  
16

Fetchd oats and trees from the other side of the Creek, and forked the garden and sowed lettuce.



1874

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Month of April

1874

Friday  
17

Drove to Norfolk with John and brought back meat from Seiler (?) and 3 bushels of potatoes from Brasch's and 1 bushel from Rasch's.

Saturday  
18

Plowed the land for planting trees and potatoes.

Sunday  
19

Drove to Norfolk and Lehman's. Buttow came and got 2 hogs for \$8.00 and Barnhardt brought a duck.

Monday  
20

To the session at Pierce. To Lichtenberg's and Winter's in the evening.

Tuesday  
21

To the session at Pierce. John, with 2 horses plowed 1 day for Theodore. Some snow. The black sow had 6 pigs. I went to Becker's, Winter's and Lichtenberg's.

Wednesday  
22

To the session at Pierce and then Brasch's. John plowed 1 day for Theodore.

Thursday  
23

Rode from there to Norfolk and home.

Friday  
24

Marked the land for trees and plowed in the last of the potatoes. Had a little thunder shower in the evening.

Saturday  
25

Rode to Norfolk, Winter's and Lichtenberg's and back home.

Sunday  
26

Was at home.

Monday  
27

John hauled 21 sacks, 46-52/60 bushels of wheat to Norfolk and I set out "Cotton."

Tuesday  
28

I rode to Norfolk and John fetched a load of hay and 1 bushel of potatoes from Klug's near Norfolk.

Wednesday  
29

Was at home and planted more "cotton."

Thursday  
30

Drove to Norfolk and got the maple trees. John took the 3 heifers to Brasch's and Wilh. rode back with him.

MONTH OF MAY

Friday  
1

Wilhelm and I planted the Orange Osage and also some walnuts.

Saturday  
2

I rode to Norfolk with Wilh. with 2 horses worked a whole day on the bridge for the Board.

Sunday  
3

Was at home. Rain all day.

Monday  
4

To the session in Pierce. Wilh. Planted more trees.

Tuesday  
5

I drove to Norfolk with Wilh. planted more trees.

Wednesday  
6

Wilh. and I planted more nuts, corn and "cotton" on this, and nuts on the other farm.

MONTH OF MAY

1874

Thursday  
7

Wilh. and I planted "cotton" and nuts, and beans, peas and sweet corn.

Friday  
8

Wilh. drove to Norfolk with 22 sacks, 49-37/60 bushels of wheat and I rode to Norfolk and home again.

Saturday  
9

Got 2 loads of wood from the Creek and plowed some and harrowed some.

Sunday  
10

Was at home.

Monday  
11

I rode to Norfolk and Wilh. hauled some more wood from the Creek.

Tuesday  
12

I was at Pierce for the session and Wilh. began breaking sod.

Wednesday  
13

It rained all day. We greased (oiled) the implements.

Thursday  
14

Ascension  
Day

Wilh. broke sod all day and I rode to Norfolk, staying at Buttow's.

Friday  
15

Wilh. broke sod all day and I planted sod corn.

Saturday  
16

I was at the session in Pierce and Wilh. broke sod.

Sunday  
17

I accompanied my wife to Minnie's and brought her back.

Monday  
18

I was at the session in Pierce and Wilh. broke sod all day. The cow had a calf.

Tuesday  
19

I took Minnie home and then drove to Norfolk, and Wilh. broke (sod.)

Wednesday  
20

I was at the session at Pierce and Wilh. broke sod.

Thursday  
21

I was at the session at Pierce and Wilh. broke sod.

Friday  
22

I went to Pierce and Wilh. broke (sod)  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Saturday  
23

I rode to Pierce and then to Norfolk and then home again. Wilh. broke sode all day.

Sunday  
24

Was at home.

Monday  
25

I went to the session at Pierce and Wilh. planted some land to beans and hauled wood from the Creek.

Tuesday  
26

I went to Pierce for the session and Wilh. broke sod  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Wednesday  
27

I rode to Norfolk and back and Wilh. broke sod.

Thursday  
28

I planted beans and Wilh. broke sod.

MONTH OF MAY

1874

Friday  
28

I rode to Pierce and filed the papers for my timber claim, and Wilh. broke sod.

Saturday  
30

Wilh. went and got Mina and broke sod in the afternoon. I rode to Norfolk and home.

Sunday  
31

Wilh. rode to his land and I was at home.

MONTH OF JUNE

Monday  
1

Wilh. broke sod all day. Mina drove home and Theodore and his team helped break sod all day.

Tuesday  
2

Wilh. broke sod all day and I rode to Norfolk and home.

Wednesday  
3

Wilh. broke sod and I cultivated the trees and corn near the house.

Thursday  
4

Wilh. broke sod all day and I rode to Norfolk and back home.

Friday  
5

Wilh. broke sod and I went to the session at Pierce.

Saturday  
6

Wilh. finished the 37 acres and I rode to Norfolk and back home.

Sunday  
7

Was at home. Wilh. drove to his land in the afternoon. (Julius and family were here) Heavy rain during the night.

Monday  
8

Wilh. broke sod on his own land and I was at home.

Tuesday  
9

(Thunder storm). Wilh. came back from his land.

Wednesday  
10

Wilh. began breaking sod on the ten acres.

Thursday  
11

Wilh. with a team worked 1 day on the road near John Brasch's. I drove to Norfolk, had 6 bushels of wheat ground and back home.

Friday  
12

Wilh. broke sod all day.

Saturday  
13

Wilh. broke sod all day and I went to Norfolk with Theodore at noon.

Sunday  
14

Was at home.

Monday  
15

Wilh. broke sod all day and I was in Pierce and reviewed the County Treasurer's books (for 1870).

Tuesday  
16

Wilh. broke sod all day and I rode to Norfolk and back home.

Wednesday  
17

Wilh. broke sod all day and I was in Pierce and (reviewed 1871). Then to Norfolk in the evening.

MONTH OF JUNE

1874

Thursday  
18

Wilh. and I plowed my lots. Wilh. broke sod in two lots and went to his land and I went home again.

Friday  
19

Wilh. broke sod for himself, 1 day, and I went to Pierce and (reviewed 1872).

Saturday  
20

Rode to Norfolk and stayed at Welch's. Wilh. cultivated corn and trees.

Sunday  
21

Home from Norfolk and then at noon drove to the timber claim with Wilh.

Monday  
22

Wilh. and I plowed prairie all day and then rode home.

Tuesday  
23

Wilh. broke sod on the timber claim all day. I went to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
24

I rode to the timber claim again and plowed the last of it.

Thursday  
25

Wilh. continued with the same and I went to Norfolk and back home.

Friday  
26

Wilh. continued with the same and I went to Norfolk and back home.

Saturday  
27

Wilh. finished breaking sod on the timber claim, and I went to Pierce and review the books. The cow was bulling. A big rain and hail storm.

Sunday  
28

Wilh. came home from the timber claim.

Monday  
29

Sold my reaper to Jacob Hipfinger for \$200., payable April 1, 1875.

Wilh. cultivated corn and potatoes. I drove to Norfolk and took my mother-in-law home. Took Fritz Hansen the last 2 sacks of oats.

Tuesday  
30

Wilh. broke the last of the sod here and I was in Pierce and reviewed the books, went to Ritche's in Norfolk and home. At 10 o'clock in the evening, took both teams and 86 bushels of wheat and drove to Wisner.

MONTH OF JULY

Wednesday  
1

Got to Wisner, loaded lumber and drove away again at 8 in the evening.

Thursday  
2

Arrived home at 3 in the afternoon.

Friday  
3

Wilh. broke sod along the section line and the fire guard and I hoed corn.

Saturday  
4

Wilh. went to Norfolk and I nailed on laths.

MONTH OF JULY

1874

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

Wilh. broke sod along the road - 1 day. I went to the session at Pierce.

Tuesday

Wilh. cut grass for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, with Maurer's mower and hoed corn and I went to Pierce for the session.

Wednesday

Drove to Norfolk and had the wheels fastened back. My little girl was baptized by Pastor Rupprecht at Aug. Winow's.

Thursday

Set up the Marsh Harvester and cut some oats.

Friday

Cut the last of the oats and then Hipfinger came and got the reaper. I went to O'Benien's, Norfolk and back home. Wilh. hauled a load of hay for Theodore and bound oats.

Saturday

Bound and set up oats with Wilh. and then hoed corn.

Sunday

Drove to Oestreich's with Juste.

Monday

Wilh. went away to Uecker's, and I drove to Norfolk and back. Panks cut the oats here. The black sow had pigs.

Tuesday

Hoed beans and did other similar work.

Wednesday

Slaked 2 barrels of lime. The white sow had pigs.

Thursday

Drove the horses in front of the reaper for Banks - 1 day.  
Cut wheat.  
The grasshoppers arrived in large numbers and ate up almost everything.

Friday

Drove the horses hitched to the reaper for Banks.

Saturday

Cut wheat at Bakelmanns for Banks. Rain storm in the evening.

Sunday

Was at home - Rain in the afternoon - Theodore came and got the pony. Rain all day.

Monday

I put on laths. Theodore had the pony  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday

Drove to O'Benian, Norfolk and back.

Wednesday

Rode to Pierce and then worked at home. My cousin had the pony all day.

Thursday

Harvested wheat with 2 horses, for Benkelmann - 1 day.

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MONTH OF JULY

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1874

Friday 24  
Saturday 25  
Sunday 26  
Monday 27  
Tuesday 28  
Wednesday 29  
Thursday 30  
Friday 31

Harvested another day with 2 horses for Bockelmann.  
Was at the session at Pierce.  
Was at home.  
To Norfolk and O'Benien's.  
Was at home and at Fr. Kohler's in the evening.  
Was at home and, with my cousin, laid the floor in the old shanty.  
Was at home and, with my cousin, nailed on the "ceilings" (ceiling)  
Drove to Norfolk and back with Theodore

MONTH OF AUGUST

Saturday 1  
Sunday 2  
Monday 3  
Tuesday 4  
Wednesday 5  
Thursday 6  
Friday 7  
Saturday 8  
Sunday 9  
Monday 10  
Tuesday 11  
Wednesday 12  
Thursday 13

Was at home and put on laths.  
Was at home.  
Went to the session at Pierce.  
Was at Mewis' again, and Maurer and Wilhelm stacked my oats.  
Was at Norfolk and O'Benien's.  
Was at home and repaired the granary.  
Got the mower from Maurer and cut grass all day.  
Rode to Norfolk and Wilh. cut grass 1/2 day and hoed 1/2 day.  
Was at home.  
Banks thrashed 313 bushels of oats and 62 bushels of wheat on this side and I thrashed 58 bushels of oats and Wilh. helped, 1 day.  
With my team I hauled 2 loads to Rohrik's for Theodore and was also in Norfolk. Wilh. cut grass 1/2 day and hoed 1/2 day. Banks thrashed 134 bushels of wheat on the other side.  
Banks thrashed 334 bushels of wheat on the other side and Wilh. cut grass 1/2 day and hoed 1/2 day.  
Got 4 loads of hay from State lands.

MONTH OF AUGUST

1874

Friday

Cleaned up the yard and plowed with 2 teams in the afternoon.

Saturday

Got 3 loads of hay and I went to Norfolk and stayed there.

Sunday

Got 2 loads of hay and rode to Norfolk again and remained there.

Monday

Wilh. cut grass with Bank's mower  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, and hoed. I was in Pierce for the session, and fetched 2 loads of hay.

Tuesday

Got 4 loads of hay.

Wednesday

Rode to Kruger and Pierce. Wilh. plowed all day. Little Charlotte died and I went to Norfolk and back.

Thursday

Was in Pierce for the Court session and Wilh. plowed all day.

Friday

Wilh. plowed all day and I went to Mr. Kitler's Cemetery with my wife and my little daughter was buried.

Saturday

Got 4 loads of hay.

Sunday

Was at Krugers and then was at home. Wilh. was a Ueckers.

Monday

Was in Pierce for the election and then with my wife, got a load of hay.

Tuesday

Was at Norfolk and had 5 45/60 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels oats and wheat rough-ground.

Wednesday

Was in Pierce for the session and at Kruger's.

Thursday

Cut grass on my land with Maurer's mower in the morning and, with my wife, got a load of hay in the afternoon.

Friday

Rode to Norfolk and Wilh. returned from Ueker's at noon and cut hay and also hauled 3 loads.

Saturday

I went to Kruger's and Pierce and then with Wilh., got a load of hay, and Wilh. also turned over hay for drying.

Sunday

Wilh. went to Ostreich's and I remained at home.

Monday

Will. and I hauled 4 loads of hay.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Tuesday

Fetchd the last 7 loads of hay in the forenoon and worked on the hen house with Wilh. in the afternoon

Wednesday

Rain in the forenoon and finished the hen house in the afternoon.

Thursday

Was at Frost's and Kruger's. Wilh. went to his land and plowed.

MONTH OF AUGUST

- 1374  
Friday Cleaned up the yard and plowed with 2 teams in the afternoon.
- 14 Saturday Got 3 loads of hay and I went to Norfolk and stayed there.
- 15 Sunday Got 2 loads of hay and rode to Norfolk again and remained there.
- 16 Monday Wilh. cut grass with Bank's mower  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, and hoed. I was in Pierce for the session, and fetched 2 loads of hay.
- 17 Tuesday Got 4 loads of hay.
- 18 Wednesday Rode to Kruger and Pierce. Wilh. plowed all day. Little Charlotte died and I went to Norfolk and back.
- 19 Thursday Was in Pierce for the Court session and Wilh. plowed all day.
- 20 Friday Wilh. plowed all day and I went to Mr. Kitler's Cemetery with my wife and my little daughter was buried.
- 21 Saturday Got 4 loads of hay.
- 22 Sunday Was at Krugers and then was at home. Wilh. was a Ueckers.
- 23 Monday Was in Pierce for the election and then with my wife, got a load of hay.
- 24 Tuesday Was at Norfolk and had 5 45/60 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels oats and wheat rough-ground.
- 25 Wednesday Was in Pierce for the session and at Kruger's.
- 26 Thursday Cut grass on my land with Maurer's mower in the morning and, with my wife, got a load of hay in the afternoon.
- 27 Friday Rode to Norfolk and Wilh. returned from Ueker's at noon and cut hay and also hauled 3 loads.
- 28 Saturday I went to Kruger's and Pierce and then with Wilh., got a load of hay, and Wilh. also turned over hay for drying.
- 29 Sunday Wilh. went to Ostreich's and I remained at home.
- 30 Monday Will. and I hauled 4 loads of hay.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tuesday Fetched the last 7 loads of hay in the forenoon and worked on the hen house with Wilh. in the afternoon
- 2 Wednesday Rain in the forenoon and finished the hen house in the afternoon.
- 3 Thursday Was at Frost's and Kruger's. Wilh. went to his land and plowed.



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1974

Friday

Drove to Norfolk and back.

Saturday

Nailed tar paper on the other house with my cousin. Worked all day. Wilh. returned from his land in the evening.

Sunday

I was at Frost's and Kruger's and Wilh. picked some plums.

Monday

I went to the session at Pierce and Wilh. again drove to his land.

Tuesday

Rode to Norfolk and back.

Wednesday

Finished the hen house.

Thursday

Drove to Kruger's and brought back a load of sand and then helped the plasterer,

Friday

Helped the plasterer all day. Rain. Wilh. came back from his land and finished plowing.

Saturday

Helped the plasterer and also went after plums and Wilh. chopped wood and then drove to Norfolk in the evening.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

I was at home and helped the plasterer and Wilh. plowed here.

Tuesday

I was at Kruger's and Frost's, and the plasterer completed work, and Wilh. plowed all day.

Wednesday

I drove to Norfolk with my wife, and Wilh. plowed.

Thursday

Wilh. plowed and I was at home.

Friday

Was at Krugers and Wilh. plowed.

Saturday

I rode to Norfolk and Wilh. plowed in the forenoon and chopped wood in the afternoon.

Sunday

Wilh. drove to Hipfingers on Willow Creek.

Monday

Wilh. plowed at Willow Creek until Saturday and I was at home.

Tuesday

Was at home and worked on the barn.

Wednesday

Was at home. Ditto.

Thursday

Rode to Kruger's in the afternoon

Friday

Rode to Norfolk and back.

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1874

- Saturday 26 Was in Pierce for the Mill meeting and Wilhelm came from Willow Creek.
- Sunday 27 Was at home.
- Monday 28 To the session. William plowed here.
- Tuesday 29 Rode first to Kruger's and then to Norfolk and stayed there.
- Wednesday 30 I was still in Norfolk and Wilh. ground 8 bushels of wheat in Norfolk and back furrowed the lot.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

- Thursday 1 I went to Omaha on County business and Wilh. plowed.
- Friday 2 Still in Omaha
- Saturday 3 Back, as far as Scheubel's.
- Sunday 4 Home again from there..
- Monday 5 Drove to Norfolk again.
- Tuesday 6 Rode first to Norfolk and then to Pierce. Was at the session.
- Wednesday 7 Erected the fence around the hay.
- Thursday 8 Went to Rohrike's and had one pair of shears sharpened, then went to Norfolk with Robertson in the afternoon.
- Friday 9 From there, home and then again to Norfolk.
- Saturday 10 Home from Norfolk and then to Pierce for the Mill meeting.
- Sunday 11 Went with my wife to Julius' and then I rode to Norfolk.
- Monday 12 Was at Kruger's. Three inches of ice froze during the night.
- Tuesday 13 Was at the election and Wilh. was at Norfolk and brought back 1 load of potatoes from Julius'.
- Wednesday 14 Was at the session and Wilh. plowed.
- Thursday 15 Rode to Norfolk. Wilh. plowed.
- Friday 16 Finished erecting the fence around the hay.
- Saturday 17 Rode to Pierce and Kruger's. Wilh. continued to plow.
- Sunday 18 Was at home. Wilh. was at Ueker's.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

1874

- Monday 18 Rode to Norfolk. Wilh. plowed.
- Tuesday 19 Went to Wilh. Schulz's and got some wheat and then went to Kruger's.
- Wednesday 20 Wilh. and I hauled wood and shrubbery from the other side, all day.
- Thursday 21 Hauled brush for the hen house and other barns and also Osage.
- Friday 22 Drove to Norfolk and Wilh. and plowed the fireguard on the west side and also covered the Osage.
- Saturday 23
- Sunday 24 Drove as far as Generick's with both teams.
- Monday 25 Drove from there to the thicket, got 2 loads of fire wood and again stayed at Generick's.
- Tuesday 26 Drove from there to Aug. Kiltermann's and had to stay there on account of heavy rain.
- Wednesday 27 Drove home from there and rode to Kruger's in the afternoon.
- Thursday 28 Rode to Norfolk and got 3 "Heifers" from H. Brasch.
- Friday 29 Took little Karl home and then went to Gottlieb Rohrike's and brought home siding from Seegebarth's. (Snowstorm and very cold.)
- Saturday 30 Was at home. (Bright and mild.)

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- Sunday 1 Was home until noon and then rode to Norfolk and back home. Wilh. went to Ueker's.
- Monday 2 To the session at Pierce and again to H. Lewis in the evening. Wilh. didn't come home.
- Tuesday 3 Rode to Norfolk and back home again, Wilhelm and Carl came home.
- Wednesday 4 Drove to Pierce and Kruger's, and to Sottler's and Neigenfinders in the afternoon.
- Thursday 5 Drove to H. Warnek's, Breyer's and Bockender's.
- Friday 6 Drove to Norfolk with my wife and Carl.
- Saturday 7 With Wilh. and Carl, plowed the road and my 40 acres. Rain in the evening.
- Sunday 8 All the relatives were here for a visit.
- Monday 9 Put up ceiling in the other house.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1874

Tuesday  
10

First rode to Pierce and then put up ceiling.

Wednesday  
11

Rode to Norfolk and back.

Thursday  
12

Snowy and cold in the morning. I rode to Kruger's in the afternoon and Carl drove to Scherer's, Warnek's and Bokenthal's.

Friday  
13

Carl and I built the "Bekhouse" (bake House?)

Saturday  
14

Carl and I put up the wagon shed.

Sunday  
15

Was at home.

Monday  
16

To Winter's and Bernhard's, Rain.

Tuesday  
17

Rode to Norfolk and home. Very cold.

Wednesday  
18

To Gribenow's and Kruger's. Very cold.

Thursday  
19

Boarded up [the space?] beneath the stairway. Cold.

Friday  
20

Erected the smoke house. Mild.

Saturday  
21

To the mill at Norfolk, brought back 8 bushels of wheat, saw-dust and a board. Mild.

Sunday  
22

Was at Shallin's.

Monday  
23

Was at Shallin's and back home.

Tuesday  
24

Rode to Norfolk and home.

Wednesday  
25

Was at Shallin's and Carl went and got 4 bushels of wheat from Korth's and the kettle from Hubner's.

Thursday  
26

Killed 3 hogs. Very cold.

Friday  
27

Was at Frost's, Kruger's, Shallins and Cone's Farm and made some sausage.

Saturday  
28

Made and salted down sausage.

Sunday  
29

Was at Cone's Farm and home.

Monday  
30

Rode to O'Benien and Norfolk and Carl rough ground 6 bushels of wheat at the Norfolk Mill. Cold.

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Tuesday  
1

Was at Frost's and completed the smoke-house.

Wednesday  
2

Carl drove to O'Benien's and got 40 bushels of wheat and I rode from there to Norfolk.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

1874

Thursday

Was at Frost's and Korth's.

Friday

Carl got 20 bushels of wheat from Winter and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of wheat from Midelstsdät and I rode to Norfolk.

Saturday

Finished the ceiling at Banks'.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

Was at Krager's [Kruger's ?] and Frost's in Pierce

Tuesday

Rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday

Carl got 20 bushels of wheat from Winter and Minow came and got 4 hogs.

Thursday

Was at Lucas' and then cut some plum [trees?]

Friday

Rode to Norfolk.

Saturday

Carl got 27 bushels of wheat from W. Klug and I drove to Lucas ', Frost's and Kruger's.

Sunday

Carl rode to Ostreich's, I was at home.

Monday

I, with 2 teams, Julius, Ostreich and Willet with their teams drove to the thicket and hauled 2 logs to the mill and 2 loads of fire wood home.

Tuesday

All of us drove to the thicket again and hauled 4 logs to the mill and I remained at H. Brasch's. Rain in the evening and snow storm later during the night.

Wednesday

Snowstorm all day. I returned home in the afternoon. Carl stayed with Julius.

Thursday

To Pierce and then to O'Benien's and Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's. Carl with my team and Julius with his team, each hauled a load of fire wood from the trees.

Friday

From Norfolk to O'Benien's and then home. Carl went and got another load of wood.

Saturday

I was at Kruger's and Carl got 30 bushels of wheat from Mrs. Hann.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

I drove to Norfolk and brought back bran and Carl and Wilh. fetched the last log.

Tuesday

Was at home and, along with Carl, cut up several pieces of wood.

Wednesday

Was at home and repaired the corn crib.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

1874

Thursday  
24

Rode to O'Benien's and Norfolk. Weather still and cold.

Friday  
25

Drove to Oestreich's with my wife.

Saturday  
26

Butchered the sow and prepared for the journey.

Sunday  
27

Was at home.

Monday  
28

In the morning, with Carl and both teams, drove as far as Sheubel's.

Tuesday  
29

Drove from there to McMullen's.

Wednesday  
30

From there to Decatur and loaded corn and (came) back as far as there McMullen's.

Thursday  
31

Drove from there to Westpoint (West Point) and as far as Henkel's.

MONTH OF JANUARY

Friday  
1

Drove home from Henkel's. Very cold.

Saturday  
2

Unloaded the corn and did other things. Went and got the boar from Theodore. One of the big spotted sows was in heat.

Sunday  
3

Was at home. The other spotted sow was in heat. Very cold.

Monday  
4

Still remained at home. The white sow was in heat.

Tuesday  
5

Was at Kruger's and then rode to Pierce.

Wednesday  
6

Rode to O'Benion's and Norfolk.

Thursday  
7

Was at home and sawed up the oak logs. Very cold.

Friday  
8

Snow storm. Very cold.

Saturday  
9

Windy and a blizzard and cold.

Sunday  
10

Was at home. Cold.

Monday  
11

The same. Continued cold and storm. Fetched 1 load of plums from the Creek.

Tuesday  
12

Cold and some snow. Rode to Norfolk and stayed at Olney's.

Wednesday  
13

Because of the severe cold (I) only rode as far as Brasch's and stayed there.

MONTH OF JANUARY

1874  
Thursday 14  
Friday 15  
Saturday 16  
Sunday 17  
Monday 18  
Tuesday 19  
Wednesday 20  
Thursday 21  
Friday 22  
Saturday 23  
Sunday 24  
Monday 25  
Tuesday 26  
Wednesday 27  
Thursday 28  
Friday 29  
Saturday 30  
Sunday 31

Karl ground 3 sacks of wheat and rough-ground 1 sack in Norfolk and brought along another 2 sacks of wheat from Fuhrmann's. I rode home.

Was at home.

Split posts.

Was at Kruger's and Pierce.

Was at O'Benien's and Norfolk.

Was at home. Very cold yet.

Carl took mother-in-law home and in the evening brought along some wood. Mild weather.

Was at home, and with Carl hauled brush.

Was at Norfolk.

Sawed brush along the creek.

Was at home.

Hauled brush from the creek.

[Went] to O'Benien's and Norfolk.

Was at home. Had a bad cold.

Was at Kruger's and Hall's.

Was at home.

Was at Norfolk and O'Benien's.

Was at home. Carl fetched ~~his~~ mother.

Month of February

1875  
Monday 1  
Tuesday 2  
Wednesday 3  
Thursday 4  
Friday 5  
Saturday 6

Was at Pierce and then rode to Hekendorf's and stayed at Brasch's.

Rode to Norfolk and stayed at Hekendorf's. Snowstorm.

Rode from there to Brasch's and stayed there. Snowstorm.

From Brasch's to Norfolk and then home again.

Carl (went) to Norfolk and ground 5½ bu. and rough ground 2 bu.

To Norfolk & O'Benien's and home.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1876

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

To Norfolk & O'Benien's, stayed at Brasch's.  
Bright and clear but cold.

Tuesday

From there, Norfolk, to Winter's and home.  
Very cold and stormy.

Wednesday

Snow storm.

Thursday

Rode to Pierce, then to O'Benien's and stayed at Aug.  
Raasch's.

Friday

From there to Norfolk and home.

Saturday

Was at home.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

To Norfolk and Stayed at Braach's.

Tuesday

Rode home from there.

Wednesday

Was at home.

Thursday

To Norfolk and home.

Friday

Was at home.

Saturday

Was at Krugers.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

To O'Benians' and Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

Tuesday

To Norfolk again and stayed at Brasch's because of  
the snowstorm.

Wednesday

Rode home from there. Very cold yet.

Thursday

Was at home.

Friday

Carl took his mother home and rough-ground 4 bu. and  
brought along 70 lb. of bran.

Saturday

Rode to Pierce and back home. Hipfinger stayed over  
night. Sawed wood.

Sunday

Was at home.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



MONTH OF MARCH

1875

- Monday  
1 Was at home.
- Tuesday  
2 Was at home. Sawed wood with Carl.
- Wednesday  
3 To O'Benian's and Norfolk and home.
- Thursday  
4 Was at home. Ostreich and Schwichtels were here.
- Friday  
5 Was at home.
- Saturday  
6 Repaired the ladder.
- Sunday  
7 Was at home.
- Monday  
8 Was at Norfolk and O'Benian's.
- Tuesday  
9 Fetched the fanning mill from Ueker's.
- Wednesday  
10 Cleaned 75 bu. of wheat.
- Thursday  
11 Cleaned 44 bu. of oats and Carl took the mill back home.
- Friday  
12 Rode to Norfolk and back.
- Saturday  
13 Was at Pierce for the session and Carl fashioned some Oak posts. Blank had 2 bu of wheat, rough ground for me in Norfolk, and Ostreich took along 2 bu. of seed oats from here.
- Sunday  
14 Was at home and Julius took along 4 bu. of seed oats.
- Monday  
15 Snowstorm all day.
- Tuesday  
16 The same all day
- Wednesday  
17 I rode to Norfolk and back home and Theodore had one horse all day.
- Thursday  
18 Was at home ---- snowstorm.
- Friday  
19- Was at home.
- Saturday  
20- Was at home. Aug. Minow came and got 4 bu. barley oats.
- Sunday  
21- Was at home.
- Monday  
22 Was at Norfolk and O'Benian's and bought a horse from Hipfinger.
- Tuesday  
23 Rode to Norfolk with Carl and ground 8bu. and rough ground 6 bu.
- Wednesday  
24 Rode to Beaty(s and Smith's on Dry Creek and stayed at Dedlow's.

Month of March

1875

Thursday  
25

Rode home from there.

Good  
Friday  
26

Drove to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

Saturday  
27

Drove to Norfolk and got 4 bu. of rough ground wheat and drove home. Eberling sowed oats.

Sunday  
28

Carl drove to Julius' and stayed there.

Monday  
29

I rode to Norfolk and Carl fetched the sowing machine (seeder) from Pilger. I rode to Pierce in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
30

Carl fetched 21½ bu. of wheat from Mrs. Hases'. Cold with ice and snow in the afternoon

Wednesday  
31

Rode to Pierce, Mewis and Freelig. Very cold and some snowstorm.

Month of April

Thursday  
1

I rode to Norfolk and to Bittow's and O'Benian's. Carl hauled manure. Shaneghsee came and got 30 bu. of wheat. The white heifer had a calf.

Friday  
2

Carl and I harrowed the new land.

Saturday  
3

Carl and I harrowed. I was also at Mewis'.

Sunday  
4

Rode to Pierce and to Mewis'.

Monday  
5

Didn't harrow account of frost. Was at the school meeting and then rode to John Brasch's.

Tuesday  
6

In the morning a thunderstorm, then snow and hail. Rode to Pierce in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
7

Rode to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's; rain and storm all day. The old cow had a calf.

Thursday  
8

Rode home again from there and then to Hall's in Pierce. Carl fetched several loads of wood from the creek.

Friday  
9

Was at home and did various things, with Carl and, cut some willows along the creek.

Saturday  
10

Carl and I harrowed new land in the morning. Drove to Norfolk in the afternoon and took along 4 bu. of wheat to the mill to be rough ground and took home 6 bu. of barley (from Buttow's). Carl harrowed in the afternoon.

Sunday  
11

Somewhat fair and windy.

MONTH OF APRIL

1875

Monday  
12

Frozen in the morning. Sowed 3 bu. of new wheat and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bu. on the 10 acres.

Tuesday  
13

Sowed 5 bu. of wheat on the 10 acres and rode to Wilh. Schulz's in the morning.

Wednesday  
14

Sowed another 6 bu. of wheat on the 10 acres and sowed 6 bu. of oats. The red cow had a calf.

Thursday  
15

Harrowed the 10 acres again on account of the big storm and Carl fetched 2 sacks of rough-ground wheat from Norfolk and left 2 sacks at the mill, to be rough-ground.

Friday  
16

The land was frozen to a depth of 6 in. and could plant only 10 bu. of oats all day. Ostreich was here.

Saturday  
17

Sowed another 14 bu. of oats and so got through with 16 acres of oats.

Sunday  
18

Was at home. It was warm and still.

Monday  
19

Sowed 14 bu. of wheat on the 37 acres and Carl harrowed the oats again.

Tuesday  
20

Carl sowed 9 bu. of wheat and I drove to Norfolk and brought back the 4 bu. rough-ground.

Wednesday  
21

I sowed  $10\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of wheat and didn't go to Pierce until afternoon. Carl harrowed.

Thursday  
22

Carl harrowed and I sowed 9 more bu. of wheat. This is the last on the 37 acres.

Friday  
23

Rode to O'Benian's and Norfolk. Carl harrowed the 37 acres.

Saturday  
24

Carl harrowed the same and I rode to Fr. Lierman's and plowed, some garden land and planted boxelder, radishes and spinach.

Sunday  
25

Drove to Lierman's and Ostreich's and brought back Justen's father.

Monday  
26

Carl finished harrowing the wheat land and I rode to Norfolk. Theodore's team helped harrow  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
27

Went after cottonwood trees with both my teams and Ostreich and his team and stayed at Denme's.

Wednesday  
28

As far as Brashbend and dug up cottonwoods for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Rain in the afternoon.

Thursday  
29

Dug up trees all day.

MONTH OF APRIL

1875

Friday  
30

Left in the morning and went as far as Demme's. Snow and frost during the night.

MONTH OF MAY

Saturday  
1

Drove as far as Frit z Ostreich's (frost). The first sow had 6 pigs.

Sunday  
2

Drove home and set the trees out in the creek. Snow and frost all night.

Monday  
3

Plowed furrows in the garden for trees.

Tuesday  
4

Drove to Norfolk with 6 bu. rough-ground and Carl plowed the fire guard. His mother-in-law went home.

Wednesday  
5

Plowed furrows and planted a few trees in the garden.

Ascension day  
Thursday  
6

I drove to John Minow's, Julius' and Ostreich's fetched a calf from Minow's and brought Wilhelm back.

Friday  
7

Wilhelm, Carl and I planted trees in the garden.

Saturday  
8

Planted trees all day.

Sunday  
9

Pruned trees in the morning. Drove to Hipfinger's on Willow Creek with 2 teams in the afternoon.

Monday  
10

Fr. Routenberg helped plow furrows and 2 men planted.

Tuesday  
11

Routenberg helped another day.

Wednesday  
12

Continued planting all day, 3 men.

Thursday  
13-

Hipfinger helped plow, 1 day and we planted until 3 o'clock and then drove home.

Friday  
14

Planted trees at home and on the other farm.

Saturday  
15

Plowed and seeded the patch of corn land.

Wilhelm worked 9 days at .75-- -----\$6.75

Paid out-----.30

7.05

Paid in part-----5.00

Balance-----2.05

Pentecost  
Sunday 16

Carl and Wilh. drove to Julius'.

Monday  
17

I rode to O'Benian's and traded the red cow for \$20.00 cash, \$35.00 on Aug. 1, and \$17.50 credit for a pair fallows. Then

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MONTH OF MAY

RODE TO Norfolk and back home. A heavy thunderstorm. Carl came home in the evening. The 2nd sow had 8 pigs.

Tuesday  
18

I rode to Pierce in the morning and Carl fetched some willows from the other side of the Creek. Carl and I cultivated the garden in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
19

Plowed around the garden in the morning and in the afternoon, first went to Conn's farm with the 2 cows and left the heifer with the herdsman and then left the cows with Huffman's bull. The old cow was in heat. O'Benian brought the fallows and took along the cow.

Thursday  
20

Drove to Norfolk and had 9 bu. of wheat and oats rough-ground and brought back the calf from Hellman's. Carl sawed wood.

Friday  
21

Carl and I cultivated the trees on the other farm.

Saturday  
22

I rode to Norfolk and Carl planted corn between the trees on the other side.

Sunday  
23

Sacked wheat and at 8 in the evening drove to Wisner with Herman Ahlman and two teams and brought the livestock to Chiken.(?)

Monday  
24

Unloaded at Wisner and loaded up again with 2 loads of lumber, and left at 5 o'clock. Carl planted Osage.

Tuesday  
25

Arrived home at nine in the morning.

Wednesday  
26

Drove to Norfolk with my wife.

Thursday  
27

Rain all day. Was at home.

Friday  
28

Drove to Willow Creek with 2 teams at 8 in the morning and cultivated trees with Carl in the afternoon.

Saturday  
29

Got through by noon and then drove home.

Sunday  
30

Rode to Karl Korth's and to Jones' at Pierce.

Monday  
31

Planted the last of the Osage and cultivated the hedge. Thunderstorm at night. Fetched a load of wood from the creek.

MONTH OF JUNE

Tuesday  
1

Rain in the morning. Plowed several furrows in the yard and put sod on the smoke house.

Wednesday  
2

Hauled the cultivators to Julius' and Winter's and fetched a load of timber from Norfolk.

Thursday  
3

Got two loads of timber from Norfolk.

Friday  
4

Got one log from W. Roche and got 1 load of slats and one load of lumber.

Saturday  
5

Got two more loads of lumber.

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MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday

6

Was at home.

Monday

7

I, with one team, helped break the new road. (One day roadwork).  
Carl broke road  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday

8

I helped break road again, I day with I team. Carl was ordered to do road work at Korth's and wasted  $\frac{1}{4}$  day.

Wednesday

9

Carl and I helped break road  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. The old cow was in heat. Started cutting a part of the 40 acres.

Thursday

10

Drove to Willow Creek with Carl and started to break 50 acres for Carl. I rode back home.

Friday

11

Carl continued to break his 50 acres. I hauled 9 bu. to be rough-ground, and 6 bu. for grinding to Norfolk.

Saturday

12

Carl continued breaking his 50 acres. I cultivated corn and Potatoes. Took the cow at Hofman's to the herdsman.

Sunday

13

Ostreich and Julius were here.

Monday

14

Was in Norfolk with my wife.

Tuesday

15

Carl and I cultivated potatoes.

Wednesday

16

Cultivated the garden and trees.

Thursday

17

Rode to Fix' in the morning and cultivated the trees on the East farm in the afternoon.

Friday

18

Cultivated corn and Carl broke land at Shaneghsee. (The grasshoppers arrived.)

Saturday

19

Carl broke 2 of the 40 acres for trees and I drove to Norfolk.

Sunday

20

Rode to Fix' in the afternoon.

Monday

21

The grasshoppers went away. Bramund started on the granary. Carl finished breaking at Shaneghse.

Tuesday

22

Carl started breaking 5 of the 40 acres. (The last sow had pigs.)

Wednesday

23

Carl continued breaking and I helped Bramund.

Thursday

24

Carl continued the same. Some rain toward evening.

Friday

25

Carl continued breaking. I drove to Standish and Norfolk.

Saturday

26

Carl finished breaking during the morning and he harrowed turnips in the afternoon. Heavy thunderstorm toward evening.

Sunday

27

Continued rain in the morning. Fair and warm in the afternoon.

1875

MONTH OF JUNE

Monday  
28

Helped with building the granary and Carl broke some on the east side.

Tuesday  
29

Drove to Wisner with 2 teams Had the mare bred by O'Benian's stallion ( on Humboldt Creek).

Wednesday  
30

Drove home from Sheubel's.

Month of July

Thursday  
1

Heavy thunder storm during the night and morning.

Friday  
2

Drove to Norfolk and got 200 roof boards at the mill. Storm in the evening, heaviest we've ever had. Rauthburg came and got 2 bu. of wheat.

Saturday  
3

Drove to Norfolk with my wife. More grasshoppers came in the afternoon.

Sunday  
4

Carl rode to Julius'. Fr. Kiel came and got another 2 bu. of wheat for Rautburg.

Monday  
5

Worked on the granary with Bramund.

Tuesday  
6

The same.

Wednesday  
7

The same. Carl went and got siding from Winter's and Hills.

Thursday  
8

Shingled the same. Storm in the evening.

Friday  
9

Shingled the same.

Saturday  
10

Finished shingling the same. Storm.

Sunday  
11

Was at home.

Monday  
12

Was at home.

Tuesday  
13

Was in Norfolk with Carl, had 6 bu, ground and 6 bu. rough-ground. Plowed a few furrows in the lots. Wanted the reaper but couldn't take it along.

Wednesday  
14

Worked at home.

Thursday  
15

Drove to Norfolk with Carl and tried out the reaper and brought it home.

Friday  
16

Fetchd a load of hay from Karl Korth's and then tried out the reaper at Rauberg's.

Saturday  
17

Painted inside the house in the forenoon and cultivated in the garden and potatoes in the afternoon.

1875

MONTH OF JULY

Sunday  
18

Wastat home. My wife rode along to Gribenau's.

Monday  
19

Painted the granary.

Tuesday  
20

Drove to Norfolk. Rough-ground 3 bu.

Wednesday  
21

Painted the granary in the forenoon and cut some of the early wheat with the selfbinder. ~~The weather was in the heat~~

Thursday  
22

Continued cutting the early wheat during the forenoon and did some more painting on the granary in the afternoon.

Friday  
23

Drove to Norfolk and brought along the little Rissman (girl) Cut several swathes of oats with the harvester in the afternoon.

Saturday  
24

Cut oats 3/4 of a day and then cultivated trees on the east farm. Storm during the night.

Sunday  
25

Was at home.

Monday  
26

Went to the herd and brought back the heifer and then stacked some oats. Cultivated trees on the east farm in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
27

Rode to Norfolk. Brought dirt up around the house with the scraper, in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
28

Put dirt around the house with the scraper in the morning. Cut oats in the afternoon.

Thursday  
29

Brought dirt completely around the house with the scraper in the morning and cut oats in the afternoon. Had to quit as early as 5 o'clock on account of a heavy storm and rain.

Friday  
30

Righted wheat and oats during the forenoon and cut oats for 1/2 day in the afternoon.

Saturday  
31

Cut oats 1/4 day in the morning then rode to Apfel's and cut oats 1/2 day in the afternoon.

1875

MONTH OF AUGUST

Sunday  
1

Rode to Apfel's.

Monday  
2

Stacked oats in the morning. Rode to Pierce and then stacked oats in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
3

Stacked oats in the forenoon and cut wheat on the 10 acre tract in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
4

Stacked oats 1/4 day and cut oats 1/4 day during the morning. Cut on the 10 acres in the afternoon.

Thursday  
5

Cut oats, 2 hours, cut on the 10 acres, 2 hours during the morning. Drove to Norfolk at 12 o'clock and had 6 bu. of



MONTH OF AUGUST

1875

- wheat rough ground. Carl stacked wheat. Received the cows from herd from Hofman.
- Friday  
6 Cut oats during the morning and also in the afternoon for 2 hours, then cut wheat on the 10 acres until evening.
- Saturday  
7 Cut on the 10 acres until noon. Started to cut the 5 acres with the selfbinder in the afternoon. Carl rode to Norfolk in the evening and got 6 rolls of wire.
- Sunday  
8 Cut with the selfbinder all day.
- Monday  
9 Cut same all day. Rode to Norfolk in the evening.
- Tuesday  
10 Cut with self binder all day. The young cow was in heat.
- Wednesday  
11 Cut all day on the 36 acres.
- Thursday  
12 Cut the same all day. Holly stacked wheat all day.
- Friday  
13 Drove to Norfolk and had the reaper repaired. Holly stacked oats all day.
- Saturday  
14 I reaped all day and Carl stacked.
- Sunday  
15 Took the heifer to the herd in the morning and cut all afternoon
- Monday  
16 Rode to Norfolk with Hoepfinger. Holly helped Carl stack  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- Tuesday  
17 I cut all day. Carl and Holly stacked all day.
- Wednesday  
18 Cut and tied the last of the wheat with Carl and Holly, 2 hours. Then stacked oats. Stacked wheat with two teams in the afternoon. Hoepfinger helped  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- Thursday  
19 Hauled with 2 teams all day and Holly stacked. Hoepfinger - 1 day. Everlings threshed 19 bu. of oats from 1 load and gave me 6 bu. Theodore had 2 bu. of wheat rough ground for me in Norfolk.
- Friday  
20 Stacked all day with two teams, Holly and Hoepfinger helping.
- Saturday  
21 Continued stacking all day. Hoepfinger helped  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, Holly 1 day. Got through stacking. Traded Hoepfinger 2 pigs for 3 geese and sold him 1 pig for \$2.00. Finished stacking.
- Sunday  
22 Drove to Kiel's and Apfel's and got a calf from Kiel.
- Monday  
23 Was at home. Rain. Carl helped Theodore stack  $\frac{3}{4}$  day.
- Tuesday  
24 Rode to Norfolk with Paul. Carl helped Theodore thresh one day. Had to stay at Wachter's because of rain.
- Wednesday  
25 Put the mower together and sharpened sickles all day.

1875

MONTH OF AUGUST

Thursday  
26

I rode to Norfolk and Carl plowed land for rye.  
Rain again during the evening.

Friday  
27

Was at home and propped up the barn. Rain all day.

Saturday  
28

Rode to Pierce and then got some plums from Lucas' land. Carl cleaned the stable.

Sunday  
29

Rode to Norfolk and was at home in the afternoon.

Monday  
30

Carl helped Theodore thresh,  $\frac{3}{4}$  day and also Schallin  $\frac{1}{4}$  day. I cut grass and weeds one day. The little cow was in heat.

Tuesday  
31

Rode to Norfolk and stayed at Armus'. Carl plowed.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Wednesday  
1

Rode home from Norfolk and then to Dines'. Carl plowed.

Thursday  
2

Was at home. Carl plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Minnie came, toward evening.

Friday  
3

Carl plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and I forked hay. Hauled three loads of hay in the afternoon.

Saturday  
4

Drove to Norfolk and had 4 bu. of new wheat ground. Carl plowed.

Sunday  
5

Was at home.

Monday  
6

I cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and Carl plowed 1 day. Wilhelm came during the evening.

Tuesday  
7

I cut grass all day. Carl plowed. Wilhelm forked hay  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Wednesday  
8

I cut grass another whole day. Carl and Wilhelm loaded 4 loads of hay and hauled them home.

Thursday  
9

Rain all day. Carl and I rearranged things in the barn and rebuilt the mangers.

Friday  
10

Carl plowed until 10 A.M. and then Carl and I spread the hay and restacked it and brought 1 load home with us.

Saturday  
11

Carl and I hauled 4 loads of hay.

Sunday  
12

Wilhelm helped haul hay all day --got 7 loads.

Monday  
13

Heavy rain all day.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1875

Tuesday  
14

Drove to Norfolk with Theodore. Carl plowed.

Wednesday  
15

Cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and Carl plowed.

Thursday  
16

I cut (grass) during the morning. Carl plowed.  
Cut in the afternoon and Carl forked and took home  
one load of hay.

Friday  
17

Wilh. cut all day. Carl and I forked and hauled 2  
loads of hay.

Saturday  
18

Hauled only 2 loads of hay because of high wind, and  
forked hay.

Sunday  
19

Fetches 2 loads of hay for me and 4 loads for Wilhelm.  
Wilhelm hauled them himself.

Monday  
20

First frost this morning. Fetches 2 loads of hay  
during the morning. Carl plowed in the afternoon  
and I cut grass,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
21

Fetches two loads of hay and cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Carl  
did some plowing and forked hay.

Wednesday  
22

Fetches 2 loads, hay and pitted 2 bu. of cherries in  
the afternoon. Min. was home.

Thursday  
23

Fetches 2 loads of hay during the morning and got 20  
sacks of potatoes in the afternoon. I also cut some  
grass in the vicinity of the barn. Frost.

Friday  
24

Drove to Norfolk with my wife. Brought back 10 gal.  
of molasses from Beck's, and 8 bu. of rye from W.  
Winter's. Carl and Min. dug potatoes. 8 bu. to the  
mill.

Saturday  
25

Brought one more load of hay to the stacks and 3 loads  
to the barn. Cut the other hay.

Sunday  
26

Theodore and I brought in 2 loads of hay for me and  
I for Theodore.

Monday  
27

Cleaned the rye and sowed and harrowed at Lewis'.  
Sacked a load of Theodore's wheat, 22 sacks.

Tuesday  
28

Drove to Wisner with 3 horses with 43  $55/60$  bu. of  
wheat, and loaded up the lumber. Carl harrowed and  
dug potatoes.

Wednesday  
29

Drove home from there and brought back the flour from  
the 8 bu. Carl dug potatoes.

Thursday  
30

It rained. I laid the floor.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

1875

Friday  
1

Fixed the walls of the granary. Carl plowed 2 more furrows and planted rye.

Saturday  
2

Eberlings started to thresh but had to stop again. Then I cut some grass and worked in the granary. Carl plowed.

Sunday  
3

My wife drove to Julius'. Wilhelm came back with her.

Monday  
4

Went to Eberlings to thresh but the machine broke down again at noon. Wilhelm cut grass for Maurer one day and Carl helped thresh at Riley's for Wilhelm. I worked in the granary in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
5

Carl drove to Norfolk and brought back Justin. Wilhelm cut grass for Maurer, one day and I worked in the granary.

Wednesday  
6

Carl plowed on the 40 acres tract and I cut grass for Mauer all day.

Thursday  
7

Carl plowed all day with 3 horses and I worked at home.

Friday  
8

Carl drove to Willow Creek and brought back Kiel and Hoepfinger. I helped at my own threshing.

Saturday  
9

I went to Eberlings' to help thresh and Carl and Wilhelm helped thresh.

Sunday  
10

Rode along to Becher's and home.

Monday  
11

Threshed here and at Eberlings'.

Tuesday  
12

Threshed here and at Eberling's until noon, then to the election.

Wednesday  
13

Finished, here and at Eberling's.

Thursday  
14

Carl and I dug out the cellar.

Friday  
15

The same. Put on the roof.

Saturday  
16

Drove to Becher's and Norfolk, and Carl plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for Rauberg.

Sunday  
17

Buttaw, Klenz and I went and got the livestock from Shickers'.

Monday  
18

Finished the cellar and rode along to Becker's and stayed there over night. Carl plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then dug up beets.

Tuesday  
19

Carl plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then carried potatoes into the cell ar.

Wednesday  
20

I rode to Pierce and paid taxes. Carl plowed and then hauled home the turnips.

1875

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Thursday  
21

Carl plowed and I put beets in the cellar. Buried the cabbage.

Friday  
22

Carl plowed on the 40 acres and I hauled 6 bu. of wheat to the mill at Norfolk.

Saturday  
23

Carl plowed and I worked around the house.

Sunday  
24

Drove to Brasch's and Carl went to the christening at Julius'.

Monday  
25

Drove from Brasch's as far as Braun's.

Tuesday  
26

From there to Columbus with 1 load of wheat and returned as far as Bruan's with a load of coal.

Wednesday  
27

Drove home from Braun's.

Thursday  
28

Put in posts and put up the framework for the hog pen.

Friday  
29

Drove to O'Benien's and Norfolk and brought back the flour. Justen rode along home. Carl plowed on the 40 acres from 9 o'clock until noon. Snowstorm.

Saturday  
30

Brought a load of willows from the creek to the barn. Put dirt around the house. The baby girl was born at 4:30 P.M.

Sunday  
31

Was at home. Mild weather.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Monday

1

Carl plowed in the morning and brought two loads of straw to the pig pen and one load of hay to the cellar in the afternoon.

Tuesday

2

Carl plowed all day and I rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday

3

Carl plowed in the forenoon and I rode to Kalterman's. Hauled two loads of hay to the cellar in the afternoon.

Thursday

4

Baron Marguarett above, left and Elizabeth Kalterman arrived here at noon. I hauled manure to the pig pen.

Friday

5

I plowed and rode along to Becher's in the afternoon and rode home.

Saturday

6

Plowed all day.

Sunday

7

Was at home.

Monday

8

Plowed.

1875

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Tuesday

Plowed.

9  
Wednesday

Plowed.

10  
Thursday

Finished plowing the 32 acres.

11  
Friday

Drove to Norfolk. Had 6 bu. ground, got a coal stove and brought it back home. Eberling brought a small wagon box full of corn.

12

Saturday

Plowed 5 acres. (Started burning coal)

13

Sunday

Did various things around home. (Very cold)

14

Monday

Worked on the pig pen. Very cold with a blizzard.

15

Tuesday

Worked on the barns again. Still very cold and blizzard.

16

Wednesday

Still worked on the barns. Cold and storm from the south

17

Thursday

Went and got 2 loads of corn 20 bu. 30 lbs. from Fanny. Eberling brought 2 loads-double box. Mild.

18

Friday

Finally finished the barn. Very cold.

19

Saturday

Eberling brought 1 load of corn, half a double box full. Very cold.

20

Sunday

Very cold and a blizzard. I went and got 29 baskets of corn from Fanny.

21

Monday

Took a load of Theodore's corn. Very cold.

22

Tuesday

Took another load of Theodore's corn. Eberling brought a double box full of corn. Very cold.

23

Wednesday

Drove to Norfolk and O'Benian's. Eberling brought another double box full of corn.

24

Thursday

Went and got the sheep from Ottow and was at Schulzen's and Bekenthal's and fetched another four rows of corn from Theodore for the horse's use, (on trip) to Creighton. Eberling brought a double box full for corn.

25

Friday

Brought wheat and barley from the loft.

26

Saturday

Went to Norfolk and O'Benian's and brought back a load of corn from Buttow's. Eberling brought a double box load of corn.

27

Sunday

Was at home. Very cold.

28

Monday

Husked some of my corn. Very cold.

29

Tuesday

Husked the last of the corn. Mild clear weather.

30

MONTH OF DECEMBER

1875

- 1875
- Wednesday  
1 Hauled manure from the barns to the Osages. Went and got three loads of manure for this purpose from Theodore. Mild.
- Thursday  
2 Got four more loads of manure from Theodore's and two loads of corn and 20 bu. from Herman Ahlmann.
- Friday  
3 With the team, I hauled the wheat from around the threshing rig to my place for Theodore. Helped all day. Mild.
- Saturday  
4 Got 3 more loads of corn at 20 bu. from H. Ahlmann. Mild.
- Sunday  
5 Planted the plum seeds. Cold and stormy toward evening.
- Monday  
6 Covered the Osages with manure. Very cold.
- Tuesday  
7 Put manure from the barns around the house. Cold.
- Wednesday  
8 Was at home. Stripped off the hemp seed. Cold.
- Thursday  
9 Drove to O'Benian's and Norfolk and took 6 bu. of wheat to the mill.
- Friday  
10 Measured out Theodore's wheat.
- Saturday  
11 Was at home. Mild. Sacked 22 sacks of wheat.
- Sunday  
12 Loaded the wagon.
- Monday  
13 Drove off for West Point this morning.
- Tuesday  
14 Drove to Scribner and again to West Point and unloaded 43  $\frac{2}{3}$  bu. of wheat.
- Wednesday  
15 Drove from there home and brought along the flour from the mill.
- Thursday  
16 Was at home.
- Friday  
17 The same.
- Saturday  
18 The same. Killed 8 turkeys. Was at Norfolk and brought along the last of the wood from Julius'.
- Sunday  
19 Sacked up 13 sacks or 25  $\frac{5}{6}$  bu. of wheat.
- Monday  
20 Drove as far as Brown's.
- Tuesday  
21 Drove from thereto Columbus and back again. Nice and warm.
- Wednesday  
22 Drove home from Brown's. Mild and nice.
- Thursday  
23 Was at home. Mild.

Month of December

1875

Friday  
24

Drove to O'Benian's, Aug. Raash's and Norfolk. Very cold.

Saturday  
25

Was at home. Mild

Sunday  
26

Was at home.

Monday  
27

Rode to Pastor Estel's and Otto's.

Tuesday  
28

To Battle Creek and back as far as Brasch's.

Wednesday  
29

Again to Battle Creek to G. Galpin's and drove home and fetched 8 bu. of wheat for seed.

Thursday  
30-

Was at home and rode to Pierce.

Friday  
31

Drove to Norfolk and invited Julius and Ostreich to the christening, rough ground 3 bu. of oats and barley and brought along the wood from Julius'.

1876

MONTH OF JANUARY

Saturday

1

Was at home. Nice and mild.

Sunday

2

Was at home. Nice and mild.

Monday

3

Drove to Roberson's at Norfolk.

Tuesday

4

Was at home. Mild.

Wednesday

5

Rode to Fix', Omerman's, Lights, O'Banien's and Norfolk. Mild.

Thursday

6

Was at home. Mild.

Friday

7

Rode to Pierce and to the pastor's.

Saturday

8

Drove to Jak, Light's, and Norfolk and brought along the three pigs. Mild.

Sunday

9

Little Pauline was christened. Ostreich, Julius and Rissmans were here. My mother-in-law rode home with them. Very cold.

Monday

10

Rode to Herm. Brasch's and Norfolk. Very cold.

Tuesday

11

Was at home.

Wednesday

12

Rode to Pierce.

Thursday

13

Drove to Norfolk and took along 4 bu. of wheat for Rissman. Mild.

Friday

14

Rode to Pierce. Clear and mild.



MONTH OF JANUARY

1876

Saturday  
15

Was at home. Rode to Mevis' at Pierce in the evening.  
Mild.

Sunday  
16

Was at home. Warm and clear.

Monday  
17

Fetched a load of wood fuel from Tatch's.

Tuesday  
18

Rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
19

Bought a steer from Christ Eberling for \$8.50.

Thursday  
20

Was at home. Hired W. Bakenthal.

Friday  
21

W. Bakenthal entered into my service in the afternoon.  
It was cold with some snow.

Saturday  
22

Cleared the barns of Manure. Cold and still.

Sunday  
23

Was at home. Very cold.

Monday  
24

Drove to Norfolk. Very cold.

Tuesday  
25

Cleaned the large seed wheat. Nice.

Wednesday  
26

Cleaned wheat all day. Nice.

Thursday  
27

Cleaned Eberlings' wheat all day. Snow storm.

Friday  
28

Cleaned Tee- wheat and oats. Snow storm.

Saturday  
29

Drove to Norfolk and took the rattler back to Brasch.  
Ground 6 bu. of wheat. Very cold.

Sunday  
30

Was at home mild.

Monday  
31

Butchered a hog. Bauman helped me. Very cold.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Tuesday  
1

Made sausage. Very cold, 17 degrees.

Wednesday  
2

Fetched the steer from Eberling's and the sow and bull  
from Schellin's. Clear and mild.

Thursday  
3

Wilhelm and I sawed wood. Got a load of plaster from  
the school house.

Friday  
4

Sawed wood until noon, then rode to H. Brasch's.

Saturday  
5

Rode to Dave Heil and home again. Clear and mild.

Sunday  
6

Drove to Ostreich's.

Monday

Braced up the hog barn and helped Theodore butcher a hog.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1876

Tuesday  
8

Butchered 3 sows. Jacob Wagner and Bauman's hand helped. Mild weather.

Wednesday  
9

Was at home. Very cold.

Thursday  
10

Drove to West Point with the 3 hogs and 23 2/3 bu. of wheat.

Friday  
11

Drove as far back as H. Brasch's and stayed there.

Saturday  
12

Drove home.

Sunday  
13

Was at home. Wilhelm went home.

Monday  
14

Very cold. Was at home.

Tuesday  
15

Drove to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
16

Hauled some manure.

Thursday  
17

Fetches a load of slough grass from Dry Creek.

Friday  
18

Fetches two small loads of slough grass.

Saturday  
19

Fetches a load of slough grass.

Sunday  
20

Ostreich was here. Cold.

Monday  
21

Drove to Norfolk.

Tuesday  
22

Rode to Frenchtown and Wilh. hauled manure.

Wednesday  
23

Rode home from there and Wilh. hauled manure.

Thursday  
24

I rode to Pierce and Wilh. hauled manure.

Friday  
25

Drove to Norfolk

Saturday  
26

(Nothing entered)

Sunday  
27

Was at home. Very cold.

Monday  
28

Drove as far as Fritz Kuhl's.

Tuesday  
29

I, with a load of wood, and Kuhl with a load drove down. I gave Kuhl 12 bu. of wheat for the two loads of wood. A snow storm from the Southeast.

MONTH OF MARCH

1876

Wednesday

Was at home all day. Snow storm.

1 Thursday

Sawed wood with Wihl.

2 Friday

Rode to Meltcher's and Norfolk. Mild weather.

3 Saturday

Sawed wood with Wilh. and went to the school meeting in the afternoon. Thaw all day.

4

Sunday

Wilh. rode home. It was very cold and storming.

5

Monday

Was at home. Very cold.

6

Tuesday

Drove to Norfolk and Meltcher's. Had 6 bu. of wheat and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of corn ground. Mild weather. Wilhelm came and got his hay.

7

Wednesday

Drove to Bernhard's and Sattlers and brought back 25 bu. of oats from Bernhard's and the steer from Sattler's. Thaw weather.

8

Thursday

Was at home. Very cold.

9

Friday

Was at home. Very cold.

10

Saturday

Was at home. Very cold.

11

Sunday

Was at home. Mild.

12

Monday

Rode to Norfolk with 2 horses and stayed at Brasch's.

13

Tuesday

Rode from there to Michael Brasch's and stayed at Herman Brasch's.

14

Wednesday

Stayed there because of the snow storm.

15

Thursday

Stayed there because of the snow storm.

16

Friday

Still a snow storm but I rode home in the afternoon. Very cold.

17

Saturday

Was at home. The old cow had a calf. Very cold.

18

Sunday

Was at home. Cold.

19

Monday

Was at home. Mild.

20

Tuesday

Was at home. Hauled 14 bu. of wheat to Theodore's. Mild.

21

Wednesday

Wilhelm rode to Wilh. Hubner's with a bu. of oats for the sheep. Schellin's heavy sow had 7 pigs. Mild weather.

22

Thursday

Was at home and pulled feathers. Mild.

23

MONTH OF MARCH

1876

Friday  
24

Drove to Norfolk and brought back 20 bu. of oats to F  
Fanney's.

Saturday  
25

Rode to Pierce. Assessed H. Brown's lots and land.  
One sow had 4 white and 2 black pigs.

Sunday  
26

Wilhelm went home.

Monday  
27

Was at the election. Snow storm.

Tuesday  
28

Was at Pierce, then fetched the boar from Riley's and  
in the evening rode to Marsh's. Two more sows had  
10 pigs.

Wednesday  
29

Rode to Norfolk. Mild.

Thursday  
30

Rode to Marsh's. Mild.

Friday  
31

Was at home and made a few small hurdles.

MONTH OF APRIL

Saturday  
1

Fetches 2 loads of corn from Th. Raubach's.

Sunday  
2

Rode to Marsh's. Cold.

Monday  
3

Fetches 3 loads of corn from Raubach's and then went  
to the school meeting.

Tuesday  
4

Wilh. helped clean wheat for Theodore, 1 day.

Wednesday  
5

I rode to Jac. Light's and Norfolk. Warm thaw weather.

Thursday  
6

Rode to Marsh's and then fixed the fence around the  
straw stack.

Friday  
7

Sowed  $10\frac{1}{2}$  bu. wheat. Wilhelm broke the harrow.

Saturday  
8

Had to get the cows and hogs out of the barns because  
of the high water.

Sunday  
9

Was still at home. The water was running off but still  
covered the land.

Monday  
10

Went first to Marsh's, then to Light's and Herm. Brasch's.  
Wilh. plowed 2 acres of the 40 acres.

Tuesday  
11

From there I rode to Wilh. Wagner's and Norfolk and then  
home. In the afternoon, sowed and harrowed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of  
mediterranean wheat on the 40 acres.

Wednesday  
12

Sowed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres more of wheat of the 40 acres. Harrowed  
the whole 7 acres in the afternoon. Two more sows were  
bred by the boar.

Thursday

Planted trees and plowed furrows in Shauneghse's land

1876

MONTH OF APRIL

all day.

Good  
Friday  
14

Moved the cows and hogs again and cleaned the manure out of the barns.

Saturday  
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Planted trees for another  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and plowed some in the garden.

Easter  
Sunday  
16

Rode to Marsh's. Wilh. went home.

Monday  
17

Sowed 8 bu. of fall wheat on Shauneghsee's land and Wilhelm plowed there.

Tuesday  
18

Sowed 15 bu of barley oats and Wilhelm plowed there.

Wednesday  
19

Wilhelm harrowed that land and I planted onions and carrots during the morning and then rode to Pierce and declared 4 acres of trees for personal and 5 acres for land (real) taxes.

Thursday  
20

Sowed the ash seeds and then Wilh. and I plowed for barley.

Friday  
21

Planted 3 bu. or 2 acres of white wheat and 6 bu. of barley and then Wilhelm and I plowed on the 10 acres. Theodore's team helped  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Saturday  
22

Wilh. continued plowing and harrowing the barley. Thunder storm in the afternoon. I planted barley until noon and then rode as far as Burnham's.

Sunday  
23

Drove 9 yearlings home from Burnham's. Cloudy and rainy.

Monday  
24

Sowed wheat on the 37 acres and Wilhelm rolled wheat and plowed for barley and drove to Norfolk in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
25

I sowed wheat all day. Wilhelm hauled straw from off the land and rolled wheat.

The mare was bred by the stallion.

Wednesday  
26

Sowed wheat on the 37 acres all day. Wilh. harrowed.

Thursday  
27

Finished harrowing this piece by noon. I plowed until noon for oats and barley and Wilh. harrowed. Sowed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of wheat in the corn stalks in the afternoon and sowed 1 acre to pasture. Wilh. cultivated the cornstalks.

Friday  
28

Wilh. plowed under the oats and harrowed there and the cornstalks. I drove to Norfolk with my wife and brought back the steer from Rilow's and heifer calf from Rissman's.

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MONTH OF APRIL

Saturday

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Sunday

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Wilhelm and I fixed the fence for the cattle yard.

Rode to Marsh's and Fritz Kohler's. Wilh. took the boar back to Riley's.

MONTH OF MAY

Monday

1

Wilhelm plowed in the garden, then in the corn land. Magedanz started in by herding cattle. I cut up the corn stalks onto the corn land and planted beans, beets and turnips.

Tuesday

2

Wilh. plowed cornland I harrowed the garden land and grafted and planted plums.

Wednesday

3

Holst plowed cornland for me with one team, 1 day, and Wilh. and I planted boxelders on the other side of the creek.

Thursday

4

Bauman's Carl spread manure, 1 day; H. Carstens plowed cornland, 1 day; Wilh. hauled manure, and Carstens and I planted 3 bu. of potatoes.

Friday

5

Carstens' plowed for another day; Carl, Wilh. and I went to Willow Creek and planted trees for a half day.

Saturday

6

Planted until noon and then drove home. Carsten plowed another half day. Rain all day.

Sunday

7

Still raining.

Monday

8

Wilh. plowed corn land, 1 day. I fetched 77 fence posts from Pierce and obtained 48 more from Mewis, then hunted the bulls.

Tuesday

9

Wilh. plowed cornland. I planted beans and beets.

Wednesday

10

Wilh. plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then we both planted poplars and box-elders in the garden.

Thursday

11

Planted trees for another day.

Friday

12

Wilh. planted and I marked cornland.

Saturday

13

Planted trees at Eberling's during the morning and marked land in the afternoon.

Sunday

14

Drove off for Neligh at noon.

Monday

15

Drove from Thompson's to Neligh. Ground 12 bu. and rough-ground 2 bu. of wheat 20 bu. of barley oats and wheat. Wilh. planted corn.

MONTH OF MAY

1876

Tuesday

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Wednesday

17

Wilh. still planted corn and I drove home.

Wilh. planted corn for 2 more hours and then plowed between the cottonwoods. I fetched 20 bu. of corn from Scherer and then rode to Pierce.

Thursday

18

Planted corn between the trees on the other side and plowed between the box-elders.

Friday

19-

I rode to Pierce and Wilh. first repaired the fence then plowed the fire guard on the east side and planted potatoes; in the afternoon he plowed the fire guard around the 40 acres and I planted potatoes along the Creek and put manure on the osages.

Saturday

20

Drove to Norfolk. Wilh. hoed the ashes during the morning and in the afternoon hauled wood from the creek.

Sunday

21

Was at home.

Monday

22

Plowed the cabbage land in the morning and plowed along the Pierce Road with 2 teams in the afternoon.

Tuesday

23

Plowed along the Pierce Road with 2 teams all day.

Wednesday

24

Plowed along the Pierce Road with 2 teams all day.

Thursday

25

Cultivated the trees on the east farm all day.

Friday

26

The old mare accepted service from the little stallion.  
I cultivated the garden all day.

Saturday

27

Finished cultivating.

Sunday

28

Went to Bauman's and Riley's. The red cow had a calf.

Monday

29

Wilh. got a load of poles from H. Brasch's and I rode to Norfolk and went after the boar at Hofman's in the evening.

Tuesday

30

Plowed up the road on the other side and planted pumpkins in the morning and planted corn in the garden in the afternoon. The boar bred one sow.

Wednesday

31

Weeded the ash plants and was at Hall's in the afternoon on account of Shallins rattler.

MONTH OF JUNE

Thursday

1

Planted more corn and plowed up the rye and broke up the cattle yard. Got the boar from Hofman's again. Rain at night.

Friday

2

Wilh. again plowed for corn and I harrowed. Rode to Pierce with Shallin for the rattler. Wilh. continued to harrow.

MONTH OF JUNE

1876

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I drove to Norfolk and Wilh. finished harrowing the corn. Hauled home the last of the willows.

There was a heavy frost this morning and corn and vegetable were frozen. Took the boar back to Hofmān's Aug. and Fritz Ostreich and Rissmans were here on a visit.

Monday  
5

Wilh. didn't come back here until noon. In the afternoon we sacked and loaded up 51 sacks of wheat.

Tuesday  
6

With my 2 teams and Bauman's went as far as Shell Creek.

Wednesday  
7

Drove to Columbus and back as far as Braun's, with 2500 feet of lumber. Rain.

Thursday  
8

Drove home. The young white cow had a calf.

Friday  
9

The old cow was in heat. Wilh. cultivated the trees on Shaneghsee's land and greased the implements. Heavy thunderstorm at night.

Saturday  
10

Wilh. and I righted the trees on the other side during the morning and fixed the fence along the Creek in the afternoon. Brought down 4 hogs.

Sunday  
11

Took the other 4 sows to the Creek.

Monday  
12

Wilh. and drove to Willow Creek and started breaking on the timber claim. I rode back home again.

Tuesday  
13

Cultivated corn.

Wednesday  
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Rode to Norfolk.

Thursday  
15

Cultivated corn and potatoes.

Friday  
16

Took the black spotted sow and the white sow with the little wire ring in her nose, from Mewis' boar and cultivated corn.

Saturday  
17

Cultivated corn. Wilhelm came home from Willow Creek. Rissman came and got 2 pigs.

Sunday  
18

Drove to Ostreich's with my wife. Very stormy.

Monday  
19

I drove to O'Benien's, Light's and Norfolk. Wilh. plowed corn with 2 horses. Took the stallion along to Brasch's.

Tuesday  
20

Fetches two loads of corn from Shorer. Wilh. plowed corn.

Wednesday  
21

Cleaned wheat and loaded 4 loads.

Thursday  
22

My two teams loaded bu. Bauman's bu., and Bernhard's 6 bu. of wheat and drove as far as Wisner.



1876

Month of June

Friday  
23

To West Point and drove back as far as Sand Creek with 1760 feet of lumber.

Saturday  
24

Drove home from there.

Sunday  
25

Wilh. was home and Julius and parents-in-law were here.

Monday  
26

Wilh. plowed corn and I cultivated the garden.

Tuesday  
27

Wilh. plowed corn and Carl Boss and I dug post holes.

Wednesday  
28

Wilh. finished plowing corn, and Carl Boss and I dug holes and set fence posts.

Thursday  
29

Loaded two loads of wheat and drove as far as Brasch's, from there to Wisner in the evening with both teams. 74 1/3 bushels.

Friday  
30

Loaded both wagons with lumber and drove back as far as Lude Lehman's.

MONTH OF JULY.

Saturday  
1

From there, home and unloaded half the lumber at Brasch's because of bad roads.

Sunday  
2

Was at home. Rode to Assman's at Norfolk in the evening.

Monday  
3

Wilh. broke some of the 40 acres.

Tuesday  
4

Fetched 20 bu. of corn from H. Ahlman. Wilh. went to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
5

Wilh. broke 1/2 day and I rode to Pierce.

Thursday  
6

Wilh. broke all day and I made hurdles.

Friday  
7

I worked alone on the fence until 10 o'clock then Bosse helped. Wilh. got through breaking early in the afternoon and then he hauled.

Saturday  
8

Wilh. broke on the other side, and Boss and I worked on the fence all day.

Sunday  
9

Set up and nailed hurdles till noon and then Bosse and I brought the little pigs into the pasture in the afternoon.

Monday  
10

Wilh. plowed corn and I drove to Norfolk with my wife and rough-ground barley.

Tuesday  
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Wilh. plowed corn until noon. We cleaned and sacked 81 sacks of wheat in the afternoon.

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To Columbus with both teams.

Drove back as far as Braun's.

Drove home from there with some lumber.

Wilh. and I worked on the fence.

Drove to Rissman's at Norfolk with my wife.

Put the wire around the hog lot during the forenoon and assembled the reaper and cut a few swaths in the rye in the afternoon.

Finished cutting rye.

Drove to Norfolk and ground 6 bu of wheat and brought back the self-binder. Wilh. set up the rye. The little sow had pigs.

Set up the selfbinder and cut twice around in the barley.

Cut barley all day.

Cut barley all day.

Wilh. was at home.

Cut oats all day.

The same, all day.

Finished with the wheat at noon. Rain in the afternoon.  
Cleaned wheat.

Cut wheat on the 40 acres, all day. The fat sow had pigs.

Plowed the road on the other side during the morning and finished cutting wheat on the 40 acres in the afternoon.

Cut some of the wheat on the 2 acres in the morning and finished in the afternoon and then drove to Norfolk and got a calf from Mathewsen.

Fritz went home.

Cut two loads of hay with Theodore's mower and then cut the white wheat.

MONTH OF AUGUST.

Started cutting the 32 acres.

MONTH OF AUGUST

1876

Wednesday  
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Cut the same during the morning and cut and hauled hay in the afternoon.

Thursday  
3

Cut wheat all day.

Friday  
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The same all day.

Saturday  
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The same all day.

Sunday  
6

Cut for a few hours, then drove to Norfolk and stayed at Rissman's.

Monday  
7

Cut wheat from 9 o'clock until evening.

Tuesday  
8

Finished cutting at noon, then drove to Norfolk, O'Benian's and Light's and brought back a mower, rough-ground 6 bu. of barley and brought back Paul Rissman.

Wednesday  
9

Cut barley all day. Thunderstorm at night.

Thursday  
10

Pointed posts and drove them in along the fence and made fast the fence. The grasshoppers were flying very thick.

Friday  
11

Wilh. and I stacked rye all day. Drove to Dedlow's and Blank in the evening.

Saturday  
12

Wilh. and Holly stacked the last of the barley and the white wheat, all day. I came home with Blank at noon.

Sunday  
13

Holly and I stacked 1 stack of wheat. Wilh. was at home.

Monday  
14

Stacked the 17 acres of oats and 4 loads of wheat with 2 teams, all day. Holly and Boxes' brother-in-law helped.

Tuesday  
15

Wilh., Holly and I along with the boys stacked wheat during the forenoon. Wilh., Holly, Herman Ahlman and I stacked wheat in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
16

Stacked wheat all day. Holly helped all day and Herman Ahlman until noon.

Thursday  
17

Finished the stacks. Wilh. then went to W. Ahlman's to thresh and I cut some grass in the afternoon.

Friday  
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Plowed until 10, because of rain. Then Wilh. helped with the threshing at W. Ahlman's,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. I cut grass and took 1 load home.

Saturday  
19

Cut grass all day, and took 1 load home. Wilh. helped with the threshing at H. Ahlman's, one day.

Sunday  
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Was at home.

Monday  
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Drove to Norfolk and stayed at Rissman's. Rough-ground 6 bu. of barley and ground 8 bu. of wheat. Wilh. plowed.

MONTH OF AUGUST

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Cut and hauled hay in the afternoon.  
Cut grass and cut and hauled hay.  
Cut and raked grass. Wilh. plowed.  
Cut grass and raked and hauled hay; also plowed.  
Was in Pierce. Cut grass and fetched 2 loads.  
Wilh. plowed.  
Stacked 5 loads of hay on the hay land. Rain at night.  
Wilh. plowed and I cut grass.  
Turned and hauled hay.  
Wilh. plowed and I cut grass.  
Hauled hay.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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Raked, cut and hauled  
Hauled, raked and cut.  
Wilh. was at home. I helped put Eberling's granary in order.  
Cut grass in the morning and rode to Pierce in the afternoon.  
Wilh. plowed.  
Wilh. plowed on the 40 acres and I put the barns in order. Heavy rain storm at night.  
Wilh. plowed and I worked in the barns and drove to Norfolk in the afternoon and stayed there. Took 6 bu. of wheat along to Rissman's.  
Wilh. plowed and I came home at noon.  
Wilh. plowed during the morning and then helped me work in the hog barn.  
Worked on the hog barn and drove to Pierce and fetched 2 loads of willow poles from the creek.  
Rode to Pierce. Fritz was home.  
Cleaned the barn in the morning and worked on the hog barn. Spread hay in the afternoon.  
Worked on the hog and horse barns. Rain. Marie came.  
Drove to Norfolk and took along 4 bu. of wheat to the mill.  
Wilh. plowed on the 5 acres and I worked around the house.

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Wilh. plowed the rye stubble and I rode to Pierce and then drove to Koltermanns and borrowed 14 bu. of rye. Wilh. chopped hay in the afternoon.

Hauled a load of hay and then sowed 9 bu. of rye with the machine. Wilh. harrowed.

Drove to Julius' with my wife and then rode to Norfolk.

Hauled 4 loads of hay. Rain.

Put rye into the granary all day.

The sow with the black spots behind the ears and on top of the head, had 5 pigs. I sowed and harrowed the last of the rye and fetched a load of willows.

Wilh. plowed all day with 3 horses. I was in Norfolk and in the afternoon, cut grass on my land. A sow had 6 pigs.

Wilh. heped Bauman thresh, 1 day. I cut grass one day.

Wilh. helped Bauman thresh, 1 day. I cut grass one day.

Wilhelm was at home and I rode to Norfolk. A sow had 9 pigs.

Brought home one load, then Wilh. and I raked hay until evening. Put Willows on top of the hog barn in the afternoon.

Put six loads of hay in a stack and took one load home.

Put one load of hay in the stack and hauled one load of old hay to the hog barn. I cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and Wilh. helped with the threshing at Mewis'. Rain storm in the evening.

Wilh. helped with the threshing at Mewis'. I finished the barn.

Hauled hay all day.

Hauled one load of hay. Wilh. then plowed.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Hauled 3 loads of hay. Rissmans were here on a visit.

Hauled one load of hay.

Threshed wheat and rye all day.

Hauled hay all day.

Wilh. with 2 horses helped thresh at Dean's, 1 day.

Wilh. plowed and I drove to the Fair at Norfolk with my wife. Rough-ground 10 bu. of rye and brought along the colt from O'Benians.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

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1876  
Saturday

I got a tree from H. Brasch's timber on the Elkhorn and Wilh. plowed with 2 horses.

Sunday

I drove to Norfolk and brought back the rattler from Brasch's.

Monday

Sowed 9 bu. of rye on the east farm and harrowed half. Wilh. with one team helped thresh at Jacob Wagner's.

Tuesday

Sowed two more bu. of rye and harrowed it. Re-harrowed the whole tract.

Wednesday

Plowed fire guard and gathered the pumpkins. Wilhelm helped Bristow thresh  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Thursday

Carl Bosse helped Bristow thresh in my place,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Wilh. and I cut 2 loads of slough grass, hauled 1 load to Grocho's and brought one load home.

Friday

Helped thresh at Eberlings. Wilh. hauled fruit.

Saturday

Helped thresh at Eberlings. Wilh. hauled fruit.

Sunday

Was at home. There was a big prairie fire.

Monday

Threshed at Eberling's in the morning and had some oats threshed for me in the afternoon.

Tuesday

Finished threshing oats in the morning. Cleaned wheat in the afternoon.

Wednesday

Wilh. plowed for Bristow, 1 day. I drove to Norfolk and took 6 bu. of wheat to the mill.

Thursday

Cut another load of slough grass at Middlestead's and brought it back.

Friday

Rain. Wilh. and I set the posts for the hog yard and moved the fence.

Saturday

Made fast the fence and also put wire on the other fence.

Sunday

I drove to Norfolk on account of the carpenter and stayed at Brasch's.

Monday

Brought back the flour from the 6 bu. Wilh. plowed.

Tuesday

Wilh. Plowed. I worked around home. Wilh. and I surveyed the land on the east side in the afternoon.

Wednesday

Wilh. finished plowing on this farm.

Thursday

Wilh. plowed until noon and then ringed the hogs.

Friday

Threshed all day, (Th. Verges)

Saturday

Threshed until noon; then husked a box of corn and cut the hogs.

Sunday

My wife hauled the 14 bu. of rye to Kalterman's.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

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Sunday 30  
Wilh. plowed on the 40 acres until noon and I started to frame the barn with Neitzke. Sacked 16 sacks of wheat and 3 sacks of oats and rye in the evening. Wilh. left for Wisner at 10 o'clock in the evening and left the 3 sacks at the mill. Warm weather.

Tuesday 31  
Fritz and I brought the livestock into the yard. Helped the carpenter on the barn and Fritz husked corn. Cold weather.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1  
Straightened up the barn and helped the carpenter. Very cold.

Thursday 2  
Helped on the barn and Wilh. came back from West Point in the evening. Cold.

Friday 3  
Wilh. hauled dirt to the barn and I helped on the barn. Mild and nice.

Saturday 4  
Wilh. hauled dirt to the barn and I helped on the barn.

Sunday 5  
Wilh. was at home. I nailed up the gables of the barn.

Monday 6  
Wilh. plowed the last of the 40 acres. Carl and I fetched a load of corn.

Tuesday 7  
Wilh. plowed corn land here, and I drove to Norfolk with 30 bu. of rough-ground and brought back Machmuller.

Wednesday 8  
Wilh. started to plow on the other side, and Machmuller and I nailed the poles on the barn. The carpenter made the barn door. Fetched a load of corn from Carl.

Thursday 9  
Wilh. plowed over there again and I helped Machmuller shingle.

Friday 10  
Wilh. continued plowing over there and I helped Machmuller. The carpenter repaired the walls in the kitchen.

Saturday 11  
Wilh. continued plowing and I helped Machmuller. Nice and warm.

Sunday 12  
Very cold and some snow during the night. I got some willow poles from the Creek.

Monday 13  
Very cold and the ground was frozen solid. Wilh. and I put the cow barn in order.

Tuesday 14  
Wilh. and I got a load of hay for the livestock and also a load for the barn. Wilh. got a load of slough grass from Grocho. Machmuller worked on the roof,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Somewhat milder.

Wednesday 15  
Butchered the white heifer with the red neck. Wilh. helped Machmuller. Drove to Wisner in the evening.

Thursday 16  
Sold the meat and 19  $\frac{1}{6}$  bu. of wheat in Wisner, and drove to Stanton.

Friday 17  
Brought back the rough-ground from the mill and left 6 bu. to be ground. (Very cold.) Machmuller got through.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1876

Saturday  
18

Wilh. hauled dirt into the barn and I made the hay racks in the barn.

Sunday  
19

Did some more work in the barn.

Monday  
20

Drove to Norfolk and Fr. Lehman's and took 6 bu. of half wheat and half rye, and 4 bu. of wheat to the mill. Snow storm and cold in the evening.

Tuesday  
21

Was at home and made the cribs in the new barn.

Wednesday  
22

Put the horses into the new barn and put manure next the barn and cellar.

Thursday  
23

My wife drove to Norfolk with Maria and brought back the flour. Mild weather.

Friday  
24

Got 2 loads of hay for the barn and 2 loads for the livestock. Mild weather.

Saturday  
25

Got another load of hay and then husked a box of corn. Butchered 22 turkeys.

Sunday  
26

Sacked 21 sacks of wheat and then drove to H. Brasch's.

Monday  
27

Drove from there to Brauns. Wilh. husked some corn.

Tuesday  
28

Drove to Columbus and back as far as Braun's. Blizzard. Wilhelm helped Mewis husk corn,  $\frac{3}{4}$  day. Brought back 1600 lb. of coal.

Wednesday  
29

Drove as far as Herman Brasch's. It was very cold.

Thursday  
30

Drove home from there. Franz Klug came along. Very cold.

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Friday  
1

Wilh., Franz and I pulled off 4 loads of corn.

Saturday  
2

Pulled off 2 loads of corn with Wilh. and Franz, during the morning. Fetched a load of hay in the afternoon.

Sunday  
3

Was at home and sacked 24 sacks of wheat, 3 bu. to be rough-ground.

Monday  
4

Got a load of hay and drove as far as Brasch's. (The colt died.)

Tuesday  
5

Drove as far as Brauns. Franz husked corn.

Wednesday  
6

To Columbus and back as far as Braun's. Franz husked corn.

Thursday  
7

Drove home from there.

Friday  
8

Was at home.

Saturday  
9

Got a load of hay.

Sunday  
10

Made the rack for hauling hogs.



MONTH OF DECEMBER.

1876

Monday

Butchered Rissman's cow and also sacked 11 sacks of wheat.

11 Tuesday

Drove as far as West Point, from there.

12 Wednesday

Drove to Herman Brasch's.

13 Thursday

Drove home and fetched a load of hay.

14 Friday

Drove to Norfolk and got the sow from H. Brasch's and the boar from W. Brasch's. The red sheathed heifer died.

15

Saturday

Rode to Pierce and Groger's. Bought 50 bu. of corn from Groger at .20 per bu. and paid \$2.00 on account.

16

Sunday

Was at home. Very cold. Loaded up 6 hogs in the evening.

17 Monday

Drove to Wisnerand stayed there.

18 Tuesday

For the return. loaded up 30 bu. of corn and drove as far as H. Brasch's.  
3610-1000 lbs  
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2610 lbs.

19

Wednesday

Drove home and brought a load of hay to the barn.

20 Thursday

Went after corn with 2 teams, loaded 1 at Trennepolt's and driving to Henkel's.

21

Friday

Loaded another load of corn at Middlestedt's and drove home.

22 Saturday

Took the wagon back to Herman Brasch's and then drove to Norfolk.

23 Sunday

Got a load of hay for the cattle and the 2 sheep from Wilh. Hubner.

24

Christmas

Drove to Julius' with my wife and her mother. Took both sheep to Friedrich Schroder's for feed. (Some snow)

Monday

Tuesday

Was at home. Very cold.

25

Wednesday

Brought 2 loads of hay to the barn and put some into the barn.

27 Thursday

Fetchd a load of hay for the cattle and finished making the mangers in the barn.

28

Friday

Drove to Norfolk and ground 8 bu. of rye and 4 bu. of wheat and rough-ground 15 bu. Bright but very cold.

29

Saturday

Rode to Pierce. Very cold.

30 Sunday

Was at home.

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MONTH OF JANUARY

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

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Butchered Hissman's cow and also sacked 11 sacks of wheat.

Tuesday  
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Drove as far as West Point, from there.

Wednesday  
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Thursday  
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Brought 2 loads of hay to the barn and put some into the barn.

Thursday  
28

Fetchd a load of hay for the dattle and finished making the mangers in the barn.

Friday  
29

Drove to Norfolk and ground 8 bu. of rye and 4 bu. of wheat and rough-ground 15 bu. Bright but very cold.

Saturday  
30

Rode to Pierce. Very cold.

Sunday  
31

Was at home.

MONTH OF JANUARY

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MOUTH OF JANUARY

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- 1 Sunday Was at home. Rode to Dean's in the evening.
- 2 Monday Rode to Dean's in the morning, then drove to H. Brasch's.
- 3 Tuesday Drove to Stanton, loaded a load of corn at Kerns and stayed there.
- 4 Wednesday Drove home from there.
- 5 Thursday Rode to Pierce and Dean's, bought 100 bu. of corn at 25 cents from Dean. Got 36 bu. 30 lb. of wheat in the afternoon.
- 6 Friday To Norfolk and had 15 bu. of rye and barley rough-ground and also rode to Stanton County.
- 7 Saturday Was at home. Dressed 33 chickens.
- 8 Sunday Got 2 loads of corn from Dien, 50 baskets at 46 1/2 lb. or 66 bu. 30 lb.
- 9 Monday Butchered 2 large hogs. Pauman helped me.
- 10 Tuesday Drove to Herman Brasch's at noon and stayed there. Very cold.
- 11 Wednesday From there to Scheubels'. Very cold and snow storm.
- 12 Thursday From there, to Wisner and back again. Very cold but clear.
- 13 Friday Drove home from there. Very cold.
- 14 Saturday Rode to Eockendal's.
- 15 Sunday Snow storm and very cold.
- 16 Monday Brought a load of hay to the barn and then rode to H. Mewis'.
- 17 Tuesday Brought a load of hay to the barn, then rode to Pierce.
- 18 Wednesday Was at home, rode to Pierce.
- 19 Thursday Was at home, rode to Pierce.
- 20 Friday Drove to Norfolk, rough-ground 15 bu. and ground 10 bu.
- 21 Saturday Rissman was here for a visit. Rode to Pierce.
- 22 Sunday Was at home and set up the entrance (hallway) in front of the house.
- 23 Monday Rode to Pierce.
- 24 Tuesday Got a load of hay for the barn, then to Norfolk and stayed with Rissman.
- 25 Wednesday Brought the flour back home, then rode to Pierce.
- 26 Thursday Was at home and finished the hallway. Rabe came and got the boar.
- 27 Friday To Norfolk. Rough-ground 15 bu. and ground 12 bu. of rye and 6 bu. of wheat.

MONTH OF JANUARY

Julius brought 22 bu. of wheat and took in exchange 10 bu. of Mediter-  
anean wheat and 12 bu. of fife (?) wheat. Mild weather.

Cleaned seed wheat. Mild. Cut the hogs.

Cleaned barley and wheat, and rode to Pierce. Mild.

Cleaned more wheat. Nice and mild.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Cleaned oats. Mild and nice.

Cleaned some oats for feed and cut a load of willow poles on the other  
side.

Franz came after the poles and I rode to Norfolk. Nice and mild.

Wastat home.

Was in Pierce because of court.

Was in Pierce. Stayed at Brasch's.

Fetches Fletcher and Carl Marquard and then drove to court at Pierce.

The same. Drove home again.

Was at home.

Franz drove as far as Julius', in the afternoon and then rode home.

(Not shown)

Cut willows along the creek.

Cut willows, and then rode to Norfolk and stayed at Assmus.

Rode to Norfolk again, stayed at Welches and then, in the afternoon,  
drove to H. Brasch's with 10 hogs.

From there, I drove to Hamburg and back as far as Stanton, and stayed  
at the hotel.

From there I drove to Reed's and sacked 54 bu. of barley, rough-ground  
18 bu. at the mill and drove home.

Was at home. Franz hauled willows.

Was at home. Drove to Julius' with 10 hogs in the afternoon.

Drove to Hamburg and back to Julius', and brought back 12 bu. of potatoes.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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Wednesday 14

Drove home from there in the evening. Ad. Bauman loaded up 6 hogs.

Rode to Rode's and also fetched 2 loads of willows from the creek.

Rode to Pierce because of the auction.

Butchered 3 hogs.

Made sausage and salted it down.

Was at home and rode to Gottlieb Rohrike's at 11 o'clock in the evening. Holly's cow had a calf.

Hauled 2 loads of hay to the barn and 1 load into the yard, and rode to Rohrick's.

Hauled 3 loads of oat straw from Ranback and also rode to Rohrick's. Franz went and got the corn sheller.

Fetches two loads of straw from Ranbach's and rode to Rohrik's.

MONTH OF MARCH.

Franz left. I drove to Rohrike's, Rode's and brought Herman back. (Rainy)

Rode to Norfolk and Rohrike's. Herman shelled corn.

Shelled corn with Herman, and did some work around the cow barn.

Rode to Rohrike's. Herman was at church.

The colt was missing during the night. Daughter was born in the afternoon.

Shelled corn with Herman.

Shelled corn with Herman.

Fetches a load of hay for the stock and shelled corn. Very cold.

Shelled corn and cut willows along the Creek.

Drove to Reed's with Julius Marquard and brought back 60 bu. of barley. Left 25 bu. or 1310 lb. at the mill for grinding and stayed at Julius'.

Drove home from there.

Drove to Julius' (paid Hille \$15.00) and Norfolk and brought along one barrel of salt.

Drove to Krogers. He wasn't home. Hauled 3 loads of straw.

Got 40 bu. of corn from Kroger and shelled half of it.

MONTH OF MARCH

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Thursday

Got 80 baskets or 53 bu., 23 lb. of corn from Gardner with 2 teams.

15

Friday

Rode to Neligh and Oakdale.

16

Saturday

From there to Norfolk as far as Brasch's.

17

Sunday

Rode home, then rode to Aug. Hubner's.

18

Monday

Got 70 more baskets of corn from Gardner, with 2 teams.

19

Tuesday

Brought 1 load of hay to the barn and then rode to Pierce, then shelled corn. The old coe had a calf.

20

Wednesday

Hauled one load of hay for the stock and one load to the barn and then drove to Lehman's and Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

21

Thursday

Took the rough-ground home and then shelled corn.

22

Friday

Shelled corn all day. Bought the mules. He brought them. Red cow had a calf.

23

Saturday

Shelled corn until noon, finished it. Herman then took the sheller back to Dean's, then fetched 3 loads of straw for bedding.

24

Sunday

Took the meat out of the salt and hung it up. Rode to A. Hubner's.

25

Monday

Fetches two loads of straw and then rode to Law's at Norfolk.

26

Tuesday

Sowed and harrowed 5 acres of wheat on the Bluffs. Fetched 2 loads of straw in the afternoon on account of the frost.

27

Wednesday

Hauled 2 small loads of straw from here, sowed three acres of wheat on the Bluffs and harrowed the 5 acres again.

28

Thursday

Sowed 10 bu. of Mediterranean wheat on this farm and 8 bu. of oats.

29

Friday

Took mother-in-law home and then drove to Stanton. Stayed at H. Brasch's. Minow's heifer had a calf.

30

Saturday

Was at Ward's and brought home 4 sacks of rough-ground, and sowed oats in the yard and finished the 5 acres of oats. Made the step across the creek.

31

MONTH OF APRIL

Easter

Sunday

1

Monday

2

Was at home.

Tuesday

3

Brought 2 loads of hay to the barn during the morning and brought 1 load for the livestock, and cleaned manure out of the barn on the east farm in the afternoon. I rode to Pilger in the evening and stayed there. The short tailed heifer had a calf.

Came home in the forenoon, then cleaned 36 bu. of barley at Mewis' and hauled 26 bu. of it to the other farm.

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MONTH OF APRIL

Wednesday  
4

Plowed with one team, and sowed wheat with one team on the other side, during the forenoon. Plowed with 2 teams and sowed with one team in the afternoon.

Thursday  
5

Plowed with 2 teams and sowed with 1 team.

Friday  
6

Plowed with 2 teams and sowed barley with one team.

Saturday  
7

One team cultivated 2 acres of barley, 1 team sowed barley and oats, 1 team borrowed and brought over a load of oat-straw. Rain in the evening.

Sunday  
8

Was at home. It was rainy.

Monday  
9

One team sowed wheat and the last of the oats, 1 team cultivated barley and wheat, 1 team harrowed.

Tuesday  
10

One team sowed wheat, 1 team cultivated wheat and 1 team harrowed.

Wednesday  
11

I drove to Norfolk with 1 team, 1 team plowed and 1 team cultivated wheat.

Thursday  
12

1 team harrowed the corn stalks until noon. 1 team cultivated oats, 1 team plowed for oats. In the afternoon, 1 team fetched a load of oat straw and one team harrowed oats and 1 team sowed wheat between stalks on the east farm and the other cultivated.

Friday  
13

I sowed wheat in the stalks by hand. Two teams cultivated. In the evening I went to Norfolk. (Sowed 35½ bu. of Mediterranean).

Saturday  
14

I sowed the last of the wheat and the teams cultivated and got a load of hay for the livestock in the morning.

Sunday  
15

Rode to Norfolk and hired Paul Rissman to herd cattle.

Monday  
16

Two teams cultivated corn stalks in the forenoon and I plowed some in the garden. In the afternoon 1 team plowed for oats on the other farm and 1 team harrowed the corn stalks. I was in Pierce because of tax reduction. The old white cow had a calf. (Rain and hail in the evening).

Tuesday  
17

1 team plowed on the east farm, and 1 team harrowed oats and took home a load of straw.

Wednesday  
18

1 team harrowed the corn stalks and 1 team plowed in potatoes and brought 2 loads of hay to the barn.

Thursday  
19

Plowed corn land with 1 team, planted 2 acres of cottonwood trees on the 40 acres with 1 team and brought in a load of hay for the livestock. (The old mare foaled during the evening.)

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Month of April

Friday  
20

Hauled manure all day with 1 team. Drove to Norfolk with one team. Paul Rissman came along.

Saturday  
21

One team plowed corn land in the forenoon and Herman and I planted trees on Shanegsee's land. In the afternoon all three planted trees there.

Sunday  
22

Herman was at home. I drove to Snyder's on the Elkhorn and stayed there. A heavy rain.

Monday  
23

Drove home with the roller from there. 1 team hauled manure and 1 team plowed cornland. The fat sow and one other one had pigs and Brasch's sow was bred by the boar.

Tuesday  
24

1 team hauled manure and 1 man spread manure. I went to Norfolk and rough-ground 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 2 sows had pigs.

Wednesday  
25

1 team plowed and 1 team hauled manure.

Thursday  
26

1 team plowed and 1 team hauled manure out of the corrall, put the fence around the corrall. I rode to Pierce. Heavy rain at night. Sowed the hot-bed. Both sows were bred by the boar.

Friday  
27

Rain and snow all day. Couldn't let the cattle out of the barn.

Saturday  
28

Built the dam on the 40 acres with 1 team. In the afternoon, 1 team first hauled 3 loads of willows from the Creek and then both teams plowed. I planted all the garden seed. The 3 heifers were in heat.

Sunday  
29

Drove to Willow Creek with 1 team at noon. (Rode to Hubner's in the morning.)

Monday  
30

1 team plowed at home and I planted beans with Herman and Ranterberg.

MONTH OF MAY

Tuesday  
1

Continued planting beans until noon and then drove home. 1 team plowed. Rode to Pierce in the evening. The old cow was in heat.

Wednesday  
2

One team plowed and 1 team hauled manure. I planted the apple trees.

Thursday  
3

Both teams plowed and I continued planting apple trees, and in the afternoon rode to the district court at Pierce.

Friday  
4

2 teams plowed and I again rode to court.



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MONTH OF MAY

Saturday  
5

1 team plowed, and planted cottonwoods around the garden with 1 team during the forenoon. In the afternoon, rain.

Sunday  
6

Made the corn marker.

Monday  
7

Put the boat into the Creek and two teams began plowing on the east farm. I marked cornland.

Tuesday  
8

2 teams continued plowing there and I marked corn.

Wednesday  
9

2 teams plowed and I finished marking.

Ascension  
day

Thursday  
10

2 teams plowed there and I planted cotton after them.

Friday  
11

2 teams plowed and I planted cotton after them. Got a load of hay from Riley.

Saturday  
12

2 teams plowed and I planted cotton after them.

Sunday  
13

Was at home. (Rain.)

Monday  
14

2 teams plowed during the morning and 1 team plowed in the afternoon and 1 team planted trees next to Hofman's and I planted trees in the garden in the morning.

Tuesday  
15

Planted another row of trees around the garden and around the year, and in the afternoon, put the fence around the pasture in order and put in the hog's rings and brought them inside the fence. 1 team plowed.

Wednesday  
16

Herman planted corn with another man and I rode to Peterson's. 1 team plowed.

Thursday  
17

Herman and I planted corn all day and 1 team plowed.

Friday  
18

Herman planted corn all day. I helped plant in the afternoon. The other team plowed.

Saturday  
19

I marked on the east side and 2 teams plowed.

Pentecost  
Sunday  
20

Rain.

Monday  
21

I marked on the other side and Herman planted. 1 team plowed. (Rissman was on a visit.)

Tuesday  
22

1 team plowed, Herman planted and I marked until noon and, in the afternoon, harrowed here.

Wednesday  
23

Herman planted until noon, I harrowed until noon. Heavy rain in the afternoon.

MONTH OF MAY

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Thursday  
24

Herman plowed the last of the corn land by noon, and planted in the afternoon. I hauled a load of hay from Reiley's in the morning and finished making the harrow in the afternoon. The old blind mare was bred by the stallion.

Friday  
25

I marked all day and Herman planted all day. Bauman helped plant corn in the afternoon. John came.

Saturday  
26

Herman and Bauman planted corn until noon and I finished marking by noon. Because of rain, planted 3 rows of cotton on the other side and then harrowed some.

Sunday  
27

Paul was home and took along both foals.

Monday  
28

Herman got through planting by noon and I harrowed until noon. Harrowed potatoes and plowed the fruit garden and Herman plowed in the afternoon. John went away. Adam Bauman borrowed 3 hurdles. Took the boar out of the pen.

Tuesday  
29

Herman harrowed the last of the corn by noon and broke on the 2 acres in the afternoon. I raked the fruit garden and planted melons and corn.

Wednesday  
30

Herman finished breaking, planted melons, then we brought over two loads of old wood from the other side. I plowed and harrowed the fire guard on this side.

Thursday  
31

Herman planted pumpkins along the fire guard cleaned out manure and chopped wood. I plowed land for cabbage, and planted beets, beans in the garden.

MONTH OF JUNE

Friday  
1

Drove to Norfolk with my wife and ground 8 bu. of wheat and rough-ground  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of barley. Herman cleaned out manure and cut out poles.

Saturday  
2

Herman dug fence post holes and I mixed the lime and hauled 39 posts to the other side. Rode to Machmuller's in the evening.

Sunday  
3

Rode from there to Julius' and home. Herman rode home.

Monday  
4

Herman made holes until noon and I rode to Korth's. Worked around the house on account of the rain.

Tuesday  
5

Herman took bark off of poles and I rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
6

Herman made holes all day. I hauled 50 poles to the other side. John came at noon and it started to rain heavily in the evening.

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MONTH OF JUNE

Thursday  
7

We had high water this morning. The young white cow had a calf in the evening.

Friday  
8

Still had high water.

Saturday  
9

Brought the fruit out of the granary.

Sunday  
10

Rode off after boards and fencing.

Monday  
11

Repaired the fence around the pasture again. John was sick  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
12

John got 10 bushels of corn from Kroger and Herman and I went and got boards and fencing.

Wednesday  
13

I drove to Norfolk and Blank's and brought back the Road Supervisor. John couldn't do anything.

Thursday  
14

Herman and I (put) the boat back in its place in the morning and cultivated corn in the afternoon. John was still sick.

Friday  
15

A hail storm at night.

Saturday  
16

Moved the barn back and fastened it. Herman cleaned out manure.

Sunday  
17

Was at home.

Monday  
18

Drove to Willow Creek with Herman. He began breaking sod.

Tuesday  
19

I drove to Norfolk. Herman broke sod.

Wednesday  
20

I drove to Norfolk with 10 bu. of wheat and left it at Machmuller. Returned to Blank's. Went to Rohrike's and took home some willow poles from L. Hekendorf's. The stallion bred the young mare.

Thursday  
21

I sacked 37 sacks of wheat. Herman came back from Willow Creek in the afternoon and then drove as far as Herman Brasch's with 3 teams. John did a little.

Friday  
22

Drove from there to Wisner, loaded up 27 thousand shingles and remained there.

Saturday  
23

Drove from there to Herman Brasch's and remained there because of the heavy rain.

Sunday  
24

Drove home from there with 900 feet of lumber in 3 wagons. Paul was at home taking care of John.

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MONTH OF JUNE

Monday  
25

Herman plowed for corn on the other side. I drove to Willow Creek with 3 horses and rode to Steinkrans'.

Tuesday  
26

Broke 2 more rows and then drove home. Herman plowed for corn.

Wednesday  
27

Herman plowed for corn. John cultivated here with one horse. I rode to Norfolk.

Thursday  
28

Herman plowed for corn on the east side. John plowed for corn on this side. I drove to Pierce with my wife and then to Norfolk and got some lumber and a corn plow.

Friday  
29

Herman plowed for corn, John plowed for corn with the new cultivator. I whitewashed.

Saturday  
30

Herman and John plowed corn. I cultivated in the garden.

Month of July.

Sunday  
1

Little Louise was christened.

Monday  
2

Herman and John plowed for corn and cut some grass.

Tuesday  
3

Herman plowed for corn and John and I hauled 61½ bu. of wheat to the Norfolk mill for Canes.

Wednesday  
4

Cut hay and hauled 3 loads home.

Thursday  
5

John and Herman plowed corn and I hauled 12 sacks of wheat to Rohrike's and then broke some sod on the other side.

Friday  
6

Herman plowed corn and John and I hauled 60½ bu. of wheat to the Norfolk mill and brought back lumber.

Saturday  
7

Herman and John plowed corn and I plowed another furrow for the trees on the hill and plowed some for turnips and planted turnips.

Sunday  
8

Was at home, sacked 37 sacks of wheat and drove as far as Herman Brasch's.

Monday  
9

Drove from there to Lenz', unloaded the wheat and brought along lumber from Norfolk. Hauled 5 loads of manure into the garden and Herman plowed corn.

Tuesday  
10

Herman and John plowed corn and I plowed some in the garden and sowed rape seed.

Wednesday  
11

Split poles and put on lumber in the morning on account of rain. Herman and John plowed corn and I penned up

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the 3 sows and changed the foals over.

THE  
Thursday  
12

Rode to Norfolk. John and Herman plowed.

Friday  
13

Herman and I drove to Wisner with 32 sacks of wheat and left 8 bu. of wheat at the mill. John was sick.

Saturday  
14

Brought Bruckenholz from Wisner to Norfolk. John plowed.

Sunday  
15

Sacked 19 sacks of wheat and drove to Julius' with two teams. Julius took 7 sacks to Wisner and I took 12 sacks to Wisner.

Monday  
16

Loaded up 1740 lb. of goods for Pilger and drove as far as Wilhelm Wagner's. Herman and John cultivated.

Tuesday  
17

Returning I brought along some lumber and wire from Norfolk. John and Herman plowed corn until noon, then because of the rain, did other work. I put the reaper together.

Wednesday  
18

Reaped rye until noon, then drove to Norfolk in the afternoon and had the reaper repaired. Brought back a load of lumber. Herman and John plowed corn.

Thursday  
19

Cut rye until noon then put up the bridge in the afternoon. Herman plowed corn.

Friday  
20

Finished putting up the bridge, both hired men helping.

Saturday  
21

Graded around the bridge until 9 o'clock then cut rye until evening. Herman plowed.

Sunday  
22

Paul was home, and, John and I graded around the bridge. Baumann brought 2 cows and 1 calf to the herd.

Monday  
23

Fritz Brasch, with his team, helped grade around the bridge all day. John and I also graded all day. Herman until noon and plowed corn in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
24

All worked on the bridge until noon, then cut rye. Herman plowed corn  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Wednesday  
25

All worked on the bridge until noon and cut rye. Herman plowed corn and I took the reaper to the other side.

Thursday  
26

Herman plowed corn on this side and I cut rye on the other side. Finished with the rye. W. Raabe brought one cow into the yard.

Friday  
27

Herman brought wood and wire from Norfolk, and took 4 bu. rye and 4 bu. of wheat to the mill and brought back 22 empty sacks.

Saturday  
28

Cut barley.

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MONTH OF JULY

Sunday  
29

I cut barley and my wife drove to Norfolk.

Monday  
30

Out around the wheat fields with the mower and stacked some rye in the afternoon. Rain storm at night.

Tuesday  
31

Rode to Pierce and fixed the fence around the hog pasture.

MONTH OF AUGUST

Wednesday  
1

Cut the last of the barley and the oats on the other side. Herman worked for Theodore  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Thursday  
2

Herman worked all day at Theodore's and I finished cutting oats.

Friday  
3

John drove to Norfolk and brought the rye flour, then I again drove to Norfolk and had something on the reaper fixed and then cut around the oats several times. John and Herman chopped wood.

Saturday  
4

Herman helped Theodore 1 day. I cut wheat on this side.

Sunday  
5

I cut the Mediterranean wheat.

Monday  
6

Herman helped Theodore, 1 day. I cut wheat on the hill.

Tuesday  
7

Herman helped Theodore, 1 day. Got through cutting on the hill at noon.

Wednesday  
8

Herman helped Theodore, 1 day. I cut the cornstalk wheat.

Thursday  
9

Herman sawed posts and I finished cutting the wheat.

Friday  
10

Herman helped Theodore  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. I cut the wheat on the other side.

Saturday  
11

Herman sawed posts and I finished cutting.

Sunday  
12

John drove to Dry Creek after Hally.

Monday  
13

Hally stacked the rye and wheat.

Tuesday  
14

Stacked wheat.

Wednesday  
15

Finished stacking on this side.

Thursday  
16

Stacked wheat on the other side.

Friday  
17

Stacked the same.

Saturday  
18

Finished stacking the same.

Sunday  
19

Paul was home and John herded.

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MONTH OF AUGUST

Monday  
20

Brought one load of barley over from the other side brought the machine home again and then threshed some feed oats and barley at Theodore's.

Tuesday  
21

Herman and John scraped by the bridge and I drove to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
22

Nailed the planks on the bridge, and Herman plowed 1 day and hauled 2 loads of hay.

Thursday  
23

Theodore Verges threshed all day.

Friday  
24

Theodore Verges threshed all day.

Saturday  
25

The same, threshed all day.

Sunday  
26

I rode to Norfolk.

Monday  
27

Herman plowed with 3 horses and John sawed posts in the afternoon. Hauled 3 loads of straw into the hog yard in the morning and cut some grass in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
28

Herman plowed all day and John sawed posts. I rode to Pierce and made arrangements for the threshing people. The first sow farrowed.

Wednesday  
29

Threshed all day.

Thursday  
30

Finished threshing at 10 o'clock then cut grass in the afternoon. Herman plowed.

Friday  
31

Herman plowed on the hill and my wife drove to Norfolk. I cut grass.

Month of September

Saturday  
1

Herman plowed here and John and I hauled 10 loads of hay.

Sunday  
2

Was at home.

Monday  
3

Hauled 8 loads of hay in the morning and in the afternoon Herman plowed and I cut grass.

Tuesday  
4

Herman plowed all day; John and I finished the road onto the bridge and then cut hay.

Wednesday  
5

Rode to Pierce in the forenoon on account of Mansky and stacked 9 loads of hay in the afternoon. Herman plowed in the morning.

Thursday  
6

Herman plowed all day and I cut grass on the other side and then rode to Pierce again.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Friday

7

Herman helped Rabe with threshing, 1 day, John plowed  $\frac{3}{4}$  day and then cut hay. I cut grass.

Saturday

8

Hauled a load of posts to the other side and set them. Herman helped Rabe another  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then plowed the last of the wheat stubble and the fire guard.

Sunday

9

Was at home.

Monday

10

Herman plowed and I drove to Norfolk and ground 6 bu. John also plowed.

Tuesday

11

Herman plowed and I cut grass.

Wednesday

12

Hauled 8 loads of hay.

Thursday

13

Hauled 4 loads of hay and John raked hay in the afternoon and Herman and I put the fence in order.

Friday

14

I drove to Norfolk and had 27 bu. of rye and barley rough-ground. Herman and John plowed.

Saturday

15

Hauled 11 loads of hay.

Sunday

16

Herman herded, and John and I drove to Hopfinger brought back 3 oaks.

Monday

17

I cut grass all day. Herman plowed and John dug a well by the hog yard.

Tuesday

18

Hauled 5 loads in the morning and 2 loads in the afternoon, John raked and I cut grass in the afternoon.

Wednesday

19

Hauled 9 loads of hay, John helped Mewis thresh  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Herman raked in the afternoon.

Thursday

20

I cut grass all day, below. Herman helped Mewis  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and plowed in the afternoon. John brought in 2 loads of hay in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Friday

21

Hauled 3 loads from the other side and one from this side. Herman plowed some and I cut grass,  $\frac{1}{4}$  day. John raked some.

Saturday

22

Hauled 8 loads of hay from Hofman's land and John raked hay again.

Sunday

23

My wife drove to Julius', I made 2 troughs and started feeding rough grind in the evening.

Monday

24

Stacked 4 loads of hay at the other house for Bjarmark, and stacked 4 loads of hay on the other side of the Creek. Then I cut some more grass and 2 teams fetched 2 loads of hay from Maurer's land.

Tuesday

25

Herman plowed for winter wheat. John sowed rye on this



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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Wednesday  
26

Herman finished plowing and John finished sowing the last of the rye on this side and started the first on the other side. I harrowed some more.

Thursday  
27

Little Pauline died about 1 o'clock, then my wife and I drove to Norfolk and rough-ground 6 bu. John sowed the last of the rye and Herman harrowed.

Friday  
28

I cut grass in the forenoon for Theodore's hay, Herman plowed all day and John finished harrowing corn. John and I fetched 2 loads of old wood from the barn, on the other side and John made the grave.

Saturday  
29

The little one was buried. Herman plowed all day and John raked some hay in the afternoon.

Sunday  
30

Put the machinery into the shed.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Monday  
1

Brought 3 loads of hay from Maurer's land, and stacked 4 loads of hay for me and 1 load for Theodore on the other side.

Tuesday  
2

Stacked 4 more loads of hay for Theodore and then rode to Norfolk. Herman plowed in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
3

Drove to Norfolk and 30 bu. rough-ground. Herman plowed.

Thursday  
4

I cut grass all day and Herman plowed. John went and got corn for the hogs, then he and Steinkrans drove away the steers.

Friday  
5

I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. of rye and 4 of wheat ground. John brought back some lumber and the winter wheat. Herman raked hay and fetched corn.

Saturday  
6

Stacked 10 more loads of hay for Theodore and harrowed the winter wheat.

Sunday  
7

Rode to Karth's and Neigenfind's.

Monday  
8

Herman plowed with 3 horses and John and I made a barn for the pigs and hauled hay to it.

Tuesday  
9

Herman plowed with 3 horses and John and I hauled straw to the barns.

Wednesday  
10

John and I cut slough grass for the barn and Herman plowed.

Thursday  
11

Herman and John cut more slough grass and I hauled 10 bu. to the mill for rough grinding and had the school closed.

Friday  
12

John and I, with 36 sacks of wheat in 2 loads, drove to

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Wisner and remained there. Herman husked corn for the hogs.

Saturday  
13

Left there with 1395 ft. of lumber. John stayed at Julius' and I at Brasch's.

Sunday  
14

Drove home from there. John herded the cattle and Paul had the day off.

Monday  
15

I drove to Norfolk and brought back the rough-ground and lumber. John and Herman husked corn in the morning and hauled manure from the old barn in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
16

Husked a load of corn on the east farm in the morning and hauled manure from the old barn in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
17

Hauled manure from the old barn all day. I also drove to Pierce and bought the steer from Cooper for  $11\frac{1}{2}$  dollars.

Thursday  
18

Drove down with 2 teams and got 2 loads of slough grass. It was rainy all day.

Friday  
19

Rain during the forenoon. John and I tore down the old corn crib on the other side in the afternoon and Herman plowed.

Saturday  
20

I plowed during the morning and John and Herman husked a load of corn on the other side. In the afternoon, Herman plowed and John and I fetched a load of slough grass. Rode to Fr. Lehman's in Norfolk in the evening.

Sunday  
21

Rode from there to Lehman senior's and Lew's and hired Lew's little boy for \$2.50 for herding cattle during November. Herman was home.

Monday  
22

Herman helped Grochow thresh, 1 day. John husked corn all day. I helped Aug. Schulz frame the barn.

Tuesday  
23

I drove to Norfolk and had 20 bu. rough-ground. Brought back the barrel of salt and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of potatoes from Julius'. Herman and John cut slough grass and brought along 1 load. Schulz worked on the barn.

Wednesday  
24

Herman and John fetched 2 loads of slough grass and husked a small box of corn in the afternoon. Aug. Schulz and I worked on the barn.

Thursday  
25

Saturday  
27

I worked on the barn with Schulz,  $\frac{1}{4}$  day. Herman and John cut some grass and brought home a load of slough grass. I drove to Pierce in the afternoon and brought along a steer from Cooper's. (Rain at night)

Sunday  
28

Everyone was at home. I butchered a hog.

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Month of October

Monday  
29

Schulz worked on the barn all day. I drove to Norfolk in the afternoon and fetched some lumber. Herman plowed all day and John got 3 loads of pumpkins and husked corn.

Tuesday  
30

Schulz worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Herman plowed and John husked corn until noon. In the afternoon we went and got 2 loads of slough grass.

Wednesday  
31

I drove to Norfolk and had 20 bu. rough-ground, John plowed, Herman husked corn. Schulz worked 1 day. I remained at Brasch's.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Thursday  
1

Schulz wasn't here. Paul Risman went home. I brought along Lew's youngster. John plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then husked corn.

Friday  
2

John and Herman plowed all day and I worked on the barn with Schulz.

Saturday  
3

John and Herman got through plowing on the other side during the morning and husked a small box of corn for the horses. Both husked corn for the hogs in the afternoon. Schulz and I nailed siding on the barn.

Sunday  
4

John was at Julius' and I was at home. It was very cold with a snow storm.

Monday  
5

John and Herman husked a small load of corn during the morning and plowed on the hill in the afternoon. I worked with Schulz  $\frac{1}{4}$  day nailing up the gable ends.

Tuesday  
6

John leveled the floor in the barn and Herman and I erected the framework upon the barn and hauled 1 load of willows.

Wednesday  
7

Husked 2 loads of corn. Snow weather all day.

Thursday  
8

Set the posts in and around the barn. Herman chopped wood and repaired the mangers in the barn.

Friday  
9

Hauled 3 loads of old hay and 3 loads of straw to the barn and hauled 2 loads of straw into the hog yard.

Saturday  
10

Herman and John husked a load of corn and I brought the floor and boards over from the old shanty. Helped both husk another load of corn in the afternoon. John went away.

Sunday  
11

I finished making the corn crib.

Monday  
12

Herman and I finished plowing the plat on the hill in the morning and in the afternoon plowed corn stubble.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sherer atarted husking corn at noon.

Tuesday  
13

My wife drove to Norfolk with 1 team and got the flour and had 10 bu. rough-ground. I leveled the barn and Herman finished plowing. Sherer husked corn. Machmuller came along in the evening.

Wednesday  
14

I nailed shut the gable ends of the barn. Machmuller put on lathes. Herman husked corn and Sherer husked.

Thursday  
15

I finished making the mangers in the barn. Herman tore out corn. Machmuller finished lathing the west side and Sherer husked corn.

Friday  
16

Tied the cattle in the new barn for the first time. I went and got 32 baskets of corn from the other side in the afternoon. Herman helped Riley thresh 1 day. Machmuller lather.

Saturday  
17

Hauled  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads of corn for the hogs during the forenoon and fetched 66 baskets of corn from the other side in the afternoon. Machmuller got through lathing at 2 o'clock Herman helped Riley thresh one more day. I took the boar out of the fence. My wife went to Julius' for the christening.

Sunday  
18

Cold rain all day. Herman went away.

Monday  
19

Brought the crib for the little foals into the barn and finished the hog barn for the sows.

Tuesday  
20

Broke out a load of corn here with Dien and then brought over 32 baskets from the other side. Sherer husked  $\frac{3}{4}$  day.

Wednesday  
21

Sherer husked corn and I fetched 33 baskets of corn.

Thursday  
22

Broke out a load of corn from this side. My wife drove to Norfolk with 24 bu. for rough grinding and brought back 11 sacks and 3 by. of potatoes from Julius' and 2 bundles of willows from old Machmuller.

Friday  
23

Broke out another  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads of corn here and thereby finished it.

Saturday  
24

Broke out  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads of corn on the other side.

Sunday  
25

Was at home.

Monday  
26

Rode to Gribenow's and broke out 1 box of corn.

Tuesday  
27

Wednesday  
28

Broke out 1 box of corn and fetched 20 baskets of Sherer's corn.

Thursday  
29

Blank.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Friday  
30

Was at Norfolk and had 10 bu. rough-ground.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Saturday

1

Broke out a box of corn.

Sunday

2

Was at home.

Monday

3

Broke out a load of corn and then rode to old Rohrike's.

Tuesday

4

Was at home. There was a snow storm. Could not water the stock.

Wednesday

5

Was at home. There was still a snow storm.

Thursday

6

Was at home and hauled 3 loads of straw to the hogs. Weather was bright. Leu came after his boy.

Friday

7

Husked 16 baskets of corn with a team.

Saturday

8

Husked 24 baskets of corn with a team and then rode to Pierce.

Monday

9

Husked 1 load of 22 bu. and 1 load of 18 bu. of corn with Winters' boys.

Tuesday

10

Husked 2 loads of 44 bu. of corn with the Winters boys.

Wednesday

12

Husked 2 loads of corn with the same.

Thursday

13

Husked 2 loads of corn with the same.

Friday

14

Husked 2 more loads of corn and finished. Then hauled 2 loads of straw to the hog yard and sacked a load of wheat.

Saturday

15

Took both boys home to Norfolk and had 10 bu. rough-ground.

Sunday

16

Rode to Norfolk again in the afternoon and stayed at Brasch's.

Monday

17

Rode from there to Waller's after the Yellow Banks and then home.

Tuesday

18

Drove to Norfolk again and had 6 bu. ground.

Wednesday

19

Was at home. Rode to Pierce.

Thursday

20

Was at home.

Friday

21

Rode to Norfolk.

Saturday

Was at home. Rain all day.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

- Sunday  
23 Was at home.
- Monday  
24 Cleaned manure out of the horse barns.
- Tuesday  
Christmas  
25 Bjarmarks were here for a visit. There was something of a drizzling rain.
- Wednesday  
26 Was at home. It was foggy and damp.
- Thursday  
27 Hauled 9 loads of manure from out of the cow barns onto the land. It was snowy and rainy.
- Friday  
28 Hauled 4 more loads of manure out of the cow barns.
- Saturday  
29 Rode to Pierce and traded Theodore Verges 2 mares for 4 steers and gave him \$35.00 in addition.
- Sunday  
30 Was at home. Theodore came after the old horses.
- Monday  
31 Drove to Norfolk and had 11 sacks rough-ground.

MONTH OF JANUARY

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- Tuesday  
1 Was at home. It was very cold.
- Wednesday  
2 Loaded up 16 sacks of wheat and drove as far as Herman Brasch's.
- Thursday  
3 Drove from there to Hamburg.
- Friday  
4 Drove from there to Wisner and again to Kohler's with coal and lumber.
- Saturday  
5 Drove home again. It was very cold.
- Sunday  
6 Was at home.
- Monday  
7 Was at home. Hired Edward Miller for \$170 for the entire year.
- Tuesday  
8 Sacked 18 sacks of wheat and drove to Herman Brasch's.
- Wednesday  
9 Drove from there to Layton's.
- Thursday  
10 Drove from there to Stanton with a load of corn and remained there.
- Friday  
11 Drove home from there. Mild weather.
- Saturday  
12 Bought a hog from Jacob Wagner and got 24 bu. of corn from him.

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MONTH OF JANUARY

Sunday  
13

Was at home and put the hay rack in order. Edward came toward evening.

Monday  
14

Drove to Norfolk and rough-ground 9 bu. and brought back 4½ bu. of potatoes from U. Seifert. Rode to Pierce.

Tuesday  
15

Brought the hogs to be butchered from the yard into the barn and hauled a load of straw into the yard and then drove to Pierce with my wife.

Wednesday  
16

Butchered 2 large and 2 small hogs for myself and 1 large one for Bjarmark. Rode to Pierce in the evening. Mild weather.

Thursday  
17

Made sausage all day. Warm weather.

Friday  
18

Rode to Norfolk and Klens'.

Saturday  
19

Hauled a load of straw into the yard and sacked two loads of wheat.

Sunday  
20

Drove to Brasch's with one team.

Monday  
21

Drove from there to Layton's with both teams. From there Cold.

Tuesday  
22

Drove to Wisner and back to Stanton. Very cold.

Wednesday  
23

Drove home from there with 2 loads of corn. Very cold.

Thursday  
24

Rode to Pierce and Gribenow's in the morning and then drove to Norfolk and stopped at Brasch's.

Friday  
25

Had 11 bu. rough-ground and drove home. Haase and Wachter came and got the black bull.

Saturday  
26

Butchered 4 hogs.

Sunday  
27

Hauled the hogs to Pierce and then rode to Gribenow's and Kohler's.

Monday  
28

Rode to Norfolk and Edward hauled the manure out of the cow barn.

Tuesday  
29

Made sausage again.

Wednesday  
30

Hauled some straw into the hog pen in the morning. Rode to Pierce and Gribenow's in the afternoon. Mild. The old cow had a calf.

Thursday  
31

Edward and I bored holes in the posts all day. Mild

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Friday  
1

Edward and I bored holes in the posts until noon, then

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- rode to Pierce.
- Saturday 2 Edward and I pulled wire through the posts.
- Sunday 3 Rode to Pierce and Gribenow's. Halley's cow had a calf.
- Monday 4 Drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. rough-ground and 10 bu. of rye and 4 bu. of wheat ground. Edward hauled straw onto the wheat.
- Tuesday 5 Finished the wire fence on the other side and also loaded up the hogs.
- Wednesday 6 Drove as far as Layton's with 15 hogs.
- Thursday 7 Drove to Wisner and sold the hogs and to Stanton.
- Friday 8 Drove home and again loaded 14 hogs. The red spotted Heifer had a calf.
- Saturday 9 Drove to Norfolk with the hogs and sold them. Very cold and clear.
- Sunday 10 Was at home. The short tail had a calf.
- Monday 11 Lay in bed on account of lumbago.
- Tuesday 12 Drove to Stanton with the last 6 hogs and back home again.
- Wednesday 13 Fixed the hog pen and pulled in the hog rings.
- Thursday 14 Put the hog barn in order and hauled old straw onto the wheat.
- Friday 15 Hauled straw onto the wheat until noon and then hauled some to the granary.
- Saturday 16 Drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. ground for me and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  for Bjarmark and had  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bu. rough-ground and took along the riding cultivator and brought along another one.
- Sunday 17 Was at home and sacked 16 sacks of wheat.
- Monday 18 Drove as far as Wisner and stayed there. The blue dapple heifer had a calf. Edward chopped some wood on the other side of the Creek and brought it home.
- Tuesday 19 Drove as far as Julius' with 476 ft. of lumber.
- Wednesday 20 From there, home and then to W. Dorning and stayed with Brasch.
- Thursday 21 Waited for Machmuller and stayed at Brasch's.
- Friday 22 Took Machmuller's tools home. Edward hauled manure.



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MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Saturday  
23

Cleaned 90 bu. of "five", 46 bu. of Mediterranean wheat, 26 bu. of barley and 60 bu. of oats.

Sunday  
24

Was at home and made the pigeon house.

Monday  
25

Edward took the fanning mill to Brasch's and then tore down the old barn. I cut roof boards until noon. Machmuller and I nailed roof boards on the barn in the afternoon.

Tuesday  
26

Edward finished clearing away the barn and Machmuller and I got through putting on roof boards at noon. Machmuller shingled the roof in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
27

Machmuller shingled and Edward finished clearing away the old barn.

Thursday  
28

Machmuller shingled and Edward hauled manure away from the old barn.

MONTH OF MARCH

Friday  
1

Machmuller couldn't work. Edward hauled manure from the old barn.

Saturday  
2

Machmuller couldn't do anything because of rain and snow. The blue dapple was in heat.

Sunday  
3

Drove to H. Brasch's with Machmuller. I stayed there.

Monday  
4

Took home  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of wheat bran.

Tuesday  
5

Fixed the fence around the yard and cleaned up the old wall.

Wednesday  
6

Hauled manure in the forenoon and rode to Pierce in the afternoon.

Thursday  
7

Machmuller worked 1 day. Edward hauled manure and I drove to Pierce and sold the bridge.

Friday  
8

Machmuller shingled all day. I rode to Rock Creek. Edward hauled manure.

Saturday  
9

Machmuller shingled. I rode as far as Henning's. Edward hauled manure.

Sunday  
10

Rode as far as Kischings.

Monday  
11

Machmuller shingled and I came home. Edward still hauled manure. Wichmann's heifer had a calf.

Tuesday  
12

Machmuller shingled and Edward and I sowed  $10\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of wheat.

Wednesday  
13

Machmuller shingled and Edward and I sowed 12 bu. of wheat

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and my wife went and got 8 bu. of wheat from Brasch and 6 bu. of potatoes from Julius'.

Thursday  
14

Machmuller shingled and I sowed 14½ bu. of wheat. Edward harrowed and cultivated 5 acres of stalks.

Friday  
15

Machmuller shingled, I sowed 14 bu. of wheat and Edward cultivated.

Saturday  
16

Machmuller shingled until 2 o'clock, Edward and I cultivated.

Sunday  
17

Was at home. Put the sows in with the boar.

Monday  
18

Cultivated corn stalks until noon and again plowed the stalks in the afternoon. Ninow's cow had a calf.

Tuesday  
19

Seeded 8 bu. of Russian wheat and 4½ bu of "fife" wheat on the other side and finished plowing the corn stalks.

Wednesday  
20

Sowed 20 bu of "fife" wheat and cultivated some of it in. Machmuller worked 1 day.

Thursday  
21

Sowed 11 bu. of "fife" wheat".

Friday  
22

Machmuller started on the ridge on the barn. Old man Schulz helped cultivate, one day. Edward cultivated and I sowed wheat all day.

Saturday  
23

Machmuller finished the ridge on one barn. Schultz and Edward cultivated on the 22 acres until noon and cultivated Warnek's land in the afternoon. I sowed all day.

Sunday  
24

Drove Machmuller as far as Fritz Haase's. The short tailed cow was in heat.

Monday  
25

I sowed the last 10½ bu. of wheat on Warnek's land. Schultz and Edward cultivated.

Tuesday  
26

Edward plowed for barley, Schulz cultivated and I sowed 12 bu. of oats.

Wednesday  
27

I sowed 6 bu. of oats, Edward and Schulz cultivated Warnek's land the second time. I broke down some stalks in the afternoon. The boar bred the first sow.

Thursday  
28

Schulz and I cultivated the 12 acres the second time and Edward broke stalks on Warnek's land.

Friday  
29

My wife drove to Norfolk and had the plows sharpened. Edward harrowed oats and could not do anything in the afternoon on account of snow. I finished nailing up the barn.

MONTH OF MARCH

1878

Saturday  
30

Rode to Breyer's and Pierce. Edward hauled manure from the barn and I worked on the hen house.

Sunday  
31

Was at Ostreich's and got the dog from Bandrok's.

MONTH OF APRILMonday  
1

Edward plowed for barley in the morning and broke corn stalke in the afternoon. I sowed 4 bu. of oats and went to the school meeting.

Tuesday  
2

I sowed 16 bu. of oats in the 8 acres on the hill. Edward plowed during the morning and broke stalks in the afternoon. I rode to Pierce.

Wednesday  
3

Edward broke the last of the stalks and the oats and I drove to Norfolk and Schroder's and got the sheep from Schroder and Sattler.

Thursday  
4

Edward and I with 2 teams plowed barley land all day.

Friday  
5

I sowed 10 bu. of barley, Edward plowed all day for barley. In the afternoon I drove to Aug. Raasch's and stayed at Julius'.

Saturday  
6

Edward finished plowing the barley land and I drove to Schroder's and bought three sheep and three lambs there.

Sunday  
7

Rode to Peterson's and Battle Creek.

Monday  
8

I sowed 10 bu. of barley and Edward broke stalks and harrowed the barley.

Tuesday  
9

Edward harrowed for a few hours and I planted rhubarb. A snow storm started about 10 o'clock.

Wednesday  
10

Edward shelled seed corn and I rode to Pierce.

Thursday  
11

Edward finished harrowing the barley and then plowed corn land. I finished the hen house and planted 5 rows of potatoes.

Friday  
12

Plowed corn land with 2 teams all day.

Saturday  
13

Plowed with 2 teams until noon. In the afternoon, Edward hauled manure and I drove to Norfolk.

Sunday  
14

Was at home.

Monday  
15

Plowed all day with 2 teams.

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MONTH OF APRIL

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Tuesday  
16

Edward plowed all day. I rode to Pierce in the morning and plowed with one team in the afternoon. The red dapple cow had a calf. Peterson arrived.

Wednesday  
17

Edward plowed in the morning and I rode to Pierce. Peter shelled corn. In the afternoon we couldn't do anything because of rain and storm. I rode to Pilger and stayed there.

Thursday  
18

Edward plowed all day and Peter shelled corn until noon and in the afternoon he and I burned off prairie. The little sow farrowed.

Good Friday  
19

Hauled the sheep to Behmer's, then drove to Norfolk and brought along the sheep from Dederman's. The black heifer had a calf in the evening.

Saturday  
20

Edward plowed all day and got through with Warnek's and the 20 acres. I marked for corn all day. Diene went home. Rain storm all night, The blue dapple heifer was in heat.

Sunday  
21

Was at home.

Monday  
22

Edward and I hauled the old hay and dirt from the yard. I also sowed the garden seed.

Tuesday  
23

Edward and Pet planted corn during the morning and I marked. Pet and I planted in the afternoon and Edward plowed.

Wednesday  
24

Pet and I planted all day. Edward plowed in the morning and sacked a load of wheat in the afternoon.

Thursday  
25

Drove to Wisner with 3 loads of wheat. Peter finished planting Warnek's corn. Adam Bauman helped with one horse.

Friday  
26

Drove home from Wisner with 3 loads of corn. At Stanton I bought both foxes. Peter spread manure.

Saturday  
27

Had the mule stallion gelded and unloaded the corn in the morning. Edward plowed with 3 horses in the afternoon and I burned off the last of the prairie.

Sunday  
28

Was at home. Fritz Ostreich was here for a visit. Took the boar away from the sows.

Monday  
29

Edward plowed corn land. I harrowed Warnek's corn.

Tuesday  
30

Edward plowed corn land. I finished harrowing Warnek's corn and then plowed some in the garden. Weaned Ninow's calf from the heifer in the evening.

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MONTH OF MAY

Wednesday

1

Edward plowed corn land and I marked  $12\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Peter planted in the afternoon.

Thursday

2

Edward and I plowed with 2 plows. Peter and James planted. I also drove to Pierce. Wichman's feifer was in heat.

Friday

3

Edward and Peter plowed and I drove to Willow Creek with James and planted trees with Tautenberg. The young white cow had a calf.

Saturday

4

Finished with the trees at noon and I marked in the afternoon. Edward and Peter plowed.

Sunday

5

Was at home.

Monday

6

Finished marking the plot on the other side. Edward plowed. Peter and James planted corn in the afternoon.

Tuesday

7

I drove to Wisner with 49  $\frac{4}{6}$  bu. of wheat. Edward plowed and Peter planted some in the garden.

Wednesday

8

I drove to Wisner with 34 bu. of corn. Edward plowed and James \_\_\_\_\_.

Thursday

9

I drove home from there. Edward plowed.

Friday

10

Edward and James hauled the manure from out of the barn and I marked corn land. Peter plowed. It froze.

Saturday

11

I marked until noon, Peter plowed. Edward and James hauled manure until noon. In the afternoon, James planted and Edward and I did some more plowing. It froze.

Sunday

12

Was at home. It froze very solid.

Monday

13

I marked until noon and Peter harrowed. James planted. Edward hauled manure. I left at noon and rode as far as Fritz Mack's.

Tuesday

14

Edward and James hauled manure. I went to Madison and back again to Fritz Mack's. Rain.

Wednesday

15

Edward and James hauled manure until noon and Peter herded. I drove 7 head of cattle as far as Julius'.

Thursday

16

Drove home from there by noon. Edward plowed. I helped Peter plow in the afternoon.

Friday

17

Washed the machinery because it rained. Also nailed down the boards in the threshold in the horse barn. The well maker came in the evening.

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MONTH OF MAY

Saturday  
18

Edward and Peter plowed. I helped fix the well. James herded.

Sunday  
19

Edward went to his brother's. James herded and I was at home.

Monday  
20

Edward has not returned yet. In the morning I helped clear the pump and in the afternoon marked the last on the other side. Peter plowed all day.

Tuesday  
21

James planted the last of the corn on the other side during the forenoon and then herded. Peter plowed the last of the corn land and I plowed in the potatoes and harrowed over the corn. Edward hasn't come home yet.

Wednesday  
22

James herded, Peter harrowed the corn land and I plowed out the furrows and plowed the fire guard and planted the last of the potatoes.

Thursday  
23

Peter harrowed corn land and I marked. James herded.

Friday  
24

James planted corn. Peter planted pumpkins along the fire guard and I went to Norfolk and had 6 bu. of wheat ground and 6 bu. rough-ground. Brought back 8bu. of wheat from Herman Brasch's. The red dapple cow, the white cow, Wishman's cow and a red heifer were in heat.

Saturday  
25

I plowed up the road on Wanek's land and plowed the garden. Peter planted beets and fixed the hog fence.

Sunday  
26

I was at home.

Monday  
27

Peter harrowed corn on the other side. I sowed beans and rode after Estel.

Tuesday  
28

Drove to Wisner with 2 teams and 74  $\frac{2}{3}$  bu. of wheat and atayed there.

Wednesday  
29

Drove home from there with some lumber.

Thursday  
30

Was at home. Rain during the night.

Friday  
31

James herded. Peter chapped some willows for a hedge and I drove to Creighton and stayed at the hotel.

MONTH OF JUNE

Saturday  
1

James went away. I went from Creighton to Carver's and got both the boys and drove to Burnham. Rain in the night.

Sunday  
2

Drove home from there.

Monday  
3

Loren cultivated corn.

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MONTH OF JUNE

Tuesday

The same cultivated. Thomas Moore came in the evening.

4 Wednesday

Thom hauled manure. Loren cultivated.

5 Thursday

Worked at home because of rain. Tore down the old hen house.

6

Friday

I drove to Norfolk. Thom and Loren chopped wood.

7 Saturday

Cultivated the trees around the yard and chopped wood. Leys heifer was in heat.

8

Pentecost

Sunday

I rode to Norfolk and back.

9

Monday

Loren cultivated. Thom hoed. Little Julie was christened. Fr. Mack came after the sheep.

10

Tuesday

I drove to Norfolk and took the self-binder to Pilger and brought back a load of corn from Lichtenberg's. Thom and Loren plowed corn.

11

Wednesday

Couldn't do anything on account of rain. Cleaned the reaper.

12

Thursday

Thom broke sod. Loren was ill all day.

13

Friday

Loren was ill  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Thom broke sod. Loren plowed corn in the afternoon. Peter made a hedge. The black heifer was in heat.

14

Saturday

Loren went away from here, Thom plowed corn. I made a partition.

15

Sunday

Thom was at home.

16

Monday

I hauled the reaper to Norfolk. Peter and Thom plowed corn. Mack's first heifer had a calf.

17

Tuesday

Thom--Peter and I myself plowed corn all day.

18

Thursday

I drove to Norfolk with my wife and had 6 bu. of wheat ground. Thom plowed corn and Peter herded.

20

Friday

Aug. Schulz worked here 1 day and fixed the barn door. Thom and Peter plowed corn.

21

Wednesday

Thom, Peter and I plowed corn in the morning. Rode to Pierce, because of rain, and did other work. The boy went home.

19

Saturday

Plowed corn until noon and then drove to Norfolk with 6 bu. of rye and 4 bu. of wheat. Thom. plowed corn.

22

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MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday  
23

Was at home. Sowed the Luzeri clover.

Monday  
24

Thom and I plowed corn. Heavy rain in the evening.

Tuesday  
25

Thom broke sod until noon and plowed corn in the afternoon. I rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday  
26

I plowed corn until noon. Thom plowed all day and Warren plowed in the afternoon. I cultivated the pumpkins.

Thursday  
27

Warren and Thom plowed corn. I cut grass until noon and then drove to Norfolk.

Friday  
28

Warike and Thom plowed corn.

Saturday  
29

Warike and Thom plowed corn. I drove to Norfolk and brought back the flour.

Sunday  
30

Was at home. Thom went home.

MONTH OF JULY

Monday  
1

The hired men plowed corn and I rode behind and in the afternoon I got 2 loads of hay and cut the fruit.

Tuesday  
2

The men plowed corn and I went to Wisner and Sheubels' and got the reaper.

Wednesday  
3

The men plowed corn and I came home.

Thursday  
4

Drove to Norfolk. Thomas went home.

Friday  
5

Thom did not come home until noon. Warovik plowed corn.

Saturday  
6

Thom and Warovik plowed corn and I cut grass for Jacob Wagner,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Jacob cultivated for me.

Sunday  
7

Thom rode home. Rain storm at night.

Monday  
8

I rode to Norfolk. Thom and Warivick hauled manure and shocked corn in the afternoon. Rain storm at night.

Tuesday  
9

Thom pulled weeds all day and Warik plowed corn in the afternoon. I went to Norfolk with my wife and had our pictures taken.

Wednesday  
10

Thom plowed corn and Warwike and I garded by the bridge.

Thursday  
11

Thom plowed corn in the morning and went away at noon. Warwike plowed corn all day and I cut grass in the afternoon.

Friday  
12

Tried the machine on the rye in the morning and cut around once. In the afternoon cut around only twice on account of the heat. Heat was 98°.



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MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday

23

Was at home. Sowed the Luzeri clover.

Monday

24

Thom and I plowed corn. Heavy rain in the evening.

Tuesday

25

Thom broke sod until noon and plowed corn in the afternoon. I rode to Norfolk.

Wednesday

26

I plowed corn until noon. Thom plowed all day and Warren plowed in the afternoon. I cultivated the pumpkins.

Thursday

27

Warren and Thom plowed corn. I cut grass until noon and then drove to Norfolk.

Friday

28

Warike and Thom plowed corn.

Saturday

29

Warike and Thom plowed corn. I drove to Norfolk and brought back the flour.

Sunday

30

Was at home. Thom went home.

MONTH OF JULY

Monday

1

The hired men plowed corn and I rode behind and in the afternoon I got 2 loads of hay and cut the fruit.

Tuesday

2

The men plowed corn and I went to Wisner and Sheubels' and got the reaper.

Wednesday

3

The men plowed corn and I came home.

Thursday

4

Drove to Norfolk. Thomas went home.

Friday

5

Thom did not come home until noon. Warovik plowed corn.

Saturday

6

Thom and Warovik plowed corn and I cut grass for Jacob Wagner,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Jacob cultivated for me.

Sunday

7

Thom rode home. Rain storm at night.

Monday

8

I rode to Norfolk. Thom and Warivick hauled manure and shocked corn in the afternoon. Rain storm at night.

Tuesday

9

Thom pulled weeds all day and Warik plowed corn in the afternoon. I went to Norfolk with my wife and had our pictures taken.

Wednesday

10

Thom plowed corn and Warwike and I garded by the bridge.

Thursday

11

Thom plowed corn in the morning and went away at noon. Warwike plowed corn all day and I cut grass in the afternoon.

Friday

12

Tried the machine on the rye in the morning and cut around once. In the afternoon cut around only twice on account of the heat. Heat was 98°.

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MONTH OF JULY

Saturday  
13

Warwike raked hay in the morning and I went to Norfolk and got two loads of hay in the afternoon. Heat was 107°.

Sunday  
14

Brought the water through into the yard. 109 degree heat.

Monday  
15

I started cutting rye and drove to Norfolk in the evening.

Tuesday  
16

Cut rye until noon. Did nothing in the afternoon because of rain. Mike Kenry came at noon.

Wednesday  
17

Warwike plowed until noon and I plowed in the garden and then went to Eberlings' and tried the reaper. Warwike drove to Norfolk in the afternoon.

Thursday  
18

Finished the rye on this side. Warwike helped me and Mike set up shocks.

Friday  
19

Cut the winter wheat and brought the reaper across the creek.

Saturday  
20

Cut the rye on the other side.

Sunday  
21

Started cutting barley.

Monday  
22

Mike went away. I cut the barley in swaths and Warwike set up barley and rye. Rain storm at night.

Tuesday  
23

I drove to Norfolk and brought the pump along and Warwike set up rye.

Wednesday  
24

No entry.

Thursday  
25

No entry.

Friday  
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No entry.

Saturday  
27

No entry.

Sunday  
28

No entry.

Monday  
29

No entry.

Tuesday  
30

No entry.

Wednesday  
31

No entry.

MONTH OF AUGUST

Thursday  
1

No entry.

Friday  
2

Finished cutting Mediterranean wheat. Holly came toward evening.

Saturday  
3

Holly and Pet stacked wheat.

MONTH OF AUGUST

1878

Sunday

Cut oats all day

Monday

Cut oats until noon, then started on Warneks wheat.  
Holly stacked.

Tuesday

Cut Warnek's wheat. Holly and Warwike stacked.

Wednesday

Finished cutting Warneks wheat. Holly set up.

Thursday

Reaped the last of the wheat in the morning. Halle stacked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and couldn't do anything because of heat. My wife drove to Pierce.

Friday

Halle couldn't do anything because of rain.

Saturday

Breyer and Aug. and Carl Schulz headed wheat all day. Halle helped.

Sunday

Warwike and I cut the last of the oats on the hill.

Monday

Warwike and Holly stacked Warnek's wheat by themselves in the morning and stacked the same with 2 teams in the afternoon.

Tuesday

Stacked Warnek's wheat with two teams.

Wednesday

Stacked Mediterranean with 2 teams in the morning and stacked Warnek's in the afternoon.

Thursday

Couldn't do anything in the morning because of rain. Stacked rye on the other side in the afternoon.

Friday

Finished stacking the loose Mediterranean wheat.

Saturday

Stacked oats on the hill in the morning. Stacked rye here in the afternoon.

Sunday

My wife drove to Gribenow's to see about a mower.

Monday

Stacked oats on the hill with 2 teams.

Tuesday

Stacked rye and wheat with 2 teams.

Wednesday

Stacked wheat and oats with 2 teams. Hanermann helped one day.

Thursday

Stacked the last oats and winter wheat with 2 teams. Hanermann and old Buchann helped one day.

Friday

Buchann 1 day. Stacked with 2 teams.

Saturday

Buchann 1 day. Finished stacking with 2 teams by noon.

Sunday

No entry.

Monday

Raked the barley together and I got 10 bu. of corn from Lichtenberg at 25 cents.

Tuesday

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Thursday

MONTH OF AUGUST

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Tuesday  
27

Stacked barley with 1 team all day. Theodore brought 2 sacks of wheat for me and 3 sacks for himself.

Wednesday  
28

Stacked barley all day, with one team.

Thursday  
29

Stacked barley with team.

Friday  
30

Stacked barley with 2 teams. Hecht came, 1 day's work Hecht started plowing in the afternoon. Warike raked hay.

Saturday  
31

Hecht plowed and Warike took 1 load of hay to the barn and stacked 4 loads, then cut grass.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Sunday  
1

(Entries starting here are in a different handwriting than those preceeding)

Mark drove to Wisner.

Monday  
2

Ace cleaned out the barn and Hecht plowed. Warike came home with some lumber.

Tuesday  
3

McKey worked one day on the barn. Warke cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Ace plowed as did Hecht.

Wednesday  
4

McKey worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. The old man worked today. Hecht plowed, one day and I drove to Norfolk.

Thursday  
5

The old man was sick. Hecht and Warike hauled hay. It rained hard in the afternoon.

Friday  
6

The old man sick. Hecht plowed and so did Warik. It rained.

Saturday  
7

The old man worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Warik cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and Hecht plowed.

Sunday  
8

Mrs. Drove to Oestreich's and stayed over night at Bedirung because of rain.

Monday  
9

The old man worked one day. Wark cut grass.

Tuesday  
10

The old man worked one day. Wark cut and piled grass. Had our first frost.

Wednesday  
11

The old man worked. Wark cut grass on the hill. Another heavy frost.

Thursday  
12

The old man worked. McKey helped, one day. A. Bauman, with his team, but grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Karl Louis cut hay and Warke stacked.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Friday  
13

The old man worked one day. McKey worked one day, and Wark hauled hay, one day. Mrs. Drove to Oestreichs and got the steer. Baumann hauled hay with his team.

Saturday  
14

The old man, one day. McKey helped with the hay, one day. Got 30 bu. of oats from Bauman.

Sunday  
15

The old man and Warike drove to Norfolk.

Monday  
16

The old man worked one day. Hauled 4 loads of hay to the barn. (This is in the original handwriting).

Tuesday  
17

The old man and McKey worked one day. Hauled a sack of wheat to Oestreich's in the afternoon.

Wednesday  
18

The old man worked one day. Warike out grass.

Thursday  
19

The old man worked one day. Wark cut grass. I drove to Norfolk and brought back the flour from Oestreich's.

Friday  
20

Wark and the old man plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, raked hay in the afternoon.

Saturday  
21

The old man and Wark raked hay.

Sunday  
22

The old man herded cattle,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Wark went to Bauman's and got 12 bu. of rye.

Monday  
23

Hauled hay. The old man worked 1 day.

Tuesday  
24

No entry.  
(Entries starting here are in the original handwriting, presumably that of Verges himself)

Wednesday  
25

The old man, 1 days work, plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day, hauled hay  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Plowed up potatoes.

Thursday  
26

The old man worked 1 day. Got the last of the hay from the bluffs and plowed up some potatoes.

Friday  
27

Got 2 more loads of hay. The old man worked 1 day.

Saturday  
28

Warike drove to Wisner and got some lumber. The old man chopped wood and husked corn.

Sunday  
29

Warik came back home. Mine went home

Monday  
30

Warik sowed  $6\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of rye and the old man harrowed.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Tuesday  
1

Gathered the last of the pumpkins and husked some corn for the horses.

Wednesday

The old man husked corn all day for the hogs and Warik rode to Jackson's to thresh.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER

Thursday  
3

My wife drove to Norfolk and the old man and Warik raked hay on the other side.

Friday  
4

Warik rode to W. Schulz' and the old man went and got some hay and willow bushes. In the afternoon both husked corn at the other house.

Saturday  
5

The old man plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and Warik fixed the hoe handles.

Sunday  
6

My wife drove to Magedanz and Pierce.

Monday  
7

McKey worked on the corn crib. The old man worked one day.

Tuesday  
8

McKey worked on the corn crib until 10 o'clock. The old man worked 1 day on the same.

Wednesday  
9

The old man worked 1 day.

Thursday  
10

The old man worked one day.

Friday  
11

The old man was sick.

Saturday  
12

The old man worked 1 day.

Sunday  
13

Warike and I were at Pierce, Reiley's and Magedanz'.

Monday  
14

The old man worked 1 day.

Tuesday  
15

The old man worked 1 day. Warik and I butchered a hog.

Wednesday  
16

The old man plowed. I also plowed. Warik did not work and went to Pierce.

Thursday  
17

The old man and Warik husked corn. I herded cattle and my wife went to Norfolk with 3 plows.

Friday  
18

The old man, Warik and I myself plowed all day.

Saturday  
19

The old man, Warik and I myself plowed all day.

Sunday  
20

I rode to Reiley's.

Monday  
21

Threshed all day.

Tuesday  
22

Threshed all day.

Wednesday  
23

Threshed all day.

Thursday  
24

Threshed all day,

Friday  
25

Threshed all day.

Saturday  
26

Threshed until 2 o'clock.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday

27

Rode to Riley's and Seifert's.

Monday

28

Threshed all day.

Tuesday

29

Rode to Pierce. Warik and the old man husked corn.

Wednesday

30

Drove to John Bak's because of the youngsters. Warik plowed.

Thursday

31

To Schroder's because the youngsters. Warik plowed. Leu came after Dienne.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Friday

1

Carl Bosse white washed the house. Warik plowed.

Saturday

2

Carl Bosse fixed the chimney. Warik plowed.

Sunday

3

My wife and I drove to Streich's and got Minne

Monday

4

Warik plowed.

Tuesday

5

Drove to the election in the morning and then Warik plowed.

Wednesday

6

Warik plowed the last of the 20 acres. My wife drove to Norfolk. Hecht started husking corn.

Thursday

7

Hecht husked corn and Warik plowed.

Friday

8

Hecht husked and Warik plowed.

Saturday

9

Hecht husked and Warik plowed. Somewhat cold and rainy.

Sunday

10

Was at home.

Monday

11

Hauled dirt around the house, fixed the cribs in the calf barn and fixed the fence next to Hofmann's.

Tuesday

12

Husked a load of corn for the hogs, then rode to Riley's. Hecht husked corn again.

Wednesday

13

Hecht husked and Warik plowed on the 40 acres.

Thursday

14

Hecht husked and Warik finished plowing.

Friday

15

Hecht husked and Warik plowed the fireguard along the creek and then got 2 loads or 44 bu. of corn from Warik's land. I fixed the cribs in the horse barn. Husked on Warik's land until 2 o'clock.

Saturday

16

Got 5 loads of corn from Warik's land and 1 load from mine.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sunday

17

Was at home.

Monday

18

Butchered a hog and Warik plowed up the road. Hecht husked  $\frac{7}{8}$  day.

Tuesday

19

Warik planted  $3\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of rye in the road and I went and got 2 loads of hay. Hecht got 2 loads of corn from Warik's land. We sacked 36 sacks of wheat for Columbus and 3 sacks for the mill.

Wednesday

20

Hecht husked corn and I, after taking the 3 sacks of wheat at the mill, drove as far as Brown's with 2 teams and 36 sacks of wheat.

Thursday

21

Drove from there to Columbus and back with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of coal. Hecht husked.

Friday

22

Drove home from there. Hecht husked.

Saturday

23

Warik got 4 loads (88 bu.) of corn from the other side. Hecht husked.

Sunday

24

Was at home. It was very cold.

Monday

25

Set the posts around the hay and brought up the fence hurdles, and then got 3 loads of corn from my land.

Tuesday

26

Hecht husked corn in the afternoon and Warik and I put the fence around the hay and hauled manure to the hog barn.

Wednesday

27

Warik and I finished the shed and then husked some corn. Hecht brought over 1 load of corn.

Thursday

28

Hecht brought over 2 loads of corn from the other side and Warik and I put hay and straw on the shed and barn and husked some corn.

Friday

29

Hecht husked 1 load of corn the last from the other side, and 1 load from here. Warik and I husked 1 load, and along with Ostreich broke sod along the road.

Saturday

30

Hecht husked 2 loads of corn. Warik and I husked 1 load.

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Sunday

1

I was at home. Braun's foal went away.

Monday

2

Hecht husked one load of corn and Warik and I husked 1 load.

Tuesday

3

Hecht husked one load and 7 bu. Warik and I husked a small load and then loaded up 7 hogs.



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MONTH OF BECEMBER

Wednesday

4

I drove to Wisner and Warik hauled manure from out of the barn.

Thursday

5

Drove home from Wisner and again loaded up 7 hogs.

Friday

6

I drove to Wisner and Warik hauled manure out of the yard.

Saturday

7

Drove home again.

Sunday

8

We had the first snow.

Monday

9

My wife drove to Norfolk and had 12 bu. rough-ground.

Tuesday

10

I fixed the roof on the crib and also the mangers in the east barn. Halle's cow had a calf.

Wednesday

11

Finished with roof on the crib and changed around the hog yards.

Thursday

12

Got 3 loads of hay from the other side. The red dapple cow from Dry Creek had a calf.

Friday

13

Brought over 2 more loads of hay and put some manure on the beets.

Saturday

14

Put the machinery under cover and did various tasks.

Sunday

15

Was at home.

Monday

16

No entry.

Tuesday

17

No entry.

Wednesday

18

No entry.

Thursday

19

No entry.

Friday

20

My wife drove to Norfolk and had 10 bu. rough-ground.

Saturday

21

Very cold.

Sunday

22

Very cold.

Monday

23

Chopped some willows along the creek.

Tuesday

24

Still very cold.

Wednesday

25

Was at home. Minn went home.

Thursday

26

A spring calf died this evening.

Friday

27

The boar bred both the big sows.

Saturday

28

The spotted heifer and the brown steer died. Warik cut down bushes.

Sunday

29

Was at home.

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MONTH OF DECEMBER

Monday

30

Warik cut bushes.

Tuesday

31

Warik cut bushes. The red steer died.

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MONTH OF JANUARY

Wednesday

1

Was at home. It was very cold, 18 degrees below zero in the evening.

Thursday

2

It was 30 degrees below zero this morning. I butchered the yearling steer in the afternoon.

Friday

3

It was 35 degrees below zero. Shelled seed corn.

Saturday

4

Cut plum brush along the creek.

Sunday

5

Drove to Pierce with Warik.

Monday

6

Cut plum brush along the creek.

Tuesday

7

The same--with Warik.

Wednesday

8

Warik brought over 2 loads of chopped wood. I butchered another 1½ year old steer.

Thursday

9

Warik was sick and couldn't work and I did the chores. The boar bred the little sow,

Friday

10

My wife drove to Norfolk had 7 sacks rough-ground and left 6 bu. at the mill to be ground. The big heifer had a calf in the field but died in the evening.

Saturday

11

Got 3 loads of willows from the other side.

Sunday

12

Rode to Raabe's. The weather was mild. Sacked 22 sacks of wheat.

Monday

13

Warik drove to Wisner with 42 1/3 bu. of wheat.

Tuesday

14

He came back from there and brought along the flour from Norfolk.

Wednesday

15

Got a few loads of willows from the creek.

Thursday

16

Warik chopped bushes along the creek.

Friday

17

Warik hauled manure from out of the cow barn.

Saturday

18

Warik hauled the last of the manure out of the cow barn.

Sunday

19

My wife and I were at Ostreich's.

Monday

20

Hauled 3 loads of willows from the creek.

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MONTH OF MARCH

Tuesday

4

Drove to Norfolk. Warik harrowed the 10 acres of wheat. The all-red heifer and the old white cow had calves.

Wednesday

5

I sowed 10 bu. of Odessa wheat. Warik hauled manure. Ninow's cow had a calf.

Thursday

6

I sowed 11 bu. of Odessa wheat. Warik finished harrowing the 20 acres. I castrated the 3 bulls.

Friday

7

I sowed 10 bu. of fife (?) wheat in the 8 acres on the bluffs and Warik harrowed on the other side and on the bluffs.

Saturday

8

I drove to Norfolk and Warik finished harrowing the 8 acres on the bluffs.

Sunday

9

Warik and I got 10 hogs from Rudolph Bauman, then drove to Pierce and Riley's with my wife.

Monday

10

I sowed 8 bu. of Mediterranean wheat in the ten acres of corn stalks and Warik cultivated.

Tuesday

11

I sowed 9½ bu. of Mediterranean wheat in the corn stalks and Warik cultivated.

Wednesday

12

I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. of barley and oats rough ground. Warik harrowed the cornstalks.

Thursday

13

Warik finished harrowing the corn stalks and I sowed 2 bu. of oats. Couldn't do anything in the field in the afternoon on account of snow storm and cleaned oats and wheat.

Friday

14

Warik cut bushes along the creek. I cut out trees.

Saturday

15

I rode to Hecht's and Pierce and Warik hauled manure out of the big barn.

Sunday

16

Cold and snow. Was at home.

Monday

17

Warik cut bushes. Gardner's heifer had a calf.

Tuesday

18

Warik cut bushes. I hung the meat in the smoker.

Wednesday

19

Warik cut bushes. I cleaned the hen house.

Thursday

20

I drove to Norfolk and Warik cleaned the other barns.

Friday

21

Brought two loads of chopped wood from the creek. It snowed.

Saturday

22

Got two loads of hay from Carl Korth's. Brought 1 load of willows from the Creek.

1879

MONTH OF MARCH

Sunday  
23

My wife and I were at Julius'.

Monday  
24

I drove to Norfolk. Warik hauled manure.

Tuesday  
25

I rode to Willow Creek with Warik and looked at land. Towards evening I got a small load of hay from Korth. Wilhelm came at noon and chopped wood.

Wednesday  
26

Warik plowed under oats and I sowed oats. Wilhelm harrowed and brought the beets into the shed. Brasch's boys stayed here.

Thursday  
27

I sowed 13 bu. of fife wheat on Warik's land. Warik plowed under oats and Wilhelm chopped wood.

Friday  
28

I sowed Warik's plowed land in wheat. Wilhelm harrowed in the afternoon. Warik planted oats in the stalks.

Saturday  
29

Warik finished planting the oats. Wilhelm finished harrowing the wheat land and harrowed some of the oats. The black cow had a calf.

Sunday  
30

I drove to Miller's with Hofman and hired the boy for \$50.00 from Ap. 15th to Oct. 31st. The dog died.

Monday  
31

Warik harrowed the oat field and plowed the barley field. Wilhelm plowed both fire guards along the road and then cut bushes along the creek. I went to Norfolk with my wife and brought back a dog from Bundrock's.

MONTH OF APRIL

Tuesday  
1

I sowed 16 bu. of "fife" in Warik's stalks and Warik and Wilhelm cultivated.

Wednesday  
2

I sowed 6 bu. of "fife" in Warik's stalks. Wilhelm harrowed and Warik cultivated. In the afternoon I sowed 6 bu. of "fife" in the 30 acres.

Thursday  
3

Wilhelm finished harrowing the stalks, Warik cultivated on the 30 acres and I sowed 9 bu. of barley and then 8 bu. of "fife" on the 30 acres.

Friday  
4

I sowed 6 bu. of barley in the rye. Warik cultivated the wheat in the stalks. I then sowed 6 acres of oats on the other side. Wilhelm harrowed.

Saturday  
5

Sowed wheat until noon then rode to Kuhl's. Warik cultivated and Wilh. harrowed.

Sunday  
6

I rode to Miller's with Hofman and hired the boy.

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MONTH OF APRIL

- Monday  
7 Finished sowing wheat at noon, then went to the school meeting, then sowed the last of the oats at the other house. Wilhelm harrowed and Warik cultivated.
- Tuesday  
8 Warik finished cultivating and I drove to Norfolk and had the plows sharpened. Wilhelm finished harrowing.
- Wednesday  
9 I sowed timothy and clover and planted the gooseberries and currants. Warik cleaned the manure out of the barn. Wilhelm helped plant.
- Thursday  
10 It was rainy. Wilhelm was sick and Warick didn't work. I plowed furrows on Warik's land and planted a row of potatoes.
- Friday  
11 Chopped and hauled home a load of willows. Warik harrowed the last of the oats. I rode to McClary's at Norfolk in the afternoon. Miene (?) went home. Ley's cow had a calf.
- Saturday  
12 Warik hauled manure from the cow barns to the garden. I planted some more gooseberries and one row of potatoes.
- Easter  
Sunday  
13 I rode to Reedy's.
- Monday  
14 I drove to Norfolk, Light's, Kohn's and brought along Emil's trunk. Warik hauled manure out of the barn.
- Tuesday  
15 Warik and I cleaned and loaded 40 sacks of wheat. Hecht came in the evening.
- Wednesday  
16 I drove to Wisner with Warik. Wilhelm plowed for corn. Emil came toward evening.
- Thursday  
17 We went from Wisner to Norfolk with a load, then drove home. Emil plowed and Hecht chopped wood. One of the small sows farrowed.
- Friday  
18 Emil plowed, Warik hauled manure and I went to Muller's and got the boy and was in Pierce. Hoffmān's bull bred Wichman's cow.
- Saturday  
19 I drove to Norfolk. Warik plowed and Emil worked in the garden. Planted "peats"
- Sunday  
20 I sacked 18 sacks of wheat and drove to Brasch's. Rain storm at night.
- Monday  
21 Drove home again and then rode to Pierce. Emil hauled manure. Warik plowed. Steinkraus bought Warik's mule.
- Tuesday  
22 I made the hedge. Warik plowed.
- Wednesday  
23 I rode to Kuhl's. Warik plowed corn land and Emil

hauled manure. The first big sow had 11 pigs, (Several black striped). I drove as far as Brasch's.

Thursday

24

I drove to Wisnes with 18 sacks of wheat and back as far as Scheubl's. Warik plowed and Emil hauled manure.

Friday

25

Drove home from there bringing along a cow from Stanton. Warik plowed and Emil hauled manure. The other big sow had ten white pigs.

Saturday

26

Warik and Emil plowed and I was at Pierce and the school meeting. We planted 4 rows of "Early rose" potatoes and set out the seed beets.

Sunday

27

Emil was in Norfolk. I castrated 7 calves and rode to Pierce in the evening.

Monday

28

I first went to Pierce, then rode to Fritz Wichman's. Warik and Emil plowed corn land on the other side.

Tuesday

29

No entry.

Wednesday

30

No entry.

## MONTH OF MAY

Thursday

1

I drove to Norfolk. Emil planted potatoes in the garden. Warik plowed.

Friday

2

I marked corn land and Emil planted potatoes in the afternoon. Warik plowed.

Saturday

3

Emil planted, Warik plowed. I fixed the roller at home. The other little sow had 8 pigs.

Sunday

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I was at home.

Monday

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I drove to Norfolk. Emil finished planting the patch of corn and Warik plowed.

Tuesday

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Warik plowed the land around the other house and Emil rolled. I marked during the forenoon and rode to Hamlin in the afternoon.

Wednesday

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I marked corn land and Emil planted in the afternoon. Warik plowed until noon noon and greased the machinery in the afternoon.

Thursday

8

Emil planted. Warik plowed and I rode to Norfolk and Kohn's. Rain at night.

Friday

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No entry.

Saturday

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No entry.

Sunday

11

Rode to Norfolk with Weikof and stayed at Schwerkfeger's.

Monday

12

Warik plowed and Emil planted and I came back from Norfolk.

Tuesday

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Warik and Emil didn't plow until afternoon because of rain. I rode to Norfolk

Wednesday

14

Warik plowed and Emil planted. I came home from Norfolk.

MONTH OF MAY

Thursday  
I marked, Warik plowed and Emil planted.

Friday  
I marked during the forenoon, then drove to Brasch's taking the foal along. Warik plowed and Emil planted.

Saturday  
I marked, Warik plowed and Emil planted. Came home from Norfolk at noon and rode along to Julius's in the evening.

Sunday  
I came home from Julius', then drove to Pierce with my wife.

Monday  
I marked during the forenoon and set posts around the hog pasture in the afternoon. Warik plowed cornstalks all day. Emil planted  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Tuesday  
Warik plowed. Emil planted, I marked.

Wednesday  
I marked, Warik plowed and cultivated for corn. Emil planted.

Thursday  
I rode to Norfolk. Warik and Emil plowed cornstalks and wheat for corn.

Friday  
Emil planted; I marked and Warik plowed.

Saturday  
I drove to Norfolk and Emil finished planting the 10 acres. Warik plowed in some oats along the fence then cultivated for corn.

Sunday  
Rode to Brasch's in the evening.

Monday  
Rode home again and marked. Warik and Emil cultivated.

Tuesday  
I marked, Warik cultivated and Emil planted. Rode to Brasch's in the evening.

Wednesday  
At home. Rode to Julius' and Winter's. Emil finished planting the 15 acres and Warik plowed up wheat land.

Thursday  
Warik and Emil plowed and I marked on the other side.

Friday  
Warik and I continued plowing and Emil planted 10 acres of corn. Thunder storm toward evening.

Saturday  
Emil and I finished the fence around the hog pasture and fenced off the pigs. Warik plowed in the afternoon.

MONTH OF JUNE

Monday  
I was at home.

Tuesday  
I marked the unplowed cornstalks and Emil planted. Warik plowed the fire guard.

Wednesday  
I drove to Norfolk with my wife and also to Yellow Banks. Warik cultivated corn and Emil planted.

Thursday  
Warik and I cultivated the corn on Warik's land. Emil planted.

Friday  
Warik and Emil finished the field by noon and then began on this side.

MONTH OF JUNE

I planted peas, beans and cucumbers.

I rode to Yellow Banks and Norfolk. Emil and Warik cultivated.

I harrowed. Emil and Warik cultivated.

I was at home.

Emil and Warik plowed corn. I harrowed until noon, then rode to Yellow Banks and stayed there. Put the bull in the herd. The short tail was in heat.

Rode from there to Norfolk and home. Warik and Emil plowed corn. Wichman's cow was in heat.

Emil and Warik cultivated the 18 acres here for the second time. I planted pumpkins along the fireguard. The white backed cow was in heat.

Warik broke sod around the yard and the fireguard around the 40 acres. Emil planted pumpkins all day. I rode to Pierce. The white face cow and Ninow's cow were in heat.

Ley's cow was in heat. I rode to Norfolk staying at Branch's. Emil and Warik plowed wheat land.

Emil and Warik plowed wheat land. I rode to Yellow Banks and brought back and planted cabbage and tobacco plants. Lott's was in heat.

I drove to Willow Creek with Warik and looked over the timber claim. The heifer and Ley's cow were in heat.

Emil and Warik plowed corn. I butchered and salted down the yearling heifer. The white cow was in heat.

Emil and Warik cultivated corn. I drove to Norfolk. The little red heifer was in heat.

Emil and Warik cultivated. I sowed turnips and beets. The cow from pilger with the star on her forehead had a calf.

Emil and Warik cultivated. I plowed wheat land until noon. The blue dapple cow was in heat. A red heifer was in heat.

Emil and Warik plowed wheat land. I drove to Norfolk and brought back Minn Winter.

I rode to Pierce. Emil and Warik plowed whatland. Gardner's heifer and the yearling with the small white stripe on the back were in heat.

I drove to Cestreich's with my wife and then rode to Olney's.

Warik and I plowed wheat land. Emil plowed corn.

Emil and Warik plowed wheat land. I rode to Norfolk. The other red heifer and the spotted yearling were in heat. Mak's red cow had a calf.



MONTH OF JUNE

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Emil and Warik plowed corn. I plowed wheat land until noon, then cut some grass and then drove to Pierce, and took Theodore the 3 sacks of wheat.

Emil and Warik cultivated corn. I rode to Wilhelm's and stayed there.

Emil and Warik cultivated until noon then they plowed wheat land. I stayed at Wilhelm's. The black cow was in heat.

Emil and Warik plowed until noon, then got 2 loads of hay and cultivated a little. I returned from Wilhelm's toward evening.

Warik herded--I was at home.

Drove to Wilhelm's and Norfolk and had 6 bu. rough-ground. Warik and Emil plowed wheatland.

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Emil and Warik cultivated.

Emil and Warik Cultivated.

I drove to Norfolk and Emil and Warik cultivated.

Warik cultivated and Emil went to Norfolk. I cleaned out the horse barn.

Emil didn't come back home until noon and cultivated in the afternoon. Warik cultivated all day. I white-washed the horse barn, and then drove to Pierce. The horses had strayed.

I was at home.

I drove to Wisner with 3 teams and loaded up 1150 feet and 1050 feet totaling 2200 feet of lumber for Wecker. Emil cultivated.

Drove home from Wisner. Emil cultivated. The blue dapple cow was in heat.

Emil and Warik cultivated in the afternoon. I drove to Pierce.

Emil and Warik cultivated. My wife and I went to Norfolk. Gardner's heifer, the other red heifer and the white face cow were in heat.

Emil cultivated. I drove to Pierce with Warik and had the timber claim deeded over to Warik. I drove to Willow Creek in the afternoon.

Emil and Warik cultivated. I was at the election.

I was at home.

Emil and Warik cultivated. I drove to Norfolk and brought back some wire. A thunder storm and rain.

Emil cleaned the big barn. Warik and I cleaned wheat and painted the barn in the afternoon.

MONTH OF JULY

1879

Wednesday

Emil and Warik cultivated and plowed. I rode to Pierce and Bauman's.

16 Thursday

Emil and Warik cultivated and I painted the barn.

17 Friday

Emil and Warik cultivated and I painted the barn.

18 Saturday

Emil and Warik cultivated and I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. rough-ground and rode to Schwertfeger's in the evening and stayed over night.

19 Sunday

Rode home from there. Rain in the evening.

Monday

Warik and I took the reaper over the creek and began cutting oats at noon. Emil cultivated corn.

20 Tuesday

Finished with the oats on the other side, in the evening. Emil cultivated.

21 Wednesday

Brought the reaper back over the creek and started cutting oats. Emil cultivated.

22 Thursday

Finished cutting oats in the evening. Emil cultivated.

23 Friday

I cut barley. Emil finished cultivating at noon and straightened up the old barn on the east side in the afternoon. Warik cut weeds.

24 Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and got 6 hogs from Fritz. Emil continued straightening up the barn and Warik cut weeds.

25 Sunday

Emil headed and Herman was at home.

26 Monday

Warik and I cut wheat on the 40 acres. Emil plowed.

27 Tuesday

I got through cutting wheat at noon. Emil plowed until noon. I cut grass in the afternoon. Warik and Emil stacked the barley.

28 Wednesday

Warik and Emil stacked barley. I raked hay.

29 Thursday

Stacked barley then brought two loads of hay to the barn for the horses. I also raked hay by the house.

30 Friday

MONTH OF AUGUST

1 Saturday

Hauled oats from the other side with 2 teams and stacked it.

2 Sunday

Warik and I drove to Norfolk. Emil hauled the wood over from the old shanty.

3 Monday

Warik and I first drove to Pierce and brought sand and lime to Sharrak's. I then drove to W. Raabes and got 10 pigs. The boar was among the hogs, one night.

4 Tuesday

Warik and Emil brought the hay from the yard to the shed in the morning and stacked wheat in the afternoon. I cut grass all day.

5 Wednesday

Emil plowed fire guard. Warik and I stacked the last of the wheat on the 40 acres. In the afternoon, Emil and Warik stacked oats and I plowed for winter wheat. One of the two yearling heifers was in heat.

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MONTH OF AUGUST

Wednesday

6 I cut grass all day. Emil and Warik stacked some oats and then raked hay.

Thursday

7 Warik and Emil stacked hay and I drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. rough-ground. I stayed at Aug. Raasch's and my wife at old man Raasch's.

Friday

8 I drove home from there and raked hay in the afternoon. Warik and Emil stacked hay.

Saturday

9 I cut grass all day. Warik and Emil stacked 9 loads of hay from the other side.

Sunday

10 I was at Pierce and also stacked hay toward evening.

Monday

11 The men and I got 8 loads of hay from Prissow and stacked it and hauled 2 loads to Clark at the camp. Veks started for his board Sunday evening. The workmen started on the railroad.

Tuesday

12 I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. of wheat ground. Emil and Warik fetched 6 loads of hay and stacked it. Veks didn't come again in the afternoon.

Wednesday

13 I cut grass all day. Warik plowed for wheat in the forenoon and hauled three loads of hay to Clark in the afternoon. Emil fetched some willow branches from the creek and then he and Warik got 2 loads of hay from Brissow.

Thursday

14 I cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Emil and Warik got together some hay and brought 2 loads from Brissow in the forenoon. Warik didn't do anything in the afternoon and went to Pierce. Emil raked hay in the afternoon and took home one load.

Friday

15 Warik plowed all day. Emil plowed until noon. In the afternoon Emil and I raked hay and took home one load.

Saturday

16 Warik went away. Emil and I fetched 6 loads of hay.

Sunday

17 I was at Albert Magendanz' because of Hecht.

Monday

18 We fetched 3 loads of hay in the forenoon. In the afternoon I cut grass and Emil plowed.

Tuesday

19 I cut grass all day and hauled 2 loads of hay. Emil plowed. (One sow had 7 pigs.)

Wednesday

20 We raked hay and took home 3 loads. Emil plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Thursday

21 Emil plowed,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. I drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. rough-ground.

Friday

22 Emil and I got 6 loads of hay.

Saturday

23 Hauled 5 loads of hay to the stack.

Sunday

24 Emil herded. I was at home. Heavy rain at night.

Monday

25 Emil plowed all day. I cut grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

MONTH OF AUGUST

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Tuesday  
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I rode to Norfolk and bought a foal from Joe Light. Emil plowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and then raked some hay.

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Fetches 6 loads of hay and stacked it by the barn.

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Fetches 6 loads of hay and stacked it by the horse barn.

Friday  
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Fetches 4 loads of hay and stacked it by the creek.

Saturday  
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Fetches 2 loads of hay and stacked it by the creek. Finished hog pasture in the afternoon.

Sunday  
31

I was at home.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Monday

I cut grass during the forenoon and sowed 4 bu. of winter wheat in the afternoon. Emil plowed until noon and then raked hay.

Tuesday

I sowed  $13\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of winter wheat and Emil cut and raked hay.

Wednesday

I was at Pierce and helped tax land for Brown. Emil harrowed wheat.

Thursday

I was at Pierce again because of the land and then sowed acre of rye along the road. Emil plowed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres here and then also some of Warik's land. The first light frost.

Friday

Hauled 3 loads of hay to the barn and 3 loads to the stack. Light frost.

Saturday

Emil got some corn for the hogs and raked the hay in the slough and plowed in the afternoon. I took 9 bu. of rough-ground to Norfolk and got the mare and foal from John Mathewson and <sup>stayed</sup> at Sheubel's. Theodore's heifer was in heat.

Sunday

Drove home from there.

Monday

Emil plowed all day. I went to court at Pierce and rode to Lichtenbergs.

Tuesday

I cut grass all day and Emil plowed all day.

Wednesday

Husked corn for the hogs until noon. In the afternoon Emil raked hay and I cut grass.

Thursday

I drove to Norfolk and brought back the foal from Brasch's. Emil plowed all day.

Friday

Emil plowed all day. I sowed and harrowed  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres of winter wheat on Warik's land.

Saturday

Brought 6 loads of hay to the two barns. Mansky came after Connel's horse.

Sunday

I drove to Streich's and got Mine(?). Min Winter went home.

1879

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Monday

15

Husked 2 loads of corn on the other side for the hogs and got a load of pumpkins. Brought a load of hay to the stack. Emil plowed a little and I plowed fireguard and cut the last of the grass.

Tuesday

16

I drove to Norfolk and took along 6 bu. of what to the mill for grinding. Emil plowed all day.

Wednesday

17

We hauled three loads of hay for us and one load to Hoffman's stack. Aldrich brought the cow to the herd.

Thursday

18

Got another load of hay for us and husked a load of corn from the other side. I cut grass in the afternoon, letting it lay for the stock.

Friday

19

Emil and Hofmann hauled 2 more loads of hay to Hofmann's stack. I plowed until noon and got 2 loads of corn for the hogs from the other side.

Saturday

20

I drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. rough-ground. Emil plowed until noon, then husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs and got 1 load of hay for us.

Sunday

21

Herman was at home and I ordered the threshers. (Little daughter was born at 1 P.M.)

Monday

22

Ucker's machine threshed all day.

Tuesday

23

Couldn't thresh because of rain. Emil and I husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  box full for the horses, and got a load of pumpkins. Ostreich and Wilhelm stayed here.

Wednesday

24

Finished threshing. I then drove to Norfolk. Emil plowed the land in the hog pasture.

Thursday

25

I sowed 16 bu. of rye on Warik's land. Emil finished plowing the ground in the hog pasture and husked a load of corn.

Friday

26

I sowed 2 bu. of rye on Warik's land and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. in the hog pasture. Emil harrowed it all. I plowed the fireguard around the 40 acres and cut the hogs.

Saturday

27

Emil and I made the hog fence smaller in the morning and put the little pigs into the hog pasture. Husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs in the afternoon.

Sunday

28

Rain during the night and forenoon.

Monday

29

I drove to Norfolk and had a plow shargened. Emil plowed until noon and Kennig (?) chopped wood. Miller stayed over night here. Hired Kenn for \$10 a month.

Tuesday

30

Emil and Kennig husked a load of corn for the hogs and Emil plowed some next to the trees. Emil and I greased the machinery in the afternoon.

Wednesday

31

Month of October

Thursday

Emil and Leonhard husked a load of corn for the hogs. Emil plowed in the afternoon and Leonard and I fixed the corn crib in the pasture.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

1879

Thursday

Emil finished plowing on the other side. Leonard husked a load of corn for the hogs in the afternoon and Emil and I put rings in the hogs.

Friday

Emil and Leonard husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs and husked a load on this side. I butchered a hog and rode to Pierce.

Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and bought 16 steers from Semler for \$250.00.

Sunday

Emil went to Norfolk and I was at home.

Monday

I drove to Battle Creek. Emil and Leonard dug potatoes on the other side (32 bu) Peter husked corn, one day.

Tuesday

I plowed a fireguard from Ahiman's corner to my 40 acres. Emil and Leonard dug potatoes. Peter husked corn, 1 day.

Wednesday

I rode to Norfolk with Leonard and got the steers from Semler. I stayed at Julius'. Peter husked all day. Emil dug the last of the potatoes.

Thursday

I came home at noon. Emil and Leonard husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs. Carl Paul started husking at noon. Peter husked 1 day.

Friday

Emil and I fetched 41 bu. from the south field and 50 bu. from the 14 acre field for Peter and one load for the hogs. Leonard husked corn for the hogs all day. Paul and Peter husked 1 day.

Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. of wheat ground. Emil and Leonard hauled pumpkins until noon and hauled corn in the afternoon. Paul and Peter husked corn.

Sunday

I rode to Wachter's and Raasch's. Mine Streich went home in the evening.

Monday

I fixed the wagon box. Emil and Leonard got a load of corn for the hogs and got 75 bu. of corn from the 14 acres for Peter. Peter and Paul husked 1 day.

Tuesday

Emil, Leonard and I brought 7 loads of corn from the other side. Paul and Peter husked all day.

Wednesday

I drove to Norfolk and got lumber for the corn crib. Emil and Leonard husked corn on the south field. Paul and Peter husked 1 day.

Thursday

I hauled 36 turkeys to the Elkhorn bridge and sold them. In the afternoon Emil, Leonard and I got 3 loads of corn from Peter and Emil and Leonard husked one load.

Friday

I drove to Pierce and Klug's in the morning. Emil and Leonard went and got 6 loads of corn. Paul and Peter husked 1 day. I drove to Doring's and stayed there.

Saturday

I brought some lumber from Norfolk. Emil and Leonard husked a load of corn for the hogs and hauled a load to the crib.

Sunday

I was at home.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER

Monday

20

I drove to Montgomery's and Norfolk and brought back some lumber. Emil and Leonard put 1 load into the crib and husked  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads for the hogs.

Tuesday

21

Emil worked on the road with one team. I helped Fried Magendanz straighten up the corn crib. Leonard husked a load of corn for the hogs.

Wednesday

22

I worked on the corn crib until noon, and drove to Pierce in the afternoon on account of Colters' land. Emil and Leonard husked 2 loads of corn for the hogs. Barten started husking at noon.

Thursday

23

I worked on the crib all day. Emil and Leonard hauled 4 loads of corn to the new crib and fetched a load of straw from Rasche's land for the hogs.

Friday

24

I worked on the crib all day. Emil and Leonard put 2 loads of corn into the crib and got 5 loads of pumpkins from the other side.

Saturday

25

I drove to Norfolk and brought back some lumber from the mill store and had 4 bu. of barley rough-ground. Emil and Leonard hauled pumpkins and got  $26\frac{1}{2}$  bu. from Peter and  $26\frac{1}{2}$  bu. for Carl from the 30 acres.

Sunday

26

I fixed the floor in the middle crib.

Monday

27

I drove to Montgomery's, Battle Creek and Norfolk and stayed at Mathewson's. Emil and Leonard husked 42 bu. of corn from Warnek's 18 acres.

Tuesday

28

I rode home and again to Norfolk. Emil and Leonard husked 25 bu. over there and 20 bu. for the hogs.

Wednesday

29

I rode from Norfolk to Streich's and home. Emil and Leonard husked 25 bu. for the hogs and got 2 loads 53 bu. from the 10 acres for Peter.

Thursday

30

I drove to Norfolk and stayed at Mathewson's. Emil and Leonard fetched 4 loads of corn. Barton went home at noon.

Friday

31

I drove home with 300 feet of fence boards, then drove to Pierce and got Juste Mogdefrau. Emil and Leonard went and got 4 loads of corn.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Saturday

I rode to Norfolk and stayed at Mathewson's. Emil and Leonard fetched 4 loads of pumpkins and 2 loads of corn.

Sunday

I rode home. It was very cold.

Monday

I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. of wheat ground and brought back 10 bu. of seed wheat from Montgomery. Emil and Leonard got a load of straw for the hogs and husked  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads of corn for the hogs. Heinrich Miller came Sunday evening and husked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and took dirt out of the house  $\frac{1}{2}$  day today.

Tuesday

Emil and I fixed a shed for the hogs and put a load of hay on it and set posts for the yard. Heinrich and Leonard put 2 loads of corn into the crib and husked 1 load. Holly's calved.

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## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Wednesday

I drove to Norfolk and brought back 16 bu. of wheat from Gottlieb Schrick. Emil, Leonard and Heinrich husked 63 bu. of corn.

Thursday

The men and I fetched 7 loads of corn from the 30 acres. The one big sow farrowed.

Friday

I got a load of corn from the 30 acres and along with 3 men husked 3 loads and got a load of pumpkins. The other big sow farrowed.

Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and had 8 bu. rough-ground and brought along some lumber. The 3 men husked 30 bu. from the 30 acres and 1 load for the hogs.

Sunday

My wife and I drove to Pierce. Herman came and got some hay.

Monday

I rode to Liermann's. Emil got 3 loads of corn from the 30 acres and then with the other 2, husked 2 loads there. I worked some on the corn crib. The little thick sow farrowed.

Tuesday

I drove to Norfolk. The men husked 43 bu. and 1 load for the hogs. The red sheathed cow had a calf.

Wednesday

The 3 men and I husked 84 bu. of corn.

Thursday

I rode to Norfolk. The men husked 40 bu. of corn and got three loads for Paul. The red cow from Mak's had a calf.

Friday

The 3 men and I husked 2 loads from the 30 acres and 2 loads, the last, for the hogs.

Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and the 3 men husked the last of the corn on the other side and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  loads from the 15 acres. The yellow cow from Mak's had a calf.

Sunday

I put the big barn in order and put the cows into the barn for the first time.

Monday

I was at Adam Baumann's. Emil and Leonard first hauled manure then straw to the hog barn. Heinrich helped load manure and set some posts around the pasture.

Tuesday

I rode to Norfolk. The 3 men husked 3 small loads of corn and put a pile of potatoes into the cellar.

Wednesday

Heinrich and I worked on the hog shed. The other two husked 2 small loads of corn.

Thursday

I drove to Norfolk and brought back some lumber. The 3 men brought a load of straw to the hog yard and husked 2 loads of corn.

Friday

I set up the board wall on the barn. Emil and Leonard husked 30 bu. of corn and brought a load of straw to the yard.

Saturday

I rode to Norfolk and Heinrich hauled 2 loads of hogs to Norfolk. Leonard and Emil husked corn.



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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sunday

My wife and I drove to Ostreich's. Leonard went away.

Monday

I drove to Norfolk and Heinrich and Emil husked corn.

Tuesday

Heinrich and I put some willows and old hay onto the shed and then we both husked corn. Emil put 3 loads of dirt on the barns.

Wednesday

I drove to Norfolk. Heinrich hauled 6 hogs to Norfolk. Emil husked corn.

Thursday

Emil fetched 4 loads of dirt to the barns and then husked a load.

Friday

I drove to Wichman's and Norfolk, stayed at Brasch's. The men husked corn. (Had our first snow)

Saturday

I drove into the country and back home. Both men finished husking corn at noon.

Sunday

I drove to Miller's and Emil, August and Heinrich went away. The red sheathed cow was in heat.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Monday

I drove to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's. Miller brought the cow again.

Tuesday

Went from there to Heckman's and brought Maria along.

Wednesday

I drove to Pierce and Kaltermann's. Miller took along the red dapple cow. Heinrich came along again. Then drove to Brasch's. Holley's cow was in heat.

Thursday

Drove home from there.

Friday

To Pierce and Kaltermann's in the morning and fetched a load of straw for the hogs in the afternoon and then drove to Norfolk.

Saturday

Drove from there into the country and home.

Sunday

Drove to Pierce and Kaltermann's. Miller and his wife were here.

Monday

Drove first to Pierce, then to Brasch's. (Snowy weather)

Tuesday

From there to Heckmann's, Apfel's and home. Snowstorm.

Wednesday

Drove to Pierce and Kaltermann's and then to Brasch's and stayed there. Very cold.

Thursday

Drove home from Norfolk. Very cold yet.

Friday

Heinrich took 6 sacks of wheat and 5 sacks for rough grinding to the mill and I was at home.

Saturday

I went to Norfolk again and stayed at Brasch's.

Sunday

Stayed on at Brasch's because of the severe cold.

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I drove home and back to Brasch's. Herman went home.  
Drove from there to Buttow's and Machmuller's and then to Norfolk and then home. Miller's cow was in heat.  
I drove to Eberling's and Pierce.  
I went to Lamperts' and stayed at Brasch's.  
Drove to Norfolk, Polt's and home.  
Drove to Kalterman's and Pierce.  
Drove to Polts and Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.  
Drove into the country, Norfolk and home.  
Drove to Polt's and Norfolk again. Stayed at Brasch's.  
Drove to Norfolk, into the country and home.  
Drove to Polt's at noon and as far as Brasch's.  
Drove to Norfolk and into the country and stayed at Brasch's.  
Home from there and to Pierce and again to Brasch's. Maria rode along.  
Drove into the country and stayed at Brasch's.  
To Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.  
Drove home with Maria.  
Drove to Norfolk and Brasch's.

MONTH OF JANUARY

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Drove to Brasch's into the country and home.  
Fritz Ostreich was here and helped haul manure out of the big barn.  
Fritz Ostreich helped haul manure all day and I drove to Bokelmann's, Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.  
I drove into the country and home.  
I put the pigs in a different place, put the young sows in with the boar and then drove to Miller's and got Herman.  
I drove to Norfolk and Brasch's. Heinrich hauled manure out of the barn.  
From Brasch's I drove into the country and Norfolk and home. Heinrich continued hauling manure out of the barn.

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MONTH OF JANUARY

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- Thursday 8 Drove to Kohler's, Schulz and Pierce. Heinrich hauled some manure onto the land.
- Friday 9 I finished the mangers in the east barn and separated the calves.
- Saturday 10 I drove to Norfolk and home. Heinrich hauled some manure. Little Luis was very sick.
- Sunday 11 Was at home. Little Louis was very sick.
- Monday 12 I was at Norfolk. Heinrich hauled manure.
- Tuesday 13 I was at Kohlers and Pierce and fetched the Ostreichs'.
- Wednesday 14 Was at Noffsck. Heinrich hauled manure.
- Thursday 15 I was at home and fixed the wire fence around the hay. Heinrich hauled manure.
- Friday 16 Took the Ostreich's home then drove to Norfolk. Miller took along 10 bu. of rye to the mill for me. Heinrich hauled manure.
- Saturday 17 Little Ida died this morning at 7 o'clock. I drove to Norfolk and got a coffin.
- Sunday 18 Ostreich and his wife came here.
- Monday 19 Buried little Ida at Noffsck.
- Tuesday 20 I was at home and fixed the mangers in the barns.
- Wednesday 21 I drove to Norfolk, stayed at Brasch's. Herman went to school for the first time.
- Thursday 22 Pastor Pankan christened Miene. Mrs. Brissaw and Gotlieb Rohrike and his wife stood as godparents. I sold the red bull to Ostreich and Co.
- Friday 23 Heinrich and I brought a load of straw into the hog pen. Then drove to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.
- Saturday 24 Drove from there into the country and again stayed at Brasch's.
- Sunday 25 Drove to Buttow's, Raasch's and home. Wilhelm, Julius and Osterich were here. Heinrich was at home.
- Monday 26 I drove to Norfolk and had 5 bu of wheat ground.
- Tuesday 27 Heinrich and I cleaned seed wheat.
- Wednesday 28 I cleaned wheat by myself and Heinrich herded cattle.
- Thursday 29 I drove to Norfolk and Braasch's. Snowy weather.
- Friday 30 To Norfolk and then home.
- Saturday Heinrich and I cleaned seed wheat.

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sunday

Was at Gribnow's. Miller brought his sows to the boar.

Monday

I drove to Norfolk and had 10 bu. rough-ground. Marie Kekmann rode home with me. Brought along 740 lbs. of coal from Beal's.

Tuesday

Heinrich and I brought 4 loads of hay and drove to Spenn's in the evening.

Wednesday

Drove home from there. Heinrich hauled manure out of the big barn.

Thursday

I drove to Norfolk. Heinrich herded cattle.

Friday

Heinrich hauled 8 hogs to Norfolk and I drove to Norfolk and Brasch's.

Saturday

I still had business in Norfolk and then drove home. Miller came after his hogs. The boar bred one of my sows.

Sunday

I was at home.

Monday

I drove to Norfolk with the old man and stayed at Brasch's.

Tuesday

Insulted with the old man for the fanning mill and drove to Brasch's again.

Wednesday

Stayed at Livingston's.

Thursday

Drove to Norfolk again and then home and was at Gribnow's.

Friday

Heinrich hauled three loads of corn to the hog yard and I drove to Brasch's and stayed at Qiney's.

Saturday

Had things to do in Norfolk and then drove home.

Sunday

I drove to Brasch's.

Monday

Drove to Norfolk and home.

Tuesday

Was at home.

Wednesday

Drove to Norfolk and had 6 sacks of feed rough-ground at Haase's.

Thursday

I butchered 2 hogs. Adam Baumann helped.

Friday

I drove to Norfolk and

Saturday

Salted down the meat and then to Norfolk and stayed at Brasch's.

Sunday

Drove home again and to Beal's.

Monday

Drove home again and made sausage, and again to Beal's and stayed there.

Tuesday

Stayed at Norfolk.

Wednesday

Drove home and made blood sausage.

Thursday

Put the smoke house in order and got a load of hay and drove to Brasch's.

Friday

Stayed at Brasch's.

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Saturday

28

A snow storm. Stayed at Brasch's.

Sunday

29

Drove home.

MONTH OF MARCH

Monday

1

I drove to Norfolk. Adam Baumann hauled two fat hogs to Norfolk. Heinrich Green came back with Baumann in the afternoon.

Tuesday

2

My wife and I drove to Norfolk. The two hired men hauled manure.

Wednesday

3

I drove to Riley's and then put the fence around the hay again.

Thursday

4

I drove to Norfolk.

Friday

5

I fetched a load of hay and 2 loads of straw.

Saturday

6

I drove to Norfolk and had 25 bu. of barley rough-ground.

Sunday

7

I was at home.

Monday

8

I drove to Norfolk.

Tuesday

9

Heinrich and I shelled 25 bu. of corn. Each of the two sows had 8 pigs.

Wednesday

10

I was in Norfolk.

Thursday

11

Planted wheat for Gerike.

Friday

12

It was very cold and blizzard.

Saturday

13

Snow storm. I drove to Norfolk--stayed at Brasch's.

Sunday

14

Drove from there to Nelson's and home.

Monday

15

I rode to Pierce but first got two loads of hay from Hofmann's land. The white backed cow and the short-tailed cow had calves.

Tuesday

16

I drove to Norfolk and my cousin took 25 bu. of wheat and 20 bu. of corn to Norfolk for rough grinding and had them rough-ground.

Wednesday

17

I was at home. Heavy snowfall at night.

Thursday

18

I was at home and made boxes for the cows. Weather was mild. Eott's (cow) had a calf.

Friday

19

I drove to Norfolk. Heinrich hauled manure.

Saturday

20

I fixed the steer-trough for feeding rough-ground. Heinrich shelled corn.

Sunday

21

Julius was here for a visit.

Monday

22

I drove to Norfolk with 25 bu. of corn and 6 bu. of wheat and had them rough-ground. The heifer with the white spots on the back had a calf.

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MONTH OF MARCH

Tuesday

23

I drove to Madison and Konigsteins because of the town lots and stayed at Brasch's. Heinrich hauled manure. The heifer with the white back had a calf. The white cow had a calf.

Wednesday

24

I went to Norfolk, back home at noon, and hired Wilhelm Buckholz for 7 months for \$100. Wilh. hauled manure in the afternoon. Heinrich harrowed together weeds on the 10 acres.

Thursday

25

I sowed 11 bu. of Mediterranean wheat and the two hired men cultivated. Theodore came and got 3 bu. of wheat. The dapple heifer had a calf.

Good

Friday

26

I drove to Norfolk and stayed at Heilmann's. The men put potatoes into the cellar. Big storm in the afternoon.

Saturday

27

Did nothing because of the big storm. We cleaned wheat and oats. Ley's cow had a calf.

Easter

Sunday

28

Was at home. Herman came again.

Monday

29

I took the hogs to the little pasture and Heinrich plowed in the hog pasture. Also in the afternoon Wilh. got a load of hay from Hofmann's and cultivated in the afternoon.

Tuesday

30

I sowed 6 bu. of wheat by noon and the two cultivated. I left for Hartman's at noon and stayed there. Heinrich sowed 6 bu. of wheat and Wilh. cultivated.

Wednesday

31

Wilh. cultivated all day. Henry cultivated until noon, planted oats in the pasture. I returned home from Hartmann's and went there again and stayed.

MONTH OF APRIL

Thursday

I drove home and sowed 8 bu. of Odessa wheat in the afternoon. The two men cultivated.

Friday

Did nothing in the field on account of rain. The men shelled corn.

Saturday

I drove to Norfolk and had 16 bu. of corn rough-ground and brought back 368 feet of lumber from Norfolk. The two men spread manure all day. I drove to Hartman's in the evening.

Sunday

Drove home from there and back again.

Monday

Drove from Hartman's to Norfolk and then home. Was at the school meeting in the afternoon. Heinrich sowed 8 bu. Odessa wheat and then cultivated. Wilh. harrowed the Mediterranean wheat.

Tuesday

Wilh. finished harrowing at noon and then cultivated. Heinrich cultivated all day. Wichman's cow had a calf. I sowed and harrowed 3 bu. of oats.

Wednesday

I sowed 13 bu. more and Heinrich cultivated all day. Wilh. was sick and couldn't work.

Thursday

I sowed 8 bu. of "Mamith" wheat. Wilh. harrowed until noon, then cultivated. Heinrich cultivated all day. The black cow had a calf.

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MONTH OF APRIL

- Friday  
9 I drove to Norfolk and Heinrich cultivated all day. Wilhelm harrowed oats and wheat, also got a load of straw for the hogs.
- Saturday  
10 I sowed 14 bu. of "five" wheat and Heinrich and Wilhelm cultivated.
- Sunday  
11 I fixed the roof on the corn crib. My cousin helped  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- Monday  
12 I sowed 10 bu. of oats and Heinrich and Wilh. cultivated. I hauled 1 load of corn to the yard. The blue dapple cow had a calf.
- Tuesday  
13 I drove to Buttow's and Norfolk. The men cultivated the last of the oats and wheat.
- Wednesday  
14 Heinrich harrowed the last of the oats and wheat. Wilh. and I got a load of willows and plowed fireguards, and sacked 30 sacks of wheat.
- Thursday  
15 Heinrich and I took 57  $\frac{2}{3}$  bu. of wheat and 21 bu. of rough-ground to the mill. Wilh. spread manure.
- Friday  
16 Heinrich and I hauled 80  $\frac{2}{3}$  bu. of wheat to Norfolk and Wilh. spread manure. I drove to Krase's in the evening. Gardner's heifer had a calf.
- Saturday  
17 I drove to Riley's. Heinrich and Wilh. hauled manure out of the big barn. The white face cow had a calf. Frissow cut the calves.
- Sunday  
18 Heinrich rode home and I drove to Krase's. Very cold and stormy at night.
- Monday  
19 Heinrich came home at noon. Wilh. hauled 4 loads of corn to the yard in the forenoon, and plowed on the hill in the afternoon. Heinrich hauled manure in the afternoon. I planted the first potatoes and sowed carrots, cabbage etc.
- Tuesday  
20 I drove to Overman's and Norfolk. Wilh. plowed on the hill. Heinrich hauled manure.
- Wednesday  
21 I drove to Krase's in the morning and sowed 5 bu. of oats in the afternoon. Heinrich hauled manure in the morning and cultivated in the oats in the afternoon. Wilh. finished with the 5 acres on the hill at noon and plowed on the other side in the afternoon. I burned off the prairie.
- Thursday  
22 Heinrich and I hauled a load of straw into the yard and cut the 4 calves and the pigs. Heinrich then railed. Wilh. plowed on the other side.
- Friday  
23 Wilh. and Heinrich plowed. I planted seed pumpkins and repaired the corral.
- Saturday  
24 Wilh. and Heinrich plowed and I went to Norfolk and had 8 bu. of wheat ground and 10 bu. of barley rough-ground. Some rain.
- Sunday  
25 I was at home. Weather was rainy.
- Monday  
26 Repaired the corral by noon, then drove to old man Wagner's. The two men plowed. The big red cow from Pilger had a calf.
- Tuesday  
27 Wilh. and Heinrich plowed all day. I again fixed the roof on the corn

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MONTH OF APRIL

The red heifer had a calf.

Wednesday

28

The two men plowed. I drove to Norfolk and had the shears sharpened. I bought a pony of Griffit. The last black heifer had a calf.

Thursday

29

I finished the roof on the corn crib. The men plowed.

Friday

30

I drove to Dry Creek and got Augusta Knack. The men plowed. One calf died. Miller's bull bred the old red cow.

MONTH OF MAY

Saturday

1

I marked the 5 acres on the hill. Heinrich rolled and Wilh. plowed.

Sunday

2

My wife and I, were at Ostreich's, also at Michel Brasch's, and hired his bull for \$5.00 for 3 months, starting in June.

Monday

3

Edward Miller plowed 1 day. I hired him for 75 cents per day. I marked the 9 acres and plowed some in the garden. Heinrich planted the 5 acres on the hill, then planted some in the 9 acres. Wilh. plowed.

Tuesday

4

Heinrich finished planting the 9 acres. Edward and Heinrich plowed. I marked. Planted the Egyptian corn. One sow had 3 pigs.

Wednesday

5

I drove to Norfolk and had 6 bu. of corn rough-ground and brought 425 feet of lumber from Gerike for \$9.04. Heinrich planted some of the 18 acres. Wilh. plowed. Edward marked.

Ascension Day

Thursday

6

I marked, Edward plowed and rolled. Wilh. plowed - Heinrich planted.

Friday

7

Heinrich planted potatoessand early corn at the other house. I marked and Wilh. and Edward plowed. One sow had 5 pigs.

Saturday

8

Heinrich planted corn, Wilh. plowed, Edward cultivated, I marked and drove to Norfolk. One sow had 5 pigs.

Sunday

9

I was at home. Ostreich was here for a visit. We weaned the 8 pigs.

Monday

10

Edward finished cultivating the winter wheat field. Heinrich finished planting corn on this side and marked on the other side in the afternoon. Wilh. plowed. I harrowed in the morning.

Tuesday

11

Wilh. plowed, Edward cultivated and I was at Herman Ahlman's. Heinrich planted. The lean heifer had a calf.

wednesday

12

I drove to Norfolk and Buttow's, stayed at Brasch's. Edward harrowed and marked. Wilh. plowed, Heinrich planted. Thunder storm and hail in the afternoon.

Thursday

13

I marked, Edward and Wilh. plowed and Heinrich planted.

Friday

14

I marked, Heinrich planted, both the others plowed.

Saturday

15

I drove to Norfolk with my wife and had 4 bu. of corn rough-ground. Had to stay in Norfolk on account of rain. Heinrich planted, both the others plowed.



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MONTH OF MAY

Pentecost

Sunday

16 We came home at noon.

Monday

17 Edward went home. Heinrich and Wilh. plowed. I cleaned the dead sow. Brought a load of corn to the yard.

Tuesday

18 I marked the last of the 27 acres. Wilh. and Heinrich plowed.

Wednesday

19 I marked. Wilh. plowed. Heinrich planted. I put the bear among the hogs in the pen.

Thursday

20 Wilh. finished plowing the last three acres for corn and I marked. Heinrich finished planting at noon. In the afternoon we plowed on the 15 acres of what land for corn with 3 teams.

Friday

21 Adam Baumann helped plow one day. I, with 3 teams, plowed all day on the 15 acres of wheat. I marked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

Saturday

22 I went to Norfolk and had 17 bu. of barley rough-ground. Wilh. and Edward plowed all day and Heinrich planted.

Sunday

23 I was at home. Heinrich herded cattle.

Monday

24 Heinrich hauled 4 loads of corn into the yard and marked the last of the 15 acres in the afternoon. Wilh. and Edward finished plowing the 15 acres and the fireguard in the morning. Cultivated 9 acres in the afternoon.

Tuesday

25 Wilhelm and Edward cultivated corn on the other side. I finished marking. Heinrich planted the last of the corn.

Wednesday

26 Wilh. cultivated the 5 acres on the hill. Edward cultivated here on the 37 acres. Heinrich and I chopped weeds.

Thursday

27 Wilh. and Edward cultivated there. Heinrich and I chopped weeds. In the evening I drove to Flynn's and stayed at Brasch's.

Friday

28 From there I drove to Donner's and home. Wilh. and Ed. still cultivated over there. Heinrich and I cut weeds.

Saturday

29 Heinrich and I cut weeds until noon. Wilh. and Ed. cultivated all day. I drove to Norfolk in the afternoon.

Sunday

30 I was at home.

Monday

31 Wilh. and Ed. cultivated all day. Heinrich planted pumpkins by the house. I went to Norfolk and then plowed up the grass in the garden and along the road. We took the bear out of the pen and put the 14 hogs into the pen.

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MOUTH OF JUNE

Tuesday

1 Ed. and Wilh. cultivated on the other side. Heinrich and I plowed in the garden in between the trees.

Wednesday

2 I took the two foals to the pasture at Stanton. Wilh. went to Crowd's because of his box and I stayed at Brasch's. Heinrich and Ed. cultivated. We got the boar from the pasture.

Thursday

3 I brought a load of boards back from Norfolk for Wilh. and had 8 bu. of wheat and 6 bu. of corn rough-ground. Ed. and Heinrich cultivated. Miller lathed 1 day.

Friday

4 Ed and Heinrich cultivated and I drove to Norfolk and got lathes and lime. Miller lathed 1 day.

Saturday

5 Edward and Wilhelm cultivated, 1/2 day. Miller lathed 1 day. Heinrich planted some more pumpkins and helped me get a load of sand. We had a heavy rain.

Sunday

6 Miller lathed some more and dissolved the 2 barrels of lime.

Monday

7 Ed and Heinrich hauled manure out of the barn. Miller plastered.

Tuesday

8 Heinrich went and got the bull at Brasch's. Ed hauled manure, Miller plastered. I drove from Brasch's to Norfolk. The red cow with the spotted calf was in heat.

Wednesday

9 Miller plastered, Ed hauled manure, Heinrich first planted pumpkins and sugar corn, then plowed corn. Ed hauled manure. Put the boar back in the pasture.

Thursday

10 Ed. and Heinrich hauled manure and Miller whitewashed. The white cow was in heat. I put the boar back among the cows. Miller plastered.

Friday

11 I drove to Norfolk, stayed at Brasch's. Ed. and Heinrich cultivated. Wichman's cow was in heat. Miller plastered.

Saturday

12 I helped survey the land at Brasch's and drove home. Ed. and Heinrich cultivated. Miller finished plastering.

Sunday

13 I drove to Julius' with my wife. Heavy rain storm toward evening.

Monday

14 Edward and Heinrich took the fences out of the pig yard and also cleared away the oats. Took the hogs out of the pasture and put them on the prairie, in the evening. The white yearling was in heat.

Tuesday

15 Edward plowed under manure. Heinrich cultivated corn on the hill. Wilh. came back in the evening. I drove to Dorings in the evening and stayed there. Gardner's cow was in heat.

Wednesday

16 Ed. finished that and plowed fireguards. Heinrich pulled weeds and Wilh. chopped wood. The high water began to recede. I drove to Doring's again.

Thursday

17 From Dorings I drove to Norfolk. Edward and Wilh. plowed corn and Heinrich pulled weeds and chopped wood.

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MONTH OF JUNE

Friday

18 Edward scraped out the corral. Heinrich hauled dirt into the barns during the forenoon and plowed corn in the afternoon. Wilh. hauled dirt in the morning and chopped wood in the afternoon. I put the boat in the creek and put the boar among the hogs.

Saturday

19 Wilh. and I helped build the dam at Riley's in the morning and worked on the bridge in the afternoon. Ed. and Heinrich plowed corn. The yearling with the heart on the forehead -----

Sunday

20 Herman rode home. Heinrich herded cattle.

Monday

21 The yellow cow was in heat. I drove to Norfolk with my wife. Wilh. and Heinrich plowed corn.

Tuesday

22 I was at Mansky's and Pierce. Wilh. and Heinrich plowed corn. Julius had the boar.

Wednesday

23 I was at Pierce again and then drove to Brasch's. Wilh. and Heinrich plowed corn.

Thursday

24 Julius plowed the fireguard on Brasch's land. I was in Norfolk. Heinrich and Wilh. plowed corn. Lott's (cow) was in heat.

Friday

25 I cut some grass during the morning, and broke the fireguard on Warik's land in the afternoon. Wilhelm and Heinrich plowed corn. The black cow, the spotted heifer and the white backed heifer were in heat.

Saturday

26 I broke sod on Warnek's land all day. Wilh. and Heinrich cultivated. Heinrich raked hay.

Sunday

27 Heinrich rode home. Ley's cow was in heat. The short tail was in heat.

Monday

28 I took 8 bu. of wheat, 12 bu. of barley and 6 bu. of corn to the mill and brought back the painter. Wilh. and Heinrich plowed corn.

Tuesday

29 I rode to Pierce. Heinrich and Wilh. plowed corn. Wichman's cow was in heat again.

Wednesday

30 Heinrich and Wilh. plowed corn. I hung the doors to the house, and helped the painter.

MONTH OF JULY

Thursday

1 I finished breaking sod on Warik's land. Heinrich and Wilh. cultivated. The white backed cow was in heat. Gardner's cow was in heat.

Friday

2 Heinrich and Wilh. cultivated. I helped the painter.

Saturday

3 Heinrich and Wilh. cultivated and I nailed boards on the sills.

Sunday

4 I rode to Pierce. The painter got through in the afternoon. A heavy rain storm at night. Written in English is "Fritz Green", which probably means the painter's name is Fritz Green.